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# Lay charge, cops tell ANC official

POLICE will investigate an alleged attempt to assassinate a senior official of the African National Congress when an official complaint is laid, police spokesman Colonel Tinie Halgryn said yesterday.

Mr Penuell Maduna (38), a member of the ANC's joint working committee, escaped death after assailants allegedly fired shots at him in Soweto on Sunday night.

Maduna has charged that he suspected the attack was orchestrated by the police and therefore saw no point in reporting the matter.

ANC spokeswoman Gill Marcus said yesterday

“the use of police methods to eliminate opponents was unacceptable”.

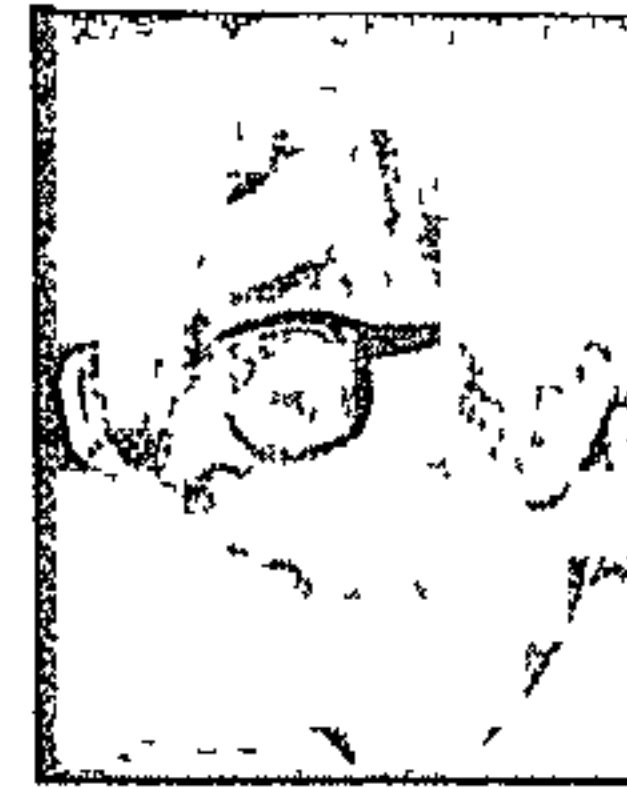
She said the ANC would discuss the issue with Maduna. (251)

## Panga

Maduna was struck with a panga on the head before six shots were fired at him. He told reporters on Monday that he had seen two white policemen in a car near the scene.

The alleged policemen and the attackers drove off after a neighbour apparently shouted to a “Mr Cox” to stop killing the ANC official. - Sapa.

# Covert CCB: a blistering indictment



Eberhard Bertelsmann,  
SC... damning attack  
on the CCB.

**NORMAN CHANDLER** of The Star's Pretoria Bureau reports on the resumed Harms Commission sittings and how Eberhard Bertelsmann, SC, analysed the CCB and the men behind it

Top military men and other key figures linked to the Civil Co-operation Bureau (CCB) were given a legal roasting yesterday in the most comprehensive and damning attack yet launched against the shadowy SA Defence Force unit.

The blistering indictment of the men behind the CCB and critical analysis of its covert operations came from Mr Eberhard Bertelsmann, SC, representing the David Webster Trust and other parties at the Harms Commission.

Mr Bertelsmann was presenting his closing argument to commission chairman Mr Justice Harms, who is investigating politically-inspired murders.

In his legal summary, Mr Bertelsmann said:

- The CCB was "quite possibly" involved in the murder of Johannesburg academic Dr David Webster.
- There was proof that Dr Fabian Ribeiro and his wife, Florence, were murdered by the CCB or one of its predecessors.
- CCB "chairman" General Eddie Webb lied to the commission.

## Covert

• Claims by SADF spymaster General Rudolf "Witkop" Badenhorst that he was unaware of the existence of the CCB were "virtually impossible" to believe.

• Former police colonel Staal Burger was a critical figure in the operations of the CCB's Region 6, which undertook covert work inside South Africa.

• A CCB "street operative" codenamed "Peaches" gave the commission the most accurate and comprehensive testimony.

Mr Bertelsmann said CCB "managing director" Joe Verster had made it clear that the organisation could have murdered Dr Webster.

"Verster made it clear the CCB's only real interest lies in people in groupings to the left his concession that he could not guarantee that it was not a member of the CCB who was responsible for Dr Webster's murder is extremely chilling."

Seen in this light, Mr Bertelsmann said, one could only conclude the CCB was a reactionary organisation that could quite conceivably have been responsible for Dr Webster's murder.

He said that given the type of person employed by the unit, it was "not unfeasible that a CCB member could have murdered Dr Webster, nor that they could have done so without Verster's knowledge".

He said Mr Verster, identi-

fied during evidence as a colonel in the SADF, but whose face was covered throughout his testimony by a large beard and false wig, had been worried about the murder.

Mr Verster was also said to have been blatant about the fact that the CCB viewed change in the internal political situation with deep suspicion.

Said Mr Bertelsmann "Politics do play a major role in the CCB's decision-making, and this fact is emphasised by Verster."

Referring to missing files on the CCB, Mr Bertelsmann claimed the clandestine unit had a great deal to hide.

On the 1986 Ribeiro murders in Mamelodi, Mr Bertelsmann said he had to conclude that the CCB or one of its predecessors was implicated.

This was because claims that CCB operative Willie van Deventer had been involved in the murders had never been challenged at the commission and he had refused to answer questions because he feared he might incriminate himself.

Mr Bertelsmann went on to accuse General Webb of lying to the commission. The advocate said the general had "made every effort to shield himself and the SADF from responsibility".

"Webb has made every effort to shield himself and the SADF from responsibility of the CCB's actions. It can only be concluded that Webb has lied to the commission about his own involvement in the actions of the CCB, the complicity of the SADF, and the nature of the activities of the CCB," Mr Bertelsmann said.

## 'Not frank'

In contrast, the evidence given by former policeman and ex-CCB operative Abraham "Slang" van Zyl was said to be honest.

Said Mr Bertelsmann "His stance differed substantially from other members of the CCB. It is submitted that where there is a difference between the evidence of Van Zyl and other members of the CCB, then Van Zyl is to be believed."

However, Mr van Zyl, recruited along with other police men from the Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad to join Region 6 of the CCB in Johannesburg, was also said to have been "not frank" in numerous respects.

Mr van Zyl's inability to say how much money he spent on projects indicated an "abuse of

finances" and he was also accused of attempting to mislead the commission by stating that the CCB would also have acted against right-wing activists. He had not been able to offer instances of such action.

Other former policemen were also attacked by Mr Bertelsmann.

He said "Ferdi" Barnard was a "glib liar" who had misled the commission in many aspects and avoided implicating other CCB members "at all costs".

"Calla" Botha had been engaged in a "damage control" exercise.

Turning to spymaster General Badenhorst, Mr Bertelsmann said the general's claim that he did not know about the CCB was almost impossible to accept.

## Report

Mr Bertelsmann said General Badenhorst had been Chief of Staff Operations before his promotion to Chief of Staff Intelligence, the position he holds now.

The advocate said General Webb had told the commission he had to report all CCB activities relating to attacks or activities involving targets other than the African National Congress to the Chief of Staff Operations.

"One must deduce that General Badenhorst cannot possibly be correct when he says that he only became aware of the CCB during the last week of November 1989."

Mr Bertelsmann said it appeared very unlikely that senior officers and, in particular, Military Intelligence could have been unaware of the CCB.

Referring to former policeman Mr Burger, Mr Bertelsmann said his decision not to provide substantial evidence to the commission turned him into "a critical figure" in the operations of Sector 6.

Mr Burger had refused to testify about the most important issues concerning himself and mostly denied all knowledge of projects.

But Mr Bertelsmann had praise for testimony given by a Cape Town CCB operative, codenamed "Peaches".

"Peaches" was later identified, initially to The Star, as Edward James Gordon, a coloured man who had allegedly assisted CCB agent Mr van Zyl on missions in the Cape and who had also allegedly been involved in other operations in the Transvaal.

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# Harms interviews murder witness

Pretoria Bureau

The mystery of who killed left-wing activist David Webster took a dramatic turn yesterday when the Harms Commission into unsolved political murders was told that the chairman, Mr Justice Louis Harms, had himself interviewed a new witness to the killing.

It was the first positive move in a bid to unravel the mystery since evidence was led earlier this year by Brigadier Floris Mostert, Commander, Special Investigations, Witwatersrand SAP, that no major new information had been obtained about the May 1 1989 killing in Troyeville, Johannesburg.

Mr Justice Harms, who was yesterday hearing final legal argument on evidence submitted to him regarding the activities of the now-disbanded Civil Cooperation Bureau said the commission had not concluded its investigation.

He also said that last week he had sent a diary used by the CCB to police forensic laboratories for analysis.

The diary is alleged to have contained entries which could have a bearing on whether or not unnamed persons had been "diarised" for various "assignments". The diary was said to have had several pages removed in earlier evidence.

## Reconvene

"Officers of the commission are, and have been, busy with certain other issues and I will deal with those in due course," he added.

Mr Justice Harms said that he had had consultations with a possible witness on Tuesday.

"This indicates we are still seeing what we can do about the Webster matter."

He said that, if it were necessary, he would reconvene the commission specifically to look into the Webster murder.

Eberhard Bertelsmann, SC, who presented legal argument on behalf of the David Webster Trust and other parties, told the judge that he and members of

the legal team involved "really want you to succeed" and promised to co-operate wherever possible.

In written argument with Mr Bertelsmann's general line of contention on the CCB's role in alleged left-wing harassment — including attempted assassinations and bombings — PA "Flip" Hattingh, SC, for the CCB, said the unit could not be accountable for the murder of Dr Webster.

This had been alleged in testimony by some witnesses during the 50-day hearings of the commission and also during hearings of the Hiemstra Commission into alleged irregularities within the security department of the City Council.



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# Malan responsible for CCB - claim

By Norman Chandler,  
Pretoria Bureau

The Minister of Defence, General Magnus Malan, was politically responsible for the activities of the covert Civil Co-operation Bureau, a unit of the South African Defence Force, it was claimed before the Harms Commission in Pretoria yesterday.

Eberhard Bertelsmann, SC, told Mr Justice Louis Harms that General Malan could not be regarded as an "innocent bystander" in regard to actions allegedly taken against left-wing activists, particularly the End Conscription Campaign (ECC), and he had, therefore, turned the SADF into an instrument of political harassment.

## The Harms Commission



from top military generals, CCB operatives and people recruited to assist the unit.

Mr Bertelsmann said "As the responsible Minister in charge of the SADF, General Malan is clearly politically responsible for the CCB's actions."

Actions against left-wing activists, particularly the ECC, had taken root in 1986 and had a sequel in 1989 when the ECC brought a Supreme Court action against the Defence Minister before Mr Justice Selikowitz. It had been designed to end harassment of the organisation.

It had, said Mr Bertelsmann, been argued at the time that the SADF existed solely for preserving and protecting the public and the State — "if a war, rebellion or civil uprising has broken out and is threatening the Republic and its Constitution, the ordinary law of the land may be

suspended and martial law may be proclaimed."

"It is clear, however, that this state of affairs, where the military becomes a law unto itself, can only be allowed in the most serious circumstances."

Mr Bertelsmann claimed that "as was demonstrated in the ECC's case, the Minister of Defence used the military to commit acts of aggression against law-abiding, peaceful fellow-citizens under the guise of military necessity."

## Combat

"Instead of protecting the integrity of the Republic of South Africa and guarding all its people, the Defence Force was turned into an instrument of political harassment.

"The policy of covert aggression against the ECC was put into operation by the present Chief of the Air Force, General Jan van Loggerenberg, who at the time was Chief of Staff Operations."

Detailing the CCB's background, Mr Bertelsmann said that since about 1979 the SADF had adopted a pro-active stand

against extra-territorial bases of organisations such as the ANC, PAC and SACP.

"As the combat between the SADF and the organisations was largely unconventional, military units which were specifically trained to deal with unconventional combat were created."

South Africa followed Rhodesia in creating reconnaissance (recc) battalions from which a unit known as D40 was developed. This was followed by the Barnacle unit, and the CCB which had come into operation in 1986.

Mr Bertelsmann told the commission that in 1989 the ECC's Western Cape branch had brought a Supreme Court action, in which it claimed assaults, acts of harassment, aggression and intimidation, malicious damage to property, intimidation by telephone calls and acts of *crimen injuria*.

The Minister of Defence, General van Loggerenberg, and a Brigadier de Jager had admitted to the court that the SADF had been responsible for four incidents, including distribution of sexually explicit posters and distribution of pamphlets by he-



Eberhard Bertelsmann, SC, ... scathing attack on Defence Minister and SADF.

licopter. The court decided that no other acts had been proved.

According to an affidavit at the time, "the need for covert activities arose from the fact the ECC had seen fit to wage a

propaganda campaign directed at discrediting the SADF". General van Loggerenberg had emphasised to the court, said Mr Bertelsmann, that actions against the ECC had formed part "of a policy devised by the Minister of Defence in terms of section 76 (1) of the Defence Act which reads 'The Minister may do or cause to be done all things which in his opinion are necessary for the efficient defence and protection of the Republic or any part thereof'."

## Submitted

Later, Mr Bertelsmann said it had been submitted that "once it is clear that the Minister adopted a policy of active interference with and aggression against the ECC, this policy must of necessity have been communicated to the Chief of the SADF and members of the General Staff.

"It was certainly communicated to the Chief of Staff Operations and later Chief of the Air Force, namely General van Loggerenberg, and with virtual certainty to his successor."

## Actions

Mr Bertelsmann was presenting argument at the conclusion of hearings into alleged CCB activities, part of the Harms Commission inquiry into certain alleged murders.

The inquiry was established by the State President on February 2. Testimony has been taken

# Attorney takes <sup>Cap. Trip</sup> minister <sup>2/8/90</sup> to court <sup>(25)</sup>

By **RONNIE MORRIS**  
Supreme Court Reporter

ATLANTIS attorney, Mr Charles MacDonald is suing the Minister of Law and Order for R100 000 for defamation because a security policeman allegedly told advice office workers that the lawyer stole their money.

This was yesterday's evidence in the Supreme Court, where Mr MacDonald is claiming R20 000 for the impairment of his dignity and R80 000 as damages in respect of the impairment to his good name, reputation, social relationships and his office or occupation as an attorney.

Mr Isaac Phooko, an advice office worker, testified that when two security policemen searched the Atlantis Advice Office on April 21, 1988, he asked if he could telephone Mr MacDonald and was told by Constable W Abels: "You would be surprised to learn that MacDonald steals your money."

He had then instructed Miss Bedrika Daniels to write the words down.

Miss Daniels said in evidence that she had written the words down on an envelope.

The hearing continues today.

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# Gunmen fire on Bop patrol: 4 die

JOHANNESBURG. — Four Bophuthatswana policemen were shot and killed on Tuesday by unknown gunmen in Braaklaagte township near Zeerust.

The homeland government's news agency, Bopana, said a Bophuthatswana police patrol on Tuesday spotted and cut off a white Toyota, believed to be a stolen car. The car's occupants then fired on the patrol, killing four policemen and injuring the driver and the co-driver.

The gunmen then fled the scene, leaving behind explosives and equipment. Bophuthatswana police said they did not return the gunmen's fire during the shooting.

Police also said they believed the car's occupants were connected with several daring robberies in the area. No arrests have been made.

● Braaklaagte community, facing incorporation into Bophuthatswana, has lodged an appeal against incorporation since the community lost a court interdict on the matter last year — Sapa



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## DAC probes Welverdiend police methods

By Shehnaaz Bulbulia

The Detainees Aid Centre (DAC) yesterday announced it was independently investigating police methods used at Welverdiend police station near Carletonville, after receiving evidence of alleged police brutality.

This followed reports that Potchefstroom police were investigating members of its own

force at Welverdiend, after the death of two detainees and several other charges of alleged police brutality.

The allegations against a police call for an investigation headed by independent people rather than investigations conducted by the police themselves

The DAC spokesman said a report of the evidence against a

number of police at Welverdiend will be given to President F W de Klerk, the Minister of Law and Order, Adriaan Vlok and foreign diplomats

Nixon Mayibule Phiri (16), died in January and Gadaffi Squad member Eugene Mbulwana (15), in July. Both teenagers were allegedly tortured while in police custody at Welverdiend.

# Vlok denies 'Red plot' sabotage 251

MINISTER of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok yesterday rejected allegations that the police were trying to sabotage the negotiation process by misrepresenting the facts about an alleged SACP plot to seize power

Vlok said in a statement in Pretoria this perception was 'devoid of all truth' *Sowetan 31/8/90*

He had personally studied documents and other evidence and was satisfied that the information the police had conveyed to President FW de Klerk and the Cabinet was 'correct in all respects'

Vlok said it was not of utmost importance whether SACP general secretary Ml Joe Slovo had attended the Tongaat meeting

"The fact is that the meeting had, beyond any question, been attended by key figures within the SACP. There is no doubt about that"

Sources said it was significant that, while Mr PA "Flip" Hattingh SC, for the CCB, said during argument to the commission this week that there was no evidence that implicated the CCB

British television company.

At the time, he claimed the CCB was also involved in the training of 200 Inkatha warriors on the SA Defence Force payroll. Later, however, Mr van De-

## WEBSTER WATCH

IT has been 460 days since the assassination of university lecturer and human rights activist Dr David Webster outside his Troyeville home. *Sta 4/8/90 (S) (25)*

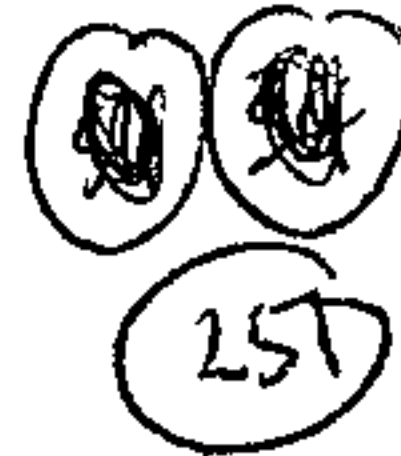
This week in legal argument, the Harms Commission was given guidelines on the winding down of the Civil Co-operation Bureau, allegedly responsible for Dr Webster's assassination. The David Webster Trust and other interested parties recommended that the CCB should be publicly disbanded and that the CCB list all personnel. It also recommended that all its assets be liquidated.

A reward of R20 000 still stands for information leading to the conviction of Dr Webster's killers.



# Teamwork can beat violence

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THE wave of violence can be contained if police worked hand-in-hand with the community to eliminate crime, says Lloyd Vogelman, director of Wits University's Project for the Study of Violence.

Nearly every major city in South Africa has experienced turmoil since the beginning of the month. Victims included everyone from township councillors and policemen to trade unionists and ordinary residents.

A police spokesman said they were perturbed by the escalating violence and were doing everything in their power to stop it.

## Retribution

Mr Vogelman said if South Africans were to contain the violence police had to show that they are unbiased, not only in statements but in practice.

"People are reluctant to report crime to the police and this leads to informal retribution, an extreme type of violence"

Mr Vogelman said to overcome this problem, police needed to work with community structures. "You cannot have an effective police force unless the community is involved"

"What we definitely need is a long term anti-crime programme through which police, welfare and community organisations can attempt to control crime"

Anti-crime programmes required not only long-term planning but also short-term solutions such as policing, therapeutic and legal assistance for the victims and prison rehabilitation for the offenders.

The level of violence could also be reduced if a negotiated settlement was introduced sooner.

A lot of violence in South Africa is perpetrated by the youth who have

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found themselves out of school or have been part of school boycotts, according to Mr Vogelman

He said the youth had very little education and therefore nothing to offer for the country's growing economy. "They're facing the prospect of long periods of unemployment. They've little purpose and are not planning their future as they have no real investment in the future."

"We're living in a society that is less tolerant, a society where people feel deprived. This violence was also built on a legacy of apartheid and long-term unemployment."

These are some of the recent violent incidents that come to mind

- Last weekend two cousins, Prudence Mashigo and Thabo Mashigo were shot dead while sitting in a car outside their home in Mofolo
- On Tuesday three people died when gunmen opened fire at a party in Mamelodi, outside Pretoria
- In Soweto, on the same day, two youths — Phillip Tshabalala and Wiseman Tenza — were shot dead in cold blood in a suspected gang war
- On Wednesday Clement Msomi, a National Union of Mineworkers (Num) organiser was shot dead in an apparently well-planned and politically-motivated assassination

## Women wounded

Two women, Susan Masuku (47) and Meta Mvubelo (40) were also shot and wounded during the same incident in Doornfontein, Johannesburg

- In Sebokeng 22 died in an alleged feud between township comrades and members of the Natal-based Inkatha
- Two weeks ago at the Inhlanzane Railway Station one woman died and three other people were injured in an alleged attack by Inkatha members

## Assault, torture of blacks rising

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LAWYERS for Human Rights have expressed concern about the increase in alleged assault and torture by police officers, or people claiming to be policemen, on black people.

The latest incident took place (they said) when Penuel Maduna, a senior African National Congress member, narrowly escaped death when six shots were fired at him at a filling station in Soweto. After the shooting a blue Sierra, with two young white men they suspected to be policemen, was seen driving away from the scene.

Also last week, a Soweto couple went through a night of terror when three men claiming to be policemen assaulted them for more than six hours. Sibongile Nkosi and her friend, Nana Nkabinde, had gone to a Sandton motel to fetch a friend who had been arrested.

When they arrived they were confronted by three men who, without a word, started assaulting them, they said.

Billy Motlhe, of Lawyers for Human Rights, said his organisation was arranging a conference which would focus on these kind of attacks

"We've noticed these right-wing attacks are increasing, and not only in the rural areas."

On July 22 Andries Mataboge, a self-employed father of two, died after he was allegedly assaulted by a person alleged to be a policeman for urinating

## Watched helplessly

In an interview with Saturday Star, Mr Mataboge's fiancée, Irene Dintwe claimed she watched helplessly as he was punched and bundled into a police van

"We were on our way back from church when Andries stopped to relieve himself. A car stopped and a white man called Andries over to the car."

"The white man then used a car phone to call the police. A police van arrived and uniformed policemen held him while punching him in the stomach"

She said after the police took Mr Mataboge away she followed them on foot to the Ventersdorp police station. She claimed that on arrival she found Mr Mataboge lying on his side, bleeding from his mouth

"A white, uniformed policeman was spraying Andries with water from a hose pipe. After that black prisoners brought a wheelbarrow and took his body to the cells," Irene alleged.

When she left her fiancée appeared to be alive though very weak. "He said: 'Irene, I'm dying'."

The next day Irene traced Mr Mataboge to a hospital to the Klerksdorp mortuary

A spokesman for the Western Transvaal division of the SAP confirmed Mr Mataboge's death. He said a police officer has been suspended from duty, and a murder case was being pursued.

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## Assault: Top cop appears

BISHO. — A senior Ciskei policeman, Brigadier Sikile Zidi, 43, has pleaded not guilty to charges of assault, defeating the ends of justice and malicious damage to property. Brig Zidi was one of the senior officers who investigated the death of the border region co-director of the Institute for a Democratic Alternative for SA, Mr Eric Mntonga, three years ago. That investigation led to the conviction of six security policemen. Brig Zidi will stand trial in the Zwelitsha Regional Court on September 3. No evidence has been led and Brig Zidi was released on bail of R500. — Sapa



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# Role of 'hit squad' under the spotlight

The Harms Commission



By Norman Chandler,  
Pretoria Bureau

The role played by the South African Police in alleged hit squad activities is to be argued before the Harms Commission in Pretoria today.

Six teams of lawyers are to present 644 pages of argument and annexures to Judge Louis Harms, the commission chairman, following claims made by former police sergeant Butana Almond Nofemela of the existence of the squads.

He was supported by runaway former police captain Dirk Coetzee.

They claimed the squads were based at Vlakplaas police farm, outside Pretoria. The claims have been denied by the police, whose lawyers have called Mr Nofemela a liar.

Three days have been set aside for Mr Justice Harms to hear argument.

Mr Nofemela, who provided an affidavit to the Lawyers for Human Rights organisation on October 19 last year — the day before he was to be hanged for an unrelat-

ed murder — claimed police had carried out the murder of attorney and left-wing activist Griffiths Mxenge in Durban in 1981.

## Ambushed

In the affidavit and in five days of testimony to the commission, he named various policemen as having been part of the squad.

He also named members of squads who had allegedly murdered, abducted, ambushed or assaulted activists, stole motor vehicles and burnt property. He claimed the police had undertaken cross-border raids into Botswana, Swaziland and Lesotho.

Mr Coetzee gave similar information to an Afrikaans weekly newspaper and later testified before the commission in London.

Brian Mgqulunga, one of the policemen named by Mr Nofemela and who denied his involvement in testimony to the commission, was found murdered near Pretoria 10 days ago. He had been shot several times with an AK-47 assault rifle.





## Fatal shooting, rape: 2 constables arrested

By Anna Louw,  
East Rand Bureau

East Rand Murder and Robbery Squad detectives are still hunting the killers of a night duty matron at the Kosmos Centre for the Aged in Boksburg who was shot dead early on Friday morning

Veronica van der Merwe (39) of Brakpan died when she was shot twice in the neck.

Mrs van der Merwe, who worked at the centre in Van Dyk Park, apparently heard a noise at the door at 3 am.

She went to investigate and is assumed to have caught the intruders breaking in.

A police spokesman said Beauty Malla, also an employee at the centre, was behind her.

Before she could get to the door, Mrs Malla heard the matron shout: "What are you doing here?"

Mrs Malla heard two shots and ran to assist Mrs van der Merwe, who had collapsed in a pool of blood, but she was already dead

Mrs van der Merwe is survived by her husband, Eben, and their son, Renier (17).

She will be buried from the Apostolic Faith Mission Church in central Brakpan tomorrow.

# Vehicle gutted, constable hurt

By Melody McDougall  
Vereeniging Bureau

A police vehicle was set alight at Houtheuwel station on Saturday night after a special constable was wounded in the shoulder when he was attacked by residents of Sebokeng hostel.

The policeman, identified only as Constable Makoena, was not seriously injured and is recovering in Sebokeng Hospital.

A police spokesman said the incident occurred after the constable and a colleague were ordered by the local unrest unit to guard a police vehicle. They were apparently attacked by a group of about 30 residents of the hostel.

Constable Makoena was wounded in the shoulder before he and his colleague fled. The vehicle was set alight by the group and gutted.

● A police spokesman con-

firmed last night that a 14-year-old youth, Petrus Molapisi, was wounded in the foot after he was shot while walking to Houtheuwel station on Saturday night.

The same evening, another victim, identified only as Quinti (34), was found by police, also in the Houtheuwel station vicinity, with a bullet wound in the forehead. He is in a serious condition at Sebokeng Hospital.

● Two men were shot and wounded by unknown gunmen at a hostel in Sebokeng at 10 on Saturday night, police said.

The shots were fired through a window. One man was hit in the arm and the other in the chest. Both are in a satisfactory condition in hospital.

No arrests have been made and the motive behind the attempted murders has not emerged, said the spokesman.

# Harms to hear of SB truthfulness

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A LAST-MINUTE attempt to cheat the hangman led to the establishment of one of South Africa's most controversial commissions of inquiry which sits in Pretoria today to hear argument concerning alleged police involvement in politically-motivated murder.

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The Harms Commission of Inquiry, sitting in the N G Church's Synodal Centre in Pretoria, last week heard argument about the involvement of the SADF's Civil Cooperation Bureau in some of the 71 unsolved political crimes being examined by the commission.

When the one-man commission, under the chairmanship of Mr Justice Louis Harms, recon-

venes this morning, argument concerning the truthfulness of Security Branch members and disaffected policeman Captain Dirk Coetzee, death row prisoner Almond Butana Nofemela and David "Spyker" Tshikalange is to be presented.

Serving and retired SB members have all indicated the evidence given to the commission

by the three former members of the police counter-insurgency unit at Vlakplaas near Pretoria is a fabrication to bring the force into discredit.

Nofemela, on Death Row for the murder of a Brits farmer not connected with the allegations of a police hit squad, on October 19 last year - hours before he was due to be hanged - made a statement al-

leging the existence of a police hit squad and detailing its involvement in the death of Durban anti-apartheid lawyer Griffiths Mxenge.

He gave details of his and other members of the Vlakplaas unit's implication in the November 1981 stabbing of Mxenge.

Much of his story was later corroborated by former Vlakplaas commander Dirk Coetzee



# Govt must tame police - ANC

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At the news conference President de Klerk and Nelson Mandela clashed over alleged police violence.

"Until the Government has tamed the police, we will continue to be dissatisfied," Mr Mandela said.

Mr de Klerk responded that the Government and ANC had had long discussions on the police.

He said the Government's view was that police should act even-handedly. The Government would take firm steps, as it had in the past, against transgressors of this policy if evidence or proof was submitted.

"We are not satisfied with the reply just given by the State President," Mr Mandela retorted.

"Actions of the police indicate to us that the Government has not succeeded in restraining police activity. The Government has either lost control of the police, or the police are doing what the Government wants."

# unit must close, commission told

By Norman Chandler,  
Pretoria Bureau  
The Vlakplaas police farm anti-insurgency unit should be closed, the Harms Commission heard in Pretoria yesterday.

The Independent Board of Inquiry into Informal Repression (IBIR) also recommended to Mr Justice Louis Harms that six incidents involving the SA Police and the SA Defence Force's Civil Co-operation Bureau (CCB) be investigated by the Attorney-General.

The commission was told that "in the present political context there seems to be no good reason for the continued use of untrained persons in tracking down insurgents."

## Six incidents

The demands were made by Paul Pretorius, who was presenting legal argument to the Commission on behalf of the IBIR.

He said the six incidents which should be referred to the Attorney-General were the murder of Japie Maponya, a police raid on Botswana, the abduction of Ernest

Moabi Dipale, the abduction and assault on Bonngani Paris Mkhize, the theft and burning of a car belonging to Hoffman Galeng and the theft of a minibus.

He told Mr Justice Harms the police had a duty to investigate but as "so very little progress has been made by the SAP it is reasonable to expect the appointment of an independent investigative body." The body could also investigate all acts of a violent and unlawful nature "to have been performed by members of the SAP".

Meanwhile, the poisoning of top churchman the Rev Frank Chikane was still a major puzzle.

According to yesterday's argument, former policeman and CCB operative Ferdi Barnard had allegedly told Brigadier Floris Mostert, Commander, Witwatersrand, SAP Special Investigations, that he had placed poison on Mr Chikane's toilet seat and according to Brigadier Mostert the information had not been given under duress.

Mr Pretorius called for further investigation of the matter.

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# 'No excuse for failure to probe claims against SAP'

By Norman Chandler  
Pretoria Bureau.

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# 'Recital of denials' over Mxe

By Norman Chandler,  
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Shakespeare's "Macbeth" was yesterday quoted to the Harms Commission to describe how police officers had apparently embarked in a "ritualistic recital of denials" to distance themselves from the murder of Durban attorney Griffiths Mxenge.

They had, it was claimed, also resorted to amnesia whenever questioned on sensitive areas.

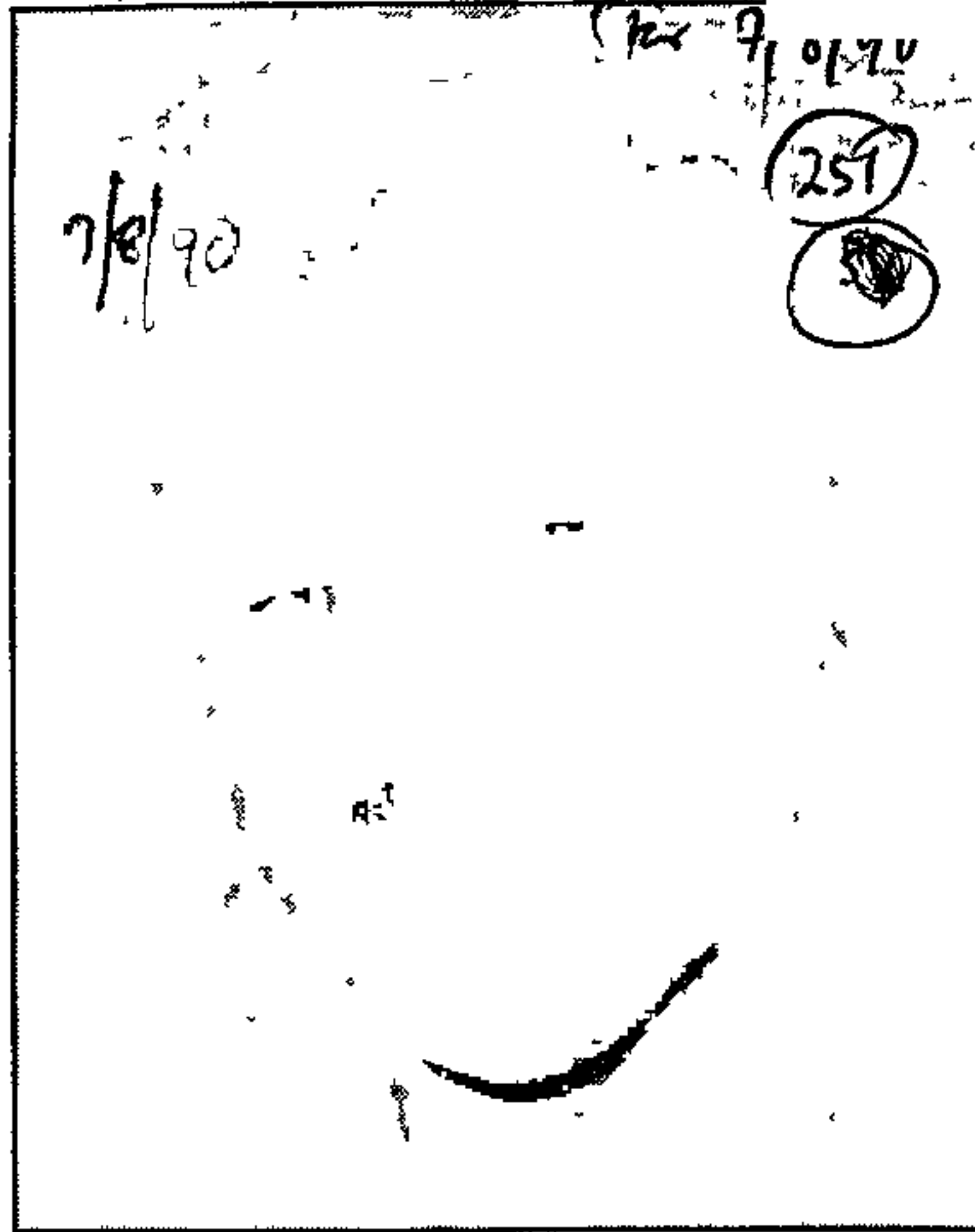
Mr Mxenge was found dead in Durban on November 20, 1981. He had been stabbed at least 45 times and his throat had been slit.

Senior Counsel T L Skweyiya told Mr Justice Louis Harms, the commission chairman, in argument that the only conclusions to be reached were that the police were certainly involved.

Mr Skweyiya named Brigadiers J van der Hoven and Willem Schoon and policemen Paul van Dyk, Braam du Preez, Frederick (Pine) Pienaar, Koos Vermeulen and Koos Schutte as being friends of former police captain Dirk Coetzee.

They were either directly or indirectly involved in the murder, Mr Skweyiya said. He later also named Sergeant Joe Mamasela as being involved.

Mr Coetzee, who has



Durban attorney Griffiths Mxenge, who was found dead last year with multiple stab wounds.

fled the country, provided the commission with an affidavit supporting claims by convicted murderer Butana Almond Nofemela that Mr Mxenge had been killed by members of the Vlakplaas anti-insurgency unit.

The police denied the claims.

Mr Skweyiya said there was the common thread in evidence from the policemen of a bare denial as well as a distancing themselves from the murder.

He also argued that claims that Brigadier van der Hoven, then head of security in Durban, had heard about Mr Mxenge's murder only from press reports was not true because he had been telephoned by Victoria Mxenge earlier in the day and had also sent a telex mentioning the death to Pretoria security branch headquarters at 2.42 pm on November 20, 1981.

Brigadier van der Hoven had, however, told the commission he had read about the killing.



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## Harms gets new list of mystery deaths

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A new list of people who have been killed or intimidated, as well as bombings carried out in a wave of political violence since last September has been handed to the Harms Commission.

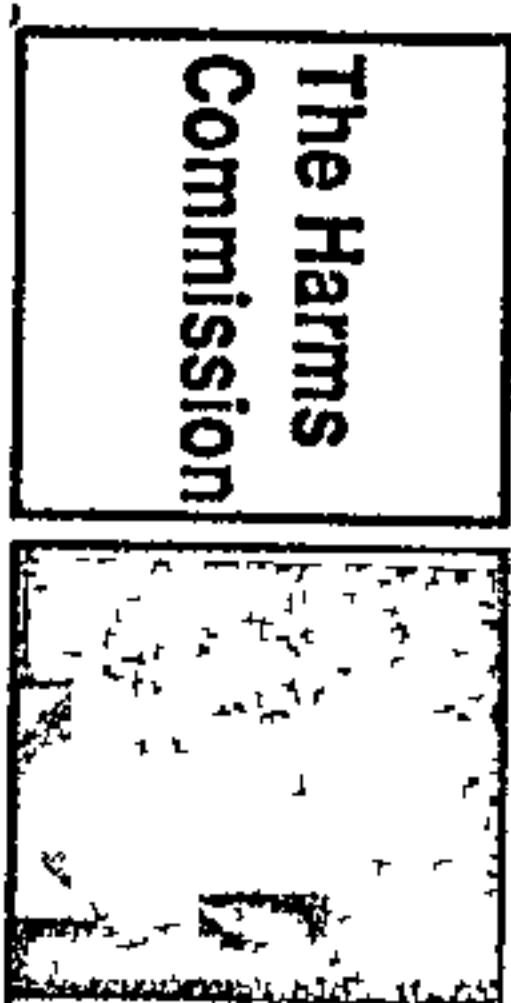
It forms part of an extension to legal argument presented yesterday by the Independent Board of Inquiry into Informal Repression.

The list of 15 mystery deaths starts with the murder, still unsolved, of Swapo national executive member Anton Lubowski in Windhoek last year.

### Lubowski murder

The Harms Commission has ruled that it is unable, in respect of its terms of reference, to investigate the Lubowski murder even though there has been testimony that Mr Lubowski was monitored in Johannesburg and Cape Town by operatives working for the Civil Co-operation Bureau (CCB).

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Other murders are those of:

Themba Myapi (Witwatersrand Council of Churches field worker — November 1989); Aldo Mogano (executive member, Alexandra Youth Congress — April 1990); Japha Masemola (executive member, Pan Africanist Congress — April 1990).

Petrus Mbakena and Simon Koba (car forced off the road near Pretoria — May 1990); Simon Maswanganye (executive member, Soweto Civic Association — May 1990); Sidwell Nonno (shop steward, SA Railways and Harbours Workers' Union — May 1990).

Lindiwe Maziya (wife of Vosloorus Crisis Committee chairman, Ali Maziya), baby son Zwelakhi, mother Elizabeth Maziya (June 1990); unknown woman allegedly shot dead by "kitskon-

stabels" (Crossroads, Cape Town — June 1990); Abel Molkwane (former executive member Brits Action Committee — June 1990).

Muntu Myeza (projects co-ordinator, Azapo — July 1990), Sam Mabe (deputy editor, Sowetan newspaper — July 1990)

The IBIR also lists various "incidents of unlawful acts" from the time when journalists were harassed at the Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry into alleged spy activities within the security department of the Johannesburg City Council.

### Explosions

The list includes break-ins at the offices of Lawyers for Human Rights in Johannesburg on May 7 this year, the Melrose House bomb in Pretoria, and explosions at the Rustenburg offices of the Food and Allied Workers Union, the Welkom offices of the National Union of Mineworkers and at offices of the National Party.

It also includes arson attacks on schools and homes



# ANC Tolerant to Police?

## Promote the democratic process, not frustrate it?

ESMARE VAN DER MERWE, Political Reporter

IT WAS critically important that the security forces begin to promote the democratic process rather than to frustrate it, the ANC's director of foreign affairs, Thabo Mbeki, said last night.

Mr Mbeki and former Inkatha Secretary-General Oscar Dhlomo delivered keynote addresses at a Five Freedoms Forum weekend conference in Johannesburg. It was their first public encounter in South Africa.

About 400 delegates, representing the broadest range of political interests, brought together in the country, attended.

Mr Mbeki said the Government should take very seriously the observations of the ANC and other organisations that the security forces were guilty of misconduct in situations of conflict.

However, the ANC had no intention of carrying out acts of vengeance against anybody.

"There is therefore no reason for anybody within the present security forces to oppose change in the belief

that such change will create a situation in which their lives and livelihood will be threatened.

"Rather, they should look forward to the situation when, perhaps for the first time, they would be accepted by all our people as part of a truly national security force, voluntarily supported and accepted by the people as real defenders of law and order and the security of a democratic and independent South Africa."

Mr Mbeki also had some praise for Afrikaner Volkswag leader Carel Boshoff for being willing to put his proposal of an Afrikaner volkstaat on the negotiating table.

No organised formation should be left out of the process of developing the national consensus necessary to

reach a lasting, just and peaceful solution.

In this context, the ANC appreciated Professor Boshoff's stand on participating in negotiations.

"Though we may not agree with their views about a boerestaat, we are convinced that they, like all other formations, have a right and a duty to present their views in any such negotiating forum as will be agreed."

However, Conservative Party leader Andries Treurnicht's attitude was "at best unhelpful and at worst destructive", for "nothing but the whirlwind can be gained from a policy which continues to pretend that the future of our country can be decided by a coterie of white politicians who believe they should ap-

propriate to themselves the exclusive right to determine the future of our country".

Speaking on negotiations between the Government and the ANC, Mr Mbeki said the process of the implementation of the agreements reached thus far should not be used as an excuse to delay the beginning of negotiations on a new constitution.

"There should not arise any new obstacles to this process. Rather, if there are problems, they should be solved simultaneously as progress is being made on the constitutional front."

Dr Dhlomo stressed the need for national reconciliation and mutual trust, and the need to involve all people in the constitution-making process.

Asked to give his analysis on the current township carnage, he said many factors complicated the issue. Among them were political parties vying for power, appalling socio-economic conditions and apartheid, a lack of political tolerance and freedom of speech, and a criminal element "cashing in" on the confusion.

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# HARMS COMMISSION

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## Ministers accountable for CCB, inquiry told

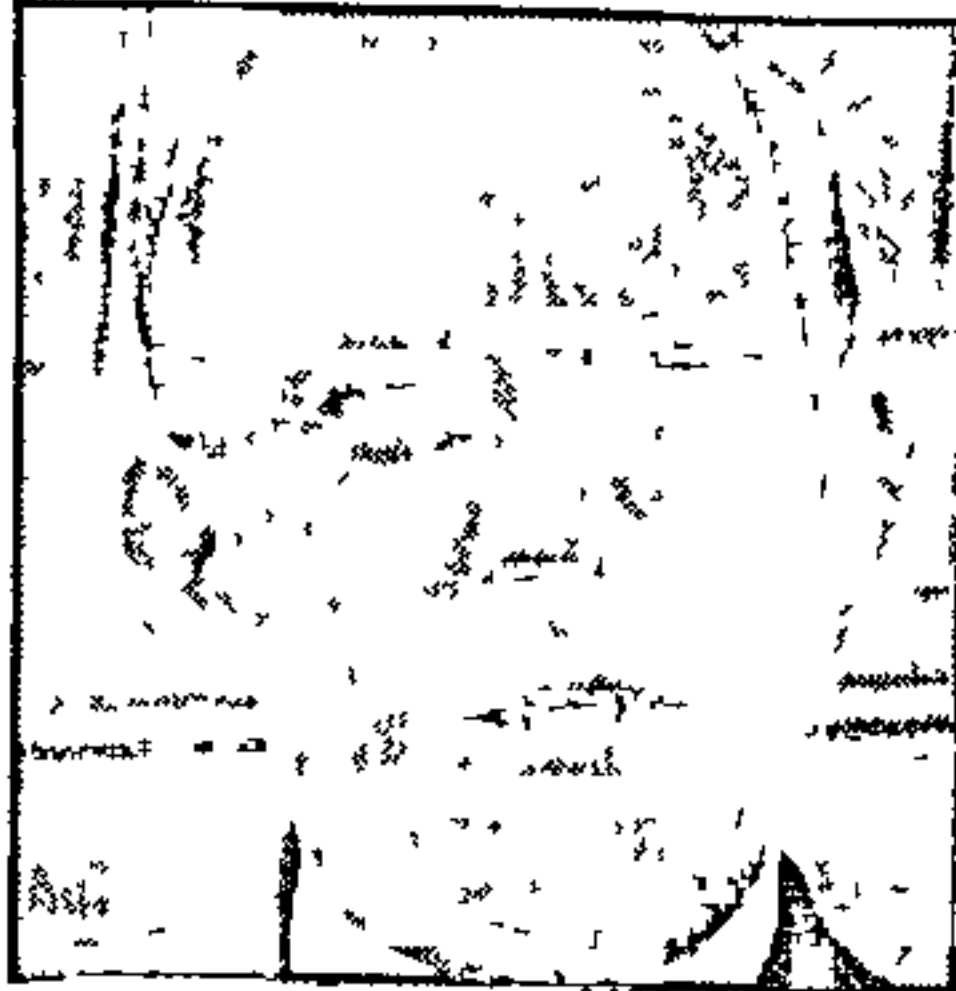
The Ministers of Defence and of Law and Order should have testified to the Harms Commission on the roles played by the Civil Co-operation Bureau (CCB) and the South African Police in unsolved politically-motivated murders

This was said in Pretoria yesterday by Paul Pretorius, for the Independent Board of Inquiry into Informal Repression (IBIR), and other parties, when presenting legal argument to Mr Justice Louis Harms

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Mr Pretorius said the IBIR was concerned that there had

been no investigation into the rise of the CCB and the activities of the SAP in regard to what had been heard at the Harms Commission. There was public concern about this

"To investigate only the acts of murder and violence without investigating the context and causes which gave rise to these acts, is a symptomatic and superficial investigation. Without it, the commission will find it extremely difficult to make recommendations in order to prevent the recurrence of the acts complained of," he said

Mr Justice Harms heard that as investigations were "incomplete", there could be little hope that appropriate measures would be adopted to prevent a repetition or recurrence of murders and acts of violence

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# Ex-ANC

## man was 'shot to pieces'

By Norman Chandler,  
Pretoria Bureau

Dramatic evidence about how Harms Commission witness and "turned" former African National Congress member Brian Ngqulunga was murdered two weeks ago was given to the commission in Pretoria yesterday.

He was literally shot to pieces, according to an affidavit handed to Mr Justice Louis Harms

Security Police Sergeant Daniel Wolmarans — who said he had known Constable Ngqulunga for many years — said 42 AK-47 rifle cartridges were found around and under the body. The murder took place on the night of July 20

"He had been shot high in the back, and most of the bullets had gone clean through the body. Many had left the body via his face, which was totally unrecognisable," Sergeant Wolmarans said

None of Constable Ngqulunga's personal effects had been removed from the body. These included his watch and police accreditation card

### Shots

The affidavit added that people in the Madidi area near Pretoria, who had heard shots the previous night and at daybreak, had searched the area and found his body in a ditch

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It was also disclosed that eight years ago a pamphlet containing Constable Ngqulunga's photograph had been distributed in various townships

He was one of a number of former ANC insurgents who returned to South Africa to work for the SAP and who gave evidence before the Harms Commission in early June after initially refusing to do so if they were identified by photographs and their addresses divulged.

Constable Ngqulunga was stationed initially at Vlakplaas police farm, near Pretoria, where his function was to identify and trace ANC insurgents

Police confirmed yesterday that he was buried secretly after Soshanguve youths prevented a public burial.

● New list of mystery deaths —

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**JOHANNESBURG.** — A 53-year-old police sergeant was stabbed nine times while travelling on the train from Johannesburg to Randfontein at midnight on Sunday.

A West Rand police spokesman said Sgt Mofasi Matabatha was attacked by seven men, some of whom attacked the policeman

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**Cop stabbed 9 times  
in Rand train assault**

while others apparently blocked the passage, preventing anyone else from entering.

In the ensuing scuffle, Sgt Matabatha was stabbed once in the

chest and eight times in the back. When he tried to retaliate with his pistol, his assailants grabbed the gun from him.

Sgt Matabatha managed to get out of the train at Randfontein and was found by two special constables. He is in a satisfactory condition in Leratong Hospital. — Sapa



# 1 591 unrest deaths in 1990

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## The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — More people died in political violence in the first half of 1990 than in the whole of last year.

The South African Institute of Race Relations yesterday released figures showing that 1 591 died in political violence between January and June this year as opposed to 1 403 deaths during the whole of 1989. Three-quarters of the deaths this year occurred in Natal.

However the institute said the levels of violence were lower in April, May and June when there were a third fewer politically-related deaths than in the first three months of the year.

### 26 percent drop

In Natal alone the number of deaths dropped by 26 percent in the second quarter of the year compared with the first.

The institute said that deaths in Natal peaked at 291 in March, but then dropped steadily to 118 in June.

Outside Natal politically-related deaths peaked at 167 in March and later dropped to 31 in June. However by July the figure had almost tripled to 92.

While the causes of the deaths were often difficult to determine, "a substantial number of deaths" had occurred as a result of police action in the first three months of the year.

Deaths involving police "had more than halved" in the second quarter of the year.

"There has, however, been a very large increase in the number of security forces killed, most such fatalities being municipal policemen," said the institute.

The total number of deaths in political violence between September 1984 and June 1990 was 7 130. The number of "necklace" murders over the same period totalled 454.

Most of these murders took place in the Eastern Cape (one third), followed by the far Northern Transvaal

In the first half of this year 48 people, most of them in Natal, had been murdered by the "necklace" method



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tion is mild, just below normal."  
The trial continues today

# Claims against SAP 'probable' Harms told

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ALLEGATIONS implicating SAP members in murder, abduction and cross-border raids were probably true, three advocates told the Harms Commission of Inquiry into Politically Motivated Crimes yesterday.

The claims were made by former Vlakplaas base commander Capt Dirk Coetzee and former Vlakplaas members Butana Almond Nofemela and David "Spyker" Tshikalanga

Adv Denis Kuny, SC, representing Lawyers for Human Rights, said there was a strong suspicion of a "conspiracy of silence" in the SAP regarding the 1981 murder of Durban attorney Griffith Mxenge, and other acts of violence allegedly committed by them between 1981 and 1986.

Other than that it was the truth, no explanation could be given as to why Nofemela made the claims in his confession last year.

Nofemela was not in contact with former colleagues and had no idea they would support his claims. Although their versions of the same allegations might have differed in minute detail, they corroborated each other in the broad sense, Kuny said.

The discrepancies arose from the almost eight-year lapse between events such as the Mxenge murder and those events being reconstructed for the commission.

"One should not look at the morality of the act, but at the probability of these acts occurring," Kuny said.

He submitted that the SAP had tried to present itself as "knights in shining armour" through its "none of this is true" attitude, when it had the opportunity to claim privilege and

accept that some things had occurred. "In this respect the witnesses for the CCB were more honest with the commission than the SAP."

Kuny and Adv Paul Pretorius, for the Independent Board of Inquiry into Informal Repression (IBIIR), who also said the allegations were probably true, criticised the SAP's role in assisting the commission.

Adv Louis Skweyiya, SC, for the Mxenge family, said there were major discrepancies in SAP testimony on Mxenge's murder and the detention and disappearance of several people in the Eastern Cape.

"I have never heard of three people making the same false statement, admitting 'we killed so-and-so'."

Pretorius said police had failed to "vigorously and objectively investigate activities allegedly perpetrated by SAP members".

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# Damages case to continue

Supreme Court Reporter

JUDGMENT was reserved in the Supreme Court yesterday in the R100 000 damages action by Atlantis lawyer Mr Charles MacDonald against the Minister of Law and Order and a security policeman.

The action was brought after a security policeman, during a raid on the Atlantis Residents' Association Advice Office on April 21, 1988, allegedly told one of the workers that Mr MacDonald stole their money which he held in trust.

Evidence was led that Constable W Abels had said these words to Mr Isaac Phooko, who then told a co-worker, Miss Bedrika Daniels, to write down the statement and show it to Mr MacDonald.

Mr MacDonald said he felt that his professional integrity had been attacked.

Mr Justice D G Scott presided. Mr M A Albertus appeared for Mr MacDonald. Mr Anton Veldhuizen, instructed by the state attorney, appeared for the minister and Constable Abels.

# Police evict 8/8/90 protesters at US mission

Police last night, at the request of officials, evicted three men staging a sit-in at the United States Consulate in Johannesburg

The three former prison warders, members of the Police, Prisons and Civil Rights Union (Popcru), occupied the consulate on Monday, demanding the reinstatement of 52 dismissed policemen and warders.

They were evicted after being on the premises for 30 hours. The sit-in was the second at the consulate in three weeks.

A consulate spokesman told The Star that sit-ins were becoming a trend. The consulate could not allow a diplomatic mission to be used as a public platform for individuals and organisations.

After due consideration the consulate asked the police to help remove the "trespassers", he said.

Earlier last night, Popcru said the three were being denied food, water and ablution facilities.

The consulate spokesman had no comment on this.

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## Neethling denies 'poisons' claim

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The Deputy Commissioner of the SA Police, General Lothar Neethling, yesterday objected strongly to evidence given to the Harms Commission by former police officer Dirk Coetzee

Mr Coetzee had claimed in testimony before Judge Louis Harms that General Neethling, the SAP's top forensic expert, provided him with

poisons and a truth serum for use against alleged ANC members

In written argument handed to the commission today, M Witz, appearing for General Neethling, said Mr Coetzee had been shown by his own admission to be nothing less than "a liar, perjurer, car thief, burglar and murderer".

Mr Witz added: "The

evidence regarding the poison that he allegedly received from General Neethling is totally unfounded and, in fact, it appears that his evidence is completely untrue"

Inconsistencies had been pointed out in other evidence Mr Coetzee had given to the commission, and that, said Mr Witz, should convince the judge to totally reject such evidence



# No hit squads, Harms told

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Pretoria Bureau

Claims that the South African Police had special hit squads were totally wrong and Butana Almond Nofemela, the former policeman had made the allegation because he was facing the gallows.

This was submitted to Justice Louis Harms yesterday by police lawyer Louis Visser in rebuttal to arguments from Lawyers for Human Rights and the Independent Board of Inquiry into Informal Repression that the claims were true.

Mr Visser, who was also representing the Minister of Law and Order, asked Judge Harms, chairman of the commission of inquiry into certain alleged murders, to report to the State President that there had been no evidence to suggest any such hit squads existed in the SAP.

Mr Visser said Nofemela, who had been sentenced to death for an unrelated murder and was to have been

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hanged on October 20 last year, as well as fellow-claimants such as runaway former police captain Dirk Coetzee and policeman Brian Tshikulungu, were wrong in their allegations.

Nofemela in particular had made "a weak impression" and had shown during evidence that he was "a man who would not flinch from telling lies"

At the close of Mr Visser's argument, the commission adjourned until August 20, when testimony is due to be taken on alleged African National Congress participation in murders.

General Herman Stadler, SAP's top expert on the ANC, has prepared hundreds of pages of testimony and annexures for inclusion in the record.

# Hit squad allegations 'devoid of truth'

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ALLEGATIONS by former security branch members Capt Dirk Coetzee, Almond Butana Nofemela and David "Spyker" Tshikalanga were devoid of truth, the Harms Commission of Inquiry into Politically Motivated Violent Crimes heard yesterday.

Adv Sam Maritz SC, for SAP members, told commission chairman Mr Justice Louis Harms the recommendation that the SAP be found to be liars was based on evidence which was not credible.

He was referring to argument submitted on Monday by Adv Denis Kuny SC for Lawyers for Human Rights (LHR), Adv Paul Pretorius for the Independent Board of Inquiry into Informal Repression (IBIIR), and Adv Louis Skweyiya SC for the Mxenge family.

Kuny had thrown all the basics of the law of evidence overboard in an attempt to convince the commission to

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accept the allegations as truth, despite discrepancies in the evidence given by the three key witnesses, said Maritz.

Adv Louis Visser SC, for Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok and the SAP, agreed with Maritz's submission that there was no evidence that a situation had arisen necessitating a "total war" strategy, where the SAP had acted unconventionally and unlawfully.

Visser disputed Kuny's submission that Nofemela had told the truth as he confessed without knowing he would be supported by Coetzee and Tshikalanga, and that therefore all three were telling the truth, leading to the assumption they were acting on SAP orders.

Nofemela made the allegations to buy himself a stay of execution, which ran any argument of probability into the ground.

Maritz acknowledged unlawful acts had occurred, but said they were probably committed for private reasons.

Adv Mannie Witz, acting for SAP forensic research unit chief Lt Gen Lothar Neethling, said Mr Justice Harms had to accept Neethling as a credible and honest witness in the light that Coetzee was a self-confessed liar, perjurer, murderer and vehicle thief.

Witz said Coetzee's allegations that Neethling supplied "knockout drops", "truth serum" and "poison" to Vlakplaas members were untrue, and called on Mr Justice Harms to disregard Coetzee's evidence on the basis of discrepancies between the stories he had told reporters and the commission.

Visser said Vlok had no reason to account for unlawful SAP actions as none had taken place.

The commission reconvenes on August 20.

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# DP calls for body to probe police violence

Political Correspondent

THE Democratic Party yesterday called on the government to appoint an independent tribunal to investigate allegations of abuse of police power

The government would also have to purge "rogue policemen" from the force if the latest peace initiatives between the government and the ANC were to succeed, DP Unrest Monitoring and Action Group (UMAC) member Mr Jan van Eck said.

"Unless certain elements in the SAP are removed, the ANC will have great difficulty in convincing residents in black townships, who are targets of police violence, to suspend the armed struggle."

Mr Van Eck said it was imperative that an independent body probe allegations of police misbehaviour as "90%" of police investigations had resulted in neither prosecutions nor disciplinary action

"This was vividly illustrated by the Robertson situation where police action in early April resulted in 154 people being injured.

"But the Attorney-General of the Cape, Mr Niel Rossouw, announced recently that he was unable to prosecute anybody because none of the complainants was willing to co-operate with the police investigating team."

Mr Van Eck said "Only an independent body that has the confidence of all interested parties can successfully investigate complaints about the police"

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## Police, troops seal township

By Therese Anders,  
Highveld Bureau

ERMELO — Police and the army sealed off Wesselton township last night during a major swoop after three weeks of serious unrest

At least four people have been killed, scores injured and many homes and businesses damaged during continued fighting between ANC supporters and supposed Inkatha sympathisers.

Police report that five people were arrested during last night's swoop and a large number of weapons, including firearms, was confiscated.

Eastern Transvaal police liai-

son officer, Captain Ogies van Straaten, said the police were searching only for identified criminals and suspects for whom warrants of arrest had been issued.

He said thousands of pamphlets had been distributed throughout Wesselton early yesterday warning residents of the coming police action

The SAP's regional commissioner had written a personal letter to residents recently warning that law-abiding citizens might get caught up in the police dragnet.

Police were still in the area this morning.



## FW examines Goldstone report

Star 9/8/90 By Shehnaaz Bulbulia

The Goldstone Commission's report on the Sebokeng incident was receiving President de Klerk's urgent attention, a spokesman for the President's office said yesterday.

He was not able to say when the findings of the report would be made public.

The judicial commission was established in March to investigate the circumstances leading to the clash between Sebokeng residents and police on March 26 which left 12 people dead and 300 injured.

The Sebokeng shootings took place after a 50 000-strong UDF gathering, intent on marching to Vereeniging, was halted by police near the Sondela Brewery.

The marchers had been planning to present a petition to the National Party offices.

The report, compiled by Judge Goldstone, is the first of several on commissions that will be debated by top officials.

# First meeting of ANC police

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THE first of a possible series of regional talks between police, the African National Congress and community organisations was held in the city yesterday, police confirmed

The police delegation was led by the regional commissioner of police, Major-General Flip Fourie, while the ANC delegation included Mr Reggie September and Mr Trevor Manuel

The meeting identified problems experienced by all parties and it was agreed that working groups should be formed to sort out these problems

Attention was given to the requirements by law to apply for permission for marches, the discretion which could be exercised by the police and the use of minimum force by police.

Specific attention was given to the unrest in the Boland and more specifically the Langeberg region. A police spokesman said the talks would have contributed to the easing of tension in these regions

"The meeting served to break down the possible barriers of distrust between the different groups. If you do not talk and air your differences the distrust will not abate and all parties were given a chance to express their views, and to communicate with one another. This could be the forerunner of more meetings," he said — Sapa

## Police, ANC to meet regularly

Crime Reporter

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POLICE, the African National Congress and other organisations are to form "working groups" which will meet regularly to resolve problems.

This was announced after the first talks, led by regional police commissioner Major-General Flip Fourie, in Cape Town yesterday.

The ANC delegation included the co-ordinator for the ANC in the Western Cape, Mr Reggie September, and deputy co-ordinator Mr Trevor Manuel and Mrs Amy Thornton. A police spokesman said the crux of the discussions was the unrest in the Boland.

"Barriers of distrust" had been broken, said Major Calitz.

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The verbal skirmish on police brutality between President FW de Klerk and ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela surprised most people at the joint press conference which followed the otherwise successful 15-hour talks that led to the Pretoria Minute.

It did more than cloud the jovial atmosphere — it underlined Mandela's stance that Law & Order Minister Adriaan Vlok needs to control his generals with an iron hand. While the ANC has in the past made it known that Vlok was a respected member of the government delegation, Mandela regarded the police issue as serious enough to challenge De Klerk in public.

Vlok and his department, already under scrutiny because of the Harms Commission, will be under the spotlight in the next few months as the talks enter the pre-negotiation (on a constitution) phase. A senior government spokesman expects real negotiations on the shape of a future SA to begin early next year — well in advance of the expected schedule. If Vlok fails to deliver what amounts to his side of a bargain (in effect wrecking the promising start to a cessation of hostilities) he could see himself out of the Cabinet or with lesser responsibilities at the next reshuffle.

Government faces difficulties in getting at

the truth of some of the allegations against the police. More than 100 policemen are serving jail sentences for acting outside the law while many are awaiting trial — these figures were given to the ANC delegation.

According to the government spokesman "On the one hand Mr Mandela talks of State violence when someone from the ANC gets hurt in police action, while on the other he calls for President De Klerk to use the full might of the State when the ANC is on the other side." He adds — referring to the problem of communicating a ceasefire down the line — that the ANC would have to "realise that it is easier to motivate crowds than to control them."

The spokesman agrees that the same argument applies to government. Since February 2, De Klerk has personally been at great pains to transform the SAP virtually from a political arm of the National Party to a strictly law-enforcing agency. There is a lot of mistrust to be overcome on both sides.

Nonetheless, Tuesday morning's accord was historic.

The Pretoria spokesman feels there is greater subtlety and realism within the ANC delegation. "Where in the past the ANC had strictly grasped at the Harare Declaration, which they regarded almost as a pontifical

authority, their offer to suspend the armed action came at a stage where some of the obstacles raised by them earlier had still not been overcome."

The change in vocabulary used by the ANC serves as further proof of honourable intentions.

Government is also optimistic that mass actions — stayaways, school boycotts, the illegal occupation of land by squatters — will be foreign to the spirit of the agreement. It feels that the creation of "additional mechanisms of communication," as agreed on (see box), will limit instability.

Government now places a high priority on the start of multilateral discussions between all parties with an interest in constitutional negotiations — including the PAC, Azapo and rightwing groups. The spokesman comments "Some organisations have still to take the first steps of phase one, while I think we and the ANC have already moved into the second phase, the talks-about-talks situation. While the going will be tough, I expect us to move into the pre-conference stage at the end of this year."

*Eddie Botha*

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**Metals fever spreads**



# The Ribeiro double-murder mystery may soon be solved

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THE Harms Commission is on the verge of a major breakthrough in the Ribeiro double-murder investigation, the Saturday Star has learnt.

It is believed that the new clues now gators will lead to the solving of the four-year-old mystery.

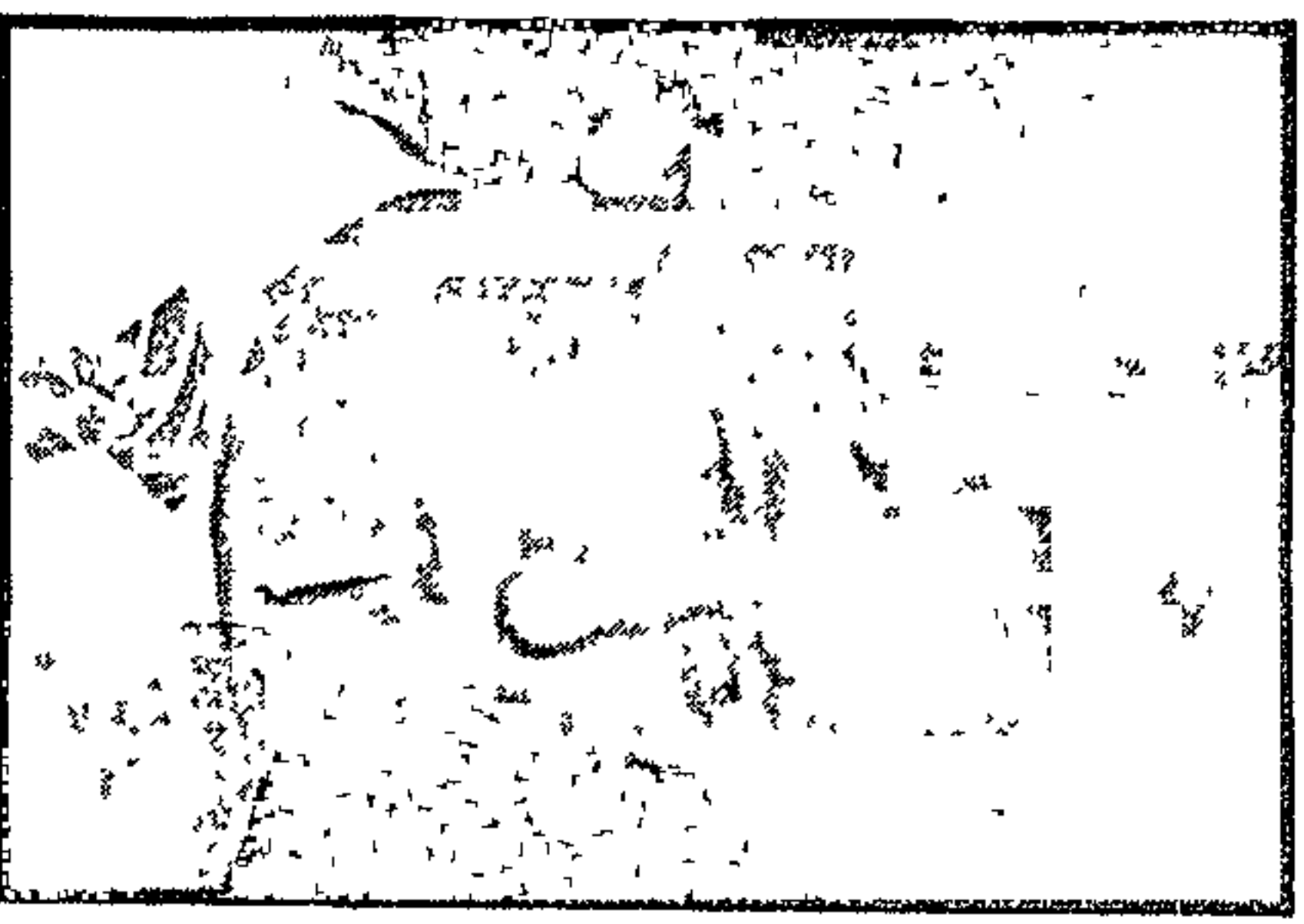
Masked gunmen assassinated Dr Fabian Ribeiro, a medical doctor, and his wife, Florence, the sister of the late Pan Africanist Congress leader Mr Robert Sobukwe, at their home in Mamelodi, Pretoria, on December 1 1986.

## File reopened

Close family and independent experts to this day believe Government agents were responsible.

Several key witnesses have been subpoenaed by the commission, which has decided to "reopen" the Ribeiro file by leading fresh evidence on August 22. Among them, the Saturday Star has learnt, are people linked to the Civil Co-operation Bureau (CCB), the secret SA Defence Force unit suspected of undertaking politically motivated crimes.

One of its former members, Mr Willie van Deventer, who claimed to have information on the CCB's alleged involvement in the Ribeiro slayings, is expected to be called by the commission.



**WANTED FOR QUESTIONING:** former Selous Scout Noel Robey.

Investigators, meanwhile, are trying to trace a former Rhodesian Selous Scout, Mr Noel James Robey (38) who, it is understood, also faces a subpoena.

Commission secretary Mr Chris Erasmus has appealed for any information about Mr Robey's whereabouts to be conveyed to him. He can be reached on (012) 322 7764.

On June 3 1987, Mr Robey appeared in the Pretoria North Magistrate's Court for a preparatory examination to establish whether he should be charged with the Ribeiro murders. He was cleared of all involvement.

In February this year, Mr van Deventer refused to answer questions on the Ribeiro murders on the grounds that he could incriminate himself.

Dr Ribeiro and his wife were fatally shot with a .45 calibre weapon by two masked men in the courtyard of their home in Mamelodi West at 6.30 pm. The attackers escaped in a car.

## Firebombed

At least one of the killers was black, witnesses said at the time. The killers later linked up with two armed whites, the witnesses said.

Dr Ribeiro, whose home was firebombed nine months earlier, said at the time he had expected such an attack.

Dr Ribeiro, of Mozambican descent, was given the title of "people's doctor" in the township because he treated free of charge those who were injured during police activities. He also featured in an overseas TV documentary, "Witness to Apartheid".

In 1977 he was detained, then acquitted on charges of terrorism. Dr Ribeiro and his wife left four children.

## Shooting Is ended, Sisulu chides Winnie

THE African National Congress, in a thinly-veiled statement of disagreement with Winnie Mandela, said yesterday the decision to suspend the armed struggle was well considered and not "a mere strategy".

"The national executive (of the ANC) and subsequently the delegation to Pretoria decided that as of now the armed struggle — meaning actual shooting — will stop," ANC internal corps leader Walter Sisulu said in a statement.

"It was decided as a well-considered decision, not a mere strategy."

Mrs Mandela sparked controversy on Thursday when she told a meeting in Durban the unilateral and conditional suspension did not mean violence would cease. It was mere strategy, she said.

Mr Sisulu said there would be no further comment on the controversy.

In answer to a question from a TV reporter last night, Mr Sisulu said no action would be taken against Mrs Mandela. "Many people make mistakes and sometimes misinterpretation of the issues and we would take no further step about the matter," he said. — Sapa-AP.

# Police accused after ID swoop

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**By Monica Nicolson**  
A Johannesburg woman has accused police of unnecessary harassment after they entered her property, demanded that labourers produce identity documents and arrested them when they failed to do so.

Police said they ask labourers to produce work permits and enforce the Illegal Immigrants law to protect the rights of South Africans.

Mrs Madelaine Winfield says:

"My house in Orange Grove has been undergoing renovations for the past two months. On Tuesday police walked on to my property without a search warrant or my permission and demanded that the three labourers produce their immigration papers or work permits.

"Two men did not have their papers on them, so they were taken off in a police van.

"The supervisor tried to intervene, but the police told him to stop interfering.

"One labourer sent a friend to collect his papers and he was released. But the other man, whose papers were in Soweto, was held overnight and I don't know what has happened to him now," Mrs Winfield said.

Mrs Winfield does not believe this kind of incident improves race relations or problems in her newly adopted country.

## Difficult

"I am very surprised by the police, because I thought this kind of intimidation and harassment was a thing of the past," she said.

A police spokesman says:

"Many thousands of illegal immigrants entering South Africa from neighbouring countries constitute a large big problem. It is very difficult to control. Due to the small staff in the Alien Control Unit, only a very small number are ever arrested and deported.

"It is an international law that a person working in a foreign country must have a work permit. A few reasons are to

protect job opportunities for residents, to prevent spreading of diseases and to protect the State.

"Police don't need a warrant if they believe a crime is being committed on a property.

"If a labourer is found to be working in the country illegally and the Department of Internal Affairs does not issue a work permit, he is deported back to his own country at the State's expense.

"Illegal immigrants who persist in returning to South Africa may go to court. The maximum sentence is six months and/or R600 fine," the police spokesman said.

Police said employers hired illegal immigrants because they could pay them less and did not have to pay tax on the workers' salary.

The maximum fine for employing workers with no permit is R10 000 and/or five months in jail.

Police said it would save a lot of time and trouble if people kept their ID books on them.



# 'War talk' bedevils moves to curb violence

By PETER FABRICIUS  
Political Staff

THE government and the ANC are battling to get popular acceptance of their historic agreement to bring an end to violence.

Since their commitment to the Pretoria Minute, there has been a wave of violence — the worst in the coloured townships of Port Elizabeth and Uitenhage. There has also been violence at Welkom, a bomb blast in Pretoria and a hostel massacre in Sebokeng.

On top of that, Mrs Winnie Mandela, wife of ANC deputy leader Mr Nelson Mandela, resorted to war talk at an ANC women's conference in Natal.

## Armed struggle

She said the suspension of the armed struggle was merely "a strategy" and did not entail the cessation of violence.

And although her statement was virtually repudiated by ANC internal leader Mr Walter Sisulu, her speech was followed by another militant outburst from ANC representative Mr Harry Gwala, and an aggressive speech by Umkhonto we Sizwe chief of staff, Mr Chris Hanu.

Addressing a Congress of South African Students meeting, Mr Hanu said the ANC was suspending armed operations, but not the armed struggle.

The suspension meant members would remain in their trenches waiting for orders from the ANC.

Training and recruiting would intensify and their numbers would increase.

In a repudiation of Mrs Mandela's earlier statements, Mr Sisulu said that although he could not speak for others, the ceasefire was the product of a reasoned decision and was not a mere strategy.

In the present violent atmosphere, police say they are having difficulty obtaining the ANC's full co-operation in setting up joint efforts, agreed to by the ANC and the government in two rounds of peace talks, to curb the violence and intimidation raging around the country.

Police sources said last night they had appointed 96 police officers around the country to co-ordinate with the ANC in quelling violence.

But so far the ANC had come forward with only 29 names, instead of 96 to liaise with the police side.

They said the joint ANC/government steering committee which has done much of the behind-the-scenes legwork for the ANC/government talks, would probably meet again this week to urge the ANC once again to provide a full list of contacts.

One area where police say they are having difficulty in getting ANC co-operation is Natal, where representative Mr Gwala yesterday told an ANC women's league rally that the organisation would "take freedom by force if necessary".

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# Vlakplaas unit 'made about 20 arrests in eight years'

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ABOUT 20 people were arrested in eight years of operations by the security branch's Vlakplaas members, a study of evidence given to the Harms Commission of Inquiry into Politically Motivated Violent Crimes has shown.

Vlakplaas commander Maj Eugene de Kock said he and his men had shot and killed at least 20 men, but he would not say how many arrests his unit had made since he took command six years ago.

Sgt Joe Mamasela told

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the commission the unit had arrested about 20 people during his five years at the base.

Former Security Branch C-Section (ANC/PAC desk) chief Brig Willem Schoon put at 20 the number of arrests during his eight years of overseeing the operation.

The arrest records of nine senior Vlakplaas members were: former unit commander Capt Dirk Coetzee, no arrests; commander Maj Eugene de Kock would not say how many arrests; former unit chief of operations Lt-Col Jan Coetzee, six arrests, former constable Brian Nqgulunga witnessed one arrest; former constable Almond Butana Nofemela, one arrest, security branch Sgt Joe Mamasela said the unit made about 20 arrests in his five years at Vlakplaas, Constable Thabelo Mbelo, two arrests; Capt Paul van Dyk, two to five arrests in seven years, security branch Maj Johannes Vermeulen, one or two arrests in five years. (25)

Last Tuesday the commission wrapped up argument dealing with allegations that a hit-squad operated from the base.

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# SAP offers reward to solve shootings

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POLICE yesterday offered a R10 000 reward and stepped up township patrols in an effort to curb township violence following Saturday night's Sebokeng hostel shooting that left nine dead and 10 wounded.

The reward is offered to anyone with information that could lead to the arrest and prosecution of whoever perpetrated the shooting, SAP Witwatersrand liaison officer Capt Eugene Opperman said.

Everything possible within the law would be done to stop the violence, he said, adding that "drastic steps" would be taken if and when necessary. Opperman did not specify what these steps would entail.

Regional SAP commissioner Maj-Gen Gerrit Erasmus had visited Sebokeng yesterday to assess the situation following the shooting.

Steps to initiate talks between ANC and Inkatha township groups were being taken by Erasmus, but they could occur only if all parties were serious about their desire for peace and allow one another political and other rights in the areas, Opperman said.

He said the SAP saw the current wave of violence as part of the political allegiance struggle in the townships, but stressed the SAP's apolitical and neutral stance in the situation.

"We won't tolerate attacks on any per-

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son, whatever their affiliations, denominations or political aspirations might be," Opperman said.

The SAP were duty-bound to protect the citizens of SA and would leave no stone unturned in their investigation into the hostel shooting, he added.

He said investigating officers had taken note of claims that whites were responsible, but would not say whether sworn affidavits had been taken from witnesses making the allegations.

"At this moment in time the SAP hasn't got a clue and to say it's whites, blacks or Indians would be premature and we're not prepared to speculate on the issue."

Police found 37 AK-47 and five 9mm cartridges at the scene of the shooting, but could not blame any particular group. Opperman said these types of firearms were freely available on the black market in the townships and he could not rule out the possibility that guerrillas could be selling their weapons to raise money.

Cosatu spokesman Neil Coleman said a "highly racist" AWB pamphlet was found at the hostel during the clean-up after the shooting.

Anyone with information about Saturday's shooting can telephone Lt Andries Coetzer at (016) 881551 (w) or Col F van Niekerk at (016) 551653 (w).



SAP Witwatersrand liaison officer Capt Eugene Opperman at yesterday's Press conference to announce the R10 000 reward offered in connection with information on Saturday's fatal shootings in Sebokeng. Picture: ROBERT BOTHA

## Police killings a 'campaign'

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. —  
Last Saturday night's assassination of a Springs policeman brings to 11 the number of policemen who have been killed or injured in shootings on the Reef in the past three months

Police are quoted as saying that the attacks "appear to be part of a campaign" to destroy morale in the force

In the latest incident, Constable T Ndlovu was shot by an unknown gunman while he was filling his car at a petrol station

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Policeman <sup>cont</sup>  
shot dead <sup>15/8/70</sup>

DURBAN — A member of the South African Police was shot dead at the weekend, and yesterday a house belonging to a member of the Kwa-Zulu Police at Umlazi, south of here, was attacked by people armed with AK 47 assault rifles and handgrenades.

A police spokesman said that an SA policeman stationed at C R Swart Square was shot by unknown people at N section on Sunday. He died on the spot.

No arrests have been made — Sapa

# SAP liaises with ANC

By Peter Fabricius,  
Political Correspondent

The Ministry of Law and Order has appointed a colonel whose special task will be to communicate with the ANC in an effort to stop violence and intimidation.

Colonel Steve van Robyen's first task is to try to help put an end to the East Rand violence which has already claimed scores of black lives.

Police sources noted today that although police had drawn up a list of 96 police officers nationwide to liaise with the ANC, the ANC had so far come up with only 29 names.

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● The ANC and its aligned organisations yesterday placed the blame for the fighting in East Rand townships squarely at the door of Inkatha

At a Johannesburg news conference Cosatu first vice-president Chris Dlamini claimed the fighting was an orchestrated campaign to spread Natal violence to Transvaal townships to establish Inkatha as a credible political party with significant community support.

He pointed out that hostels in the affected townships were not tribally segregated — Sapa.



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# Judge rejects claims of assault

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By Cathy Stagg

A woman who claimed police had poured acid up her nose and two men who said police had assaulted him, had their versions rejected by a judge and two assessors yesterday.

As a result of the finding in the trial within a trial, statements which had previously not been admitted as evidence would probably be read into the record today.

The trial of four people arose from the discovery of the bound body of Dianne Tollman (53) at her Parktown North, Johannesburg, townhouse on February 14, last year.

Justice R A Solomon and the assessors are presiding over the trial in the Rand Supreme Court. All four accused have pleaded not guilty.

They are: Donald Khumalo (18) of Berea, Godfrey Moerane (24) of Naledi; Thabo Makaleng (31) and Bettie Mamsie Mbuli (38) both of Berea. Ms Mbuli was Mrs Tollman's maid.

According to the indictment, Mrs Tollman dismissed Ms Mbuli at the end of January last year and Mbuli was angry about the loss of her job and accommodation.

## Face covered

Ms Mbuli allegedly incited the three men to break into Mrs Tollman's townhouse unit on the night of February 13 last year.

During a trial within a trial, Ms Mbuli told the court she was taken to the Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad where she was kept in an office.

She claimed a balaclava was pulled over her head so that her face was covered, then her head was pulled back and a strange smelling liquid was poured up her nostrils. She claimed the liquid must have been acid because the inside of her nose was burnt. Ms Mbuli said a similar liquid was poured on the inside of her thighs and it caused the skin to come off, yet this did not happen on her face.

The judge said it was strange that there was no damage to her face or the inside of her throat if the liquid was administered through the balaclava.

Mr Moerane and Mr Makaleng both claimed to have been assaulted. But their evidence contained many improbabilities and conflicted with evidence presented by the State, the judge ruled.

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### Rockman in court

REBEL policeman Mr Gregory Rockman appeared briefly in Cape Town Magistrate's Court yesterday in connection with an alleged assault on a police officer on the Grand Parade in March. He was not asked to plead and the hearing was postponed to November 9 for trial.



# Every black seen as a target Mandela

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PORT ELIZABETH — Every policeman in SA continued to regard every black person as a military target, ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela said yesterday.

He said they had been told that every demonstration was "a declaration of war", and an order to open fire was given.

Mandela told a gathering at the opening of the eastern Cape offices of the ANC that either government had lost control of the police, or "the police are doing what government wants".

His attack on the police produced a strong response from Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok who last night told the annual meeting of the Southern Cross Association that "claims by certain individuals and organisations that the police were to blame for all violence are devoid of all truth and nothing but propagandistic lies to vilify the police".

Policemen, he said, were not above the law and any claims made against them would be investigated.

Mandela said the primary cause of the unrest was "apartheid's brutal violence" and the injustice of "puppet structures" which sparked conflict.

He said the belief that this was violence in which blacks attacked and killed blacks was wrong. It had started with a conflict between the ANC/MDM and Inkatha, but it was no longer that simple. The real prob-

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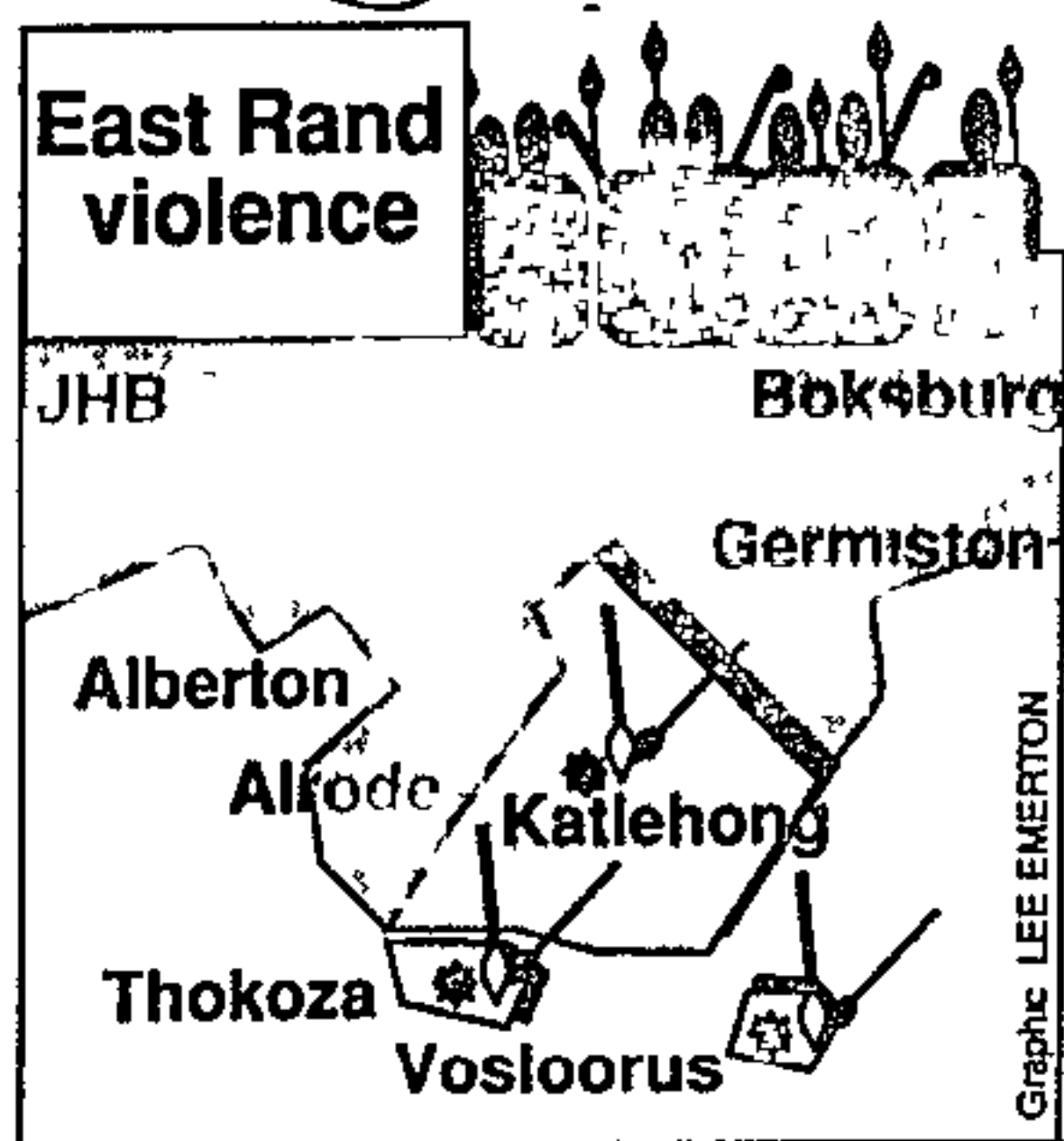
lem was the violence from the police  
PETER DELMAR reports that ANC information chief Pallo Jordan told a Johannesburg news conference yesterday the growing violence in Thokoza, Katlehong and Vosloorus was placing the peace process "under great strain"

It is believed that ANC internal leader Walter Sisulu contacted Vlok yesterday in an effort to end the violence and to discuss ANC allegations of active police collusion with Inkatha "warlords"

Inkatha leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi said last night he was appalled by the escalation of violence in the Transvaal "I call on all Inkatha members not to become drawn into the violence."

He said black leaders must get together to talk peace

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# Police force treated differently overseas

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**SERGEANT Leah Shibambo's curiosity on how other police forces handled violent situations was not indulged during her two-month visit to the United States.**

Shibambo, who works in the social work department at Protea Police Station, and 11 other members of the SAP, were on

**By SIZAKELE KOOMA**

an International Police Association exchange programme in Illinois

"There is a negative attitude towards the way the police in South Africa handle violent situations I was curious to see how the police in America worked during unrest But

unfortunately I did not get to see them," Shibambo said.

But she had the chance to study the differences between local and overseas forces and see the respect with which the police there are treated

"I was struck by the fact that officers in the States always wear bullet-proof vests as the SAP has always been criticised

for carrying guns for protection

"What this means is that we both realise the need to protect ourselves even though our precautionary measures differ.

"While the SAP has social workers in the force, employed to look after the welfare of its staff and their families, police in the States do not have such departments

"The wellbeing of the officers and their families is dealt with by social workers who work with the police but are not members of the force," she said.

Shibambo, who has been in the force for four years, said the exchange programme was aimed at improving the image of the police internationally.

She said the SAP had always been reflected in a bad light overseas and their role was seen as that of killers rather than protectors of civilians

She believes her encounter with American police officers helped dispel myths about the South African force

"Where I had expected to be rejected by the people I met, I was warmly accepted," she said.

# Extra police promised for Welkom mass demonstration

<sup>Monday 16/8/90</sup>  
BLOEMFONTEIN — The proposed mass demonstration through Welkom on Saturday will have special police reinforcements in attendance, CP defence spokesman Koos van der Merwe told the CP congress meeting in Bloemfontein yesterday.

Van der Merwe, who is MP for Overvaal, said he had met Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok, the Commissioner of Police and the senior deputy Commissioner of Police on Tuesday.

They were just as concerned as he was about the possible security implications.

Van der Merwe had asked the police to try and convince the Welkom council to withdraw permission for the march.

If this could not be done it should be scaled down and special security measures should be taken.

Van der Merwe said he was informed by the police yesterday the march could not be cancelled because legal permission had been obtained from the council and a magistrate.

The police had, however, succeeded in getting the march scaled down and there would be special reinforcements to keep law and order.

"The National Party council of Vereen-

iging has given permission for 35 000 blacks to march on Saturday. There are stories emanating from Vanderbijlpark that some marchers have been told to take along matches and others would supply petrol," he said.

The CP had sent a telegram to the Vereeniging council demanding that the march be cancelled. If there was any damage to property or loss of life the blame would rest on the shoulders of the council.

## Thanks

The congress unanimously accepted proposals that government should ban all marches by blacks through white areas.

A warning was also issued that government would carry the responsibilities for any loss of life or damage to property resulting from these marches.

A telegram is also to be urgently sent to President F W de Klerk informing him of these proposals.

The congress expressed its thanks to the police and proposed that consultations with the police should begin to establish house-watch systems in all neighbourhoods — Sapa

# Mandela attacks SA police

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# FW's 'toughest' with Mandela



## Street war:

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Nine killed,

113 injured

in Soweto

From STAN HLOPHE, GUY JEPSON,  
MONTSHIWA MOROKE and CRAIG KOTZE  
Argus Correspondents

JOHANNESBURG — Nine people have died and 113 injured in clashes between Inkatha supporters and Soweto residents

Yesterday's violence followed two days of all-out war between Inkatha-Zulu and ANC-Xhosa factions at Tokoza on the East Rand this week

At least 144 people have died and more than 1 000 injured.

Three more bodies were found by police in Zondi yesterday afternoon and another man died in a hospital, bringing the Soweto death toll to nine

Last night police patrols fired teargas and rubber bullets in many parts of Soweto to disperse crowds attacking police vehicles, said police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Theme Halgryn

Last night police fired teargas into several houses in central Western Jabavu and Molapo near Inhlazane station — the scene of earlier vicious

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## ANC concerned

They said there had been "tough talk" from Mr De Klerk to Mr Mandela about his refusal so far to meet Dr Buthelezi

The ANC is believed to have expressed grave concern about the bloody conflict, loss of life and potential further escalation of faction fighting. It proposed

## R1-m radio equipment stolen in raid on navy

*AKus 17/8/90*  
By MICHAEL MORRIS, Political Correspondent,  
HENRI du PLESSIS, Defence Reporter  
and DALE KNEEN, Crime Reporter

SOPHISTICATED radio equipment understood to be worth about R1 million has been stolen in a night-time raid on the South African Navy's signal school at Red Hill in Simon's Town.

The equipment, described as ideal for combat use, was stolen from a classroom at the signal school on Sunday night.

The thieves entered through a perimeter security fence and broke into the classroom.

**"WELL SELECTED"**

Sources say "the selection of stolen equipment indicates that the thieves had an extensive knowledge of communications equipment.

One source said: "The thieves had to have known what they wanted, because their loot was well selected."

In a brief, carefully worded statement — which took more than a day to prepare for clearance at senior level — South African Naval headquarters in Pretoria confirmed the "break-in" during the night of August 12-13.

The statement said: "The intruders apparently entered through the security perimeter fence and then broke into one of the radio classrooms where they removed radio equipment."

"The matter is being investigated by the Military Police in conjunction with the South African Police and a board of inquiry has been convened."

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## ANC concerned

They said there had been "tough talk" from Mr De Klerk to Mr Mandela about his refusal so far to meet Dr Buthelezi.

The ANC is believed to have expressed grave concern about the bloody conflict, loss of life and potential further escalation of faction fighting. It proposed firm, impartial police action to end the conflict.

ANC sources indicated last night that Inkatha, which they believe is instigating the fighting, could not carry out such widespread, co-ordinated attacks on its own.

The government is said to have accused the ANC of fueling tension by the repeated utterances by militarists on the continuation of the armed struggle and negatively affecting police morale by continuous statements that the police could resolve the crisis if they wanted to.

## To take action

In a statement released by his office Mr De Klerk indicated his intention of holding further discussions in the wider context and of taking action.

"A statement in this regard will be issued in due course. The discussions covered various aspects of the state of unrest and violence in certain areas as well as steps to curb it."

Mr Mandela was accompanied by ANC executive members Mr Pallo Jordan and Mr Aziz Pahad, while Mr De Klerk was assisted by Justice Minister Mr Kobie Coetsee and Mr Vlok.





Picture: ALF KHUMALO, Argus Group Picture Service

**WARRIOR:** One of the thousands of men who took part in bloody clashes in the East Rand townships stands masked to hide his identity and as protection against teargas. He carries a home-made sword and a dustbin lid as a shield.



**CONFRONTATION:** Youths with sticks, knives and axes face police as violence in East Rand townships spread to Soweto.

# Street war: Nine killed, 113 injured in Soweto

From **STAN HLOPHE, GUY JEPSON, MONTSHIWA MOROKE and CRAIG KOTZE**  
Argus Correspondents

**JOHANNESBURG** — Nine people have died and 113 injured in clashes between Inkatha supporters and Soweto residents

Yesterday's violence followed two days of all-out war between Inkatha-Zulu and ANC-Xhosa factions at Tokoza on the East Rand this week

At least 144 people have died and more than 1 000 injured

Three more bodies were found by police in Zondi yesterday afternoon and another man died in hospital, bringing the Soweto death toll to nine

Last night police patrols fired teargas and rubber bullets in many parts of Soweto to disperse crowds attacking police vehicles, said police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Halgryn

Last night police fired teargas into several houses in central Western Jabavu and Molapo near Inhlazane station — the scene of earlier vicious clashes which claimed four lives

## BURNING TYRES

Streets were barricaded by burning tyres and residents, intent on preventing an attack by Inkatha supporters from the nearby Jabulani Hostel, threw boulders into the streets

Some residents left their homes to avoid the expected attack, while young "comrades" formed street patrols to protect the neighbourhoods

Mrs Catherine Mofolo, a central Western Jabavu resident, said police threw teargas inside her yard about 7 30pm while she and her family were watching television.

"We had to leave. Two windows were broken and we found a tearas canister in the kitchen," said Mrs Mofolo

Her neighbour, Mr Johannes Mohlabi, 60, said "We know nothing about Inkatha or the ANC. Why are the police harassing us?"

Yesterday soldiers guarded tram drivers and police manned stations and trains, said Colonel Halgryn

Four men were killed when a crowd attacked them at Inhlazane station and a man was axed to death in Mapetla

A man was killed and six injured in fighting at Johannesburg station at 6 15am, police said

Widespread fighting started after the four Inhlazane killings. Clashes between opposing groups left at least 31 people injured near Jabulani hostel

Sporadic outbreaks of violence were later reported in most parts of the township

Colonel Halgryn said two boys — aged 11 and 14 — were found with birdshot wounds after police fired on a mob which shot at them

"The crowd looked as if it was only adults, which is why the police opened fire in self-defence. But it seems as if some of these groups are using children," said Colonel Halgryn

Several rooms were set alight in Merafhe hostel.

Residents returning from work found a barricade on the main road near the Jabulani hostel

Late yesterday angry residents vowed to drive out the hostel-dwellers

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## R190 000 Weekend Argus Jackpot has been won!

Staff Reporter

SINCE January, just under a million people have tried it and finally someone has done it — won the grand prize in the Weekend Argus Charity Jackpot competition

Jackpot No 383, launched two weeks ago, carried a main prize of R190 000,

which will soon be safe in the lucky reader's bank account.

About 980 000 have entered the competition since the last grand prize of R275 000, won in January.

The latest winner will be announced in Weekend Argus tomorrow

# Police fuel unrest, claims DP

Political Correspondent

THE Democratic Party's Unrest Monitoring and Action Committee (UMAC) claims that 'brutal' police action in the Western Cape recently has led some youths to consider joining the ANC's military arm, Umkhonto we Sizwe.

UMAC now plans to present President F W de Klerk and the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, with a detailed report on recent clashes in Khayelitsha, Crossroads and the Boland towns of Ashton, Worcester and Bonnievale.

According to the DP's spokesman on black affairs in the Western Cape and UMAC member Mr Jan van Eck, there are elements within the SAP who actively fuel unrest. Through the use of 'indiscriminate violence' they seem intent on jeopardising the negotiation process between the government and the ANC.

Mr Vlok last night described Mr Van Eck's allegations as "malicious".

"Simply levelling allegations is meaningless — the DP's UMAC must prove what they are saying," he said.

"The SA Police are doing their utmost,

and at great personal risk, to keep opposing factions apart and to restore law and order.

"To level such unsubstantiated and one-sided allegations without first evaluating such claims is indeed malicious."

Mr Vlok said that since the beginning of the year, 42 policemen had been killed and 403 injured in trying to bring peace to strife-torn areas. About 1 223 armed attacks took place on policemen and the homes of 522 policemen were attacked. About 2 000 police vehicles were damaged or destroyed by rioters.



# F W de Klerk and Mandela meet

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — President F W de Klerk and ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela held an urgent, unscheduled meeting in Pretoria yesterday to discuss ways to end the East Rand violence which had so far claimed more than 150 lives.

And last night Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok and the regional divisional commander of police, Maj-Gen Johan Swart, met Mr Mandela and a delegation of Sowetans in the tense township.

It is understood the De Klerk-Mandela meeting, which lasted for almost two hours, was called by the ANC primarily to register their alarm at the violence and the police's handling of the situation.

Both sides apparently agreed that joint structures such as those operating in Kagiso township on the West Rand should be implemented in as many areas as soon as possible.

In Kagiso the ANC and Inkatha last week agreed to establish a joint committee to co-operate with the SAP on implementing a ceasefire.

Mr De Klerk's office confirmed in a brief statement that he, Justice Minister Mr Koebie Coetsee and Mr Vlok had met Mr Mandela and senior ANC members Mr Pallo Jordan and Mr Aziz Pahad and that steps to curb the violence were discussed.

A police source said yesterday that although the SAP had already nominated 96 senior officers to liaise with the ANC in

various parts of the country, the response from the other side had been disappointing and the nominated SAP officers were often unable to contact their ANC counterparts.

Further developments last night:

- More policemen are to be sent to Soweto.
- In Durban, Inkatha said the fighting between Thokoza hostel inmates and Phola Park squatters in the Transvaal was not between its followers and those of the ANC, but that it was ethnic-based.
- Azapo has initiated a multi-party meeting of extra-parliamentary organisations in a bid to end the continuing fighting.

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## 'SAP violence jeopardising talks', says DP

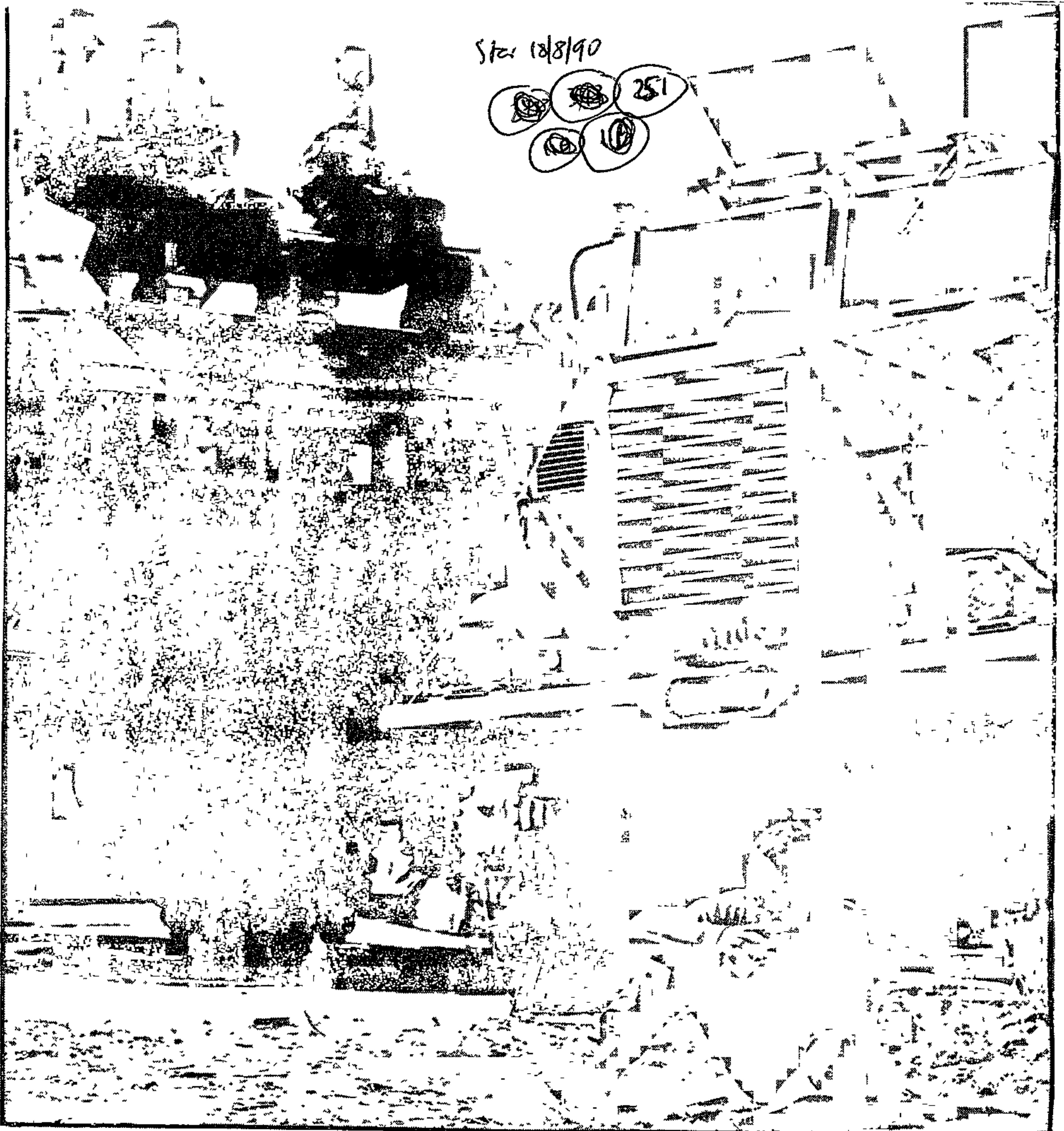
THERE were elements within the South African Police who seemingly intended to jeopardise the negotiation process between the government and the African National Congress, the Democratic Party said yesterday.

The DP said it emerged from investigations by the party's Unrest Monitoring Action Committee over the past months into political action at various flash-points in the Western Cape that these elements used brutal and indiscriminate violence against black communities.

Unless the government established control over these elements or preferably got rid of them, the ANC would experience great difficulties in convincing communities that were being brutalised daily that the armed struggle should cease, said the DP.

Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok's rejection of the allegations by ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela that the police were committing violence was a hollow one. — Sapa





**RAVENOUS REFUGEE:** Hundreds of squatters fled from the Phola Park squatter camp in Thokoza during bloody battles in East Rand townships this week. One hungry little refugee managed to fill his stomach partially with police leftovers outside the Thokoza police station. ● Picture KEN OOSTERBROEK.

## Township youths 'kill with impunity'

THE foundations for politicisation and militancy among South Africa's urban black youth have been laid by the realities they face during their growing years — poverty, unemployment, high-levels of violence, a breakdown of family structures and a discredited education system.

This was revealed during the screening of "The Lost Generation" on Thursday night, an investigation by SABC's "Network" programme of what South Africa's problems have done to the country's urban black youth

### Toddlers

Researched and compiled by SABC TV journalist Barbara Folsher, the programme revealed that the present violence and killing are accepted as a part of everyday township life — even by toddlers

Paul Zulu, of Natal University's Centre for Social and Development Studies, said shooting and killing have become norms in a society moulded by violence. "Today youths carry coffins on their shoulders," he said "They kill with impunity"

Folsher told viewers that research by the

### SUE OLSWANG

Inkatha Institute has shown the majority of township youths feel a strong degree of alienation, hopelessness and boredom. She added that the majority of urban black children feel worthless and uncared for

The usual daily activities of the "lost generation" of about 3 million urban black youth consist of doing nothing, playing soccer, organising political meetings, smoking dagga, fighting and visiting shebeens, she said

Absent from the list, however, was education. Folsher told viewers black pupils attend school only when they want to, and then do whatever they like when they do report to school

"Education is listed by youths as the most important reason for their anger and frustration," Folsher said

Manuel Ntuli, of the Congress of South African Students (Cosas) in Alexandra, said the present education system has "taught hostilities" between the races "Education should be in the hands of the people. There

should be one system for all"

Existing anger and frustration, fuelled by a discredited education system, have long provided the ideal circumstances for political organisations, Folsher said

Eugene Motati, of the Pan Africanist Student Organisation (Paso), said "The negotiation process is aimed at establishing a peace settlement but the youth want total revolution. These two don't go hand in glove"

Mbulelo Ketye, of the Azanian Youth Organisation (Azayo), said they believe the country belongs to blacks "Whites settled here through the barrel of the gun," he said

### Regain

"They killed blacks, took our land and now they run our country. We believe blacks cannot regain the country at the negotiation table. We can only regain our country at the battlefield"

In her conclusion, Folsher said black youth are impatient for change. They were confident that changes would come, but blindly believed their problems would end when that moment arrived

# Volley of shots - then silence

By MARTIN  
NTSOELENGOE

A NIGHT of terror in which two activists were killed during a shoot-out with security police was relived in the Rand Supreme Court this week.

The activists, Jackson Skhosana and another known only as Sonwabo, were killed after shots were fired at the police as they entered a home in Zondi, Soweto, to arrest them.

Lt Stephen Jacobs of the Soweto security branch was giving evidence in the trial of Charles Bongani Zwane, 22, who is facing 38 charges - 11 of murder, 22 of attempted

murder, four of possession of firearms and ammunition and one of arson. He has pleaded not guilty before Judge Vermooten and two assessors.

According to Jacobs, after Zwane was arrested he had pointed out the house in Zondi where the two men were staying. As police got out of their vehicles near the house, shots were fired at them.

He said the police fired back and used hand-grenades. When they opened the room they found the bodies of the two dead men.

The judge accepted a confession made by Zwane as evidence, and rejected claims that

he was tortured to make it.

Evidence before the court was that Zwane and two others went to a shebeen in Orlando East on December 26, 1988. They were armed with AK-47 rifles and hand-grenades. One of them knocked on the door and Zwane fired through a window. Five people died and six were injured.

Those who died were Bonginkosi Sithole, John Mbebe, Themba Mahindi, Zanele Zulu and Siphwe Sithole.

The six injured were Vusi Buthelezi, Fanny Khumalo, Samuel Raditlhalo, Duduzile Zulu, Phuthuzela Thotobolo and shebeen owner Joel Ma-

bule.

On January 20, 1989 in Meadowlands, Zwane allegedly shot dead Jabulani Mngoma, Maxango Tshabalala and Masango Nkumamba, and allegedly attempted to murder Mbulelo Kapu.

Two days later he and others attacked Dudu Chili's house in Orlando West. Her niece Tinkie Maria Msomi was killed and her other niece Ntombenhle Msomi and her daughter Barbara were seriously injured.

On April 1 they allegedly attempted to murder 13 people by hurling a hand-grenade into a house in Orlando West after Zwane had been involved in an argument with another man.

The case continues tomorrow.

Political comment and newsbills by K Sibya, headlines and sub-editing by K Naidoo, both of 2 Herb Street, New Doornfontein, Johannesburg.



# Cops are criminals looking for targets, says Winnie

By ELIAS MALULEKE

A DEFIANT Winnie Mandela made a dramatic appearance on Friday in violence-torn Zondi near the Jabulani Hostel, Soweto, causing a stir when she accused police of siding with Inkatha and killing people.

Mandela, wife of ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela, told the media and a large group of people who gathered around her, police were not out to keep peace between warring factions.

She said police were "criminals" running around Soweto looking for targets.

Mandela was reacting to allegations that police shot and killed a 16-year-old Zondi youth.

The body of Daniel Ntsibande was found in the backyard of a house in Zone One after police allegedly opened fire on a mob in the street overlooking the hostel.

Police confirmed a body was found, but said circumstances leading to his death would be investigated.

Mandela said "Police are Inkatha and the shooting of this boy

confirms what Nelson Mandela told Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok about police brutalities

"Inkatha is far away from here and there is no fighting. Inkatha is only a strategy. The police force is Inkatha and they are killing our people."

"The question by youths is why not suspend talks with the government and continue with the armed struggle?" she said.

Meanwhile, violence continued to rock Soweto on Friday as Inkatha members and residents took to the streets around the hostels.

Several people were killed, mostly in and around the hostels in Jabulani and Mapetla.

Inkatha members stood guard at the hostels while youths taunted them from a distance.

Sporadic gunshots were exchanged between the two factions throughout the day and in Central Western Jabavu, a youth with an AK-47 opened fire on Inkatha members on a hillside near the rail line. Minutes later, a powerful hand-grenade from the hillside shattered nearby windows.



**Winnie: Police are Inkatha and they are killing our people. ■ Pic: ANDRIES MCINEKA**

# The disastrous reality of the kitskonstabel

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For anybody with illusions that hostility between the South African Police and the people can be solved by "kitskonstabels", a new book about these special constables offers a salutary lesson.

A chapter in the new book "Policing and the Law" is entitled "Kitskonstabels: A case study in Black on Black Policing". The book is by Derrick Fine, a researcher in the Legal Education Action Project of the University of Cape Town's Institute of Criminology.

Fine sees the introduction to black townships of kitskonstabels between October 1986 and June 1987 as "a component of the State's strategy of black on black policing as a means of controlling political resistance in black townships".

The notion, he maintains, is "rooted in the old apartheid formula of 'divide and rule' whereby agents of repression and control are recruited from within the black community".

The introduction of kitskonstabels was, he contends, "one of the methods to re-establish control over black townships perceived by the State as un-governable".

Whatever the reasoning behind the creation of this force of instant police — drawn from the ranks of the unemployed or vigilantes and trained for six weeks — there can be little doubt that the reality has been a disaster.

In 1986 the SA Police started recruiting 'kitskonstabels', possibly as a temporary measure. But a new book suggests these men, who have been the centre of controversy for years, are here to stay. PAT SCHWARTZ reports.

From the first weeks of their deployment, serious abuses of power by kitskonstabels occurred in many areas. These ranged from fatal shootings, arbitrary assaults and sexual abuse to verbal abuse and harassment.

## Restraining

By February 1988, kitskonstabels were the subject of five Supreme Court interdicts restraining them from unlawful conduct.

Despite assurances about the effectiveness of the screening of recruits, the Minister of Law and Order conceded that, in the Maritzburg area, a number of special constables were dismissed when, towards the end of their training, it emerged that they had failed to mention that they were facing criminal charges.

In the light of the fact that these men are employed by the SAP — and, in terms of the Security Emergency Regulations, were also defined as security force members, giving them sweeping general powers of using force, arrest, detention, interrogation, entry, search and seizure — such admissions do

little to instil confidence.

As for political affiliations, while the Minister of Law and Order maintains that men are recruited without being asked what their political links are, his press secretary is on record as stating that although it was illegal for policemen to belong to "extremist organisations", such as the UDF or the AWB, they were not prohibited from being Inkatha members.

Kitskonstabels, writes Fine, appear to be unsupervised and township residents have had enormous problems trying to lay charges against them.

As a result, they "tend to perceive themselves as exempt from criminal charges and departmental disciplinary action".

Kitskonstabels, it is suggested, do not know, or at least do not respect, the legal limits placed on their powers to use force, arrest and to detain, enter, search and seize. Their apparent ignorance of provisions such as the stringent conditions on the use of firearms and other weapons to disperse gatherings, has had fatal consequences.

Inevitably, writes Fine, "the brutalisation and degree of

provocation suffered at the hands of kitskonstabels have given rise to many instances of counter-violence .. including shootings, stabbings, and petrol-bombing of homes and barracks.

The State, writes Fine, has admitted that mistakes have been made and has promised to tighten up recruitment methods and training and to root out undisciplined elements.

"There have also been shifts in the portrayal of the role of kitskonstabels. The tendency has been to highlight the contribution of kitskonstabels to the prevention of crime, seemingly in an attempt to depoliticise their role and present it as one of broader community service.

## Lawlessness

"These efforts appear to be no more than an attempt to address some of the symptoms of a wider pattern of lawlessness and ill-discipline within the police force."

"What was possibly intended as a temporary measure in crisis policing, has now irrevocably changed the nature of South African policing. Kitskonstabels appear to have become a permanent component of the SAP."

● "Policing and the Law" is published by Juta and Co for the Faculty of Law, University of Cape Town.



# 'Disarm all township people'

From JONATHAN REES in Soweto

**SOWETO** church leaders last night said it was not impossible for government to stop recent Witwatersrand township violence and called on police to disarm all people involved in the conflict which has left at least 291 people dead.

Following a meeting with Soweto church people, the General Secretary of the SA Council of Churches, the Rev Frank Chikane, said an urgent meeting would be requested with Law and Order Minister, Mr Adriaan Vlok, and possibly with the State President, Mr De Klerk.

He called on communists to lay down their arms and stop displaying symbols identifying themselves with a particular group.

The SA Police should ensure symbols were not publicly displayed.

### Simplistic view

Mr Chikane said the violence was political, and not tribal war, and the tribal impression was being created to confuse the issue.

"It is clear people are using the tribal ticket for their own political ends.

"It is of vital importance to articulate this is not a Zulu-Xhosa war — people dying are not necessarily Zulu or Xhosa."

The theory the fighting was between ANC and Inkatha was a simplistic view of a complex issue.

Mr Chikane said the church would recommend that single sex hostels be converted to family units.

Describing hostels as a "crude apartheid system", Mr Chikane said hostels created an inhuman climate with political and socio-economic problems.

The church would also ensure a mechanism was established to take care of misplaced families and those who had lost family members in the fighting.

Mr Chikane said the security forces had to intervene when two groups were coming together, to fight, adding



that churches could facilitate discussion, but if fighting was not stopped by the security forces, "we face serious problems."

He said if Mr De Klerk took responsibility for security forces acting as peacekeepers and stopping the war, there was a better chance of ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela and Inkatha leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelez meeting to discuss the violence.

"It is clear the Mandela-Buthelez meeting won't happen if government does not act on the security forces."

The violence was caused by the hostel system, the use of symbols by opposing groups and political intolerance, he said.

Political intolerance was part of South African history, he said, where people were not allowed to express themselves, and if they did they were the enemy.

He said it was impossible for church leaders to address the issue if the security forces did not stop rival armies fighting each other.

"In which country in the world would you have hundreds of armed people advancing with police following them and not disarming them?" Mr Chikane asked.

When conflict had directly involved the government, everyone else was disarmed, he said.

"Why can't government disarm both sides — if that happens a peace forum might be successful."

People who had control of their supporters should use all their powers to ensure their people did not involve themselves in further conflict.

One church leader said he met an arrogant response from a police officer when a delegation suggested Nancefield hostels be sealed, with



An unidentified Zulu man was hacked and set ablaze by 20 black Xhosa youths in Soweto yesterday. The man's crime was ostensibly having a pistol, but the youths believed he was one of the migrant Zulu workers who have fought brutal battles with the residents in the past week.

people using only one exit where they could be searched and disarmed.

Police often described weapons as "traditional", he said.

"If these are traditional weapons, then God forbid!"

The Regional Commissioner of Police in Soweto, Gen Johan Swart, has appealed to all Soweto residents to return to work on Monday.

In a statement released by the Soweto police liaison officer, Lt G Marimuthoo, on Sunday evening, Gen Swart said he was satisfied with the additional police and SADF reinforcements in the area.

He said people returning to work on Monday would be well protected.

He had toured most of the areas in Soweto and visited most of his men, he said.

Their morale was "extremely high".

He expressed his appreciation for the "Effort and tolerance his men were showing".

He said he had held numerous meetings with the ANC, Inkatha and other representatives of involved groups.

## Pitched battles shown in Britain

Argus Foreign Service in London

**VIOLENCE** in South Africa's townships has been given media coverage here second only to the Middle East crisis. Throughout the weekend, television news reports carried developments in South Africa as the second item on their bulletin.

Most time was given to the decision by President De Klerk to move troops into the townships in an effort to bring Inkatha-ANC clashes under control.

Unlike previous moves to use the Army, this was reported here as an effort to ensure that progress towards peace remains on course.

In several televised reports, viewers saw pitched

the area has risen to 78, and about 433 people have been injured in the violence — Sapa

battle between the two sides, and, in one incident, a man hurling a stone into an ambulance even as his gravely injured opponent was being taken away.

But Mr Walter Sisulu's refusal to agree to talks with Chief Mangosuthu Buthelez in the present climate of "violence" was also given wide play.

South Africa was also high on independent radio broadcasts throughout most of the weekend.

Sunday's newspapers, too, prominently featured the violence. Some, like the Sunday Telegraph, gave it front-page treatment, while others gave it substantial space inside.

All saw it as a grave threat to South Africa's hard won commitment to peace.

## Armed struggle 'may end' — Winnie

THE ANC may be forced to "look into" the suspension of the armed struggle, Mrs Winnie Mandela said yesterday in Soweto.

Speaking at the launch of the Orlando West branch of the ANC, Mrs Mandela said this could come about if the carriage in the township did not end and if the hostel system were not abolished.

Mrs Mandela also accused police of killing township residents and then asking Inkatha members to stab the dead bodies to make the killings look politically motivated and part of the overall pattern of townships violence.

Reacting to her claim, Soweto police liaison officer

## 28 bodies found

From ANDREW LEFOKA in Johannesburg

A man was stabbed and killed with a spear in Tembisa near Kempton Park yesterday afternoon as the hostel fighting that has lashed the Reef for the past several days threatened to shift to this East Rand township.

East Rand police liaison officer Lt I van Zweel said the man was killed in the "Zulus and Xhosa" type of fighting.

She said 28 bodies were found since Saturday in Tokoza, and six bodies were found in Kwa-Thema, on the East Rand, since Saturday night. A man was injured in the fighting in Kwa-Thema.

Three people were killed and three others injured on Saturday in Davyton, on the East Rand, Lt van Zweel said.

A body of a man was also found in Vosloorus on the East Rand on Saturday.

Meanwhile, police massed at the Seibotga hostel in Tembisa as the simmering tension threatened to erupt into fighting between hostel-dwellers on Sunday afternoon.

"You know the situation — you are not allowed to be

here," a policeman told the journalist.

Groups of hostel-dwellers — dressed in blankets and heavily armed with crude weapons — roamed the hotel premises, while police in Casper combat vehicles took positions nearby.

A man was later attacked and killed by men armed with spears at the hostel, they said.

Tembisa Residents' Association secretary Timothy Mabena said the association was monitoring the situation, which he described as tense.

Meanwhile, a member of the National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa, Mr Gordon Ngweshi, alleged police arrived at the embattled Phola Park squatter settlement at Tokoza near Alberton late on Sunday afternoon and burnt down shacks.

Lt van Zweel denied that police set fire to the shacks.

Mr Ngweshi said "They (police) do not talk to anybody they do not wait just came in and burnt the shacks." He said squatters, panicked and ran around the settlement while police burnt the shacks — Sapa



# Soweto women to appeal to Vlok for police protection

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Staff Reporter

Soweto women were trying to organise a delegation to meet Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok to petition for police protection after five days of bloody clashes which took place between hostel dwellers and residents.

"We are under siege. Inkatha people are attacking residents in their homes," said a Diepkloof woman who did not wish to be identified.

The woman said she had contacted the women's organisa-

tions of the Anglican and Methodist churches in order to mobilise support for a meeting with Mr Vlok

"The women of Soweto want to invite Mr Vlok to a meeting to give him our side of the story. I feel in a normal community people should not be allowed to carry weapons

"Here in Soweto the police have been disarming our youths but they are not disarming Inkatha, despite the killings. We hope when Mr Vlok reads the

newspaper he will agree to meet with us."

A Klipspruit Zone 1 resident echoed these sentiments

"We don't know who the police are standing for. They're teargassing the residents but on Friday afternoon they stood by while a large group of armed Zulus from the Nancefield Hostel gathered on a bridge to attack the residents

"We don't know what is going to happen — we are shivering. That is why we wish to set up a meeting with Mr Vlok"



# Disarm Soweto?

Church leaders tell police it's only way to stop violence

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**SOWETO.** — Church leaders last night said police had the power to stop the violence on the Reef. Disarm all those involved.

The peace call came as the death toll rose to 281 in the Witwatersrand. In Soweto alone 78 people have been killed in the past few days' fighting.

The call was made by the SA Council of Churches. The SACC's general secretary, the Rev Frank Chikane, said no peace forum would be able to resolve the violence in Reef townships unless the security forces clamped down on the perpetrators.

He said "people carrying dangerous weapons should be disarmed. The government has sophisticated security networks to do this. Until the government stops this violence it will be difficult for the church to facilitate a peace settlement."

He added that he would seek an urgent meeting with the government on resolving the violence.

"The church leaders will also meet all the political leaders for we believe that this violence is not just Inkatha against the ANC, or Zulus against Xhosas. This violence claims people's lives even if they are neither Inkatha, ANC, Xhosa nor Zulu."

The theory that the fighting was between ANC and Inkatha was a simplistic view of a complex issue, he said.

The violence was caused by the hostel system, the use of symbols by opposing groups and political intolerance.

Mr Chikane said the security forces had to intervene when two groups were coming together to fight adding that churches could facilitate discussion if fighting was not stopped by the security forces, "we face serious problems."

"In which country in the world would you have hundreds of armed people advancing

## SOWETO

**JOHANNESBURG** — Two people died and two were injured in a violent confrontation between two competing taxis at the Baragwanath taxi rank in Soweto last night.

Police reported that a handgrenade and an AK47 were used in the attack, which apparently came after a "foreign taxi" had used an "unauthorised route".

A Soweto police spokesman said the attack was not related to "current unrest" in the area. — Sapa

with police following them and not disarming them?" Mr Chikane asked.

He said that if President F W de Klerk took responsibility for security forces acting as peacekeepers and stopping the war, there was a better chance of ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela and Inkatha leader

Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi meeting.

"It is clear the Mandela Buthelezi meeting won't happen if the government does not act on the security forces."

The church would take care of the people who had been displaced by the violence, Mr Chikane said.

He also called for the conversion of single-sex hostels into family units, saying such hostels had created political, social and economic problems.

The situation at the Thokoza, Tembisa, Vosloorus, Kwatthema and Daveyton townships on the East Rand was quiet last night, East Rand police said.

The Regional Commissioner of Police in Soweto, General Johan Swart, appealed to all Soweto residents to return to work today, saying they would be well protected.

In Harare the Black Consciousness Movement of Azania deplored the current clashes between hostel dwellers and township residents, describing them "as a shame on all black people."

Spokesman Mr Mosibudi Mangena said it was only the black community and not the government that could end the violence.

Allegations by the internal leader of the ANC, Mr Walter Sisulu, that Inkatha was orchestrating violence in South Africa, were heatedly denied by Chief Buthelezi last night.

This "war talk" by Mr Sisulu was irresponsible, he said.

DP national chairman Mr Tiaan van der Merwe said last night that it was "clear the government can no longer restore order on its own, and certainly not through security action alone."

"It will require political action in addition to security action to have any degree of success."

The DP had an important role to play in this action to restore stability, he said. — Sapa and Political Staff

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## Newspaper gears up for libel case

By Carina le Grange

Vrye Weekblad yesterday secured the services of senior lawyers to represent it in the case in which the chief of forensic laboratories of the South African Police is suing the newspaper for R1 million for defamation.

General Lothar Neethling's claim arose from the exposé in the weekly newspaper in November last year of alleged police hit squads and poisoning of political opponents.

Vrye Weekblad editor Max du Preez said yesterday Bobby Levine, SC, and Frans Rautenbach, instructed by Bell, Dewar and Hall, will represent his newspaper.

In the process of gathering funds to secure legal counsel, Mr du Preez last week sent a letter to Home Affairs Minister Gene Louw asking him to pay back the deposit of R30 000 the newspaper had to pay on registration.

The case will be heard in the Rand Supreme Court on November 12.



# Statements were extorted, claims ANC

By Norman Chandler,  
Pretoria Bureau

The African National Congress yesterday rejected statements made to the Harms Commission on its alleged role in terrorist activities and said they had not been freely obtained

In another development, a top Military Intelligence officer told Mr Justice Louis Harms he was not fully conversant with the facts in his affidavit but believed the ANC had been responsible for violence.

ANC legal representative George Bizos, QC, told Mr Justice Harms that General Herman Stadler, the SAP's top expert on the organisation, had provided "inadmissible" evidence on atrocities alleged to have been carried out by the ANC.

His comment came after General Stadler had handed in a 79-page affidavit, annexures totalling a further 170 pages, and 20 volumes of supporting documents allegedly detailing ANC involvement in terror. It was the largest amount of testimony given to the commission.

## Interrogation

At the close of General Stadler's testimony, Mr Bizos said his instructions were that the ANC had decided "not to join issue with the witness, particularly because of his sources of information"

He urged Mr Justice Harms to consider the admissibility of General Stadler's evidence, as "common experience tells us that evidence obtained under interrogation in terms of section 61 of the old Terrorism Act and section 29 of the Internal Security Act is not the sort of evidence which is admissible. Some statements are not freely made"

In his evidence, General Stadler drew attention to what he said were acts of terrorism carried out by the ANC. He also sketched the background to the organisation's decision to embark upon a "people's war" and said this had started after an ANC delegation visited Vietnam to study "mass mobilisation" procedures.

In an affidavit, Penuell Mpapa Maduma, a member of the ANC secretariat and one of its two legal advisers in South Africa, told Mr Justice Harms the ANC "never denied that people lost their lives in the armed struggle. The SAP and the SA Defence Force have re-



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Commission

peatedly denied the correctness of the evidence that their hit squads killed people

"I submit that the commission was appointed to inquire into the truth or otherwise of their denials, and not into the ANC's armed struggle"

Mr Maduma was commenting on the terms of reference for the Harms Commission, which was established by President de Klerk earlier this year to investigate "certain alleged murders", particularly in relation to the activities of alleged hit squads and the Civil Co-operation Bureau — a now-disbanded unit of the SADF

Mr Maduma said that what General Stadler referred to in his affidavit had "come to his knowledge as a result of reading many publications, some of which have been referred to as ANC documents"

In a further affidavit, Brigadier Philip Smit, director, research, Military Intelligence, told the commission he was not personally conversant with the facts contained in his affidavit and that the facts he was providing were merely a summing-up of information which had come to his attention and which had been evaluated by himself and people under his control

Brigadier Smit referred to the Church Street bomb, which exploded in Pretoria on May 20 1983 killing 18 people, and said that "self-confessed ANC terrorist Helena Passtoors had confessed she had brought the explosives into South Africa"

Brigadier Smit said the ANC had activated murder squads in border areas "and farmers and members of the SADF as a result were killed"

He added that Heinrich Grosskopf, a member of the ANC living in Lusaka, was thought by the police to have been responsible for a bomb explosion in Quartz Street, Johannesburg, in July 1987 in which R1,2 million damage was caused.

The commission is to resume its hearings tomorrow when testimony will be taken on the mystery killings of Dr and Mrs Fabian Ribiero on December 1 1986.

# Hit squads case to hear evidence

THE Rand Supreme Court yesterday granted an application by *Vrye Weekblad* and the *Weekly Mail* for a commissioner to be appointed to hear evidence from rebel former policeman Dirk Coetzee in London

This concerns allegations about the role of SAP forensic expert Lt-Gen Lothar Neethling in alleged hit squad activities

Neethling is currently suing both newspapers for R500 000 each following the publication of Coetzee's allegations that the forensic expert provided poison to kill the dogs of Durban attorney Mr Griffiths Mxenge shortly before he was assassinated

Evidence has been tentatively scheduled to be heard on October 8.

Mr Justice F Roos presided - Sapa

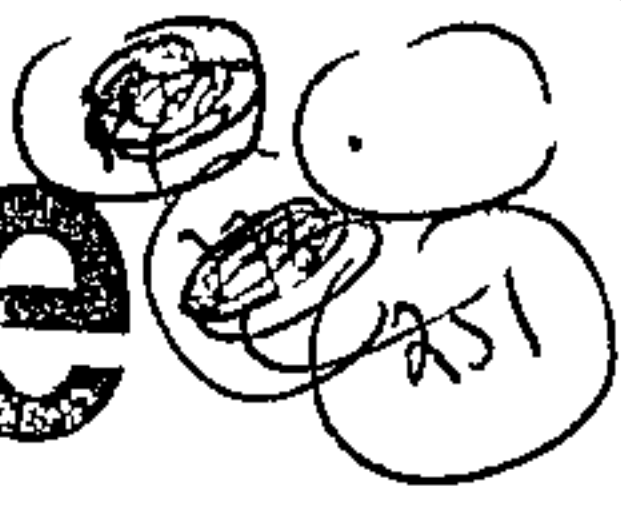
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# Vlok denies cops involved in carnage

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LAW and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok has emphatically denied allegations that the police were involved in the continuous carnage in the townships or that they were siding with any of the warring groups.

He issued a strongly worded statement in Pretoria yesterday in response to allegations of police involvement by Transkei leader Bantu Holomisa after the Pretoria talks.

Major-general Holomisa released a state-

ment to this effect after the meeting between top South African Government ministers, himself and KwaZulu leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi without consulting the other parties before doing so.

### Serious

Vlok said he had no choice but to react to the allegations. Holomisa's allegations were "second-hand" and contained no concrete evidence.

"The time has now arrived to insist that such serious allegations are

backed by evidence. Unless this is done, one must accept that they are lies and that the sole aim in making such statements is to alienate the police.

"Such allegations are irresponsible and will definitely not facilitate discussions which the police are at present conducting with all the warring groups."

He also dismissed as unfounded repeated allegations that the police disarmed and teargassed "certain sectors of the community in order to facilitate Inkatha attacks", on them.

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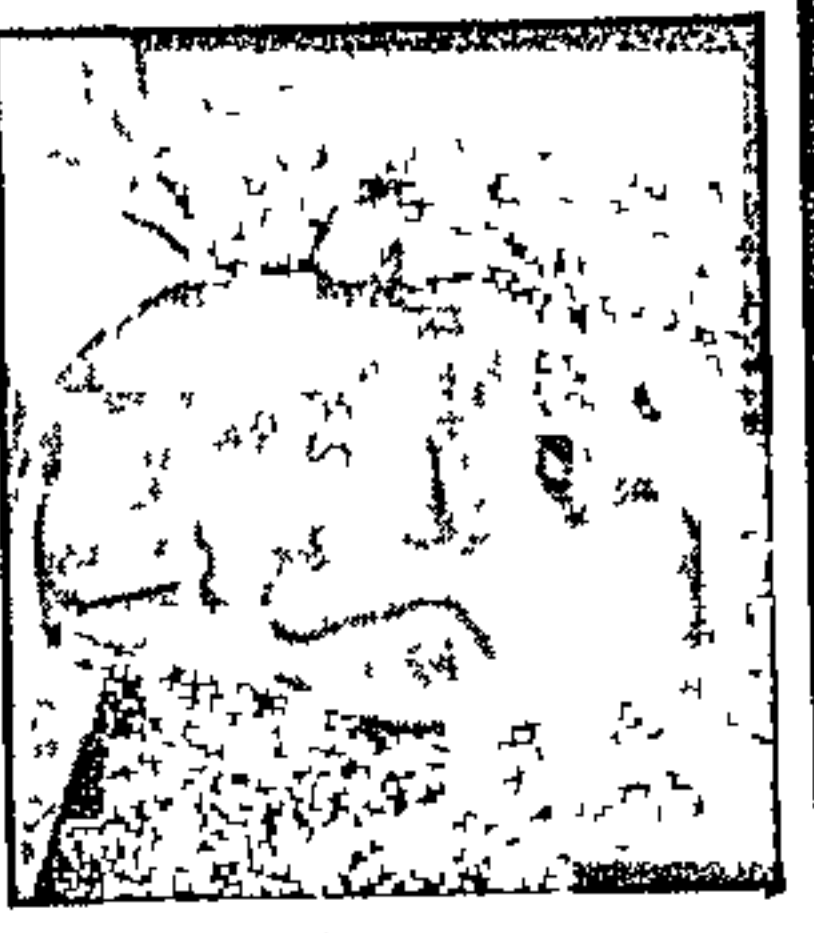
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Noel James Robey . . . with CCB  
at time of killings.

By Norman Chandler,  
Pretoria Bureau

One of South Africa's top intelligence chiefs yesterday told the Harms Commission that a man who was at the scene of a mystery killing in Pretoria four years ago was a member of the SA Defence Force's covert Civil Co-operation Bureau.

Those killed were Dr and Mrs Fabian Ribeiro, of Mamelodi. General A J M (Joep) Joubert, then chairman of the CCB and now Deputy Chief of Staff, Intelligence, SADF, admitted to the commission that Noel James Robey was with

## CCB man at Ribeiro killings, Harms probe told

the CCB at the time

He also disclosed that legal fees totalling R32 700 had been paid for by the SADF at a provisional hearing to inquire into whether there was sufficient evidence to charge Mr Robey

General Joubert, who came under intense questioning from Mr Justice Louis Harms and Free State Attorney-General Tim McNally — who is assisting the commission — said Dr

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and Mrs Ribeiro, who were shot dead on December 1 1986, had been monitored by the CCB

He described them as "leftist radicals" who qualified as such for attention from the intelligence community

The monitoring claim was however later disputed by his managing director, Joe Versier, who told the commission in a written affidavit. "I did not during 1986 order a

single member of the CCB to monitor the Ribeiros"

General Joubert claimed yesterday he had not known about R32 700 paid for legal fees.

"It could have happened but I cannot recall the details I cannot recall the precise procedures"

Mr McNally said that according to article 31 (1) (p) of Treasury regulations, *ex gratia* payments over

R25 000 had to be authorised by the Treasury. The money had been drawn by a CCB operative code-named Frank Parsons, who in turn had handed it to General Joubert.

In earlier testimony it was said that the registration of a motor vehicle seen speeding away from the scene had been found to be that of a vehicle owned by Mr Robey. He was arrested on those grounds

# Probe recalls Ribeiro slayings



## HARMS PROBE INTO HIT SQUADS

FORMER Selous Scout Noel Robey, tried and acquitted in connection with the death in December 1986 of Dr. Fabian and Mrs. Florence Ribeiro in Mamelodi, was a member of the Civil Co-operation Bureau and operated under the administrative name of L. Kirby.

The Harms Commission investigating politically motivated violence was told in Pretoria yesterday by the commission's investigating officer, Lieutenant Colonel John Wright, that in February and March this year

he found documents at CCB headquarters which linked a motor vehicle to Robey. He also found various other documents authorising payment to Kirby.

Wright said at an identification parade to try and find Dr. and Mrs. Ribeiro's killers, two people with beards had been pointed out while Robey had appeared at the parade clean-shaven.

Wright then intro-

duced a photograph of Robey on a firearm licence application form in which he appeared with a full beard.

He said bank records had shown a number of payments into his account of between R6 000 and R13 500, and a letter saying a Mr and Mrs Robey would be in Europe for the next six months. (251)

Wright said he had established that Robey was living in London.

The commission was also told that CCB documents for the period around December 1986, when Dr. and Mrs. Ribeiro were shot dead in their Mamelodi home, had been destroyed.

Mr. Brian Currin of Lawyers for Human Rights started yesterday's session, which is specifically looking at the Ribeiro murders, and told the commission Ribeiro had been the subject of surveillance by the Security Police in 1985 and 1986. - Sapa.





Police use a water cannon to disperse youths while on their way to put out a blaze at a municipal yard in Kagiso on the West Rand. Seven bakkies were burnt out after youths threw petrol bombs at the yard yesterday. **Picture by Ken Oosterbroek.**

# Police deny helping Inkatha

By Stan Hlophe

Allegations of police violence in Soweto were made yesterday by an official of the National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa.

Booyens Mashego, Numsa's organiser and South African Youth Congress (Sayco) Soweto branch co-ordinator, visited The Star yesterday with spent cartridges and rubber bullets to substantiate his claims.

Mr Mashego said police had, on Monday night in Tladi squat-

ter camp, shot dead three men who were warding off Inkatha supporters from Merafe hostel after they had earlier burnt down several houses in the Mapetla and Naledi area.

He claimed that when residents counter-attacked they were prevented from doing so by the police, who dispersed them with teargas and rubber bullets and allowed Inkatha to attack them.

Asked whether a complaint had been lodged with the po-

lice, Mr Mashego said the community had decided against reporting to the police as it had lost confidence in them. Instead, he said the union and Sayco would brief their lawyers.

Captain Joseph Ngobeni, Soweto police liaison officer, denied the police were taking sides.

He advised Mr Mashego or any victim to come forward with evidence to lay a charge at any police station.

# Three policemen saved man from death by impi

From MONTSHIWA MOROKE  
The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG.— The life of a man from Kagiso I, Krugersdorp, hung precariously between about 100 men chanting a battle cry and three young policemen.

After what he went through, Mr Andries Lebeko, 57, will no doubt slaughter a beast to thank his ancestors when he is discharged from hospital. Mr Lebeko's wife, Louisa, cried with relief as a Red Cross ambulance arrived and

her husband was given first aid and taken away to safety.

Mrs Lebeko said her husband was on his way to the home of a relative when he was attacked for the first time, possibly by one man or more.

I was among a group of porters who arrived on the scene. We noticed a man lying under a wheelbarrow, near the fence of a yard, and took no more notice of him as a large Inkatha impi came up the road.

Minutes later the chanting group, moving in rhythmic fashion, drew nearer and stood face-to-face with three policemen with shotguns and handguns on their hips. The men were all wearing red headbands and singing what was undoubtedly a war cry.

They were carrying sticks, steel pipes, homemade axes, spears, assegais and possibly firearms. They looked menacing.

One of the policemen came over to us and said: "Can you

please move because these men want to attack that man lying there."

He was referring to the man in overalls who was lying forlornly on the grass next to his wheelbarrow, which contained pieces of wood. He fearfully lifted his head from time to time. He was waiting to die.

I helplessly looked at the man and felt a chill run through my body.

The men drew so close that I thought they were going to

overrun the three policemen and bludgeon the man to death. The policemen gestured to them to get back and they did.

Mr Lebeko already had a head wound and had been stabbed in the chest and back.

The men had come to finish him off. Had it not been for the policemen he would have been as good as dead.

Last night a Leratong Hospital spokesman said the man had been admitted and was not on the danger list.



# Mob attacks police station

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The Argus Correspondent and Sapa  
JOHANNESBURG. — Kagiso police station on the West Rand near Krugersdorp was attacked by a large crowd today.

Police spokesman Lieutenant G H Bester said gunshots were heard near the police station and the security forces had "acted" but she refused to give details.

Lieutenant Bester admitted she did not know if the attack was still under way

At least 510 people have died in 10 days of vicious township fighting on the Witwatersrand.

Renewed fighting in Kagiso and Chamdor on the West Rand left at least 27 dead by last night.

## Spate of bloodletting

And in the worst spate of bloodletting yesterday, 42 bodies were found in Vosloorus, bringing the total death toll on the East Rand to 361, said police liaison officer Lieutenant Ida van Zweek.

Soweto police confirmed that 122 people had died by last night.

Kagiso was in flames yesterday. Houses, police vehicles and tyres in the road were burning

Hundreds of residents had fled their homes by 7pm, fearing further attacks by Inkatha supporters living in a hostel.

Houses were vacated and there were no lights in the section of the township near the hostel. Four houses were alight.

The handful of residents still in the area said Inkatha warriors were responsible.

Colonel J Jonker negotiated with leaders of Inkatha who agreed to go back inside the hostel, although many complained bitterly, begging police to give them an hour "to show the ANC we are strong"

Colonel Jonker appealed to Inkatha to down their sharp weapons and carry only traditional fighting sticks and knobkerries.

ANC supporters ran riot through the township yesterday, burning down council property and houses where Inkatha people stayed

## "I have to fight"

Youths petrol-bombed the Kagiso Technical Department, gutting the buildings and burning out two new ambulances, six bakkies, five large trucks, a garbage truck and a grader. Damage was estimated at R2 million

An Inkatha supporter said the violence was not helping negotiations between the ANC and the government, since "it's clear that blacks can't even live together in love and peace I have to fight — to survive and to protect the Zulu nation".

Anti-police feeling ran high among ANC supporters and youngsters formed a human barricade outside the police station and recited revolutionary poetry to protest against the "police declaring war on us".

At Vosloorus 37 bodies were discovered yesterday morning after bloody clashes. A further five bodies were found last night. Fifty-six people have died in the troubled East Rand township since the outbreak of fighting there

Roads were criss-crossed with burning barricades, hostel entrances were boarded up and police patrols were repeatedly attacked with petrol bombs and automatic rifle fire.

Picture DOUG PITHEY, The Argus

**FAITH:** Mr John Afrika of Kraaifontein, who will climb Kalk Bay mountain tomorrow to pray for an end to unrest



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**Police ANC  
link up on  
Natal unrest**

**Own Correspondent**

DURBAN — The media spokesman for the Minister of Law and Order, Brigadier Leon Mellet, has confirmed that communications links have been established between the SAP and the African National Congress in Durban and northern Natal to monitor political violence and intimidation in Natal areas.

He said the police had given the ANC the names of more than 60 senior police officers and they had in turn supplied the police force with 29 names.

# Woman shot dead while sitting on sofa

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Among the tragedies that occurred in Kagiso township yesterday was the shooting of a woman and a youth.

Mrs Iris Nzimani was shot dead while sitting on a sofa in her house when police fired birdshot at a group of youths in the street.

News photographer Alf Kumalo said he saw a policeman firing at a fleeing youth, after which he shouted: "Ek het hom gekry" ("I've got him").

"The policeman started kicking the wounded boy and chased away a woman who tried to give him water," Mr Kumalo said.

## NAMETAG NOTED

While waiting for an ambulance — it took an hour to arrive — another policeman gave the youth, Alfred Xegwana, first aid.

The policeman's nametag and the registration number of his vehicle were noted.

A Pretoria police spokesman said: "It appears to be the norm these days for people to make affidavits to lawyers, journalists etcetera, but not to the police who finally investigate the allegations.

"It is absolutely essential that such affidavits are made to the police as soon as possible after the alleged incident in order that a speedy and thorough investigation be launched.

"After all, one of the duties imposed upon the SAP by law is to investigate any offence or alleged offence under Section 5 (C) of the Police Act.

## VITAL WITNESS

"The complainant is advised to furnish his information in affidavit form to his nearest police station immediately as he appears to be a vital witness in this case.

"The SAP will not condone any unlawful actions by its members and we wish to thoroughly investigate these allegations."

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# Askaris are still in use ... maybe as hooded captors

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By JO-ANNE COLLINGE

THE South African Police continue to deploy Askaris — “turned” former members of the African National Congress — in many areas of their work, Ministry of Law and Order spokesman Brigadier Leon Mellet confirmed yesterday.

“They are specialised people doing specialised services in the police force and they will continue to do so,” he said.

Mellet added “They are fully-fledged members of the South African Police, receiving the same benefits as all other policemen.”

The Askaris were one of two groupings within the state’s armed forces linked in evidence before the Harms Commission to death squad activities directed against opponents of apartheid.

The commission has yet to make a finding on the validity of this link, which rests primarily on the evidence of self-confessed Askaris Almond Nofomela and Spyker Tskikalange, and their commander, former security police captain Dirk Coetzee

The ANC believes that Askaris were involved in events preceding last Saturday’s arrest of Ralph Petersen, a member of staff at the ANC’s Johannesburg head office. Petersen was shot before or during the arrest and is now detained incommunicado in a Johannesburg hospital ward

A trained cadre of Umkhonto weSiz-

we, Petersen was part of the first ANC group sent into the country to help prepare for the Groote Schuur talks and set up the ANC office, ANC representative Gill Marcus said.

The ANC said that Petersen was detained as he emerged from a Hillbrow disco. “As he was getting into his car he was surrounded by police, including a number of men who wore hoods, thought to be Askaris. As Ralph was told to put his arms in the air, shots were fired by the police, hitting Ralph twice and also hitting a friend, Louis, who drove up to find out what was happening,” an ANC statement read.

The ANC said that the two men were left lying in the road and were taken to hospital by members of the public. Petersen was later detained under section 29 of the Internal Security Act. It appeared that Louis (whose full name is not known) had also been detained.

According to the police division of public relations, two men were arrested as a result of information that they “had entered the country illegally and were illegally in possession of arms”.

The first man had been arrested after being identified “as a suspected trained terrorist” and had revealed during questioning that he was waiting for four associates. When these men arrived in a car “they were confronted and a struggle ensued during which shots were fired and a policeman was injured.”



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**Police won't give  
up duty - Vlok**

Attempts were being made to alienate the police from the public by placing unproved allegations at the door of the SAP, according to Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok

Speaking in Roodepoort yesterday, he said the police would not give up their duty to maintain law and order. —  
West Rand Bureau.

# Vlok to crack down on the way of violence

BY CHARLES LEONARD.

POTCHEFSTROOM

MINISTER of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok will today announce measures — including strict controls on weapons — to curtail the spate of violence, State President FW de Klerk said at the University of Potchefstroom yesterday.

Addressing an audience of 3 000, De Klerk said his government was "more than ever in a peaceful way on the road to negotiations".

"Legitimacy of the government is not questioned anymore," he said.

"Now 'the illegitimate white racist regime' is the forefront."

De Klerk was enthusiastically received at his *alma mater*. "It is good to address such a friendly audience — otherwise than at Vryheid," he said referring to his meeting which was disrupted at the northern Natal town last Thursday.

He listed what he regarded as essential for a new South Africa:

- A one-party state should be prevented
- A Bill of Rights should be established as a guide to maintain civil norms.
- Elections should be held on a regular basis
- Communism should not be allowed to be "enforced on the nation".
- "Diversity of culture" should be allowed without enforcing it through laws.
- Autogenous education — for those who want it — should be allowed within one education department for all races
- A professional defence force and police force should be established so that "no government could abuse them for political purposes"
- There should be an independent judiciary.

# Harms report soon

## Findings of 'most difficult task' awaited

THE long-awaited Harms Commission report on unsolved and alleged politically motivated murders is expected to reach President de Klerk before the end of next month.

According to legal sources, there is "great anticipation" about decisions which Mr Justice Louis Harms, the Transvaal Supreme Court judge appointed earlier this year to probe the existence of hit squads said to be operated by the police and defence force, may reach

The sources said Mr Justice Harms had had to deal with "probably the most difficult commission imaginable, particularly as there were people who were obviously prepared to obstruct the commission"

There is anticipation that the judge may make certain recommendations to the State President and that some of the evidence heard could be referred to Attorneys-General and the Auditor-General for further action.

### 'Toothless'

This could nullify early allegations that the commission was "toothless" — an accusation levelled because its terms of reference prevented it from taking evidence about events outside the country's borders

The possible extent to which two Cabinet Ministers and a number of high-ranking military generals and police officers may have been implicated, dominated commission hearings since the opening session on March 5

Some members of the CCB and the police refused to testify unless their identities were protected — and the result was that the commission was at times turned into a comedy when some appeared in the commission room dressed in outlandish disguises, including false wigs and moustaches. Most used code names

General Magnus Malan, the Minister of Defence, and Law and Order minister Adriaan Vlok appointed lawyers to act on their behalfs after evidence was led that they both allegedly knew about hit squads

At one stage, General Malan said he was prepared to appear before the commission but Mr Justice Harms found that that would not be necessary

A number of generals said under questioning that "higher authority" would have been needed for certain tasks allocated to the CCB, which operated on a budget estimated to have been about R28 million. The implication was that General Malan would have been that "higher authority".

But it was not only the Ministers who appointed legal representatives

The commission became known as one of the most intensive operations yet mounted by the legal profession in South Africa — and at enormous cost.



MR DE KLERK: next moves his.



MR JUSTICE HARMS: often impatient.

NORMAN CHANDLER  
Pretoria Bureau

bullets from an AK-47, a matter of weeks after appearing on the stand

The Vlakplaas allegations came about when Butana Almond Nofemela, a convicted killer, claimed in an affidavit given to Lawyers for Human Rights hours before he was to be hanged last October 20 that he had been a member of an SAP unit which had killed Durban attorney Griffiths Mxenge in 1981

Nofemela spent five days giving testimony and undergoing cross-examination, and gave the names of various police officers who had, he claimed, been involved in the activities of the squad

The police strenuously denied the existence of the squad, calling Nofemela a "liar"

But Nofemela — a former sergeant — was backed up in his allegations by two other policemen, former captain Dirk Coetzee and former sergeant David "Spyker" Tshukulunga, both of whom fled the country

As a result, the commission — whose terms of reference specifically excluded it from taking or hearing evidence about foreign activities, if any — created a legal precedent when it took evidence from the two runaways at South African House in London

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presented various parties over 55 days of hearings. It was reported that legal teams were being paid in excess of R50 000 a month during the life of the commission.

Parties represented included the SA Defence Force and Minister of Defence, the Police and Minister of Law and Order, present and retired policemen, the CCB, individual members of the CCB, Lawyers for Human Rights, the Webster Trust and Family, the Lubowski Family (since withdrawn), the Lubowski Estate (withdrawn), ANC, SA Council of Churches, Independent Board of Inquiry into Informal Repression, and Butana Almond Nofemela.

A feature has been that commission hearings — which attracted widespread media coverage — were divided into five distinct parts.

- Allegations about Vlakplaas police training farm near Pretoria being the headquarters of an SAP hit squad.
- The SA Defence Force's Civil Co-operation Bureau (CCB).

### **ANC links**

● The debate over whether or not the killing of Swapo executive member Anton Lubowski could form part of the commission.

● African National Congress involvement in alleged murders.

● The unsolved murders of Dr and Mrs Fabian Ribeiro, of Mamelodi.

Each section has had its share of drama and tension.

These have included black policeman Brian Ngqulunga, who was killed after he had testified to being a former ANC member who had been "turned" by the SAP and who worked at Vlakplaas. His body was found riddled with

### **Controversy**

One of the biggest controversies has been the commission's inability to take foreign evidence.

It was argued by lawyers, on occasions supported by the commissioner himself, that this caused many problems in trying to reach conclusions or decisions on whether or not hit squads operated internally and externally.

The matter has still to be resolved.

Reference was also made during the hearings to alleged counter-insurgency activities in Swaziland, particularly when a man named "September" was taken from a Manzini police cell and abducted to South Africa.

The Lubowski situation bedevilled the hearings from the start. Lawyers argued with Mr Justice Harms on the legality of whether or not the matter could be heard, to the extent that there were strong words between him and some legal teams.

The judge said that as the murder had taken place in Namibia, it did not fall within the scope of the commission's terms of reference. The counter-argument was that the murder had allegedly been planned in South Africa and it was therefore admissible.

Alleged obstruction of commission proceedings on the part of the CCB and its operatives was another bone of contention, not only for the lawyers but also for Mr Justice Harms.

His impatience with CCB witnesses — particularly Joe Verster, the managing director, and various operatives — became obvious on a number of occasions and he was also angered when it was patently obvious that some witnesses were not prepared to give evidence on the grounds that they might incriminate themselves.



# THE TWO FACES OF ROBNEY

PATRICK LAURENCE

SUSPICION that the CCB was involved in the assassination of anti-apartheid activists has hardened following dramatic new disclosures at the Harms Commission relating to the slaying of Dr Fabian Ribeiro and his wife Florence in December 1986.

Agents of the clandestine Civil Co-operation Bureau to give the CCB its full Orwellian-sounding title — have previously admitted that one of its objectives was to "maximally disrupt" enemies of the State.

Now, in what might have been the last hearing of the Harms Commission, new evidence has established a definite link between the Ribeiro and the CCB and raised anew questions about the possible role of a former Rhodesian Selous Scout, Noel James Robey, in the death of Ribeiro.

In an affidavit submitted to the Harms Commission on Wednesday, Joep Joubert, a former CCB chairman and now deputy head of military intelligence, labelled the Ribeiro "leftist radicals" who qualified for surveillance by security forces. "As such I accept that they were monitored by the CCB," he added.

General Joubert acknowledged in his affidavit that Mr Robey — who appeared at the preparatory examination into the death of the Ribeiro in 1987 — was a CCB

member who operated under the alias Lionel Kirby.

Mr Robey was summoned to appear in the preparation examination because a vehicle with the same registration number as one owned by him had been seen near the Ribeiro's home in Mamelodi on the day the couple were killed. He was cleared of involvement in the murders in June 1987.

It was unclear at the time why the Attorney-General chose to proceed through a preparatory examination, a practice which was thought to have been discarded, having last been used in 1977. The magistrate found on the evidence before him that there was not enough evidence to try Mr Robey for murder.

New evidence, unearthed by Johan Wright, investigating officer of the Harms Commission, includes the appearance of Mr Robey at an identification parade without a beard. Eye witnesses to the Ribeiro killing identified bearded men at the parade, Colonel Wright reported.

Colonel Wright then made a further disclosure. Mr Robey had previously been bearded, a photograph submitted when he applied for a firearm license in August 1984 shows him with a beard.

Three questions arise. When did Mr Robey shave off his beard? Why did he do so? Did he have a beard when the Ribeiro were killed, when — according to his testimony at the preparatory examination — he was at a braai-les at his Hartbeespoort Dam home? Mr Robey was not available to



Noel James Robey, the clean-shaven version (left) and with beard (right). Did he have a beard in CCB activities?

## Crucial questions about bearded man

He and his wife left for Europe on 30 March 1990 — the same month that the Harms Commission started its hearings — after four substantial sums of money, totalling nearly R40 000, were deposited in his bank account. Notes in Mr Robey's personal file at his bank read:

"30 3 1990 Mr and Mrs Robey will be in Europe for the next six months. Please refer investments with ourselves should account overdraw. Very respectable people."  
 "22 6 1990 Agreed to a temporary excess of R12 000 to enable them to purchase air tickets. He has R25 000 on 32 days call

They totalled R32 700. A sum of R33 700 was drawn against a project named "Checkers". General Joubert could not offer an explanation for the extra R1 000. Nor could he explain the entry "Dienstgeleever" — Services rendered" entered against the R33 700.

Further questions arise about Mr Robey and the CCB. He was identified as a member of Region 4. What was his role? Was it involved in the monitoring of the Ribeiro? The decision by the CCB to pay for his legal costs, suggests that he may have been involved in the previous evidence before the Harms Commission that only Region 6 — the one headed by "Slaas" Burger and suspected of involvement in the murder of anti-apartheid activist David Webster and Anton Lubowski — was authorised to carry out internal operations?

According to the testimony of former Region 6 CCB operative "Slang" van Zyl, his cell only became functional at the beginning of 1989. Thus Region 4 may well have been involved in the monitoring of the Ribeiro. If so, did any of its pre-1989 internal functions include maximal disruption, a quaint euphemism for murder?

What of the brutal and as yet unsolved murder in mid-1985 of Mathew Goniwe and his UDF colleagues, Fort Calata, Sparrow Mkhonto and Siculo Mhlawuli? Investigations into suspected CCB involvement in the events leading to the Ribeiro murders will — unsurprisingly in the light

of earlier evidence to the Commission — be hampered by the destruction of CCB documents during the period around December 1986.

Comidentally — or perhaps not so comidentally — police documents on the Ribeiro murder were in the boot of a car used by Karel "Suker" Britz, a police colonel, when it was stolen on May 5. Neither the car nor three attached cases with documents, which had been requested by the Harms Commission, have been recovered.

Two further coincidences form part of the record. Two black men were suspected of being implicated in the Ribeiro killings, after being spotted by eye-witnesses. General Joubert admitted that two black men had served in the CCB in the Pretoria area. One has since died and one is now in Botswana, General Joubert said.

Another black man, Jacob Mamputu, witnessed the murder of the Ribeiro. He was shot and seriously wounded on December 11, 1986, just 10 days after the murder of a soldier, "Graham" Cook, was charged with attempted murder. He was acquitted.

Colonel Wright, however, concluded in his investigation that Cook and a fellow soldier, Marius Ludik, were "involved" (betrayed) in the incident. Was it coincidental that soldiers were involved and the CCB was a unit within the SADF's Special Forces?

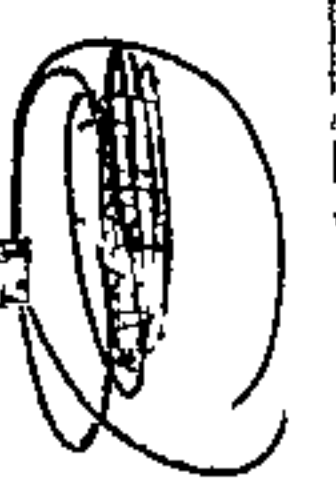
Patrick Laurence is the author of a forthcoming book, "Death Squads, Apartheid's Secret Weapon".



# Shocks, torture alleged over 'missings' firerarm

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By CHARLES MCGALE

TWO farm labourers suspected of stealing their employer's firearm this week described the chilling details of torture at the hands of police investigating the theft. The two, a grandfather and a youth, were released without being charged. The firearm was later found in the employer's car.

A police spokesman for the Free State, Lt J van der Merwe, denied the men were ever held by the police. The incident happened recently in Edenville, a small town south of Heilbron in the Free State. Several families have already fled the Tubach farm in the neighbourhood, fearing "indiscriminate" attacks.

Farm labourer Phaladi Moutsoe, 52, said he had just left his employer's home, where he had repaired a broken door, when police arrived at his home on the farm.

He was told a firearm had "disappeared" from the "huts", and his house was searched. Moutsoe said he denied any knowledge of the weapon, and was invited to the police station for further questioning.

"When we arrived at the police station, the police became aggressive. They threw me into a cell. Later that night, they took me away in a van to a lonely spot at a place called Lerobodi.

"They handcuffed me and forced me into a position which was very painful for a man my age. They put a stick under my knees, with my cuffed hands under the stick and put a hood over my head," said Moutsoe.

"I was crying out with pain, hoping they would leave me, but worse was still to come. There were two black policemen and one white - the blacks were more vicious. They produced electric devices and shocked me until I passed out. When I came to, we were at the police station late at night and they threw me back into a cell."

The following morning, he said, he was taken to the office of a senior policeman who was "sympathetic".

## But police deny men were held

and apologised for the maltreatment. His employers, Jockey and Koos Rautenbach, also apologised.

After his release, the police allegedly picked up a youth called Monaheng. During interrogation, which also included electrocution, he incriminated himself and 17-year-old Shongwe Sephuri.

According to Sephuri, he was picked up and also questioned about the gun.

"I told them I knew nothing about the gun. They took me to a quarry, handcuffed me, put a hood over my head. They shocked me on the ears, anus and private parts with electric devices. I bit my tongue badly, and when they saw blood pouring through the hood, they stopped," said Sephuri.

For two days, he was driven from spot to spot where Monaheng said the firearm had been buried. Nothing was found.

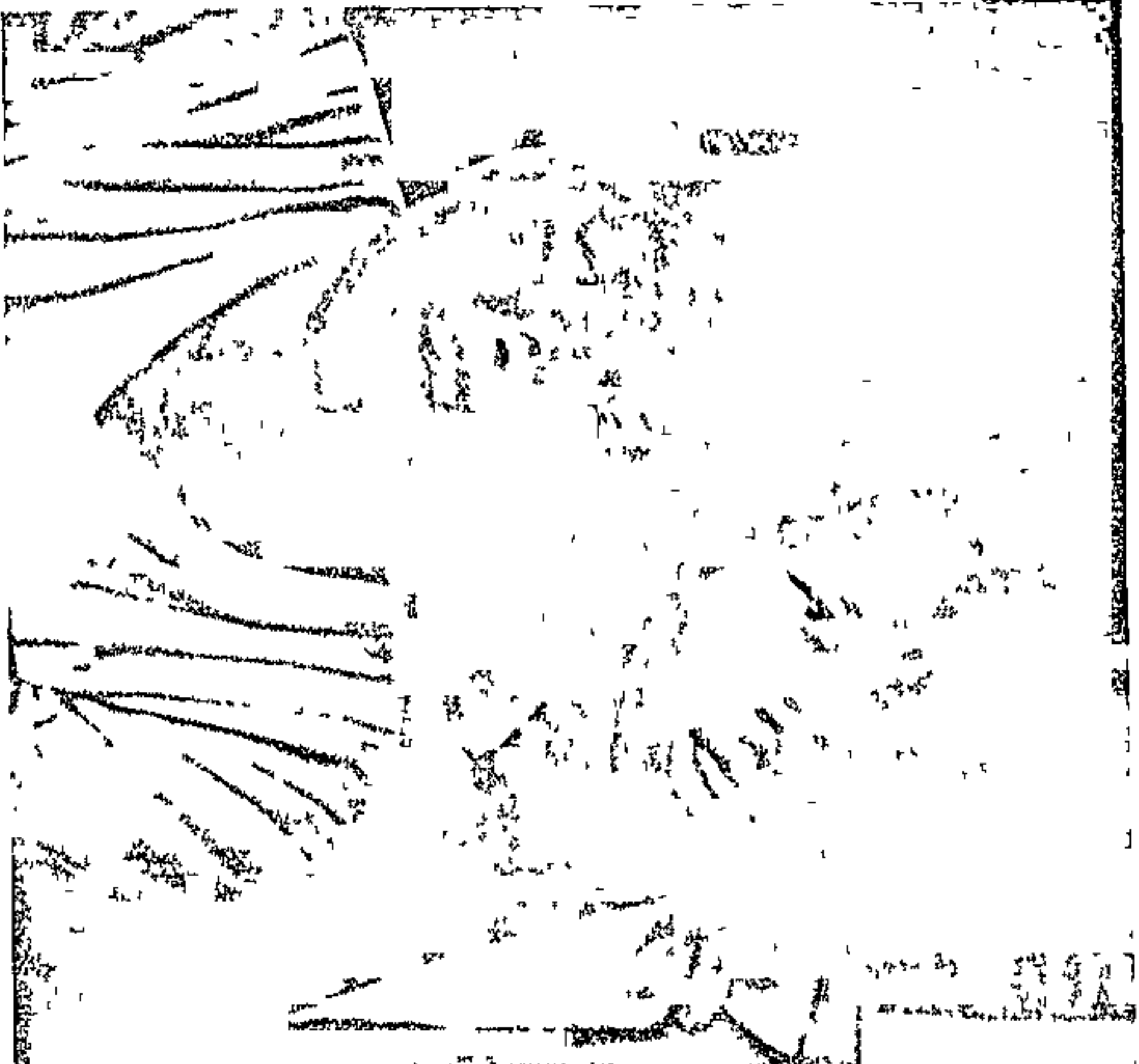
"I tried in vain to convince the policemen that Monaheng was merely incriminating himself and myself because of the torture. At the time when he said we had been to the 'huts' to steal the weapon, we were together at my home. It was also impossible to get inside the 'huts' at that time. It was only after three days that they accepted that Monaheng was merely trying to avoid being tortured."

The two were allegedly taken to a senior policeman who apologised, ordered them food and had them released.

"For days I could not eat, and my hands can't take any strain now," said Sephuri.

Moutsoe and Sephuri are receiving medical treatment, paid for by their employers. Said Moutsoe: "I can understand the apologies, but that is not helpful enough. I am a physical wreck since the incident, and who is going to look after my family if I can't work? I was born on this farm and have lived all my life here. I have spent my life working honestly for my employers. I used to look after the home and their mother when they went on holiday. It saddens me that I should be suspected of stealing a firearm."

He said he was seeking legal advice on the matter. According to Van der Merwe, the farmer found the weapon in his car but denied any people were arrested.



Farmworkers Phaladi Moutsoe (left) and Shongwe Sephuri were handcuffed, bags were placed over their heads and they were severely beaten by police investigating the theft of a firearm.

## Pop star's friend speaks out after cheating death

A DIPPLOOF man who was shot more than eight times and stabbed with a spear has lived to tell the tale.

which hit me in the chest and the other two fired a volley with their guns before I fell."

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and scattered, both shot was filed





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# Cops blasted in bomb attack

By SOPHIE TEMA

A MAN believed to be a trained guerrilla was arrested in Soweto following a hand-grenade attack on three policemen near the Nancefield Hostel this week.

Const S Mchunu was killed in the attack while Sgt R Ntsila was injured and admitted to the Baragwanath Hospital where he is reported to be in a critical condition.

Sgt Dire, who was the driver of the patrol car in which they were sitting, managed to leap away and escaped unhurt.

Police spokesman Lt G Mariemuthoo of Soweto police headquarters said the car was parked near the hostel at about 3am when two men approached it.

The attackers hurled a Russian-made grenade against the windscreen, which blasted the roof and seats to smithereens.

Soweto police liaison officer Col Tienie Halgryn said police were also investigating an incident in which a municipal policeman was shot and killed by the SAP in Orlando East this week.

Halgryn claimed the dead municipal policeman was in a

group of about 100 people who attacked the SAP by hurling stones and firing shots at them.

He said police returned fire and killed a man.

Police found a pistol and empty shells next to the body, which was not in uniform.

The spokesman said investigations revealed the dead man was a municipal policeman who was off-duty during the shooting and the weapon found next to his body was not a service pistol.

The serial number of the pistol was filed off and police are investigating.

# The word goes out - bring back Noel Robey

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By **DESMOND BLOW**

FORMER Rhodesian Selous Scout Noel Robey, 35, has become the most wanted man in South Africa. And anti-apartheid groups have sent out a message to their colleagues overseas. "Find Noel Robey"

Robey, who was acquitted in June 1987 of the double murder of Dr Fabian Ribiero and his wife Florence was named this week at the Harms Commission as a member of the Civil Co-operation Bureau. Robey and his wife flew to England several months ago and disappeared.

Human rights lawyer Brian Currin confirmed yesterday that if Robey was found attempts would be made to extradite him to South Africa to stand trial for murder.

When Robey was acquitted three years ago the court could find nothing linking him to the murder other than his car registration number, but the magistrate found this could have been false.

At the Harms Commission this week former CCB chairman Gen Joep Joubert disclosed that the CCB had paid R33 700 for Robey's defence when he appeared in a preparatory examination into an allegation of murdering Ribiero and his wife in 1986.

Joubert, now deputy head of army intelligence, said he had approved the CCB legal costs of R32 700, but could not explain the discrepancy of R1 000.

He denied the CCB had been involved in the murder of the Ribieros, and said the CCB had paid for Robey's defence to protect the CCB and the identity of its members.

In 1987 Robey was arrested and placed before a preparatory examination to establish if there was sufficient evidence to bring a case against him - the first such case in several years.

The commission was told that when Robey appeared in an identification parade he was clean-shaven and the other men on parade were all bearded, as the suspect was on the night of the killing.

It was also revealed that a number of other payments were made into Robey's account of between R6 000 and R13 500 and a letter was found saying Mr and Mrs Robey would be in Europe for six months.

The commission was also told that CCB documents for the period around December 1986, when the Ribieros were assassinated, had been destroyed.

Currin told the commission that 10 days after the murder of Ribiero and his wife, a guard and another witness to the shooting had been wounded by unknown gunmen.



**Dr Fabian Ribiero and his wife Florence. In 1987 Robey was acquitted of murdering them. He has since fled to Britain and disappeared.**

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By Esmaré van der Merwe,  
Political Reporter

Violence would continue unless

the police became a politically neutral force upon which all South Africans could rely for protection, Democratic Party MP Jan van Eck said at the weekend.

He said a "people's police force" comprising the existing SAP and representatives of all

# 'SA needs people's police force'

major political groupings needed to be formed. Since this would take time, short-term steps should be taken to rectify police conduct.

These included:

- The police must be retrained and re-educated in the spirit of a peaceful negotiated political solution to prevent them from being seen as the enemy of recently-unbanned organisations.
- The police must be re-established as a force that fights crime and maintains law and order.
- The present system whereby senior officers went home at

4 pm needed to be changed to ensure that at least one senior officer was on duty at times when most community/police conflicts took place.

● In areas with a bad record of community/police relations, "identifiable policemen" should be transferred without delay

and be replaced by officers from outside areas.

● A special independent body should be created to investigate all community complaints about the police.

● Police must be retrained in riot control with the emphasis on management of volatile situations instead of relying on teargas, rubber bullets and shotguns.



# Taxi passengers stab policeman, friend

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A CERES police constable is in a critical condition in Worcester's Medi City Hospital after being stabbed on Saturday night by two men who said they did not want to travel in a taxi "with a bloody policeman"

Police said Constable Ben van der Winter, 28, and a friend, Mr Andrew Koopman, caught a minibus taxi from Bellavista township to Ceres about 7 30pm At Impala Road, Ceres, the taxi stopped to pick up two more men who had allegedly asked "What is a bloody policeman doing in here?"

Constable Van der Winter was stabbed repeatedly with a knife and several veins were severed, "spurt-ing blood everywhere", police said Mr Koopman was also stabbed trying to defend him

Two men have been arrested and will appear in Ceres Magistrate's Court soon in connection with charges of attempted murder and assault with in-tent to do grievous bodily harm

# Reef townships 'quiet', say police, SADF

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**JOHANNESBURG** — As security forces yesterday continued to use the sweeping "mini-state of emergency" powers to raid Reef townships, police said there had been a "substantial" reduction in township violence.

Police, assisted by members of elite SADF units, have raided at least four townships on the East and West Rand since Friday night, confiscating huge quantities of dangerous weapons and arresting at least 10 people.

The raids follow the government's Friday declaration of 19 magisterial districts in the Witwatersrand and Vaal Triangle as areas of unrest.

The declaration comes as a desperate attempt by security forces to stop the bloody violence which has left at least 516 people dead and thousands more injured since fighting broke out in Sebokeng on July 22.

Major-General Wessel Kritzinger of the SADF's Witwatersrand Command is reported as saying that men of the crack 32 Parachute Battalion, No 1 Special Service Battalion and two infantry battalions have been sent into the townships to assist police units.

In Kagiso there were minor attacks on police vehicles and stone-throwing and petrol-bombing of vehicles and property.

Three trucks were burnt out and in one incident buildings belonging to DBE construction, as well as some temporary buildings, were gutted and a generator and lighting machinery destroyed. Police estimated the damage at about R1 million.

However, by yesterday the situation on the Witwatersrand was quiet. The spokesman said residents of the various townships had welcomed the presence of the police and other security forces.

● A man staggered 25m and then died after a grenade was tossed into a waiting room at the Roodepoort railway station at the weekend.

Two women — Ms Jane Kobelo and Ms Margaret Leevo — were also injured and treated at the Leratong Hospital in Krugersdorp for shrapnel wounds.

Police said the grenade was a South African-made M26. No one has claimed responsibility for the attack. — Own Correspondent and Sapa

# Put away your knives, plead tribal chiefs

**JOHANNESBURG.** — Collaboration between elements of the SA Police and Inkatha is the root cause of the violence in Witwatersrand townships over the past two weeks, the Congress of Traditional Leaders of South Africa (Contralesa) alleged on Sunday.

Contralesa leaders — mainly from Natal and Transkei — made the accusation at a press conference here after touring the townships.

Contralesa however ruled out the withdrawal of police from the townships. Spokesman Chief Mwelo Nonkonyana denied the organisation's affiliation to any political party, and said it wanted peace to return to the troubled townships.

ANC and tribal leaders pleaded yesterday for an end to fighting between black factions as troops swept through Johannesburg's townships in a bid to quell the violence.

"As chiefs of this sub-continent, we strongly make our stand against such things as have been happening here," Xhosa Chief Mtirara told about 700 people at the rally.

Chief Mwayizeni, an associate of Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini, urged those who instigated the fighting to stop.

"No one must go armed. There must be no knives, no pangas (cane-cutting knives), no spears and no sticks," he said.

ANC leader Mr Walter Sisulu, who shared the platform with the chiefs, echoed the calls for peace. But a member of the militant ANC-aligned South African Youth Congress (Sayco) said people should be ready to defend themselves.

"There is no way that we are going to allow our comrades, the cadres of Umkhonto we Sizwe, to just be overrun and killed," Sayco vice-president Mr Mnyamezeli Boy said to cheers — Sapa-Reuter



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# Security police in W Cape shake-up

By DALE KNEEN  
Crime Reporter

THE head of the security police and several other officers, including one involved in the shooting of Mr Ashley Kriel, have been moved out of "field" service in the Western Cape

Brigadier Jan Griebenauw, the 52-year-old regional chief of the security branch, is to be transferred to a position at the security police head office in Pretoria next year

Another senior staff officer in the security branch, Colonel Johan van Wyk, has been appointed district commissioner for Middelburg in the Transvaal.

The head of the terrorism detection unit, Captain William Liebenberg, and a member of the unit, Warrant Officer Jeffrey Benzien, have been assigned to administrative positions

Warrant Officer Benzien was involved in the killing of African National Congress guerrilla Mr Ashley Kriel. In addition, he has been accused of torturing suspects in the Yengeni terrorism trial.

Captain Liebenberg was accused of being present when

some suspects in the 1987 terrorism trial of Umkhonto we Sizwe commander Mr Lizo Ngqungwana and 14 others were allegedly assaulted by police

## TORTURE

Brigadier Griebenauw denied the transfers of Warrant Officer Benzien and Captain Liebenberg were related to the killing of Mr Kriel. He also rejected the allegations of torture and assault

He said the transfers were "part of the regional restructuring of the police" in the Western Cape

It is understood that several other policemen attached to the security branch in Paarl, Oudtshoorn and Cape Town have filled administrative positions at police headquarters.

The position being filled by Brigadier Griebenauw in Pretoria from next January is a new one

He previously worked in what was then South West Africa, where he was recruited in to the security branch

He also served in the security branch in East London and Paarl, where he was the head of the unrest unit for six years

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# MP's plan for police

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A PLAN to change the police force so that it is accepted by all people is to be submitted to the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, by the Democratic Party MP for Claremont, Mr Jan van Eck.

The proposals include a call for all police to be urgently re-trained and re-educated about their changing role.

Mr Van Eck also wants

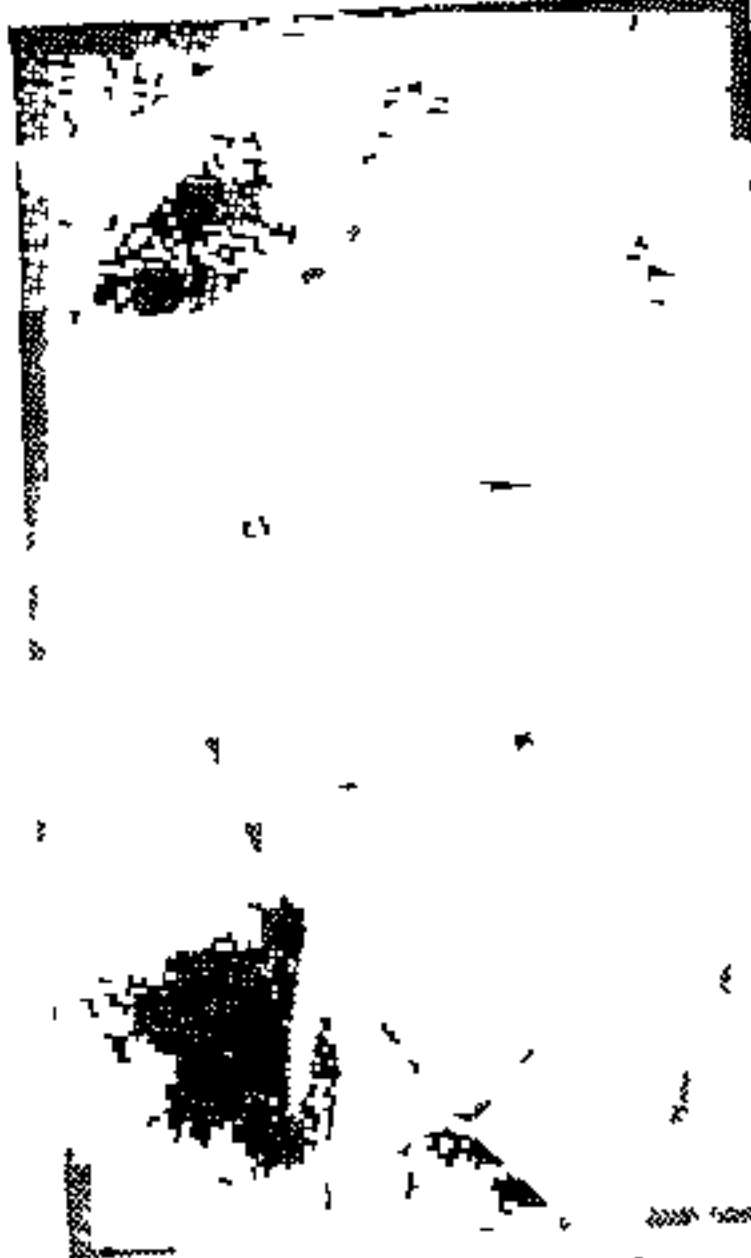
● Policemen to be transferred and replaced in towns where police/community relations were bad,

● Where conflict was endemic, for the entire complement of police to be replaced by a new unit,

● At least one senior police officer from outside the area to oversee protest marches, and

● Senior policemen not to go home at 4pm, and for at least one senior policeman to remain in charge because township conflicts often flared in the evening

It cannot be condoned that people on the receiving end of police violence are brutalized, Mr Van Eck said



Mr Jan van Eck

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# Attacks on police increase

A total of 42 policemen have been murdered and 403 injured in unrest-related violence since the beginning of the year, an SA Police spokesman said last week.

Between January and August 15, there were 1 223 attacks on policemen and police patrols, 522 attacks on policemen's homes and families, and 1 805 police vehicles were damaged or destroyed.

The spokesman said the number of attacks against the SAP had increased in the past three months and black policemen had been the main targets.

One white policeman had been killed and "quite a number" injured.

"Policemen become targets because they are the first line of defence and stand in the way of revolutionaries," police public affairs chief Herman Stadler said.

He said it had been strategy for many years to terrorise SAP members. This was because the police stood between law and order on the one hand and anarchy on the other. The force was also regarded by

Policemen are increasingly becoming the targets of attack. The negative perception of the police held by black communities will take a long time to correct, according to Lloyd Vogelmann, director of Wits University's Project for the Study of Violence. **MARGUERITE MOODY** reports.

"revolutionaries" as part of the "system", and to attack it meant an attack on the system they wanted to destroy.

The director of the University of the Witwatersrand's Project for the Study of Violence, Lloyd Vogelmann, said the large number of attacks on police members resulted from a "legacy of a certain perception" of the police by black communities that would take a long time to correct.

"The police have been charged with enforcing apartheid legislation and they have been involved in detention without trial, through which many black people went to jail.

"In the past two weeks, there is the perception, whether correct or not, that the police are aiding Inkatha in the Transvaal, which also increases the number of attacks on police."

Black people often perceived that the police were antagonis-

tic towards them because they felt the ultra-right wing was not being disarmed and that white people were not being arrested, he said.

According to Democratic Party law and order spokesman Tian van der Merwe, the undisciplined behaviour of some policemen has contributed to the attacks.

"I am sure that the vast majority of members of the SAP are ordinary, decent human beings just trying to do a job in a very difficult situation. They unfortunately have to bear the brunt of the behaviour of the minority," he said.

General Stadler said there was "no proof whatsoever" that the police were biased in favour of a specific organisation or political party.

"Unfortunately the odd incident of policemen overstepping

their mark is portrayed as the rule and not the exception.

"Where individual members act illegally, whether because of political convictions or not, strict action is taken against them. Such actions against members have been made public in the past and we will continue to do so in the future."

Mr Vogelmann said statements were not enough to correct the negative perception of the police by black communities. "The police must be shown to have a fair and unbiased policy. They must be answerable to civic authorities and there must be a free flow of information. In order to have an effective force, the police will have to work with the various community structures," he said.

Mr van der Merwe said that in order to improve the image of the SAP in the townships, policemen needed to be re-educated on human rights.

General Stadler said the morale of the force had not dropped as a result of the attacks. SAP members were "dedicated people" who were determined to do their job and maintain law and order.



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## Cops not partisan, says Vlok

**PRETORIA.** — The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, yesterday rejected charges that the police had taken sides in the conflict that has racked black townships on the Witwatersrand in the past fortnight.

Several community organisations, including the ANC, have alleged that police openly sided with one or another warring party during the violence.

But Mr Vlok said that although isolated incidents may have occurred, the SAP as a whole was doing its utmost to maintain law and order.

"The unrest measures announced on Friday and the deployment of a large contingent of SAP and SADF members resulted in an immediate cessation of violence in the troubled areas during the weekend," Mr Vlok said.

The minister also appealed to the affected communities to continue their co-operation with the security forces. — Sapa

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**inquiry expected soon**

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The Government will make an announcement this week about the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry into the police shooting of black protesters on March 26.

A spokesman for President de Klerk — who has had the report for some time — said he was not sure if the announcement would be the release of the report or commentary on it. — Political Staff.

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## Tutu sees FW over 'police bias'

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JOHANNESBURG. — Al-  
leged police bias in the  
factional violence that  
swept black townships  
on the Reef will be top of  
the agenda today when  
church leaders hold  
talks with President F W  
de Klerk in Pretoria.

The delegation, head-  
ed by SA Council of  
Churches president Dr  
Khoza Mgojo, includes  
Archbishop Desmond  
Tutu and other Anglican,  
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The meeting will seek  
to "communicate our  
concerns and bring evi-  
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that we are not speaking  
irresponsibly" of police  
bias in the violence.

A statement issued  
yesterday added that the  
violence had taken on a  
sinister shade.

Archbishop Tutu said  
yesterday that he be-  
lieved that after prelimi-  
nary talks at lower  
levels, ANC deputy  
president Mr Nelson  
Mandela should agree to  
sit down with Chief Man-  
gosuthu Buthelezi. —  
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# 42 policemen killed during SA violence

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A TOTAL of 42 policemen have been murdered and 403 injured in unrest-related violence since the beginning of the year, a spokesman for the SAP in Pretoria has disclosed.

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## Sowetan Correspondent

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# BOYCOTT for 515 dead

## Peace restored by emergency measures, say police

**SOWETO.** — Tens of thousands of workers and pupils in Soweto and other townships near Johannesburg staged a boycott yesterday to honour victims of two weeks of internecine violence on the Reef that left at least 515 dead.

As several thousand Soweto people prepared to bury the bodies of eight victims killed in the street-fighting, the police declared that special emergency measures imposed on Friday "have had the desired effect — peace has returned to these strife-torn areas".

The unrest death toll in Soweto itself stood at 126 yesterday afternoon, after three people had died of unrest-related injuries in Baragwanath Hospital on Saturday, according to SAP Soweto liaison officer Captain Joseph Ngobeni.

The total death toll for the Witwatersrand, including Soweto, had remained at 515 since Sunday morning, he said.

Eight arms caches were reported in Soweto at the weekend, he said.

A call by the African National Congress and its allies for a "stayaway" yesterday coinciding with the funerals drew widespread support.

Soweto businesses were closed and tens of thousands of workers did not report for work in Johannesburg and other industrial satellite cities, according to transport surveys.

Department of Education Regional Director Mr Peet Struwig said most schools in black townships east of Jo-



**SALUTE TO VICTIMS . . . Young ANC members in Soweto salute victims of the recent Reef clashes at a funeral yesterday.**

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hannesburg were empty and that there was a "complete stayaway" from schools in Soweto.

Thousands of people, including ANC internal leader Mr Walter Sisulu, attended the service before the colourful crowd jogged and toyed several kilometres to the cemetery.

Mrs Winnie Mandela — recently appointed ANC head of welfare — made a popular entrance to the amphitheatre clad in camouflage jacket and cap with military webbing belt and military-style boots.

The amphitheatre was ringed by soldiers and a police helicopter hovered overhead for much of the day's proceedings.

SA Youth Congress president Mr Peter Mokaba told the roaring crowd that the violence had been instigated by forces wanting to disrupt the ANC on the ground.

He said this would not turn into black on black violence, but an "insurrection against the apartheid regime".

Congress of SA Trade Unions general secretary Mr Jay Naidoo told the crowd the government must disarm "vigilantes" and control the police if they were serious about negotiations.

Mr Sisulu described the recent violence as "purposeless — orchestrated by evil forces, black and white".

Relative calm appeared to have returned to the townships at the weekend as troops carried out weapons seizures and patrolled the hardest-hit areas. In their statement yesterday, police again denied the allegations of partiality.

"As the police have said right from the start, the allegations are malicious, propagandistic lies," the statement said. "It would be to the benefit of all concerned if those who falsely accuse the SA police rather directed their efforts to finding solutions for ending the conflict."

Yesterday some 300 Xhosa people in seven buses arrived in Johannesburg from Transkei to help identify bodies still lying unclaimed in township mortuaries — UPI and Sapa

## Cops deny reports of demolishing shacks

AN article appeared in the *Sowetan* on August 6, in which mention was made of squatter shacks being demolished by the South African Police and the municipal police. (251)

Police have denied this, stating, "There have, of late, been numerous media reports in which mention is made of squatter shacks being demolished by the S A Police and in some cases these actions have even been attributed to 'security police'".

"We would like to point out that the S A Police do not remove squatters from land or demolish shacks. This is done by the appropriate local authorities after the legal requirements have been met. Police are only in attendance to maintain law and order".

"Where any person however trespasses on private land and the owner of the land complains by way of an affidavit and is prepared to testify in court, the police have strict instructions to arrest the trespasser and take him to court. Where

a person is arrested again for the same offence, evidence to this effect is presented to the court and the presiding officer will consider this when passing sentence.

"This problem has, on various occasions, been pointed out to the media."



# Naidoo held in 'spy' row

Star 29/8/90 (25)

By Guy Jepson and  
Montshiwa Moroke

Three senior Cosatu officials, including secretary-general Jay Naidoo, were arrested during a police raid on the union's head office in Johannesburg yesterday.

They will appear in court today on charges of kidnapping and assault.

The raid followed the apprehension by Cosatu officials of an alleged police spy in the vicinity of the building in Rissik Street.

Besides Mr Naidoo, those arrested were Cosatu assistant general-secretary Sydney Mufamadi (also a South African Communist Party official) and Cosatu distribution official Baba Schalk.

The police operation attracted scores of bystanders who gathered at the building.

Minutes later, the alleged spy — described by the police as a constable — was whisked away.

The unionists were released on bail of R1 500 each last night after an urgent application at the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court.

The magistrate ordered them to re-appear this morning.

An informed source said two members of the ANC also faced possible charges in connection with the incident.

In a statement after the bail order was granted, Mr Naidoo said he and his fellow accused "deny absolutely the charges of kidnapping and assault."

"No assault was committed in my presence and I did not participate in any kind of assault," he said.

## Under surveillance

Witwatersrand police liaison officer Lieutenant-Colonel Frans Malherbe identified the policeman as Joseph Maleka.

At a Cosatu press conference before the police raid, Mr Maleka allegedly said he had been recruited at a night club in Sebokeng on Saturday. The official he was allegedly spying on was SACP member Geraldine Jocelyn, whose house had apparently been under surveillance for several days.

Mr Naidoo's personal assistant, Sipho Binda, said that at about 11 am Cosatu members "apprehended" a man who was observed "behaving suspiciously" in the street about 50 m from the Cosatu head office.

"He was taken to our head office where he revealed that he was an operative working from John Vorster Square.

"On his person we found a walkie-talkie and photographs of an SACP official. He said he had been instructed by his handler to report the movements of this official, but he didn't know why."

A Cosatu statement last night said police were informed at 3 pm of the apprehension of the operative who had confessed "that he had been recruited by the Security Police as an informer."

Mr Binda said a detachment of about 40 policemen in riot vehicles surrounded the building and sealed it off. No one was permitted to enter or leave the building, which was searched. The police left at about 5.30 pm.



The SAP "spy" at the centre of the "kidnap" drama which unfolded at the Cosatu offices in Johannesburg, escorted from the building by policemen.

## DP, Nats join in seeking 'open' city

Star 29/8/90

By Louise Burgers,  
Municipal Reporter

The Johannesburg City Council voted last night to apply for the entire city to become a free settlement area.

The vote came after a stormy four-hour debate which led to the resignation of National Party councillor Cecil Long from the party.

Mr Long tendered his resignation after objecting to the motion. He said he was completely disillusioned with the NP in Johannesburg and described it as leaderless, dictatorial and completely taken over by the Democratic Party.

Independent management committee member Eddy Magid voted against the motion, for town planning reasons. He criticised the "indecent haste" of his colleagues on

the management committee in trying to open the city, saying he believed it would be a planning blunder to declare Johannesburg a free settlement area without the inclusion of surrounding municipalities.

The motion, proposed by the DP/NP management committee, also called for all current free settlement area investigations in Johannesburg to be deferred. It was passed by an overwhelming majority.

### Uproar

Mr Long broke NP caucus ranks and voted against the motion, along with Mr Magid and the four CP councillors.

Some councillors accused NP councillors Theuns Oosthuizen and Jan van Blerk, who were not pres-

ent during the vote, of boycotting the debate.

CP leader in the council Jacques Theron caused an uproar when he said it was "easy to throw petrol bombs over a garden wall" if a white community decided it wanted to keep its area white.

Cries of "white scum", "terrorist", and "Piet Skiet Rudolph" were shouted at Mr Theron and he was accused of inciting violence. The CP leader withdrew his comment when ordered to by mayor Willie Janse van Rensburg.

During the debate, NP councillors denied statements by Turffontein's NP MP, Deputy Planning Minister Andre Fourie, that Johannesburg was "jumping the gun" by applying to become a free settlement area.

## Sasol cobalt workers undergo tests

Star 29/8/90  
By Melody McDougall,  
Vereeniging Bureau

At least 24 Sasol 1 employees spent several hours close to a Cobalt-60 isotope which had accidentally been left on site at the plant in Sasolburg.

It seems six of the workers handled the radioactive material.

The incident happened about two weeks ago after a worker picked up the isotope. Not knowing what it was, he put it in a tool cabinet.

Several hours later it was shown to someone who identified it as an isotope.

A Sasol spokesman said that because it was initially unknown how many people had been exposed, all workers who could possibly have been affected had been tested.

Indications were that six employees had been exposed to radiation and would possibly suffer after-effects. They were now under constant medical observation.

According to the chief director of environmental health services in Pretoria, Gerhardus Oberholster, the isotope was left behind after an industrial radiography team carried out work at the plant on August 18.

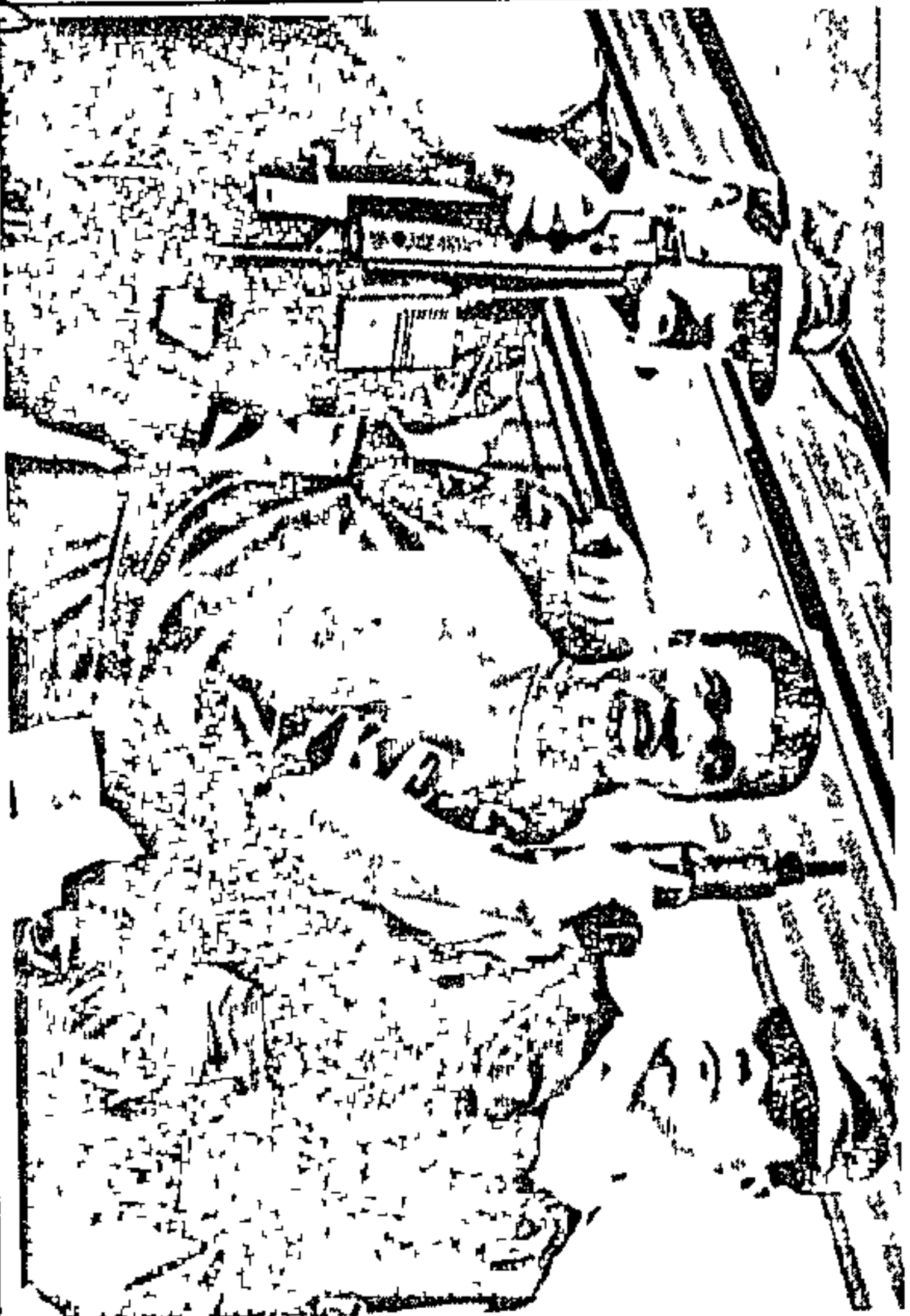
A nuclear consultant at Eskom in Johannesburg, Peter Spencer, described a cobalt-60 isotope as having quite a powerful gamma emission which was commonly used for radiography and in radiation units to sterilise vegetables.

Commenting on the effects caused by exposure, he said "If someone is exposed from a distance, it may barely be noticeable in terms of medical effects."

"But if it is handled and kept on the person, this could lead to significant effects, similar to being badly burnt."



# Police 'spy' drama



**LEFT** Police escort one of three men, which included secretary general Mr. Jay Naidoo, from the Cosatu offices in Johannesburg after a Press conference where an alleged SAP spy was shown to the Press

Pictures: KEN OOSTERBEEK  
Argus Group Picture Service

**RIGHT** The police "spy" at the centre of the alleged Cosatu kidnap drama covers his face with his jersey as he is escorted from the Cosatu headquarters building



## Bellville group forces council out of chamber

By CLIVE SAWYER, Tygerberg Bureau

RESIDENTS of Bellville City Council's Silwaney housing estate, led by members of the Bellville Residents' Association, refused to leave a closed council debate.

The group remained in the chamber, forcing the council to adjourn yesterday to discuss confidential items elsewhere in the Civic Centre, while riot police were called and mayor Mr. Willie van Schoor negotiated with BRA leaders in the public gallery.

The group left after Mr. Van Schoor agreed to meet a BRA delegation today to discuss a list of grievances of Silwaney residents, including dissatisfaction over living conditions, evictions, and dismissals.

The group intended to watch a debate on a memorandum listing grievances handed to council officials during an occupation of the municipal offices last Thursday.

## Tornadoes suck people from homes

PLAINFIELD — Tornadoes raked and flattened a suburban area southwest of Chicago, killing at least 23 people, some of whom were sucked from an apartment building and tossed into a cornfield.

The tornadoes ripped through several towns in the midwestern state of Illinois yesterday, levelling at least 90 homes and a high school.

Local hospitals said at least 280 people were being treated for storm-caused injuries. The tornadoes touched down at least four times at mid-afternoon along an 11km southwest-early path from the community of Plainfield to Joliet, about

65km southwest of Chicago, Illinois State Police said. In Crest Hill, on the outskirts of Joliet, 10 people were killed when the twister flattened an apartment complex, said Lockport Fire Chief Mr. Dave Martin.

Four bodies, including that of a four-month old baby, were lying in a cornfield next to the complex, and four others were pulled from the collapsed buildings and a car. "When the storm went through, some of the buildings disintegrated," Mr. Martin said. "High winds blew some of the people into the cornfield."

In addition, the coroner's of-

fice confirmed eight deaths in nearby Plainfield. Others narrowly escaped death.

Football and volleyball players at Plainfield High School rushed inside the building when the storm approached.

The tornado destroyed virtually all of the high school except a hallway and gymnasium area where the students were huddled.

Plainfield and Crest Hill are communities populated by both suburban commuters who work in Chicago and by others who work at industrial facilities in the area. — Sapp-Reuter-AP



Mrs. Mandala  
Winnie's gear sparks police probe

The Argus Correspondent  
JOHANNESBURG — Police are investigating the al-

## Naidoo denies kidnapping and assault

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — Cosatu secretary-general Mr. Jay Naidoo and two other unionists were due to appear in court here today.

In a short statement after being granted bail yesterday, Mr. Naidoo said he and his fellow accused "deny absolutely the charges of kidnapping and assault."

"No assault was committed in my presence and I did not participate in any kind of assault," he said, adding that as far as he knew no Cosatu official had assaulted the alleged police spy.

Witwatersrand police liaison officer Lieutenant-Colonel Frans Malherbe refused to disclose the name of the policeman, but the man allegedly identified himself at a Press conference as Joseph Moleka, saying that he had been recruited at a night-club in Sebokeng on Saturday. The official he was allegedly spying on was South African Communist Party member Geratime Jocelyn whose house had apparently been watched for several days.

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**Mutilated body found**

*CMU 29/8/90*  
*(29/8)*

THE mutilated body of a police special constable was found in a dam near a Guguletu cemetery on Monday afternoon. Constable M T Mko-mane had been stabbed several times in his body and face. Police are investigating



# Praise for troops, not for Mandela

CAM-Times 29/8/90

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Own Correspondent

LONDON — Praise for the troops, criticism for Mr Nelson Mandela

That was the unusual content of many British newspaper reports yesterday, following the ANC deputy president's decision to head for Oslo, while army troops restored peace to the troubled Transvaal townships.

The Independent's correspondent quoted a member of the Pan-Africanist Congress who lives near to one of the Soweto hostels as saying that the troops "were rough but they were effective".

The report added that "army troops, a welcome presence since Friday after the perceived iniquities of the police, consolidated their control in the streets after a successful house-to-house, hostel-to-hostel sweep over the weekend had yielded a rich harvest of spears, axes, knives, guns and other weapons".

The Independent also carried a police denial of partisanship.

On Mr Mandela, the report said. "Not a few South Africans have been scandalised by what they perceive to be Mr Mandela's ill-timed expedition abroad.

"If the army and police are busy attacking the symptoms of the last two weeks' violence, Mr Mandela's task, the press here has argued, should be to address the causes, to meet with the Inkatha chief, Mangosuthu Buthelezi to find a lasting solution to the conflict."

But, says the report, a meeting so soon after the violence would "outrage the ANC's grassroots supporters".

The Daily Telegraph's correspondent said Mr Mandela had criticised the declaration of mini-states of emergency in 27 townships. "Yet the massive security operation that followed, with troops and police moving in force into the townships and confiscating weapons, has, so far, been successful in curbing violence which at one stage was clearly getting out of hand".

While Mr Mandela had accused the police of encouraging violence, said the Telegraph report, "none of his staff has taken up repeated requests by police to provide evidence of biased police behaviour during the township battles".

# ANC task force begins training in Guguletu

By GLYNNIS UNDERHILL

**VOLUNTARY ANC marshals are being trained as peace-keepers in "community protection units" in the Western Cape**

The training has begun in Guguletu and Mitchell's Plain as part of an ongoing nationwide scheme to set up ANC marshal task forces.

The marshals are taught first-aid, unarmed self-defence and learning skills to equip them to deal with crowd control.

"The units will be made up of an accountable

group of people with a responsibility to maintain peace in a community," said ANC regional representative Mr Trevor Manuel.

The first established marshal structure will be in the rural areas outside Cape Town.

Mr Manuel denied information distributed in pamphlets in the Port Elizabeth northern areas that a prospective ANC marshal would have to "behave like a policeman".

"We are not planning to take on the normal function of the police, and our marshals will not be armed," he said.

The high crime rates in the communities and incidents of violence had prompted the need to establish a community marshal structure, he said.

Mr Manuel said the decision to establish marshal structures was taken after the rally at the Grand Parade following the release of Mr Nelson Mandela this year. The idea was also extended further to establish a community protection unit.

He said the ANC had a responsibility to take the question of violence seriously. People were

expected to give up a specific amount of time for training as marshals, he said.

The plans to set up marshal structures were "not at an advanced stage" and would take time to set up.

People would be given different levels of responsibility. The needs of the communities would dictate the roles of marshals in the areas, he said.

According to the pamphlets distributed in Port Elizabeth, marshals had to be of "sober habits".

"They must never stand on the street corners and smoke dagga. A marshal must never hit girls or commit any other crime."

The pamphlet advises that prospective marshals must "be physically fit at all times".

A police spokesman said the ANC had made no agreement with police for the training of units.

"The police are there to maintain law and order and the public may assist them, as laid down by the law," said spokesman Major Jan Calitz.

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# Naidoo, other unionists held after 'spy' drama

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. —

Three senior Congress of South African Trade Union officials, including secretary-general Mr Jay Naidoo, were arrested during a police raid on the Cosatu head office in Johannesburg.

They were to appear in court today on charges of kidnapping and assault.

Yesterday's raid coincided with suggestions a police spy was operating near the Rissik Street building.

Mr Naidoo was arrested with Cosatu assistant general-secretary Mr Sydney Mufamadi (also a South African Communist Party official) and Cosatu distribution official Mr Baba Schalk.

The unionists were released on bail of R1 500 each last night after a brief appearance in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court.

An informed source said two members of the African National Congress also faced possible charges in connection with yesterday's incident.

## Denial

In a short statement after the bail order was granted, Mr Naidoo said he and his fellow accused, "deny absolutely the charges of kidnapping and assault".

Mr Naidoo's personal assistant, Mr Siphso Binda, said that about 11.30 am Cosatu members "apprehended" a man who was observed "behaving suspiciously" in the street about 50 m from the Cosatu head office.

"He was taken to our head office where he revealed that he was an operative working from John Vorster Square.

"On his person we found a walkie-talkie and photographs of an SACP official. He said he had been instructed by his handler to report the movements of this official, but he said he didn't know why.

"We immediately decided to inform his superiors in Pretoria and they said they would send someone to pick him up."

Witwatersrand police liaison officer Lieutenant-Colonel Frans Malherbe said the police acted after being told that a constable had been abducted, and forcibly removed from the street outside the offices, taken to the 6th floor and held against his will.

He could not confirm that the policeman was watching the building.



# Top Cosatu men charged

CAPT TRIPS 29/8/90 (10251) (10251)

JOHANNESBURG. — Police raided the Cosatu head office yesterday — to free a constable who had allegedly been abducted and assaulted — and arrested general secretary Mr Jay Naidoo and two others

Last night the three Cosatu officials were released by a magistrate on bail of R1 500, each after being charged with kidnapping, robbery and assault.

Mr Naidoo denied the charges against himself, Cosatu assistant secretary-general Mr Sydney Mufamadi and Mr Baba Schalk of Cosatu's media section

He spoke at a press conference at John Vorster Square police station after his release last night

Before yesterday's swoop, Cosatu officials paraded a police constable before a press conference, claiming the policeman had been "spying" on a member of the South African Communist Party with offices in the same building

"We took it upon ourselves to apprehend this person," Mr Naidoo told reporters as he and SACP member Ms Geraldine Joselyn sat on either side of their trembling and occasionally crying suspect.

The man, identified as Constable Jo-

seph Maleka, told reporters he had been recruited by the police to monitor the movements of Ms Joselyn.

Saying he feared that publication of his picture in newspapers would prompt township activists to burn his house down or kill his mother, the visibly frightened constable shielded his face with a sweater during the press conference.

Witnesses said burly men in the room with Mr Naidoo forced the suspect's arms away from his face and grabbed his hair to pull his head up to face photographers — action evidently giving rise to the assault charges.

Police later confirmed he was a constable.

Mr Naidoo claimed that the policeman was carrying a two-way radio and a photograph of Ms Joselyn when he was nabbed at a garage near the office building.

He lashed out at police for failing to investigate complaints by its members of being harassed or subject to attack, yet having the time to put police on surveillance duty.

"We are investigating criminal charges," police spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe confirmed. — UPI and Sapa

# Police seek judgment details

Own Correspondent

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DURBAN — The SAP is to obtain the text of the judgment by Mr Justice Wilson in the Maritzburg Supreme Court this week when he convicted a 17-year-old of seven counts of murder.

The judge praised, and criticised, the actions of certain policemen who had investigated the killings

Lieutenant Bala Naidoo, police public relations officer for Port Natal, said the SAP had taken note of the judgment and would immediately obtain a text of the judgment for an inquiry.

In his judgment, Mr Justice Wilson praised the actions of the final investigating officer in

the case, a Lieutenant Marrison, whom he said had left no stone unturned once he began investigating the case.

But he criticised allegedly misleading evidence and the individual actions of certain policemen; alleged abuse of power under the emergency regulations; and the methods used to send exhibits from one centre to another. A firearm which was a potentially important exhibit was apparently lost in the post.

The judge said his criticisms were directed at individuals, and there was no suggestion at all of any deliberate policy of the police to support or condone acts of violence by any person or organisation.

# More of Cosatu to be probed in 'spy' case

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — Police confirmed that they were investigating charges of assault against more Cosatu members who allegedly slapped a plain-clothes SAP constable at a media conference where he was introduced to journalists as a police spy.

SAP Witwatersrand liaison officer Captain Eugene Opperman yesterday said the police were following up the alleged assault.

Cosatu office-bearers Mr Jay Naidoo, Mr Sidney Mufamadi and Mr Baba Schalk, who were arrested late on Tuesday on charges of kidnapping and robbery, appeared briefly in court yesterday.

According to counsel for the accused Mr Richard Spoor, the SAP attempt to "join others for the assault" was a bid to "slur" the three accused.

Magistrate Mr R Button adjourned the hearing. The three accused were given R1 500 bail each until the trial proceeds on October 3.



# Cops outline rewards for illegal arms

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POLICE have launched a massive incentive campaign to help combat the current serious township violence in Natal and a clampdown on the use of illegal firearms which fuel the current unrest situation

For the first time, the South African Police have come out openly and stated the exact rewards they are offering for information which leads to the recovery of firearms, ammunition and explosive devices

Lieutenant Bala Naidoo, South African Police public relations officer for Port Natal, said police were concerned about the increase in the number of stolen firearms circulating in the black townships and were offering rewards ranging from R1 a bullet to R1 000 for an automatic rifle

The SAP's Unrest Unit staged an operation in the Umkomaas area on the Natal South Coast this week and arrested 26 people on charges of murder in the area

Four others were arrested in connection with arson, nine on theft charges and two for alleged possession of unlicensed firearms.

Police also recovered four home-made rifles, two home-made pistols and revolvers, two rifles and four pistols and revolvers - as well as another 38 home-made guns at Ndwedwe.

"The SAP in Natal is offering rewards for information that would lead to the recovery of illegal firearms.

"The reward for pistols and revolvers is R300 each; automatic rifles, R1 000, ordinary rifles, R600, R1 for every round of ammunition, R300 per hand grenade, and R200 per kilogram of explosives.

Naidoo said police would like to make a special plea to firearm-owners to exercise great care with their weapons - Sowetan Correspondent

# Role of police in clashes comes under the spotlight

By ISMAIL LAGARDIEN

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THERE is a strong argument in support of the notion that right wing elements in the South African Police may have tacitly supported Inkatha members during last week's violence in townships on the Reef when more than 500 people were killed.

According to a memorandum on the violence compiled by the Independent Board of Inquiry into Informal Repression the reason for the support of the so-called impis was perhaps to shift the white electorate into a neg-larger mentality.

Statements taken from residents substantiate the claims and allegations that security forces accompanied (and failed to intervene) when Inkatha supporters, from a rally at Sebokeng Stadium on Sunday August 22 attacked local hostels.

The IBIR believes the ANC and Cosatu, who are deemed the victims or opposition in the fight, had very little to gain from the conflict.

Quoting Mr Lloyd Vogelmann, director of The Project for the Study of Violence at the University of the Witwatersrand the IBIR suggests that the conflict in fact undermines some of the ANC's grassroots support.

Inkatha, on the other hand has been involved in what the IBIR calls a brutal and aggressive recruitment campaign which compelled certain hostel dwellers to leave the hostel and join the community with whom the hostel already had strained relations.

Thereafter the conflict escalated along political and ethnic lines and eventually into a battle between Zulu and Xhosa, the IBIR believes.

## Flashpoints

The hostels themselves had become flashpoints of bloody confrontations. The intense isolation and prison-like conditions are breeding grounds for an aggressive and machismo culture which is exacerbated by the absence and stability of family life.

Living in a hostel helps foster a group identity, firstly because historically been run along ethnic lines. Secondly for the hostel residents there is a shared daily experience, all of which makes it extremely amenable to being organised," according to Vogelmann.

Vogelmann thus believes that the recent violence was not spontaneous. It was organised, orchestrated and planned, he said.

Quoting a newspaper report of August 19, the IBIR's memo said. "Ultimately, what we are witnessing is the importation of political conflicts from the Natal hinterland to the Transvaal townships. If we are to see the hand that lies behind the violence, we need to understand which organised political interests are being served by it."

The IBIR drives the point home with statements of residents that the violence on the Reef started soon after the relaunch of Inkatha as a nation-wide political party on July 14.

There is too, a precedent that backs up the idea that the violence was precipitated by a forced recruitment campaign by Inkatha.

## Recruiting

Professor John Acheson of the University of Natal who has been monitoring the Natal violence for the past three years, says a massive recruitment campaign in the Maritzburg area in September 1987 was a major factor in escalating the violence in Natal.

On the Reef too there were claims that non-Inkatha Zulu members "would face the consequences if they did not join the movement, according to residents.

Ms Judy Chalmers, a member of the IBIR, reported from the eastern Cape that a similar pattern could be developing there. The IBIR memo tells of two municipal policemen who were seen recruiting a hostel dweller for Inkatha in Port Elizabeth.

Which brings one to the role of the police, and the countless reports that they were "supporting" Inkatha or standing by while its members were amassing weapons that were declared unlawful only after more than 500 people had died.

"It is not immediately clear why the South African Police would align themselves with Inkatha, if indeed these allegations are true.

One possibility that has been mooted is that it is in the interest of right wing elements in the police force that black on black violence should continue, thus driving whites further to the right," the IBIR explains.

Statements taken by the IBIR suggest strongly the participation of right wing elements in the conflict.

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# Court rejects policeman's appeal

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DURBAN — A former member of the Urban Terrorism Squad, who was convicted of culpable homicide after fatally shooting an 11-year-old girl while her Clermont home was being searched, had his appeal against a 3½-year jail sentence dismissed in the Durban Supreme Court yesterday.

Antonie Botes, who was 20 at the time of the shooting of Nosipho Khumalo in September last year, was part of a reaction unit acting on a report of a terrorist weapon at the home.

Mr Justice Squires said the squad had entered the house and instructed all the occupants to sit against a wall in

the passage while a search was undertaken

During the course of the search, a weapon of Russian origin was found.

State witnesses said Botes, who was one of the policemen guarding the occupants, had pointed his firearm at the girl and shouted something like "Ha, ha".

Towards the end of his "exhibition", Botes switched on a light attached to his Uzi weapon and the girl raised her hand.

It was after that that a bullet went through her hand and into her chest, killing her.

Botes and two of his colleagues gave evidence that he was kicked on the ankle by one of the people who was sitting

on the floor, and his elbow hit the wall behind him, causing the weapon to discharge.

Mr Justice Squires, with Mr Justice Levinsohn, agreed with the regional magistrate who rejected Botes's evidence.

The judge said that while there might be stress involved in the unit's work, at the time of the incident there was little or no apparent need for that stress to be operative.

Mr Justice Squires said the effective reason for the girl's death was simply the aberrant behaviour of Botes and that while public interest demanded that those who enforced law and order have wide powers, they in turn should exercise those powers with discipline.



# Hospital ambush: 4 shot dead

The Argus Correspondent *ARGUS 31/8/96*

**LATEST**

JOHANNESBURG. — Two policemen and two bank officials were shot dead when bandits with AK-47 rifles ambushed them at Coronation Hospital today

Police launched a massive search using a helicopter. The gunmen fled on foot after the 6:20am slayings.

The gang appeared to be after an R800 000 payroll in a Volkskas van but they left empty-handed.

Police cast a dragnet around Newclare, Industria, Industria West, Crosby, Bosmont and Westbury with "every available man" taking part.

The gunmen are considered extremely dangerous and are not to be confronted by the public, said Witwatersrand police spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe.

He said the policemen were on escort duty for the bank vehicle when they were ambushed.

A shootout ensued and both policemen were shot dead in their car. The bank officials were shot dead in the bank vehicle.

"It was a heroic battle against all odds. Confronted by seven men with automatic rifles, the policemen shot back and were gunned down in the line of duty," said Colonel Malherbe.

Ironically, the killers arrived at the ambush scene in a Toyota Cressida stolen from top Brixton detective Captain Charles Landman in Florida, Roodepoort, last night.

# Neutralise cops who back Govt - Piet Skiet

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POLICEMEN with rightwing sympathies should sniff out and neutralise colleagues who supported the Government, fugitive rightwing leader Mr Piet "Skiet" Rudolph said in a letter.

"Our heartfelt thanks to policemen and women who know what De Klerk and Vlok are busy with. Valuable participation in our struggle will not go unrecognised.

"We plead, however, with them to sniff out "rooilussies" among them and to neutralise them at this stage it can be done better from

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within," Rudolph said in a letter to the AWB mouthpiece, *Die Sweepslag*.

Rudolph, who has been in hiding for more than four months, said the struggle of the Orde Boerevolk will continue until victory.

Referring to recent arrest of rightwingers, he said catching a few men would not end the struggle.

An AWB spokesman said the letter was received a week ago and was signed by Rudolph

# Kitscop

'was told  
how to  
testify'

## Court Reporter

A SPECIAL constable and witness in the Wynberg Regional Court trial of Old Crossroads headman Mr Jeffrey Nongwe yesterday refused to corroborate the evidence of another special constable whom he said had told him how to testify.

Special Constable Nkotsenasi Tsolo, of the Nyanga police station, told a packed courtroom that Constable Albertus van Wyk had told him to say he had stood guard at Mr Nongwe's home and that, shortly after midnight on March 3, he had noticed that Mr Nongwe and his car were not at home.

During questioning by the prosecutor, Mr Ben Julius, Constable Nkotsenasi said that in fact he had never been to Mr Nongwe's home.

Mr Nongwe, 54, has been charged with four counts of arson and three of malicious damage to property. The state alleges that he caused about R26 000 damage to houses put up by the Old Crossroads committee.

Mr Nongwe has pleaded not guilty.

The trial was adjourned to October 8.



# SEBOKENG BLOWN AWAY BY POLICE

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## Out-of-control cops caused shootings

CP Reporter

A JUDGE has stated policemen involved in the Sebokeng shootings on March 26 this year and recommended that the Attorney-General investigate prosecutions against several of them.

Judge RJ Goldstone found in his commission report an order was given to police to shoot in an incident at the Sebokeng police station where five people were killed and 161 injured after a UDF march to present a memorandum to the police.

On the same day seven more people were killed and more than a hundred others injured in scattered incidents during unrest in the Lekoa townships. In his report, which was released yesterday, the judge said the force the police used was "quite unmoderate and disproportionate" to what they could try to achieve.

He also spoke of the "complete lack of discipline" in the "police line" that was formed near the police station which was "the direct cause of the shooting into the crowd".

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## Peace pact in Natal's killing fields

A PEACE pact signed yesterday has ended the carnage in the killing fields of the Natal north coast.

The Lower Umfolozi Regional Peace Accord was the brainchild of the Zululand Chamber of Industries and was signed by Inkatha, the ANC, Cosatu, the mayors of Esikaweni, Ngwelezane and Enselent plus security forces in the area.

Empanjeni and Richards Bay, reports Sapa. Local leaders of the people feel strongly that this commitment to peace principles will lead to real peace in the area and they believe not be disrupted by political activity.

Problems experienced by refugees must be urgently addressed with a view to their rehabilitation and return home.

Organisations must not abuse the youth for violent purposes.

Dangerous weapons should not be carried in public and the possession of illegal weapons is condemned.

Residents should be guided by local leadership and rumours by outside forces which incite people to violence must be stamped out.

A joint peace rally will be held soon, the ANC

## Funeral of violence victims

CP Reporters

TWENTY-SIX people killed in the Reef violence will be buried at a mass funeral in Kagiso today.

The Kagiso Crisis Committee has appealed to residents to identify bodies still at the mortuary.

At least 45 people were killed in Kagiso during the violence which erupted on the Reef about three weeks ago.

Meanwhile, police have been criticised after "rotting bodies were found dumped" in the backyards of two mortuaries on the East Rand. Police said the large number of dead had led to an abnormal situation and undertakers had refused to take away bodies not in body



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"The taking of human life and causing of injuries by policemen, where it is without justification, is a matter of utmost gravity," the judge said

The ANC said in a Press statement yesterday the commission findings demonstrated "indiscipline, callousness and readiness to shoot on the part of the police" If the ANC had not postponed the Grootse Schuur talks an internal police inquiry would have resulted in a whitewash, the statement said

Goldstone said the way in which special constables loaded their guns without receiving orders was "a matter of grave concern", and he suggested that the use of special constables during unrest be reconsidered by the authorities

In a Press release yesterday Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok said in future special constables would as far as possible not be used for riots and crowd control

He said the actions of certain policemen would be referred to the Attorney-General and steps had already been taken to adapt the training of riot police

Goldstone also criticised the organisers of the march, saying they had informed the authorities about it at short notice and the march had been organised in a haphazard way

Although no order was given to shoot, a policeman fired a shot "That was followed by a chain reaction in which a large number of policemen fired in the direction of the crowd"

The judge found that Const S van Rhyn fired the first shot intentionally

Of the 161 people known to have been shot at this incident, 84 were shot from behind

Of a total of 11 incidents in which people died or were injured, the report devotes most attention to the Sebokeng march in which 50 000 people took part

Du Plooy had set up the 47-member Reaction Unit "police line" near the Sebokeng police station because he thought the people wanted to march to Vereeniging

The report says Du Plooy had erred because he did not call for reinforcements, there appeared to be a lack of coordination and discipline among his men, and he did not liaise with the Sebokeng police station commander Col OP Mazibuko

Du Plooy was situated away from his men and was not able to communicate effectively with them

Twenty-two members of the Reaction Unit were special constables

The judge rejected as false police evidence that members of the crowd were carrying pangas and iron pipes

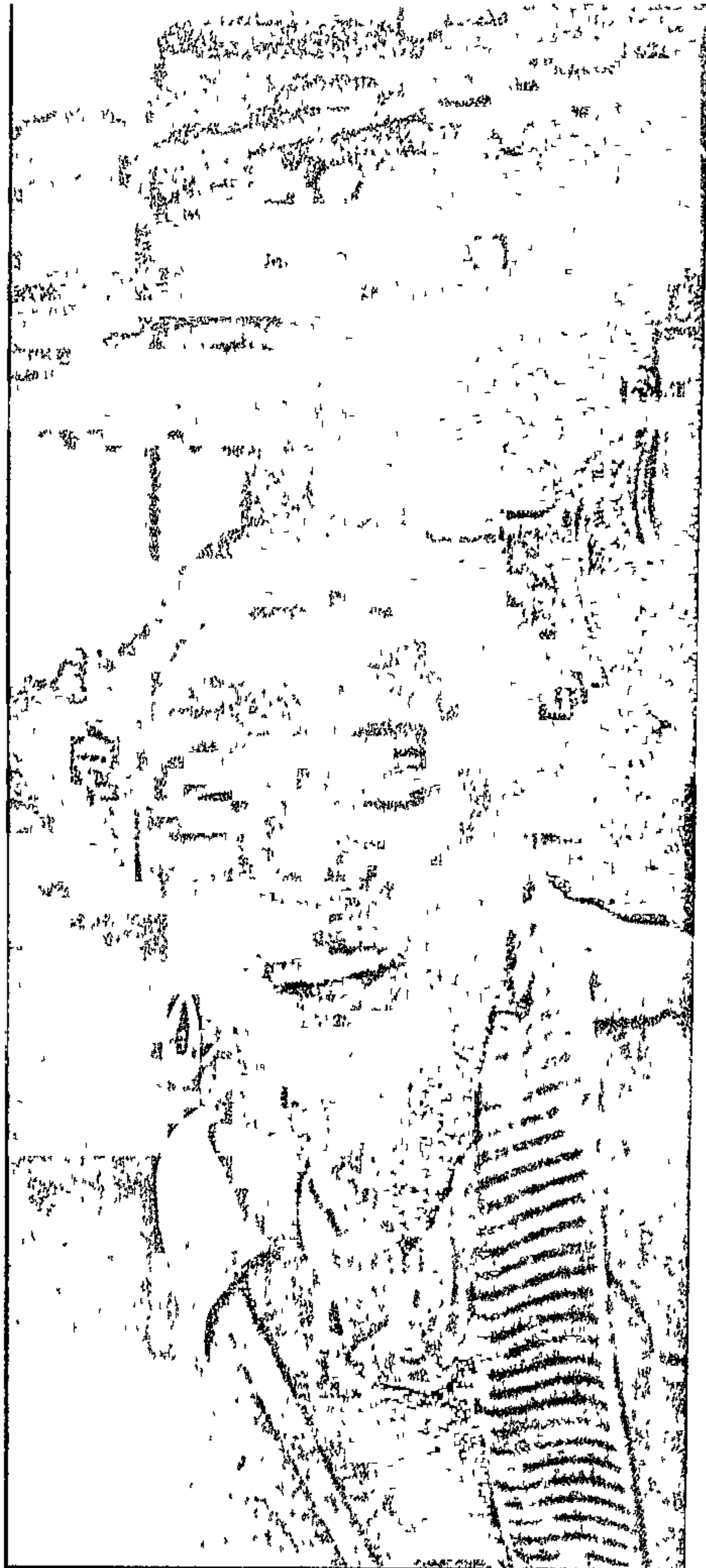
At the time of the shooting the crowd was between 30m and 40m from the police line

Not more than five stones were thrown at the police. The behaviour of the crowd might have warranted the use of teargas but only after a proper warning to disperse

Goldstone recommended that the conduct of the policemen who shot at the crowd be referred to the Attorney-General "They shot without an order to do so"

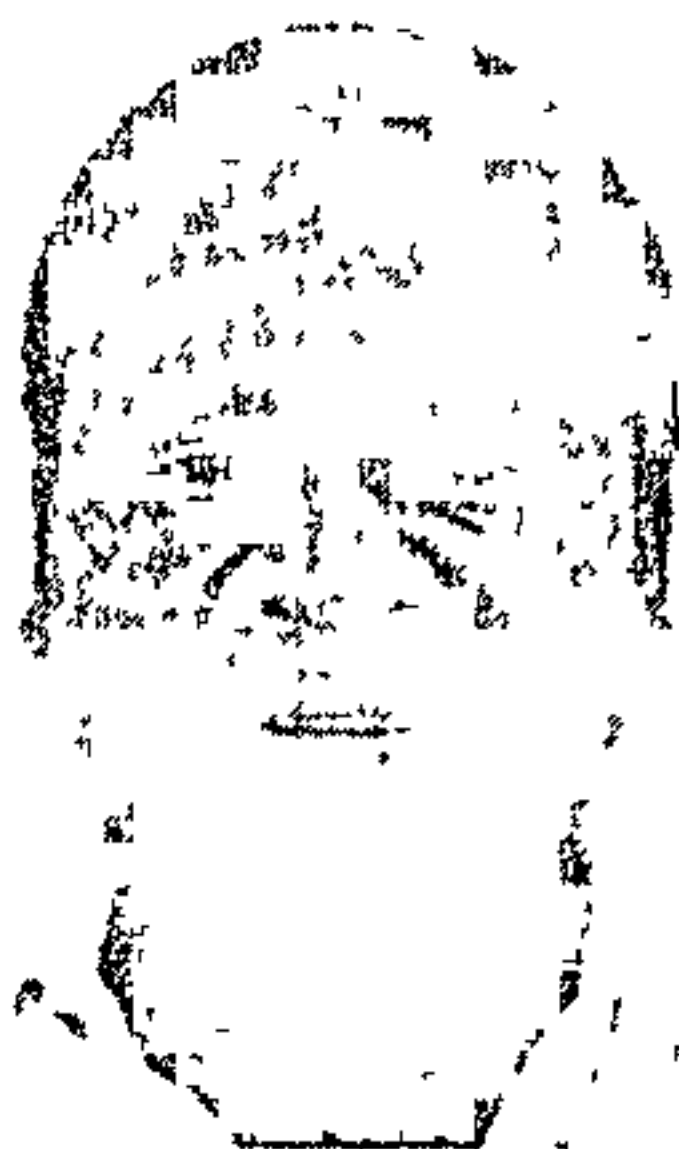
He also recommended that the case of Sgt R Van Huyssteen and Constable JJPA Geldenhuys in connection with the fatal shooting of five people in other incidents be referred to the Attorney-General

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**Songbirds in a nest of their own . . . Mara Louw and her daughter the first time in Mthobeli Mutlootse's latest musical *Baby C* Theatre on September 17 with the evergreen Afro-fusion**

## Sello joins City Press ABC



**JOURNALIST** Sekola Sello has been appointed *City Press* political editor

Sello, 38, was formerly assistant editor at *Drum* magazine. He started his career as a sports reporter with *The World* and later with *Transvaal Post*

He is a former sports editor of the *The Voice*. Sello studied African Politics and Development Administration through Unisa

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# Vlok to probe charges

PRESIDENT FW de Klerk announced yesterday that he had referred unspecified allegations against the SA Police to Minister of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok for an urgent and in-depth investigation. (251)

"I would like to stress that certain allegations which have been made against the South African Police are regarded in an extremely serious light," De Klerk said in a Press statement in Pretoria. Sowetan 3/9/90

"I have therefore referred this matter to the Minister of Law and Order for an urgent and in-depth investigation."

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# Lekoa Killings: 'Let A-G decide'

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THE conduct of a police sergeant and constable who shot dead a total of five people between them during the Lekoa disturbances of March 26 this year should be referred to the attorney-general.

Further investigation into the actions of Sergeant R van Huyssteen and Constable Geldenhuis may well result in criminal charges being preferred against them, Goldstone Commission chairman Judge R J Goldstone said in his report released in Pretoria on Saturday.

In neither of two locations where Sergeant van Huyssteen shot dead a total of four people on March 26 "would he appear to have had the right to shoot to kill," the judge said.

There was unlawful action by mobs at both scenes, Mr Justice Goldstone said, and Van Huyssteen would have been entitled to use teargas and rubber bullets. Van Huyssteen said he did not intend to kill but only stop three people he shot dead at the Kwagga Bottle Store in Sebokeng.

### Stop

But Sergeant van Huyssteen told the Commission "Wanneer ek skiet, meneer, skiet ek om hulle te stop, dan skiet ek vir jou lyf".

"Bene is n kleiner teiken ook om te stop en ek kan jou mis skiet en jy kan ontsnap".

"Ek wil n arrestasie uitvoer". Van Huyssteen shot dead Livingstone Vithima when he failed to stop, after being instructed to do so, after he had run from the bottle store with, presumably, stolen goods. He also shot dead



Mr Justice R J Goldstone

Ernest Mkhwanazi and Vuyani Makhohlwa when he fired seven shotgun rounds at other people who had been ransacking the premises.

The commission said it did not accept Constable Geldenhuis's explanation that shot had left two entry wounds in

the front of the chest of Fanie Mkhwanazi, whom he had shot when he threw stolen goods over a fence and failed to stop when called upon to do so at the store.

His explanation is that those wounds must have been caused by shot ricocheting off the concrete fence.

Referring to evidence by Colonel PR Gouws of the Forensic Science Laboratory in Pretoria that there would have been insufficient kinetic energy for the pellets to bounce off and penetrate the body of a person, the commission rejected this

### Explanation

Also on that day, at the Sebokeng post office, Sergeant van Huyssteen hit Ramonge Motung - whom he had identified as the leader of a stone-throwing mob - in the back of the left side of the head.

Sergeant van Huyssteen's version of the events, supported by Constable Geldenhuis, was not consistent with the injury behind the head, the judge said.

### Caused

Asked how the wounds could have been caused, Van Huyssteen told the commission "Hy kon sy kop gedraai het toe ek geskiet het en net hom hier agter gevang het, om my te gooi ek weet nie".

Said Judge Goldstone "Indeed, it is difficult to explain. 'I have grave doubts as to the veracity of that version.' The difficulty was that no other version was presented to the commission, he said.

Another fatality that merited the attention of the attorney-general was that of Mahlomola Khaile at the Evaton Service Station.

The commission could express no firm conclusion with regard to the policemen responsible for the shooting, but added: "There are factors which suggest that it may have been Constable Horn. But

that is nothing more than suspicion."

Eye-witness Mr Andries Mokoena told the commission there had been repeated police action at the service station, which had been set alight and plundered by about 1 000 people on March 26.

His house was situated across the road from the service station.

Mr Khaile approached him and asked for permission to use a toilet. He pointed Mr Khaile to one some way from his house.

As Mr Khaile walked off, Mokoena saw a white man standing at the entrance to the service station. He was standing next to a "Hippo" vehicle.

He was in uniform and wearing a hat. He saw him lift his gun and point it in their direction. He fired a shot.

### Head

"The shot hit (Mr Khaile) in the head, the man fell down on his back."

According to Mokoena no other people were in the vicinity at the time the shot was fired.

He knew of no reason for the police to have fired at that time.

Casspir driver PW Prinsloo testified that he and Constables J J Horn and Special Sergeant Ramoshabe had stopped at the service station to ask policemen there about a broken-down vehicle Prinsloo was adamant

that neither he nor the other two men in the Casspir had been armed with shotguns.

But Constable Horn said he had had a loaded shotgun - but he denied he had taken it with him when he made inquiries from the policemen at the service station.

The report noted "Constable Horn confirmed that at the time in question he was in uniform and wearing a hat".

An "unusual feature" of Prinsloo's evidence was information he had supplied to Advocate J J du Toit.

### Inquired

"When he had completed his testimony, Advocate du Toit, acting on behalf of the commission, inquired from Prinsloo as to the whereabouts of Horn," said the report.

"Prinsloo informed Advocate du Toit that Horn had left the police force and was now working for a firm in Kriel."

"He supplied Advocate du Toit with the name of his employer in Kriel viz Hume Pipes and also furnished a telephone number.

"Constable Horn informed the commission that there was never any question of his having left the Reaction Unit in Krugersdorp or that he had any connection with Kriel. "He is the only Horn in the unit" - Sapa

# Special constables 'unstable in riots'

THE use of special constables in police reaction units should be reconsidered, the Goldstone Commission said

Eighteen of the 30 policemen, who opened fire without instruction in the Sebokeng shooting, in which five people died and 281 were injured, were special constables

Mr Justice Goldstone said a number of the special constables, who testified before the com-

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misson, were "very unimpressive and uneducated".

He recounted in his report remarks by Cape Judge J Conradie about a standing trial special constable who had previously been a labourer: "I can't understand how it can be expected of someone, who had been struggling to push a wheelbarrow, to handle a firearm sensibly."

The Officer of the

Koeborg Training School for special constables, Lt-Col G B Smith, told the Commission there were "no educational requirements expected of special constables".

## Candidates

However, from February 20 this year candidates were required to be able to complete a questionnaire, the purpose of which was to establish

whether they were "capable of being trained".

The training given, during a course lasting eight weeks, was of a "very limited nature and aimed at the use of special constables only in supporting roles".

"They are not trained for use in unrest or for crowd control."

They were taught, however, how to handle and shoot with shotguns

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The SAP "Onlusdril" training for special constables consisted of a seven-hour course

"It is in no sense geared towards enabling special constables to participate in a police line," said the report

"Should special constables by force of circumstance be used in a police line, it is necessary for the control of the commanding officer to be immediate" - Sapa



# Charge all police linked to Sebokeng shootings — ANC

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By Patrick Laurence

The African National Congress has called for the prosecution of all policemen involved in the shooting of protest marchers in Sebokeng and its neighbouring townships on March 26

Its call came yesterday in response to the findings of the Goldstone Commission — released at the weekend — that there was complete lack of discipline and control of the police and that the firing of live ammunition had not been ordered and was unjustified.

While Mr Justice Richard Goldstone was sharply critical of several policemen on duty at Sebokeng that day, including, and in some ways especially, the commanding officer of the police line, Captain WJ du Plooy, the organisers of the march did not escape censure.

In its reaction yesterday, the ANC said. "The ANC notes the issues raised by the Goldstone report regarding organisation, co-ordination and marshalling of marches, and we strive constantly to improve our performance."

Mr Justice Goldstone said in his report: "The march at Sebokeng was not properly and effectively organised. Confusion helped create in the police line a nervousness and a feeling of being threatened."

Earlier in his report the judge criticised the organisers, the ANC-aligned UDF, for giving the authorities too short notice of their intention to organise the march and themselves

"insufficient time to properly cancel the march"

He added: "Organisations responsible for such mass action should give serious consideration to adequate planning in organisation and control, and thus reduce the risks occasioned by confusion."

A summary of the main points from the ANC's reaction and, for elucidation, appropriate findings from Mr Justice Goldstone's report, are

- The ANC did not recognise the right of the Government to proscribe the right of people to "peacefully assemble and demonstrate".

- The Goldstone Commission found that the crowd, which was 50 000-strong, was not armed with pangas and iron pipes and that, at the most, five stones had been thrown.

## Disregard

- "It is clear from the commission report that all police officers, from Captain du Plooy down to the men in his command, acted in violation of standard police procedures and wilfully chose to disregard Colonel (Othniel) Mazibuko, the senior officer in the area"

Mr Justice Goldstone said of Captain du Plooy "He failed to inform Colonel Mazibuko, his senior, of his presence in Sebokeng. He did not even inform him of his presence in the vicinity of Colonel Mazibuko's own police station."

- The ANC said "The shooting was completely unjustified. There was no need for the police to use live ammunition, let

alone ammunition that was so deadly."

The Goldstone Commission concluded that the shooting was unjustified and that the "force used was quite immoderate and disproportionate"

- The ANC said "We fully expect that all police personnel involved in this incident will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. Pending such legal proceedings, the policemen identified should immediately be suspended from duty."

Mr Justice Goldstone said "... the conduct of policemen who shot live ammunition into the crowd merits the attention of the Attorney-General." He was specifically critical of three policemen Sergeant R van Huysteen (whose bullets killed four people), Constable J J J P A Geldhenhuys and Warrant Officer K J I Csaaghy, a security policeman of 12 years' standing who was guilty of "blatant mendacity".

- The ANC said "It is clear that had the ANC not taken the steps it did, including the postponement of the Groote Schuur talks, an internal police inquiry would have resulted in a whitewash which would have covered up the crime committed against our people."

In his reaction to the Goldstone Commission report, Minister of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok noted that, while some individual policemen had been criticised, "the judge voiced no essential criticism against the force as a whole, except in as much as it concerned the utilisation of special constables".



# FW tells Vlok to probe claims about police

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By Peter Fabricius,  
Political Correspondent

The police would thoroughly investigate all allegations of their involvement in the township violence, Law and Order Ministry sources pledged today.

They were reacting to President de Klerk's statement last night that he had told Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok to conduct an investigation into allegations about the police which he regarded in an extremely serious light.

But the ANC said the inquiry should be public and not internal.

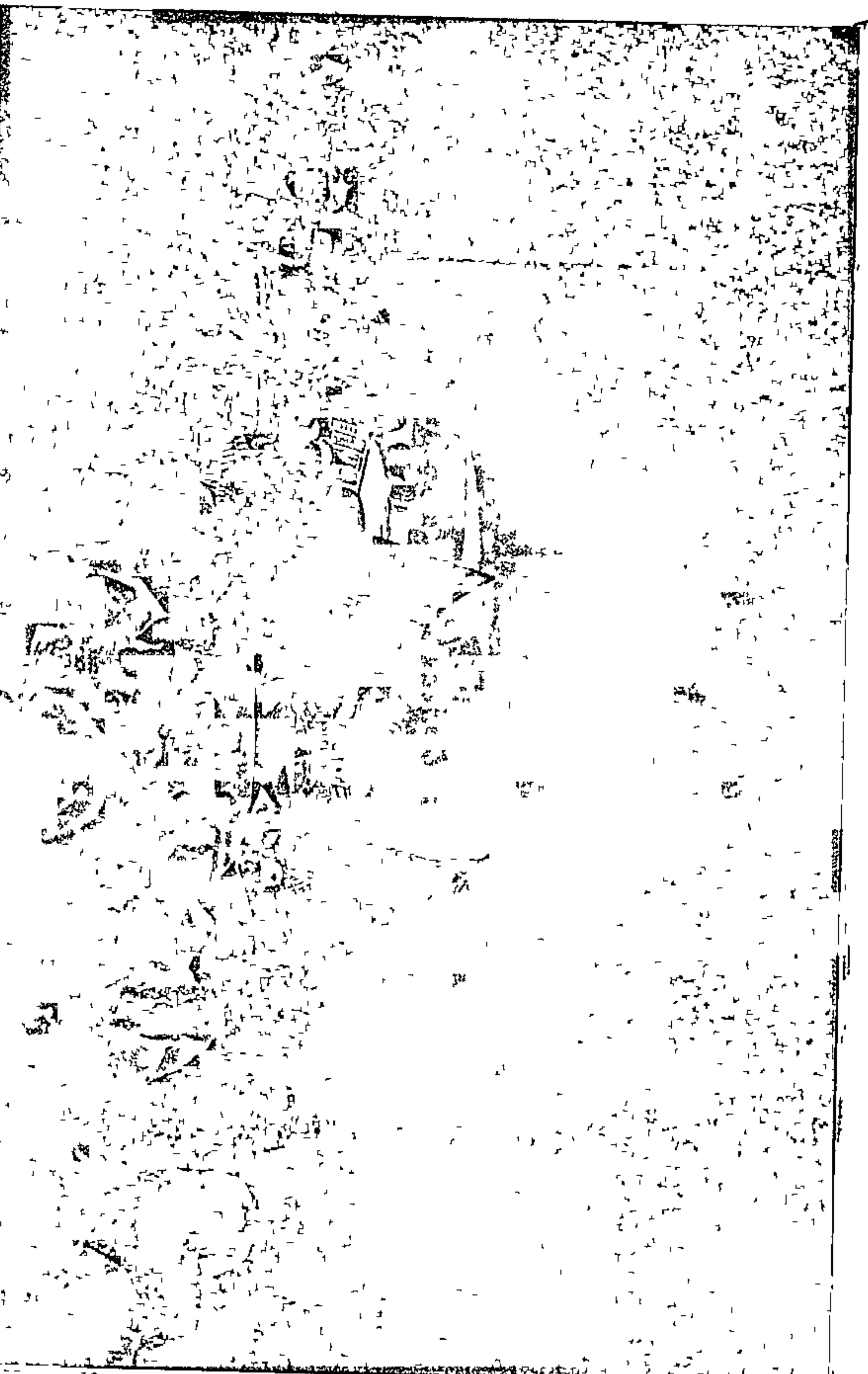
"The police should not be investigating themselves. The victims should also have a say in this," ANC spokesman Gill Marcus said today.

A public inquiry was urgently needed. Despite assurances from the authorities, people were still leaving the hostels armed to fight residents and the violence was still escalating, Ms Marcus said.

Law and Order Ministry sources said the internal inquiry would include an investigation of the large dossier handed to Mr de Klerk by Archbishop Tutu and an SA Council of Churches delegation, documenting several cases of alleged police misconduct, including collusion with Inkatha fighters in the warfare against the ANC.

They were already probing some of the allegations made against the police — such as the claim by Winnie Mandela that police had shot ANC fighters and then asked Inkatha impis to stab them.

Ms Marcus welcomed Mr de Klerk's announcement that he had asked National Health Minister Rina Venter to investigate conditions in township hostels, which have been the focus of much of the killing. The ANC believed that the community should also be involved in this inquiry. She stressed that hostel dwellers should not be kicked out of the hostels.



Final farewell . . . a Numsa flag spans a hearse as thousands of people gather yesterday to bury 19 Kagiso residents, killed during violence in Transvaal townships last month. Picture by Ken Costerbrook.

# Azapo speaker shouted down at Kagiso burial

Thousands of mourners in cold and rainy weather yesterday buried 19 Kagiso residents, killed during the violence which swept through the West Rand township last month.

The funeral service was peaceful, although marshals battled to control the large crowd gathered in the small local stadium.

Tension could have erupted into violence when a police video team walked through the crowd and started filming proceedings. People started throwing stones and hurling verbal abuse, and a policeman pulled out his service revolver.

Further confrontation was avoided when ANC marshals removed the policemen from the area. The only other signs

of police surveillance were three police vans driving past and a helicopter, which briefly circled above the stadium.

The Azaman People's Organisation (Azapo) today accused the ANC of political thuggery after a speaker representing the organisation was shouted down while addressing mourners at the funeral.

Azapo deputy president Nchaube Mokoape, in a statement released to Sapa, condemned the unruliness of the ANC and its affiliates during the funeral.

He said Azapo speaker Dan Matsobane was "hounded and harassed by people wearing ANC colours and SA Communist Party T-shirts when he attempted to address the large

crowd from the stage. He was forced to leave the platform despite ANC appeals for the crowd to be tolerant.

When a Kagiso councillor tried to speak, people jeered, chanted and sang until he too left the platform.

Also, Azapo banners displayed at the funeral were torn by knife-wielding thugs," Mr Mokoape said.

"We in Azapo are truly disgusted. Is this a glimpse of the new, non-racial, democratic South Africa for which the ANC says it is working?" he asked.

Azapo had always welcomed ANC speakers on its platforms without any difficulty.

"We were shocked that the unruly element of the ANC would not even listen to the im-

passioned pleas of their leader ship," Mr Mokoape said.

"We are worried that there may be an undisciplined element within the ANC who are not only creating problems for other organisations, but who may also become an uncontrollable monster for them," the statement said.

A claim by SA Council of Churches general secretary, the Rev Frank Chikane that police knew about and planned last month's Inkatha attack on ANC members, was enthusiastically received by the mourners. Mr Chikane said the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry's findings into the Sebokeng shootings showed that police were colluding with the enemy and "murdering our people in cold

blood."

"The commission showed police had no need to kill those people in Sebokeng. When we accused the police of doing so, they said we were lying."

"The majority of police are trained to murder us and are given guns to shoot us to protect the white minority."

"Police must be re-trained and re-educated so they can be part of the new South Africa."

SA Youth Congress president Peter Mokaba alleged that police and vigilantes had killed ANC comrades.

He called on youths to swell the ranks of Umkhonto we Sizwe so that the ANC could resort to armed action if the Government refused to negotiate.

— Staff Reporter and Sapa



# 'Kits constables' training found to be 'inadequate'

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**E**IGHTEEN of the 30 policemen who opened fire on a group of protest marchers in Sebokeng earlier this year killing 11 people were special constables

These men — referred to in the townships as "the dogs of the SAP", "the blou pakke", "the blue lines", or "kits (instant) constables" — were singled out for special attention in the 74-page report by Mr Justice Richard Goldstone

He recommended that the continued use of special constables in unrest and other related situations be re-evaluated. He found their seven-hour "onrusdril" training course was in no sense geared towards enabling special constables to participate in a police line

The special constables who testified before the commission were, he said, "very uneducated and unimpressive"

## Evidence

His findings followed evidence before the commission that:

● Special constables had been included in the police line at Sondela Gate although they were not supposed to be used in police lines and despite the fact that the commanding officer was not certain of the training they had received in crowd control. They had in fact, received none

● Special constables had been among virtually all the policeman in the line who loaded their shotguns — without orders.

Training given, during an eight week course, was limited and aimed at the use of special constables only in supporting roles, the commission heard. They were not trained for use in unrest or crowd control. They were however, taught to shoot and handle guns

Judge Goldstone said the organisers of the march at Sebokeng had failed to get the necessary permission from the authorities and said it was not properly or effectively organised

## Riot control

He strongly urged the organisers of marches to formalise their strategies and planning.

"If this type of demonstration is to become a regular feature of political expression in SA, the sooner it is subjected to rules the better"

In response to the commission's findings the Minister of Law and Order, Adrian Vlok, said special constables would, as far as possible, not be used for riot and crowd control in future.

No special constables would be armed unless it had been established that they were thoroughly familiar with all the legal requirements as well as the workings of such a firearm.

SAP spokesman, General Herman Stadler, said that, based on a decision made ear-

The Goldstone Commission report into the shootings in Sebokeng was critical of both the presence of "special constables" and also the control over a march exercised by ANC marshals. **DAWN BARKHUIZEN** looks at the training given to these people.

lier this year, the period of training for special constables had been increased from eight to 10 weeks

It was possible to learn "quite a bit about guns" in this period, but one only truly learned through practical experience, he said

Training involved drill work (running and exercise), the use of weapons and making arrests. The focus was on conducting street patrols in a similar manner to bobbies on the beat

Part of their function was to protect town councillors, their families and their property

Fulltime policemen trained for six months. In addition to basic training, they learned some law and how to handle investigations and accidents, he said.

While the same rules and regulations applied to both groups, the difference was that special constables were supervised by a senior officer and were not required to make on-the-spot decisions

The average educational level of the former was Std 8 or 9 compared to the matric required for regular policemen, he said

In July it was announced that the special constables would come under the direct control of the SAP

According to the Catholic Institute for International Relations publication, "Now everyone is afraid — the changing face of policing in South Africa", special constables are paid weekly wages amounting to about R400 a month, had no benefits and needed no educational qualifications

Training was usually oral as many were illiterate. The publication said special constables were trained to use all normal police weapons and once they started work were issued with shotguns. They were allowed to use other weapons if necessary

A Democratic Party spokesman on Law and Order, Jan van Eck, said last night the concept of "third class police for third class citizens" should be ended immediately

"The State is making a poor standard permanent. It is absurd merely to extend the training period by a couple of weeks. It is impossible that anyone trained for such a short period can perform the varied duties required of a policeman in our conflict ridden society"

Special constables had become one of the main sources of conflict in the black communities, where they were regarded as an insult and were the targets of activists.

"It is the height of irresponsibility to send these, the most poorly trained men in

the force, into the most politically volatile areas of our country where great tact, diplomacy and intensive training is necessary," he said

Mr van Eck, who has submitted numerous reports on special constables to the Minister of Law and Order and has repeatedly raised the issue in parliament, said he had personally seen them on numerous occasions "running rampant in the townships"

The Catholic Institute for International Relations publication stated "From evidence presented in many court cases it appears special constables have replaced the security forces in most communities and have introduced a new reign of terror unmatched by previous police atrocities

"The new policemen have little knowledge of the law and appear to think they can do what they like and get away with it. They are often accused of detaining, torturing and punishing people in their own living quarters

"They have killed many people who had nothing to do with unrest or crime. In a few cases they have even shot each other or members of their own families. One of the most common complaints against them is that they are drunk on duty. They are allowed to carry their weapons off duty. Many people complain that they use these to settle personal disputes and use their firearms recklessly when they are drunk"

## Walkie-talkies

The ANC said it did not recognise the right of the government to prescribe the right of people to "peacefully assemble and demonstrate"

While the ANC could not be reached for comment yesterday South African Communist Party spokesman, Jeremy Cronin, said it was absolutely crucial for marshals to be well trained. Specific attention was given to this matter, he said

Prior to the July launch of the SACP at Soccer City, Johannesburg, 2000 marshals (all workers) were trained for one month.

The SACP had drawn on the experience of the ANC. Much attention was paid to controlling admission, communication between marshals on the ground and their co-ordinators, responsibility for certain areas and response in the case of emergency, and communication with health workers.

Each group of 10 to 20 marshals had walkie-talkies placing them in direct contact with their co-ordinators.

He said that while the SACP regarded the SAP as biased and prejudiced, a working understanding was necessary in such events





# Police action: ANC calls for prosecutions

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From PATRICK LAURENCE  
The Argus Correspondent

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Its call came in response to the findings of the Goldstone Commission, released at the weekend, that there was complete lack of discipline and control of the police and that the firing of "live" ammunition had not been ordered and was unjustified.

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## Confusion

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The commission found that the crowd, which was 50 000-strong, was not armed with pangas and iron pipes and that, at the most five stones, had been thrown.

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"The shooting was completely unjustified. There was no need for the police to use live ammunition, let alone ammunition that was so deadly," the ANC said.

The commission concluded that the shooting was unjustified and that the "force used was quite immoderate and disproportionate".

"We fully expect that all police personnel involved in this incident will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law" pending which they should be suspended, the ANC said.

The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, noted that while individual policemen had been criticised, "the judge voiced no essential criticism against the force as a whole, except, in as much as it concerned the utilisation of special constables".

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# Sebokeng's Probe Blames Cop, UDF

Own Correspondent

**JOHANNESBURG.** — Both the police and the UDF Vaal Triangle committee who organised a March 26 protest march in Sebokeng were found to be at fault and had created a climate ripe for tragedy, said the Goldstone Commission's report released at the weekend.

The commission investigated the chain of events which led to 18 deaths and more than 200 people being wounded, at least 84 shot from behind as they fled from armed police.

The police were found not to have followed common law and their own standing orders for crowd control, while the protest march organisers were criticised for deficient organisational abilities.

The report recommended that the attorney-general consider the actions of certain policemen who fired on the crowd, standing about 40 metres away from a line of 30 armed policemen.

Shootings at Sebokeng's Sondela Brewery gate were unjustified, as police had not been attacked or even been threatened by attack from the crowd. At the most the crowd's behaviour justified using tear-smoke, but only after a proper warning to disperse, said the report.

Policemen who fired on the crowd had not been ordered to do so and lacked control and discipline, it added.  
There was found to be a strong probability that

Constable S van Rhyn of the reaction unit had fired first, causing a chain reaction with about 30 other policemen following suit.

Video footage showed the crowd was generally not misbehaving, though the conduct of unruly elements the previous day could have made some of policemen nervous, the report said.

The march organisers were found to be negligent, if not irresponsible, in a number of respects. They gave authorities very short notice of their intention to march to Vereeniging and erred seriously by cancelling the march at the last moment.

Crowd control was compromised by a lack in the number of marshals on hand, said the report.  
Although both sides were at fault with regard to the shooting, this did not justify indiscriminate shooting, the report concluded.

Sapa reports that the use of special constables in police reaction units was also criticised by the commission, which recommended a rethink of police policy in this regard.

Of the 30 policemen who opened fire without instruction, 18 were special constables.  
Several of those who testified before the commission were found to be "very unimpressive and uneducated".

The commanding officer of the Koeberg training school for special constables, Lieutenant-Colonel G B Smith, told the commission special constables were not expected to have educational require-

ments, but that since February 20 this year candidates had had to complete a questionnaire to establish whether they were "capable of being trained".

The training given during an eight-week course was very limited and focused on the use of special constables in supporting roles. "Unrest drill" training consisted of a seven-hour course, "in no sense geared towards enabling special constables to participate in a police line."

Captain W J du Plooy, who commanded the Sebokeng police line, said he used special constables as he had insufficient men at his disposal. He could not say why he had not sent for adequate qualified reinforcements.

The shooting had been unjustifiable and did not conform to the terms of section 48 of the Internal Security Act which empowered police to disperse gatherings with gunfire, said Mr Justice Goldstone.

He described police witnesses who appeared before him as callous, with an attitude of unconcern for the lethal nature of their ammunition and the consequences of its use.

Other cases to be referred to the attorney-general include:  
● The alleged police shooting of Mr Mahlomola Khaile at the Evaton service station.

● The conduct of Sergeant R van Huysteen and Constable J Geldenhuis, who between them shot dead five people during the Lekoa disturbances of March 26.



# FW orders urgent probe of police action

# 23 die in

# new violence

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**JOHANNESBURG. — Fighting flared in strife-torn East Rand townships at the weekend, killing 23 people and shattering a tenuous peace enforced by emergency rule as the conduct of the police came under the spotlight.**

In two developments at the weekend ● President F W de Klerk announced an urgent probe into alleged police complicity in the recent violence. This follows last week's meeting between Mr De Klerk and a deputation of senior churchmen, which included Archbishop Desmond Tutu and the secretary of the SA Council of Churches, the Rev Frank Chikane. A memorandum on the role of the police was handed to Mr De Klerk.

● The Goldstone Commission of Inquiry found that police acted unjustifiably and without discipline during a march in Sebokeng in March this year when 18 people were killed and 281 injured. Mr Justice R.J. Goldstone also recommended that an unspecified number of policemen be investigated on possible criminal charges — including a sergeant responsible for four deaths.

Yesterday police said patrols found 21 people shot or hacked to death in Thokoza and Tembisa, east of Johannesburg, after an unidentified group of men armed with rifles and sharp weapons "went on a rampage" late on Saturday night. A patrol in nearby Vosloorus found two bodies

riddled with gunshot wounds near a hostel, which houses mainly Zulu migrant workers.

The deaths came only hours after the signing of a regional peace accord on Saturday between Inkatha and the ANC in the north of hard-hit Natal province, since 1987 the scene of the worst fighting between the groups.

The ANC has insisted police have sided with Inkatha. Despite police denials, Mr De Klerk said in a statement "I would like to stress that certain allegations which have been made against the South African Police are regarded in an extremely serious light. I have therefore referred this matter to the Minister of Law and Order (Mr Adriaan Vlok) for an urgent and in-depth investigation".

## To attorney-general

Mr De Klerk also announced a probe into the hostel system, which the ANC has said should be abolished and workers absorbed into the communities, where they can live with their families.

"The government believes that it is in the interests of healthy family life that accommodation should be provided on a family basis," Mr De Klerk said, noting he had referred the issue to Health Minister Dr Rina Venter and she would examine "the feasibility of converting hostels into suitable family units". He said Mr Vlok would issue a statement on the question of police complicity "in time".

Responding to the Goldstone Commission's recommendation that the actions of certain police members be referred to the attorney-general, Mr Vlok said in Pretoria that it would be implemented and the necessary dockets submitted.

He said departmental steps were also being considered against certain individual members and that in future special constables, as far as possible, would not be used for riots and crowd control.

Mr Vlok said the government had taken note of the findings and recommendations and had referred the report to him "for further attention and action".

Meanwhile the ANC called for all SAP members involved in the Sebokeng shooting to be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

The ANC said it was clear from the commission's report that police officers violated standard police procedures, wilfully choosing to disregard the authority of a Colonel Mazibuko, the SAP senior officer in the area.

Shooting was completely unjustified and the police had no need to use live ammunition or any other deadly weapons, they said.

ANC spokesman Ms Gill Marcus said yesterday the organisation had noted Mr Justice Goldstone's criticism aimed at the MDM organisers and would investigate crowd control measures at public marches.

"We are certainly taking this matter very seriously. We are very concerned about loss of life" — Sapa, UPI and Own Correspondent

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● **Natal leaders sign peace accord — Page 2**



# Police probe bias claims

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POLICE yesterday pledged to vigorously investigate allegations of brutality and pro-Inkatha bias against their members in the recent spate of township violence.

**Sowetan Correspondent**

proach them for substantive evidence so that we can investigate thoroughly."

Police apparently intend to interview all those who have claimed police misbehaviour

A top-ranking police officer has been appointed to head the probes, it was learnt yesterday.

Sources said police had already contacted Mrs Winnie Mandela over her recent allegations and were in the process of seeking further particulars from Transkei leader Major-General Bantu Holomisa about his.

President FW de Klerk said at the weekend he regarded charges against the police in an "extremely serious light".

Also under investigation will be a pile of affidavits by eyewitnesses contained in a dossier handed by Archbishop Desmond Tutu and a South African Council of Churches delegation to De Klerk at the Union Buildings last week.

He had asked Minister of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok for an urgent and in-depth investigation into them.

"All of these allegations are being investigated," a police spokesman said yesterday. "People making the allegations must know we are going to probe them."

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# A-G may probe Sebokeng police

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By Helen Grange

Several policemen singled out by the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry as being involved in the "unjustifiable" Sebokeng shootings may soon have to answer for their deeds to the Attorney-General

Mr Justice Goldstone recommended that the actions of all policemen who fired live ammunition that day — as well as the conduct of Sergeant Rudgerd van Huysteen, Constable Jurie Geldenhuys and Constable Jacobus Horn — be investigated by the Attorney-General

First on the list will be Constable Sean van Rhyn, member of the Krugersdorp Reaction Unit. He was the man who admitted firing the first shot that led to a chain reaction of shots

by a police line-up at Sebokeng on March 26.

Eleven people died in Sebokeng that day at the hands of riot policemen

Constable van Rhyn told the commission he had been afraid and accidentally fired the first shot with his stopper-teargas rifle.

Sergeant van Huysteen, also in the police line-up, shot one person he had identified as an

## Claims may total R3-m

By Esmaré van der Merwe, Political Reporter

Civil claims of between R2 million and R3 million may be brought against the Government following the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry's finding that police action in the Sebokeng shooting on March 26 was unjusti-

“agitator” in the crowd of about 1 000 people

In a second incident, he and Constable Geldenhuys were together when they confronted groups looting and burning shops. The two policemen told Mr Justice Goldstone they had tried to arrest fleeing looters who had tried to hide in a hostel. They said they had then been stormed by a nearby crowd

armed with pangas and sticks.

The men claimed they were being attacked when they opened fire. In this incident, Sergeant van Huysteen had been responsible for three deaths and Constable Geldenhuys for one

Another man who may have to face further legal inquiries is Warrant Officer K J I Csa-jaghy, who Mr Justice Goldstone said had made a false statement that the crowd had stormed the police

Warrant Officer Csa-jaghy admitted to the commission that he had not seen the shootings on March 26, but had been told a version of events at a later stage

He had given this version in his sworn statement

# ANC call on role of police

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**THE ANC's PWV region yesterday called on the police to get rid of the impression in black communities that the force was one of repression and to start acting in an impartial way.**

The call was made in a report-back statement following a regional consultative conference on Sunday in Lenasia, south of Johannesburg.

Delegates, representing 53 recently launched ANC branches, also endorsed the ANC's

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suspension of the armed struggle - "as a contribution to the negotiation and peace process" - but reiterated the right to "self-defence" had not been forfeited.

The conference paid special attention to matters affecting the growth of the ANC. These included building the ANC, recruitment and the launching of branches.

"Special attention was paid to the question of the recent violence," the ANC report-back said.

"Concern was expressed over the simplistic presentation of the conflict as 'Xhosa/Zulu' or 'black on black' violence without due attention being paid to the systematic orchestration process

"Particular note was made of the role of police violence. The perception of our people persists that police are not a body for the maintenance of order, but a force of repression.

"A unanimous call was made for police to act in service to the community in a totally impartial way."

Reports on the Pretoria Minute were delivered to delegates and the ANC "reiterated its commitment to peace".

The conference expressed support for the appointment of Umkhonto we Sizwe chief of staff Mr Chris Hani to lead the ANC working group on the suspension of the armed struggle.

It rejected, "as a violation of the Pretoria Minute", the 41-hour special indemnity, starting this week, granted to Hani.

"In the interest of the regulation and peace process, it would be inconceivable that matters arising out of the suspension of armed struggle be determined without the participation of the MK chief of staff," the region said

It welcomed the agreement of the joint ANC-Government working group on the release of political prisoners - Sapa

## Open SA the aim - media council

IT WAS the task of the SA Media Council, in addition to mediation and conflict resolution, to be vigilant in protecting and promoting a free and open South Africa, council chairman Mr Jan Steyn said in Cape Town yesterday.

Speaking at the 14th meeting of the council, he said the organisation would debate how to give further and "hopefully permanent content to the process

through which a more open society can be secured". Sowetan 4/9/90

He said the principles on which such a society was based had been systematically eroded over the years.

"We will be seeking to produce a carefully considered and balanced input to the Government to have all unnecessary constraints on media freedom removed," Steyn said. - Sapa.



# City's bobbies on the beat

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By MONICA GRAAFF  
Crime Reporter

THE "bobby" is back on the beat today in a new two-pronged attack on crime in the city centre

The new Crime Prevention Unit, under the command of Captain Willem Snyman, was launched at police headquarters yesterday

Dubbed "the tackie squad", the new unit will not replace the already operative business watch, but will concentrate on public safety

The bobbies will prowl the streets night and day, both in uniform and in plain clothes, in an attempt to wipe out thuggery in the city centre

In uniform, the bobbies in blue will be conspicuous and approachable in the street. Out of uniform, they hope to "catch the baddies red handed"

At an intensive briefing session yesterday, Deputy Regional Commissioner of Police Brigadier Nic Acker told them to keep a special eye on nightclub violence as well as areas where street children harass members of the public unduely

Police liaison officers were yesterday reluctant to release the exact number of men recruited to the unit "for security reasons"

Captour spokeswoman Ms Marion Kelder yesterday welcomed the re-introduction of bobbies on the beat as being in the interests of tourism

## Plan to discredit policemen, says Vlok

AN orchestrated attempt at discrediting the SA Police had been launched to make the force unacceptable to the South African population as a whole, Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok said on Monday night. (251)

He said it was interesting to note that these attempts had started last year with allegations of police hit squads, concerning which a report was awaited from the Harms Commission of Inquiry. *Sowetan 5/9/90*

The SAP would act mercilessly against perpetrators of violence in its own midst, he said.

Though a minority of policemen might at times transgress laws either deliberately or due to difficult circumstances, it was unfair to accuse the police force on the whole of impartiality and incitement of violence.

He claimed thousands of people, instead of 500, would have died in recent township unrests if police had not been there. - Sapa

# Witness describes how troops fired

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outside and some inside the building in the hostel compound

Len Kumalo, senior photographer of Sowetan newspaper, yesterday described how 11 Sebokeng hostel dwellers were shot dead when an SADF patrol opened fire shortly after 9 am

He had just fetched his young daughter from school in Vereeniging as he feared there would be trouble with transport later in the day

"As I was driving back from the school with my daughter, the SADF patrol overtook me near the hostel and stopped. The soldiers got off their trucks, took up positions and cocked their guns. I thought maybe they wanted to scare the people.

"The people came towards them waving their hands, saying 'Peace, we are not fighting'. Some of them even sat down.

"All of a sudden there was shooting. Many of the people ran. Some of the people fell," he said.

Kumalo said when it was all over, there were 11 bodies, some

He said he heard reports of an SADF Hippo driving over one of the people who had been shot. A registration number of the vehicle was passed on to him.

But the Ministry of Law and Order, in a statement, has questioned the timing of the incident.

The statement read "A number of people were killed during a shooting incident in Sebokeng on Tuesday

## Visited

"The office of the Regional Commissioner of Police for the Witwatersrand has already issued a detailed statement regarding the incident.

"The Minister of Law and Order and the Commissioner of the SA Police visited the scene shortly after the incident.

"This office is aware of a Sapa report in which a Sowetan photographer, Mr N Kumalo, described

how he allegedly witnessed the shooting of 11 people outside a Sebokeng hostel 'shortly before 4 am'.

"This allegation is in direct contrast to the statements made by the SADF and SAP members who were present, as well as numerous other eyewitnesses who allegedly saw the small SADF patrol come under attack at 9.20 am, more than five hours after the 'incident' witnessed by Mr Kumalo.

"The SA Police will therefore immediately arrange for Kumalo to be interviewed by a senior officer and an affidavit taken to substantiate his allegations, since he claims to be an eyewitness to the incident."

Mr Kumalo's original statement, issued by Sapa, mentioned the time as being 4 am. This story was retracted and the time corrected to read 9 am. This would be consistent with the time mentioned in the original police report — Staff Reporter-Sapa



# Big row brewing over SADF shootings

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**The Argus Correspondent**  
**JOHANNESBURG.** — The Defence Force has appointed a board of inquiry into the killing of 11 people by SADF troops in Sebokeng yesterday amid calls for a judicial commission of inquiry.

The 11 township residents were shot dead during a confrontation between a 5 000-strong crowd and a contingent of troops called in by the police.

Today both the African National Congress and the Democratic Party said a judicial inquiry must be held. A military probe would not satisfy them.

While saying today that a military board of inquiry had been appointed, a Ministry of Defence spokesman said no further statement would be issued at this stage.

ANC spokesman Mr Saki Macozoma said Mr Nelson Mandela had called for a judicial inquiry.

The SADF could not investigate itself, said Mr Macozoma.

DP co-leader Dr Zac de Beer said of the military probe "In the light of the recent Goldstone inquiry

(which sternly criticised police for the shooting of protesters in the township earlier this year) this is simply not good enough.

That inquiry showed beyond any doubt that at least in certain instances the security forces have acted improperly in suppressing unrest.

"The public will expect a similar objective and authoritative inquiry into the latest episode."

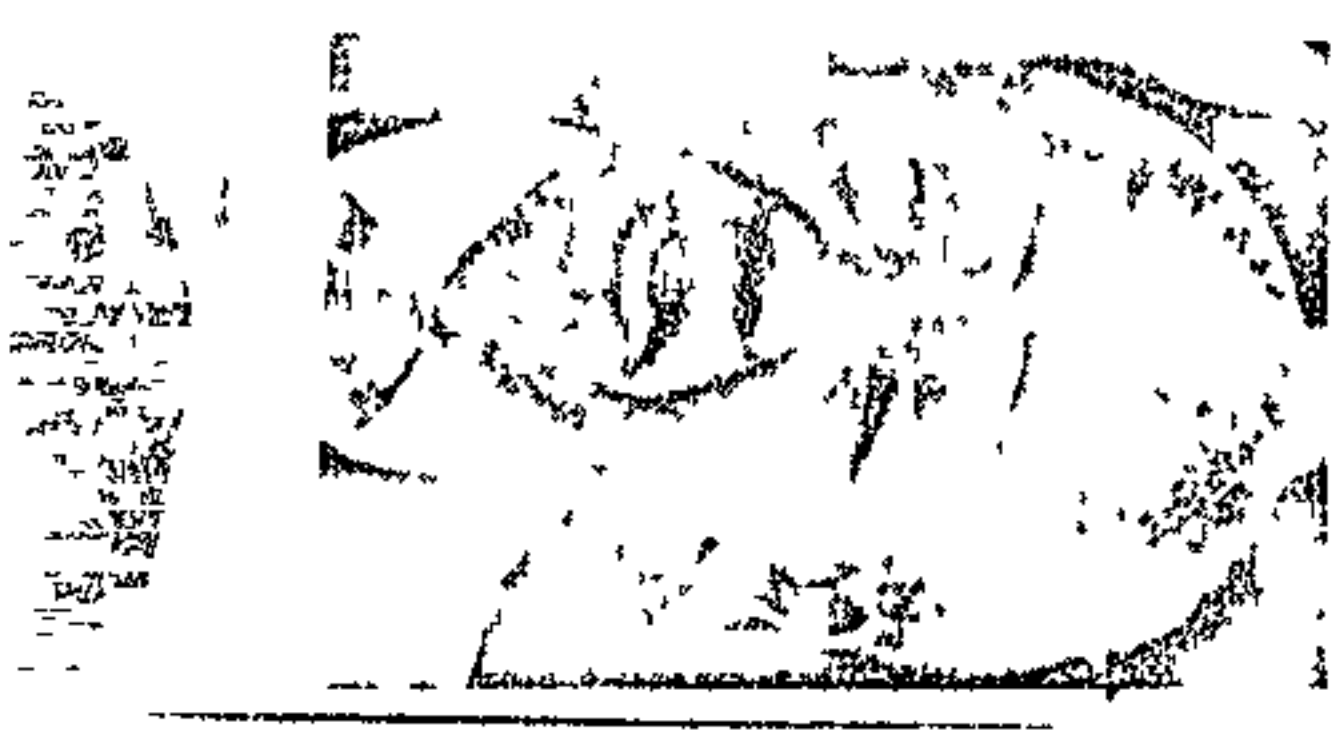
Mr Mandela said the ANC was outraged at the "carnage".

**Meeting with Vlok**  
He was speaking after he and other ANC executive members had seen some of the bodies of the people who were

Mr Nelson Mandela . . . outraged at "carnage".



Picture SEAN WOODS Argus Group Picture Service





... just hours before Mr Mandela met law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok to discuss the shootings. Sapa reported late last night that no statement was released after the meeting at an undisclosed venue.

Addressing journalists after meeting a police station commander and other senior police officers, Mr Mandela placed the blame for the deaths and scores of injuries squarely on Inkatha and the SADF, whose actions he described as reckless.

Mr Mandela, who was accompanied by ANC internal leader Mr Walter Sisulu and secretary-general Mr Alfred Nzo, said "We examined some of the bodies and were outraged at what we saw."

### "Shot in back"

"One of the people was obviously shot in the back and his head was crushed. These people had been shot, hit with pangas and stabbed with spears. This was a very cruel and vicious attack."

"This comes after the findings of the Goldstone commission of inquiry and it only confirms that the conduct of the police leaves much to be desired."

"We see no reason why live bullets were used because the lives of members of the army were not threatened."

Today the township was quiet following 48 hours of faction fighting and the SADF-crowd clash which left at least 36 people dead.

### 124 injured

A Sebokeng Hospital spokesman said 124 injured people had been treated during the last two days, 70 admitted and 54 discharged since the outbreak of violence in Sebokeng on Monday night.

An Inkatha leader was among 150 arrested following yesterday's shootings.

Police alleged he was found in possession of four AK-47 rifles, pistols and ammunition.

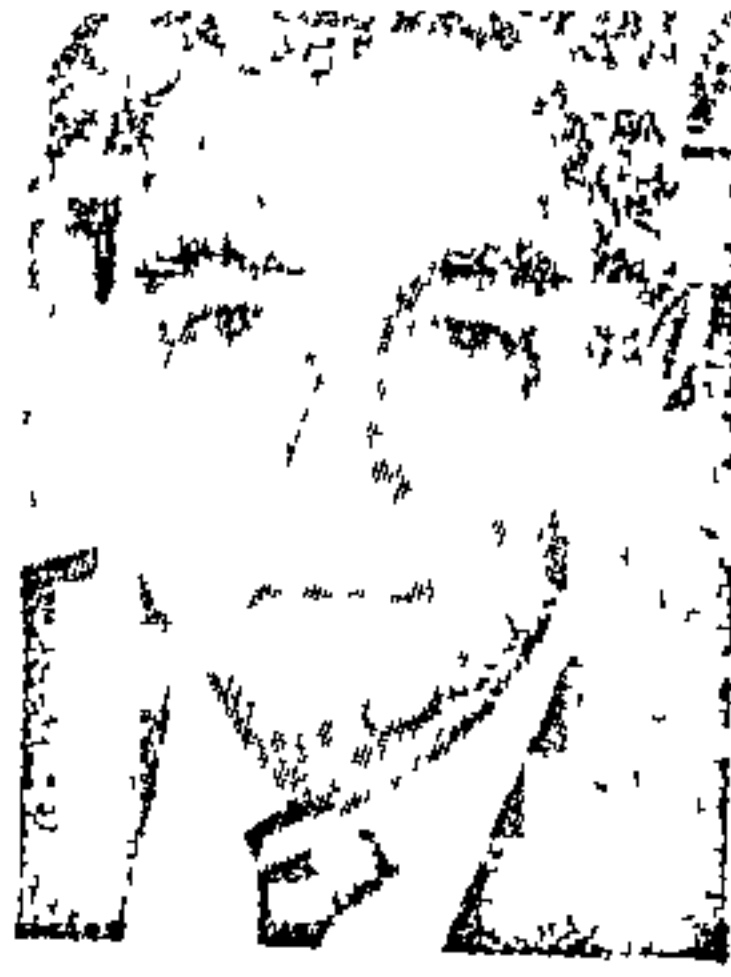
He will appear in a Vereeniging court within 48 hours, with the 150 hostel inmates arrested in connection with the murder of four residents.

The four murders are said to have sparked the confrontation which led to the shooting.

After two days of bloody clashes in Sebokeng, police said the area was quiet today and last night, except for Evaton where youths petrol-bombed shops.

On the East Rand, peace returned last night with only a few reported incidents of gunshots and arson after faction fighting which left three dead on Monday. A strong police contingent patrolled the township last night.

Dr Zac de Beer ...  
simply not  
good enough.

A large, grainy black and white photograph showing a person's legs and feet. The person appears to be lying down, possibly in a hospital bed or on a stretcher. The image is very dark and has a high level of contrast, making it difficult to discern fine details. The person's feet are visible at the bottom of the frame, and their legs extend upwards. The overall tone is somber and clinical.

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# SAP to probe 'ANC support'

By MONICA GRAAFF  
Crime Reporter

POLICE yesterday undertook to investigate PAC allegations that special constables were supporting the ANC in the Old Crossroads faction fighting.

Regional deputy commissioner Brigadier Nick Acker announced this after a meeting at police headquarters between PAC leader Mr Prince Gobingca and top policemen.

The fighting is between supporters of the absent Crossroads mayor, Mr Johnson Ngxobongwana, and those of breakaway

headman Mr Jeffrey Nongwe.

Mr Gobingca, a squatter leader in Green Point, Khayelitsha, claimed that most of Mr Ngxobongwana's supporters were now PAC members.

Mr Nongwe's side had openly supported the ANC since February 2, when it was unbanned.

Mr Gobingca, who initiated yesterday's meeting which was described by both sides as "fruitful" and "genial", asked police to end "their partisan backing" of Mr Nongwe's faction.

At an impromptu press conference after the meeting, Mr Gobingca accused the ANC of intimi-

dating PAC members by "burning down our shacks".

Mr Gobingca, whose own Green Point home was burnt down last month, said the PAC was therefore "duty-bound" to go to the assistance of its Old Crossroads members, "all of whom have lost their homes to ANC arson attacks and who have been forced to seek refuge at Noxolo Primary School".

● According to Sapa, SABC radio reported yesterday that violence flared in Old Crossroads yesterday afternoon when a group of youths stoned shacks in Section One before setting them alight.



# Special constables in the firing line

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The Goldstone Commission report into the shootings in Sebokeng criticised the presence of special constables as well as ANC marshals' control over marchers

**DAWN BARKHUIZEN** looks at the training given to these people.

Eighteen of the 30 policemen who opened fire on a group of protest marchers in Sebokeng earlier this year, killing 11 people, were special constables

These men — referred to in the townships as "the dogs of the SAP" or kitskonstabels — were singled out for special attention in the 74-page report by Mr Justice Richard Goldstone

He recommended that the continued use of special constables in unrest situations be re-evaluated. He found that their seven-hour *onrusdril* training course in no way equipped them with the skills needed to take part in a police line

Judge Goldstone said the special constables who testified before the commission were "very uneducated and unimpressive"

SAP spokesman General Herman Stadler said in an interview that the period of training for special constables had been increased from eight to 10 weeks

It was possible to learn "quite a bit about guns" in this period, he said.

## No training

According to the Catholic Institute for International Relations publication, "Now Everyone is Afraid — the Changing Face of Policing in South Africa", special constables are paid wages of about R400 a month, have no benefits and need no educational qualifications

Judge Goldstone's findings on special constables were that

- Kitskonstabels had been included in the police line at Sondela Gate, although they were not supposed to be used in police lines and, moreover, the commanding officer was not certain of the training they had received in crowd control. They had in fact received none.

- Kitskonstabels had been among the policemen in the line who loaded their shotguns — without orders

In response to the commission's findings, Minister of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok said special constables would, as far as possible, not be used for riot and crowd control in future

## Terror

A Democratic Party spokesman on law and order, Jan van Eck, said the concept of "third-class police for third-class citizens" should be ended at once

"It is the height of irresponsibility to send poorly trained men into the most volatile areas of our country where great tact and intensive training is necessary," he said.

The Catholic Institute for International Relations publication stated "From evidence presented in many court cases it appears special constables have replaced the security forces in most communities and have introduced a new reign of terror

"The new policemen have little knowledge of the law and appear to think they can do what they like and get away with it

"They have killed many people who had nothing to do with unrest or crime. One of the most common complaints is that they are drunk on duty"

- In response to the commission's criticisms of the way marches were planned and executed, the ANC said it did not recognise the right of the Government to prescribe the right of people to "peacefully assemble and demonstrate"

While the ANC could not be reached for comment yesterday, SA Communist Party spokesman Jeremy Cronin said it was absolutely crucial for marshals to be well trained

Before the July launch of the SACP at the FNB Stadium, 2 000 marshals had been trained for a month, he said

The SACP had drawn on the experience of the ANC. Much attention had been paid to controlling admission, communication between marshals on the ground and their co-ordinators, responsibility for certain areas and response in the case of emergency, and communication with health workers

Mr Cronin added "It is our experience that rallies and meetings go off well when left alone, when the security forces are out of sight"

# Gang-buster police on trial over 'torture'

By FERENZA MILLER  
Staff Reporter

MEMBERS of the Peninsula police gang-busting unit, acting on instructions from a "Captain Devil-eyes", administered repeated electric shocks during a torture session, the Cape Town Regional Court has heard.

The members of the squad — 12 men and a woman — have pleaded not guilty to culpable homicide, abduction and assault of four Hanover Park men last December.

The body of one of the men, Mr Kevin Ruiters, was found later in a warehouse.

The 13, whose ranks range from constable to captain, are: Mr Hein van Tubbergh Smit, Mr Andries Strydom, Mr Phillip Swanepoel, Mr Raymond Titus, Mr Rudolph St Bernard, Mr Allan Williams, Mr Allan Manuel, Mr Jacobus van Wyngaard, Mr Adriaan Saultse, Mr Eric Rossouw, Mr Kenneth Patrick, Mr Warren Kannemeyer and Miss Arlene Minnaar.

Mr John Lewis, in shackles, told the court yesterday that police took him and three others — Mr Ruiters, Mr Keith Frey and Mr Adunaan Leonard — for a ride and then tortured them until they screamed and wept.

"I could not see where we were going. A sack was placed over my head and tightened around my neck," he said. "When the van stopped, I was taken into a building where I heard Keith crying I was handcuffed, drenched with water and forced on to my knees.

"All the time 'Captain Devil-eyes' asked me to tell him where my gun was. An object was placed on my body and I felt shocks going through me repeatedly."

Mr Lewis also told the court that the captain had kept Mr Ruiters behind, while he and his two friends were dropped off in a bushy area. They hitched a ride home.

The hearing continues today.

The magistrate is Mr F Botes. Mr J. Tredoux is prosecuting and Mr D Uys appears for the accused.



# Gang-buster cops on trial

## Hanover Park men allege the policemen tortured them

Cpl. Tracy

6/19/90

Court Reporter

FOUR Hanover Park men were allegedly tortured and given electric shocks by policemen of the Peninsula Gang Unit — 13 of whom are facing charges of culpable homicide, abduction and assault, Cape Town Regional Court heard on Tuesday

The accused are Mr Hein van Tubbergh Smit, 32 — also known as "Captain Devil-Eyes", Mr Andries Stephanus Strydom, 43, Mr Phillip Swanepoel, 28, Mr Raymond Charles Titus, 37, Mr Rudolf Johannes St Bernard, 27, Mr Alan George Williams, 29, Mr Allan George Manuel, 25, Mr Jacobus van Wyn-gaardt, 25, Mr Adriaan John Saulse, 23, Mr Eric Johnny Freddie Rossouw, 36, Mrs Arlene Traacie Minnaar, 21, Mr Kenneth Patrick, 24, and Mr Warren Carl Kannemeyer, 30

All have pleaded not guilty to the allegations

The state has alleged that the unit members abducted and assaulted Mr Kevin Ruiters, Mr John Lewis, Mr Keith Frey and Mr Adunnaan Leonard. Mr Ruiters was left behind in a Bellville South warehouse. His body was found a few days later.

One of the alleged victims, Mr John Lewis, said that he, the dead man (Mr Kevin Ruiters) and Mr Keith Frey were visiting a Hanover Park home after a funeral when a police van and two minibuses arrived on the afternoon of December 22 last year.

He said the three were ordered to get into the police van, which circled the block and picked up a fourth friend and alleged gang member, Mr Adunnaan Leonard. "We drove to Rylands where we were ordered out of the van and told to split — Keith and I were

ordered into one minibus and Kevin and Adunnaan into the other," he said.

"As I got in, a sack cloth was placed over my head and tied with rope at my neck — I was ordered to lie on a seat.

"The door closed and someone said, 'We're going for a ride,'" he said.

They drove to an unknown destination where Mr Frey (Keith) was first taken out. Mr Lewis said he was led into a building, where he could hear Keith crying.

Mr Lewis said someone called "Captain Devil-Eyes" asked Keith whether he (Mr Lewis) had a gun. "Keith said, 'Yes, a 38' "I was pushed on to my knees and my head was put between the back bars of a chair before they pulled up my sweater and poured water down my back.

"Then, 'Captain Devil-Eyes' said, 'Start now' and I felt the first shock.

"I told him on repeated questioning and shocks that the gun was at my father's house," he said, adding that he was crying and screaming throughout the ordeal.

Mr Lewis said he heard "Captain Devil-Eyes" tell someone to keep the dead man — who was crying — at the building after he threw him (Mr Lewis) down and kicked him in the ribs.

He said he and Mr Ruiters were dropped off by one of the minibuses and told to start walking.

"We met Adunnaan on the way — the three of us hitched a lift back to Hanover Park with a taxi driver."

Mr Lewis said he had been afraid of pressing charges against the police for fear of their returning to fetch him again.

The trial continues.

The magistrate is Mr E Bees. Mr J Tredeux is appearing for the state and Mr Dik Uij is for the accused.



# Nurse describes burns in gang-busters trial <sup>251</sup>

Staff Reporter *AK64S 7/9/90*

AN alleged torture victim was treated for superficial burns, the Cape Town Regional Court was told in the trial of 13 members of the Peninsula police gang-busting unit.

The members of the squad — 12 men and a woman — have pleaded not guilty to culpable homicide, abduction and assault of four Hanover Park men last December

## "NERVOUS AND TENSE"

Mrs Catherine Smith, a nursing sister at the Hanover Park Maternity Hospital, told the court a man had approached her while she was on duty on December 22

"The man — very nervous and tense — told me that he was Keith Frey. He rolled his sleeve towards his elbow and I saw that the inside of his forearms was very red

"He appeared to have superficial burns, so I applied ointment and bandages and referred him to the Day Hospital," Mrs Smith said.

Another witness, Mr Adumaan Leonard, 18, said in evidence that he had been confronted by four police vehicles in Sherwood Walk, Hanover Park

"I tried to run away because I had a bottle of beer in my hand," he said

"A man got out of the car, grabbed me around my neck and told me to climb into the police van, where I saw Mr Ruiters, Mr Frey and Mr Lewis"

He said a blue striped cloth was pulled over his head. Mr D Uijs, who appeared for the accused, told the court that in a previous statement Mr Leonard had described the cloth as red

## COURT WARNING

The magistrate, Mr F Botes, said that Mr Leonard had ignored court orders to refrain from speaking to State witnesses

He was warned that he would be charged with contempt of court if he spoke to the remaining witnesses, Mrs P Ruiters, Mr M Philander and Mrs J Abrahams

Mr J Tredoux prosecuted

LAW AND THE COURTS

# Cinderella province takes up the cudgel

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PUBLIC alarm at recurring images of savagely armed men terrorising the townships of Johannesburg and the East Rand led to a government proclamation banning dangerous weapons in 19 magisterial districts last month.

This government action was taken despite protestations by combatants that the weapons were "traditional" or "cultural" items and thus in some way above the law.

But just weeks later, in a move feared likely to increase the violence in Natal, the government has changed the law in that province by introducing the concept of "cultural weapons" into legislation for the first time, thus opening the way for summarily armed men to take the freedom of the streets.

Since April Durban's Legal Resources Centre has tried to ensure police enforcement of four separate pieces of legislation aimed at preventing dangerous weapons from being carried in public.

The Dangerous Weapons Act, the Natal Code on Zulu Law, the kwaZulu Government Notice 8 of 1978, all prohibit the display or bearing of dangerous weapons, either generally or in particular areas.

A letter by the LRC to the Commissioner of Police in Pretoria on April 23 notes that at a march on the previous day, many of the participants were "heavily armed".

"Most of the male marchers carried up to three weapons. These included knobkerries, pangas, knives, axes and steel pipes.

"When the writer approached a policeman on duty to draw his attention to the above, he was informed that such weapons were 'cultural weapons'. In our view the display of weapons on the march was provocative and reckless."

LRC lawyer Howard Varney said this week that despite correspondence of this kind with the SAP since April, and a meeting with officials in Cape Town during June, "there has been no satisfactory response".

During the Cape Town meeting a memorandum was handed over by LRC with various demands. One of these was that the police should enforce the provisions of the Natal code which outlawed the carrying of dangerous weapons except under stringent conditions.

They were told the Code had been referred to the cabinet, but by August when no further reply was received, LRC sent an ultimatum setting September 3 as a deadline for a response.

On that day they were informed that the state president had amended the Natal code in the gazette of August 31.

Previously the Code — which dates back to colonial times — made it an offence for any black person to carry "an assegai, swordstick, battle axe, stick shod with iron, staff or sharp-pointed

stick or any other dangerous weapon".

Exceptions were made only if such a person had been engaged on public duty, was a member of the police, had written authorisation from a commissioner or magistrate, was engaged in hunting or in bona fide night travelling outside an urban area. In the case of a staff or a sharp-pointed stick, exceptions were also made if the person was aged or infirm and used the stick for support.

All others carrying such weapons would be guilty of an offence.

The new amendment makes several significant changes: the section prohibiting the carrying of assegais, axes, knobkerries or other dangerous weapons to any feast, dance or other gathering is deleted.

New exceptions are now added to the list of circumstances under which dangerous weapons may be carried. Now they will be allowed if they are carried by someone "able to prove that he had the bona fide intention to carry such dangerous weapons in accordance with traditional Zulu usages, customs or religions".

Written authorisation to carry such weapons may now also be granted by a police official "in the capacity of commander of a police station", who may now give permission to the organisers of a gathering or procession for such weapons to be carried and may set out conditions under which they may be borne.

Commenting on the changes, Varney said it was clear the authorities had no intention of enforcing the original Natal Code which placed strict limitations on the carrying of weapons in public.

"The amendment now makes it easier for persons to appear in public armed, as the new provisions permit the carrying of weapons according to traditional Zulu usages, whatever these may be.

"Instead of clamping down on this problem the authorities, in stark contrast with steps they have taken in the Transvaal, have seen fit to relax laws pertaining to weapons in Natal.

Unrest monitors said there was "well-documented proof" that the carrying of such weapons to political rallies and meetings had often led to bloodshed and they questioned the commitment of the government to bringing peace to Natal, where there is an increasing sense of being regarded as a "Cinderella province".

The problem in Natal has been simple: tough laws existed to keep dangerous weapons off the streets but they were not being implemented.

Instead of insisting that these restrictions should be enforced, the cabinet has now given the police wider scope for not implementing the law — an opportunity which, given their past record on the subject, the police are unlikely to pass up.

CARMEL RICKARD



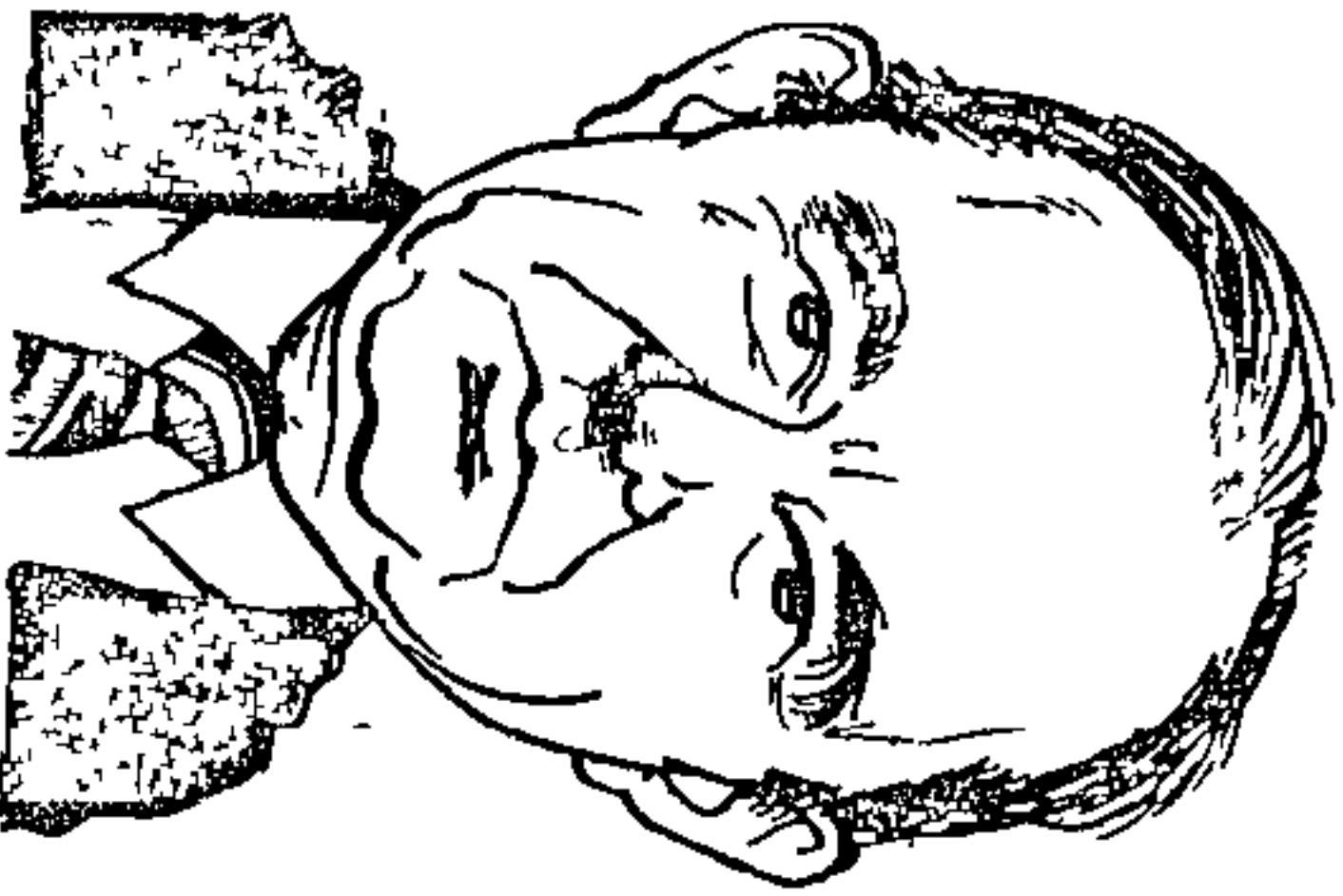
# 'Sobokeng' judge is not known for pussyfooting

IF South Africa's image is as important as many politicians believe, then the results of the investigation by the Goldstone Commission into the Sobokeng shootings — made public last week — will have firmly established the independence and impartiality of the country's judiciary both at home and abroad

There seems little doubt that even in a new era of reform and increased international acceptance of South Africa, the outside world might well have been expecting some form of tame or cosmetic judgment on the March 26 disaster at Sobokeng

A judgment that might have attempted to be all things to all men

But anyone who anticipated some sort of judicial pussyfooting would not have known anything about the man State President F W de Klerk appointed to under-



MR JUSTICE GOLDSTONE... set several precedents

take the investigation Justice Richard Goldstone has never been known to pussyfoot or

### couch his judgments

According to his colleagues, peers and members of the legal fraternity who have appeared before him, Justice Goldstone is the epitome of a judge who ascertains the facts of a case as best he can then applies the law as fairly as possible. While this might be what anyone might expect of any judge, Richard Goldstone goes further

He makes a habit of personally visiting prisoners and detainees — a custom which is not mandatory for judges in South Africa, but one which he believes to be his duty

"It serves to reassure not only the prisoners but the administration that someone is taking an interest," he told The Star earlier this year

He is also becoming well-known in legal circles in South Africa for his boldness and for setting legal precedents. The investigation into the Sebokeng

## Personality

MR JUSTICE RICHARD GOLDSTONE

Writer by: CHRIS MGERDYK

Richard Goldstone has conducted into incidents involving the police force

In February he was chairman and sole member of the commission of inquiry into the death in detention of Mr Clayton Sithole at John Vorster Square in Johannesburg on January 30

On that occasion he found that Mr Sithole, who was found hanging in a shower cubicle, had committed suicide

The Sithole probe by Justice Goldstone broke new ground as it was the first judicial inquiry into a death in detention

There is no doubt that he is held in the highest of esteem by his legal colleagues. When he was appointed acting judge of appeal in December 1989, they were enthusiastic — describing him as "a good, solid lawyer" and "an outstanding commercial lawyer who has inventively applied the law to secure justice in politically controversial human rights cases"

Since his appointment to the Transvaal Bench in 1980, he has set several precedents in civil rights cases

The most well-known was the Gladys Goverder ruling which effectively put an end to Group Areas Act prosecutions. In this case he set aside an order to evict Mrs Gladys Goverder (52) from her home in the "white" suburb of Mayfair, Johannesburg, ruling that a person convicted under the

Act could only be evicted from a property if alternative accommodation was available

In 1986 he gave one of the first rulings that allowed an emergency detainee to be released

That same year he ruled that there was a difference between what was law and what was fair and equitable when the Marieval Mine took an industrial court action on review

In 1987, in the South African Breweries vs Food and Allied Workers Union dispute, he ruled that refusing to work overtime did not amount to a strike

Justice Goldstone matriculated from King Edward VII High School in 1956 and graduated from the University of the Witwatersrand in 1962. He went straight to the Johannesburg Bar and took silk in 1976

Last year he spent four months as a fellow at the Institute of International Affairs at Harvard University in the United States

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# ites fanning unrest?

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## Police probe 'third force' allegations

POLICE are investigating the possibility that a mysterious force is fanning township unrest in South Africa and is behind outbreaks of black-on-black violence.

This follows eye-witness allegations that whites are assisting blacks in attacks on black township and hostel residents, including a hostel attack in Sebokeng on Tuesday, and possibly the Jeppe station massacre on Thursday.

SAP spokesman Lieutenant Nina Barkhuizen last night said there was, however, no hard evidence of a third force, only eye-witness allegations. All possibilities were being investigated.

ANC internal head Walter Sisulu last night said "mysterious forces, not necessarily Inkatha", seemed to be at work in South Africa, its motives being to stir dissent, undermine the ANC and discredit the Government.

Violence of this nature was not only a problem for the ANC but the Government as well. He believed that forces far more extreme than Inkatha were at work.

Speaking after visiting 11

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ple shot at the Jeppe station on Thursday night, Mr Sisulu said a new and disturbing pattern was beginning to emerge.

● A white minibus or minibuses had been involved in shootings in Tembisa, Thokoza, Kaitleng and Soweto, he said. Occupants had shot innocent people without provocation or reason.

● The Weekly Mail supported these allegations in a front-page story in yesterday's paper, stating that seven eye-witnesses had seen four white men wearing balaclavas and long khaki coats and carrying firearms during an Inkatha attack in Sebokeng on Tuesday.

Three eye-witnesses alleged that after shooting a resident, the gunmen pulled off their balaclavas, revealing that they were white. Another eye-witness said the men in balaclavas did not enter the rooms, only Inkatha did, but the whites shot first.

● Jeppe station gunshot victims also told Mr Sisulu they had

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## Violence

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seen a white minibus. Another victim indicated that whites had been involved in the shooting.

● White men were allegedly involved in the pre-dawn Sebokeng hostel attack. Residents said they saw white men in dark clothes running on dormitory roofs and sniping at people, and balaclavas clad men crouching beside a hostel and holding guns, their white hands visible.

Other events involving minibuses in the last 48 hours have been

reportedly involved in the outbreak of violence in Soweto on Thursday night when groups of armed men, some allegedly in blue uniforms, went on the rampage, attacking residents randomly and killing at least six.

● South African Communist Party worker Geraldine Fraser said her Soweto home was raided by a group of black and white men who arrived in a white minibus and two cars. The police said they knew nothing of the raid.

Another person injured in the Jeppe station shooting has died in the Johannesburg hospital, bringing the death toll to six.

# Police man tells of torture session

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Court Reporter

A POLICEMAN who is a former member of the force's "gang-busting" unit said at the trial of 13 Gang Unit members yesterday that police had tortured, shocked and poured water over the head of a blindfolded youth.

The trial is being held in Cape Town Regional court. The body of the youth, Mr Kevin Ruiters, was later found at a Bellville South warehouse where the torture sessions allegedly took place.

Constable Sidney Lewis Adams, who was a member of the unit when the alleged incidents took place on December 22 last year, was giving evidence in the trial of the 13 on charges of culpable homicide, abduction and assault on four youths.

He said he arranged a transfer to the Phillippi police station after the incident as his working relationship with some of them had deteriorated after the incident. He said he and the accused picked up four members of the "Back Streets" gang in Hanover Park and took them to an old storeroom at their headquarters in Bell-

ville South, where they questioned them about hidden weapons and ammunition. He said the youths were repeatedly "kicked and slapped".

He said there had been a shooting in Hanover Park shortly before and the police wanted to know where gang members were obtaining firearms.

When they were unable to get information from the first youth, the second "gangster" was brought in. He was also slapped and kicked and later shocked with a small handle-activated apparatus with a small which were attached to his handcuffs.

"He was lying writhing on the floor on his stomach while different people — including female Sergeant Arlene Minnaar — took turns to turn the handle and deliver shocks.

"When the man could not answer satisfactorily, the third gang member, Mr Kevin Ruiters, the deceased, was brought into the store."

Constable Adams said Constable Rudolf St Bernard placed Mr Ruiters's head between the back bars of a chair over which Kenneth Patrick attached the shocking de-

vice

He said Sergeant Raymond Titus was delivering the first shock when Mr Andries Stephanus Strydom entered the room and offered the use of his "better (shocking) machine" which he immediately left to fetch.

"When he returned with a similar machine Constable Patrick attached it to Mr Ruiters's handcuffs, and Mr Strydom — I've heard that he is a policeman, but I'm not sure — delivered the first shock personally," said Constable Adams.

He said the group had been busy with Mr Ruiters for about 20 minutes and Constable Eric Rossouw was pouring water over Mr Ruiters's head while he was being shocked, when he (Constable Adams) left the room in search of a toilet.

When he returned about 20 minutes later Mr Ruiters was dead.

He said Sergeant Phillip Swanepoel, Sergeant Titus, Constable St Bernard and Constable Rossouw were sitting on chairs near the body of Mr Ruiters when he asked them what had happened.

"Sergeant Titus just laughed and said 'I don't know'".  
The trial was adjourned till Monday



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OUR VIOLENT LAMI

# Straitjacketing out the thin blue line

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OUR VIOLENT LAMI

A FORMER Minister of Police has been credited with the observation that one could not expect South African policemen to be the "friendly bobby on the corner".

What he clearly meant to say, in a crass way, was that this is a tough country and it needs tough policemen.

No doubt about it with a murder rate 3,7 times higher than that of the United States, an average 11 000 homicides a year, it is a particularly hard-nosed type of citizen who volunteers to hold the country's thin blue line.

But toughness does not necessarily equal efficiency, and nor does it imply justice. Even more important — measures taken to maintain order should not negate the process of negotiations.

## BLAME

South Africa is, ironically, a severely under-policed country, with 2,2 policemen per 1 000 citizens compared with 16 per thousand in a place like the Soviet Union.

The security forces also operate under conditions of extreme danger.

Since the beginning of the year, 44 policemen have been killed and 403 injured in civil unrest. Drive-by shootings of policemen are not infrequent.

It also does not help that the police are obliged to operate in what amounts to a collapsed civic culture in the black urban areas.

This is made worse by resistance groups who have embarked on the tactics of "ungovernability", or total resistance, and who, as a matter of course, blame the security forces when they themselves prove

## BRIAN POTTINGER proposes some immediate steps to popularise policing in the wake of the Goldstone Commission and the Sebokeng shootings

quite ineffective in governing their own ungovernables. There is a further point. A strong central government, backed by a loyal police force, is vital if peace talks in South Africa have the slightest hope of succeeding. One also cannot overnight change a police force from being, in essence, a repressor of black political aspirations to a facilitator of them.

All of this is true, but it should not detract from the most important point: the security forces, particu-

larly the police, arrive on the "new South Africa" stage with a major credibility problem. It does not help complaining about it or trying to deny it — it is there.

The Landsdown Commission reported as far back as 1947 that black attitudes to the police were hostile and a source for concern. Since then, with the police called upon to implement ever more repressive and discriminatory laws, the image of the force has slipped further.

## REALITY

Recent polls indicate a large number of black people believe police actions contribute to, not diminish violence and there is a truly alarming percentage who do not believe the police have the capacity to protect them at all (a view, incidentally, shared by a majority of whites).

It is, of course, easy enough to diagnose the problems, but a little harder to suggest solutions.

The reality is that a police force merely reflects the society it serves and it is naive to think one can re-establish credibility for the security forces until the Government is widely perceived by citizens to be credible.

That is in the politicians' realm and it is unfair to expect policemen to sort it out.

There are, however, a number of more instrumental ways in which the police and the Government can

tackle the problems in the interim. The first is for Cabinet Ministers to stop what can best be called kneejerkism — the apparent irresistible impulse by some Ministers to rush to the defence of their men when criticised.

General Magnus Malan, who attacked the ANC in the wake of the Sebokeng shootings, may be merely the latest in a long series of Ministers who have spoken first and regretted later.

The second issue focuses on discipline and, above all, discipline seen to be done.

Even the most casual reading of the Kannemeyer Commission report into the Langa shootings of March 21, 1985 (21 dead), and the Goldstone Commission report into the Vaal Triangle shootings of March 26, 1990 (12 dead), reveal a chilling similarity in the findings on police indiscipline and prevarication.

Both commissions, merely by way of example, slammed the police for the unrestrained use of SSG buckshot, the most lethal weapon in the riot control armoury.

The point is that after each such finding there is a plethora of statements of good intentions, reviews of procedures and inquiries, promised by the police and Minister, but little substantive evidence of its results.

The third point is the issue of openness.

There is no doubt that South African reporters have in recent weeks enjoyed a Prague Spring in riot

reporting. The consequence, which seems quite lost on the police, is that both here and abroad the ordinary copper on the street has won considerable sympathy who cannot admire the courage of the young officers patiently negotiating peace between two heavily armed factions.

The police decision to invoke their multi-emergency powers to ban the Press from "unrest" areas — only days after assurances that they would not — now threatens to roll back all those advantages.

Public surveillance of security action should be a right — not an indulgence.

The revelations about the CCB show exactly what happens when security forces operate with a sense of divine mission and absolutely no surveillance.

## MURDER

The fourth point we need a "re-professionalisation" of our police force.

In the mid-80s the Government sacrificed professionalism in the service on the altar of exigency by employing thousands of uneducated and unemployed young black men as *kitskonsstabels* or auxiliaries.

Within a year of their establishment, 10 percent had been disciplined or charged for various offences, including murder, rape, robbery and car theft.

It is essential that the Government scrap the *kitskonsstabels* and

## DANGEROUS JOB but toughness does not imply justice

speed up its recruitment of regular police. It is urgent to build up a new police culture, free from association with vigilantes in uniform. The last area which the police should address is the deployment

tion of the force — as far as is humanly possible in the present situation. This rests on two legs: the first amounts to drawing the community into helping monitor policing, and the second focuses on uncoupling

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# The Goldstone way

THE commanding officer of Maleoskop training centre, Colonel W A van der Merwe, gave evidence to the commission on crowd control methods taught at the centre

In the case of officers, the training courses last for two weeks and three weeks for lower ranks

One of the topics taught during both courses is the correct manner of forming a police line. That method, and there is only one, said Colonel Van der Merwe, has been developed by the SAP as being suitable for local conditions. It has been in use since 1975. It results in

- The commanding officer being aware of where, precisely, in the line the different kinds of ammunition are situated, ie which policemen are in possession of which ammunition,

- The commanding officer, his second-in-command, a radio operator and a record-taker are in the centre of the line and in a position to exercise close control over the men,

- Vehicles being placed behind the line

## TARGET

The commanding officer should be in possession of a megaphone and should use it to communicate with his own men and with the crowd

Colonel Van der Merwe expressed the view that this standard form of police line would have been appropriate for use at Sebokeng. He also described the manner in which the men in the line would be given orders where the commanding officer decided to use force

The first command is directed at which men should load which type of ammunition. The order may be directed at one or more men. If more than one type of ammunition has been loaded, the second command would relate to the

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The SAP has regulations governing police actions during riots. This extract from the Goldstone Commission report on the Vaal Triangle violence tells how it should be done. Sebokeng showed how it was *not* done

type of ammunition to be used

There would be a command as to the quantity of ammunition to be used. Finally, the target would be identified

With regard to crowd control, the principle is to use minimum force. The first step is to speak to the crowd. When that does not have the desired effect, there is a warning that within a specified time force will be used. Then there is the use of teargas starting with one or two shots and then increasing the intensity.

Only if there is still no desired result is there a resort to the use of rubber bullets or even No 5 ammunition fired from shotguns. Only as a last resort would Triple A or SSG ammunition be used.

Colonel Van der Merwe was asked about an order for "all out fire". He replied "there is an order concerning full fire power

where all the weapons at the disposal of the formation are used, but only in the most extreme case where the formation is on the point of being overwhelmed."

He added that he had never heard of such an order having been given to

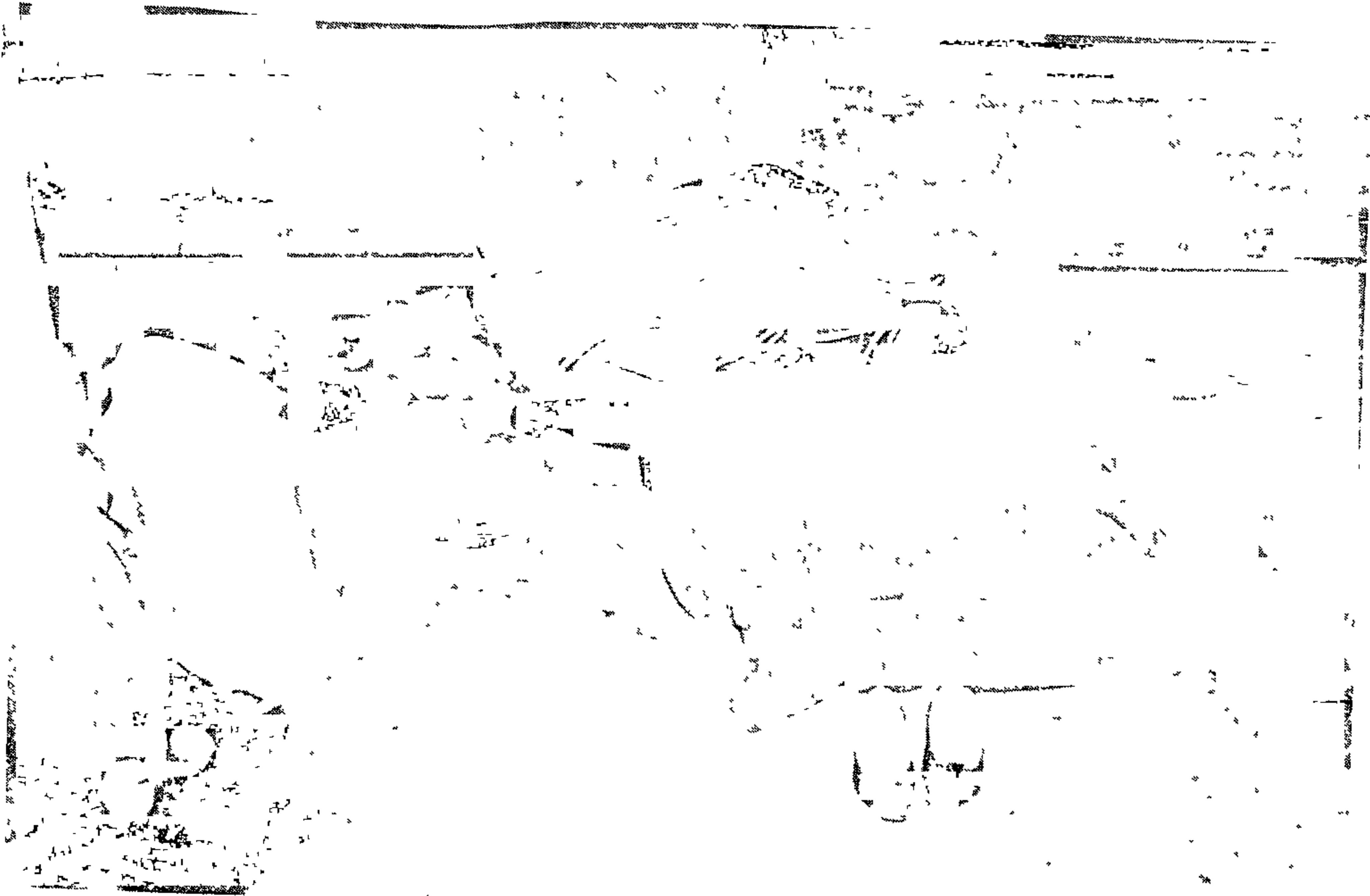
members of the South African Police

Colonel Van der Merwe referred to the fact that peaceful mass demonstrations are a comparatively new experience in South Africa, having only been permitted since September 6 1989. With regard to their control, the SAP was still in a process of learning.

There would be very little room for a policeman in a line to use his own discretion to fire. This could only occur when he was satisfied that his own life or that of his companions was in immediate danger.

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The bodies of a man and a woman lie on a pavement next to the station after the massacre.

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## Merafe killing sparks attacks <sup>(25)</sup>

By SANDILE MEMELA <sup>9/19/90</sup>

A NEW wave of violence was nearly sparked in Soweto this week after a Mapetla hostel dweller was killed near Merafe station early on Thursday morning.

The retaliatory attacks which followed the killing resulted in the death of three more people, and the injury of 16.

The hostel dweller was attacked while on his way to work on Thursday morning. He made his way back to the hostel, where he bled to death.

Shortly afterwards an enraged mob of hostel dwellers embarked on a revenge mission, attacking squatters in neighbouring Tladi.

Residents said their doors were broken down and scores of them were injured. Hostel dwellers also descended on unaware evening morning train commuters from Tladi on their way to Merafe station.

The incident was the only one to take place in Soweto this month after last month's heavy fighting which left more than 36 people dead.

Police removed people from the station out of fear violence could break out, and later undertook a crime-prevention swoop, arresting three youths and confiscating a number of petrol-bomb bottles from the squatter camp.

Residents were incensed, demanding the police disarm Zulu impis at the hostel.

"We cannot understand the police coming to disarm us when all we are trying to do is protect ourselves from rampaging impis," said resident Khanyi Sibanyoni.

Later in the day the situation was under control and the station was quiet.



# NOTORIOUS KwaZulu cop kills 15

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By S'BU MNGADI

NOTORIOUS KwaZulu cop Det Const Sipiwe Mvuyane has allegedly struck again. This brings the total of alleged killings in which he has been involved to at least 16 over the past six months

His latest alleged victim is Lucky Khumalo, 20, of Umlazi who was shot dead on August 27 after being arrested at his grandmother's home. According to an eyewitness of the arrest, Mvuyane headed the arresting party.

The Natal Coastal region of the Democratic Party has now petitioned Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok to personally intervene, and provide the names of 15 people the policeman is said to have killed.

The DP tells Vlok in a letter there is a "lack of any apparent intention on the part of the KwaZulu police authorities to investigate allegations" against Mvuyane.

It warns that unless these allegations are publicly and thoroughly investigated independently of the KwaZulu police, there could be further conflict in the region.

The DP says Mvuyane is accused of rape, torture, abduction and shooting and seriously wounding several people during the course of the year.

In further developments:

■ A judge last week granted an interdict to a 16-year-old youth, Bongani Mbatha, restraining Mvuyane and other members of the KwaZulu police from assaulting, molesting or harassing him;

■ Another judge refused to grant an interdict last week to an SRC member of the Makhumbuza High School in Umlazi, who asked the court to restrain Mvuyane from carrying a firearm;

■ An Umlazi professional woman told *City Press* how she was raped by Mvuyane in February this year, but charges laid with the SAP in Durban led to nothing;

■ It has now been revealed that in June Mvuyane brandished his service revolver and walked out of a Durban court building after senior magistrate Buthelezi

## DP asks Vlok to step in and mount a full investigation

ruled that he be held in custody for failing to appear in court on a charge of assault;

■ On August 10 Mvuyane arrested Buthelezi outside the court on an apparently trumped-up charge of assault; and

■ Mvuyane is driving a car registered in the name of a businessman who said Mvuyane helped him after his butchery was robbed in January.

Judge Alexander of the Durban Supreme Court last week restrained Mvuyane and the KwaZulu Minister of Police, Mangosuthu Buthelezi, from assaulting 16-year-old Bongani Mbatha.

Mbatha said in his affidavit, supported by his father Thami, there were rumours last month that Mvuyane wanted to kill him for allegedly having pointed out Mvuyane's brother to a group of youths

Mbatha was detained on August 18 by five policemen. Mvuyane drove the vehicle. At Umlazi police station Mbatha denied having pointed out Mvuyane's brother but he was assaulted for 15 minutes by policemen. He was later taken to the home of a Lunga Mngadi, and Mvuyane shot dead Mngadi

The youth was later taken to a place where a number of people were alleged to have been killed by KwaZulu police. He tried to run away but was shot in the thigh. Other shots were fired at him and he believed the police left him, assuming he was dead

tal by a passer-by, where he was soon put under police guard and made to sign a document he did not read.

Mbatha said Mvuyane told him in hospital he would "finish me off" after his discharge if he did not disclose the information he wanted from him

In another application to the Durban Supreme Court last week, Phelelani Siyabonga Khoza, a member of the SRC of the Makhumbuza High School in Umlazi, asked that Mvuyane be restrained from carrying a firearm or acting unlawfully towards himself and other SRC members.

The interdict was not granted by Judge J Combrink.

Khoza said in his affidavit a pupil, called Thulani Mkhize, a friend of Mvuyane - was forcibly removed from the school by a group of outsiders. Pupils received information that Mkhize escaped from the outsiders and had threatened to seek the help of Mvuyane "who is greatly feared by young and old in the entire Umlazi township"

The fear was that Mvuyane would come and shoot scholars in the school grounds.

Mvuyane and Mkhize twice went to the school with firearms. On the last occasion they addressed the entire student body and said they wanted the SRC to attend a meeting at the school on August 27. The SRC had been in hiding since then.

In his affidavit, Khoza listed the names of several people allegedly killed



# Stop the vicious campaign against police - Vlok

THE truth is the strongest weapon the SAP intends using to fight the vicious propaganda campaign directed against it by "some ruthless and selfish people", Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok said this week.

Addressing the Businessmen's Action Banquet in Sandton, held by Transvaal businessmen in support of the SA Police Comforts Fund, he said: "This situation (to discredit the SAP) will no longer be allowed to continue, we say enough is enough."

"All claims and allegations against us will be investigated, no matter how many men we have to use for this purpose."

"Those who make allegations must also take note that we shall approach them for the necessary evidence to substantiate their claims and if they refuse to cooperate, we will expose them."

"We will not allow our police force to be destroyed by lies and unsubstantiated claims."

During the first eight months of this year, 54 policemen died on duty and hundreds were injured, he said.

"Our members are faced with ruthless thugs who do not hesitate to shoot and kill a policeman in cold blood."

Vlok also warned that if the psychological campaign to discredit the SAP succeeded, crime would rocket to uncontrollable levels.

"... our country will collapse into a state of anarchy and respect for life and property will become outmoded."

"This is precisely what some ruthless and selfish people have in mind for South Africa."

"They want to destroy our way of life, create mayhem in our country and sit on the sidelines while we kill one another. Then they want to move in and claim the spoils," he said.

Police were accused of inciting violence, being partial, poorly trained, ineffective and of being murderers, he said.

"Claims and allegations of this nature receive maximum publicity and many people believe all these allegations are true. Their perception of the police force is beginning to change."

"We will no longer allow our image to be tarnished by such wilful propagandists."

"We are determined to beat them at their own game, even if it means we have to employ the best professionals in the country to do so."

He said a senior officer had been appointed to investigate allegations against the SAP.

"The (police) commissioner and I regard the unveiling of the truth whether good or bad for the SAP - as a top priority," said Vlok. - Sapa/A

# SAP need to adjust to unbanning of 'enemy'

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IT was hard for many South African policemen to adjust to the fact that the "enemy", the ANC, had been unbanned and that the organisation was now to be helped, a team of international jurists examining the Natal unrest said in Johannesburg at the weekend.

The three-man delegation suggested the police be retrained and opinions exchanged with forces overseas

The delegation from the International Commission of Jurists spent two weeks on a fact-finding mission in South Africa

Another of the recommendations was that the Government should make more use of Zulu speakers in the SAP and SADF

The group, whose members have spoken to all sides involved in the conflict which has left more than 4 000 people dead, also suggested a foreign monitoring force be employed to keep the peace

and record infringements.

The force could be made up of a team drawn from EEC countries or the United Nations

One of the delegates, Briton John MacDonald, QC, said the Government ministers spoken to "seemed to be very receptive" to this idea

## Sincere

MacDonald also felt the Government was sincere in trying to find a solution to the Natal unrest.

The team, comprising MacDonald, Swedish human rights attorney Mr Christian Ahlund, and University of the Western Cape lecturer Mr Jeremy Sarkin, said it was concerned by the deprivation, squalor and misery which were features of life in black townships

"The Government must send clear signals to people in the communities that they want a police force which has the confidence, trust and respect of all South Africans," the jurists said in a state-

ment, adding that Foreign Minister Pik Botha agreed with them on this

"Cultural weapons" should be banned the delegation added

The group outlined areas where the Government had to act to try and end the violence

These are

\* The "problem" of the KwaZulu Police, who are seen to be both referee and players in the situation, had to be addressed and KwaZulu citizens should be able to contact the SAP if they need help

## Resources

Police resources had to be beefed up and they had to prevent clashes and not remain on the sidelines,

\* The so-called warlords must be prosecuted

\* With an increase of policemen would come an increase in prosecutions and therefore the State's legal apparatus had to be increased, and,

\* The state of emergency in Natal had to be ended

The group said the Government and the ANC had responded positively to the jurists' investigation, while Inkatha members did not have a similar awareness of the need to discipline and control their supporters.

The jurists said it was important for a four-sided peace meeting to be held between the ANC, Inkatha, the Government and the Church to hammer out a peace agreement but "there must be some assurance that if an agreement is reached it will be carried out"

The role of the Government and the churches in the meeting would be to provide some guarantees that the agreement is carried out

The group's findings are to be submitted to the ICJ and foreign heads of state, the jurists said - Sapa



# Gangbuster case witness bears grudges, court told

By JOHN VILJOEN  
Staff Reporter

A STATE witness in the trial of 13 members of the police gang-busting unit has been accused of adapting his evidence and of bearing grudges against his former colleagues

The 13 have pleaded not guilty in Cape Town Regional Court to charges of culpable homicide, abduction and the assault of four Hanover Park men last December

The accused members of the gang unit are Mr Hein van Tubbergh Smit, 32, Mr Andries Stephanus Strydom, 43, Mr Phillip Swanepoel, 28, Mr Raymond Charles Titus, 37, Mr Rudolf Johannes St Bernard, 27, Mr Alan George Williams, 29, Mr Allan George Manuel, 25, Mr Jacobus van Wyngaardt, 25, Mr Adriaan John Saulse, 23, Mr Eric Johnny Freddie Rossouw, 36, Mrs Arlene Tracie Minnaar, 21, Mr Kenneth Patrick, 24, and Mr Warren Carl Kannemeyer, 30

The body of one of the four men, Mr Kevin Ruiters, was found at a Bellville South warehouse where torture sessions involving electric shocks

and assaults allegedly took place on December 22.

A former member of the gang unit, Mr Sidney Lewis Adams, had told the court police had tortured, shocked and poured water over suspects. He admitted under cross-examination that four of the accused were not involved in the alleged assaults.

Yesterday defence counsel Mr D Uijs said the accused had not committed any assaults.

Mr Lewis held a grudge against the gang unit and had withheld certain important evidence, Mr Uijs said.

He also claimed that Mr Lewis had been under the influence of alcohol when he made

a statement containing the allegations

Mr Lewis said under cross-examination that three of the accused were not involved in the alleged assaults and later added that Captain Smit had also not been involved.

The hearing continues today

The magistrate is Mr F F Botes  
Mr J Tredoux is prosecuting



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# Constable denies pressure to testify

**Court Reporter**

A POLICEMAN and former member of the force's "gang-busting unit" said he had lied to his colleagues in telling them that he was pressurised into testifying against them, for fear of being ostracised.

Constable Sidney Lewis Adams was testifying at the hearing of 13 members of the Peninsula's SAP Gang Unit facing charges of abduction, assault and culpable homicide in Cape Town Regional Court yesterday.

Constable Adams has said that members of the gang unit tortured and shocked, and poured water over the heads of, blindfolded youths in a Bellville South warehouse

The body of one youth, Mr Kevin Ruiters, was later found in the warehouse

He said he and the accused had been told by Captain Hein van Tubbergh Smit to "stick to their story" and "stand together".

He said he had decided to "tell the truth" of his own accord, but when it emerged that he had gone against their version of the alleged incidents he had been "pressurised"

Under cross-examination by Mr D Uys, for the defence, Constable Adams said he bore no grudges against any of his former colleagues

The trial continues tomorrow

# Policewoman pledges protection for elderly

By TOSH LEVETT-HARDING

GREATER protection for senior citizens in Sea Point — that's the aim of Lieutenant Denise Basson, who has just been transferred to this suburb from Cape Town

She is keen to get to know and help the older residents and intends establishing a close liaison with them. She is busy compiling a register of those anxious to have police protection

Brisk and efficient, Lieutenant Basson speaks rapidly and seems very much a go-getter.

She said: "When I arrived here I was amazed that there was no register of senior citizens. When time permits, I intend to talk to the elderly at various retirement homes in Sea Point,



**CARING POLICE OFFICER:** Lieutenant Denise Basson, who has just been transferred to Sea Point, has the welfare of the senior citizens at heart.

male or female, would call regularly on the elderly to check on their safety

"We will try to protect them both outside and inside their homes there are a number of simple precautions of which they many of them may not be aware

"They should never open their doors to strangers, for instance — they should make quite sure that they know who is ringing their doorbells because many people have been taken unawares in this way — and they should always have safety chains on their doors"

As she put it "Even I, a senior police officer, wouldn't dream of opening my front door unless I was quite sure who was calling"

She added that with the holiday period approaching it was even more important to introduce additional protection for the elderly in the festive season people tended to carry more money and were therefore tempting prey for muggers

She summed up her task "I intend to prevent crime and give greater protection to those too frail to fight back"

Green Point and Three Anchor Bay

"There must be many elderly people who would be pleased to have a police officer patrol their areas — if the demand is great enough we will appoint someone to do so."

Lieutenant Basson said the officer's main duty would be to visit senior citizens who wanted to be on the register, to tell them the best ways to protect themselves

"If necessary we will urge them to install burglar alarms and advise

against walking in the streets alone.

"There is a very large number of elderly people in Sea Point. Before I came here I read of assaults on them — we intend to crush this outbreak if we can."

Lieutenant Basson pointed out that she was not working in co-operation with the recently formed police commercial security section, Business Watch, but that her operation was entirely different

She said that if she managed to effect her plan a police officer,

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# White constable ambushed

YOUNG policemen would continue to endanger their lives trying to stabilise the township violence - despite the dangers created by the Inkatha/ANC war and the "vicious propaganda" onslaught against the SAP.

The SAP public relations division reacted yesterday to the deaths of two policemen and the injury of one in township violence over the last 48 hours - the latest in a spate of deaths and injuries suffered by

## Soweto 13/9/90 in Soweto

policemen, it said.

Constable Hugo Liebenberg was shot dead behind the wheel of his vehicle when he drove into an ambush in Diepkloof, Soweto at 10.45pm on Tuesday night while Constables Mark Abramowitz FR Langeveld and TH Khumalo were injured

At 10.45am on Tuesday Lieutenant-Colonel Lotz was injured also in

Soweto and the day before Constable TE Nakeng was killed in Kroonstad, Free State.

### Deaths

The SAP said the deaths and injuries were just "the latest in a spate of deaths and injuries inflicted upon members of the SAP.

"The majority of these incidents have occurred while the police have

been engaged in their peace-keeping role in their attempts to defuse the violence in the townships.

"Despite the dangerous situation created by the warring factions (mainly ANC and Inkatha) together with the vicious propaganda- onslaught against the police in which they are being made the scapegoat for the violence, young policemen continue to endanger their lives in trying to stabilise the situation"



# Police hunt for

# Random city street killers

By Guy Jenson

Four unidentified black men diving a minibus unleashed a wave of terror in central Johannesburg last night, randomly firing on commuters and pedestrians, killing three people and wounding at least eight.

Police launched an intensive manhunt but no arrests had been made by this morning.

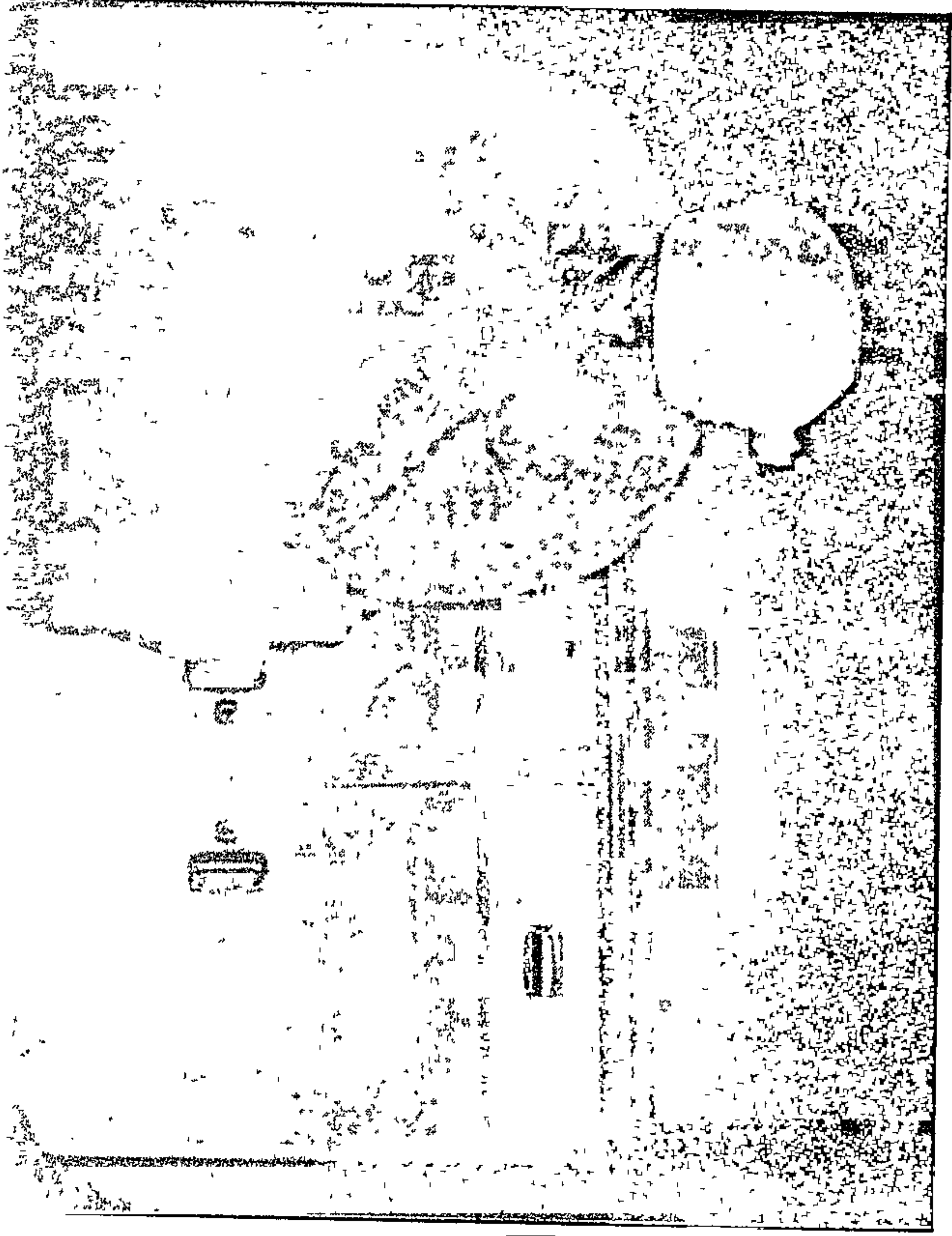
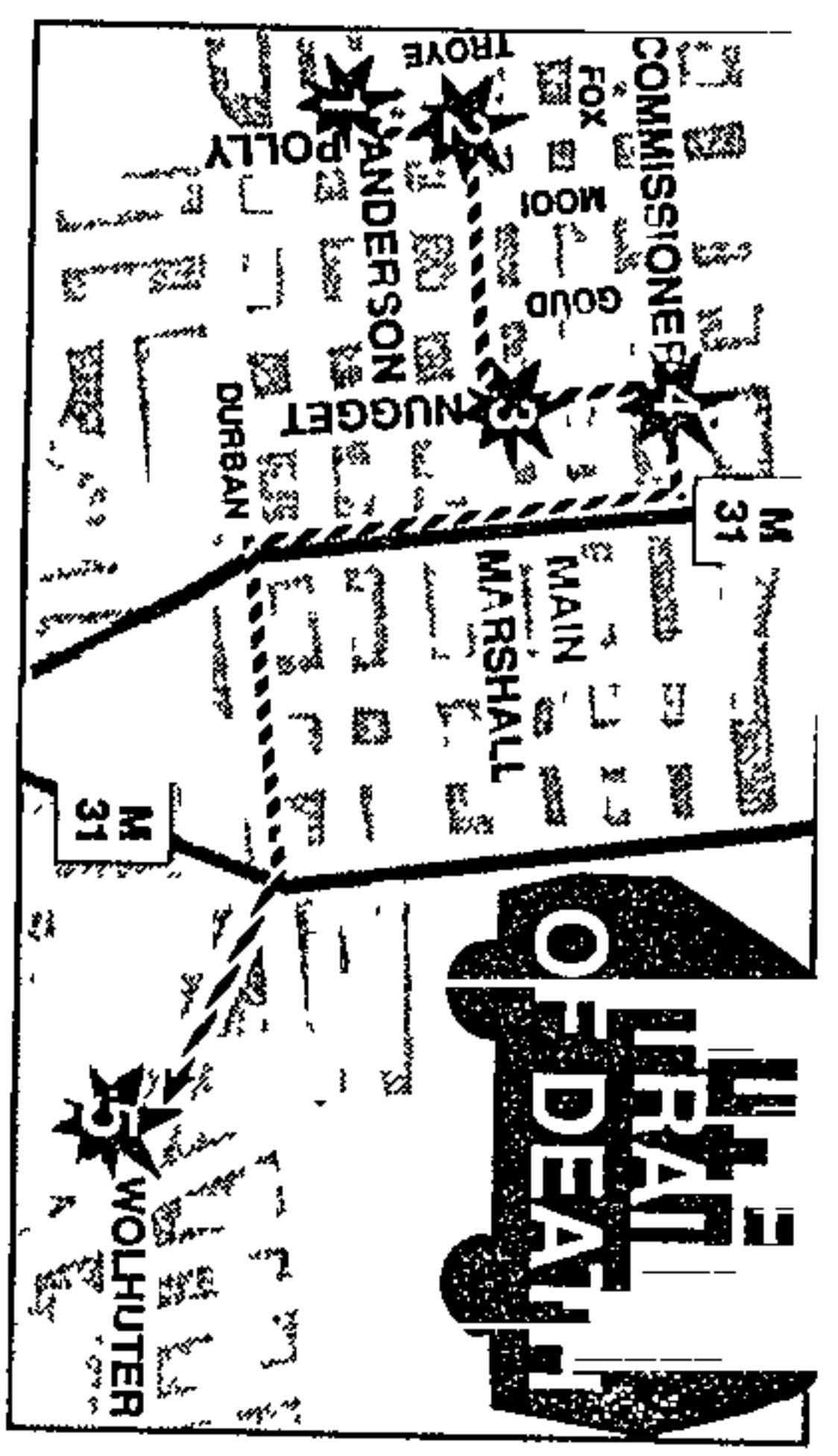
Jacob Motsope, who was injured at the Polly Street taxi rank, described the attack to The Star while lying on his back in an ambulance, waiting to be taken to Johannesburg Hospital.

"I was waiting for a taxi to take me to Chawelo Station. There was a big crowd of people standing here waiting," Mr Motsope said.

"Then these guys just started starting at us. Everyone started panicking and running away."

The series of apparently motiveless attacks shocked police and emergency services personnel who followed the trail of destruction left by the gunmen who used AK-47 rifles.

Three victims were rushed to the Johannesburg Hospital, and five to Hillbrow Hospital.



## More police shot dead in township

By Glen Elsas  
West Rand Bureau

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A private security guard shot and killed one of the attackers.

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left by the gunmen who used AK-47 rifles

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Today a Johannesburg Hospital spokesman said a woman shot in the stomach had undergone surgery last night. She was in a stable condition today.

A man wounded in a knee was "doing very well", the spokesman said. A third person had been discharged after treatment.

A spokesman for Hillbrow Hospital said two of the injured, a man and a woman, had been admitted to theatre for emergency surgery.

Both were in a serious condition. The other three, all males, were being treated in casualty and would probably be discharged later today.

Lieutenant-Colonel Frans Malherbe, police liaison officer for the Witwatersrand, today described last night's three murders as motiveless and senseless.

"It appears on the surface to be faction-type shootings. But, it is highly unlikely that all those killed and wounded had anything in common. It was just senseless, random shooting," he said.

Police have pieced together the sequence of brutal shootings which the gunmen carried out.

⊙ The first attack took place at a taxi rank on the corner of Polly and Anderson streets in central Johannesburg at about 7.30 pm when the gunmen, driving a red and white minibus opened fire with AK-47 assault rifles on a crowd of commuters waiting to catch taxis to Soweto. Two men died instantly and two other men were injured.

⊙ The attackers then drove down Polly Street, left their vehicle and fired on a security guard outside a building between Marshall and Main streets, wounding him in both feet.

He managed to return their fire, injuring one of his assailants in the stomach. The man's accomplices helped him back into the minibus and they drove off.

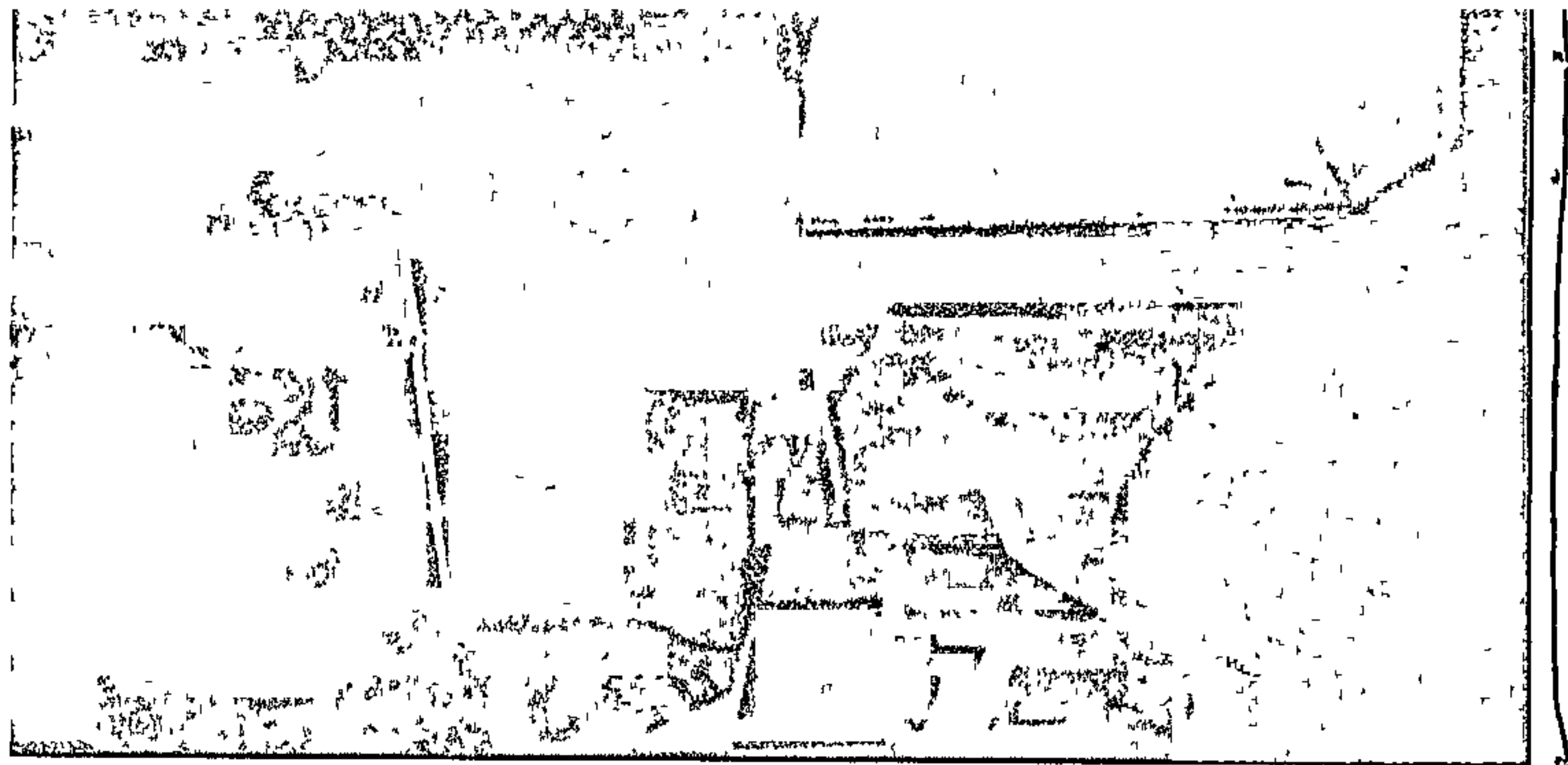
⊙ They stopped again on the corner of Nugget and Marshall streets and shot at and wounded another pedestrian in the legs. They shot another pedestrian, again in both legs, on the corner of Nugget and Commissioner streets.

⊙ The gunmen then drove out of the city centre. They found their last victim at the Wolhuter Men's Hostel in Wolhuter Street, Jeppestown. A man standing at the hostel entrance was gunned down. He died instantly.

Mr Hennie Bekker, MP for Jeppe, today offered R1 000 reward for information leading to the capture of the gunmen.

Mr Bekker, whose constituency includes Johannesburg's central business district where the gunmen went on the rampage, expressed his condolences to the next-of-kin of the victims of "this senseless deed".

He called on city businessmen to set up a standing reward for the capture of such killers, similar to the standing reward offered by banks for the arrest and conviction of bank robbers.



Tears for the victims... a woman mourns over the blanket-shrouded corpse of a man killed in an Inkatha attack in Vosloorus. ● Picture by Stephen Davimes.

## 'Calm' returns to townships after night of mob horror

By Monica Nicolson and Abel Mabelane

Relative calm returned to war-ravaged East Rand townships today following 24 hours of violence on the Reef with mobs shooting and hacking people to death, burning houses and looting.

Lieutenant-Colonel Frans Malherbe, police liaison officer for the Witwatersrand, said today the townships were reported calm but very tense.

Five bodies had been discovered in Tokoza since midnight, he said.

Last night, police liaison officer Captain Henrietta Bester said Tokoza was chaotic, with hundreds of houses petrol-bombed.

In Soweto, two policemen and a gunman were shot dead in two separate incidents last night.

In Vosloorus, where 19 people have died since yesterday, people rampaged, burning down houses

and shooting and cutting people down.

A commuter train was ambushed by a group of youths between Lindela and Katlehong stations and three coaches were burning last night, SpoorNet sources confirmed.

### Gunman

Soweto police liaison officer Lieutenant Govindsamy Mariemuthoo said last night that two policemen on duty at Dube station were approached by a gunman who shot and killed one of them.

The second policeman and a security guard at the scene then fired shots, killing the gunman.

In a separate incident in Soweto last night gunmen shot dead one of two municipal policemen on guard at the municipal police offices.

In one of the bloodiest scenes yet, 25 Zulu migrant workers were hacked to death at the Vusumuzi

Hostel in Tembisa early yesterday morning by a group of men.

Police reported that municipal policeman Constable L Madadolu's bullet-riddled body was found near the Etlaweni Hostel in Tembisa.

In Vosloorus, at least three groups of youths armed with stones and petrol bombs clashed with the police yesterday afternoon.

A Casspir was petrol-bombed by an angry crowd.

Police confiscated two AK-47 rifles, a Scorpion and a truck filled with ammunition and lethal weapons. Nine men were arrested.

A petrol-bomb factory was also discovered and destroyed.

The known breakdown of deaths in East Rand townships since yesterday morning was 28 in Tembisa, 19 in Vosloorus, nine in Tokoza and one in Katlehong.

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## Domestic air fares to rise a second time in next few days

By John Miller

Fares on all South African domestic flights are to be increased by at least eight percent in the next few days — a second increase following one 43 days ago.

The latest increase comes after the rise on August 1 of 12 percent on economy fares and 17 percent on business class fares, and is a result of the crisis in the Gulf and the subsequent rise in jet fuel prices.

At a recent, hastily called meeting of all IATA members held in Switzerland at the end of last month, the 82 members, including South African Airways, agreed to increase international air fares by between five and eight percent.

However, these proposed rises by the representatives will first have to be submitted to governments for

ratification. A spokesman for the association said this normally took between 45 and 60 days.

The secretary of the Airline Association of South Africa, Des Collins, said last night all members would probably follow suit and increase their fares by between six and nine percent within days.

### Emotive

"I think air fares are quite an emotive issue, but that it is no different to the motor industry or any other because we are all facing the same problems and inflation rate."

"Our fare increases in the industry are exchange rate-related because every mortal thing we buy, including fuel, has to be paid for in US dollars."

## Cancer: experts give diet warning

LONDON — For people with cancer, a high-calorie diet of potato chips and beefburgers may be more effective than vegetables and lentils, British dieticians say.

They were reacting to an earlier report that care given by a Bristol cancer help centre, which included a vegetarian diet, might shorten patients' lives.

"Cancer patients wishing to follow vegetarian, vegan or macrobiotic diets should be made aware of possible nutritional inadequacies," warned the dieticians.

A cancer dietician at the Royal Marsden Hospital in London said it was possible that people on a strict vegetarian diet might lose weight. This could complicate surgical or other therapy by increasing the chances of infection. — The Star Bureau

# More police

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By Gien Elsas  
West Rand Bureau

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In another incident, municipal Constable J Fokane was on duty with colleagues at the Sinoane municipal offices at about 8 pm

When he walked a short distance away from his colleagues he was shot in the back. His shotgun was stolen.

Colonel Halgryn said several police officers' homes had been broken into and items of uniform were stolen yesterday

He said youths had been seen at at least three of the homes that had been burgled in the Tladi district

He said the theft of police uniforms appeared to be part of a new strategy to sow confusion and place further blame for violence on the police

in an  
imes.

Lieutenant-Colonel Tieme Halgryn



# SAP helped attack, claim squatters

By Montshiwa Moroke

Residents of Phola Park squatter camp, near Tokoza, on the East Rand, claimed yesterday their shacks had been destroyed by a combined police and Inkatha attack on Tuesday night.

When asked to comment, a spokesman at police headquarters in Pretoria, Lieutenant Nina Barkhuizen, said the SAP dismissed the squatters' claims "with the contempt which they deserve".

About 1 000 refugees from the Phola Park squatter camp spent last night at the St Paul's Catholic Church, in Eden Park, near Alberton, after fleeing their homes.

Others came from Siluma View in Katlehong and from Tokoza. Most women and children slept in the church while many others slept in an unfinished building in the churchyard and in the open.

## Smouldering

The people had fled from the shantytown where armed vigilantes were reported to have stormed the squatter camp housing thousands of people, mainly migrant workers, on Tuesday night.

Yesterday the camp was a smouldering mess of burnt shacks, scattered belongings and charred remains after the previous night's pitched battles. The charred body of an elderly man lay under dangling corrugated iron in a shack. The body of Nicholas Serongoane (51), a father of nine, from Tokoza, lay in the sun, covered with a blanket. His body had lain there all night.

A witness interviewed yesterday said a police Casspir had been seen patrolling inside the shantytown before 6 pm. About 30 minutes later, the

same Casspir was seen on the main road about 500 m away.

"The Casspir had its back to the squatter camp when we heard shooting from what appeared to be an AK-47 rifle. Thereafter the lights of the Casspir went on and off again."

Minutes later, white men wearing dark overalls and gas masks and men from the Mshayezafe Hostel came from the direction of where the Casspir had been parked.

"They started firing at the houses and then set fire to our homes with something which looked like a gas torch."

"As the women and children ran away, the men called one another and warned off the attack. The attackers retreated and ran towards the Casspir where they all boarded the vehicle and drove away."

"Later, at an intersection near Eden Park, the same Casspir drove past us with men inside singing Inkatha songs," the witness said.

Father Kevin Bugler, the parish priest, said about 700 people had gone to the church on Tuesday night and were pitted "body against body, from wall to wall".

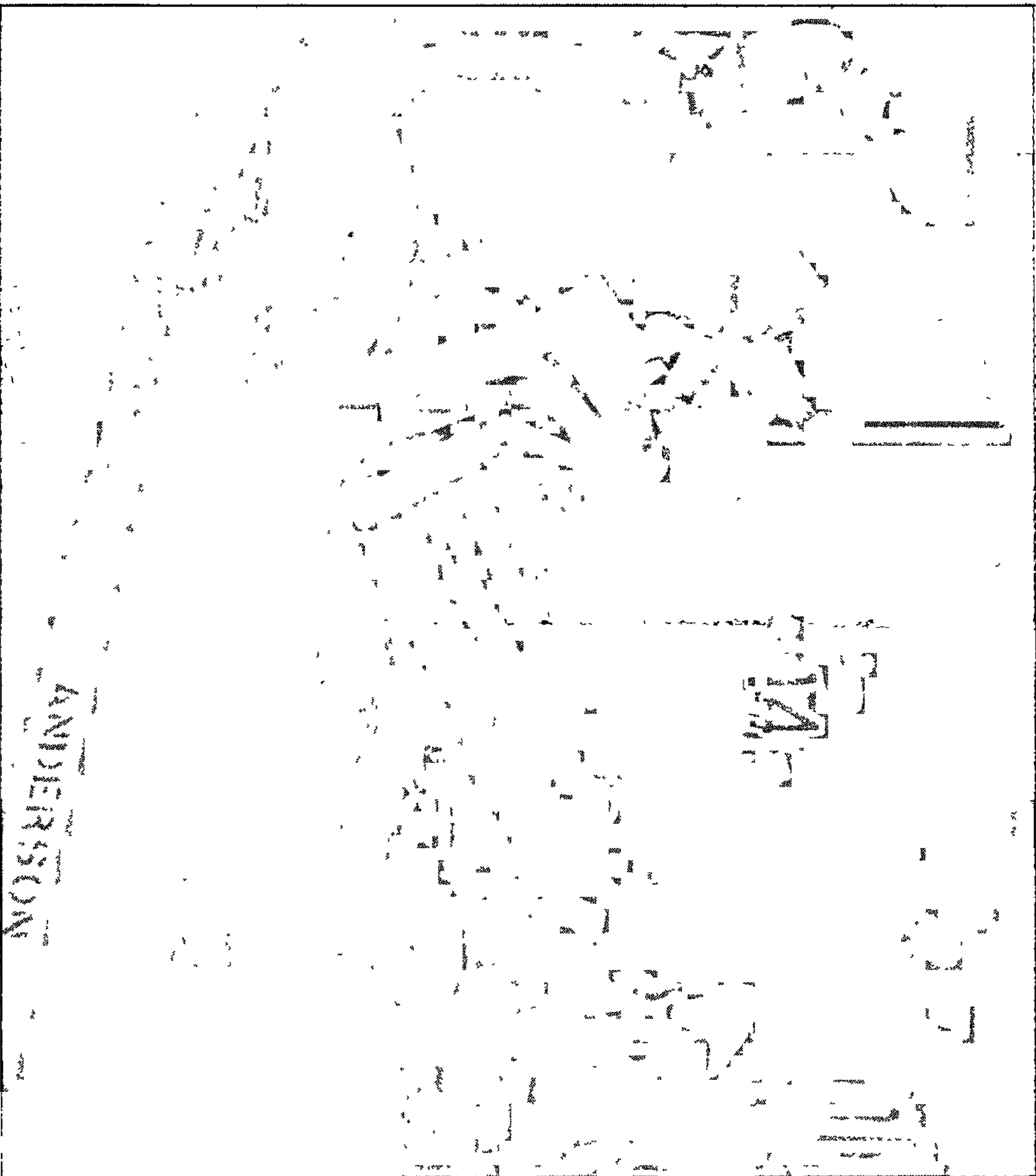
The sick and injured were being looked after by two Dominican sisters from the Phola Park clinic.

Yesterday women were seen carrying their families' possessions, some in wheelbarrows, as they deserted the shattered camp.

Some went to nearby Eden Park and some were later seen trudging frightened, tired and bewildered on the main road to Johannesburg.

A social worker at the church, Hilary Wiles, said of the situation "To me this is absolute disaster."

"Can anyone really stop this madness? I wish someone could come with an answer."



Police Reaction Unit officers at the scene of one of last night's senseless killings. Four black gunmen opened fire with rifles and handguns, leaving two people dead and two injured at this taxi rank on the corner of Anderson and Polly streets.

## 'I haven't slept for days . . . I'm always scared now'

By Dawn Barkhuizen

"More than anything in my life I want this fighting to stop. I haven't slept for days — every night I hear gunfire and shouting and whistles. Some times I get a message that they are coming."

"Even the sound of a baby crying keeps me awake at night. The sound of a car stopping makes us all afraid."

One would never guess that when Boxer Ngwenya steps into his Johannesburg city office every morning in his freshly pressed trousers and shirt, he

has just arrived from hell.

"I'm scared to leave home in the morning," he says. "I have to pass a hostel and then stand next to the road waiting for a minibus. I don't trust the taxis — I don't know who is inside."

"My mother is alone at home right now and I keep hearing rumours about attacks. I can't concentrate at work. I look at people in the office and wonder if I will be here to see them tomorrow."

"I've seen four of my neighbours chopped up. I'm scared. I'm always scared now."

One would never guess that Mr Ngwenya slept last weekend on the floor at his aunt's house, having bundled up his mother and his TV set and fled from his Soweto home.

In fact, one would never guess that many of the black people who arrive for work at offices and white suburban homes every day are traumatised beyond belief.

At The Star a colleague is wearing clean clothes for the first time in three days. He has not been home to Naledi since Sunday. He phones home hourly, and the message from parents is "Stay away".

Another colleague, from Vosloorus, said "I would have fled long ago, but my wife is brave. Every night we hear automatic gunfire. I have no weapons, I just stay awake and listen."

Yesterday, in suburban Melville, Maria Sikhakhane was ironing clothes and running a household. Only hours before, she had been crouching on the floor of her Soweto house, popping her head over the window sill to see where the gunfire was coming from.

Others slept with their belongings in their cars parked within the hospital grounds. All vehicles entering were thoroughly searched.

Every time there was a gunshot, the huddled people started in fright.

"I came here because I can sleep nice. If we had guns we would be safe. But what use is a garden fork or a stone if someone else has a gun?" Katlehong resident Jacob Moloi asked.

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## Gunshot

Last night the acting superintendent said the hospital could, on humanitarian grounds, not turn the people away.

The Star saw people huddled in the casualty department, in stairwells, parking areas, against concrete planters and walls, and tightly packed into pre-fab halls.

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## 6 000 flee to refuge in hospital

By Julienne du Toit  
and Carma le Grange

About 6 000 refugees from Tokoza, Katlehong and Vosloorus last night fled to the Natal-spruit Hospital grounds as the Phola Park squatter camp on the East Rand went up in flames and tracer bullets tore through the sky.

A spokesman for the hospital said early today thousands of people poured into hospital grounds, seeking safety, and were allowed to sleep overnight in any available space away from patients.

By 8 am about 300 — mostly women and children — were left as others had left to go to work.

Many no longer had homes to return to, and one man said bitterly:

"If you go to Kwesine Hostel tomorrow you can buy our televisions and videos cheap."

The hospital made an urgent appeal to the Red Cross who provided people with food and blankets last night.



# Ambush: Sisulu alerted police

THE four SAP members ambushed by unknown gunmen in Diepkloof Extension, Soweto, on Tuesday night were responding to an alert from ANC internal leader Walter Sisulu, it emerged yesterday.

One SAP member died and three were seriously injured when they went to investigate a report Sisulu made to Soweto regional commissioner Maj-Gen Johan Swart about Diepkloof squatters being ambushed by Inkatha members.

The ANC yesterday "totally rejected" what it claimed was an SAP insinuation that Sisulu led the police into the ambush.

However, a senior SAP spokesman emphasised yesterday that police were not pointing fingers at the 78-year-old leader.

Swart said in an interview on SATV last night it appeared that township elements had misused Sisulu. **D 10 4 13 17 19 0**

Liaison between the two men was one of the channels recently agreed to between the ANC and the SAP to help curb the township violence.

ANC spokesman Saki Macozoma said Sisulu had been phoned by Diepkloof resi-

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dents and had passed on the details to Swart. He said the relationship between the ANC and SAP was one neither side could do without.

SAP spokesman Lt-Col Tienie Halgryn said last night an earlier police statement that the men had gone out to investigate a report of AK-47 rifles being in the area was based on incomplete information.

Lt Govindsamy Mariemuthoo said yesterday, after failing to find evidence of any gunmen armed with AK-47s, the policemen, in two cars, were ambushed as they drove past the squatter camp.

Const De Waal Liebenberg died and the other three were admitted to hospital. One, Const Mark Abramowitz, was in a serious condition late yesterday.

Three Carlton Hotel employees were shot and killed when their assailants apparently mistook their yellow mini-bus for a police vehicle at 1.10am yesterday.

# Top cop was told of youth's death

THE District Commissioner of Police for Athlone told Cape Town Regional Court yesterday that Captain Hein Smit of the police Gang Unit had reported to him that a youth had died during interrogation in December last year

Captain Smit, 32, Sergeants Phillip Swanepoel, 28, and Raymond Charles Titus, 37, Constables Rudolf Johannes St Bernard, 27, Alan George Williams, 29, Allan George Manuel, 25, Jacobus van Wyngaardt, 25, Adriaan John Sause, 23, Eric Johnny Freddie Rossouw, 36, Arlene Tracie Minnaar, 21, Kenneth Patrick, 24, and Carl Kannemeyer, 30, and Mr Andries Stephanus Strydom, 43, have all pleaded not guilty to abduction, assault and culpable homicide charges, following allegations that they tortured Hanover Park gang members

Lieutenant-Colonel H Matthee said in his evidence yesterday that on the afternoon of December 22, 1989, Captain Smit approached him and reported that a youth had died during interrogation

"Captain Smit informed me that he had not been present at the time of the death and no assaults had taken place during the interrogation in his presence," said Colonel Matthee

The trial continues this morning

The magistrate was Mr F Botes. Mr J Tredoux appeared for the state. Mr Dirk Uijls and Mr Francois van Zyl, instructed by the state attorney, appeared for the accused



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MR WALTER SISULU . . . late  
night phone call to police

**FOUR policemen ambushed by unknown gunmen in Diepkloof, Soweto, were responding to an alert from ANC internal leader Mr Walter Sisulu, it emerged yesterday.**

Two patrol cars were raked with automatic fire, killing one policeman and injuring three. The patrol was sent out late on Tuesday night after Mr Sisulu had made an urgent call to Soweto police Commissioner General Johan Swart saying Diepkloof residents were under attack from Inkatha members. Last night a row was brewing between the ANC and police over the mystery caller who told Mr Sisulu of the impending "attack".

The ANC said the suggestion by police that Mr Sisulu had led the SAP into an ambush was "incredible" and "unacceptable". ANC leaders receive many calls from residents appealing for help during violence and call the police, the ANC said.

Liason between General Swart and Mr Sisulu was one of the channels recently agreed to between the ANC and the SAP to help curb the township violence. The row comes against a backdrop of escalating violence on the East Rand as residents fled the war-torn area last night.

The death toll mounted to 116 dead — 71 in the East Rand alone.

In further developments yesterday:

- The government asked the international community to put pressure on Mr Nelson Mandela and Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi to join forces to end the bloodshed, and
- Hundreds of refugees poured into Natal's Spruit hospital to escape the violence on the East Rand

Police said 'street by street' barricades had been set up by youths and residents in Kaitheong, Vosloorus and Tembisa last night as gangs were attacking each other sporadically.

In Soweto security forces were using birdshot and teargas to disperse gangs of stone-throwing and petrol-bombing youths manning barricades.

- In another shooting early yesterday morning, three hotel employees were killed and four seriously injured when a yellow minibus, which was apparently mistaken for a police vehicle, was fired on.

Police at the Protea station yesterday allowed journalists to inspect the two police cars caught in the ambush.

Both had bullet holes on the front and sides. Side windows had been smashed.

In the Diepkloof incident Constable Mark Abramowitz, 24, was hit in the hip and in both legs. An emergency operation was performed and his condition was serious.

Constable Francois Langeveldt was hit in one leg, and Constable T H Khumalo was hit four times in his leg.

Explaining Mr Sisulu's call, the ANC said in a statement that Mr Sisulu received a telephone call at his Orlando West home telling him residents in Diepkloof were being attacked.

Mr Sisulu then called General Swart at his home and asked him to send policemen into the area.

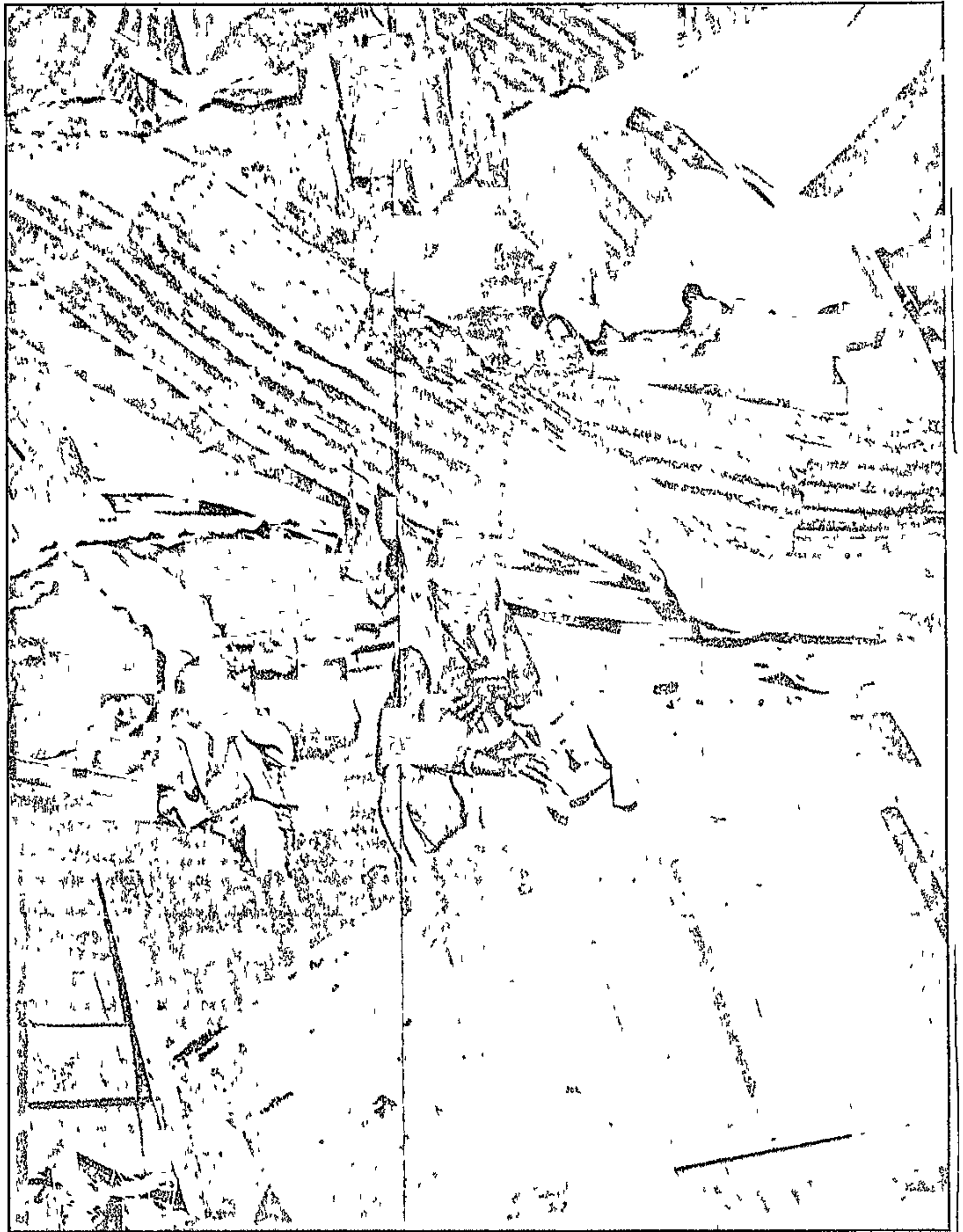
General Swart was given a telephone number and a name of a person to contact in Diepkloof the ANC said.

"This morning General Swart phoned Mr Sisulu and said that the police who went to Diepkloof were ambushed.

"He also said that the contact name given to him the previous night belongs to a person that does not exist and that the telephone number he was given is that of a policeman.

"After receiving this news, Mr Sisulu called the number himself and found a family at that number — not a policeman as the general had said," the ANC said — Own Correspondent and Sapa

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**Diepkloof police station is attacked**

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A group of people attacked the Diepkloof police station with AK 47 rifle fire and a hand grenade last night. Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Halgryn, spokesman for the SAPS, said a number of people gathered outside the police station. A hand grenade exploded outside and shots were fired with several AK 47 rifles at the building. The policemen manning the station returned fire and the crowd and gunmen fled. Damage to the building was minimal and no one was injured. — West Rand Bureau

Life goes on — Phola Park mother Evelina Mgwedini feeds her seven-month-old child, Gusha, surrounded by the ruins of her shanty home and watched by her son Thabo (4) © Picture by Ken Oosterbroek







# Acquittal of police refused

A REQUEST for the acquittal of 13 Gang Unit members accused of abduction, assault and culpable homicide was yesterday turned down in a Cape Town Regional Court.

Defence advocates for the 13, Mr D Uijs and Mr F van Zyl, both slated the state case — which closed yesterday afternoon — as “weak” and “questionable”, and said their clients could not be convicted on any evidence heard.

Mr Uijs said the evidence of one of the four alleged torture victims, Mr John Lewis, was “the worst he had ever heard in a courtroom”, and that the same applied to the testimony of his co-complainants, Mr Adunaan Leonard and Mr Keith Frey

He said former Gang Unit member Constable Sidney Adams was the “worst witness of all”. It was clear he bore a grudge against the unit and had “adapted” his evidence

Const Adams said at a previous hearing that he had seen a Hanover Park gang member being given repeated electric shocks while water was poured over his head, and that he later found the youth had died

The last state witness and investigating officer, Major G van der Westhuizen, testified yesterday that he had been called to the scene of the death. When he arrived, he found the “sopping wet” body of Mr Kevin Ruiters.

The trial continues

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# Gang-busters' acquittal plea rejected

By JOHN VILJOEN  
Staff Reporter

A COURT has rejected a defence request for acquittal of 13 police gangbusters on trial for culpable homicide, abduction and assault.

Mr D Uijs and Mr F van Zyl made the request when the state closed its case yesterday, but it was refused by magistrate Mr F F Botes in Cape Town Regional Court.

The defendants have pleaded not guilty to seven charges stemming from the alleged abduction and assault of Mr John Lewis, Mr Keith Frey, Mr Adunaan Leonard, and Mr Kevin Ruiters, all of Hanover Park, last December.

Mr Ruiters's body was discovered in a Bellville South warehouse.

Mr Uijs said "no reasonable court" could convict the 13 on the state's evidence.

While the four men had not been arrested "in the classic sense of the word", police probably picked-up "thousands" of people in this way every day, he said.

Mr Uijs said state witnesses had been of poor quality. "John Lewis is one of the worst witnesses that has ever testified in a court. And the same is true of Adunaan Leonard and Keith Fry."

## Anxiety

Former gang unit member Mr Sidney Lewis Adams had been the "worst of all the state witnesses". It was clear from his evidence that he held a grudge against his former colleagues and had lied and adapted his evidence, Mr Uijs said.

To continue with the trial would be a waste of time.

Mr Van Zyl said the state had failed to prove the four men were picked up against

their will. Evidence did not connect the 13 with the cause of Mr Ruiters's death, which could have been caused by "a build-up of anxiety".

His body was "sopping wet" and his clothes were dirty as if he had been lying on his stomach or been dragged around on the floor, he said.

The area around the body looked as though it had been wiped or swept, but the rest of the room was "chaotic".

The hearing continues.

Mr J C Tredoux is prosecuting. Mr Uijs appears for Mr Hein van Tubbergh Smit, 32, Mr Andries Stephanus Strydom, 43, Mr Phillip Swanepoel, 28, Mr Alan George Williams, 29, Mr Allan George Manuel, 25, and Mr Warren Carl Kanemeyer, 30.

Mr Van Zyl appears for Mr Raymond Charles Titus, 37, Mr Rudolf Johannes St Bernard, 27, Mr Adriaan John Saultse, 23, Mr Eric Johnny Freddie Rossouw, 36, Mrs Arlene Tracie Minnaar, 21, and Mr Kenneth Patrick, 24.

# Attack not directly linked to call

By BARRY STREEK

THE fatal attack on two police patrol cars in Soweto on Tuesday night was not directly connected to a late-night phone call by the ANC's internal leader, Mr Walter Sisulu, to a police general

The ANC said yesterday that the original source of the phone call, Mrs Miriam Vilikazi, lived in Zone One, Diepkloof, whereas the ambush, in which a policeman died and three were injured, took place in Zone Six, Diepkloof, about 6km away.

And General Herman Stadler, head of the police's public relations division, said

the two police cars went to Zone One, found nothing, and then started patrolling

They then came across a group of 200 youths whom they scattered and "after that particular action, they were attacked"

General Stadler added "We are not accusing anyone The point we wanted to make about that incident was that policemen went to investigate a complaint by Mr Sisulu to stop systematic violence and all of a sudden they were attacked"

The police and the ANC directly contradicted each other about the telephone number Mr Sisulu gave to the police com-

missioner in Soweto, General Johan Swart, in the phone call on Tuesday night

Mr Sisulu said the number, which he himself had tested, belonged to Mrs Vilikazi in Zone One but the police said the number belonged to a member of the police's murder and robbery squad

Mr Sisulu could not be contacted yesterday but Mr Saki Macozoma, an ANC spokesman, said reports that Mrs Winnie Mandela had called Mr Sisulu about Mrs Vilikazi's panic about the situation in Zone One on Tuesday night and had given him Mrs Vilikazi's number accorded with what Mr Sisulu told him on Wednesday



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# Power, but little glory

## Police at sharp end: too few in number and undertrained

THE reputation of the South African Police has not only been severely indicted by left-wing politicians but further damaged by a judicial commission of inquiry which accused some members of the SAP of being trigger-happy and undisciplined. And now, even the right wing has accused the SAP of torture. CHRIS MOERDYK reports on the SAP's state of readiness to meet the challenges of a new South Africa.

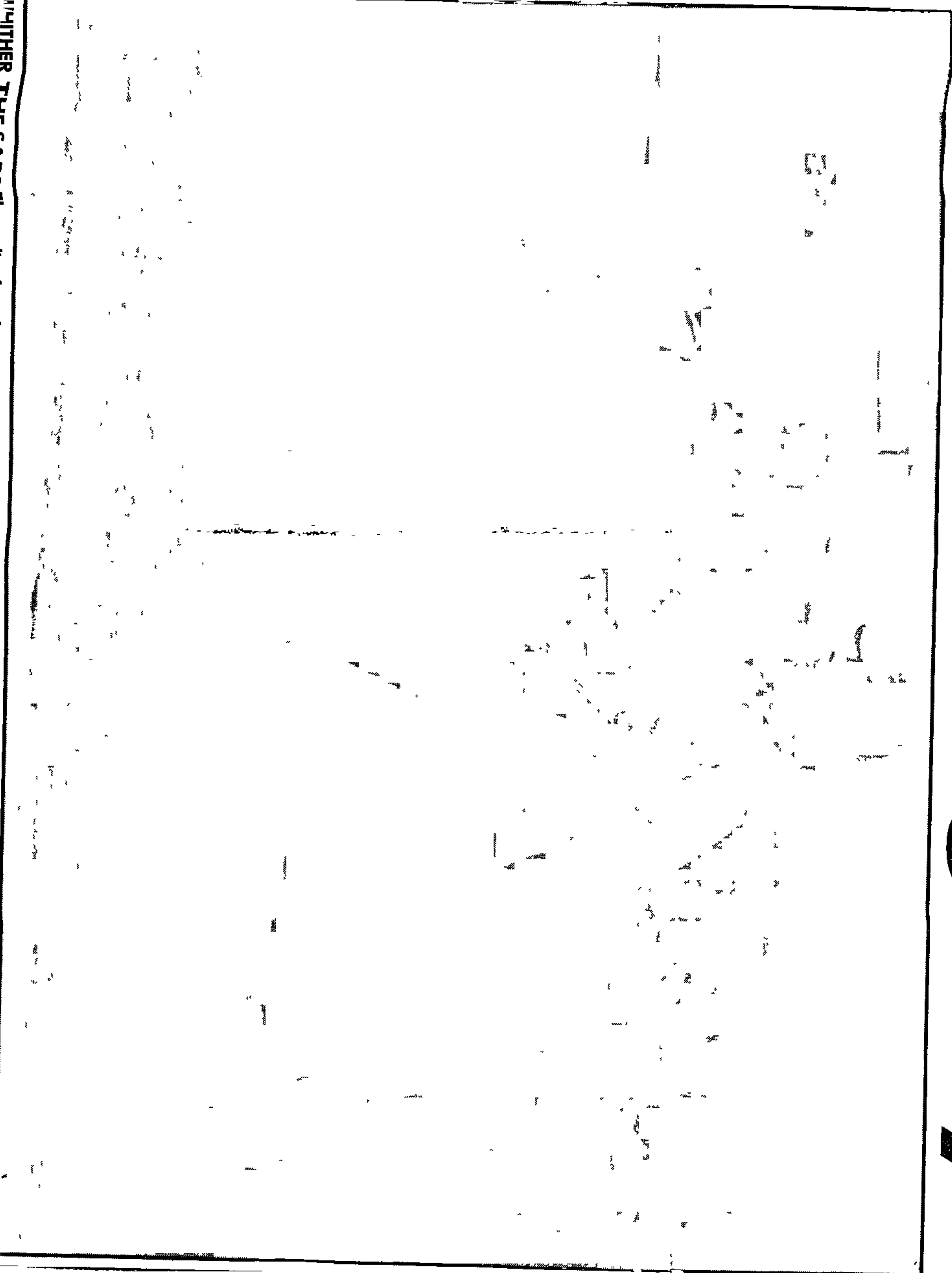
**T**HOSE who appear to be having the greatest difficulty coming to terms with change are the officers and men of the South African Police force. They are, after all, at the coalface of the social and political upheaval that has moved through the country like a tidal wave since President de Klerk's speech on February 2.

Left-wing political parties — the ANC in particular — have placed a considerable share of the blame for township violence squarely on SAP shoulders. The force has been accused of siding with Inkatha, of refusing to disarm belligerent factions of so-called traditional but nonetheless deadly weapons, of often standing by while opposing

possible and not to fan the flames of unrest." But, among all the accusations and counter-accusations, the question that needs to be answered now is whether the SAP is the effective, efficient and professional peacekeeping force the country needs — and if not, what needs to be done to make it so.

At present the SAP is one of the world's smallest police forces based on the number of policemen per head of population. The SAP has 75 000 serving members at present which represents approximately two policemen for every 1 000 inhabitants. Scotland has 24 per 1 000, Austria 3,2, France 3,4 and neighbouring Lesotho 2,7.

On the other hand, the fact that South Africa has one of the highest prison populations in the world might suggest that although small, the force is certainly effective.



**W**HETHER THE SAP? The police force faces major challenges in adapting to the "new" South Africa.

● Photograph: Ken Osterbroek.



jeing Tr Egger-tappy and 0 no, showing the same efficiency in current township unrest as they did when violence was aimed directly at the State

Even the usually supportive rightwing met the State President recently to complain of strong-arm tactics and torture by the SAP on their members

The SAP, however, denies it is siding with anyone and has insisted that charges of SAP partiality are simply a part of a long-standing and well-orchestrated left-wing campaign against them

Indeed, current unrest is costing the SAP dearly According to Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok, so far this year 40 policemen have "been killed by radicals" and a further 1 000 injured And more than 2 000 police vehicles have been destroyed in unrest

Added to this, the SAP claims that because of township unrest, young policemen are risking their lives daily and are working an average 18-hour day

"On this basis alone," said a police spokesman recently, "it is human nature, not to mention in the interests of the police, to quell the violence as quickly as

possible, is a force made up of men who are clearly undertrained and still underpaid despite recent salary increases It is a force that is considerably short-staffed, given the current unrest, with far too few recruits annually and far too few facilities to train any more the at present

South Africa's four police colleges can only accommodate 3 900 trainees at any given time However, the SAP believes that even if Mr Vlok's expansion of the force by 10 000 policemen had to take place quickly, the existing facilities could cope "provided some extensions to buildings were made"

Another question is whether the SAP is attracting the right people It was not all that long ago that in order to join the force candidates needed nothing more than a Std 6 education Many of these are still members of the SAP today Admittedly, these admission standards have since risen to Std 8 and recently to Std 10

According to the SAP's public relations directorate in Pretoria, policemen are recruited from virtually all socio-economic groups and although the minimum entry requirement is a

matric certificate, many people with degrees and diplomas apply to join the force A large number of members also further their studies while in the force — either through a technical or a university

But, in effect, South Africa has the police force it deserves The country's dismal history of paying only lip service to the pay of nurses and teachers with resultant hospital staff shortages and crises in education applies equally to the police

The SAP argues that all its members are well trained in handling unrest and that shootings happen only in cases of self-defence The Goldstone commission found, however, that of the 281 people shot at Sebokeng on March 26, 127 were shot from behind, so some policemen were patently not well-trained enough to know when to stop shooting

With these facts in mind, the amount of basic training given to regular SAP members — six

months with a three-week course in riot control — becomes questionable

According to the SAP, however, the actions of policemen in unrest situations are governed by Sections 48 and 49 of the Internal Security Act 74 of 1982 Policemen are supposed to follow well-defined rules

They should first attempt to defuse situations by negotiation and should this fail they should issue a warning and following this they are empowered to use "tearsmoke, water canon, batons and rubber bullets" in that order If these measures prove ineffective then birdshot is used "In very serious situations," said an SAP spokesman, "buckshot will also be considered" He added "Only rarely is live ammunition used"

But, there are a number of other reasons why it is hard for many people to believe that the police are impartial and sufficiently well-trained

Human nature alone would suggest otherwise

For a start, it seems unlikely that many members of the SAP could have adapted to the "new South Africa" in just a few

months Less than a year ago the SAP was upholding laws that were steeped in apartheid ideology Black people were still second-class citizens, black political organisations were banned and not all that long ago policemen were arresting blacks for not having passes or for living in white areas

The mindset of any young policeman must, in those days, have surely been far from "black is beautiful" Rather perhaps, "black is trouble" And now suddenly and officially, "enemies" have become "allies" almost overnight

There is no doubt too, that for many white policemen the mere fact that a group of black people behaved in a defiant manner was more of an affront to their traditional white pride than a simple transgression of the law And that being the case, it is unlikely that these old habits that have been nurtured for decades could be dissipated in a few short months

Therefore, the "politicisation" factor within the police force might well be a result of the apartheid system even though the SAP is officially an "apolitical" organisation

According to standing SAP regulations, members of the force "may not join political parties" Government has also indicated it intends introducing legislation to this effect — a move which would make political affiliation by a policeman a criminal offence

During training, policemen are taught to be impartial, apolitical and "to serve the Government of the day"

But, despite the SAP's insistence that all its members are well trained, they are clearly not well trained enough Certainly in the case of the SAP's special constables — "kitskonstabels" — there appears to be abundant proof that they are not sufficiently trained to become involved in the control of unrest and the numerous warnings that were made when Government announced its "kitskonstabel" programme now seem to have come to fruition

It is also necessary to question Government's decision to make use of the Defence Force

to augment police activity at the coal face The question is, would it not be far better to have SADF personnel relieving their more qualified police counterparts of their more mundane functions? Should someone else be attending to the writing out of receipts for parking offences or doing the paperwork?

In addition, many policemen would agree that two years of training would be far better and would result in a more highly disciplined force

But, as an SAP spokesman said this week "Existing training establishments simply could not handle a two-year basic training course It would mean the country would not have enough policemen on the job — and it has too few already"

While everyone from left-wing political parties to right-wing extremists seem to agree that in the past the SAP has been extremely efficient in upholding the vast numbers of laws of the land, it is clear that if there is to be peace in a new South Africa, the police force will need not only to have a considerable financial investment made in it, but also given much, much more training

ing the authorities too short notice of their intention to organise the march and themselves

There was no need for the police to use live ammunition, let

much as it concerned the utilisation of special constables".

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## Vlok refuses Witbank inquiry

By Therese Anders,  
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Minister of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok has refused a judicial inquiry into an unrest incident in Witbank this year.

Four people in a group of mostly women and children who were fleeing the township, died after being shot by police. Hundreds more were injured

Witbank community groups, the Catholic Church and trade unions have alleged that most of the injured and those killed — including a baby who died while strapped to its mother's back — had pellet wounds

In a letter to the Minister of

Justice, the groups say witnesses claim the police shot at residents "without the slightest provocation".

The incident took place in Witbank's KwaGuqa township on March 12 while large crowds were fleeing after rumours that hostel dwellers were about to attack residents

### Clashes

Earlier in the day six people had died in clashes

The groups asked Mr Vlok to appoint an independent judicial commission of inquiry "to investigate the conduct of the police in the Witbank unrest, par-

ticularly in regard to the shootings".

The lawyer acting for the families and local organisations said independent post-mortems had been held on the bodies of the deceased.

These had shown all four had been hit by pellets in the back.

In his reply on August 27, Mr Vlok said the incident was still being investigated.

"On completion, the dockets will be submitted to the Attorney-General for his decision

"I regret that I cannot accede to your request for a judicial inquiry"



# Arrests at Popcru launch

CP Correspondent

TWENTY nine prison warders and traffic officers were arrested in Butterworth in the Transkei last week after they attended the launch of the local branch of the Police and Prison Civil Rights Union (Popcru).

Transkei's Commissioner of Police, General NS Spambo, earlier warned that anyone from the uniformed service in the Transkei who attended would be arrested.

Guest speaker at the launch, Popcru president Gregory Rockman, had a

heated confrontation with Butterworth station commander Colonel Alex Sofute, who searched his briefcase and demanded minutes from the meeting.

Police dragged Rockman to a police van, but a group of toyi-toying youths siezed Rockman and took him to his car. Police then fired teargas to disperse the crowd.

When the 29 arrested men appeared in court this week, they received a warning from magistrate M Mkiva, but were immediately rearrested in terms of Section 47 (1) of the Transkei Public Security Act which allows for indefinite detention.

Their attorney Mzwandile Ntsaluba told *City Press* that if his clients were not released soon he will seek a supreme court interdict.

# 'Rocky 2' intervenes, saves day!

ELIAS MALULEKE

A BLACK policeman from Vosloorus on the East Rand has earned himself the nickname "Rocky 2" - after Lt Gregory Rockman of Cape Town - because he intervened between white police and residents in an explosive situation.

Sgt Hosea Mogashoa of the SAP in Vosloorus became the hero of the residents this week for possibly stopping a bloodbath in the township.

His mainly white colleagues were attempting to disperse a crowd of about 5 000 who had gathered near the Sotho hostel to witness its demolition on Tuesday when he stepped in and appealed to police not to use force.

The crowd had earlier been told by a delegation of women that the hostel would be demolished by 2pm.

Earlier, Vosloorus mayor MM Sinukula told City Press it was not true the Sotho hostel would be demolished that afternoon.

"We told them the hostel dwellers had been given until the 21st of this month to vacate the hostel."

City Press was at the scene as the crowd started to swell from 1.30pm while black policemen monitored the situation.

As 2.30pm approached, heavily armed white policemen arrived in Casspirs and took up positions to disperse the crowd.

However, Mogashoa stepped in and said there was no need to use force against residents. He was supported by several of his black colleagues.

Mogashoa was heard remarking: "People want the hostel down. They want peace and want to sleep peacefully because they are tired of shedding tears for their dead - the killings must stop."

Members of the crowd roared with approval and there were chants of "Rocky! Rocky!" - an apparent reference to Rockman - from the youths.

During the chaos, a white police lieutenant came forward, wanting to know why the police were not taking action against the residents.

Mogashoa came forward to explain, but was told the crowd had only five minutes in which to disperse.

Mogashoa objected and pointed out five minutes was not enough for such a large crowd to disperse.

He told the lieutenant the black policemen at the scene would personally disperse the crowd - and appealed to white policemen not to interfere.

Mogashoa then appealed to the crowd to disperse before action was taken against them.

"Please return to your homes before more blood is spilled," he said, giving the crowd directions and urging them on.

The crowd heeded his appeal and started to move off the streets - and gradually dispersed into their yards. No teargas was fired.

City Press has established that Mogashoa, a married father of three, has constantly been informing the station commander about the danger of hostels - and asked that hostels be demolished to avoid further deaths.

He has even gone to the extent of asking for a Casspir for use by off-duty black police volunteers - to patrol the streets without pay. This has not been done.

Approached at his home for comment, the police sergeant said he had been told that his conduct at the hostel would be investigated.

"If the department wants to take action against me they can, but I am only a human being. I am here to serve the community and I must assist them where possible."

Major RA Crewe of the SAP division of public relations in Pretoria denied as "false" allegations that black policemen prevented their white colleagues from using force to disperse an illegal gathering in Vosloorus on Tuesday.

Asked about possible disciplinary action against black Vosloorus policemen, Crewe said disciplinary action was taken against members from time to time, but this was a "departmental" matter.

Crewe denied as "false" that black policemen had asked for a Casspir to patrol the township while off-duty.

He said a Casspir was in fact dispatched to patrol the streets after information was received that certain houses might be attacked.



Sgt Hosea Mogashoa defuses a tense crowd in Vosloorus this week. "I'm only a human being I'm here to serve the community and must assist them where possible," he said after hearing he might face disciplinary action for his effort to prevent violence. Pic: TLADI KHUELE

# Large deployment of forces expected

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PETER DELMAR

LARGE-SCALE deployment of national servicemen and police reservists is expected as government starts implementing its "Iron Fist" plan to curb township violence that claimed the lives of another 10 people at the weekend, bringing the death toll over the past month to more than 750.

The Cabinet will finalise the plan on Wednesday, after which Iron Fist is expected to become fully operational.

The Cabinet is also expected to discuss the question of financing the additional security force operations. Details of the proposed call-up were still being worked out at the weekend.

SAP spokesmen said yesterday preparations and planning were proceeding despite vocal opposition from ANC deputy leader Nelson Mandela.

Government was expected to announce a major deployment of SADF personnel in the townships this week, but an SAP spokesman said yesterday there would be no additional call-up of citizen force or commando members.

Greater use will be made of national servicemen in a supportive capacity. This will entail their working under the direction of SAP members, particularly in manning roadblocks and doing security tasks at railway stations.

The SAP is also only looking at mobilising members of its reserve, who are all former full-time SAP members.

Enlisting part-time reservists was not yet on the cards, Witwatersrand liaison officer Col Frans Malherbe said after a special planning meeting yesterday.

Formal government approval of a dusk-to-dawn curfew in affected Rand townships and the call-up of reserve members still had to be obtained, and these elements would not be applied before Wednesday's Cabinet meeting, SAP spokesman Maj Steve Senekal said.

Roadblocks on the Reef were set up for

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the first time on Friday, and Senekal said police had confiscated an AK-47 rifle at a roadblock near Jabulani, Soweto, on Saturday night.

An ANC spokesman agreed yesterday that a "standoff" had been reached, and said further developments were unlikely until after tomorrow's emergency meeting of the organisation's National Executive Committee (NEC).

The ANC is expected to formulate its official response to the government measures at the NEC meeting, called to discuss the violence.

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The meeting will discuss new methods of mass mobilisation and instructions to ANC supporters on how they should defend themselves.

Yesterday, Mandela refused to answer questions on the ANC's rejection of the clampdown.

He said on Friday that he welcomed government efforts to track down those responsible for the violence.

The ANC disapproved of the use of live ammunition in quelling violence. Mandela said the level of force used should be commensurate with what was necessary.



# Fatal beating leads to murder charge for cops

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DURBAN — Two police constables yesterday pleaded not guilty in the Supreme Court here to charges of beating a black man to death after an evening in a bar.

Mr Egedion William Saverio Ludick, 22, of Johannesburg and Mr Johannes Phillipus van Dyk, 22, of Cape Town denied they had murdered Mr Daniel Qwabe in Pinetown on September 7 last year.

On the evening of the alleged murder, the two spent the night drinking in a bar.

The state has alleged that when they left the bar at 10 50pm they came across Mr Qwabe walking along Old Main Road and attacked him without warning. Mr Qwabe's companion, Mr Thomas Gumede, escaped while his friend was allegedly being kicked and struck by the accused.

# Police misusing powers - AWB

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By Esmaré van der Merwe,  
Political Reporter

Heavy-handed police action against right-wing hecklers and protesters at National Party public meetings was developing into a volatile situation, with the NP turning its public meetings into "quasi boxing rings", the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging said yesterday.

In a statement released in Pretoria, AWB chief secretary Kays Smit asked Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok not to use police reservists to stand guard at public meetings.

He said they were misusing their powers and did not

seem to show the necessary discretion required of men in their positions

After recent NP meetings in Wolmaransstad and Brandfort, charges had been laid by the public against the police.

Charges of "brutal and illegitimate assault" would also soon be laid against the police following police action against right-wingers at Mr Vlok's disrupted public meeting in Virginia this week.

Mr Smit said the SAP were recruiting mainly NP members, and that these members then misused the powers of the police.

# Three special constables in court for fatal shooting

By JOHN VILJOEN  
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THE fatal shooting of three Khayelitsha men on election day 1989 has had a sequel in the Wynberg Regional Court where three special constables face three counts of culpable homicide.

Mr Honono Hedeni, 26, Mr Johannes Mqweba, 28, and Mr Lungisile Dqubele, all of Town 2, Khayelitsha, have pleaded not guilty to the charges. They were arrested on March 15 this year.

The three are alleged to have caused the deaths of Mr Lubalo Mtikrakra, 20, Mr Thandixolo Hloniyane, 20, and Mr Alam Ganjana, 30, by

shooting them with shotguns in Khayelitsha on September 6 last year.

Yesterday state witness Mr Elliot Zanayi said he saw police fire shots at between 300 and 400 people toy-toying in the street that afternoon.

When Mr Hedeni fired a shot, Mr Zanayi ran into a friend's house and hid under a bed, the court heard. When he came out he saw a body in front of a toilet.

Mr D van Zyl, for the accused, told Mr Zanayi the three constables would testify that the people had thrown stones at vehicles.

Mr Zanayi said no one had thrown stones and he had not heard of anyone's home being damaged.



# Aspects of operation 'Iron Fist' to come under Cabinet scrutiny today

CABINET will today reconsider aspects of operation 'Iron Fist', such as the issuing of light machine guns, before President F W de Klerk formally announces a new government strategy to combat violence.

Another aspect of 'Iron Fist' that some Cabinet Ministers are understood to be concerned about is the implementation of a dusk-to-dawn curfew.

It is understood Cabinet will not be asked to approve any security measures besides those already announced by police.

These include cordoning off hostels and squatter camps with razor wire, sending SAP reinforcements into Reef townships

and a possible police reserve call-up, deployment of SADF and SAP personnel at suburban stations, and use of SAP helicopters to identify and mark troublemakers.

The police announcement of 'Iron Fist' was said by senior government sources to have been premature as there was no State Security Council or Cabinet approval for additional security measures yet.

Some Cabinet Ministers are understood to be unhappy about the appropriateness of some of the measures announced by police — in particular fitting Casspurs and other armoured vehicles with light machine guns.

MIKE ROBERTSON

It had apparently been argued that issuing light machine guns was necessary because police were coming under head-on gunfire — a position in which Casspurs were vulnerable. However, senior government sources said they were not convinced this was an appropriate response.

Although there is approval in principle for a curfew, some Ministers are said to have expressed reservations about proposals on how this will be implemented.

Cabinet will also consider proposals to

set up more efficient communications reaching down to community level.

Sources said the proposals had not been finalised, but the idea was to ensure Ministers and department heads became aware of grievances as soon as possible, enabling them to act.

Cabinet Ministers yesterday declined to react to ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela's suggestion that the ANC would consider, at its NEC meeting today, the possibility of withdrawing from the peace process.

A senior government source said "That kind of talk is causing serious concern."

Violence was beginning to jeopardise the peace process. It was hardening attitudes and was occupying the time of people who would prefer to turn their attention to negotiations.

GERALD REILLY reports from Pretoria that the SAP has offered a R50 000 reward for information leading to the conviction of the "train murderers" involved in the Denver station incident last week. Commissioner Johan van der Merwe said yesterday that police had no evidence supporting the claim that whites were involved in unrest incidents. Nor was there any evidence of a so-called third force.

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**Police gun** <sup>19/8/90</sup>  
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PRETORIA — The police will use machineguns only if attacked by "terrorists" using AK-47 rifles or similar weapons

The Commissioner of Police, General Johan van der Merwe, said this in response to criticism of the plan for police to mount light machineguns on Casspirs. He said the decision, one of the measures aimed at quelling violence in Rand townships, was taken after several attacks on police vehicles with AK-47 rifles

"The AK-47 is a deadly automatic weapon and conventional arms are of little use in defence against them," General Van der Merwe said. However, the machineguns would not be used in unrest situations.

"The legal requirement that minimum force must be used, where the use of force is unavoidable, will be strictly complied with by the police"

General Van der Merwe said machineguns were mounted on police vehicles in several Western countries, including Northern Ireland and West Germany, in the struggle against "terrorists".

# 'Specials' face death charge

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Court Reporter

THREE special constables facing charges of culpable homicide following the deaths of three men in Khayelitsha on election day last September, appeared in Wynberg Regional Court yesterday.

The constables, Mr Honono Heden, 26, Mr Johannes Mgweba, 28, and Mr Lungisile Dyubele, 27, all from an area known as Town Two, have pleaded not guilty to killing Mr Lubalo Mtikrakra, 20, Mr Thandixolo Hlonyane, 20, and Mr Alam Ganjana, 30.

The state alleges that they fired at the men with Mossberg shotguns during an anti-election demonstration in the township on September 6.

Mr Elliot Zanayi, 38, of Town Two, said he saw Mr Heden shooting into the demonstrating crowd from over a concrete wall, and ran to a friend's house for shelter.

He said he saw a man running in front of him being shot in the upper thigh, fall, and jump up and resume running.

He denied having seen members of the crowd of up to 400 toyi-toying or demonstrators throwing stones or petrol bombs, and he did not believe that the special constables were provoked into opening fire on the crowd as alleged by the defence.

The trial continues.

The magistrate was Mr A S McCarthy. Mr B Julius appeared for the state. Mr P van Zyl appeared for the accused and Mr E Nggqele was the interpreter.





**COMMENT**

# Solution in reformed SAP, not 'Iron Fist'

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**IN** rejecting "Operation Iron Fist" as a means to end the sickening violence in Vaal townships in recent weeks, Nelson Mandela echoes the sentiments and views of thousands of South Africans.

Carte blanche authority for the security forces, and particularly the South African Police, rekindles the fears and the nightmare experiences of township dwellers who had survived killings and shootings from Sharpeville in 1960 to Sebokeng in 1990.

**Simplistic**

It is simplistic to believe that granting unfettered powers to the security forces will end the violence.

There is enough evidence contained in the findings of numerous commissions of inquiry, court trials and the testimony of thousands to assume that the problem will, in fact, be compounded.

Add to this the activities of a sinister (if not a third) force, the concerns of a Nelson Mandela become easy

to understand.

Are black people now supposed to believe that the security establishment — irrefutably linked to the murder of countless anti-apartheid activists like Griffiths Mxenge and David Webster and to the bombing of a children's crèche in Athlone — will bring peace to our townships?

**Partisan**

The SAP has never engendered confidence in the black community. Since the assumption of power of the National Party in 1948, it has been seen as the "long arm" of the oppressor.

It has played a partisan role, enforced discriminatory legislation and suppressed the opponents of the apartheid system.

Incidents of police involvement in torture, illegal acts of intimidation, excessive use of force, covert support for vigilantes and the actions of inadequately trained "kitskonstabels" are well-documented and seen in the black community as part of

the SAP's "image".

President FW de Klerk's stated intention to take the SAP out of the "political battlefield" seems to have been implemented to a certain extent.

**Heavy-handed**

Its members have been barred from belonging to any political party, a recruitment campaign to deal with chronic understaffing has been launched and significant salary increases have been announced.

However, the heavy-handed and repressive police action in recent months suggests that no fundamental changes have taken place.

**Shadowy**

It is clear that even though a new "culture" may exist at a leadership level, the traditional practices and structures of the SAP are entrenched and that superficial reforms will not overcome the problems.

A unwillingness by the government to fully expose the shadowy sectors of the

security establishment to scrutiny or cease their activities altogether worsens the situation.

Understandably, it is afraid of a monster of its own creation.

But for as long as places like Vlakplaas and units like the Askaris remain, and mysterious killings occur like that on the 5.04 train to Naledi Extension, Soweto last Thursday, fingers will point at the security establishment

**Reorientation**

The black community and anti-apartheid organisations like the ANC must insist on the rapid reform of the SAP that will include blacks at a leadership level, a general reorientation and professionalisation of its members, an emphasis on crime prevention and a concerted bid to build legitimacy and trust in the broader community.

Only then will police operations like "Iron Fist", if necessary, be welcomed in our townships.

# Weekblad wins bid to inspect police general's home

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An application to inspect the Pretoria home of police forensics chief General Lothar Neethling was granted to Vrye Weekblad editor Max du Preez yesterday by the Rand Supreme Court.

The application was

opposed by General Neethling, who was ordered to pay the costs of Vrye Weekblad's legal counsel

The weekly said the application arose from an action of defamation instituted by General

Neethling against the Vrye Weekblad and the Weekly Mail, to be heard in the Rand Supreme Court in November

Evidence of CCB-ac-cused Captain Dirk Coetzee will be taken on commission in London

from October 8 to 12.

Vrye Weekblad said in its application there was an urgent need to inspect General Neethling's residence because Captain Coetzee had claimed in evidence that the general had given

him chemicals to poison alleged African National Congress insurgents

Captain Coetzee was asked during evidence to describe the general's residence, to which he had allegedly gone to get the poisons — Sapa



# Govt sets up special probes into violence

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MIKE ROBERTSON

GOVERNMENT is to appoint special units to investigate last week's Denver station massacre and other major incidents of recent violence on the Witwatersrand.

President F W de Klerk announced at a Press conference at the Union Buildings last night that the teams would be headed by an attorney-general or deputy attorney-general. He also announced that:

- The operation "Iron Fist" measures announced by police at the weekend had been approved by Cabinet, and
- He was considering appointing an "independent, highly respected person" to investigate allegations against the police, SADF and other government institutions.

De Klerk said the full capability of the SAP would be placed at the disposal of the teams. The teams, he said, would conduct investigations without delay. They would report to the Ministers of Justice and Law and Order in the shortest possible time, advising them on facts relating to each case and the course to be followed.

The following incidents would be urgently investigated.

- The Denver station massacre,
- Violence in Sebokeng during the nights of September 3 and 4,
- The incident at Jeppe station in which passengers were flung off a train; and
- The alleged ambush near Diepkloof squatter camp in which a policeman was killed.

Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee, he said, could also decide to appoint teams to investigate any past or future incidents of violence. He would appoint a judge to oversee inquests into appropriate cases

Government did not rule out the possibility of appointing judicial commissions of inquiry to investigate specific cases

De Klerk said some misunderstandings had arisen following the announcement of "Iron Fist". One such misunderstanding was that police would patrol all streets with machine guns, shooting at random.

Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok said "Iron Fist" had been overemphasised by "some of our people. We intend to be strict, fair, controlled and impartial"

Reading from a statement by Police Commissioner Gen Johan van der Merwe, Vlok said the fitting of light machine guns to Casspirs was being considered in view of attacks against police with AK-47 rifles. Machine guns, he said, would not be used to control riots. All police were under strict instructions to use minimum force

Vlok added that government considered the implementation of a curfew in some unrest-hit townships a useful step. Curfews would be imposed only after employers had been given an opportunity to take steps to ensure minimum disruption.

De Klerk said the main purpose of appointing the "person of high standing" was to "act as a filter for all the accusations and allegations that fly around". Government would consult other organisations on the appointment, but would make the final decision itself. He wanted to get to the bottom of such allegations as quickly as possible and either refute them or take appropriate action.

De Klerk said Cabinet had decided to

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grant indemnity to all individuals and organisations that handed over to police, before October 1, firearms, explosives and ammunition illegally in their possession. He stressed that this decision applied to all. No organisation would have recourse to special negotiations with the aim of not surrendering arms.

Government, he added, had decided to offer rewards of up to R100 000 for information leading to the uncovering of arms and arms caches. The rewards would be

paid according to a scale determined by the SAP Commissioner

De Klerk said mechanisms of communication would be set up at local, regional and national level to "identify and deal peacefully with community grievances in order to obviate conflict"

The ANC would continue its NEC meeting on the recent violence for a third day today, spokesman Gill Marcus said last night

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# Keeping an eye on the operations of Vlok's Iron Fist

By PHILIPPA GARSON

HUMAN rights groups have expressed strong reservations about the stringent new measures to be taken by security forces to quell the Reef violence, and plans to set up monitoring structures to act as "watchdogs" on security force activities are underway.

The wide-ranging moves comprising the Operation Iron Fist strategy announced at the weekend, include large-scale deployment of police and army troops in the townships and at railway stations; swoops on hostels and residences to confiscate weapons; extensive roadblocks; encircling hostels and possibly squatter camps with razor wire to control access; equipment of patrol vehicles with light machine guns; the use of helicopters and purple dye to identify suspects, and the possible implementation of curfews.

Five Freedoms Forum (FFF) press officer Gael Neke described many of the security measures as "illogical", opening up the possibility of "wholesale state violence". She called on the Minister of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok to resign. "He does not seem able to deal with the crisis effectively," she said.

Both the FFF and Lawyers for Human Rights are engaged in setting up structures to help monitor the violence and police conduct.

The Joint Unrest Monitoring Programme (Jump) run jointly by the Democratic Party and Lawyers for Human Rights has met with various civic and police leaders on the East Rand and may meet with local Inkatha leaders.

"We are now planning to familiarise ourselves with the specific conditions in each township," said Tony Leon, MP for Houghton. "We will monitor the effectiveness of Iron Fist and check that disproportionate force is not used."

Leon commended the presence of roadblocks in East Rand townships, adding that disarming the population was "more important than anything else".

The Independent Board of Inquiry

into Informal Repression (IBIR) has been monitoring aspects of the violence, including specific allegations against the police during the bloodshed in Sebokeng last month. IBIR researcher Anton Steenkamp said while the presence of security forces was imperative to quell the violence, there were numerous reports of police complicity in assisting Inkatha by disarming the other side only, or using force against them.

"We have found that senior officers concerned are doing a proper job of looking at the situation as criminal activity," he said. "The main problem is the policemen on the ground. They have all been through the 'total onslaught' period and have been taught to see the ANC as the enemy."

Steenkamp said the IBIR was visiting areas which had recently been raided and taking statements. "On August 2 a large group of police and soldiers moved into the Sebokeng hostels and disarmed everyone. There were allegations that money was stolen and lockers

were broken."

Residents reported that the IBIR's presence in Thokoza during a raid on August 29 "helped to keep a curb on (the security forces) and no irregularities were reported", he said.

Detainees Aid Centre representative Audrey Coleman said scores of statements were pouring in from people alleging police collusion. At a meeting last week between Vlok and a delegation from Women Against Repression, Vlok refused to acknowledge such statements since they were not in sworn affidavit form, Coleman said.

Groups monitoring the Natal violence said the presence of security forces there has curbed mass mobilisation of warring parties although urban guerrilla warfare continued.

Democratic Party regional director in Natal, Radley Keyes said allegations of police complicity had diminished since pressure had been exerted by watchdog groups.



Vlok. "He must go"



# SAP: minibuses killings linked

By Monica Nicolson

Police have good reason to suspect that many of the recent murders involving gunmen in minibuses are linked

A pattern is emerging where men armed with AK-47s randomly roam the busy streets in a white minibus before picking out crowded gathering-points to gun down people

CID chief Lieutenant General Alwyn Conradie confirmed in a statement on Wednesday that the fatal shooting of three men and the death of a shopkeeper, Maria de Abrasius, were linked

In both incidents, the victims were shot by gunmen in a white minibus traveling down Nugget Street, central Johannesburg, in the early evening of September 12

Other similar shootings include various incidents where men in minibuses have driven through Tembisa, Tokoza, Katlehong and Soweto, firing random shots at passersby

Police have pieced together the sequence of similar brutal shootings

On September 6, six people were killed in Soweto by gun-

men in a minibus. Hours later, six more people were killed at Jeppe station

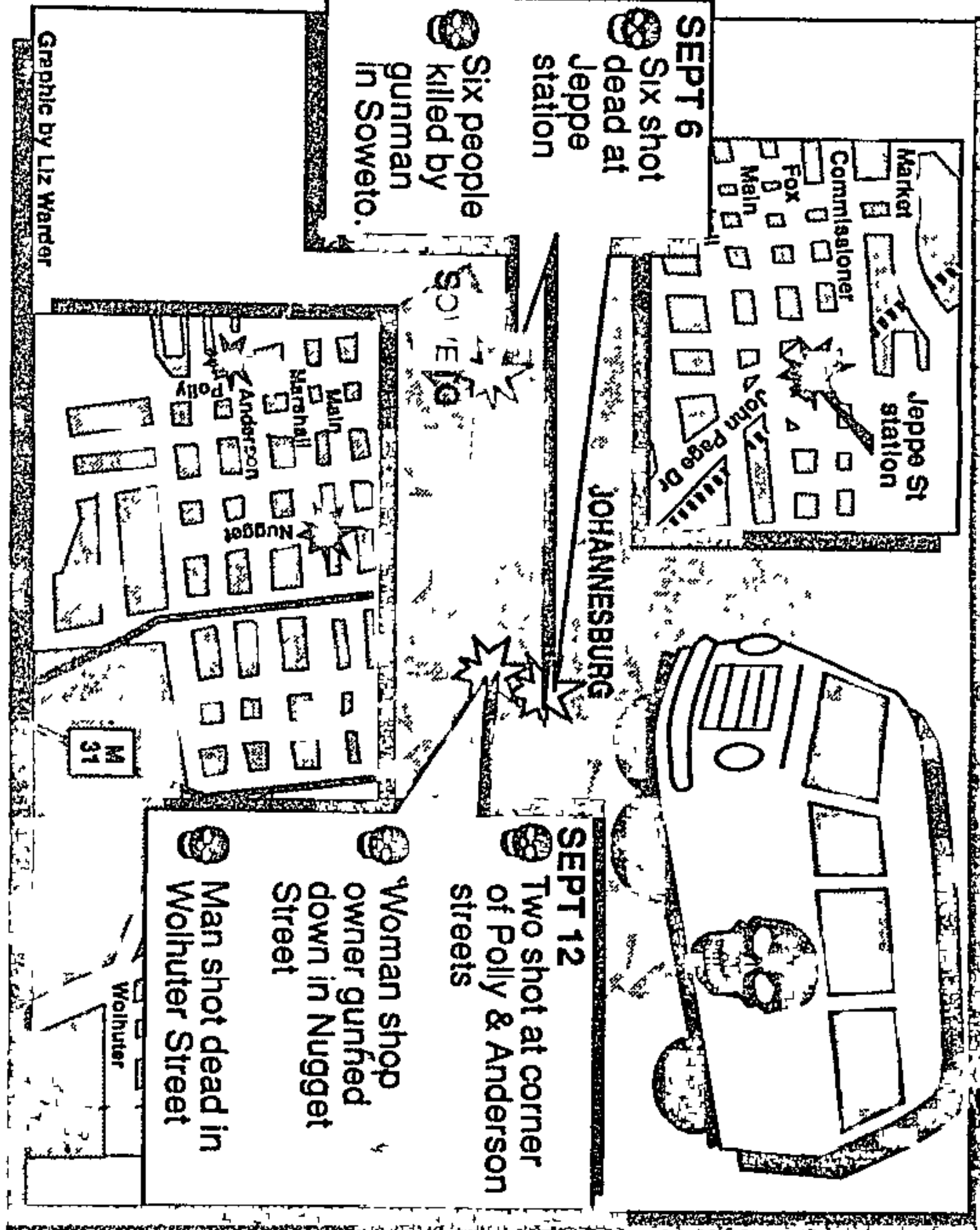
Two more men died on September 12 when gunmen opened fire on a taxi rank on the corner of Polly and Anderson streets in central Johannesburg. Their vehicle was then seen travelling to Wolhuter Street and the men shot a man dead outside the Wolhuter men's hostel in Jeppestown

Many people, including Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu, ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela and ANC internal leader Walter Sisulu, believe these mindless murders of innocent people by mobile hit squads point to a sinister plot by well co-ordinated and organised gangs

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## Genocide White minibus killings



Graphic by Liz Warden

## 'Train security not sufficient'

By Thabo Leshilo

Security arrangements to protect train commuters on the Reef in the wake of recent attacks in which they have been shot, stabbed and hurled from moving coaches still leaves much to be desired, according to a survey by The Star

A train trip by The Star this week revealed that the only place at which Soweto commuters feel relatively safe was at stations such as Inhlazane, Merate and Ikwezi, where there is a visible presence of armed guards

A spokesman for Spoornet said there was security on trains, but referred The Star to the police for specifics

Witwatersrand police liaison officer Colonel Frans Malherbe said police were patrolling the trains but he would not elaborate

Passengers are warned to look out for a new breed of train crooks taking advantage of commuters' fears in the wake of recent attacks

Sources say they trick commuters into jumping off trains, leaving their parcels, by shouting "Inkatha is attacking". They then steal the goods

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Staff Reporter

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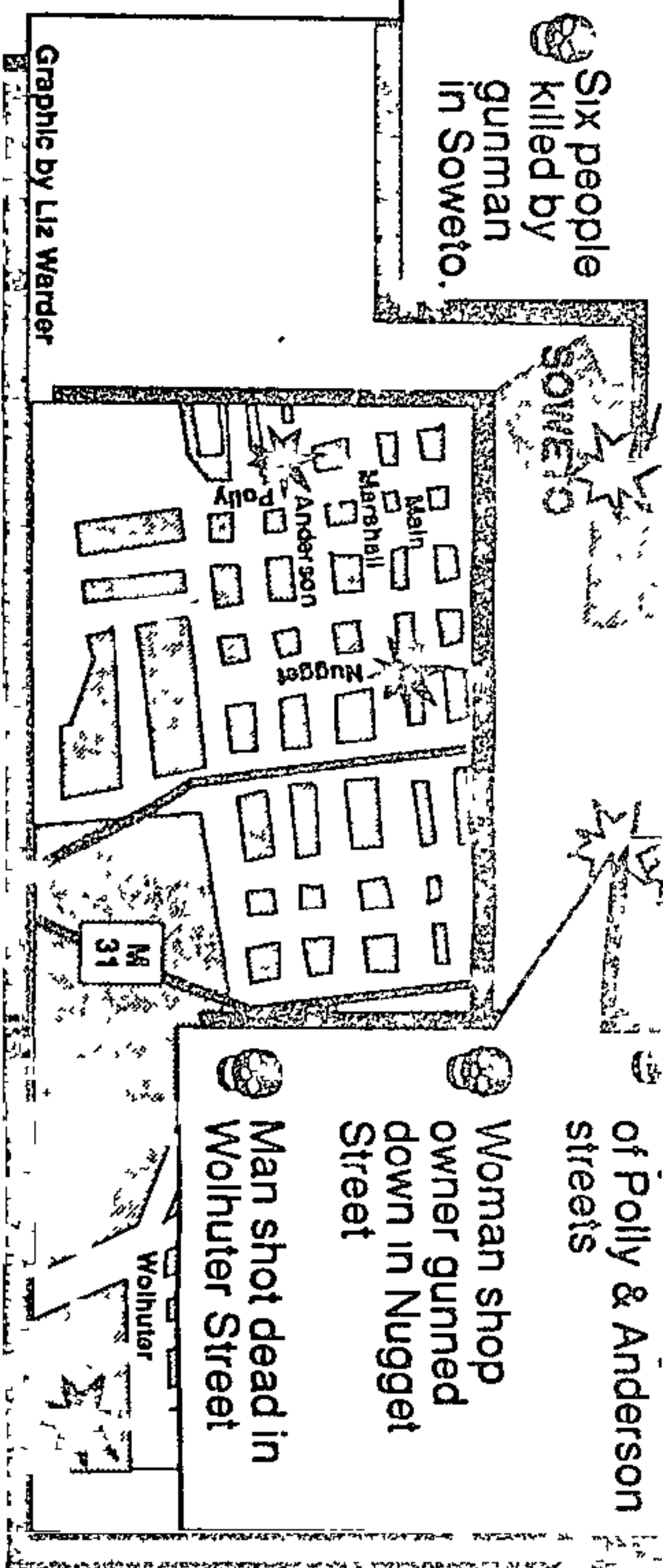


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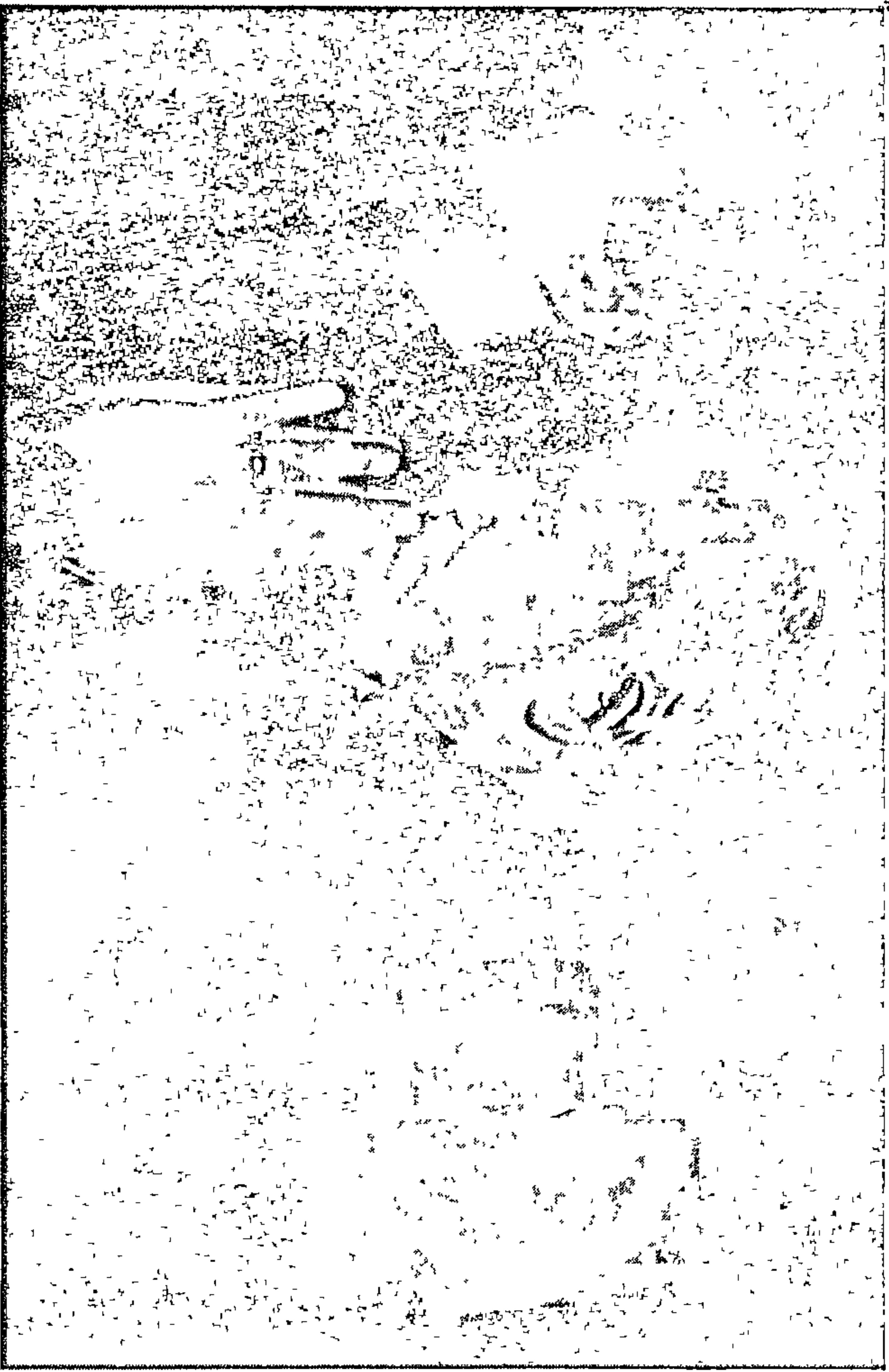
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At the scene of slaughter... the Anglican Bishop of Johannesburg, Duncan Buchanan (centre), and other priests prayed for an end to violence last night at Jeppe Station.

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The prayer meeting, organised by the priest of Belgravia parish, the Reverend Andrew Dotchin, was prohibited by the acting chief magistrate on Wednesday.

Mr Buchanan told the police there that they would only pray for five minutes and the meeting would be very "low-key", and police gave their consent for it to go ahead

Three truckloads of soldiers left the scene only minutes before the meeting started,

"Take from this country the need for bloodshed. Purge this place of the murder and evil, and claim it for Yourself," prayed Mr Buchanan



# 'Iron Fist' under way

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## Staff Reporters

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Stringent security measures to curb fighting started with the sealing-off of a Soweto hostel with razor wire.

The hunt for the killers carried on while "Iron Fist" began at the Merafe hostel, where many incidents of violence have taken place

Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Halgryn, liaison officer for the Soweto police, said the erection of razor wire barricades around the Merafe and several other hostels was one of the measures announced recently by the police to bring peace and stability back to the area

The aim of the razor wire barricades was twofold to protect the hostel dwellers from attack and to prevent them from attacking other residents

There will be only one entrance to and from the hostel, which will be manned continuously by the police as well as several foot patrols

# Vlok details insurgents' arrests

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BELFAST — No one, including the ANC, could give any reasons for resorting to violence as government was dismantling apartheid and people were now able to call each other "comrade", Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok said at a public meeting in this Transvaal town last night.

At a public meeting, Vlok said police had evidence of ANC contraventions of the Pretoria Minute.

He cited 37 incidents of terror since the August 6 signing of the Pretoria Minute in which the ANC agreed to suspend the armed struggle.

He also said nine of 40 externally trained ANC insurgents arrested since February 2, when the ANC was unbanned, had been caught after August 6.

He said the latest incident occurred on September 14 and 15 when two foreign-trained ANC members were arrested in Natal.

These people had admitted they had orders to recruit people in SA to undergo training so violent measures could be

adopted if negotiations broke down and also to increase the violence in Natal.

Vlok gave his assurance that the police would track and catch perpetrators of violence. "Nothing they plan or do will remain a secret to the police," he said.

He called on the ANC to accept its responsibility and control unruly members.

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He also called on the organisation to stop calling for a show of force by the authorities and then complain about it when this took place.

"We will take whatever steps necessary to maintain order and to make the country safe for all people."

Government was dismantling apartheid, people could gather freely, intimidation was unnecessary and communism was dying in the rest of the world, but the ANC/SACP alliance wanted to bring it to SA and it was for these reasons no one had to resort to violence — Sapa

The commission also gave a break-down of detentions in SA, Transkei and Bophuthatswana.

constitutional alternative. "In these circumstances, who is going to maintain stability while the parties negotiate?" he asked.

tions since February 2, are a matter of public record and hardly need to be described again."  The first protest against the Iron

seven days, 'jailing which other forms of struggle will be resorted to' ANC local official Baba Schalk declined to spell out the nature of these "other" actions — Sapa.

# Profuse praise for Rina Venter

TANIA LEVY

THE words "approachable" and "commented" cropped up repeatedly when health and welfare professionals were asked to comment on Health and Population Minister Rina Venter's first year in office last week.

Besides her obvious achievements such as opening hospitals to all races, Venter was seen to be an involved health minister with a clear desire to get primary health care to the whole population.

The medical profession lauded Venter's desegregation of hospitals and hoped sufficient funds would be made available to fully implement the decision, said Medical Association of SA (Masa) chairman Bernard Mandell.

The National Policy for Health Act introduced by Venter earlier this year to ensure a more effective, comprehensive health service was a positive step towards combating economic fragmentation, said Mandell.

The five-point plan announced by Venter during the Budget debate in May intended to reconstruct the national health service, making it more accessible, affordable and effective.

Mandell said doctors had found Venter approachable and commended her ability to grasp the complexity of her portfolio.

Venter was given credit for playing a mediating role in the continuing battle between dispensing doctors and pharmacists.

She had not taken sides but had been firm about wanting the two sides to solve their differences in the interests of health care.

Pharmaceutical Society of SA (PSSA) president Tom Carse said that during the past six months Venter had facilitated meetings in which PSSA and Masa could thrash out their conflicting interests. He believed the two societies were coming to a solution which would be recommended to the Minister.



## Prompt

It was good to know that Venter's final decision would be impartial, he said. "She deserves applause for being enthusiastic and concerned about total health care for the whole population."

The PSSA welcomed her prompt action in speeding up the ban on skin lighteners last month, said Carse. Venter's predecessor, Wilhe van Niekerk, had been widely criticised for postponing the original June 1988 deadline to January 1991.

Pharmacists welcomed the control they would be able to exercise on skin lightening creams, which would no longer be sold as cosmetics but as medicines. Creams with less than 2% hydroquinone would be supplied at the pharmacist's discretion; those with more than 2% hydroquinone would require a doctor's prescription.

Johannesburg Child Welfare director Adele Thomas said Venter had to be commended for personally visiting unrest victims in hospitals and townships during past weeks.

Venter was easy to talk to and, as a social worker, understood welfare issues, Thomas said.

Her moves in terms of primary health care were very important. It was hoped that a similar approach to social welfare would be adopted. More grassroots community social work was needed in SA, rather than sophisticated First World services.

Thomas said Venter had to address the funding needs of welfare organisations, which were generally in dire financial straits.

Existing welfare policy, which entrenched inequalities, was a further area requiring critical attention. Venter had to push for a single state welfare system for all with parity in grants, subsidies and special pensions, said Thomas.

## Bigger SAP 'wouldn't need tough laws'

GERALD REILLY

PRETORIA — A bigger, more professional and sophisticated police force would be less dependent on drastic legislation, Police Commissioner Johan van der Merwe said at the weekend.

Speaking at a human rights conference at Unisa, Van der Merwe emphasised public order — an absence of riots, insurrection and violence — could be maintained effectively only if police had adequate equipment and manpower.

He said a charter of human rights would force the police to adjust their approach in certain aspects of policing. With "terrorists" ordinary methods of detention and apprehension had to apply as far as possible.

Human rights, whether guaranteed by a charter or not, could not be absolute or unlimited. A charter had to be balanced between the rights of individuals, the community and the state.



## Sage gets interdict

SUSAN RUSSELL

THE Financial Mail was prohibited by a Rand Supreme Court judge yesterday from using information on Sage Holdings Ltd based on unlawful taps on telephones owned and/or used by the company.

Mr Justice Joffe, after hearing an application by Sage Holdings in camera, interdicted the Financial Mail from publishing, disclosing or in any way disseminating this information. *26/9/90*

He also interdicted the financial publication from publicly disclosing or disseminating an Allied Group confidential document which contained information on its relationship with Sage

Mr Justice Joffe ordered the Financial Mail to pay the costs of the application, including costs of two counsel.

## Arms rewards upped

LINDEN BIRNS

POLICE yesterday announced significantly higher rewards for the handing-in of dangerous arms and ammunition

A revised list of arms wanted by police includes SA-7 (SAM-7) ground-to-air missiles, anti-tank rockets and launchers, explosives, detonators, mines and firearms

Police are also offering R400 for every petrol bomb handed in. Police spokesman Maj Rex Maree said last night strict controls would be enforced to ensure that people were not making these in order to claim rewards.

The latest SAP reward for anyone finding an SA-7 is R10 000, a 50% increase. Police have not yet found any.

Information leading to the arrest or death of a "terrorist" is rewarded with R3 000

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# Colonel says he 'felt sorry' for Rockman

By JOHN VILJOEN  
Staff Reporter

A POLICE colonel told the Wynberg Magistrate's Court he "felt sorry" for former police lieutenant Gregory Rockman when he was arrested in Mitchell's Plain last year.

Mr Rockman, 30, of Valley Way, Strand, is charged with convening and addressing an illegal gathering, alternatively attending an illegal gathering, in Harmony Square, Mitchell's Plain, on November 13. He has pleaded not guilty.

Colonel W Visser told the court yesterday there "may have been" people in the police force who harboured ill-feelings towards Mr Rockman.

He agreed with Mr M Parker, Mr Rockman's attorney, that the police riot unit might have had stronger feelings.

He agreed that some of the things the rebel lieutenant had said might have put the police "in a bad light".

Asked if he had been angry with Mr Rockman, Colonel

Visser replied "I felt sorry for him rather than angry because he was disregarding departmental rules. I thought he was making trouble for himself."

Colonel Visser said security police obtained information that Mr Rockman was organising a Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union (Popcru) gathering in Mitchell's Plain.

## "Totally untrue"

On the morning of November 13, he told Mr Rockman to "take steps" to prevent the gathering from taking place.

Mr Rockman strongly denied that he had convened the meeting, Colonel Visser said.

The colonel denied as "totally untrue" a submission by Mr Parker that he wanted Mr Rockman to go to the gathering so that the riot unit "could get hold of him".

Captain L J W Van Brakel told the court he had seen Mr Rockman speaking to a crowd of people and members of the Press at the Town Centre shopping mall.

Mr Rockman had said "Who do you want at Mitchell's

Plain?" and the crowd had replied with shouts of "Viva Rockman".

"I gave the order that the Press be removed as the riot unit was preparing to take action," Captain Van Brakel said.

"Colonel Rudolph warned the people to disperse. The warning included any member of the force not involved in the police action," he said.

Mr Rockman had been arrested and taken to Bellville police station where he had been warned of the charges against him, he said.

Mr Rockman was "undisciplined and did not carry out orders", he said.

"The things he said were not in the interests of the force."

The State closed its case after handing in a police video of the incident.

On the video, Mr Rockman was heard shouting "Remove yourselves" after police had ordered the gathering to disperse.

He also shouted "If you can't beat us, join us", and "Popcru is alive!"

The trial continues today.

# 'Askari' case is withdrawn

Capt. T. V. B. 26/8/90

25/10/90

DURBAN — An urgent application yesterday, ordering Law and Order Minister Mr. Adriaan Vlok to produce a member of the ANC military wing in the Supreme Court here, was withdrawn.

The sister of Mr. John Fonono Mchunu brought the application against the minister late on Monday. In papers before the court Mr. Mchunu is alleged to have been abducted by "askaris" at Durban's OK Bazaars on September 5 and not to have been seen since.

Mr. Justice Diddcott ordered that

Mr. Mchunu be produced in court yesterday. Failing that, a senior police officer was to file an affidavit explaining why he could not be produced.

Following consultations between the parties' legal counsel, Mr. Justice Wilson gave Mr. Mchunu's sister leave to withdraw her application.

The matter was heard in chambers and no explanation was given of the terms of settlement. In an affidavit, Mr. David Shezi had said he was shopping with Mr.

Mchunu at the Smith Street store when they were approached by "askaris", put into a car, driven to Kings Park Stadium, then taken to a house on the north coast. He and Mr. Mchunu were separated.

An opposing affidavit filed yesterday by a member of the security branch, Lt. Andrew Russell Cavill Taylor, denied that the two men had been taken to a house on the north coast.

"To the best of my knowledge he has not been arrested or detained by the security branch."



# Reckless, irresponsible Vlok puts his foot into it again

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IF President FW de Klerk, fresh from the reflecting pool in Washington, wishes to show his good faith in seeking his "new South Africa", he must jettison ministers such as Adriaan Vlok.

With people like the Minister of Law and Order around, the best-intentioned negotiations will surely run into the ground.

Vlok, unlike the other celebrated "jukskeibreker" and darling of the Botha era, Magnus Malan, is not on the political sidelines — but playing a key role on the government side in negotiations

## Incapacity

He should be excused from the table, at the very least.

The latest example of Vlok's proven incapacity to an objective mind to bear on issues is a speech he made in Belfast on Monday night.

He claimed, according to the Burger report, that the police had "proof" that the African National Congress had not suspended its deeds of terror in spite of the Pretoria Minute.

He went on to say two ANC members had been caught a fortnight before in Natal. They had been trained abroad and had returned to Natal to fan the unrest.

## Patronising

Both had admitted taking part in acts of terror after August 6, the day of the Pretoria Minute. They planned to recruit members for military training so that they could turn to violence if negotiations failed, he said.

Vlok then proceeded to give the ANC

**THE rantings of Minister of Law and Order, Adriaan Vlok, reached a nadir this week when he accused the ANC of continuing the armed struggle in spite of its undertaking in the Pretoria Minute.**

**His speech in Belfast on Monday is the latest example of Vlok's proven incapacity to bring an objective mind to bear on issues and he should be dropped from the government's negotiating team, writes ANTHONY HEARD:**



Anthony Heard

a patronising little lecture on how to act like a responsible movement

Coming from the spokesperson of a government that has acted so irresponsibly down the years — the years of apartheid, repression, destabilisation and deprivation — this is breathtaking

Its record in keeping the peace, any peace, is abominable

And, time and again, it has been found



Adriaan Vlok

subsequently to have prejudged situations and/or given grossly incorrect information — dating right back to the Sharpeville incident in 1960, when it claimed "an attack by many thousands of Bantu on a small police force", not to mention alleged rock-throwing at Langa, Uitenhage, the ghost appearance of Joe Slovo at a Natal meeting

But Vlok's ineligibility to be part of

negotiations is more specifically based than the incompetent record of his government

It is based on the fact that he has tried and convicted people in advance. That is a task for a judge, not Vlok.

Yet this process of conviction by ministerial statement has become so established in public life that few complain when Vlok brazenly invades the principle of the right to a fair trial.

It seems that many South Africans believe it is normal for a minister publicly to assume the guilt of opponents — which is a major step away from traditions of independent justice.

## Eroded

The prejudging of Winnie Mandela by all and sundry over past months shows how casually the principle has been eroded.

Vlok is the selfsame minister who told the President's Council recently that the police had the right, like other citizens, to be regarded as innocent until found guilty.

That is a privilege he does not extend to people arrested by his security force.

Worse, he uses their alleged guilt in a way that could retard the course of peace. That adds recklessness to irresponsibility.

## Evidence

It should be clear enough that the ANC had moved a vast distance to suspend the armed struggle — I suspect at considerable cost to its own bargaining position.

Odd suspects picked up by Vlok in Natal are not convincing evidence that the ANC has changed its tune.

Yet this is what Vlok is suggesting (Anthony Heard is the former editor of the Cape Times)

# Police rebel Rockman gets suspended fine

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**Own Correspondent**  
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the gathering. He was a person of strong convictions.

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## 4 policemen hurt in Soweto attacks

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Four Soweto policemen were wounded, one of them seriously, in attacks on the police in the township last night

Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Halgryn, liaison officer for the police in Soweto, said that in one of the attacks a policeman was seriously injured when three armed men attacked him and robbed him of his pistol

And in a later attack, three policemen were wounded when a police van came under fire, the lieutenant-colonel said

All the injured are being treated in the Baragwanath Hospital —  
Staff Reporter

# Rockman given suspended fine

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By JOHN VILJOEN  
Staff Reporter

FORMER police lieutenant Gregory Rockman has been given a suspended sentence for organising and attending an illegal gathering in Mitchell's Plain last year

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Magistrate Mr S C Murphy said Rockman had a promising career in the police force before his arrest and suspension on the day of the gathering

He was the "youngest coloured police lieutenant" and had many awards, Mr Murphy said

The motive for his conduct had been "sound" and Rockman had not stood to make any personal gain. He was a person of strong convictions, the court had heard

His transfer from Mitchell's Plain police station to the police stores in Pinelands had been at short notice and "quite possibly unfair"

## Felt victimised

Rockman had been "possibly quite rightly upset" and had felt victimised

Before being sentenced, Rockman — wearing a Popcru (Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union) T-shirt — told the court he had never been a "Ja baas" ("Yes boss")

"In a new South Africa, I will take up my rightful place and those who are laughing now will not be laughing then because I will be leading them"

The public had no trust in the police, who served the interests of the State — "that is why the country is burning — the police are involved in the Third Force", Rockman said

He had "lost everything" since establishing Popcru

His decision to "go public" had been an agonising one

"I was standing at the crossroads. The Lord came to me on the fifth (of September 1989) and spoke to me. If I want to be a true Christian, I have to speak out against injustice."

During a 35-minute closing argument, Mr M Parker, for Rockman, described the rebel policeman as "the saviour of the people"

In his judgment, Mr Murphy rejected submissions that police had trapped Rockman into being arrested

He found Rockman had been the "main figure" at the gathering, which he had used to express personal grievances about his transfer. He had realised he had been acting without police approval, he said

# Rockman

## praised, then fined

Court Reporter

A WYNBERG magistrate yesterday praised former police lieutenant Gregory Rockman before sentencing him to a suspended fine for convening and addressing an illegal gathering in Mitchells Plain last year.

Rockman, 30, president of the Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union (Popcu), was fined R150 (or 25 days), suspended for three years.

In sentencing, the magistrate, Mr. S S Murphy, described Mr Rockman as "a man of great conviction".

He said he must have considered the situation very carefully — knowing that he "was putting his job on the line and dealing with a hornet's nest" — before acting at Harmony Square in Mitchells Plain on November 13 last year.

He had also taken into consideration Rockman's personal circumstances since the start of proceedings, the nature of the offence and the interests of society.

Speaking in mitigation of sentence yesterday, Rockman said he had launched Popcu "in the interest of justice" in the police force.

Mr M Parker, who appeared for Rockman, told the magistrate he was not "dealing with a common criminal but with a person whose conduct would have been accepted as natural in most other civilised countries.

"The very Act under which you have found him guilty — and which was promulgated to protect the interests of certain people only — is apparently under discussion, and it is my belief that it will be scrapped," said Mr Parker.

The prosecutor was Mr S Lea



# Self-styled sheriff's fall from grace

By LOUISE BURGERS

It was his childhood dream to become a traffic officer. He realised that dream when he became Johannesburg's youngest traffic chief at the age of 34 in 1978. But now John Pearce, Johannesburg's self-styled sheriff, may be at the end of his career.

For many years he was Johannesburg's golden boy, with a vision to make his traffic force one of the best in the world.

In March this year, Mr Pearce emerged as a key player in the City Hall spy scandal and now he has been called grossly negligent by Mr Justice Hiemstra.

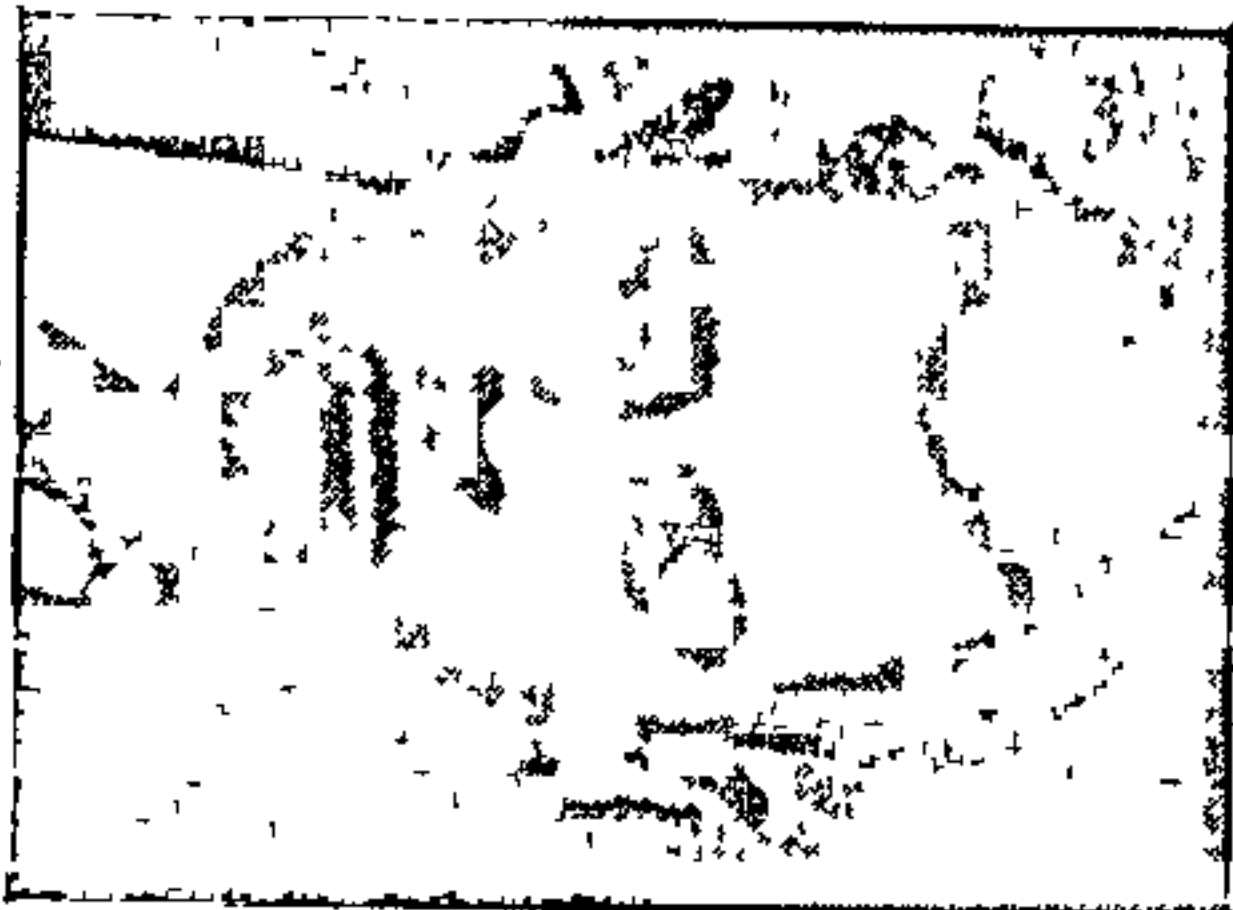
There are doubts whether

the director of public safety can outlive this latest controversy, but council sources say he is determined to fight hard to keep his job.

Mr Pearce (46) joined the Johannesburg traffic department in 1963 at 18. He has held the post of chief director of public safety for 20 months. Before that he was director of traffic and security for five years.

The larger-than-life Mr Pearce is an honorary citizen of Fort Worth, Texas, and of Colorado and Arizona.

When he took over as traffic chief in 1978, he was described as a man who would end maladministration in the department.



John Pearce

His fall from grace began in June 1986 when there was an uproar over 38 traffic officers who travelled to Pieters-

burg in a luxury coach to attend a National Party meeting which was disrupted by the AWB.

Reports at the time suggested the officers went there to protect Foreign Minister Pk Botha, a personal friend of Mr Pearce.

In April 1987 it was revealed that Mr Pearce was to be paid to organise a R100 000 parking project at the Rand Show while he was on leave.

The next year his wife won a lucrative Rand Show parking contract.

In February 1988 he was accused of making freelance arrangements at council expense to accompany Bavarian Prime Minister Dr Franz

Josel Strauss to a northern Transvaal game lodge.

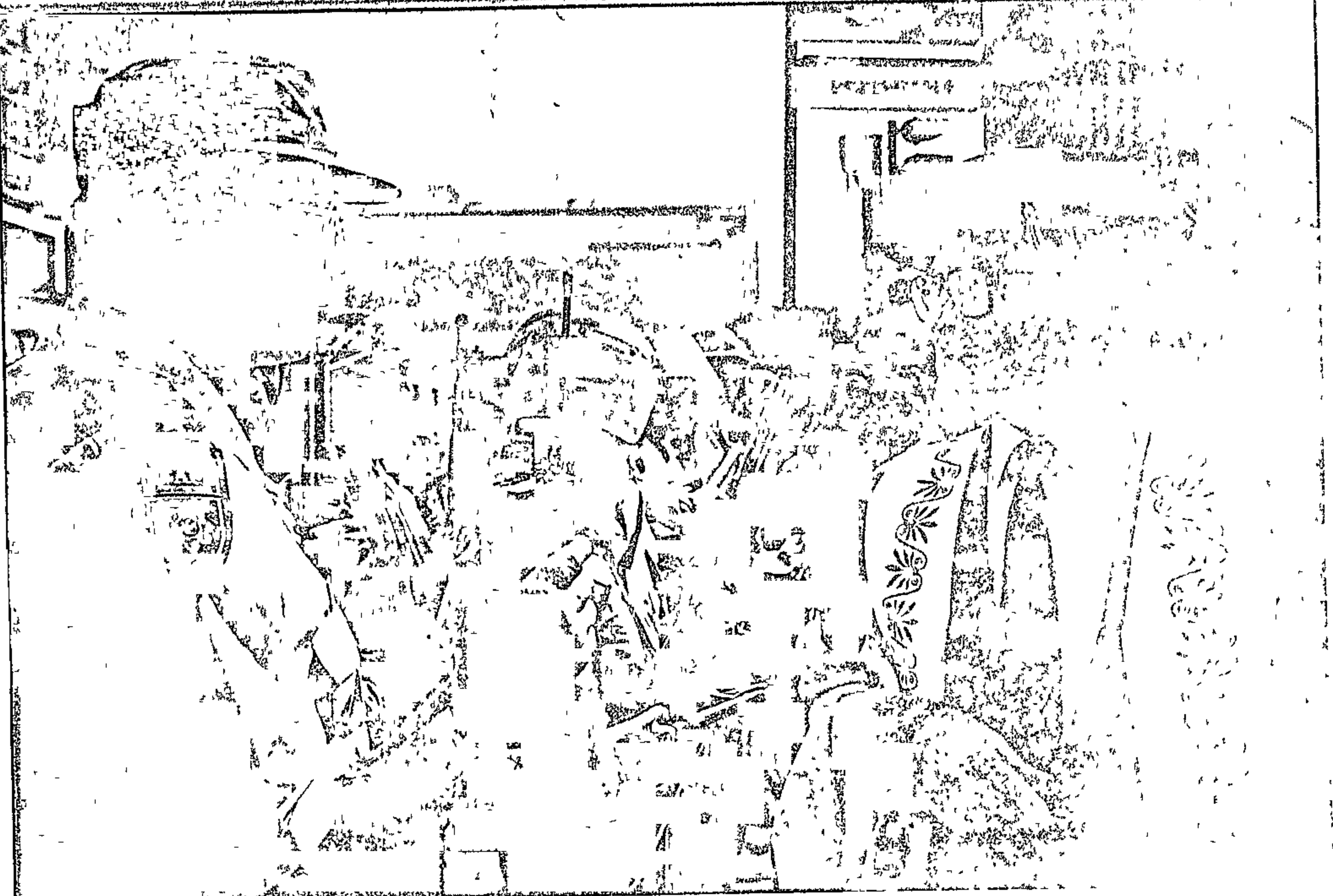
Mr Pearce said Johannesburg regularly escorted visiting VIPs at the request of the Department of Foreign Affairs.

In December 1988 his appointment as director of public safety drew widespread criticism. And in June last year the DP launched an inquiry into the department of public safety. One of the issues raised was whether the council had donated a car to Mr Botha.

Mr Pearce has been accused of being a poor man's J Edgar Hoover and it has been alleged that he has abused his vast powers in the past.

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The go-between . . . Wits University deputy vice-chancellor Professor Mervyn Shear asks police not to take action against a march of several thousand students. Professor Shear was hit by a rubber bullet fired by police at a similar march last week. Picture by Sean Weade

# Police-student clash averted

By Karen Stander  
Education Reporter

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A confrontation between Wits University students and armed riot police was narrowly averted yesterday when policemen blocking the path of a student march were ordered back.

The students had planned to march to the Hillbrow Police Station after a meeting on campus to express concern at the recent township violence and to protest against Operation Iron Fist.

Permission for the march was refused by a Johannesburg magistrate

Instead, the students marched around the perimeter of the campus to Jorissen Street, where they were met by police.

While students waited on the edges of the campus, deputy vice-chancellor Professor Mervyn Shear intervened, asking police not to take action.

Police allowed a delegation to hand over the memorandum and student leaders told the several thousand students to march back.

Tension arose when this was greeted by protest, and students and police faced each other in a stand-off for a few minutes.

Confrontation was averted when

the policemen turned and ran back. The students then dispersed peacefully

At the mass meeting earlier, vice-chancellor Professor Robert Charlton read a statement calling for the appointment of a judicial commission of inquiry to investigate the causes of the violence, the impartiality and effectiveness of the police in controlling the violence and those responsible.

Former SA Council of Churches general secretary Dr Beyers Naude said law and order had to be based on justice for all, otherwise it led to disorder and bloodshed

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FRIK BARNARD

# Unisa job for city spy chief

KITT KATZIN

JOHANNESBURG's former spymaster Frik Barnard has been appointed second-in-charge in the security department of the University of South Africa (Unisa)

This was confirmed yesterday by Professor Cas van Vuuren, the principal of Unisa, amid the emerging controversy of the Hienstra Commission spy report

Mr Barnard, who was deputy director of the city council's security department, which operated the spy network, applied for his new post earlier this year

Yesterday, Professor Van Vuuren said that Unisa was not aware of his involvement in the spy scandal until this week, when the Hienstra Commission released its findings, but would honour its decision to employ him, which was taken on July 4

"We assessed Mr Barnard's application on the merits of his experience, qualifications and

# Webster: police move to quiz council spies

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THE Johannesburg City Council officials who spied on Dr David Webster are to be pulled in for questioning by police investigating the assassination of the 44-year-old academic.

In the wake of the Hienstra Commission spy report, police are to investigate allegations that officials compiled a detailed Webster dossier during their smugster surveillance activities

CID chief General Jaap Joubert told Saturday Star that police were calling for the record of the commission's evidence dealing with the Webster allegations

"We are still investigating all possibilities and the evidence in the Hienstra report could lead to new inquiries," said General Joubert.

"The police are also studying the Hienstra report itself and will be calling it into question."

IT is now 516 days since Dr David Webster, university lecturer and human rights activist, was gunned down outside his Troyeville home

No one has been arrested or charged for Dr Webster's assassination. A reward of R20 000 still stands for information leading to the jailing of Dr Webster's killers

STEVE MCCULLAN and KITT KATZIN

ing on the commission secretary, to provide a copy of the record of the proceedings."

Informed sources disclosed last night that fresh investigations will lead to a number of council officials and others being questioned by police, depending on what they said in evidence.

They could include John Pearce, deputy director of the security department, and Martin Hennig, a spy-handler

The probe is being headed by Brigadier Floris Mostert, commanding officer of police special forces on the Witwatersrand, and chief investigating officer in the Webster murder.

Said General Joubert: "We are taking note of everything that can help us to solve the murder." He gave a public assurance that the police "are determined to solve this crime"

Dr Webster died after a shotgun attack outside his home in Troyeville, Johannesburg, on May 1 last year

General Joubert's comments come amid mounting criticism that the police investigation — after 17 months — is on the road to nowhere

Now, however, the police are in a position to question witnesses without

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# Webster

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running the risk of interfering with the proceedings of the commission

Police now plan to investigate

● Allegations by a former council official, Hannes Gouws, that "Paul de Swardt," formerly of the SA Defence Force, shot Dr Webster.

● Claims by legal teams appearing for interested parties at the Hiemstra Commission that a joint city council/SADF team could have been responsible for the murder of Dr Webster

● How and why a comprehensive spy report was compiled on the academic, and by whom.

● What happened to the report In testimony to the Hiemstra Commission, it was said the report had disappeared mysteriously.

### Attorney

Investigations are also planned into the role of a Johannesburg attorney, Toni Naude, who infiltrated the Five Freedoms Forum (FFF), of which Dr Webster was a staunch supporter, and who befriended him as a jogging partner

In concluding argument to the commission, advocates Wim Trengrove SC and John Campbell said the council's failure after Dr Webster's death to report to police that it had spied on the academic "suggests a state of mind not concomitant with innocence"

They claim that this may have prejudiced the police investigation.

Lawyers appealed to the commission to ensure that the De Swardt allegation be fully investigated.

Mr Justice Victor Hiemstra did not do so and made only fleeting reference to Dr Webster in his report, on the grounds that it fell outside the ambit of his inquiry

But yesterday the FFF took issue with the

judge over his inaction, saying he should have made recommendations that the Webster allegations be investigated by the police

A FFF spokesman said "The findings on the Webster, murder were scant, unfulfilling and ungratifying because there was extensive evidence led about the Webster file."

The FFF accused the city council of perpetrating a cover-up by not producing the missing file when asked to do so at the commission

FFF members who were spied on served notices of intention to sue city council officials on the grounds of an invasion of privacy They are now individually deciding whether to go ahead

Their cases have been strengthened by Judge Hiemstra's finding that such an invasion constituted an illegal act He strongly suggested that the perpetrators could be charged with crimen injuria

FFF members and other affected parties expressed shock at the judge's finding that the council officials did not act beyond their powers in procuring ground plans for homes of left-wing supporters, and which were subsequently passed on to the military.

### Fire bomb

One such plan involved the home of Johannesburg attorney Norman Manoim, which was fire-bombed by unknown people.

Judge Hiemstra ruled that because of the brief given to security officials by the council, the gathering of ground plans was legitimate

The FFF has called on the SADF to explain why it also required this information, and its alleged role in a combined operation with city council officials to harass black activists in Soweto.

The SADF, according to a spokesman, was studying the report and would not comment at this stage.

# Police siding with ANC — Khoza

WITWATERSRAND Inkatha Youth  
Brigade chairman Themba Khoza yes-  
terday accused the South African Po-  
lice of using the Government's "Iron  
Fist" strategy to harass Inkatha mem-  
bers, thus siding with the African Na-  
tional Congress in the conflict

Mr Khoza told a press conference in  
Johannesburg that it appeared the po-  
lice, who had now "gone beyond mere-  
ly disarming our people", were taking  
sides with the ANC.

He said his arrest together with  
about 136 other Inkatha supporters in  
Sebokeng on September 4 — "when  
they had not done anything illegal" —

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**Political Staff**

was clear evidence of this latest police  
harassment of Inkatha members

The Inkatha members' lawyer, May  
Mosselson, told the press conference  
that although no formal charges had  
yet been drawn up against his clients,  
the Attorney-General had indicated  
that they faced charges ranging from  
public violence to attempted murder.

About 100 of them have since been  
released without being charged and the  
rest were released on bail and are due  
to appear in court on October 31

# Protest halts cop's posting

Sunday Times Reporter

TOWNSHIP residents have won the battle to stop the transfer of their popular police station commander

Lt Roy Govender, who is stationed at Laudium, was due to start his new job tomorrow at police headquarters in Pretoria

Now police chiefs have decided to how to pressure from community and religious bodies not to move the crime-busting policeman

Lt Govender so endeared himself to the people of Laudium that when they heard he was going to be transferred they started a petition

The 2 000-signature petition and letters of support from educational, civic and religious bodies were handed to commissioner of police for the Northern Transvaal Major-General Sarel Strydom this week

Former House of Delegates MP Boetie Abramjee, who headed the delegation, said the police had agreed to keep Lt Govender at Laudium



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# MK member fears attack by 'askaris'

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — Umkhonto we Sizwe member John Mchunu, who took refuge in the United States consulate in Durban after his alleged abduction by police "askaris", yesterday denied in papers before the Supreme Court here that police had released him after detaining him on September 5.

He alleged that he had escaped from the askaris (guerrillas who have left the ANC and work for the police) only on September 23.

Mr Mchunu (28), alias James Talagu, brought an urgent application before Mr Justice Shearer yesterday against Minister of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok and the Commissioner of Police, General Johan van der Merwe.

## Interdicted

Mr Justice Shearer ordered that the police be temporarily interdicted from assaulting Mr Mchunu. The return date is November 7.

Mr Mchunu emerged from the US consulate and spoke to reporters only after his attorneys had obtained the Supreme Court order.

He said he had hidden in Lamontville since escaping from captivity in Maritzburg on September 23. He fled to the consulate for refuge yesterday.

Despite the court order, Mr Mchunu said he still feared for his safety. "I know that if the askaris can find me they will shoot me."

Mr Mchunu, who received military training in Angola in 1985, alleged in court that he was abducted by askaris in Durban on September 5. His

family brought an application on September 24 demanding that police produce him.

In responding affidavits before court, Lieutenant-Colonel Andrew Taylor of the SAP Security Branch at CR Swart Square and Sergeant Aubrey Mngadi of the Maritzburg Security Branch said that after questioning Mr Mchunu at the Kings Park sports stadium, police had returned him to his Lamontville home.

"Mchunu was not harmed at all during the questioning and he was in good health when I dropped him in Lamontville," Sergeant Mngadi said.

The family's application was later withdrawn.

In his affidavit yesterday, Mr Mchunu categorically denied the police version of events. He said he was asked at Kings Park whether he was training people or if he possessed weapons.

He alleged he was taken to a house, was handcuffed and put in leg chains and interrogated and left the house only on September 20.

A white police officer who interrogated him "informed me that his name was Shoshoba and he told me that he had been responsible for the death of many ANC members and Communists," he alleged.

Later, he was allegedly lowered into a hole where askaris were told to cock their guns and the police officer said "he was ordered to kill all ANC members, since their unbanning they were no longer being jailed".

He escaped after being sent to get beer and provisions on Sunday, September 23, despite being told he would be tracked down and killed if he escaped, Mr Mchunu alleged.

# 'I saw two men shot down'

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Staff Reporters

A Soweto pensioner, Philemon Mathonsi (64), who witnessed the shooting of two men by policemen near the Avalon cemetery on Tuesday, says he saw two vehicles driving past at high speed.

"Both vehicles were (coming) from a gravel road in the township. They were racing towards the cemetery. Motorists had to give way and pedestrians ran for cover.

"A few minutes later a passenger got out of the vehicle and ran. A policeman followed him with a gun in his hand. He shouted 'Hey, hey' and the pursued man looked back and started to reduce his speed.

He said the policeman shot the other man in the back and he fell.

"The policemen joined his colleague who was running after two others who drove

away. Their vehicle did not go any further as it got stuck in the mud.

"One man managed to run away but another was shot by police. The policeman who shot the first man went back to where he was lying, and he was dead.

"A group of police arrived holding another man. They asked if he knew the dead man. When he denied ever seeing the dead man, the police told him he was lying.

"Another police crew joined the group and they filmed the scene with a video camera. A breakdown truck arrived to tow away the stuck vehicle.

"A senior policeman took down my particulars and said he would keep in touch if I am wanted on the day of a court case.

"I have never seen anything like this before and it will take me a long time to forget," Mr Mathonsi said.



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... in Johannesburg yesterday He died in the US last week. ...  
Picture ROBYN RYAN

# Large numbers of black security forces defecting to ANC <sup>(AP)</sup> Sisulu

CAPE TOWN — There had been a widespread defection by black security forces, including police, prison officers and soldiers, to the ANC, its internal leader Walter Sisulu said yesterday

Delivering the T B Davie memorial lecture at UCT, Sisulu said the NP had become increasingly fragmented and confused and could no longer rely on its public service and security forces to carry out its policies

Sisulu argued that government was pursuing change in a society based on apartheid and that it had not yet agreed to replace the existing system with a non-racial democracy

Apartheid would continue to exist as long as government pursued the protection of minority rights as its basic cornerstone, he said

"It is our job, the task of all democrats, to advance this idea that nothing short of full freedom will satisfy us," he said

Sisulu told hundreds of students who

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packed UCT's Jamieson Hall that the ANC had never supported the idea of "liberation before education" because it believed that education was one of the weapons to be used in achieving liberation

"We need doctors, lawyers, teachers and accountants to help run the new SA We are desperately short of such people in the black community There will be much ground to cover to redress this imbalance"

Sisulu called for a national response to the violence on the Reef which threatened the process of peaceful change

"The very insulation of the white community from the trauma inflicted on the black communities provides the conditions for such violence to continue Whites have a responsibility, for what is happening is of national importance and will affect the fabric of our society and the possibilities of peaceful change," he said

He urged academics to research and expose the forces behind the violence

# 'Unrest down by 80% due to Iron Fist'

UNREST incidents had decreased by 80% as a direct result of the implementation of Operation Iron Fist, a Law and Order Ministry spokesman said yesterday.

Capt Craig Kotze said 12 incidents were reported on Monday compared with a high of 166 on September 12

The sharp decrease in incidents indicated the enhanced effectiveness of police

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controls since Iron Fist measures, including a 9pm to 4am curfew, were introduced, he said

The Iron Fist operation has been sharply criticised by the ANC and other political organisations

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to disperse

strikers

By Brendan Templeton

Tension between Nampak management and workers hotted up yesterday when police used teargas and rubber bullets to disperse strikers gathered outside the company's Polyfoil plant in Nancefield.

The Printing, Paper, Wood and Allied Workers' Union said several workers were injured, but this was denied by Soweto police liaison officer Colonel Tienie Halgryn.

The union has gone on strike at 29 plants nationwide, demanding that Nampak submit to its call for centralised bargaining. The firm has refused to do this.

Nancefield strikers were fired when they ignored a court order to return to work.

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# Avalon shootings stories conflict

## Staff Reporters

Two vastly different versions have emerged of an incident near Soweto's Avalon cemetery on Tuesday, when three men were killed and a policeman wounded in a shootout.

## Police say

Lieutenant-Colonel Theme Halgryn, liaison officer for the Soweto police, said Constable Neels Goosen of the Soweto Vehicle Theft Unit and a colleague stopped a car in Soweto on Tuesday and searched it shortly after 9 am.

They found spent cartridge cases in the car. The four passengers of the car promised to co-operate with the police and offered to point out a place where ammunition was stored.

This car, a yellow Ford Escort, drove in front of the police car. Near the Avalon cemetery the suspects suddenly started accelerating and shooting at the police vehicle.

Constable Goosen and his partner gave chase and re-

turned fire. The suspects stopped their vehicle at the cemetery and tried to flee. They were warned to stop, ignored the warning and were shot at by the police. Two men fell.

Constable Goosen approached one man, who shot him in the thigh. The policeman returned fire and this suspect was killed.

The other suspect who had fallen was dead. The two remaining suspects had fled.

Members of several police units, including members of the murder and robbery squad, were soon at the scene.

Among these was Constable James Bouwer who, with his colleagues, searched the cemetery. They found one of the suspects, who had slightly injured himself and torn and dirtied his clothes. They arrested him.

The arrested man asked if he could change his clothes and the police accompanied him to his parents' home in Thabo Street.

When they arrived, Constable Bouwer waited outside the room while two armed policemen accompanied the man in-

side. They undid the suspect's handcuffs so that he could change. The suspect lunged at one policeman and grabbed his pistol.

In the ensuing struggle two shots were fired and Constable Bouwer ran inside the room. As he entered the suspect pointed the gun at him. Before the suspect could shoot him, Constable Bouwer fired at him. The man was fatally wounded and fell to the ground still holding the policeman's pistol.

Colonel Halgryn said the first incident happened shortly after 9 am and the second just before 11 am.

The matter is being investigated and no names have been released by the police. Constable Goosen is being treated at the Garden City Clinic.

## Survivor says

In a sworn statement made to lawyers yesterday, Benjamin (assumed name for the purposes of protection) said he was the only survivor of the shoot-

out. Benjamin, a merchandiser at Metro Trade Centre, said he was working on his car at about 8 45 am near his home in Soweto. Three friends joined him.

Two plainclothes policemen in a red Ford Husky stopped beside the group and searched them, then went to each of their houses, which they also searched.

The police found a pistol and magazine with ammunition at the home of Jack (also a pseudonym). Benjamin claims they took R400 from his pockets and R200 from Jack.

After Jack offered the police a bribe to abandon charges, the policemen replied that they should go to Avalon cemetery where it was quiet and no one could witness the transaction.

All four got into Benjamin's yellow Ford Escort and drove slowly to the cemetery, with the police following them. "I drove slowly into the grounds, but I didn't know where they wanted me to stop. Suddenly they started shooting at us. One of my friends said, 'Hey, these guys want to kill us

Drive faster'.

"I speeded up, but there is no way out of the cemetery. Three of us got out and started running. They shot my best friend first. I saw him fall. Jack was running next to me but said he was tired. He said he would wait for them to arrest him. I saw them shoot him as he stood there. I managed to run to Tshawelo station. I caught a train and escaped."

Benjamin was nicked by a bullet on his right shoulder. He said one policeman, wearing jeans and a yellow T-shirt, had a heavy scar on the left side of his neck. The other was wearing jeans and a white T-shirt.

Another eyewitness, the nephew of the man who was shot in Thabo Street, has also made a sworn statement.

He said he was awakened by plainclothes policemen at about 10 am on Tuesday. The policemen took him outside to a red Mazda 626 and white Golf and asked him to identify his uncle.

"My uncle was there in the car. His face was very swollen and there was blood coming

from his mouth. He said 'These policemen beat me up. I don't know what they want'.

"Then they took my uncle inside and told me to wait outside. They also chased Isaac's girlfriend out of the house. The policeman, James Bouwer, went in alone. I heard some shots.

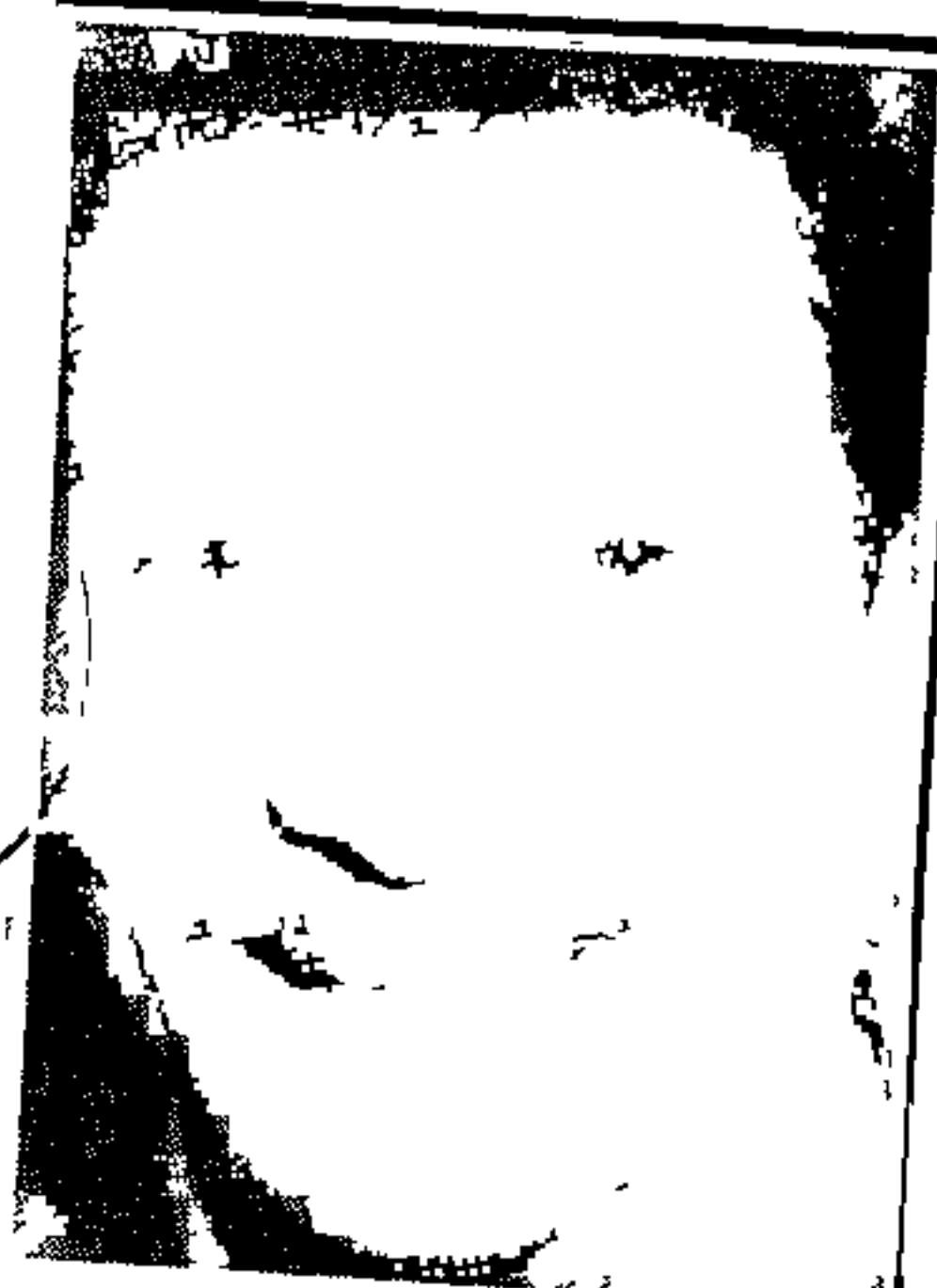
"They took me inside and there was Isaac on the floor, face down in the diningroom. He had two wounds on his chest and one in his head. There was a lot of blood. There was a pistol lying next to him.

"They told me to bring an axe to open a small money safe. I asked them why they didn't wake up Isaac for the key. They told me they couldn't, he was dead.

"Then they chased me outside again. A Black Maria (mortuary van) came to take the body away and they left. The money safe had been forced open and there was R1 400 missing."

The witness said he had recorded the registration numbers of both vehicles.





Mr Gregory Rockman

## Rockman's application to rejoin SAP vetoed

By DALE KNEEN  
Staff Reporter

POLICE and Prisons Civil Rights Union (Popcu) president Mr Gregory Rockman has had his application to rejoin the police force rejected.

A spokesman for the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, yesterday announced that Mr Rockman's application for reinstatement had "not been successful".

Popcu members reacted with anger and vowed to campaign to get Mr Rockman and 41 other former policemen reinstated.

### DISMISSED

Mr Rockman's attorney made the application on behalf of the former lieutenant on May 30.

Altogether 45 policemen at stations throughout the country were dismissed during a strike against alleged police brutality in March this year. Only three were reinstated.

Seven former prison warders who are members of the union were dismissed during the same strike. Another 835 were suspended and later reinstated pending boards of inquiry.

### CHANGE

Mr Rockman said he regretted not being reinstated because he was "starting to believe the police force was changing".

"What we cannot understand is how they can find three policemen are fit for duty but 42 others are not when we all participated in the same strike."

# An interrogator who forgot how he did it

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It was "possible" he may have kept her on her feet for the two and a half hours before he allowed her access to a colonel. But he denied responding to her request to be allowed to sit by taking her by the arm and making her walk fast around the room before shoving her against a wall.

He also denied taking her face in her hands and squeezing her mouth open, saying he would force her to answer questions, or putting his hand on her throat, threatening to strangle her, and telling Van der Merwe it was perhaps "time to bring in the machine".

At that stage, Schreiner maintains Mostert told her he was sure she was "very tense" from being under section 29 for so long and that she needed a neck massage. He rejected the allegation that he then used his thumbs to apply painful pressure, while Van der Merwe tried to persuade her to co-operate.

According to her defence counsel, Schreiner at this point agreed to answer questions from Van der Merwe. Before leaving her alone, in tears, Van der Merwe "warned her that if she did not answer satisfactorily", Mostert would return.

Mostert denied this. He also rejected the defence's suggestion that this threat hanging over her head may have unduly influenced Schreiner to answer questions subsequently put to her by Van der Merwe and shortly afterwards, make the statement to a magistrate.

His explanation of Schreiner's sudden change in attitude was that Van der Merwe had perhaps received "a bit of direction" from him.

FOR security policeman Frans Mostert, accustomed to doing the interrogating himself, his court appearance must have been something of a unique experience. The 34-year-old Stellenbosch University graduate occasionally allowed a small smile to play over his face as he repeatedly responded with the words: "I can't remember".

He told the court he had taken no notes while interrogating Jennifer Schreiner, one of six accused of terrorism in the marathon Yengeni trial, and thus had no means of refreshing his memory.

Mostert, a state witness, was not on trial. But his methods of interrogation were.

Schreiner refused to co-operate with her interrogators for almost three months after she was detained and held under section 29 of the Internal Security Act in September 1987. But soon after Mostert interrogated her, she made a statement to a magistrate.

The state claims it was freely and voluntarily made, and therefore admissible as evidence against her.

Defence counsel maintains it was not — that Schreiner was so intimidated by Mostert's treatment that she made the statement out of fear she would have to face him again.

Mostert served with the security police in the Western Cape from 1985 to 1988, when he was transferred to Pretoria. During his sojourn with the Terrorist Investigation Unit in the Western Cape, he faced allegations on many occasions that he had used unlawful and improper methods to get women detainees to talk. At least two charges were laid with po-

*A Cape security policeman was put on the other side of the interrogation chamber this week — and quizzed about his own methods of extracting information from detainees.*  
**GAYE DAVIS attended the case**

lice against him, one of them by Schreiner after her first encounter. He was also named in civil actions against the state brought by former Cape Town trade unionists Zubeda Jaffer, June Esau and Shaheda Issel, all of whom underwent interrogation by him, the court heard.

According to the defence, the methods he allegedly employed in those cases were similar to the ones Schreiner complained of and were in contravention of 1982 regulations governing the treatment of detainees.

They included sexual advances and threats; putting himself forward as someone who had acted improperly towards female detainees in the past; breaking their resistance, and threatening he and the detainee would be left alone where no-one would see what he did to her.

Mostert, who denied the allegations,

said he was aware that regulations concerning section 29 detainees demanded that they not be assaulted, abused or subjected to torture or inhumane treatment.

He maintained one could use "levers" to get a detainee to talk, yet still handle them humanely. He identified one such as his refusal to grant Schreiner immediate access to a senior police officer to lay a complaint about his treatment until she had agreed to answer his questions.

If he "bent" the regulations "a little" by doing so, he accepted full responsibility, he told the court; he had the impression Schreiner thought she was in control of the situation, and that her chief interrogator — Warrant Officer Schalk van der Merwe — had been too soft on her.

During their first session, Mostert said he had handcuffed her hands behind her back — not to prevent her protecting her face from his hands as she maintained, but as a "disciplinary step" because he "wasn't satisfied with her attitude".

Brought to him again early the following day, Schreiner, who had already laid a complaint about his treatment, refused to speak to him until she had seen a colonel, the court heard.

Mostert denied telling her this was "out of the question" or taunting her by asking if she "fancied" the colonel.



Scores of youths tell similar tales of a house used for beatings and electric shocks

# Inside the police 'House of Horrors'

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THE West Rand town of Carletonville has its own "house of horrors", a police station where scores of youths claim to have been tortured over the past few years by policemen who get drunk while they mete out electric shock treatment.

The *Weekly Mail* investigated the Welverdiend police station after two youths, Nixon Phiri and Eugene Mbulwana, died this year after allegedly being tortured there.

It was found that strikingly similar sworn statements have been made by at least a dozen youths corroborating allegations that a house adjacent to, but part of, the main police station is being used for torture.

A local doctor and civic leader, Dr Malcolm Tshupe, estimates "conservatively" that he has treated at least 30 youths with burn marks from shock treatment, including some who had burns on their genitals. "Of course not all of them come to me," says Tshupe, adding that the youths often complain of chest pains and have swollen faces.

The names of five policemen attached to the Western Transvaal Riot Unit and stationed at Potchefstroom police station crop up repeatedly.

Phiri died on January 17. He had been arrested earlier in the day on suspicion of arson. Youths in custody with Phiri at the time of his death made statements to lawyers claiming they had been beaten, punched, given electric shocks and been forced to sign statements admitting they were guilty of arson.

"I heard Nixon (Phiri) screaming in the same way I did when I was being shocked. Then everything went silent," said one witness. Another claimed he saw Phiri taken outside and then brought

**PHILLIPA GARSON**  
reports on strange events at a house in Carletonville

back to the room with his face wet. A private post mortem indicated that Phiri died as a result of a massive brain haemorrhage. The deputy attorney-general of the Transvaal, Don Brunette, however, said that evidence before him suggested that Phiri died of an epileptic fit. No date has been set for the inquest.

Two of the witnesses, Mac Mothupi and Simon Tshabalala, were subsequently shot dead in clashes with the police, who claimed the deaths were "unrest related". A witness to the shooting of Mothupi, 18-year-old Abram Felenzweni, said in a statement to lawyers that police had arrived at a shack in Khutsong on March 4 and shot at fleeing youths, killing two, one of them Mothupi. "We did not provoke them because we were sitting in our friend's shack peacefully. Their aim must have been to trap us inside." Tshabalala was killed three days later.

Eugene Mbulwana, a 15-year-old Khutsong youth, died six months later in circumstances similar to Phiri's. He was arrested on July 10 with 21 others when police stopped them at the outskirts of Khutsong and arrested them on charges relating to the murder of a local woman and arson attacks on houses and vehicles.

After being held at Obberholzer police station for a day, where they were taken to the showers, beaten and drenched with water, they were taken to Welverdiend. Their account of what happened was similar to those of Phiri's colleagues.

Said 16-year-old Wilham Makage: "While the police were assaulting me I screamed. I could also hear Eugene screaming in the office opposite. They then (after I confessed) stopped assaulting me and took me into the office where Eugene was. Eugene was standing up and holding the desk. (A policeman) hit him across his lower back once with a baton. Eugene screamed and fell to the ground. (Another policeman) said that Eugene was cheeky and not telling the truth. (The same policeman) kicked him many times over his head and body. (The two policemen) then took an iron bar and placed it behind his knees and tied his hands with a rope. They then lifted him and dropped him again on the floor. In the office there was a bag with wires and what looked like fuses.

"I was then taken out of the room by (a third policeman) back into the office I had previously been held in. (This policeman) started assaulting me by punching me, kicking and slapping me. He told me to scream as loud as I could. I think he said this so I would not hear what was happening to Eugene. I did scream as he instructed me.

"A while later (the policeman) took me

## Sisulu's name on fake 'Aids' leaflet

A FAKE African National Congress document, apparently signed by ANC leader Walter Sisulu and addressed to "all parents of South African exiles", has been distributed across Southern Africa.

It notifies parents that "on their return your sons and daughters will have to go into quarantine" and that "all exiles must be tested for Aids as many have contracted this dreadful disease".

ANC representative Joel Netshitenzhe says the document is a "spurious hoax. The ANC is completely against the policy of testing returnees for HIV. To be tested is a private decision, not something to be ordered by decree".

But ANC doctors have indicated that there is a high incidence of HIV-seropositivity among members living in African countries and the organisation has mounted an education campaign as part of a comprehensive Aids policy.

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# In the 'House of Horrors'

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out of the office where I was to Eugene's office. Eugene was lying on the floor. I was told to take him to the tap just next to the door of that office. Eugene was lying with his arms across his chest. There was a white substance coming out of his mouth. He stared blankly. He was making a sound like snoring ..."

Mbulwana, still unconscious, was taken back to the Oberholzer police station. Richard Dodo, one of the tortured activists, said: "Eugene did not wake up at all from the first time I saw him lying in the cell ... (One of the policemen) came to the cell and said 'One dog is dead'. A few minutes later Oosthuizen and a black policeman carried Eugene out of the cell."

He died the next day in the Leratong hospital and was buried before a private post mortem could be conducted.

Many youths from the township of Ikageng told *The Weekly Mail* they had been tortured at Welverdiend and Oberholzer police stations.

●20-year-old George Bracy claims he was arrested on September 7 during a student protest march to the Department of Education and Training offices in Potchefstroom and held on charges of malicious damage to property and public violence. His trial has been postponed to October 18.

"On September 10 they took me from Potch prison to Welverdiend. They handcuffed me and put me in the back room. They put wires under my handcuffs and a bag over my head and made

me lie down. I jumped, I jumped, I jumped. It made my blood stop. I thought I was going mad."

Bracy says this continued for two hours while several white policemen attempted to extract information as to the whereabouts of a certain "Boetie", suspected of arson. "They were drinking before they started shocking me. I saw a bottle of brandy on the table and I could smell their breath"

●Shadrack Mofolo, 18, claims he has been assaulted and tortured repeatedly in numerous incidents over the past three years.

He tells of an incident at Welverdiend in April last year when he was forced to sign a statement alleging he was guilty of stone-throwing. "I was called and taken into a room ... One of the policemen tied my hands behind my back and my feet together with rags. He then pulled a piece of fabric over my head and I felt him attach wires to my wrists and ankles. I started to shake and experienced acute pain. The shocking them stopped for about 10 minutes and started again for about five minutes. The electrodes were then taken off my wrists and ankles ... (A policeman) told me to look at the ceiling. He then walked up and down my body causing me difficulty in breathing ... (I was shocked again) ... he told me to run on the spot. He then started to punch me with his fists ... I hit my head against a cupboard and my face started to bleed ..."

●Solomon Galo, 15, president of a youth organisation affiliated to the Ikageng Youth Congress, the Young Pioneers, says he was tortured last year after a bus was burnt in the township.

●Vincent Vis, 17, says he was also tortured at Welverdiend in April last year. "I was the first (of a group) to be shocked. They put a canvas bag over my head and tied it with a rope. (One policeman) sat on top of me so I would not bump ... otherwise the electric things come out ... When they shocked me they were drunk. They forgot they had shocked me and came and took me again. When I told them they refused to listen, because they were drunk ... I saw them drinking beer before they put the bag on my head."

These allegations have been put to the police for comment. Because they have not yet had sufficient time to comment, their response will be carried next week.

# Bobbies on the beat give city centre a break from crime

## 264 ARRESTS SINCE PATROLS STARTED

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Weekend Argus Reporter

CAPE Town's bobbies on the beat are giving the city centre's criminals a run for their money.

Since the introduction of just two two-man South African Police patrol teams last year the hand-picked group have responded to 589 complaints and made 264 arrests in the heart of Cape Town

The concept of British bobby-style patrols was something the Chamber of Commerce had been eager to introduce into the crime-plagued central business district for some time.

A committee, chaired by security firm chief Michael Moore, finally set the Business Watch exercise in motion a year ago under the auspices of the chamber.

Businesses pay around R100 a month to belong and this money covers the office accommodation for the control room, which is strategically situated in a central office block

From this base the two SAP patrols are in two-way radio contact as they cover the sector from Wake Street to Riebeeck Street, bounded by Adderley and Long streets

Only contributing companies have access to the control room number to call for help. The aim is to respond to calls within two minutes and at the same time present an upfront presence which acts as a crime deterrent.

Businesses participating in the operation display the distinctive Business Watch logo

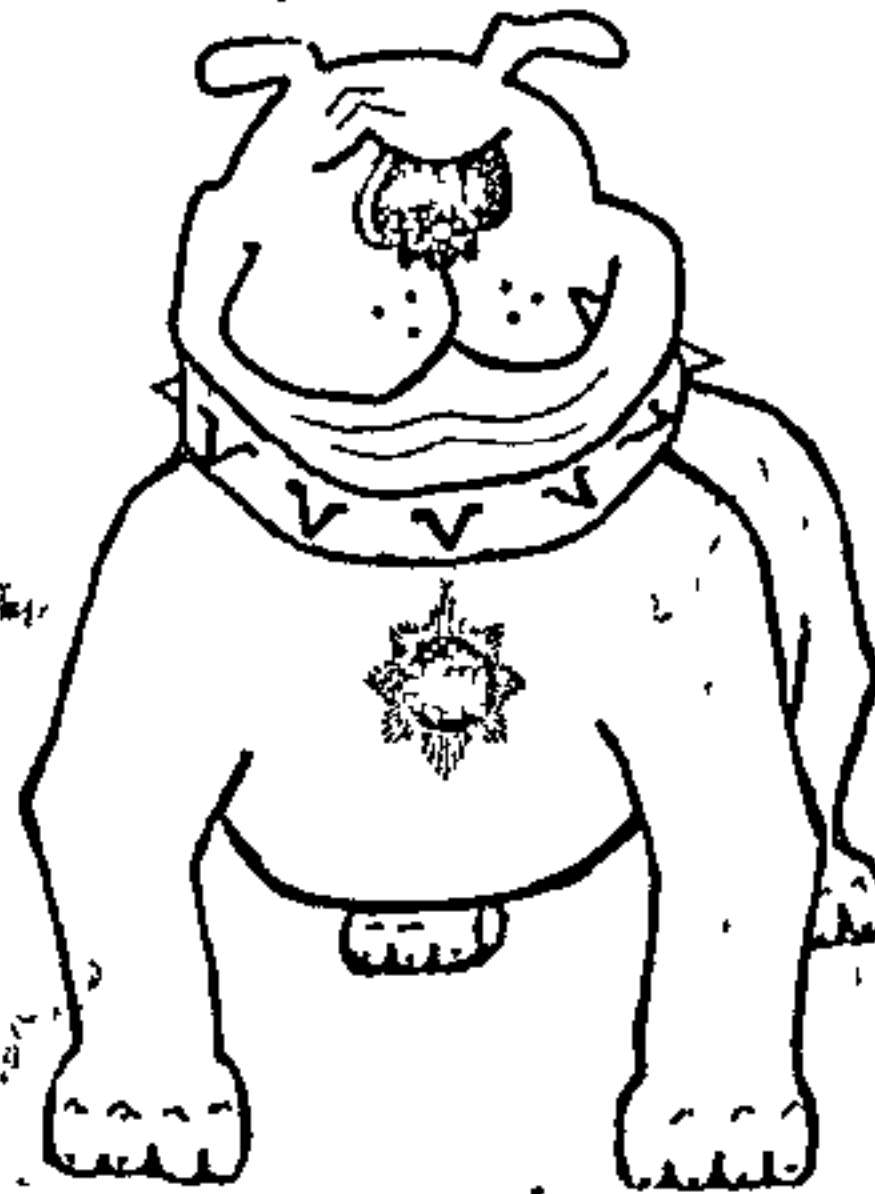
Mr Moore said he believed the first year of Business Watch had been an outstanding success.

### Hopes to extend patrol

The greatest number of arrests over the year — 223 — were for shoplifting, but there had also been arrests for theft, assault, possession of stolen property, fraud, robbery, housebreaking, rowdy behaviour and drunkenness

On 201 occasions suspects, particularly those believed to be involved in the spreading net of cash card fraud and in shoplifting, had been warned away from areas near banks, autobanks and shops

It is hoped that the patrol network will be widened to take in the Golden Acre and Grand Parade, Mr Moore said. A police spokesman said as soon as the manpower was available the new patrols would be on the streets, possibly before Christmas



# Killer cop linked to attack on home of ANC lawyer

By S'BU MNGADI

NOTORIOUS policeman Siphwe Mvuyane has been linked to a KwaZulu police squad which killed three youths at the Umlazi home of ANC lawyer Kwenza Mlaba on Tuesday.

This brings to 21 the number of killings in which Mvuyane has allegedly been involved in the past seven months, according to affidavits and sworn statements made by alleged eye-witnesses and survivors.

The ANC has demanded the immediate arrest of "the KwaZulu constable".

"Such atrocities cannot be allowed to continue unchallenged," the ANC said in a Press statement released in Johannesburg on Friday.

The KwaZulu police, however, say the three dead men were wanted in connection with the murder of Bheki Makhanya and were armed. They claim the three were killed in a shootout when they resisted arrest.

A survivor of the attack at Mlaba's house, Phulane Gwala, a Std 9 pupil at Umlazi's Igapazi High school, identified Mvuyane as one of the heavily-armed KwaZulu policemen he saw at the scene of the shooting on Tuesday.

Gwala alleges that shortly before noon on Tuesday he was outside the house when he saw KwaZulu policemen in plain clothes entering the house. Mvuyane's car was among the police cars parked in Mlaba's yard, he said.

Mvuyane spotted him as he tried to run away and fired three shots at him, but missed.

The three dead are Thulani Mkhize, 16; Mapi Mboyisa, 15; and Sibusiso Kunene, 19. They were all ANC-supporting scholars.



# 'Hit squad' cop tells of poison in libel case

The Argus Foreign Service

LONDON — The first evidence in a R1,5 million libel suit against two South African newspapers is being heard in a makeshift courtroom in the International Press Centre here

Former police captain Dirk Coetzee, who fled South Africa last year, yesterday described details of Lieutenant-General Lothar Neethling's home and office in Pretoria and repeated allegations that he supplied poison powders and drops to help dispose of two men

General Neethling is claiming R1,5 million for defamation from Vrye Weekblad and The Weekly Mail, arising from articles in both papers linking him to alleged police hit squad activities

The newspapers were granted leave to take evidence from Mr Coetzee in London by the Rand Supreme Court

In April Mr Coetzee, in exile, gave evidence to the Harms Commission of inquiry into alleged hit squad activities.

Yesterday Mr Coetzee said he met General Neethling — then a brigadier — in 1981, when he visited him at his Pretoria office and was given the poisons. He described the general's office in detail

The drugs had had little effect on the two victims, Selby Mabuso and Peter Dhlamini, and a Captain Koos Vermeulen returned to Pretoria to get more poison.

Mr Coetzee said Captain Vermeulen told him the brigadier could not believe the poisons had not worked, but the increased doses also failed

Mr Coetzee and Captain Vermeulen then returned to Pretoria again to get more poison from General Neethling. He said they had gone to the general's house on a Sunday morning and he had come out in pyjamas. Mr Coetzee described the general's house

Again the poison failed and another policeman finally shot the two men and burnt their bodies.

## Coetzee gives evidence at UK hearing

LONDON — A detailed description of the office and home of SAP forensics chief Lt Gen Lothar Neethling, and details of how he allegedly provided poison to kill anti-government activists, were led in evidence at a special hearing in London yesterday.

Alleged former police hit squad leader Dirk Coetzee was giving evidence at the start of Neethling's R1,5m defamation and damages suit against the editors and publishers of Vrye Weekblad and the Weekly Mail

## Defending

The newspapers are defending their publication of allegations by the former security force police captain that he obtained "knock-out" drops and poison from Neethling.

Coetzee said it was intended to kill activists and ANC members in 1981, when he was in charge of the alleged Vlakplaas death squad camp near Pretoria.

The civil action is linked to the inquiry into hit squads by the Harms Commission, before which Neethling denied Coetzee's claims, suggesting Coetzee might have seen his office and home during the course of his duties while he was posted to the police narcotics bureau, Sanab

The Rand Supreme Court, which is to begin hearings on November 12, gave permission for evidence to be heard in London from Coetzee, who is now in exile. — Sapa.

# No end yet in sight to township rent boycotts

WILSON ZWANE and  
TIM COHEN

RENT and service payments in Transvaal townships improved in September, but there was still no indication that the payments boycott had been broken, TPA official Liesl Vermeulen said yesterday

Residents of 57 Transvaal townships are refusing to pay rent and services charges. Of these, 26 owe Eskom R70m in electricity arrears

Meanwhile a body representing southern Transvaal township civic organisations yesterday reiterated a call for the rent boycott to continue until the authorities had met its demands

A conference of 30 civic organisations, organised by the Civic Association of Southern Transvaal (Cast), unanimously resolved to co-ordinate "mass activity" within the next three weeks to demand the scrapping of rent arrears and abolition of racially based local authorities

At a Press conference yesterday, Cast president Moses Mayekiso said the envisaged mass activity would include protest marches and mass meetings

Vermeulen said in a statement that payments improved last month after agreements had been reached in Greater Soweto, eastern Transvaal and the East Rand townships of Daveyton and KwaThema.

"However that is no indication that the boycott has been broken as yet, as only two regions (eastern Transvaal and far northern Transvaal) had payments of over 50%."

It was the TPA's view that any township that did not maintain a payment percentage of 80% was engaged in a rent and services boycott, she said

Talks on how to resolve the boycott were under way, but were not going well in some affected townships such as Atteridgeville and Zithobeni, Vermeulen said

She added that Mamelodi and Atteridgeville faced power cuts unless electricity payments were made to the Pretoria City Council by Friday

Eskom communications manager Johan du Plessis said Eskom would not consider writing off any of the R70m electricity arrears as it still hoped to recoup them

He said Eskom had a strategy to achieve this

Rand Water Board PRO Louse Fourie said the board would not discontinue or reduce any water supplies before exhausting all legal remedies.

The Cast conference also rejected flat rates for township services

Instead, the TPA would be given a specific period to repair or install working meters and charge affordable rates

Cast intended requesting urgent meetings with Eskom, the Rand Water Board and the TPA to discuss guidelines for negotiations between provincial bodies and civic organisations, said Mayekiso.

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## Maguire fears for life after being freed

BULAWAYO — The Zimbabwean government has unconditionally released Rory Burt Maguire, 39, who two years ago was jailed for failing to report the presence of SA agents and of assisting them in carrying out sabotage.

Maguire — who prison sources said was freed about two months ago — told Ziana national news agency on Monday he was afraid for his life.

He was jailed for seven years on July 14

1988 for withholding information from authorities about the fatal bomb attack on January 11 1988, at a house in Trenance suburb, Bulawayo, which resulted in Obert Mwanza being killed and a number of SA refugees being injured.

It is not clear whether Maguire's release was in terms of the presidential amnesty proclaimed last July, when President Robert Mugabe pardoned a wide range of criminals — Sapa

The mine also produces gold as a by-product — 531kg during the 1990 financial

items to maintain production at the current level for up to two years

## Chamber opposed to city police force

THE Johannesburg Chamber of Commerce and Industry (JCCI) has rejected the creation of a municipal police force — which might be announced by the city council soon *By Day 9/10/90*

Such a force would do little to alleviate crime in the city, and it had been decided to oppose the establishment of such a force, the chamber said yesterday.

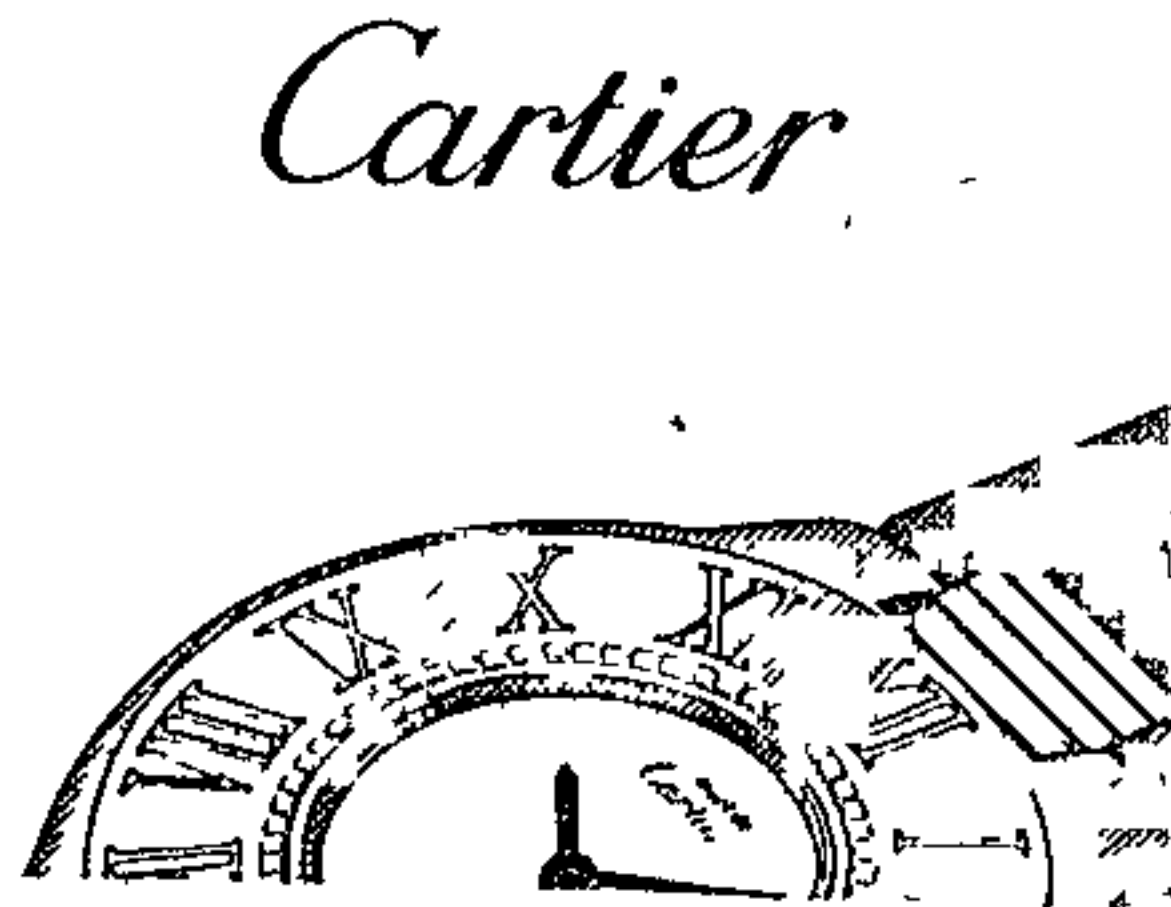
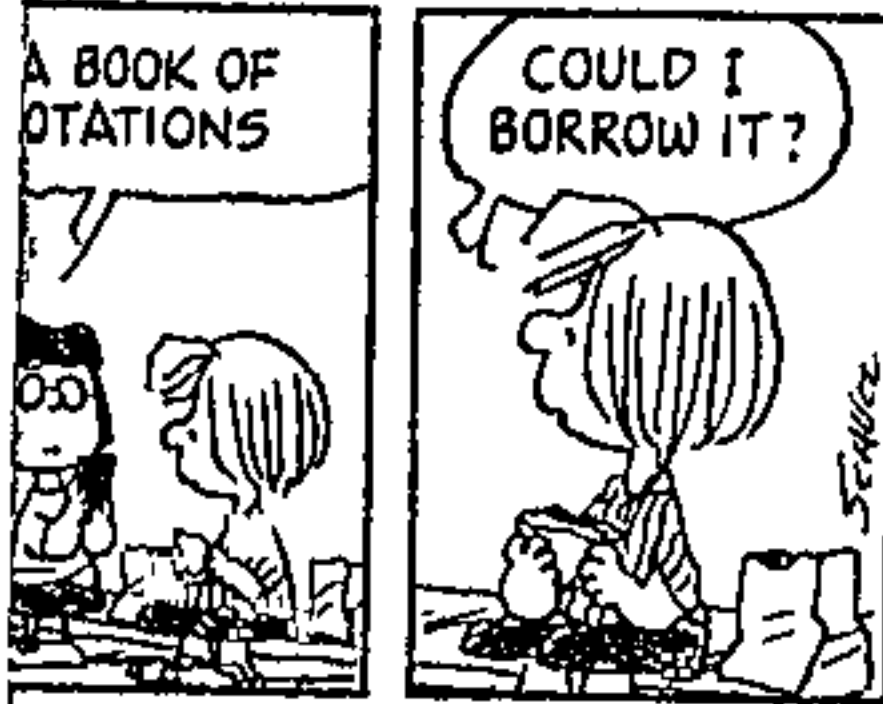
Creating a municipal police force by enlarging the traffic police force had

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been "clearly and firmly" opposed, the chamber said. *(251)*

It supported the concept of "the bobby on the beat" and felt the most effective way of providing the necessary additional security was by expanding the SAP and improving liaison between it and residents.

by Charles Schulz





# ASKARI 'REEL'

DURBAN. — Umkhonto weSizwe cadre Mr Fonono Mchunu for the first time has spoken of his 18-day ordeal at the hands of Askaris after he was abducted from a crowded supermarket in Durban.

In an affidavit before the Durban Supreme court, Mchunu gave an account of torture methods used by his captors from the time of his abduction on September 5 until his dramatic escape on September 23.

He identified his abductors — interdicted by the court from harassing him — as former MK commanders in Angola, Mr David Velaphi and Mr Nte Shange. *South 11/10-17/10/90*

Askaris are turned ANC and PAC members now working for the police.

He also speculated on the existence of an Askari base in a house on Natal's North Coast.

Mchunu told the court of how he was recruited into making easy money as well as sharpening his shooting skills by "shooting Xhosas in the Transvaal".

He said he was forced to lie down on his stomach in a car during transit. He was always in leg chains and handcuffs while in the Askari house.

At some stage he was threatened with death by the Askari commander, "a bespectacled, grey-haired white man nicknamed Shoshoba".

"I was lowered into a hole of about a metre deep. They removed my blindfold and a white police officer who had earlier interrogated me asked the Askaris to cock their guns."

Between bouts of fisting and kicking by the Askaris, Mchunu said he was approached to join their ranks. *251*

"They informed me that they were given motor cars, houses, medical benefits and financial rewards every time they captured MK members and retrieved arms," said Mchunu. *252*

Later, on September 20, he was taken to a park in Pietermaritzburg where other Askaris were "having a braai" and was placed under the command of a man known as Nkululeko.

The following day he was forced at gunpoint to walk the streets of Pietermaritzburg to identify MK cadres.

Mchunu appeared to have gained the Askari's confidence and on September 23 he was left on his own, enabling him to escape. He went into hiding.

Fearing for his life, he went to the United States consulate to seek refuge.

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fundamental right to trade without the prospect of frightening off customers"

# Coetzee testifies on poisons

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KIN BENTLEY

LONDON — Former hit squad captain Dirk Coetzee yesterday refused to co-operate with SAP forensics expert Lt-Gen Lothar Neethling's advocate who asked him to use salt to show how much poison powder he allegedly received from Neethling for use in murder attempts

Coetzee, now in exile, was giving evidence at the London sitting of a libel action being brought by Neethling against Vrye Weekblad and the Weekly Mail arising from articles they published last year.

These contained Coetzee's allegations that Neethling supplied him and other policemen with poison and "knock-out drops" to kill people

Neethling is suing Vrye Weekblad, its editor Max du Preez, Caxton Limited, Wending Publications, and reporter Jacques Pauw for R1m. He is also suing the Weekly Mail, Seculo Printers, WM Publi-

cations Ltd and reporter Gavin Evans for R500 000. The cases have been combined.

Advocate Willy Oshry, QC, for Neethling, placed a packet of salt and three glass containers in front of Coetzee.

Advocate R D Levine, SC, for the newspapers, described the experiment as "impermissible" because the poison and salt were of different densities.

Oshry told Coetzee the samples would be used as exhibits when the case resumed in SA on November 12 but Coetzee declined.

Coetzee later said he had told Pauw he was given 60g of the powder which was increased to 360g when the first quantity did not kill the intended victims. But the quantity was in fact in milligrams.

Coetzee said poisons had been used as part of an "experiment" by Neethling.

SACP calls for



# GETTING THERE

**As the politician responsible for the SA Police, Law & Order Minister Adriaan Vlok has perhaps the most difficult and sensitive Cabinet portfolio. He gave this exclusive interview to the FM's Eddie Botha.**

**FM: Do you think that the image of the SA Police has improved lately?**

**Vlok:** We have been accused of many very bad things. An evaluation of these accusations clearly shows a well-planned, well-coordinated propaganda attempt to discredit the police in the eyes of the ordinary man in the street.

This is very dangerous. It could do serious damage to stability in any country.

This is why the improvement of our image is such an extremely high priority. We are doing our best to serve and protect all the people of SA. Because of these determined efforts, I am glad to say, it appears there has been an improvement, and an increasing acceptance that policemen are acting impartially to protect all South Africans.

The recent salary increases have helped morale, policemen work under extremely difficult and dangerous circumstances.

**There have been repeated accusations that the police have been taking sides in the violence.**

Yes — without any proof and usually with a political motive.

We have very strict guidelines that the police should act impartially. I admit that mistakes can be made and that there could be members of the force who contravene these guidelines, but we take drastic action against anyone who does. To bring home to policemen and women that we really mean what we say, it is of the utmost importance that the police should be removed from the party political arena.

We started with this process more than two years ago, and the State President's decision to allow political and protest marches to take place helped a great deal. Another step was to prohibit any policeman from joining a political party.

**Are you satisfied that these guidelines reach the lower ranks as well?**

I accept that it is something which should be given time to filter through to the lower ranks.

Because it is impossible for me personally to reach every member of the force, we have started with a project to ensure that every policeman will have been spoken to by at least a general before the end of the year.

**Recently we saw a Wits University professor shot with a rubber bullet.**

Yes, this was unfortunate. I have given instructions that the specific incident be thoroughly investigated. I want to know what happened. But we are still investigating and I do not have all the facts.

**Was the Wits incident not similar to what happened at Sebokeng?**

Yes, and this is totally unacceptable to us. We are a well-trained, disciplined force and it is expected from us to act accordingly. After the first Sebokeng incident on March 26, case dockets were submitted to the attorney-general.

Once he has decided what to do, we will consider the matter further to see if we need to act departmentally.

**There has also been criticism about the police being armed with machine guns during Operation Iron Fist in black townships.**

A perception has been created that we are



**Vlok** also friendly with the Left

now going to act against innocent people with machine guns. That was never the idea. We do not plan to use machine guns against people who march in protest. Light machine guns on some of our Casspirs will only be used against terrorists and gunmen who attack the police with machine guns. That is all.

**What about the criticism regarding Operation Iron Fist?**

A perception was also created by our opponents that we were now going to act with an "iron fist" against protesters, as well as inhabitants of townships. Nothing could be further from the truth. The name "Iron Fist" was not coined by us, anyway — it was a name created in the media. Our intention was and is to protect innocent people.

Justice Goldstone found in the Sebokeng report that there is nothing wrong with the guidelines used by the police, or with our training or our approach when controlling a crowd. But there have unfortunately been individuals who acted contrary to their training as well as our guidelines.

**To what extent can actions by individual policemen be ascribed to political differences**

**with government policy?**

Very seldom, if any at all, and I say that without hesitation. I am convinced that there is not a big rightwing element in the police force.

The behaviour by certain policemen in Sebokeng, I believe, can be ascribed mainly to fear. You find yourself in a situation — at Sebokeng there were about 50 000 people and only a few policemen — where people start threatening you with all sorts of weapons, and inciting the crowd to such a pitch that it can explode at any time.

Since that incident we had our men tested for stress — and we found them to be under a lot of stress, and we are now developing ways to handle the problem. We can't do without these riot policemen. They are indispensable. **During the past few months you have twice visited Soweto. Will you continue doing so?**

Not only twice — many, many more times. I have visited black townships ever since I became a deputy minister. The difference is that it has become easier to talk to each other since February 2.

**There were complaints at the way you smilingly shook Eugene Terre'Blanche's hand.**

This criticism was grossly unfair. I have also been friendly with members of leftwing radical groups. You can solve more problems with a smile than with an angry attitude.

**It has been said that there is a good personal relationship between you and ANC members.**

That is so. Nelson Mandela and I have a very good relationship. We criticise each other — but I also criticise my other political opponents if I feel that they are wrong. But we do not tear at each other.

Last week Chris Hanu and other senior members of the ANC executive were sitting at this table. All of us are extremely concerned about the ongoing violence.

The ANC must also realise that they cannot go back to the past. The war is over, there is no need for further fighting.

**Is there a third force operating as has been claimed?**

We are investigating these claims vigorously but so far we have been unable to find any evidence.

There may be individuals who are terrorising and killing innocent people, these well-planned, cold-blooded actions point to a certain amount of training. But I do not for a moment believe that such a force exists within the police.

There is, of course, another viewpoint. Within the ANC and PAC there are also trained people who do not agree with the road that Nelson Mandela and Thabo Mbeki and others are walking.

But we will continue to investigate all possibilities of a third force. I am not prepared to allow terrorists to destroy the future of this country.



# Coetzee says SAP 'victimsed' him

Own Correspondent

LONDON. — Former police captain Mr Dirk Coetzee yesterday claimed that two senior police officers — one a general — had broken into his garage in 1985. Soon after this he found that his motorbike had been sabotaged. He had been "victimsed" by the police.

Mr Coetzee was speaking under cross-examination during a defamation action against Vrye Weekblad and Weekly Mail. The evidence was given before a commissioner here.

The head of the police forensics division, General Lothar Neethling, is suing the Weekblad for R1 million and the Mail for R500 000. He alleges that the newspapers libelled him by printing allegations that he supplied poison to Mr Coetzee for hit-squad killings.

Yesterday Mr Coetzee said the two officers who had broken into his garage were the then deputy head of the CID, Lieut-General Kleinjan Grobler, and Brigadier Jaap Joubert, now Lieut-General Joubert.

He said the police had "victimsed" him after he had helped a Mr Frans Whelpton, who was private secretary to a former cabinet minister, Mr Fanie Botha. He said this followed allegations that Mr Botha was involved in

granting diamond concessions to a former air force officer, Brigadier Jan Blaauw.

Mr Botha had then allegedly "run" to the security police for help and Mr Whelpton's phone was tapped.

Mr Coetzee said he believed it was his opposition to this "unlawful telephone tapping" which resulted in General Johan Coetzee, chief of the security police and later Commissioner of Police, turning against him.

He also became aware that his own phone was being tapped, that he was being followed by two policemen and that his private life was being investigated.

Later, exasperated, he phoned through insults to senior policemen involved.

Mr Willie Oshry, QC, for General Neethling, said these insults were cited as being indicative of the hatred Mr Coetzee had for the police.

Mr Oshry said Mr Coetzee had been accused of denigrating Lieut-General Basie Smit, head of the security police.

Mr Coetzee agreed, saying the general, who would soon be made Commissioner of Police, was a "tweegat jakkals".

The hearing in London is expected to end today.

# Coetzee longs to return to peaceful SA

LONDON — Self-confessed hit squad leader and former South African police captain Dirk Coetzee is longing to return to South Africa.

MIKE SILUMA

Mr Coetzee (46) fled South Africa last November after a convicted murderer and ex-police-man, Almond Nofomela, confessed to having been a member of a Pretoria-based hit squad commanded by Mr Coetzee.

forces had taken place He said he expected to remain in Europe for some time, but was not sure in which country

Mr Coetzee, a diabetic, has lost considerable weight since fleeing South Africa He said life in exile was hard

The ANC pays for his food and accommodation

## Peace

Nofomela made his confession shortly before he was due to be executed for the murder of a white farmer.

In an interview yesterday, Mr Coetzee, who has since joined the ANC, said he hoped that peace would return to South Africa soon.

"I am hoping that everyone will soon realise that the fighting must come to an end. It was never necessary for the Government to spy on the ANC and vice versa."

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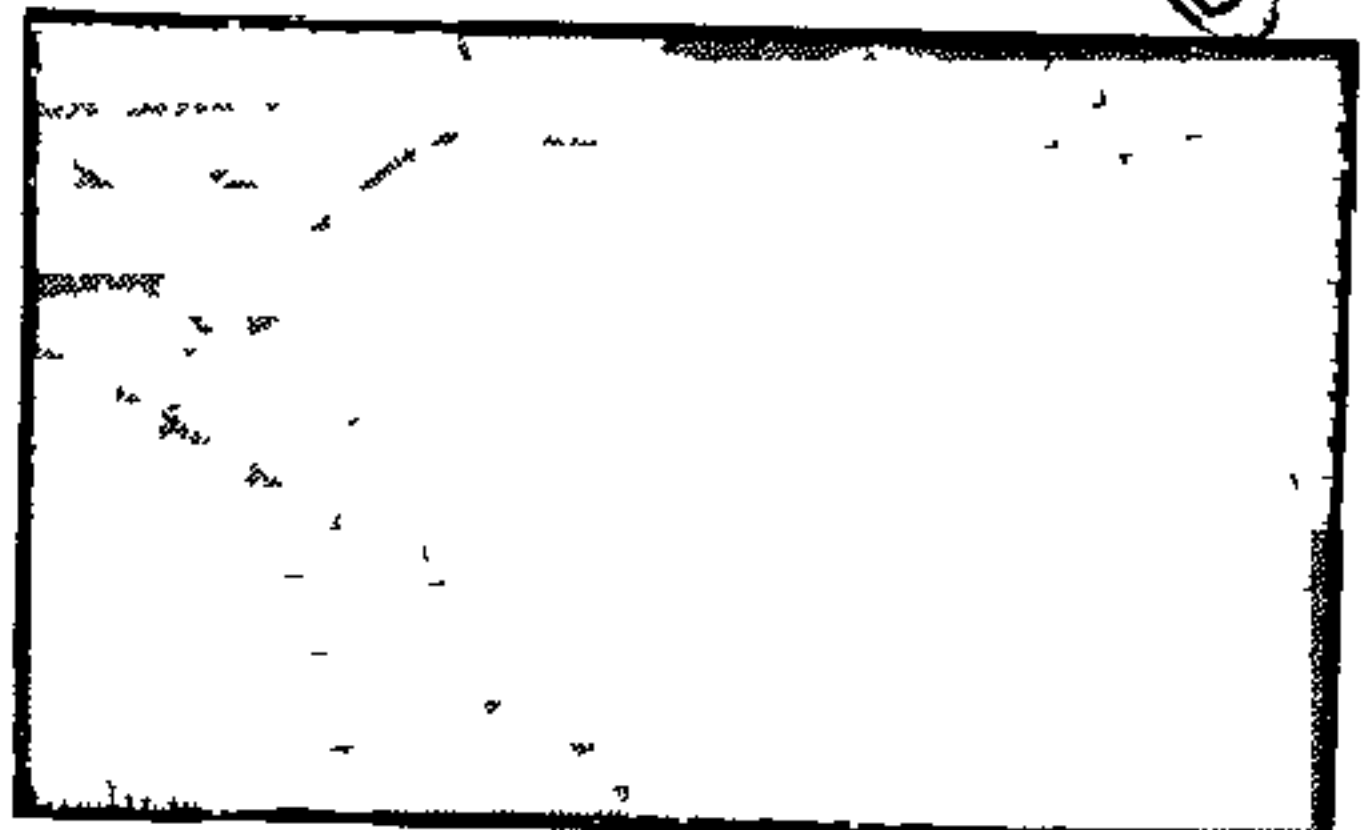
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DIRK COETZEE, "The fighting must end."

"I hope it will be possible to patch things up when I return to South Africa," said Mr Coetzee

His name, he said, was among those of thousands of ANC members due to return home in the next few months in terms of the agreement between the ANC and Pretoria

Mr Coetzee said yesterday he had "great respect" for Lieutenant-General Lothar Neethling, the man he has accused of involvement in the poisoning of anti-apartheid activists

He was giving evidence in the defamation case in which General Neethling is suing Wrye Weekblad and the Weekly Mail for a total of R1.5 million for alleged defamation for publishing allegations made against him by Mr Coetzee.

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said he felt that the general had acted dishonourably by denying that he had provided the poison used by police hit squads

Mr Oshry asked Mr Coetzee why he had led to a departmental inquiry by saying he had turned ANC member, Mr Simon Moema, had defected to the organisation when he had, in fact, been eliminated by fellow hit squad members

Mr Coetzee said other policemen involved in hit squad activities had also denied about their involvement

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# General's denials are 'infamous lies'

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LONDON — General Lothar Neethling's denials that he ever had contact with him or gave poison to him were "infamous lies", former police hit-squad captain Mr Dirk Coetzee said yesterday.

He was giving evidence on the final day of the session here of a defamation action which police forensics chief General Neethling is bringing against the Vrye Weekblad and the Weekly Mail.

Yesterday Mr Coetzee also gave further details of his alleged visit to General Neethling's laboratory to pick up poison with which he claims attempts were made to murder ANC activists.

Winding up his cross-examination, advocate Mr Willy Oshry, QC, put it to Mr Coetzee that General Neethling denied he had any dealings with him and had not supplied him with poison.

Mr Coetzee said he "wouldn't have expected anything else" from the general.

Asked if General Neethling's denials were then lies, Mr Coetzee replied: "Infamous lies."



# Police to be probed

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By DRIES van HEERDEN

AN OMBUDSMAN with wide investigative powers will be appointed soon to investigate complaints against police actions

Senior government sources said this week that the ombudsman will be "an independent and highly respected lawyer" attached to the State President's office

His primary job will be to investigate allegations of the misuse of police powers, to counter allegations from the ANC that the Government is not doing enough to bring offenders to book

"We want to prevent a situation where the police have to investigate complaints against other policemen," said the source

The appointment of the ombudsman flows from an undertaking by President de Klerk on September 19 that he wanted to "get to the bottom of allegations against the police as quickly as possible"

Since then special investigative units have already been attached to the offices of the provincial attorney-generals to investigate specific cases of violence in black townships



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# Mandela secures release of marchers

ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela yesterday intervened to secure the release of 32 marchers arrested by police in Soweto

The 32 took part in a march which demanded the release of political prisoners

The decision to free the ANC supporters came after a meeting between Mandela and regional commander of the Soweto police, Maj-Gen Johan Swart

Mandela met the police chief at the Moroka police station just hours before he flew to India

Addressing hundreds of cheering ANC supporters at Rockville's Elkah Stadium, Mandela said it was decided the protest march should be postponed to next weekend, and that permission should be sought

It had also been agreed that no charges would be laid against the 32, who were warned to appear at the Protea Magistrate's Court tomorrow

Mandela also urged police, who had locked five people in the back of their van, to release them

A senior police officer on the scene, who refused to identify himself, said the five would first be taken to the Moroka police station from where they would be released

The ANC leader then said goodbye to the crowd before departing for Jan Smuts Airport.

Earlier yesterday, police fired teargas and rubber bullets to disperse the marchers

Several people were injured. The situation became tense when a large contingent of police in armoured vehicles patrolled the streets, while others stood guard at the Elka Stadium where the march started

Police liaison officer May-Ray Harrald said police had warned a gathering of the marchers that their intended action was illegal. The marchers had been warned that action would be taken if they proceeded with the march

When they broke the agreement at 11am they were warned again and when they began to leave the stadium, teargas and rubber bullets were fired

May Harrald added that six people - three men and three women - were injured as a result of police action and were taken to Baragwanath Hospital for treatment

Police armed with shotguns chased youths into yards of nearby houses, while some protesters - most of them women - handed themselves over to the police for arrest

South African Youth Congress (Sayco) official Parks Tau said organisers of the march had not yet established the number of injured. Three ambulances had arrived on the scene and emergency officials helped the injured - Sapa

# WILLER GOOP? TOO HOT FOR KWAZU

By S'BU MNGADI

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NOTORIOUS alleged KwaZulu killer cop Const Siphwe Mvuyane appeared in Umlazi court three times this week, but officials were too scared to try him. The case has now been transferred to the Durban Magistrate's Court for hearing.

Mvuyane, a member of the Umlazi murder and robbery squad who has allegedly been involved in 21 killings in the past seven months, appeared before magistrate MA Hlophle three times on Friday.

The policeman faces four charges of assault, two of indecent assault or alternatively impairing or injuring dignity, one of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm and two of extortion or bribery.

## Officials fear for lives after accused

### arrests magistrate

Mvuyane on apparently trumped-up charges

The court officials said Mvuyane escaped from an Umlazi court on July 13 after drawing his service pistol, leaving behind an embarrassed KwaZulu police court orderly.

On July 12 this year, Sithole authorised a warrant for Mvuyane's arrest when the policeman failed to appear in court. When Mvuyane eventually appeared before senior magistrate Buthelezi on July 13, he said he had been unable to come to court the previous day because he was sick.

Buthelezi postponed the inquiry, held in his office, to July 16, to allow Mvuyane to produce a medical certificate and remanded him in custody. A court orderly then

headed Mvuyane out of Buthelezi's office on the way to the cells, followed by an interpreter and a prosecutor.

Mvuyane did not reach the cells. Instead he pulled out his service pistol and defiantly walked away from the court orderly to his car, which was parked in the courtyard.

On August 10 Mvuyane and two heavily armed KwaZulu policemen arrested Buthelezi at the court in an apparent act of vengeance.

Buthelezi was charged with assaulting a colleague at the Umlazi police station. Four hours later he was released pending further investigations into the alleged assault.

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The cases were postponed to October 29 when Mvuyane will be given trial dates.

Sithole later told City Press the Attorney General's decision followed several representations made to him by Umlazi court officials who feared for their lives should they prosecute or preside over Mvuyane.

According to the court records Mvuyane had made an application to senior magistrate Buthelezi to recuse himself (Buthelezi) because, the policeman alleged, he and Buthelezi planned to convict him and sentence him to long prison terms.

Buthelezi turned down the application but later accused himself after he had been arrested by

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# Lawyer to probe police force

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## Political Staff

AN ombudsman to investigate complaints against the police is expected to be appointed soon

The move, which follows a commitment by President F W de Klerk last month to "get to the bottom of allegations against the police as quickly as possible", could help defuse tensions between the government and the ANC over the role of the security forces

The ANC's deputy president, Mr Nelson Mandela, has publicly accused elements of the security forces of being behind the so-called "third force" which he believes was responsible for starting the township violence which led to Operation Iron Fist. Yesterday the Sunday Times quoted unnamed government sources as saying the ombudsman would be "an independent and highly respected lawyer" attached to the State President's office.

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# Manpower threat to Business Watch

BUSINESS Watch's expansion plans for Johannesburg's CBD, Braamfontein, Hillbrow and Rosebank are in danger of collapse if the police cannot find enough officers to put on the beat, national co-ordinator Gerald Heine said at the weekend.

Despite a massive 69% drop in CBD crime in Johannesburg, police are believed to be experiencing difficulties in allocating extra manpower. They face the dilemma of being spread too thinly on the ground for other police operations should resources be transferred to Business Watch.

The problem could be compounded if Business Watch goes ahead with extending its operating times from business hours to include night shifts.

"In view of the increase

## LINDEN BIRNS

in night-time armed robberies on soft targets such as restaurants, night chemists and cafes, we feel it's necessary for Business Watch to afford those members of the business community some sort of protection," Heine said.

Business Watch, a project run by the SAP and Johannesburg Chamber of Commerce and Industry (JCCI), has been operating in Johannesburg since September 1988 and has rapidly expanded its network to encompass the majority of SA's cities and towns

## Agenda

Heine said the crime decrease figures for the rest of the country "more or less matches the 69% figure for Johannesburg".

Also on the agenda for the not-too-distant future is Business Watch's move into "non-white" areas such as Lenasia and Soweto, although for technical reasons this has yet to come off the ground, Heine said.

He said police headquarters had been approached to provide extra manpower, but he had not yet received a reply.

He declined to comment on how many police officers were required. Howev-

er, other sources indicated that the shortfall could be in excess of 200 men

Business Watch is funded by its own trust fund into which JCCI members and the private sector place donations. This is to cover the operating costs of an independent control room and communications, he said.

"The operation is streamlined so that we can virtually guarantee a reaction time of under two minutes. If a Business Watch team arrives after the two minute deadline has lapsed, then a departmental inquiry is convened. So far this has not been necessary," Heine said.

A Jeppe Street shopkeeper, who did not want to be named, praised Business Watch and said on the two occasions she had had to call Business Watch, they had appeared on the scene "in a matter of seconds".

"The pair that patrol our area also gave my staff a briefing lecture on observation and basic security measures and pay us regular visits to see how we are getting on," she said.

Heine said these lectures were available on request and that follow-up calls were recommended as a means to foster a healthy image for the police in the business community.

# Police will charge or free detainee

Star  
17/10/90 By Cathy Stagg

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An urgent application to prevent the interrogation of a section 29 detainee was settled in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

The Minister of Law and Order and the Commissioner of Police undertook to charge or release Yusuf Mahomed within 10 days.

According to an affidavit by Professor G A D Hart, chief psychiatrist at Johannesburg Hospital, Mr Mahomed had symptoms of severe depression, had attempted to commit suicide three times and was still a suicide risk.

Professor Hart said in his affidavit he believed interrogation of Mr Mahomed was "strongly contra-indicated by his current clinical condition".

Mr Justice J P Roux made the settlement an order of court.

The *rule nisi*, which was granted by Mr Justice G Leveson on October 4, was extended until Mr Mahomed is either charged or released.



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**Pay rises  
halt the  
police exodus**

**Crime Reporter**

**SALARY** increases seem to have ended the exodus of policemen.

A police spokesman said today the number of police had increased by 702 after the pay rises in July.

Paltry pay was one of the reasons for hundreds of policemen buying their discharge last year.

The loss was considered a catastrophe before the government announced in April that salaries would be increased.

The spokesman said 2 063 policemen had bought discharges since April and 2 286 had been recruited.

After the increases 1 509 had joined the force and 807 had bought discharges.

# TAKING THE FLAK

As the recent wave of violence rolled through the PWV townships and the body count mounted daily, an avalanche of voices began calling for the sacking of Law & Order Minister Adriaan Vlok.

On September 11, *Business Day* wrote: "Vlok is accountable to all South Africans for ensuring law and order in their communities. He has failed .. he should be replaced."

Winnie Mandela accused the police of shooting ANC supporters and then having Zulus mutilate the bodies so as to make the killings appear to be tribal. Nelson Mandela alleged that the SAP encouraged violence.

But Vlok would not allow himself or the police to become the scapegoats. Winnie Mandela, he said, has a "truly vivid imagination." And he suggested that the "third force" stirring up trouble could well be ANC dissidents.

With the success of "Operation Iron Fist" in quelling the township slaughter, Vlok's enemies have quietened — for the time being. Back in April, Nelson Mandela said Vlok was "totally unco-operative" and had "no sympathy whatsoever for black aspirations." But the top cop's disarming smile and willingness to stray deep into the townships seems to have won over ANC negotiators.

Democratic Party Law & Order spokesman Tian van der Merwe praises Vlok's approachability and believes he is "trying hard to adapt to the demands of the new kind of politics since February 2. However, the political management of the security establishment still leaves a lot to be desired."

Those close to him, like his personal assistant Leon Mellet, speak of his total loyalty to friends. Former Innesdal Nat MP Albert Nothnagel, now SA's ambassador to The Hague, would have to agree. During the P W Botha era, Nothnagel incurred the wrath of the NP by making conciliatory remarks about the banned ANC in the British press. Everyone was sure that F W de Klerk, then the Transvaal Nat leader, would crucify Nothnagel — when Vlok rode to the rescue.

While he's known for his sense of humour, the one-liner "Vlok is a spelling mistake" has been sourced back to him — he's a non-sense man at the office. "During the week he works an 18-hour day," says Mellet, a shadow to his boss.

Born in Sutherland in 1937, Vlok matriculated at Keimoes. After joining the Department of Justice, he studied for a law degree at Unisa and served as prosecutor, magistrate and later under-secretary in the department.

His first taste of parliament came when he was appointed private secretary to former Justice Minister Peet Pelsler. From 1966, he

served three years in the office of PM John Vorster.

He was elected MP for Verwoerdburg in 1974. Ten years later, he was appointed Deputy Minister of Defence and the next year also as Deputy Minister of Law & Order. After the resignation of Louis le



Vlok .. an iron fist covered with a velvet glove

Grange, Vlok took over the Law & Order portfolio in December 1985.

He and his wife, Corrie, have three children and recently became grandparents. Before politics became such an integral part of his life, Vlok was a rugby referee and he still serves on the Northern Transvaal Referees' Association. Nowadays, he likes to play a game of chess .. but then, that helps in politics. ■

ERIC ELLERINE

## NO LOUNGING AROUND

How does a teenager develop business savvy? Eric Ellerine, chairman of Ellerine Holdings, used to listen closely at the supper table. "We were a family of traders and there was a lot of business talk."

With £108 in his pocket, the 16-year-old quit Athlone Boys' High 40 years ago and opened Eric's Furnishers in Germiston. His father had owned a furniture business, but it was the teenager who tapped a rich vein. blacks with a discretionary income who



A SPATE of assassinations and attempted murders of African National Congress activists over the past week has raised fears that apartheid death squads are back in business

Human rights groups say the incidents appear to have been professional operations, which suggest a pattern of "informal repression" aimed at leading members of ANC-aligned groups

The following are among the incidents reported over the past week:

● Early yesterday morning the chairman of the United Democratic Front-affiliated Western Cape Civic Association, Michael Mapongawana (45), was wounded by a bullet in the back and his wife Nomisa (34) died from a bullet wound in the chest after their house was petrol bombed in Khayelisha.

Police report that the couple were in bed at 1.50am when four men threw three petrol bombs through a window. The couple were gunned down while fleeing after the house caught fire.

● Leading Border trade unionist and ANC official Jeff Wabhena was murdered by a lone gunman wearing a stocking over his head last Friday night. Wabhena, the chairperson of his ANC branch, was at a meeting in Mdantsane when the gunman walked in, fired one shot at the paraffin lamp and then pumped four more into Wabhena's chest at point-blank range.

# Appartheid death squads may be back in business

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This was the fourth attempt on his life in three years. In one attack in January this year he was shot in a leg and injured from flying glass after a grenade and machine gun attack on his home.

ANC Border leader Reverend Arnold Stoffle said a fake pamphlet, issued in the name of the ANC, had been issued in January, accusing Wabhena and other activists of being informers. He said he thought the vendetta could only be the work of Askaris (former ANC members who had joined the police)

Wabhena is the third person to be attacked among those listed in the pamphlet. In an incident in March this year, two other Mdantsane activists were attacked. Vusumuzi Msauli died after being shot with a Makarov pistol, while Ndiko Mnyute was injured in a grenade attack

● Job Sihole, Human Rights Commission employee and student liaison officer for the SA Youth Congress in the Transvaal, was shot at in Alexandra township on Friday night while return-

*Sinister assassination attempts on activists over the past week suggest that repression has shifted from formal to informal methods. Report by GAVIN EVANS and VUYELWA QINGA*

ing home. Over the past month several Alexandra residents have been questioned about his movements by unidentified characters. The HRC reports that "questions were asked about the location of his bedroom and the position of his bed in relation to the window".

Sihole was detained under the Emergency Regulations from April 1987 to March 1989. He went on hunger strike and was one of the four detainees who escaped from hospital and sought refuge in the German Consulate. Police public relations officer Lieutenant Colonel JJ Mostert said yesterday that any informa-

tion about the incident should be reported to the police. This can also be done anonymously by telephoning Alexandra detectives

● HRC member and leading UDF activist Joyce Mabudafasi reports a series of suspicious incidents suggesting moves towards an assassination attempt on her. On October 9 occupants of a motor car asked after her at her home. Two days later, bootprints were found outside her bedroom window, and on Saturday a group of men again asked after her.

Three years ago Mabudafasi was severely injured, and narrowly escaped death, when her home was bombed. She was also detained under the Emergency Regulations from October 1986 to January 1989 and again in August and September last year. After both detentions she was issued with restriction orders.

● National Anti-Repression Forum Kroonstad fieldworker Biza Makgato reported yesterday that in the latest of a

series of telephonic assassination threats, the caller said, "Tonight is ours because the township will be in darkness"

● The HRC reported that its Heidelberg fieldworker yesterday met an unemployed man who said he had been recruited as a "security guard", after which he and others were trained to use guns with silencers. It is investigating the possibility that this could be a death squad training camp. A similar incident was reported in Sibasa, Venda

The HRC said yesterday these incidents "substantiate the trend we have observed that repression has moved from formal to informal methods"

According to the Institute for Contextual Theology, which has done a study on the violence around the country over the last three months, "recent incidents suggest that the 'Third Force' attacks are not simply coming from random right-wing elements"

"Our research shows that they have been carefully planned by people with the resources, experience, expertise, weapons and training to kill and destabilise. It is not clear whether those responsible are acting on their own or are officially sanctioned in some way, but if we ask who has the motive and the means, we must look towards the special forces of the SADF and SAP as possible culprits," says the report.



## WEBSTER WATCH

IT has been 537 days since university lecturer and human rights activist Dr David Webster was gunned down outside his Troyeville home.

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CID chief General Jaap Joubert has given a public assurance that the police "are determined to solve this crime", but no one has been arrested in connection with Dr Webster's death.

Police have reportedly said they will investigate allegations that Johannesburg City Council officials compiled a detailed dossier on Dr Webster during their surveillance activities.

A reward of R20 000 still stands for information leading to the conviction of Dr Webster's killers.

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# Coetzee speaks of poisons

By Chris Whitfield,  
The Star Bureau

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LONDON — Former police captain Dirk Coetzee, who shocked South Africa with allegations that he was part of a hit squad, yesterday gave evidence in exile for the second time this year.

A starkly decorated room in the International Press Centre in London is the setting for this week's hearing, in which Lieutenant-General Lothar Neethling is claiming R1,5 million for defamation from two newspapers, Vrye Weekblad and the Weekly Mail. The claim arises from articles published in both papers linking him to alleged police hit squad activities.

In August the newspapers were granted leave by Mr Justice Roos in the Rand Supreme Court to take evidence from Mr Coetzee before a commissioner in London this week.

## Converted

In April, Mr Coetzee, who fled South Africa before making his allegations, gave evidence to the Harms Commission into alleged hit squad activities. A cinema in the basement of the South African Embassy in London was converted into a courtroom for the occasion.

This week's makeshift courtroom — with tables for the legal teams' desks and two rows of four chairs as a public gallery — heard Mr Coetzee describe details of General Neethling's home and office in Pretoria.

He also repeated allegations that General Neethling had supplied poison powders and drops to help dispose of two men.

Mr Coetzee said he first met



Rebel policeman Dirk Coetzee.



Lieutenant-General Neethling.

General Neethling — then a brigadier — in October 1981 when he visited him at his Pretoria office and was given the poisons.

He described the general's office in detail, saying he had seen a picture of Oostelikes Rugby Club on one wall with General Neethling standing in the middle row. A certificate on another wall stated that General Neethling had flown in the Concorde.

The drugs had had little effect when they were administered to the men, Selby Mabusu and Peter Dhlamini, and a Captain Koos Vermeulen returned to Pretoria to get more of the poison.

Mr Coetzee said Captain Vermeulen told him the brigadier could not believe the poisons had not worked, but the in-

creased doses failed to have any effect when they were put into the men's drinks.

Mr Coetzee and Captain Vermeulen again went to Pretoria to get more poison from General Neethling. He described how they had gone to the general's house on a Sunday morning and he had come out to talk to them in pyjamas.

Mr Coetzee described the general's house, saying it had wooden floors.

Later the general changed into shorts and took them to a laboratory, where he gave them more poison.

Again the poison failed to work and another policeman finally shot the two men in the head. Mr Coetzee said the man who carried out the killings was from the "far right, with no love for black people".

## Rubber tyres

The bodies were then burnt on a pyre of rubber tyres until there was no trace left.

Mr Coetzee told the hearing that General Neethling was known in the police force as the "chemicals expert" and was the person to go to if poisons were needed.

The hearing was also told that Mr Coetzee's official police case book (*sakboek*) from the time he was at Vlakplaas, the alleged hit squad headquarters, had General Neethling's name written in it, with two telephone numbers.

The commissioner presiding at the hearing, which is expected to last four days, is advocate Sean Naidoo. Advocates Willie Oshry and Mannie Witz are appearing for General Neethling, and Bobby Levine, SC, and Frans Rautenbach for the newspapers.



**MOVE ON ... a demonstrator is pulled away from Pretoria City Hall**

## Operation Iron

# Fist a huge success — Vlok

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**OPERATION Iron Fist**, the police campaign to quell township violence, has been a great success, according to figures released yesterday by Minister of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok

In the week before Iron Fist, there were 176 unrest incidents in Soweto and 277 on the East and West Rand

In the week following the start of the operation, there were 11 incidents in Soweto and 33 in the other Rand areas

Mr Vlok announced these figures yesterday at the National Party's Transvaal Congress in Pretoria. He said the ANC should take note of the operation's positive results instead of criticising the police

After appointing a senior officer to investigate ANC claims of police involvement in violence, Mr Vlok said there had been no response from the ANC

"In spite of many discussions with the ANC, telephone calls and faxed messages, still no evidence has been received from them

"Until they at least bring evidence to the fore, it is utterly out of place for them to say they have no faith in the police investigation"

● National Party Transvaal leader Barend du Plessis said the forthcoming by-election in Randburg could be regarded as a mini-referendum to gauge the support of or opposition to the government's reform initiatives

Mr Du Plessis, re-elected Transvaal leader at the NP congress, said it was vital for the Randburg electorate to send a message to the world that SA was on the right path

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By SIBU MNGADI

# Buthelezi defends 'killer cop'

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KWAZULU chief Minister and Inkatha president Maqosuthu Buthelezi has dismissed as "nonsense" allegations linking alleged KwaZulu killer cop Siphwe Myvyane to the slaying of 21 people in the past seven months.

Buthelezi is backing Myvyane to the hilt and has commended him as an ace sharpshooter.

In an interview at the opening of the Imbali SAP station, the Inkatha leader said "In most cases the KwaZulu police were attacked and he (Myvyane) happened to be present and he hit back."

In an interview with Radio Zulu this week, Buthelezi, who is also the homeland's Minister of Police, said police commissioner Brigadier Jac Buchner's office had informed him that before most of the alleged killings, the "criminals" had in fact opened fire on Myvyane before he returned fire.

## Mvyane a murderer?

## Nonsense!

## He's just good with a gun,

## says chief

Meanwhile, Myvyane has been linked to a KwaZulu Police (KZP) squad which fired a hail of bullets at a private home in Umlazi's D section last Saturday when a vigil was in progress, according to the Democratic Party (DP).

Roy Aunslie, director of the DP in Durban, said Sibusiso Gumbi died from gunshot wounds during the attack on the vigil of Mapi Mbovusa, 15, who was killed on October 2 together with two local youths by KZP detectives Myvyane was allegedly a member of this police squad.

Lulu Gumede, wounded in the stomach and hand during the vigil attack, is recuperating in a Durban hospital.

Braving public outrage in the greater Durban region and surrounding areas regarding Myvyane's activities, Buthelezi said "He happens to be a good shot from what I am told."

He said he had not personally met the policeman.

clared war", recently described him as a ruthless policeman who does not hesitate to kill at any given opportunity."

The businessman has supplied his name but wishes to remain anonymous. Myvyane, a member of the Umlazi murder and robbery squad, also has three cases pending against him at the Umlazi Magistrate's Court.

The policeman faces four charges of assault, two of indecent assault or alternatively impairing or injuring dignity, one of intent to do grievous bodily harm and two of extortion or bribery.

Natal Attorney-General Mike Imber last Friday issued strict instructions to officials of the Umlazi Magistrate's Court to transfer cases pending against Myvyane to the Pretoria-controlled Durban Magistrate's Court because Umlazi court officials were too scared to try him.

And Myvyane has agreed with Buthelezi that he is a good with a gun. Testifying in a case concerning the alleged abduction of his cousin Thulani Mkhize by three Umlazi youths, the policeman told the court he often used a small firearm and "does not miss".

Myvyane was speaking during cross-examination by advocate Vinyay Gayoo, counsel for Thulani Makhaza - the accused - who was shot while in custody under Myvyane's supervision.

Brigadier Buchner this week told City Press he hoped police would have concluded investigations of the alleged killings by October 24.

He declined to disclose the number of killings being investigated, except to say there were not 18 victims as alleged in some press reports.

Colonel WAF van Zyl, assistant police commissioner of the KZP, has in the meantime requested Aunslie to make available to KZP headquarters in Ulundi copies of affidavits concerning Myvyane's activities.

He said the documents could lead to further investigations or could be included in matters presently under investigation.

## 'Fifti squad' panic in Lebowa

By SOPHIE TEMA  
YOUTH activists and members of the Oakley Civic Association in Lebowa have scattered after brutal attacks by alleged hit squads.

After a month on the run, scores of youths are in hiding after repeated attacks on the homeland's Oakley villagers, which also left several houses burnt to the ground.

One of the victims, Slevyn Mashabane, a member of the Oakley Civic Association, is in hiding after being viciously beaten and his home vandalised by a "hit squad".

Acting chief of the village Alton Mokoena and several members of his family are to appear in court on November 12 on charges that they attacked Mashabane with sjamboks and hacked him with pangas.

Mashabane's mother, Betty, said her home was also attacked about four months ago by a "hit-squad" at about 3.30am.

The house was riddled with bullet holes which are still clearly visible on walls and windowpanes.

Phillip Maluka, also a member of the civic association, was attacked and frogmarched in the nude through the village three weeks ago. He said, "My family and I were woken by footsteps at about 3am."

"Before I could get out of bed, there was heavy kicking on the doors followed by the shattering of windowpanes."

"They caught me just as I was trying to run away and attacked me. One of them was shouting: 'Catch him! Kill him!'"

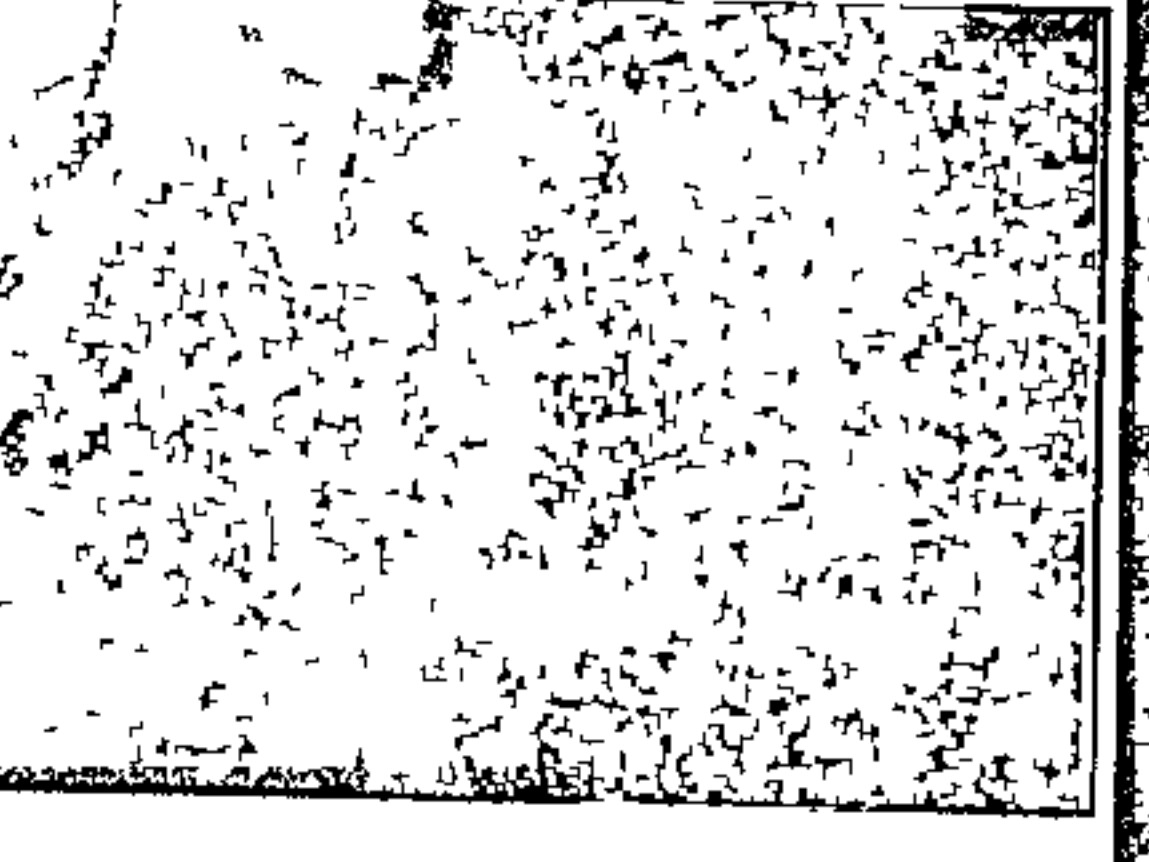
"I then managed to run away but they caught me as I was about to jump over a fence."

"I felt a sharp sting on my left leg and realised I had been injured. I tried to get up and run but they caught me, tied my hands and frogmarched me back to my house."

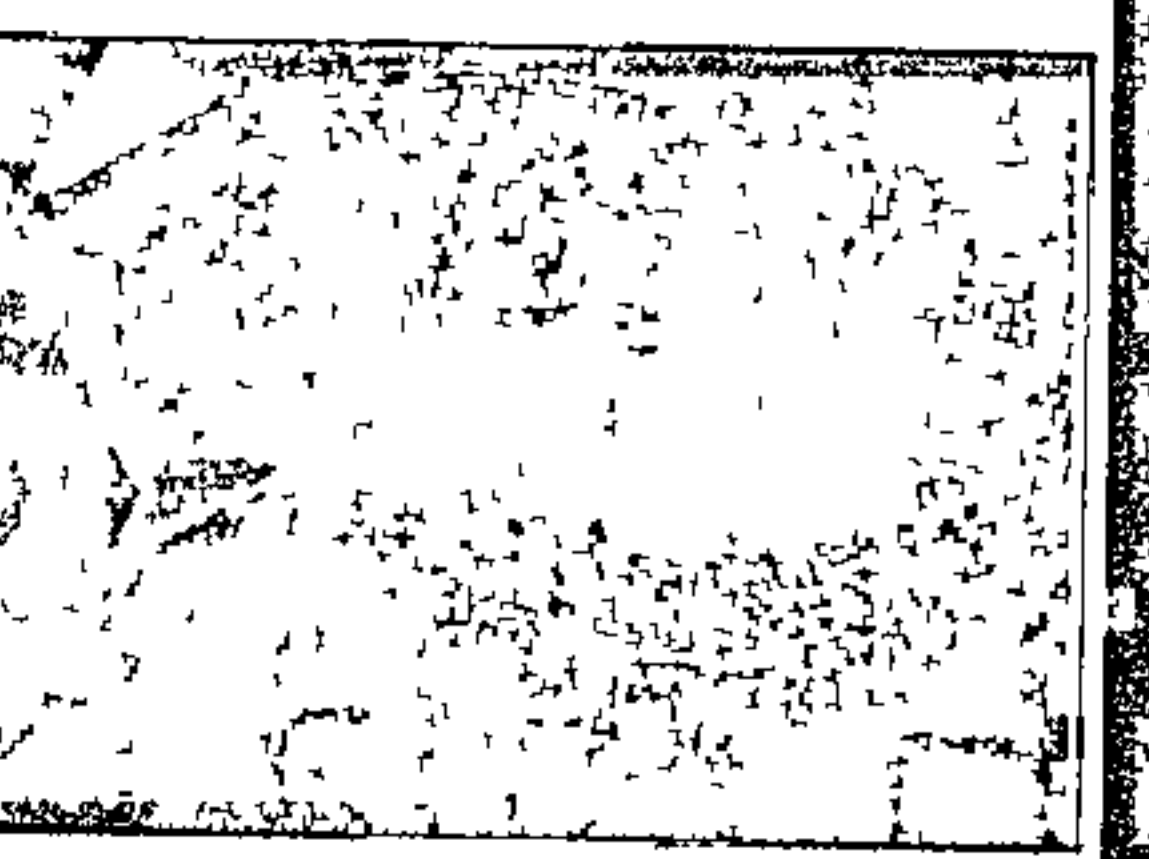
"When we got back to the house, they pushed me through the broken window, calling me derogatory names."

"Inside the house my children and my two wives - Ida and Luzzy - were hysterical."

"Because I was stark naked, I tried to give me some clothing to put on but they turned on her and beat her up."



Dan Mculu... 'I'm being hunted by a group of men who want to kill me'



Phillip Maluka... one of the squad shouted, 'Catch him! Kill him!'

## Lebowa royalty in gunshot wrangle

By SOPHIE TEMA

THE ANC is investigating an incident in which matric pupil Linkie Manzini was allegedly shot in a thigh by a member of the Mokoena family, who are part of Oakley village's royal kraal in Lebowa.

It is also alleged that Manzini's mother was offered a R1 000 bribe in a bid to avoid police intervention.

Manzini told City Press she was "accidentally" shot by a younger brother of the acting chief of the village. He was identified to City Press as Party Mokoena.

She said "I know my mother had some discussion with the Mokoena family but I do not know what the discussion was all about because I was lying in hospital."

Oakley Civic Association chairman Thofina Ndlovu a member said Party Mokoena had reported the incident to him and had told him the Mokoena family were to meet Manzini's mother to settle the matter their way."

Ndlovu said his association later got information that Manzini's mother had accepted R1 000 from the Mokoena family after she agreed not to report the matter to the police.

"They looked for me all over the village but could not find me. I have reported the matter to the ANC."

Local ANC Women's League chairwoman Vombuse Ndlovu said, "The existence of hit squads and attacks on activists and their homes have been reported to the ANC and are being investigated."

"As they were beating Ida, I recognised four of the men as members of the Lebowa police and other supporters of the royal kraal."

"I was then ordered to walk to a van parked outside my yard. I was driven around the village until the men decided to take me to the police station."

"No charges were laid against me, instead they

drove me to the Masama Hospital and dumped me at the gates. "I was discharged from hospital after three days but I still receive treatment as an outpatient."

Manuka said he had not reported the matter to the police.

Dan Mculu, former member of parliament, president of the Calcutta-Makhulu Civic Association



# Victims of 'brutality' speak out

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By DAN DHLAMINI

THE ANC press conference room in Klerksdorp this week resembled a hospital casualty section.

More than seven victims of alleged police brutality, some as young as ten years, were paraded before the Press

They told of horrifying experiences in the Western Transvaal township of Jouberton

Many more are said to be lying in Tshepong Hospital with injuries allegedly inflicted by members of the security forces last weekend.

The Jouberton Civic Association (JCA), Sayco and other community structures supported the ANC's demand for an independent judicial probe into the violence - allegedly perpetrated by security forces and individual cops acting as vigilantes.

The Press conference follows four weeks' unrest in the the Jouberton township, leading to the deaths of three residents

The dead were identified as Alfred Mbolweni and William Mbakaqane, who were shot last Saturday, and Raymond Morapedi, 16, who was allegedly shot by police on September 23.

Little Jacob Ntshalintshali, 10, sporting a bandaged wound in the forehead and his friend, Isaac Mere, 12, with birdshot wounds in the back, told the conference they were hit by pellets which penetrated a corrugated-iron shack

With tears in her eyes, Maggy Phakedi, 28, who was with Mbolweni when he was killed, said she feared for her

## ANC wants probe of cop actions

life She alleged policemen involved in Mbolweni's shooting said they would come back for her

JCA members Stephen Tswaedi, Jonas Masinko and Salvation Mathe, with fresh wounds in their faces, said a policeman known as Sonnyboy Seane and three others had forced them to lie flat on the ground before beating, kicking and hitting them with fists. Another victim showed injured hands, claiming policemen hit his hands with stones

Lawyer Iqbal Motale, who represents most of the victims, said affidavits had been handed to the police, but none of the culprits had been suspended or arrested

ANC Western Transvaal convenor Zacharia Molekane demanded a judicial commission of inquiry into police action

ANC regional secretary Tyrone Vengadasamy said a judicial commission, headed by a commissioner from the African Bar Council or the World Court, was "imperative".

The Klerksdorp police public relations officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Steve van Rooyen, could not confirm the allegations

# Cops charged for brutal murder

By MARTIN NTSOELNGOE

A GROUP of young white policemen kicked and punched an Alexandra man to death and flung his body from a moving police vehicle, the Rand Supreme Court heard this week.

In papers before the court, one of the accused alleged George Ndaba was assaulted by three other policemen on July 19 last year. This resulted in Ndaba's death.

Petrus Rudolph de Villiers, 19, of Pretoria; Andries Wilhelmus Vorster, 20, of Randfontein, Johannes Marthinus Olivier, 21, of Donkerhoek, Ladybrand, and Guilemme de Witt, 22, of the SAP Quarters, Sandown, are charged with murdering Ndaba and defeating the ends of justice.

All have pleaded not guilty. They were released and asked to

appear again

De Villiers made damning allegations against his co-accused. He alleges Vorster slapped Ndaba, Olivier kicked him and De Witt threw him to the ground.

He said on the day of the alleged murder he and Vorster had chased a speeding car in Alexandra. They stopped two black men, one of whom was Ndaba. They saw a computer and video player in the car. After questioning the men the police found the goods had been bought for R1 000.

The men were ordered to drive to the Bramley police station and were booked on false charges to keep them in the cells.

Later that afternoon, Ndaba was booked out of the cells, and taken to his house which was searched. Nothing was found.

That night Ndaba was again

booked out of the cells and was taken by the four accused to point out where he had bought the goods.

De Villiers stated that Vorster kicked Ndaba before he was thrown to the ground by De Witt.

After the assault Ndaba was placed in the minibus and when De Villiers touched Ndaba's body, it was "ice cold".

De Villiers later told Olivier Ndaba should be taken to a clinic, but was told the man was still alive and would soon wake up.

Later De Witt touched Ndaba's body and confirmed he was dead.

Olivier then told De Villiers to throw Ndaba's body out of the mini-bus, but he refused.

Vorster then opened the door and threw Ndaba's body out of the moving vehicle, De Villiers said.



# Police Probe Wesselton Water Crisis

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — The police are conducting a full investigation, into allegations that police slashed and overturned water buckets used by Wesselton residents to fetch water some four kilometres away after the township's supply was cut off last week.

Law and order spokesman Brigadier Leon Mellet yesterday confirmed that an investigation into the allegations was underway. He said that initial investigations had not come up

with any evidence to substantiate the allegations published on Friday.

"A senior officer is busy with it at the moment but initial evidence does not reveal that the police were in fact responsible," he said.

"If these allegations are true then we will certainly do our utmost to get hold of those responsible."

Brig Mellet said immediately after the report appeared the police obtained sworn affidavits from people who were quoted as saying they had seen

what had happened, but no evidence substantiating the allegations had been obtained.

"Whoever is responsible can only be condemned in the harshest possible terms," he said.

Brig Mellet added that if subsequent investigations did back up the allegations then those responsible would be punished.

The Wesselton township has been without water or sewerage since last Tuesday when Ermelo's CP town council suspended supplies because of non-payment.

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# Water row: new statements

By Norman Chandler  
and Musa Mapisa

More residents of Wesselton, Ermelo, who have been without water, electricity and sewerage for eight days, have described police slashing water containers and chasing people from taps

At a rally in Wesselton yesterday residents spoke to The Star and said police had spilled water, broken buckets and driven over containers when they had gone to collect water at the Indian township of Cassim Park

On Friday The Star first carried claims by residents that police had slashed and overturned buckets and used dogs to chase thirsty mothers and children from taps

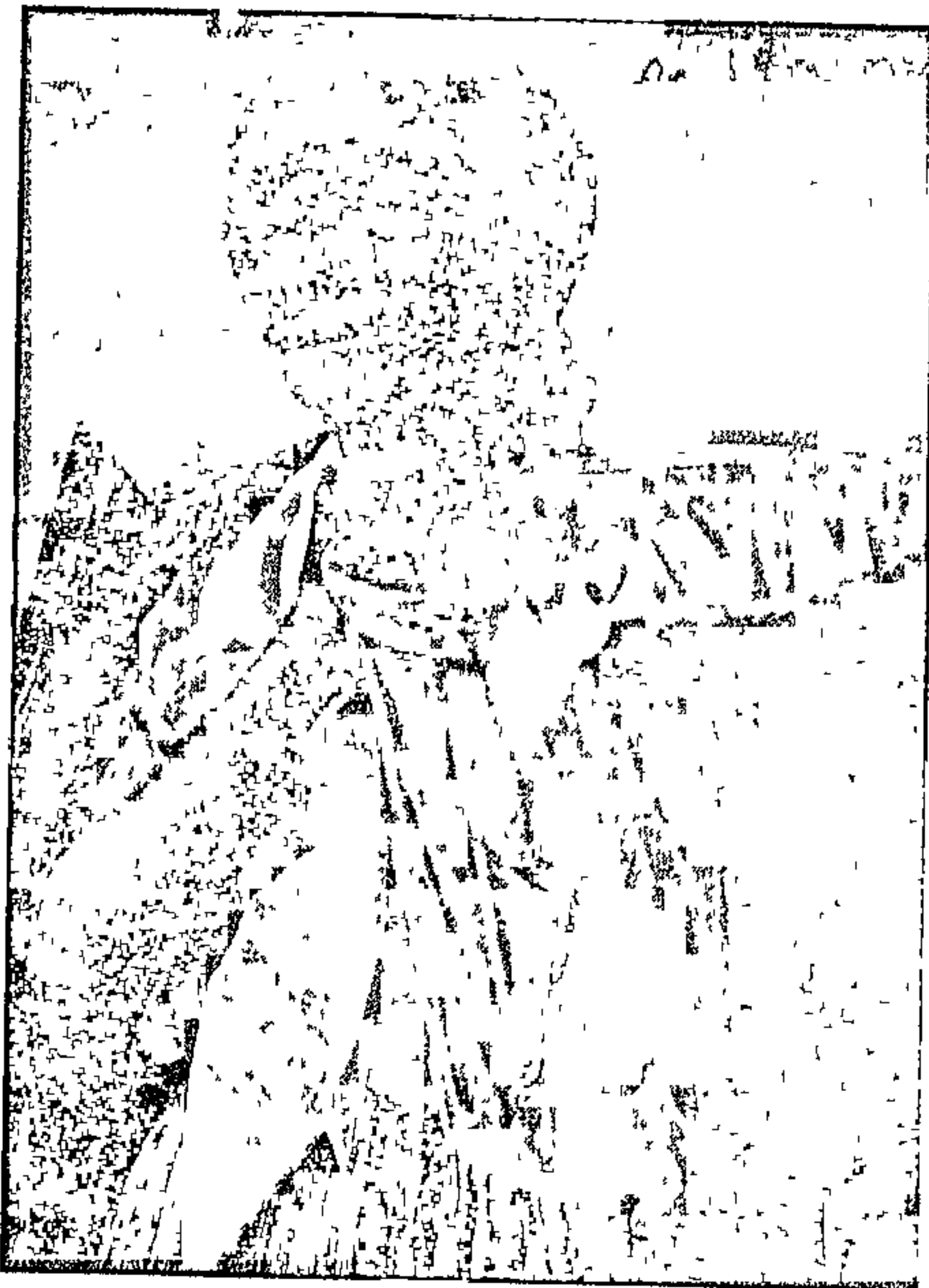
Lawyers for Human Rights national director Brian Currin yesterday said that a witness to the slashings, Boetie Tilly, had been asked "to commit perjury" after he had earlier given a statement to the police

In his statement, Mr Tilly said he had seen policemen slash buckets filled with water after he had given people permission to take water from taps at his Cassim Park petrol station

Police yesterday denied trying to force Mr Tilly to change his statement.

In Wesselton yesterday, resident Khabo Ngcobo said she had seen police pour a "substance" into a stream near the township on Wednesday Other residents also said they had seen this.

Sibongile Manana said as she walked home on Wednesday after fetching water at Cassim Park, police stopped



Damaged . . . a Wesselton resident holds a bucket of maize she says was kicked and damaged by police last week. Picture: Alf Kumalo.

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her, crushed her container and hit her with a sjambok.

Other residents, many of whom did not want to be named, made similar allegations

Police said yesterday the claims were viewed in a very serious light.

Police spokesman Brigadier Vic Haynes added "It is definitely not police policy to

act outside the law, and where such behaviour by any member can be proved, the police will act against the individual"

He said many people had been asked to provide information and that statements had been or would be taken. He appealed for any witnesses to contact the police

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# Plundered plot owners welcome proposed buyout

By Melody McDougall

**VEREENIGING** — Most of the approximately 20 white families who occupied smallholdings in the Orange Farm area have already packed up and moved away after apparently enduring spates of burglaries and constant victimisation, allegedly from residents of nearby squatter camps.

It is understood that only one white family is still living in the area.

Several plot owners interviewed by The Star yesterday said they had been forced to move after their properties were repeatedly ransacked and their livestock and pets stolen or slain.

According to a young mother, Susan van Dyk, — who now lives in Vereeniging — life on the plot eventually became "sheer hell".

She alleged that squatters had killed or were stealing their livestock

and pets and then ransacked their homes, systematically breaking down the house.

The final straw for the family came last week when her mother's mobile home, car and other personal property were set alight and gutted.

Another former resident, Harry Annandale (42) — whose house has been reduced to a "mere shell" — put the losses he had suffered at approximately R2,5 million.

"I was once a wealthy farmer but now I'm worse off than the squatters who have destroyed everything I owned and taken my future out of my hands."

All of the families interviewed yesterday welcomed the proposed purchasing of their land by the TPA.

● In a statement released in Pretoria last night, the Commissioner of Police, General Johan van der Merwe, assured residents in the area that everything was being done to protect landowners and their properties.

The SAP had already started deploying special units



Police inquiry ordered

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PRETORIA — The country's top policeman yesterday ordered a high-level inquiry into allegations of police involvement in damaging water containers and denying water to residents of Ermelo's Wesselton township.

The police actions reportedly took place when township residents tried to get water from taps in areas not affected by a power and utilities cut imposed on Wesselton for non-payment of service charges.

"Should any policeman be guilty of such conduct, the strongest possible steps will be taken against him," the Commissioner of Police, General Johan van der Merwe, said yesterday.

"So far, not a single shred of evidence to back these allegations has emerged," he said.

One of the main witnesses, quoted as having seen policemen puncture water containers, had now retracted this statement. — Sapa

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# Police, witness clash over water bucket row

By Norman Chandler  
Pretoria Bureau

A war of words between a man who alleges police intimidation, the Minister of Law and Order and the Commissioner of Police continued today with police suggesting they would welcome a charge of intimidation being laid "so that we can get to the truth of what happened".

Yesterday Ermelo garage owner Boetie Tilly categorically denied a claim by police commissioner General Johan van der Merwe that he had retracted a statement he had made regarding policemen cutting plastic water buckets carried by Wesselton residents.

And last night he told Law and Order Minister Adrian Vlok on a radio programme that there were no differences in his two statements to the police on the issue. The Minister and the police say there are differences.

Mr Tilly said, "I stand by my statement."  
In a statement to the SA Press Association on Tuesday night, General van der Merwe said "no shred of evidence had been obtained" about a report in The Star that policemen had punctured plastic buckets of water carried by blacks.

In his second statement yesterday, General van der Merwe said there were discrepancies between Mr Tilly's two statements.  
Mr Vlok's assistant press secretary, Captain Craig Kotze, said today "We deny emphatically that any policeman intimidated Mr Tilly to change his statement. All we want to do is get down to the truth of what happened."

Two statements were made by Mr Tilly to the police and one to The Star. The three statements differ from each other.

According to the police, in his first statement (to The Star) Mr Tilly said he saw two policemen "in front of my eyes" use knives on plastic buckets.

"In his first statement to the police, Mr Tilly says he noticed the holders were being damaged but did not see SAP members doing it. He mentions seeing four policemen and not two as he told The Star."

"In his second statement to police, Mr Tilly again changes what he said.  
"Now he says that three or four policemen were present and saw them damage the buckets. However he did not see how it was done but says the policemen had sharp objects in their hands."

Captain Kotze said Mr Tilly had made the two statements voluntarily, and added "We would welcome him to lay a charge of intimidation, which we will investigate fully."

## Inquiry

In further reaction yesterday, Lawyers for Human Rights national director Brian Currin called for a semi-judicial inquiry into the matter.

Wesselton residents Khabo Ngebo, Sibongile Manana, P T Kedikaneiso and Johan Nkambule have corroborated Mr Tilly's claim, and a Cassim Park businessman is prepared to supply an affidavit.

Wesselton's water and sewerage services were restored yesterday — eight days after being suspended for non-payment of accounts.

In his second statement to police, Mr Tilly said "On Wednesday October 17 when I arrived at my garage I saw about 20 to 30 black people there. They asked me if they could obtain water.  
"The crowd (at the garage)

grew to between 100 and 150 people. Between 10 am and 11 am on October 17, a Casprip vehicle and a yellow bakke of the SA Police came to a halt at opposite corners of my garage.

"Three or four white members of the SAP climbed out of the two vehicles. They walked over to where the black people were getting water. I could not hear what was said but the next moment I saw that four of the water buckets held by the blacks were beginning to leak. I was about 30 yards from the crowd."

"I could see that the policemen had damaged the buckets, although how it was done I am not sure out apart from the fact that a sharp instrument may have been used."

General van der Merwe said in his original statement that he had "noted with extreme concern press reports on allegations of police involvement in denying residents of Ermelo's Wesselton township water and the alleged damaging of water containers last week."

Such actions, if true, were strongly condemned by the police, he said, and he had ordered Major-General R Robinson, regional commissioner for the eastern Transvaal, to institute an inquiry.

"So far, not a single shred of evidence to back these allegations has emerged," said General van der Merwe.

"What has emerged is that one of the main witnesses, quoted as having seen policemen puncture water containers, has now retracted his statement."

"He now also states that after the police left the scene, four blacks approached with leaking buckets and alleged that police had damaged them. The same man now rejects the original press report in which he was quoted as seeing police damage water containers with knives."



Hidden health threat — Drinking water that can cause serious health problems has been drawn by locals from a dam in Wesselton after the water supply to the township's 50 000 people was cut off for nine days. Picture by Jacobo Rykloff

# Pretoria lawyer sues Vlok for R51 000

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A PRETORIA lawyer whose car was allegedly searched and his briefcase removed by police who suspected it contained a bomb is demanding R51 000 from Minister of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok.

Mr Cyril Morolo, in a letter of demand to Vlok, said he was also considering laying charges of theft against two policemen after R300 that was in the briefcase went missing after police removed it on August 22.

Morolo said the briefcase was removed from

By MONK NKOMO

the boot of his car about 1.45pm in Van der Walt Street, Pretoria, while he was on lunch.

People he found surrounding his car told him the briefcase was taken by police to detonate a bomb inside.

As he was left with 10 minutes to appear in a Pretoria court, Morolo said he could not fetch the briefcase from the police station.

It contained his client's file and valuable in-

formation relating to the matter he was defending that day.

The court was adjourned after efforts to trace the policemen in possession of his briefcase had failed.

Inquiring at the central police station, Morolo was told the briefcase had been brought there by a policeman.

After establishing that the R300 in it was missing, he said he confronted the policeman and another constable

Spokesman for the Ministry of Law and Order Brigadier Leon Meller said on Tuesday he could not confirm receipt of the letter of demand as he believed it was delivered to Vlok's attorneys.

Morolo has demanded R50 000 for defamatory statements that he carried a bomb and R1 250 for wasted legal costs and the missing R300.

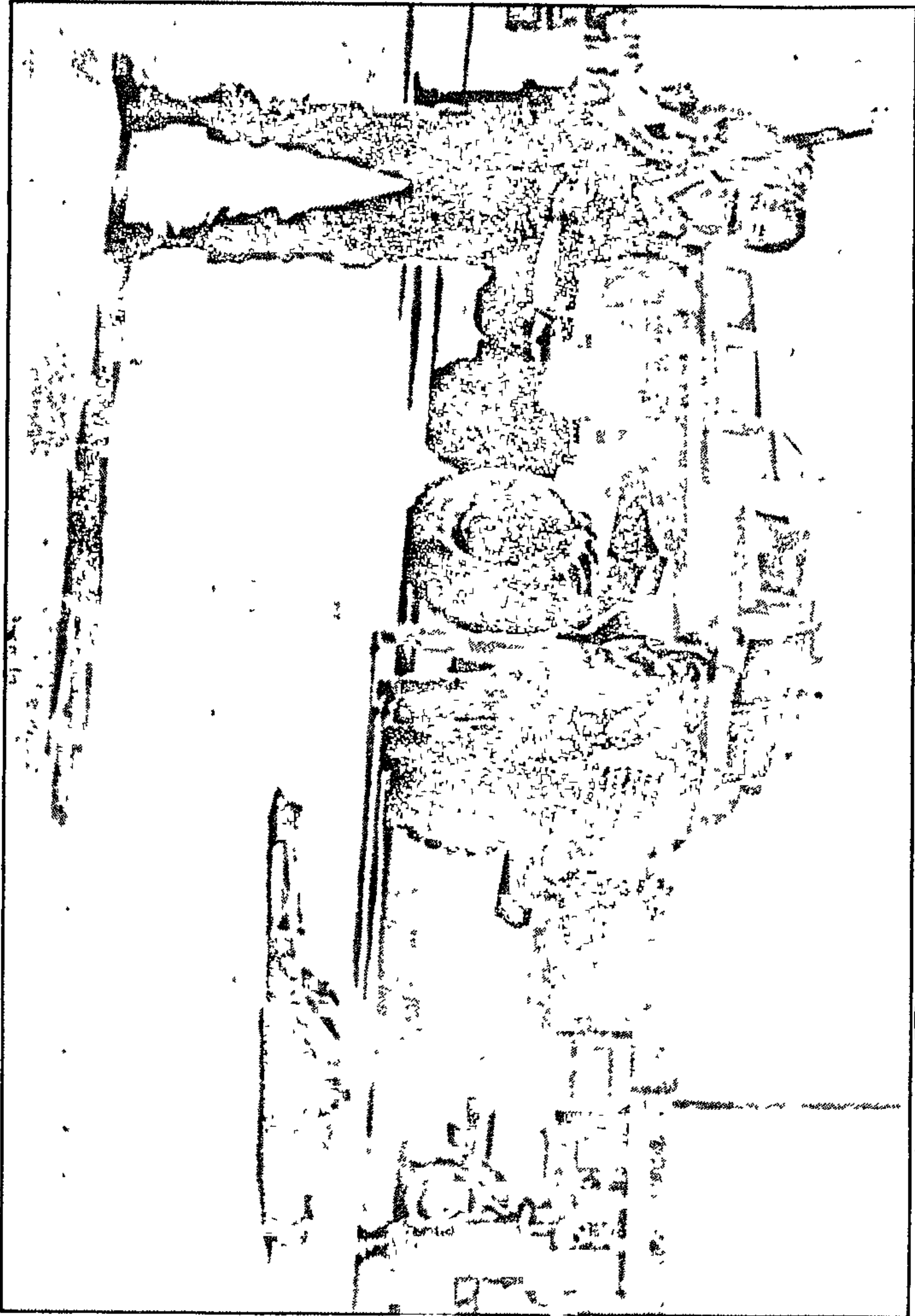
Vlok has been given a month to pay the damages. Failing this, a summons will be issued against him, Morolo said.



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All in a day's work . . . A riot policeman stands guard over the body of a black man gunned down by police in Khayelitsha yesterday. The policeman grinned as he shouted at journalists to take his picture. Picture: Associated Press.

# Police probe 'ANC-Cops link'

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**POLICE** have appointed a special squad of detectives to investigate allegations that special constables supporting the Afri-

can National Congress were attacking people in Crossroads.

The commissioner of police for the Western Cape, General Flip

Fourie, said a satellite police station in the troubled area was also being considered.

The new squad was formed following discussions between the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, and former Crossroads residents who fled because of violence.

The refugees told Vlok they had moved because they were being killed at the squatter camp in Section One. They claimed the attacks were mainly by special constables who allegedly supported Mr Jeffrey Nongwe.

Nongwe, a former ally of Crossroads mayor Mr Johnson Ngxobongwana

and now a bitter enemy, is the ANC's Crossroads branch chairman.

Names of special constables allegedly involved in the conflict were given to police by the Pan-Africanist Congress earlier this month.

The PAC said they had given police the names of 10 special constables, but the police said they had only four names.

"Many special constables have already appeared in court. Some were acquitted and others were dismissed from the force," said Fourie.

It was not known if the constables in the PAC list were among those who had appeared in court.

# Legal hitch <sup>(251)</sup> over report ~~251~~ ~~251~~ on Sebokeng

By Helen Grange

The finding of the Goldstone Commission — that the killing of 11 people by riot policemen in Sebokeng was unjustifiable — could well be turned on its head in court, Transvaal Attorney-General Don Brunette indicated yesterday.

Despite the "media created" impression that the policemen in the incident were guilty, it was proving difficult to indict them legally, he said.

By the same token, leaders of the protest group fired on by the police line on March 26 could well face legal action for having broken the law.

They had marched illegally and therefore precipitated the shootings, he said.

"There may be prosecutions on both sides. And once the matter is in court, the Goldstone findings will be judged very strictly indeed.

"The problem is that the Goldstone Commission did not

examine the incident from a legal position. It is possible that no policemen will be prosecuted by the State, although policemen involved in incidents prior to this may face charges," Mr Brunette said.

This probably refers to an incident that occurred earlier the same day, when a Sergeant Rudgerd van Huysteen and Constable Jurie Geldenhuys had opened fire on groups they confronted looting and burning shops, killing four. The men claimed they were being attacked.

Mr Brunette said that while policemen who participated in the firing line may be found to have been negligent, this would only constitute a case for civil action and not criminal prosecution.

It is understood that civil claims of between R2 million and R3 million brought by families of victims are being processed.

He and a legal team are still reviewing the Goldstone findings and a decision on legal action would be made soon, he said.



# Klerksdorp boycott: police 'will act'

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By Montshiwa Moroke  
and Sapa

Klerksdorp police are to launch "special actions" to prevent intimidation of Jouberton township residents during a consumer boycott which started on Monday

Western Transvaal police spokesman Major Ben van Heerden, said police would "definitely take action" against intimidation attempts

Spokesmen for Checkers and

Pick 'n Pay supermarkets were not happy with the prospect of experiencing another boycott

Checkers managing director Sergio Martinengo, said he was "sick and tired" of boycotts and "everyone" was tired of them

"They cause a lot of business to be lost and unfortunately they cause jobs to be lost too"

Peter Bosman general manager and director of Pick 'n Pay in Klerksdorp, described the boycott as "a sorry situation"

The boycott follows claims of

police brutality during recent unrest in Jouberton Mass Democratic Movement spokesmen said residents were demanding the removal of police from the township The boycott would continue until the policemen, allegedly involved in the violence, were arrested or suspended

Major van Heerden claimed that law-abiding citizens welcomed the police presence He said the police would investigate all written statements of alleged police violence

Afrikaanse Sakekamer chairman Jan van den Bergh, said "I do not understand why they have to punish white businesses for certain police actions"

● Vosloorus residents have decided to boycott Boksburg businesses and businesses belonging to Vosloorus town councillors from tomorrow

This follows a deadlock in negotiations to resolve the rent and services boycott, according to Civic Association publicity secretary Keith Montsitsi

# Call for code to control police

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THE African National Congress has called for a code of conduct for the police acceptable to the community and the immediate suspension and charging of policemen implicated in violence.

In a statement yesterday the organisation expressed concern at the escalating violence on the Reef. *Soweto 31/10/90*

It "condemned the wanton acts of terror in Naledi, Soweto, which resulted in 16 people being killed and 33 wounded" on Sunday.

"Speculation that these are 'revenge killings' will only add fuel to the flames," the statement said.

The ANC said it was concerned that no arrests had been made.

It urged people not to be provoked to fight and appealed for peace -

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## Police to pay out R7m on illegal arms

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POLICE have to pay out nearly R7m in rewards after their campaign to gather illegal weapons.

More than 2 000 rifles, hundreds of hand guns and a variety of other arms have been handed over so far.

A spokesman for police headquarters said last night he believed "certain amounts had already been paid out as rewards", which were offered in terms of an amnesty on unlicensed weapons.

A statement released by police headquarters in Pretoria yesterday afternoon said 2 257 rifles, 1 594 airguns, 758 pistols and 460 revolvers had been handed in.

The reward list did not make provision for airguns, but the rifles and hand guns were worth R6,799m in reward money.

Under a section "terrorist weapons", police said they had been given three AK47s, two T36 7,62mm machineguns, a semi-automatic hand-machinegun and a 7,65mm Scorpion sub-machinegun, totalling R31 500 in rewards.

Two Makarov pistols and a Tokarev pistol worth a combined R1 900 were handed in; as were 96 assorted hand grenades and two mortar bombs with a total reward value of R78 000.

A total of 407 rounds of ammunition were handed in. 6/24 30/10/70

The statement warned that the amnesty fell away tomorrow. After that action would be taken against anyone with illegal weapons, it said.



From MONO BADELA  
JOHANNESBURG. — Po-  
lice face claims of nearly R2-  
million following the Gold-  
stone Commission of Inquiry  
which found that their actions  
in the Sebokeng shooting on  
March 26 were "unjustifi-  
able".

This was confirmed this week

# Police in multi-million law suits

by two Johannesburg firms of attorneys  
who are confident the police will settle  
the claims instead of going through a  
lengthy and costly court action

One firm is acting for the families of  
11 people shot dead when police opened  
fire on a crowd of 50 000 Sebokeng  
residents.

Lawyer Mr David Dyson said his firm  
was representing between 80 and 90  
people injured when police opened fire  
indiscriminately on the marchers

The biggest claim totalling R84 951  
is by Mrs Florence Kgale, wife of  
David Kgale.  
In his findings, Mr Justice Goldstone  
said the conduct of the policemen who  
shot live ammunition into the crowd  
merits the attention of the Attorney  
General

Dyson said his clients were claiming  
amounts totalling more than R1-million  
in damages arising from injuries, loss of  
earnings and other incidental expenses

# Union tells police to prove torture claims

By Brendan Templeton

"Wild allegations" by police that Sandton Clinic strikers were torturing scab workers needed to be substantiated, the National Education, Health and Allied Workers Union said yesterday.

It denied any knowledge of non-strikers being tortured and challenged the police to reveal the building where torturing allegedly took place.

Police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said on Tuesday 39 statements involving intimidation, assault and kidnapping were being investigated.

The union's Johannesburg branch secretary Khumbu Magudulela said the union was wait-

ing for the police to support the allegations made against the strikers and to charge the people responsible

He said the union was an established trade union with a constitution and policies that discouraged intimidation. It was agreed at a meeting yesterday to continue negotiations with Sandton Clinic's management on November 5

Captain Opperman said on Tuesday police had received statements from non-strikers saying they had been forcibly removed from buses and tortured

In a hard-hitting statement, he said crack police units would be used, if necessary, to release any further possible victims.

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### Police urge ANC to look at own policy

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THE SAP reacted to ANC calls for a police code of conduct "acceptable to the community" by urging the organisation to examine its own policy.

Police also issued an assurance that any sworn allegations of police misconduct would be examined

In a statement yesterday, SAP Public Affairs chief Maj-Gen Herman Stadler said the police were bound by rules instituted by law. These and were applied where police members were suspected of committing offences

The ANC should look at its own code of conduct, which stated that "no-one should be imprisoned, deported or restricted without a fair trial", he said

"The SA Police apply the principle that a person is innocent until proven guilty" He was sure the public was "satisfied" with steps taken when police members broke the law

He said it was policy that dockets on investigations involving police members were forwarded to the Attorney-General, whose prerogative it was to initiate prosecution

# Security forces sent to Cape townships

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LESLEY LAMBERT

CAPE TOWN — Police reinforcements from Pretoria and between 100 and 200 soldiers were deployed in Cape Town's townships yesterday after Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok declared Khayelitsha and Old Crossroads unrest areas.

A 9pm to 4am curfew — the first in 30 years in the western Cape — was imposed last night, a few days after the worst of the violence, which erupted last week, had died down

Police sealed off entrances to the townships and searched houses for weapons in the part of Khayelitsha where a recent attempt was made on the life of Western Cape Civic Association leader Michael Mapongwana. No incidents had been reported by late yesterday.

Law and Order spokesman Craig Kotze said that while the violence which erupted in Khayelitsha last week had died down, police had acted on information "of further planned violence coupled with intimidation, forced stayaways and protest marches".

In last week's violence two people were assassinated, scores more killed and more than 100 homes gutted by fire.

The unrest appeared to have quietened down this week, although Cape Administrator Kobus Meiring said in an interview that a city council refuse van had been petrol bombed yesterday morning.

Political commentators say the western Cape unrest is rooted in the conflict

between government-recognised local authorities and anc-aligned civic organisations

Matters came to a head in Khayelitsha last week after the assassination attempt on Mapongwana. His wife was killed in the attack.

In Old Crossroads, supporters of Mayor Johnson Nxobongwana and breakaway headman Jeffrey Nongwe, who is supported by the ANC, have been involved in running battles for many years.

DP MP and Western Cape Unrest Monitoring Committee chairman Jan van Eck said the primary cause of conflict in the two townships was government's unwillingness to abolish — or at least suspend — the "totally rejected and illegitimate black local authorities".

Van Eck, who was barred by police from entering the the unrest area yesterday, said the imposition of a curfew would make no positive contribution towards resolving the causes of the conflict.

Earlier in the day Meiring agreed, at the request of an ANC and UDF delegation, to investigate ways in which he could accommodate requests for the suspension of councillors and officials of the Lingeletu West City Council who faced murder charges.

The delegation, represented by ANC western Cape publicity secretary Trevor Manuel, called for the meeting to discuss the crisis in Khayelitsha

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# ANC slams Vlok's Western Cape 'bully-boy' tactics

By GAYE DAVIS: Cape Town (S)

MINISTER of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok's declaration of Crossroads and Khayelitsha as unrest areas has been condemned from several quarters.

The African National Congress said yesterday it was a "high-handed, bully-boy" approach to solving the problem and a violation of the Groote Schuur and Pretoria Minutes. (25)

Western Cape ANC publicity secretary Trevor Mamel was speaking after an ANC delegation met with Cape administrator Kobus Meiring, at the ANC's request, in a bid to bring peace to Khayelitsha.

The root cause of problems in both Khayelitsha and Crossroads was widespread anger at the way their respective town councils administered the townships, Mamel said.

The ANC had gone to Meiring with the request that Khayelitsha's Langeletu West town council be disbanded. Meiring had agreed to investigate and report back next Friday, Mamel said.

He said the delegation was not previously informed about plans to declare Crossroads and Khayelitsha unrest areas, although the Groote Schuur Minute provided for the formation of joint committees geared to halt violence.

Police began "pouring" in to Khayelitsha early yesterday, setting up roadblocks and conducting searches, according to residents.

Democratic Party MP Jan van Eck, who was told yesterday by the Western Cape Commissioner of Police, General Flip Fourie, that he would not be allowed into Khayelitsha, slammed the move.

"Instead of taking a bold political initiative the government has, as was the practice during the PW Botha era, merely opted out of a situation which its own policies have created," Van Eck said. W/Mail 2/11 - 8/11/90

Minister of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok announced late on Wednesday night he was declaring both Crossroads and Khayelitsha unrest areas, citing recent deaths and "extensive damage caused in rioting" as major reasons.

Police had information of "further planned violence coupled with intimidation, forced stayaways and protest marches", Vlok said.

Police had been empowered under the Public Safety Act to "restore law and order in a discreet manner", he said.

A 9pm to 4am curfew went into effect yesterday.

# Storm over

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By VIVIEN HORLER  
Staff Reporter

# MP

Mr Jan van Eck:  
Banned by police.

A MAJOR row has erupted over a police ban on Claremont Democratic Party MP Mr Jan van Eck entering the "unrest areas" of Khayelitsha and Crossroads.

The MP for Simon's Town, Mr Jannie Momberg, has written two letters to the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok

In the first letter he asked Mr Vlok to overturn the decision on Mr Van Eck. The second letter was to express concern that MPs "were being inhibited from doing their work on the ground"

An angry Mr Van Eck described the decision by Major-General Flip Fourie, Western Cape Police Commissioner, as "a blatant attempt to prevent people such as myself from observing the exact nature of the repressive measures being used by the security forces"

## 'Stupid' decision

It indicated a return to the P W Botha era and the dominance of the security forces, he said

Other DP MPs in the Peninsula rallied around Mr Van Eck last night, backing a statement by Mr Momberg which described General Fourie's decision as "stupid" and one that was going to cause "a lot of unhappiness" inside and outside the townships

The MPs include Mr Colin Eglu, Mr Tian van der Merwe, Mr Roger Hulley, Mr Jasper Walsh and Ms Dene Smuts

Mr Eck said, "If the security forces have nothing to hide why prevent MPs, among others, from entering the townships? Or is it merely an attempt to prevent us from witnessing the numerous excesses the police have been guilty of recently in these areas?"

The grounds given by General Fourie were that Mr Van Eck's presence caused township residents to "over-react" and that Mr Van Eck always took sides with the residents. Mr Van Eck said these grounds were "absurd and make a mockery of the government's so-called normalisation process"

## 'Valuable role'

Mr Momberg said Mr Van Eck had played a valuable role in monitoring unrest.

"We in the Democratic Party believe that the only way we can help to defuse violent situations is to be actively involved inside the townships and to monitor the situation

"The decision of the police to ban a Member of Parliament from entering these townships smacks of the Botha era and will not help to reassure people that the De Klerk government is not just practising apartheid with a smile instead of a wagging finger."

● A spokesman for Mr Vlok's office in Pretoria said today that the letters had been received and would "receive the necessary attention".

The minister was expected to react later.

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## Wesselton witnesses give details

By Norman Chandler  
Pretoria Bureau

Witnesses to the alleged police harassment of residents of Wesselton township near Ermelo have produced seven affidavits giving details of various incidents.

The Star is in possession of these affidavits.

Police investigations into what happened at Ermelo township are continuing, it was revealed yesterday.

Wesselton residents alleged that policemen punctured containers after permission had been granted by Indian residents of nearby Cassim Park for water to be provided.

The incidents arose after Ermelo Town Council switched off water and sewerage systems on October 16 for non-payment of service fees. The services were reconnected eight days later.

Some affidavits state that police arrested residents, used Casspir armoured personnel carriers to drive over containers and punctured the containers with sharp instruments. It is alleged that a group of uniformed policemen sjamboked women who were carrying containers filled with water.

It has also been alleged by garage owner Boetie Tilly that police intimidated him by attempting to get him to change a statement he made to them about an incident involving police and residents at his garage.

In an affidavit to The Star, Mr Tilly has again reiterated the claims he made earlier.

Police have appealed to witnesses to provide statements about the alleged incidents so that a full investigation can be launched. Earlier, Mr Tilly was invited to lay a charge of intimidation.

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By CHRIS BATEMAN

LICE arrested Claremont MP Mr Jan van Eck and UDF regional secretary Mr Willie Hofmeyr in Khayelitsha yesterday during a tour by top-level dignitaries, prompting a storm of protest.

Both were released after being told that docketts of failing to leave an unrest area when warned to do so and additionally, in Mr Hofmeyr's case, obstructing police in the execution of their duties, would be opened. The men were held for more than an hour at the Khayelitsha police station.

The controversial arrests — believed to be the first of an MP in several years — followed an extended township tour in peaceful conditions with no evidence of any police or army presence. It came the day after Mr Van Eck was banned from Khayelitsha by police regional commissioner General Flip Fourie.

Among dignitaries warned to leave the area were the deputy mayor of Cape Town, Mr Frank van der Walde, and city administrator Mr Gys Hofmeyr.

Reporters watched as a police van sped beside the convoy of dignitaries. The convoy included ANC secretary-general Mr

Alfred Nzo. Police singled out Mr Van Eck's vehicle and pulled it over.

A Lieutenant Schreuder of the unrest unit asked Mr Van Eck to leave the area in terms of the regulations promulgated under regulations, saying he was acting on the instructions of his chief, Brigadier Frik Kellerman.

Mr Van Eck refused, pointing to the presence of the rest of the dignitaries. Seconds earlier he had told reporters that he was willing to go to court to test the legitimacy of the regulations and the township ban on him.

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# Outrage over arrests of MP and UDF man



MP ARRESTED ... A police officer leads MP Mr Jan van Eck to a police van Mr Van Eck yesterday refused to leave the Khayelitsha after having been barred from the area by a police general.

Mr Willie Hofmeyr then sat down in the road in front of the van into which Mr Van Eck had been escorted. Police promptly dragged him to his feet and put him in a separate van.

Minutes later police fired teargas to disperse a small crowd outside the Khayelitsha Shawco offices where Mr Nzo, the two council officials, Anglican Bishop Edward McKenzie, Professor Jakes Gerwel and Mr Trevor Manuel were among lunch-time guests.

General Fourie said later that Mr Van Eck's arrest followed his being discovered addressing a "swelling" crowd of about 100 people, adding that police were later forced to use teargas to disperse the "unruly" crowd.

Mr Van Eck described this as a "blatant untruth", saying he was confronted by police seconds after emerging from his car, which they had stopped.

DP leader Dr Zach de

Beer protested "in the strongest possible terms" against Mr Van Eck's arrest, saying the reasons advanced by the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, for the "preposterous" township ban on him were "totally unacceptable". He would not let the matter rest there.

Mr Van Eck said the only conclusion he could draw was that police were trying to prevent him from seeing first-hand what excesses were being committed by elements of the police force. He had been doing full-time township work since 1985 and had on several occasions contributed to bringing calm into the area and exposing security force excesses, he said.

He said the DP and other regional organisations would use "all methods at our disposal" to get the ban lifted even if this meant repeating yesterday's actions.

Mr Willie Hofmeyr said the new unrest regulations promulgated

rather than calmed township tensions "as today's events showed".

● It was reliably learnt last night that local activist organisations were considering a "week of defiance" of the new unrest regulations.

● Mr Trevor Manuel, regional ANC convener, told reporters before the township tour that his group would try to confirm reports that unoccupied homes were being raided and "beds overturned" by police in house-to-house searches. He said the community was "amazed" at the imposition of the 9pm-4am curfew imposed on Old Crossroads and Khayelitsha on Thursday.

A police spokesman said police were under standing orders not to search locked or closed-up homes unless owners were present. If Mr Manuel had any proof or evidence he should make a statement and it would be "fully investigated".

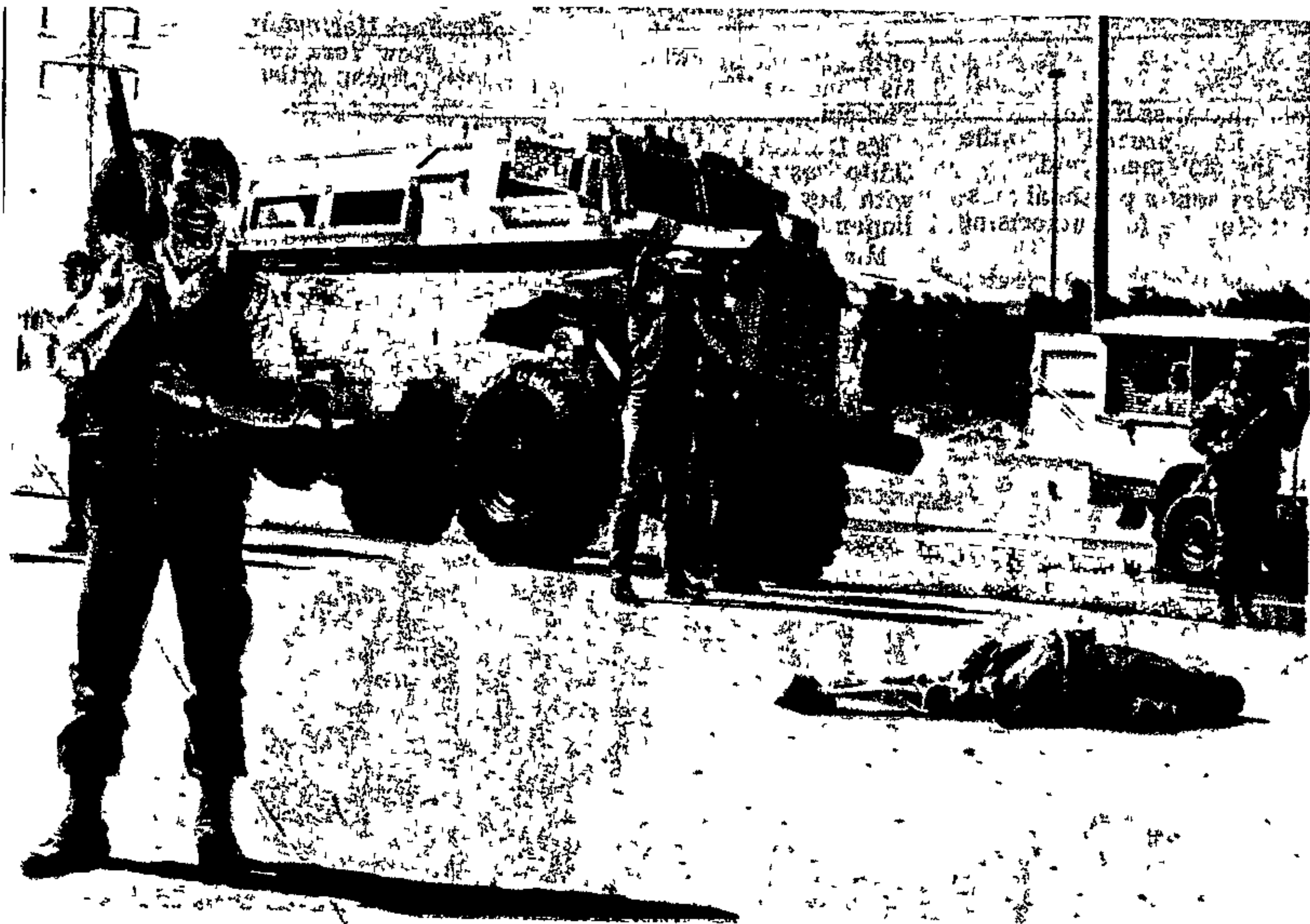
● The last recorded unrest in Khayelitsha

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**CONTROVERSIAL PICTURE** ... Police are investigating the circumstances in which this photograph was taken in Khayelitsha on October 25. The man lying on the ground was shot dead during police action. Police said that if any "misconduct" on the part of the smiling policeman was found, "stern action will be taken against him". *3/11/90*

Picture ADIL BRADLOW

Staff Reporter

**THE** conduct of a Khayelitsha riot policeman is under top-level police investigation following allegations that he asked an international journalist to take a photograph of him near the body of a man killed in unrest.

Associated Press journalist Mr Adil Bradlow photographed an armed riot policeman smiling broadly in front of the corpse of a man shot during police action in Khayelitsha on October 25.

AP immediately circulated the picture overseas on its wire service with a caption which claimed that the policeman "shouted at

*CAPE TOWN*

## 'Cop posed in front of body' — Top police probe starts

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the journalists to take his picture".

The caption read: "A riot policeman stands guard over the body of a victim shot when police dispersed a crowd of several hundred demonstrators in the black township of Khayelitsha, Thurs-

day. The policeman shouted at the journalists to take his picture."

Pretoria police liaison officer Lieutenant Steve van Rooyen said last night that if any misconduct was found on the part of the smiling policeman, "stern action" would be taken against him.

"The general (General Flip Fourie, Regional Commissioner of Police in the Western Cape) personally ordered the investigation after seeing the photograph published in a local newspaper. The matter is not being taken lightly," he said.

Lieutenant Van Rooyen added that police were "concerned about getting a negative image both here and overseas".





# Cops 'abducted' Imbali member

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MARITZBURG — A police constable who headed a so-called "combi squad", found earlier this year to have been responsible for the death of a 16-year-old schoolgirl, allegedly led the group that abducted and assaulted a prominent Imbali ANC member

This was alleged during evidence in the Supreme Court here yesterday in an application by Mr Lar-rington Mnyamazeli Silwane for a final interdict against the police.

Const Willem de Wet — implicated in the shooting in which Rosemary Ntokozo Ngcobo was killed — allegedly also led a group of policemen said to have assaulted Mr Silwane

Mr Silwane was subsequently granted a temporary interdict against Const De Wet, Special Consta-ble Tibo Ndlovu, Captain Daniel Meyer and Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok

The hearing is to determine whether the interdict should be made final

The hearing was adjourned until May 2 next year  
— Sapa



# Outrage over MP's arrest

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By VIVIEN HORLER  
and EDWARD MOLOINYANE  
Weekend Argus Reporters

MEMBERS of a delegation that visited Khayelitsha yesterday to see conditions in the newly proclaimed unrest area were outraged at the arrest of Claremont MP Mr Jan van Eck and the firing of teargas at the Shawco centre

Civil rights lawyer Mr Wilhe Hofmeyr also was arrested when he sat in front of the police van in which Mr Van Eck was placed. They were later released.

## Meeting in town

Trouble began when the ANC-organised delegation visited the police station at Site B to discuss Mr Van Eck's ban from the township. Members included ANC secretary-general Mr Alfred Nzo, Deputy Mayor Mr Frank van der Velde, city administrator Mr G R Hofmeyr and Professor Jakes Gerwel, rector of the University of the Western Cape.

Informed that the station commander was at a meeting in Cape Town, the delegation left for the Shawco centre, followed by police. On arrival, Mr Van Eck was asked to leave the township but he refused.

He was arrested and a gathering

crowd shouted slogans. Mr Hofmeyr was arrested minutes later.

The crowd scattered when teargas was fired.

Delegation member Mr Trevor Manuel, publicity secretary of the ANC, said the arrests and teargassing were done "without the slightest provocation".

"The whole thing was absolutely absurd," he said.

Dr Zac de Beer, leader of the Democratic Party, also condemned the arrest of Mr Van Eck.

He called Mr Van Eck, who was barred from Khayelitsha this week on the orders of Major-General Flip Fourie, police commissioner for the Western Cape, "one of the most valuable members of my parliamentary caucus".

General Fourie said Mr Van Eck was seen addressing a crowd of about 100, with more approaching. Police asked him to leave the area. He refused and was arrested, General Fourie said.

His version of events was disputed by Mr Van Eck as well as Mr Hofmeyr and Mr Manuel.

All three claimed Mr Van Eck had no opportunity to address any crowd.

# Young cop guilty of kicking man to death

Sunday Times Reporter

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A YOUNG constable who kicked a suspect to death "because he had deliberately misled me" was convicted of culpable homicide in the Rand Supreme Court this week.

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Constable Johannes Marinus Olivier, 21, was one of three young policemen found guilty of the death last year of taxi owner George Ndaba, whose badly beaten body had been thrown from a moving police minibus on to the freeway between Pretoria and Krugersdorp

He was also found guilty of attempting to defeat the ends of justice by laying a false charge of escape against Mr Ndaba to try to cover up his death

The other officers — Petrus de Villiers, 19, and Andries Vorster, 20 — were found guilty of being accessories to the homicide. On the charge of defeating justice, Constable De Villiers was found guilty while Constable Vorster was acquitted

## Charges

All three will be sentenced this week

A fourth policeman, Constable Gulleime de Witt, 22, was acquitted on both charges on a technicality. The court heard earlier that father-of-three George Ndaba, 31, was arrested on July 19 last year for being in possession of a video recorder and computer which police suspected were stolen.

Mr Justice G Gordon told De Witt that he was "very lucky" to get off. It was apparent that he had been present during the assault, but there was a lack of admissible evidence to prove it.

He also said the fact that none of the four had given evidence "created an unfavourable impression" and implied that they were hiding something.

**Operation Vula shock: Security forces secretly infiltrated**

# HUNT FOR 7 ANCI MOVERS

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**Miss SA Suzette, Chinese charmer**



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**Ambassador Schwarz off to America**

By LESTER VENTER Political Correspondent

HARRY SCHWARZ, for years a leading opposition figure and Democratic Party MP for Yeoville, has been appointed South Africa's ambassador to the United States.

The posting will have a serious impact on the DP, which is already burdened with dwindling voter support, financial troubles and the surrender of its Randburg seat to the National Party.

Mr Schwarz's appointment — the first time the ruling party has named a member of the opposition to an ambassadorial post — is in line with President De Klerk's moves to create less partisan representations in important embassies abroad.

**Official**

The government does not mean that the new South Africa is already here," said Mr Schwarz yesterday, "but I hope it means it is irreversible and rapidly approaching."

After a political career in opposition politics and opposed to apartheid I find that what I have fought to

HARRY SCHWARZ, 51 Times 4/11/90, achieve is not being lost. Now that apartheid is going the crucial quest will follow.

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Lovely Miss SA is looking forward to charming the Taiwanese on the trip - but she's a bit worried about the cuisine.

"I've been warned about the snake and rabbit delicacies."

"My most important task will be to make a good impression for the country and to pave the way for South African beauty queens to re-enter the Miss World contest," said Suzette.

Picture: HORACE POTTER

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Mr Shaik is one of several people who managed to escape the police dragnet launched in mid July to detain alleged Operation Vula plotters and agents.

The SAP's chief of public relations, Major-General Herman Stadler, said the issue was a "very delicate matter" but declined to comment further.

He referred the Sunday Times to Brigadier Andre Preiss who said "That's being handled higher up. I am not involved in it."

Security sources also admitted that a major blunder during the Operation Vula crackdown allowed several of the alleged plotters to escape - including three Canadians, a British woman and a Dutch citizen.

### Elusive

The non-South Africans who escaped are believed to have been part of an international network which Dutch activist Klaas de Jonge vowed to recruit after he was allowed to walk free from his controversial, asylum-seeking stay at the Dutch Embassy in Pretoria three years ago.

De Jonge - who passed through Johannesburg on Friday on his way to Transkei to make a TV documentary - denied recruiting operatives for Vula.

According to intelligence sources Operation Vula was exposed in early July when a security police spy in Durban uncovered a plot to smuggle arms and highly trained operatives into South Africa.

Few details were known at that

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stage but all the resources of South Africa's intelligence network were utilised and by July 12 specific details of the plot were known.

Then came the big blunder. Durban security operatives began arresting alleged plotters on July 12 but failed to inform their Johannesburg counterparts who were attempting to trace the addresses of "safehouses" where caches of arms, in-

cluding ground-to-air missiles, had been stored.

Johannesburg security police began their crackdown only on July 16.

The alleged Johannesburg Operation Vula agents had four days grace to make good their escape because of the co-ordination blunder. Many of the Johannesburg operatives fled, leaving care-fully-modified cars, expensive furniture, clothes, arms, food and computer hardware and software behind in five Johannesburg flats and

houses.

Security police specialists analysing the captured computer data came across the codenames of the seven ANC/SACP operatives who had infiltrated South Africa's intelligence community.

The bail application for the Operation Vula eight appearing in Durban was thrown into turmoil on Friday following an indemnity announcement by Justice Minister Koba Coetzee. Instead of going ahead with the bail proceedings for

the eight being held at Westville prison, defence advocate Zac Yacoob called for an adjournment to give them time to consider the implications of the indemnity guidelines.

Before the court were Sathyantrath (Mac) Maharaj, 65, Siphwe Nyanda, 40, Raymond Lala, 22, Catherine Mvelase, 25, Susanna Tshabalala, 30, Dipak Patel, 26, Pravin Jambadas Gordhan, 41, and Armesh Munnesar Sankar, 22.



### PICK 6

**GOSFORTH PARK**  
37 winners collected a dividend of R40 353,60. Numbers: 1, 7, 10; 5, 1, 2, 8, 4.

**GREYVILLE**  
There were 15 winners with each collecting a dividend of R28 066,60. Selections: 1, 5, 2, 1, 7, 4, 8, 10.

**KENILWORTH**  
Only 12 punters managed to collect a dividend of R21 506,60. Numbers: 3, 3, 11, 8, 4, 12.

### Boy drowns

FOUR year old Christian Beukes fell in his parent's pool in Goodwood, Cape, and drowned while his mother answered the phone.

# Spy Odile is with friends

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FOREIGN Affairs Minister Mr Pik Botha has denied reports that former SA agent Odile Harington had been admitted to hospital for medical treatment.

Miss Harington (30); would however, undergo certain routine medical tests in the next few days, the Minister told a briefing of journalists in Pretoria.

Foreign Affairs spokesman Mr Pieter Swanepoel said Miss Harington was staying with friends, and was in an "exceptionally healthy state of mind".

He refused to comment on reports that she was being debriefed at a "safe farm" somewhere in the Transvaal, a practice customary for released agents before being allowed to appear in public.

Harington's artist mother Mrs Eone de Wet of Parktown North, Johannesburg, said she had had no contact with her daughter since her return to South Africa.

Harington was convicted for spying in Zimbabwe and spent about three and a half years in jail for passing on in-

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telligence about the African National Congress.

Originally jailed for 25 years in 1987 and later 12 years by the Harare High Court, Harington was released to South African officials in Harare on Thursday and flown home within hours - Sapa

# Jail for policeman whose 'act was evil'

By Cathy Stagg

A 21-year-old policeman was jailed for seven years by the Rand Supreme Court yesterday for killing a man he had arrested.

Lance-Sergeant Johannes Marthinus Olivier of Donkerhoek, Ladybrand, was convicted of culpable homicide.

The court heard that Olivier arrested George Ndaba in Alexandra on July 19 last year. Later, he and three colleagues took Mr Ndaba out for further investigation.

## Assaulted

Mr Ndaba was assaulted and his body thrown on to the R28 freeway.

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Olivier had done was "not only against the law, it was evil".

The judge referred to Olivier's good family background and how well he had done at school and in his career.

"One must also think of the widow who went from police station to police station trying to find out what had happened.

"She is left with three small children and no husband.

"The sentence must also act as a deterrent and it must be remembered that the accused was convicted of culpable homicide and not murder," he said.

Olivier and Petrus Rudolph de Villiers (19) of Voortrekkerhoogte were sentenced to two years, suspended for five years, for attempting to defeat the ends of justice by falsely reporting that Mr Ndaba had escaped from custody.

Andries Wilhelmus Vorster (20) of Randfontein was given a

two-year suspended sentence for attempting to defeat the ends of justice and for being an accessory after the fact of culpable homicide because his silence meant he had not fulfilled his duties as a policeman.

De Villiers made a statement to a magistrate in which he said Olivier had kicked Mr Ndaba. Olivier had chosen to remain silent, the judge said.

## Lucky

There was no evidence that De Villiers and Vorster had taken part in the assault, the judge and his two assessors found.

The fourth member of the patrol, Gulleame de Wit (22) of SA Police Quarters, Kaserne, Sandton, was acquitted on both charges on Friday.

The judge said Mr de Wit was very lucky there was no satisfactory evidence against him.



# FW flayed

By MICHAEL MORRIS  
Political Correspondent

DEMOCRATIC Party leader Dr Zac de Beer has delivered his toughest attack yet this year on President De Klerk, the National Party and the police — over the ban on Claremont MP Mr Jan van Eck from entering Crossroads and Khayelitsha

He also warned the NP that, at the very time when bridge building was essential for its political survival, it had "once again acted so as to smash those bridges and drive people apart on a racial basis"

Referring to the ban and to Mr Van Eck's arrest in Khayelitsha, Dr De Beer said "I tell the president that if he continues to allow his minister (of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok) and his police to behave in this way then the chances of maintaining any civilised sort of law in our country in the future will be remote

## 'Relentless politicians'

"I have never thought much of the Nats when it comes to justice, but I have always given them credit for one thing — they are shrewd, cunning, relentless politicians in their own interest. Nothing matters so much to them as to get power and keep it. But even at that level, the arrest of Mr Van Eck simply makes no sense"

He said that nine months after Mr De Klerk's February 2 speech, "I would have hoped that some sort of human rights culture might have developed within the National Party and the establishment

"I'm afraid the evidence is that this has not happened. On the contrary, when the chips are down, Mr Vlok and his police slip back all too easily into a 'kaffir op sy plek' mindset.

"Human rights are for the Nats and their pals. Not for the people of Khayelitsha and not for Jan van Eck, it seems"

He said that in using the Public Safety Act against Mr Van Eck the police used a legacy of the worst days of ruthless, repressive apartheid

## 'Arrested him'

"When Mr Van Eck nonetheless went (into the township) in the course of his duties as an MP, they arrested him

"In spite of all the protestations by President De Klerk that apartheid is dead, in spite of the promises of a brave new South Africa, the police — and we know they were supported at Cabinet level — can arrest a member of parliament for visiting a township to see what was going on there"

● Western Cape Civic Association members in Khayelitsha last night decided to defy the 9pm to 4am curfew imposed on the township

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## Negotiations on public service

By DREW FOREST <sup>12/11</sup> - <sup>6/12/90</sup>  
PUBLIC service staff associations and unions representing hundreds of thousands of workers were locked in meetings with the Commission for Administration throughout this week in the first moves towards a new labour dispensation for state employees

State workers are currently covered by the Public Service Act, which makes no provision for union recognition or bargaining. Sources said the current consultations, involving Cosatu's National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union, Nactu's National Union of Public Service Workers and the non-aligned Health Workers' Union, as

well as recognised staff bodies, aimed to create a forum in which substantive negotiations could take place. Cosatu has repeatedly urged the inclusion of state workers in the Labour Relations Act.

Recognition and short-term organising rights, such as stop-orders, were also being debated. The sources said that in order to offset the greater membership of the staff associations, the Cosatu, Nactu and non-aligned union participants would seek to forge a common front.

● Nehawu this week reported what may be the first labour dispute involving SADF employees. About 70 general workers at the 113 Battalion camp near Phalaborwa were fired for refusing to fill in certain forms, it said. It said senior officers at the camp had refused to talk to the union because the workers were not covered by the LRA.

# Dealer awarded R20 000 by Vlok

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**A POTCHEF-STROOM** businessman who was unlawfully arrested, assaulted and had electric shocks administered on his private parts allegedly by the police three years ago, has been awarded R20 000 damages by the Minister of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok in an out-of-court settlement.

Mr Daniel Nomcoiya,

**By Monk Nkomo**

a motor car dealer of Ikageng township, initially claimed R50 000 damages from Vlok and two police officers - Sergeant Ivan Van Wyk and Constable Pheiffer - both of whom were based at the Potchefstroom police station.

In his particulars of claim, Nomcoiya said he was arrested on July 24 1987 and detained for two days. His car was confiscated by the police.

He said during his

detention he was assaulted, kicked and a black bag pulled over his head. Electric shocks were also administered on his body including his private parts.

Despite the fact that a Potchefstroom magistrate, Mr AP Bezuidenhout, granted him bail of R200 during his absence the day he was arrested, police refused to release him until three days later.

He appeared in the local magistrate court a day after his release. No

charges were put before him and the case against him was withdrawn.

Nomcoiya's lawyer, Mr David Bam, of Stegmanns, a firm of attorneys in Pretoria, yesterday confirmed that the Minister of Law and Order offered to pay R20 000 damages and legal costs last week Thursday - hours before the matter was scheduled to be heard in the Pretoria Supreme Court.

Vlok made the offer without accepting responsibility for what may have happened to Nomcoiya.



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# Cops silent on hunt for 7 ANC spies

POLICE have taken note of the alleged infiltration of at least seven ANC spies into the security forces as part of Operation Vula but would not confirm or deny the infiltration.

This followed weekend reports of a spy hunt in intelligence and security forces to unmask seven ANC and Communist Party double agents.

Ministry of Law and Order spokesman Captain Craig Kotze said yesterday such infiltration was "hypothetically" possible but the police were continually on the alert for this kind of activity as were all security agencies worldwide.

He said counter-intelligence was constantly in progress and the police have in the past uncovered several agents infiltrated by the ANC.

The South Africa Police, however, had excellent mechanisms to counter the infiltration of spies.

Kotze said the ANC has never succeeded beyond infiltrating "low-level" spies.

"History is on our side because we have uncovered these low-level spies in the past," he said.

Kotze added that police investigation into Operation Vula was on-going and as more information was uncovered, it would be followed up.

"It is a tribute to black, Indian and Coloured policemen and women, who are often subjected to organised campaigns of intimidation and murder, that the overwhelming majority remained steadfastly committed to the SAP," he said - *Sowetan Correspondent*

# Cop sentenced to seven years' jail

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A 21-year-old policeman, who was convicted of culpable homicide after the death of a black man, was yesterday sentenced in the Rand Supreme Court to seven years' imprisonment.

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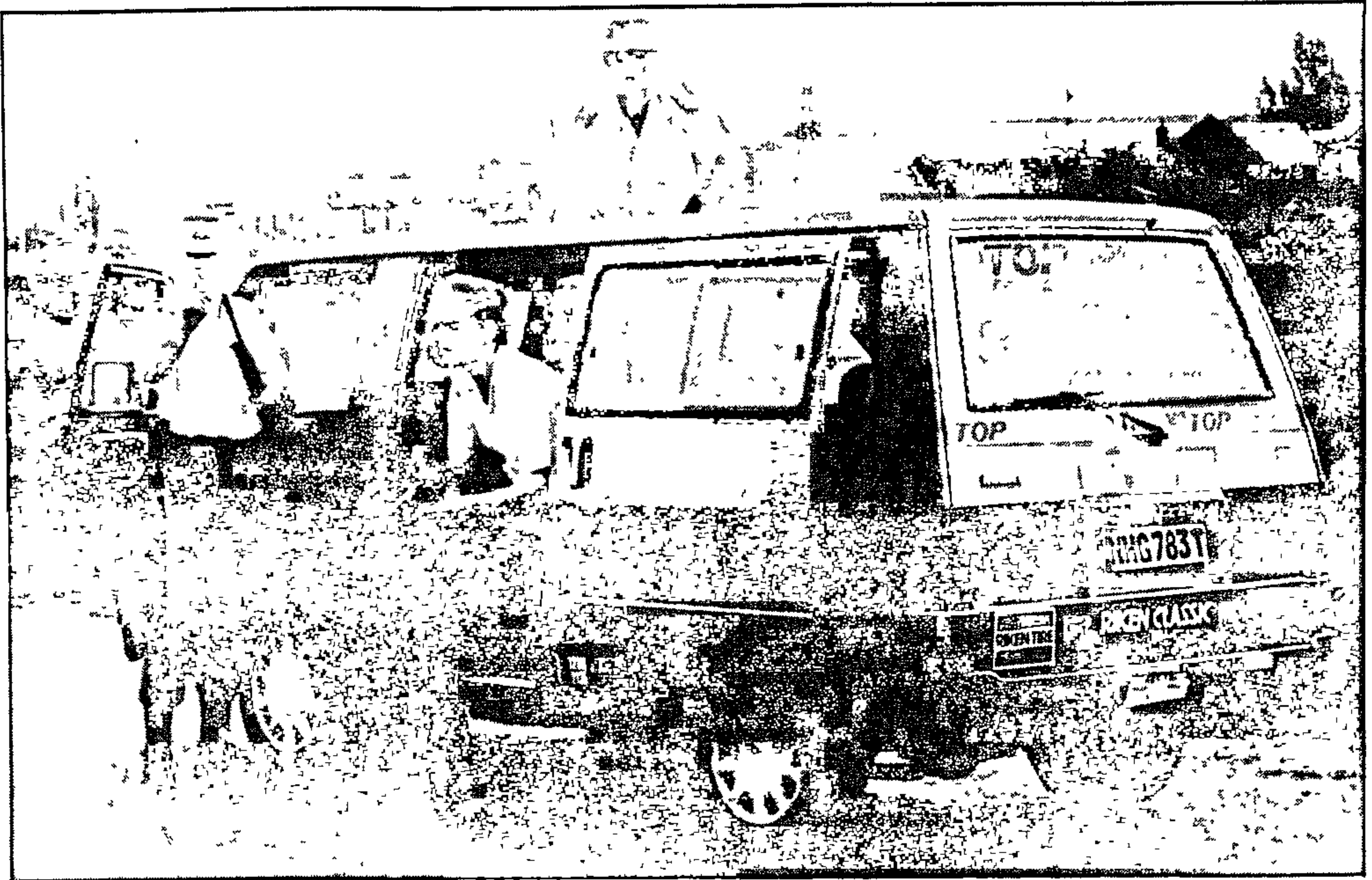
"He must have known how careful a policeman has to be in his difficult task to get answers from a suspect. His duty was to

protect people and to treat suspects reasonably."

The judge noted that Ndaba had not been taken to a nearby clinic. He referred to Olivier's good family background and how well he had done at school and in his career until the crime then said: "One must also think of the widow who went from police station to police station trying to find out what had happened. She is left with three small children and no husband

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Just you dare . . . A policeman next to a minibus with TopSport stickers threatens to shoot Star photographer Alf Kumalo at Zeph Mothopeng's funeral at the weekend.

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## Miners down tools over missing worker

By Brendan Templeton

Libanon mine in the western Transvaal came to a standstill yesterday when 6 000 workers downed tools over the mysterious disappearance of a colleague at the mine

Workers suspect he was murdered underground

The National Union of Mine-workers (NUM) said management had dragged its feet over Mokhameleli Ntoko, who went missing in May

Mine security, police and army personnel were forcing workers underground at gunpoint, the union said.

This week Goldfields spokesman Michael de Kok denied the charges and said an intensive search for the missing man had been conducted above and

below ground.

"Mine property has been available to protect workers who wanted to work and at no point has anybody been forced at gunpoint to work"

The NUM demanded the dismissal of three mine officials. The union said management had admitted that the day after Mr Ntoko's went missing, he was clocked in by a mine captain after being told to go to work early for repair work

Mr Ntoko's computerised identity card was found at the mine's crush office and his lamp was discovered underground. They said his tool case was also found hidden underground

Mr de Kok would not discuss the issue further. "At present, Goldfields are engaged in talks with the union," he said

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## SABC to probe TopSport logo on police van at funeral

By Thabo Leshilo

The SABC is to investigate the use of stickers bearing the logo of the television sports programme, TopSport, on a police minibus at the funeral service of PAC president Zeph Mothopeng on Saturday

The policemen allegedly hindered the funeral procession and threatened mourners as well as Alf Kumalo, a photographer from The Star

Kumalo said he was taking pictures of the policemen when one of them threatened to shoot him if he continued. Sensing trouble, Kumalo moved out of the policemen's sight

The SABC said in a state-

ment "The SABC is not aware of the fact that TopSport stickers, such as the one displayed on the police minibus, are being used by people who are not employed by TopSport"

"Although the SABC is of the opinion that the stickers were not on the police vehicle to make it appear as a TopSport vehicle or disguise it, the matter will be investigated and also followed up with the SAP"

Soweto police spokesman Colonel Tienie Halgryn said the matter was being investigated. However, he could not say much before discussing the matter today with the regional commissioner of Soweto police, General Johan Swart

## Man jailed for 7 years over sh

Court Reporter

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the Minister of Law and  
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sioner of Police after his  
alleged abduction in  
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# 'Hit squads' report out soon

Pretoria Bureau

The report of the Harms Commission into alleged hit squad activities involving the South African Police and the SA Defence Force's now-disbanded Civil Co-operation Bureau is to be released within a few days.

A spokesman for the Department of Justice said in Pretoria today no date had been set for its release.

Appointed by President de Klerk earlier this year, the commission, under the chairmanship of Mr. Justice Harms, sat for 53 days in Pretoria and London to take evidence.

## Police ordered to pay court costs

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By CARMEL RICKARD, Durban  
POLICE are to pay the costs of a Supreme Court application brought against them by African National Congress military trainee, John Fonono Mchunu, following allegations of abduction and torture which are being investigated by the Attorney-General.

Mchunu was picked up by police in September and allegedly held for some time against his will, after initially being interrogated by police at Kings Park rugby stadium.

He claims he escaped after being kept by a group of "askans" — former ANC trainees who have since joined the police — in Pietermaritzburg, and then went into hiding before emerging in the United States consulate in Durban, seeking refuge.

At the time regional commissioner Ignatius Coetzee claimed Mchunu had helped the police voluntarily. (251) (252)

However, when the matter came to court yesterday, the police submitted no reply to Mchunu's claims and withdrew their opposition to the order against them being made final.



# Van Eck calls for police chief's suspension

By ANTHONY JOHNSON  
Political Correspondent

CLAREMONT MP Mr Jan van Eck last night called for the suspension of Western Cape police commissioner General Flip Fourie while a "blatant untruth" was investigated.

He told a rally at Claremont Civic Centre that the reasons forwarded by General Fourie for his (Mr Van Eck's) arrest in Khayelitsha last week — that he was seen addressing a crowd of about 100 people, with more approaching — was a "lie".

Mr Van Eck said he had "dozens" of eye-witnesses, including the deputy mayor of Cape Town, Mr Frank van der Velde, and various clergymen who were present, to prove that General Fourie's allegation was not true.

"In view of these facts I want to call

on the State President tonight to suspend General Fourie from his post until an independent commission of inquiry has investigated his allegation that I was addressing people illegally."

Although the SAP had stated that they would no longer comment on his allegations regarding security force action, he nevertheless wished to make some "serious comments" on the police and their actions.

He said that while police appeared to be adopting a less political profile since February 2, events of the past few weeks in Khayelitsha and Old Crossroads indicated that they were "falling back into their former highly politicised role".

Mr Van Eck said recent attacks on him by General Fourie indicated that the Western Cape Commissioner "has lost all neutrality".

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# Rockman trial resumes

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Court Reporter

**SACKED** rebel police lieutenant Mr Gregory Rockman assaulted a riot policeman by striking him on the back of the head, the Cape Town Magistrate's Court heard yesterday

Mr Rockman, 31, faces charges of attending an illegal gathering and assaulting Constable Werner Swart at the Parade on March 28

Constable Swart said that he and other Riot Unit members were restraining a demonstrating crowd when he felt a blow to the back of his head

Colonel G J Barbour of the Stellenbosch police told the court he had been at the Parade on the day of the incident and saw a "member of the public" grab Constable Swart from behind and pull him back causing his cap to drop off his head. He said he recognised the man as Lieutenant Rockman, whom he had met.

The hearing was adjourned to January 23 and Mr Rockman's bail of R200 was extended.

The magistrate was Mr D J Oosthuyzen. Mr H Steyn was the prosecutor and Mr M Parker appeared for Mr Rockman.

# GOSSIP STABBER ACCIDENT

By SOPHIE TENA

AN eyewitness was stabbed and died soon after he had confronted a municipal policeman who had knocked down a 59-year-old woman in a hit-and-run accident in Alexandra Township on Wednesday night.

A municipal policeman has been arrested in connection with the killing of Klaas Boves Khumalo, 30. The woman, Lettie Maleka, was admitted to Themisa Hospital in a serious condition.

Witwatersrand police liaison officer Eugene Opperman confirmed the incident and said "It is alleged the man was knocked down by a marked police vehicle at about 6pm on Wednesday. Eyewitness Khumalo followed the vehicle and allegedly confronted the policeman.

"The policeman produced a knife and stabbed Khumalo in the chest. Khumalo feared for his life and was trying to drive away from the scene when shots were allegedly fired at his car. He lost control of the car, which overturned."

Gertrude Khumalo, the grandmother of the dead man, said her son Siphon told her he, Klaas and two others had gone to collect money from a certain house.

When they arrived at the house Joseph got out of the car and entered the house while the other three remained in the car.

A police van approached, travelling at high speed, and ran over a pedestrian. The driver of the van did not stop, and Klaas and his two friends decided to follow the van. They managed to stop it and told the driver he had run over a person. An argument ensued. The policeman then drew a knife and stabbed Klaas in the chest. Another man who was with the policeman drew a pistol.

A bullet hit the boot and penetrated the petrol tank as the men tried to escape. Klaas lost control of the car and it overturned. Siphon and Norman ran away. Later Klaas's uncle, Michael "Mullie" Boves, went to the scene where he found Klaas lying dead. He found a bullet shell at the scene, which he handed to police.

Police have made no further arrests.

## Special constable held after hit-and-run incident in Alexandra



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Michael Boves... his nephew found the body of the victim in the car.



# Police to pay legal costs after torturing ANC man

By S'BU MNGADI

POLICE were this week ordered to pay ANC guerrilla Fonono John Mchunu's legal costs after he lodged an interdict demanding police stop harassing, abducting and torturing him.

Natal Attorney-General Mike Imber's office is already investigating allegations of abduction and torture against certain members of the Security Branch, including Askaris - former ANC members who joined the police.

When the matter came before Judge Wilson this week, police submitted no reply to Mchunu's allegations and withdrew their opposition to the order against them being made final.

Mchunu's attorney Kwenza Mlaba later told *City Press* that he had received a letter from the police saying they wished to investigate Mchunu's allegations and asking Mchunu to make a statement to them about his alleged abduction and assault.

According to affidavits, Mchunu and his friend David Shezi were picked up by security policemen, assisted by Askaris, in Durban on September 5 this year.

Shezi was released later that day, but Mchunu was allegedly held at private homes in Durban and Maritzburg until he escaped on September 23. The homes were occupied by Askaris, some of whom he knew from military training camps in Angola.

He went into hiding before emerging at the American consulate in Durban on October 1, seeking refuge.

Mchunu left the consulate that afternoon after obtaining a Supreme Court interdict barring the police from harming him in any way.

Mchunu's version of his "arrest" contradicted information given to the Durban Supreme Court by a senior Security Branch member, who claimed Mchunu was not held after 11:30pm on September 5.

Col Andrew Taylor said Mchunu was released that day, and that Sgt Aubrey Mngadi had taken Mchunu to his home in Lamontville, Durban.

Wilson ordered an inquiry into why security policemen had not interrogated their suspects in a police station, but took them for questioning to Kings Park stadium.

In his founding affidavit, Mchunu said for the duration of his "detention" he was handcuffed and shackled.

He claimed he was interrogated and tortured on several occasions.

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# Boy shot in power demo

A NINE-YEAR-OLD boy was killed and 10 people injured in Atteridgeville, Pretoria, yesterday morning in a confrontation between police and demonstrators over an electricity switch-off, according to medical superintendent of Kalafong hospital, Dr Margaret Kelly.

But, Pretoria police liaison officer Captain R Bloomberg said the boy's body was taken to Kalafong hospital at 8.20am and police only went into Atteridgeville at 8.50am.

A man was shot in the leg and several people were injured when police used birdshot and teargas after demonstrators threw stones and petrol bombs at police, said Bloomberg.

Dr Kelly said the boy was certified dead on arrival at the hospital. She would not give the cause of death. Most of those hurt had slight injuries.

Witnesses said the shooting occurred

after demonstrators defiantly restored electricity to their homes in the township. Police had apparently tried to stop them doing so.

A witness said she saw residents carrying a bleeding youth to a waiting car in the township. It appeared he had been shot in the stomach, she said.

She also saw police drive off in a burning vehicle after it was apparently petrol-bombed by demonstrators. Teargas was fired at the demonstrators as they engaged in running battles with police, the witness added.

Electricity was disconnected for the second time last week after the Pretoria Supreme Court dismissed with costs an application by the Atteridgeville/Saulsville Residents' Organisation seeking to stop Atteridgeville Town Council from disconnecting power. - Sapa

## Report dismisses hit squad claims

PRETORIA — The McNally Committee has dismissed the allegations by Death Row prisoner Butana Almond Nofemela and former police captain Dirk Coetzee that they were members of a police hit squad. *B. J. 12/11/90*

Free State Attorney General Tim McNally and SAP CID chief Lt-Gen Alwyn Conradie said in a report that, according to available evidence, Nofemela's allegations were untrue.

They added that it was "difficult to attach any value to Coetzee's allegations and utterances".

They signed the report in November 1989, but it was released only on Saturday.

Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee said the report of the Harms Commission, which also investigated the allegations, was still

under consideration by government.

He considered it advisable to make the McNally report available since information contained in the report might be relevant in pending legal proceedings.

The committee investigated Nofemela's allegations that he had, as an SAP hit squad member, assassinated Durban lawyer Griffiths Mxenge and performed cross-border operations to assassinate ANC members. *(251)*

The committee dismissed Coetzee, Nofemela's immediate police commander, as unreliable. He had not made himself available to supply full information to the committee, the report said, and it found he was not trustworthy as a source of confirmation for the allegations. — Sapa.



# Van Eck praises police behaviour

Staff Reporter

RESTRAINED police behaviour at the funeral on Saturday of a boy shot dead in Khayelitsha recently was praised yesterday by DP MP Mr Jan van Eck.

The funeral was that of 13-year-old Wandisile Nomaxhayi, one of at least eight people who died last month when police and some other unidentified men used firearms against opponents of the present local government system, many of whom had gathered in large numbers in the streets.

Yesterday Mr Van Eck said whoever was in charge of the police on Saturday should be complimented for the restrained way his men had behaved.

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# Police silent on PAC 'spy'

POLICE could not comment yesterday whether alleged economist and suspended member of the Pan Africanist Congress "Dr" Siphon Selby Dlamini was one of their spies.

By MATSHUBE  
MFOLOE

Spokesman for the Ministry of Law and Order Brigadier Leon Mellet yesterday denied knowledge of Dlamini, saying police neither revealed

nor commented on "individual's activities related to spying".

He, however, confirmed "police use spies and do make use of so-called agents", but stressed: "We do it within the law . its not illegal".

The PAC suspended Dlamini last Friday, claiming they had discovered he was a police spy and a "brilliant" agent

Dlamini, also known as Dr Ali Mohammed or Dr Ali Nkomo, caused a stir last month when he announced his defection from the ANC, claiming he was disillusioned with the organisation's policy and lack of consultation.



SIPHON DLAMINI

The ANC denied he was a member of the organisation and that he was tipped for a senior position in their economic department.

In a statement the PAC said its intelligence department had put Dlamini under surveillance



Lt Gen Lothar Neethling, left, outside the Rand Supreme Court yesterday with former Police Commissioner Mike Geldenhuys who gave evidence in the R1,5m defamation claim brought by Neethling against Vrye Weekblad and the Weekly Mail. Picture ROBERT BOTHA

# Report on police general was shocking, court is told

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SUSAN RUSSELL

FORMER SAP Commissioner Mike Geldenhuys told the Rand Supreme Court yesterday he was shocked when he saw a Vrye Weekblad report alleging that police forensics expert Lt-Gen Lothar Neethling had supplied poison to Dirk Coetzee to poison ANC activists.

Geldenhuys was giving evidence in a R1,5m defamation claim brought by Neethling against Vrye Weekblad and the Weekly Mail in the wake of articles containing claims by Coetzee that the general had manufactured and supplied him with poison to eliminate victims of a covert police hit squad.

Neethling is suing Vrye Weekblad for R1m in connection with two articles it published in November and December 1989 which broke the hit squad story and contained allegations of his involvement.

He is suing the Weekly Mail for an article containing a similar allegation which was published during the last week of November 1989.

Neethling claims the articles defamed him because, from the allegations, readers would be led to believe he was the leader of an illicit criminal organisation which committed murders and that he prepared and supplied poisons to murder or attempt to murder individuals.

Both newspapers are defending the action on the grounds of truth and public benefit.

Coetzee, who is in exile, has already

given evidence on commission on behalf of Vrye Weekblad and Weekly Mail.

Geldenhuys told the court yesterday he knew nothing about any police death squads.

He also testified that when he was head of the security section of the SAP it had not been policy to assassinate people.

It was police procedure when dealing with cases of terrorism to investigate them and take them before the courts.

Neethling had been appointed a lieutenant-general on his recommendation, Geldenhuys said.

## Moral standards

He also told the court Neethling had not been connected in any operational way with the security police, and it had definitely not been part of his function to supply poisons to members of the force.

Geldenhuys said he had reacted with shock when reading the Vrye Weekblad report containing Coetzee's allegations.

"I could not believe it," he told the court.

He said he would never have appointed Neethling a lieutenant-general if he had had any doubts about him. It was no secret, Geldenhuys said, that Neethling was an outstanding officer.

"There is absolutely nothing that can be said about this man's moral standards," he said.

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# General denies police took part in killings

By Brendan Templeton

Former Chief Commissioner of Police General Mike Geldenhuys denied in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday that police were ever involved in the bombing and murder of anti-apartheid activists

He was giving evidence in the case in which the Chief Deputy Commissioner of the SAP, Major-General Lothar Neethling, is claiming R1,5 million in damages from Vrye Weekblad and the Weekly Mail

General Neethling claims he was defamed by articles published last year in the newspapers, which are alleged to have said he supplied poison to former police captain Dirk Coetzee for use against ANC activists

The newspapers have denied the articles were defamatory. Failing that, they were the truth published in the public interest

Earlier, a close friend of General Neethling, Matthys Pieterse, agreed with counsel R D Levine, SC, that it was necessary that the public be informed about charges against the police involving death squads, particularly after Death Row prisoner Almond Nofomela said in a sworn statement he had been a member of a death squad under Captain Coetzee.

General Geldenhuys also agreed this was necessary, "but at the right time and to the right people"

Mr Coetzee's allegations should have been taken to the police before being published so that they could be investigated properly, he said

Mr Levine asked him if it was not asking too much that one could expect an organisation to investigate allegations for which it was supposedly responsible

General Geldenhuys said if an officer refused to investigate allegations, there was always someone higher up in the force who would be willing to open an investigation

He knew General Neethling as a person of high moral prin-

ciples. If an officer approached the general asking for poison with which to kill someone, he would have immediately reported the incident.

Mr Pieterse said he regarded General Neethling very highly. The general was a fully fledged member of the Academy of Science and Art, and was respected worldwide as an authority on forensics

He said he spoke only once to the general about the allegations against him

"He said 'Yes, they have said all types of things against me and I must defend myself and clear my case'"

General Neethling's counsel, Willie Oshry, QC, earlier drew the court's attention to "irregularities" in Mr Coetzee's statements published in Vrye Weekblad on November 17 and December 1 last year

Mr Oshry told Mr Justice Kriegler that Mr Coetzee had changed his statement concerning the dosage of poison he allegedly received from the general.

The case continues.

# Lubowski 'desperate for money'

THE Harms Commission believes assassinated Swapo national executive member Anton Lubowski became an agent of South Africa's Military Intelligence Directorate (MI) because he needed the money.

He was recruited, it says, in the first half of 1989 while "desperately seeking funds to keep his overdrawn bank account below the limit allowed by the bank".

The recruitment had taken place because Mr Lubowski had access to Swapo "and because he was particularly vulnerable through having lived far above his income".

Mr Lubowski was said to be so desperate that in June last year MI paid him R100 000 in advance, contrary to normal procedure.

Three months later he was dead.

The commission says Mr Lubowski could have been killed by any organisation and not necessarily by the Civil Co-operation Bureau (CCB), although

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this is not ruled out. "The CCB was suspected of the murder," says Mr Justice Louis Harms. "Without suggesting that the CCB was responsible... the facts do not show that the CCB was not responsible for the act."

The judge says Minister of Defence General Magnus Malan erred in disclosing to Parliament that it was believed Mr Lubowski was working for MI "because the mere disclosure compromised certain existing information channels".

He added: "Insofar as the statement was meant to convey that the fact that the deceased was an MI agent is proof of the fact that the SADF was not involved in his death, the premises are wrong."

"The CCB was suspected of the murder. The CCB acted independently of MI. MI probably did not even know of the CCB's existence."

"The CCB, in its turn, had no direct access to MI. Without suggesting that the CCB was re-

sponsible, the facts do not show that the CCB was not responsible for the act."

The 15-page section on "the so-called Lubowski case" retraces the events which followed Mr Lubowski's murder in Windhoek on September 12 1989.

These included working closely with officials of the Namibian Justice Department, the Lubowski family and legal representatives, taking evidence from other parties, and obtaining bank documentation.

The commission was empowered by President de Klerk to look into allegations that Mr Lubowski had been a paid agent of the SADF — which resulted in the SADF applying for "utmost secrecy" to be maintained during the inquiry. This involved a request for an in camera hearing.

Mr Justice Harms agreed to this because existing information systems could have been jeopardised, and the freedom or lives of agents exposed to danger.

On April 27 this year, the Lubowski family decided to withdraw from the proceedings because the commission's terms of reference did not include an investigation into the death of Mr Lubowski.

According to Mr Justice Harms, an amount of R100 000 was paid to Mr Lubowski in three instalments during June last year. Documentation had been signed by members of MI, and the company, Global Capital Investments, had been used "as a front by MI in several transactions".

Some of the money was channelled through Paradiso Trust, to which Mr Lubowski had sole signing rights.

Mr Justice Harms says that "it is certain beyond any doubt that money that had its source in MI was paid to Mr Lubowski or in favour of him. The facts are indisputable..."

He comments that Mr Lubowski's death was a severe setback to MI. □



# Webster theory 'mere suspicion'

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THERE is a suspicion that the Civil Co-operation Bureau may have been involved in the murder of Dr David Webster, says Mr Justice Louis Harms.

But he makes the point that this is "mere suspicion" and should not be regarded as a fact. "The CCB has done nothing to allay this suspicion," he adds. The judge says the SA Police wrongfully arrested various people in connection with the crime, which took place in Johannesburg on May 1 last year, and says the provisions of Section 29 of the Internal Security Act were abused.

## Refused

Brigadier Floris Mostert, commander of special investigations on the Rand, testified he was in possession of "reliable information" relating to the murder.

"Brigadier Mostert refused the commission access to his files because to his mind the matter did not fall within the commission's terms of reference. In due course, officers of

the commission did inspect the police docket. I was told that the docket contained no information to support the allegations quoted," said Mr Justice Harms.

Brigadier Mostert had not been able, while testifying, to produce facts which pointed to the CCB being the perpetrators.

The commission summonsed detainees, and Mr Justice Harms adds: "I may just add that there is little doubt in my mind that the detention, also of these persons, under Section 29 was without grounds."

Documents were searched for, but nothing was found.

"It appeared relevant documentation had either been destroyed or concealed by members of the CCB intervention by the State President, Minister of Defence and the Chief of the Defence Force was to no avail."

Those responsible for the disappearance are said to be Joe Verster, CCB managing director, and Braam Celliers and Christo Brits (both code names) □

# Rick Turner probe dropped

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THE Harms Commission has decided not to continue with its investigations into the murder of Natal academic Dr Rick Turner because of a lack of facts "and other clues."

Mr Justice Harms says, however, that there are two suspects — former Bureau for State Security (BOSS) spy Martin Doinchek and an unidentified man described "as a so-called rightist political activist."

Dr Turner was murdered at his home in Durban on January 8 1978 after having been restricted in terms of the Suppression of Communism Act

## Investigate

"His mother requested that the commission investigate his death (as) she believes the State to be responsible for her son's death," says the Harms report.

"She furnished no facts to substantiate this, but she did append a report by a private detective he reported that 'at this stage I have no evidence in-

dicating that a member of any of the governmental agencies could possibly be suspected'."

Mr Justice Harms says Doinchek "was involved in the Seychelles invasion and was, there, sentenced to imprisonment."

"He is not available to give evidence and in an interview with the deceased's mother, he did not furnish her with any useful information."

"A second suspect is known as a so-called rightist political activist who was in 1979 convicted of offences relating to his political persuasions."

Allegations linking the man to the Turner murder "led nowhere"

● The commission found there was nothing sinister about two SA Defence Force lieutenants trespassing on the Verwoerd-burg property of human rights lawyer Brian Currin.

The report said the men had been investigating the illegal use of an SADF vehicle which had been stopped near Mr Currin's property. □



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# Ribeiro murders — finger points to CCB

**RESPONSIBILITY** for the 1986 murders of Mameloch activists Dr Fabian Ribeiro and his wife, Florence has been laid at the doors of the Civil Co-operation Bureau.

The Harms Commission has found that SADF employee Noel John Robey might have been involved "in an official capacity" along with two black men, and that top officials of the CCB authorised the payment of Robey's legal expenses. One was Colonel Joe Verstler, managing director of the CCB,

who did not turn up" to give evidence about the Ribeiro murders.

Mr Justice Harms has referred the matter to the Attorney-General for further investigation into Mr Robey's involvement.

The judge reveals for the first time that lawyers acting for the CCB had offered a potential fe-

male witness free legal representation.

The unidentified woman, said in the report to be the "Tancee" of former CCB operative Willie van Deventer, had told communist officers she knew about the Ribeiro killings and "as she refused to divulge the information, it was decided to subpoena her and to ascertain in camera

whether in fact she had such knowledge".

Mr Justice Harms adds that the CCB attorney approached her and she accepted the offer of free legal representation.

"Just before the examination, it was pointed out to the attorney there was at least a potential conflict of interest between his client and the witness. He

withdrew and she then denied under oath that she had any knowledge of any activities of the CCB or that she had any knowledge of the Ribeiro murders," the judge said.

Mr Robey, now believed to be living in England, was found by Mr Justice Harms to have been a member of the CCB "at all material times."

Evidence given during a pre-paratory examination into the killings was that the Ribeiro couple were shot, probably by two black people, on December 1 1986, and that the killers had driven off in a red Opel car. This was followed by witnesses who saw the occupants get into a Land Rover and a white man into the Opel before driving off.

The Land Rover was found to be registered in the name of N J Robey.

"An identification parade was held but Robey was not identified. The persons who were identified had beards, Robey was clean-shaven. Previously (it is not known when), Robey had a beard," says the report. An investigation by commis-

sion officers found that Mr Robey had been a member of the CCB. "The CCB paid Mr Robey's legal expenses (and) this payment was authorised by the then-chairman of the CCB, General Joubert, and the managing director, Colonel Joe Verstler. "The administrator of the (CCB) funds and Colonel Verstler certified that the expenditure was incurred for bona fide activities in the pursuit of the organisation's aims," the judge says. □

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### The Harms Commission



The Harms Commission report, published yesterday, finds that members of the Civil Co-operation Bureau were involved in unlawful activities and absolves the South African Police of allegations they harboured hit squads. **NORMAN CHANDLER** reports on the conclusions of commission chairman Mr Justice Louis Harms

**T**HE covert Civil Co-operation Bureau gave itself the power to try, sentence and punish people, the Harms Commission has found.

Mr Justice Louis Harms also says in his report that it is more than likely that members of the CCB participated in crimes which did not form part of the commission hearings.

He also finds that Minister of Defence General Magnus Malan was politically responsible for his department, of which the CCB was a part.

The commission does not apportion blame to the Minister nor to General "Witkop" Badenhorst, at the time Chief of Military Intelligence.

In his 200-page report, covering CCB "sector six" operations and claims of a police hit squad — which he has found did not exist — Mr Justice Harms says: "The CCB arrogated to itself the powers to try, to sentence and to punish persons without the persons knowing of the allegations against them or having had the opportunity to defend themselves. The information on which the verdict is based is inherently suspect and untested."

"The penalty imposed is also out of proportion to what would have been imposed in a civil court."

These actions had "contaminated the whole security arm of the State", and the CCB's conduct before and during the commission "creates suspicions that they have been involved in

more crimes of violence than the evidence shows. These suspicions are not necessarily unfounded."

The CCB had its own political agenda which did not correspond to the "expressed agenda of the political authority."

There are also indications that the CCB puts its own interests and those of its members above the public interest or the interests of the State.

Mr Justice Harms says it is "normal" for a defence force to establish and make use of a covert organisation.

"The question that arises is who is responsible if the covert organisation or its members do not abide by the prescribed rules, or if they commit offences, the Minister of Defence is of course politically responsible for his department and that includes the CCB."

He says the commission's function did not include the nature and extent of political responsibility, and that the Minister's knowledge of the existence of the group "therefore did not concern the commission."

The judge says there was sufficient evidence to prove that the CCB — which is now being closed down as an operational unit — was responsible for a bomb incident as well as conspiracy to murder. These were the bombing of the Early Learning Centre at Athlone, Cape Town, and attempts on the lives of human rights lawyer Dullah Omar and journalist Gavin Evans.

In another incident, the life of

a Durban lawyer, T Mahlaba was threatened "by means of poison". The judge found this "appalling."

It had been argued that General Malan and, in particular General Badenhorst would have been aware of what was taking place.

Mr Justice Harms says his view was that "no alleged or proven misdeeds with which the CCB is charged were committed" during the period during which General Badenhorst was head of Military Intelligence.

"The fact that he knew how the authorisation procedure worked is of no consequence because, as he himself puts it, the authorisation procedure applied to all Special Forces operations."

There were also no facts available which indicated that General Malan, for instance, needed to be called as a witness before the commission — "in fact, a consultation with him (as with many other witnesses) did not produce anything of assistance to the commission," the judge adds.

By the same token, the commission had also not called for Minister of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok to give testimony. Lawyers for the Afrikaans weekly newspaper "Vrye Weekblad" and the Webster Trust had applied for Mr Vlok to take the stand after a witness claimed to have told Mr Vlok about the CCB.

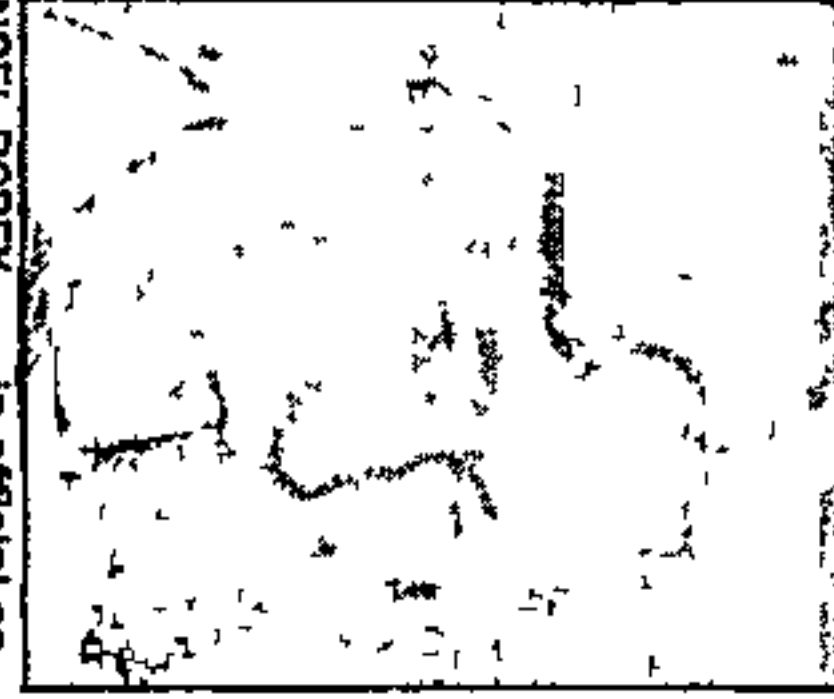
Mr Justice Harms found "the request bordered on the absurd and was therefore rejected." □



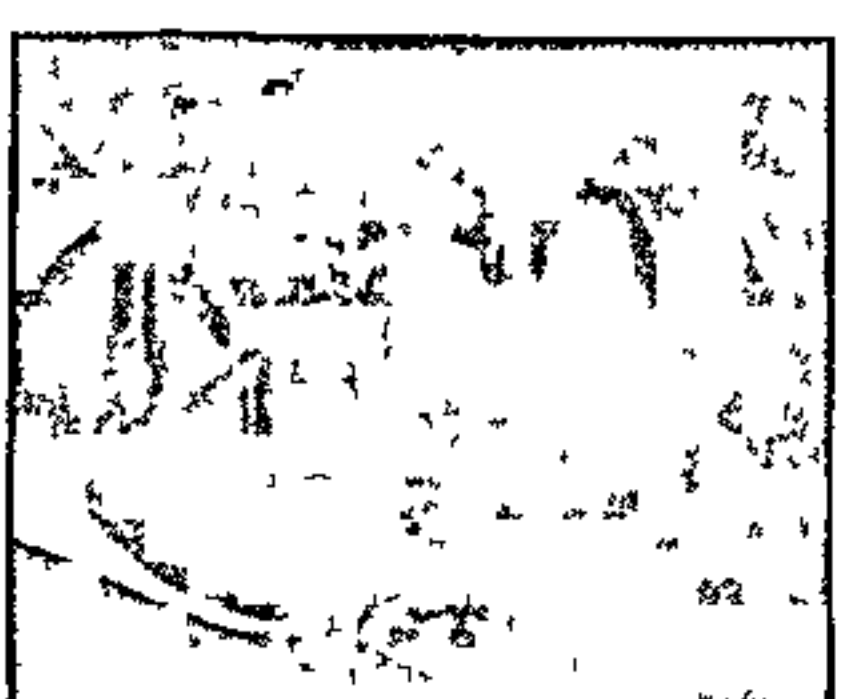
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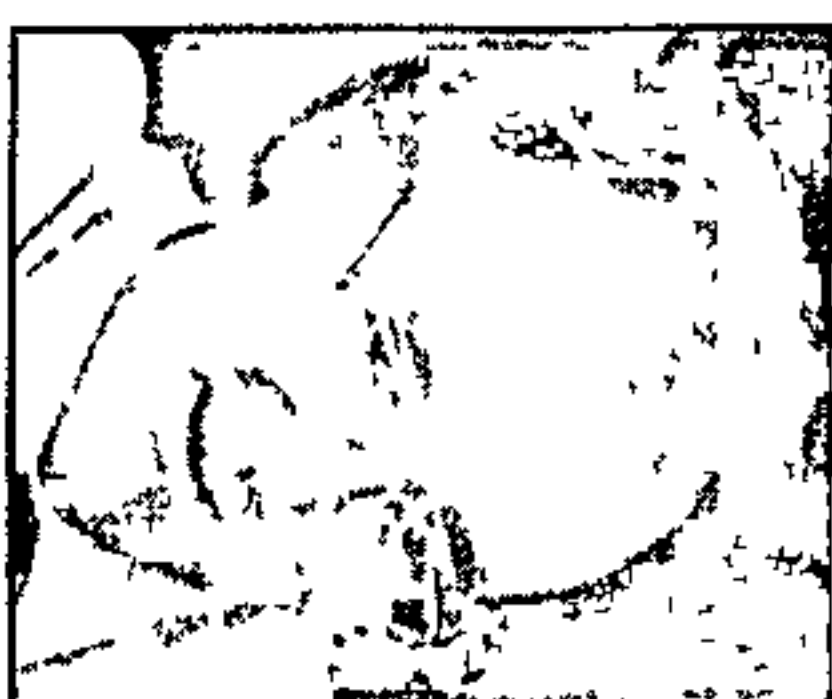
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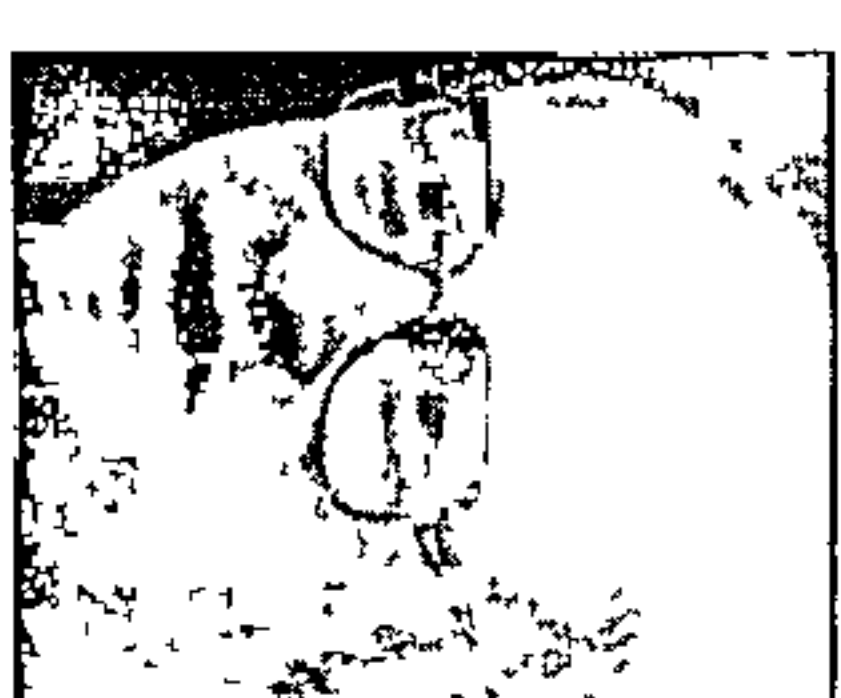
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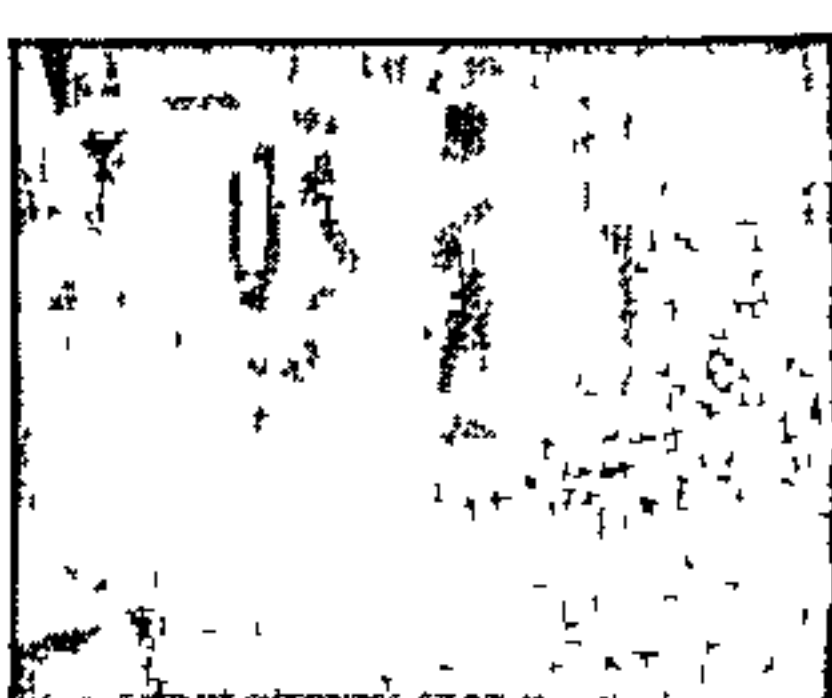
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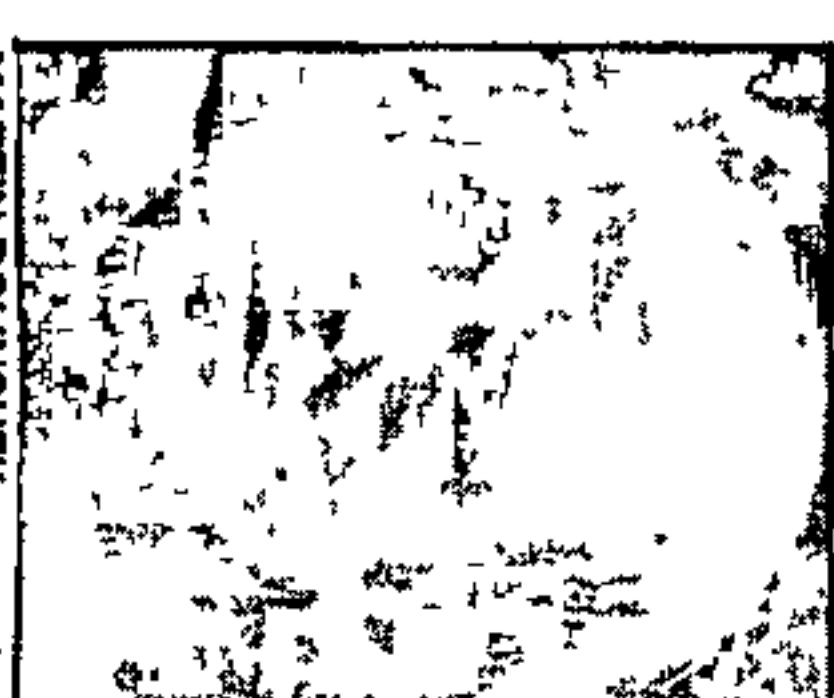
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Dirk Coetzee . . . described as psychopath

# Harms links CCB to murders, sabotage, bombings No hit squads in SAP

By Norman Chandler  
Pretoria Bureau

The Harms Commission of Inquiry into political killings says the Civil Co-operation Bureau (CCB) was implicated in the murder of at least two people and was involved in a bombing attack, sabotage, and a conspiracy to murder three other people

While Mr Justice Louis Harms found that the covert CCB, which was part of the SA Defence Force, had been involved in hit squad activities, he completely exonerated the SA Police for any similar actions

The 52-day hearing in Pretoria and London failed to support the bulk of allegations made by several individuals and organisations who had given evidence

## Spying

They had suggested, among other allegations, that the CCB was involved in the deaths of Pretoria left-wing supporters Dr and Mrs Fabian Ribeiro, Swapo national executive member Anton Lubowski and activist Dr David Webster

Mr Justice Harms found that Mr Lubowski, assassinated in Windhoek last September, had accepted R100 000 to spy for the

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Political Correspondent

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implicated in the murder of at least two people and was involved in a bombing attack, sabotage, and a conspiracy to murder three other people

While Mr Justice Louis Harms found that the covert CCB, which was part of the SA Defence Force, had been involved in hit squad activities, he completely exonerated the SA Police for any similar actions

The 52-day hearing in Pretoria and London failed to support the bulk of allegations made by several individuals and organisations who had given evidence

## Spying

They had suggested, among other allegations, that the CCB was involved in the deaths of Pretoria left-wing supporters Dr and Mrs Fabian Ribeiro, Swapo national executive member Anton Lubowski and activist Dr David Webster

Mr Justice Harms found that Mr Lubowski, assassinated in Windhoek last September, had accepted R100 000 to spy for the SADF's Military Intelligence Directorate, but he could not reach a decision on who had killed Dr Webster

The judge has pointed at CCB operative Noel James Robey — who has fled the country — as the suspect in the Ribeiro killings

Two Cabinet Ministers reacted yesterday to Mr Justice Harms's report.

Responsibility for CCB activities was not accepted by Minister of Defence Magnus Malan, while Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok said he was pleased the police had been exonerated

However the ANC yesterday announced it found inexplicable the Harms Commission's conclusions that the South African Police ran no hit squads

"As many of the victims of these secret police units testify, it is clear that such units continue to operate"

The ANC demanded General Malan be made accountable for the activities of his ministry and resign immediately

The judge's findings mean at least 12 people — accord-

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"This is clearly a case of employees or officials who, in the course of their service, committed crimes for which I or anyone else cannot be held responsible."

The SADF had come out of the affair with honour

The "five or six" people mentioned by General Malan were, according to testimony, former policemen alleged to be members of the CCB's region 6 cell, which operated in Johannesburg under the command of former Britton murder and robbery squad chief, Colonel Shaal Burger

## Suspicion

They included Abram "Slang" van Zyl, Calla Botha, Chappie Maree and Ferdi Barnard. Only Mr Maree did not give evidence

Mr Vlok, in his reaction, said he hoped "those who made allegations against the SAP or questioned its integrity, will accept the findings"

The Chief of the Defence Force, General "Kat" Liebenberg, said "applicable ac-



Gunned down... Dr Fabian Ribeiro and his wife Florence, who were shot dead in Mamelodi. The CCB is under suspicion and the judge listed the incident among those meriting "attention by attorneys-general".

tion" was being taken as far as the CCB and its members were concerned

The judge, in conclusion to his 201-page report, said it was "common cause that no hit squad was established at Vlakklaas, although members of Vlakklaas have been guilty of common-law offences. There is no evidence the CCB murdered Dr Webster. However, it was linked to other crimes of violence"

Mr Justice Harms said there had been "a basic lack of evidential material that might put some flesh on the bones" in regard to testimony given to him in general — "victims failed to furnish information. Willing, trustworthy witnesses did not come to the fore"

He, however, listed a number of incidents which he said "merited attention by attorneys-general"

These were the Ribeiro murders, the bombing of the Early Learning Centre in Athlone, Cape Town, con-

spiracy to murder journalist Gavin Evans and lawyers Dulla Omar and T Mhlaba, the theft of a motor car in the northern Cape, an arson incident in Yeoville, missing CCB documents, and perjury committed by a witness

Mr Justice Harms found that testimony on the existence of hit squads, given by convicted murderer and former policeman Alfred Nofemela had been fabricated, while evidence by former police captain Dirk Coetzee was rejected

Mr Coetzee was said by the judge to be a "psychopath"

But Mr Coetzee, now living in Lusaka, said today he would rather be "a psychopath with a clear conscience" than a security policeman with skeletons in his cupboard

Criticising the commission's findings, Mr Coetzee said "the truth" would eventually come out

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SUSAN RUSSELL

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He is suing Vrye Weekblad for R1m for two articles which appeared in November-December last year and Weekly Mail for a further R500 000 for an article which contained Coetzee's allegations.

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# Fines could spell doom for phone firms

MELANIE SERGEANT

HEFTY fines for owning illegal cordless phones, and the prospect of hundreds of job losses through the clampdown on sales, could force a number of dealers out of business.

With the granting of the

first cordless phone licence to TMSA, and new laws relating to owners and vendors of illegal models, owners can face fines of R2 000 and dealers R10 000

Direct response advertising company Homestar says it is not possible to trim the estimated R3 000 price tag of legal cordless phones. However, other methods of making the phones more affordable are being studied.

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# Police unit at Vlakplaas was not a hit squad, says finding

Blog 14/11/90 (251)

NO HIT squad was ever stationed at the Vlakplaas farm near Pretoria although police members at the unit were guilty of common law offences, the Harms Commission found in its report released yesterday.

Evidence showed that the Vlakplaas SA Police counter-insurgency unit was officially set up in September 1981 and comprised white handlers, black police members and "turned" ANC/PAC members known as Askaris.

Their task was to track down and identify insurgents who had infiltrated SA, and they fell under the control of the Security Branch head office.

Mr Justice Harms found there was "no indication that the aim and the purpose of the unit was formally altered".

Former Police Capt Dirk Coetzee, now an ANC member in exile, was the commander of the unit, situated on the farm near Erasmia, south-west of Pretoria, between July 1980 and December 1981.

Coetzee, together with former colleague and Death Row prisoner Almond Butana Nofemela, last year confessed to being a member of a police death or hit squad, which Coetzee said he led.

Among the murders in which the two claimed to have been involved was that of Durban lawyer Griffiths Mxenge, whose stabbed and mutilated body was found outside Umlazi Stadium near Durban in November 1981.

Coetzee's former gardener, and later a Vlakplaas member, David "Spyker" Tshikalanga, further corroborated some of

Coetzee's and Nofemela's allegations.

The commission found that although some of the incidents to which the three testified "undoubtedly took place", the police denied any involvement in the acts.

Mr Justice Harms said it would be difficult to prove the allegations in criminal proceedings as the evidence did not always corroborate with claims of the existence of a hit squad operating from Vlakplaas.

The commission found there was a general probability that members of the SAP might have committed violent crimes for political ends, especially in the light of both the ANC and PAC — whose members were regarded as legitimate targets — having declared war on the SAP and SADF.

Mr Justice Harms said Coetzee had shown strong psychopathic tendencies.

Meanwhile, Law and Order Department spokesman Brig Leon Mellet said yesterday the SAP would not stop using anti-insurgency "experts".

He said even though Vlakplaas had been converted to a training base, the SAP still required an anti-insurgency capability and was now operating such a force on a countrywide basis.

Mellet said former Vlakplaas members of the unit had been integrated into other sections of the SAP and were being trained for use in all aspects of police work.

He announced that all former ANC or PAC guerrillas, known as "Askaris" and stationed at Vlakplaas, had subsequently joined the SAP.

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# No evidence of police hit squad or that Webster was killed by CCB

THE Harms Commission of Inquiry found there was no evidence of a state-sanctioned police hit squad at Vlakplaas and that the Civil Co-operation Bureau (CCB) was not responsible for the murder of Wits academic David Webster.

Mr Justice Louis Harms did, however, find that the CCB's actions had "contaminated the whole security arm of the state". Its members' conduct during the commission had not allayed any "not necessarily unfounded" suspicions that they were involved in more violent crimes.

The commission has been unable to achieve one of its main purposes, namely to restore public confidence in a part of the state administration, he concluded.

Yesterday's release of the commission's findings and recommendations was the culmination of more than six months of hearings, investigations and legal deliberations into alleged politically motivated murders and other violent crimes.

Mr Justice Harms, who chaired the commission, recommended that the various attorneys-general give attention to nine cases, eight of which had evidence pointing to CCB participation.

These were the murders of Mamelodi doctor Fabian Ribeiro and his wife Flor-ence; the bombing of the Early Learning Centre in Athlone near Cape Town, the plot

to kill Weekly Mail journalist Gavin Evans; conspiracy to murder Cape Town anti-apartheid advocate Dullah Omar; plans to murder Durban attorney Kwenza Mhlabi; the disappearance of CCB documentation; perjury on the part of CCB member Pieter Botes; and an arson incident in Yeoville.

The only case involving a member of the Vlakplaas unit which warranted further attention was the theft of a Hoffman Galeng's motor car near Vryburg by Death Row prisoner and former Vlakplaas member Almond Butana Nofemela.

Mr Justice Harms said no hit squad had been established at Vlakplaas, the base from which the Security Branch's insurgency identification and tracking unit operated. However, Vlakplaas members had been guilty of common law offences.

No recommendations concerning the CCB could be made as it was disbanded on July 30 and was the subject of a financial inquiry led by the Auditor-General.

Although the CCB was not linked to Webster's murder, members were responsible for other acts of violence. It was not likely that Webster's murder was an official CCB operation, but it was possible that Ferdi Barnard, a CCB Region 6 member who had "been put on ice" could have carried out the

assassination, Mr Justice Harms said. He said Verster, Region 6 co-ordinator Christo Brits, Region 6 administration manager Braam Cillier and member of another CCB region Shane du Plooy were vague, contradictory and untrustworthy witnesses. Former CCB members Willie van Deventer and Pieter Botes were also money and were even extortionalist.

Mr Justice Harms said there was no corroborating evidence regarding the CCB's involvement in the poisoning of SA Council of Churches (SACC) leader Rev Frank Chikane, the burning of student leader Arnon Roskarn's car, violent acts against Cosatu,

the Transport and General Workers' Union and other trade unions, or violent acts against the SACC and the SA Catholic Bishops' Conference.

The evidence of former Vlakplaas commander Dirk Coetzee, Nofemela and Vlakplaas member David "Spyker" Tshikalanga was suspect and contradictory.

Nofemela's testimony was seen in the light of his bid to save himself from the gallows, while Tshikalanga, an alcoholic,

joined in the false allegations as he was under Coetzee's influence. "There is no reason to prefer the evidence given by Coetzee, Nofemela and Tshikalanga (with their shortcomings), above that given by the respective members of the Security Police (with their shortcomings)," Mr Justice Harms said.

This did not mean the trio's evidence was untrue, but that the facts could not be established on the preponderance of possibilities.

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# Help to fight crime — join the police reserve

Crime Reporter

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PEOPLE are hitting back at criminals by finding ways to help combat crime in the Peninsula.

Keen on ensuring the safety of their homes and families, hundreds of men and women have become police reservists.

Reservists work a minimum of 16 hours a month at their nearest police station and perform charge-office or patrol duties, said police spokesman Captain Attie Laubscher.

Sometimes reservists also work at narcotics bureaus, the diamond and gold unit, detective branch, diving unit, commercial unit and security branch. A few reservists who are pilots serve in the police air wing.

The longest serving police reservist in the Western Cape, Mr Morris Rosenberg, 49, has done charge office duties at the Claremont police station for 25 years.

"Being a reservist is one way

of helping the community and it can also be fun and exciting," he said.

The first women reservists were appointed in February 1982 and there are now about 800 around the country.

Reservists are trained in and familiarised with police procedures to ensure they can perform routine police functions so that permanent members can work elsewhere, said Captain Laubscher.

Police urgently need aircraft owners who live in country areas to volunteer as reserve pilots in the police air wing, said the commander of the unit, Brigadier Bill van der Merwe.

The pilots — owners of helicopters or fixed-wing aircraft — take part in police tasks such as stock theft operations and searches.

Brigadier Van der Merwe said the pilots are paid for every hour they spend in the air.

Anyone who wants to become a reservist in the air wing is asked to telephone Brigadier Van der Merwe at (012) 322 9618.



# Nofomela 'dishonest'

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ALTHOUGH members of the police unit at Vlakplaas near Pretoria were guilty of common-law offences it was common cause that no hit-squad was established there, the Harms Commission of Inquiry found.

The commission's chairman, Mr Justice Louis Harms, said the police counter-insurgency unit was officially set up in September 1981 and was made up of white handlers, rehabilitated terrorists known as Askaris, and ordinary black members of the SA Police.

The operation fell under the control of the Security Branch head office and team members were to be used "exclusively to assist in tracking down, arresting and identifying terrorists".

Between July 1980 and December 1981 the unit was under the command of former police captain Dirk Coetzee who

left South Africa in November last year and joined the ANC.

Coetzee and Death Row prisoner Almond Butana Nofemela, also a former Vlakplaas member, were the two people most instrumental in the establishment of the Harms Commission due to their claims of police death or hit-squads.

Coetzee, in statements to the Afrikaans weekly *Vrye Weekblad* from Mauritius shortly after his departure from South Africa, "gave credibility" to allegations made by Nofemela on October 19 last year - the day before he was due to hang for the murder of a Brits farmer not related to the police operation.

The commission found Nofemela too was prepared to perjure himself if it suited him and had been rejected in his own trial as a mendacious and dishonest witness

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Nofemela

## DP condemns commission as a failure

Political Staff

CAPE TOWN — The Harms Commission must be judged a "failure" because it had not succeeded in establishing the truth about any substantial portion of unsolved political murders, the Democratic Party said last night.

DP law and order spokesman Tian van der Merwe said he believed facts about political murders were being covered up to protect political interests

"At the end of the day, the Harms Commission has been a failure because it has not succeeded in establishing the truth about any substantial portion of unsolved political murders, all of which were of opponents of the Government

"One would have to be a fool and extremely naive to believe the Government and pro-government forces did not have a very strong hand in this"

He found "astonishing" Presi-

dent de Klerk's statement that no Ministers were responsible for crimes committed by agents of the State and said it was "intolerable" that Defence Minister General Magnus Malan remained at his post.

"If the Harms Commission leads to a few selected members of the CCB being prosecuted and punished, while the responsible Minister gets away with his career intact, then that would be a travesty"

east, 84 percent full at this time last year, is down to 78 percent of capacity

Yesterday's Kroonstad meeting, attended by about 350 farmers, was called to

ning and walk up to 20 km along the bank, grazing and trampling crops. Tsesebe had raided his vegetable crops, and animals had trampled down fences.

Double damage . . . Farm mealie crop after thirsty hip

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## Police hunt for 'Vula' accused

Staff Reporters

Police in Durban are desperately looking for three men and a woman who have been implicated in "Operation Vula", an alleged plot by the South African Communist Party and the African National Congress to overthrow the Government.

The wanted four are Ronald ("Ronnie") Kasrils, Janet Love, alias Cathy McCarthy, alias Venessa Brown (33); Charles Takhele Ndaba (28) and Christopher Manye

Police in Johannesburg yesterday released to the

press photographs of the four, who are believed to be in hiding.

A press statement said the police in Durban were asking the public for help in establishing the whereabouts of the four, who are sought for the illegal importation of arms, ammunition and explosives into the country.

"The suspects are expected to be armed and extremely dangerous. They continuously make use of all sorts of disguises to hide their true identity," the statement said.

The ANC said the police description of the four as

"armed and extremely dangerous" was incitement for members of the public "to kill them on sight".

ANC spokesman Gill Marcus said yesterday's police statement was "all the more reprehensible" since it was made "in circumstances where the people involved were not in a position to speak for themselves".

The police statement said: "Rewards are offered for information leading to the arrest of these suspects and also for information leading to the recovery of arms, ammunition and explosives"



# WITNESSES TO MURDERS

By MONO BADELA,

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THE findings of the Harms Commission on death squads announced this week were stunning in what they failed to clarify — the unsolved murders of at least 50 anti-apartheid activists.

Human rights groups and lawyers acting for families of victims this week vowed to "keep open the files" on the murders; the mysterious disappearances of at least seven people and politically-motivated attacks that remained unsolved.

Mr Peter Harris, a spokesperson for the Independent Board of Inquiry into Internal Repression (IBIR), confirmed that evidence submitted to the Harms Commission and other investigations would be followed up and continued.

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He said the commission "had by no means conclusively dealt with the issue of death squads".

"The board believes that Judge Harms has chosen to ignore aspects of the evidence placed before him that a police squad operated beyond the law and committed a series of brutal and shocking acts.

"On the evidence placed before him, his conclusions are not warranted. We believe he has failed in his duty," Harris said.

Relatives of victims of death squads reacted bitterly to the findings.

### Unable

The Harms Commission was unable to do it so now I will have to wait for a government which is prepared to expose what the death squads got up to," said Mr Sipho Mtumkulu, whose 21-year-old son, Simphwe vanished mysteriously in the Eastern Cape eight years ago.

Siphwe's name cropped up repeatedly during the inquiry as being one of the activists kidnapped by death squads in Port Elizabeth.

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## 50 murders unsolved

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Mtumkulu said he had hoped the commission would at least divulge the whereabouts of his son.

"I haven't given up hope. One day I will find his bones and give him a decent burial," Mtumkulu said.

Mystery still surrounds the death of another Port Elizabeth activist, Sizwe Kondile, who was shot on the South African Swaziland border.

His grandmother, Mrs Hilda Kondile, said she was deeply disappointed at the findings.

Mrs Nyami Goniwe, widow of Cradock community leader Mathew Goniwe whose badly burnt body was found with those of three other activists in the Eastern Cape in 1986, is also hoping that her husband's killers will be identified.

Mrs Goniwe said: "The Harms Commission in no way addressed the deaths and disappearances of Eastern Cape political leaders.

"I am disappointed but after the findings of the McNally report I didn't expect anything more".

Relatives of Port Elizabeth Black Civic Organisation (Pebco) leader Qqwawuli Godolozu, who "vanished" with two others, said they were convinced there were hit squads active in the Eastern Cape.

Cape Town ANC executive member, Mr Dullah Omar, who the CCB attempted to poison, said the report was "scandalous and crude".

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## A cover-up - Dirk Coetzee

FORMER Captain Dirk Coetzee has lashed out against Mr Justice Harms and has described the report as a cover-up. (SS) (251)

Speaking from London on Radio 702, Coetzee, who made the original claims about police hit squads, said: "I didn't expect anything else that I must tell you.

"I could see from the start even in London that Judge Harms was completely not objective. He was against me.

"I could see at that stage he was completely negative. Sowetan 15/11/90.

"It is frightening to see the lack of insight of Judge Harms into this whole situation

Coetzee described the report as a cover-up for the police.

"They (the police) led Judge Harms by the nose." - Sowetan Correspondent.



# Police offer reward for Kasrils

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POLICE are searching for four "armed and dangerous" Operation Vula suspects, among them senior SACP member and former ANC intelligence chief Ronnie Kasrils.

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with the illegal importation of arms, ammunition and explosives. In a statement yesterday, police said Kasrils, Janet Love, Charles Ndaba and Christopher Manye are being sought by Durban police SAP Witwatersrand

spokesman Eugene Opperman said yesterday police might wish to question others about Operation Vula — the alleged plot to overthrow the government. The statement said the suspects made use of "all sorts of disguises" and might be in neighbouring states

Janet Love also operated under two aliases — Cathy McCarthy and Vanessa Brown. Police allege that she was Operation Vula's chief communications officer

Kasrils, an SACP central committee member, had been sought by police shortly after nine other Operation Vula suspects were arrested.

Rewards were available for information leading to the arrest of the four.

The ANC said yesterday the police statement could be regarded as an incitement to "kill the suspects on sight" and that the events surrounding Operation Vula had hampered the peace process.

"The detentions, revelations and trial of the so-called Vula Operation has been characterised by sensationalism, distortion, deliberate leaks and statements emanating from the investigators," the ANC said.

"The present police statement is all the more reprehensible since it is made in circumstances where the people involved are not in a position to speak for themselves.

"Yet these are highly disciplined members of the ANC, including a member of the NEC, who have announced their complete support for the peace process and the Groote Schuur and Pretoria Minutes."

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EXPERT evidence in which Lt Gen Lothar Neethling had questioned the authenticity of former SAP Capt Dirk Coetzee's notebook could be regarded as struck from the record, the Rand Supreme Court was told yesterday.

Neethling is suing Vrye Weekblad for R1m and Weekly Mail for R500 000 after three articles were published in November-December last year containing allegations by Coetzee that while a member of a secret police death squad, Neethling had supplied him with poison to murder people.

The newspapers are defending the action on the grounds of truth and public interest.

When the trial resumed yesterday afternoon, the

newspapers' council R Levine SC told Mr Justice Kriegler Neethling's counsel had indicated the general's expert evidence on the notebook would not be relied on and could be regarded as struck from the record.

On this basis, Levine said, his clients were prepared to proceed with the matter and Neethling's evidence.

Earlier, Levine had asked for an adjournment after Neethling gave evidence in which he voiced doubts about the history and authenticity of the notebook.

The notebook, which contains Neethling's private telephone number, was submitted as an exhibit on behalf of the newspapers during evidence taken from

Coetzee on commission in London.

Levine asked for an adjournment to consult with his clients after submitting that Neethling's lawyers had taken and submitted the notebook for testing without authorisation.

The book should have gone directly into the judge's file, he said.

The notebook was sealed in a parcel and sent from London to the office of the

registrar of the Supreme Court, from where it should have gone directly to the judge.

The unauthorised removal and testing of the book was an abuse of the process of court, Levine argued.

When the case resumed after lunch yesterday, Levine told Mr Justice Kriegler that after discussions with Neethling's counsel, it appeared the book had been taken after a misunderstanding.



Subpoenaed to testify . . . Themba Khosa of the Inkatha Transvaal Youth Brigade outside the Vereeniging Court during the inquest into the Sebokeng violence in September

Picture Alf Kumalo

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# Inquest into Sebokeng killings a first

By Melody McDougall  
Vereeniging Bureau

The first Supreme Court inquest began at Vereeniging yesterday into the deaths of 42 people killed during faction fighting and clashes between crowds and security forces in Sebokeng in September

The figure includes 11 shot dead by SADF troops

The judicial inquest is being chaired by Mr Justice Eddie Stafford

Briefing the various defence counsels and others present at the hearing, Mr Justice Stafford said that because 42 deceased people formed the subject matter of the inquiry, a joint in-

quest would be held. He stressed that the hearing, which was scheduled to run until December 14, was an inquest and not a criminal trial.

Presenting the court with a brief outline of events on the day in question, Anton Ackermann, Deputy Attorney-General of the Transvaal, said an unknown number of people of the Inkatha organisation had invaded the Sebokeng hostel in the early hours of September 4.

Although the motive for the invasion was not clear, the Inkatha members had been armed with a variety of weapons. Fighting broke out in different parts of the hostel when about 30 people were killed.

Mr Ackermann said residents

of nearby townships later arrived at the scene before finding and trapping 157 Inkatha members in the courtyard of the hostel complex.

Policemen arrived and barricaded the entrances to the hostel. Later, policemen were trapped in the courtyard.

Mr Ackermann said the mood of the crowd was angry and people were shouting for "the blood of the trapped Zulus".

The police then radioed for help, followed by the arrival of the SADF. A formation of army troops advanced towards the crowd at the hostel entrances.

Soldiers then fired at the crowd with live ammunition and several people were killed or injured. It was not clear

what had sparked the shooting, Mr Ackermann said.

The statements of two policemen involved in the filming of the violence on video were read out and handed in to the court yesterday. The videos will be viewed in court today before an inspection at the Sebokeng hostel.

Present at yesterday's hearing were 37 Inkatha members — including Themba Khosa, chairman of Inkatha's Transvaal Youth Brigade — who were subpoenaed to testify at the inquest.

Mr Justice Stafford, however, ruled that the group would only be required to be present at the inquest from November 28 onwards.



Death toll rises to two

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# City centre street-war 'avoidable'

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Johannesburg City Council management committee chairman Ian Davidson has sharply criticised the authorities for the bloody outbreak of violence that saw pitched battles between flat residents, protest marchers and police lasting several hours in Johannesburg's city centre on Saturday.

The death toll has risen to two after an injured person died in hospital.

About 20 people, including passersby, hawkers, policemen and a traffic officer, were injured in the fighting.

Said Mr Davidson last night "It was totally unnecessary and the bloodshed could have been avoided."

However police have blamed the ANC-backed Civic Association of the Southern Transvaal (CAST).

SAP spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said last night "Blame for what happened rests squarely with CAST and their supporters. It is more than obvious that certain leaders and organisations cannot control their supporters - it would seem that the demonstrators controlled the leaders."

Late on Friday afternoon, Johannesburg's chief magistrate refused permission for

the march after the City Council had given the go ahead to CAST.

Mr Davidson maintained that the period of notice banning the march had been totally inadequate.

"The city council gave CAST permission to hold the march on Monday, well before it was to take place, but the magistrate informed the organisers of his decision only at 4.15 pm on Friday."

"If the magistrate believed the march would create problems, the least he could have done was communicate his refusal well in advance."

"And the gathering was given only five minutes to disperse, which was totally inadequate," he added.

## Worrying

Sam Ntuli, general secretary of CAST, said last night "It was very unfair of the magistrate to refuse permission for the march and to tell us only at 4.15 pm on Friday after we had timeously gone through correct channels."

Actstop general secretary Fressage Nkosi claimed last night that people had been shot in taxis and on their way to the march.

"We have instructed the ANC to reconsider its stand on the armed struggle. The ANC and the MK are the

only ones who can protect us," Mr Nkosi said.

Captain Opperman said it had been established that petrol bombs had been "available" to demonstrators. It seems as if they were prepared - this is worrying.

He denied that police had adopted a hard line approach toward mass marches in recent months. Laws had to be adhered to and upheld.

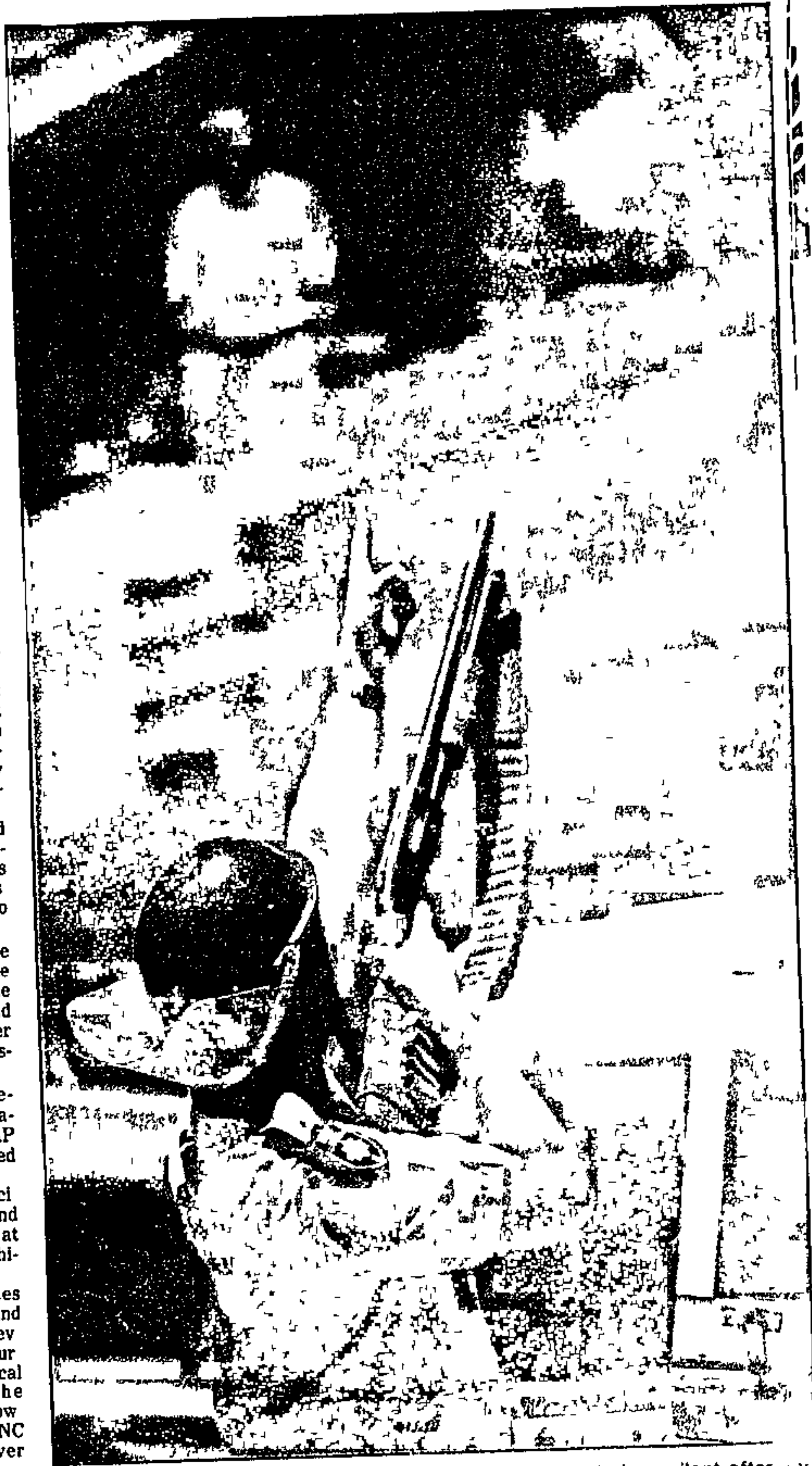
Police had afforded the marchers a reasonable time to disperse peacefully. The demonstrators refused and the SAP used teargas, rubber bullets and birdshot to disperse the crowd.

The demonstrators regrouped on several occasions, thus forcing the SAP to take further action, added Captain Opperman.

During many of these incidents, bottles, objects and petrol bombs were thrown at the police. Nine SAP vehicles had been damaged.

The crowd - estimates range from between 300 and 2,000 people, was one of several that gathered on Saturday to protest against local black authorities. The marches came amid a growing row between the ANC and the Government over mass protest action.

In Germiston and Cape Town legal marches went off peacefully.



Attack from above A policeman points at a suspected assailant after various missiles were thrown at troops and police from blocks of flats and rooftops during Saturday's clash in Johannesburg. Picture: David Sandison







THE Harms and McNally reports — timeously released before and on the second day of the defamation case which began this week in the Rand Supreme Court — supposedly wrap up the police and army death squads saga.

Yet startling evidence of alleged police abductions and murdering of activists continues to be heard in the trial involving General Lothar Neethling vs Vrye Weekblad and *The Weekly Mail*.

The general is suing the two publications for a combined amount of R1,5-million in his private capacity — but the state is footing the substantial bill for his legal fees.

The case arises from three articles published last year — two in *Vrye Weekblad* and one in *The Weekly Mail*. The articles record the evidence of Captain Dirk Coetzee, who claims he was involved in police death squad activities and that in 1981 Neethling supplied him with poison and “knockout” drops to aid with the abduction and murdering of activists.

Neethling, who is chief deputy commissioner of Scientific Technical Services of the South African Police and heads its forensic laboratories, says the allegations are false and have ruined his reputation.

The two publications maintain it was in the public's interest to expose the allegations.

This week in court the general, clad always in a blue suit, often battled to control his temper under cross-examination. Several security force members dressed in grey suits have attended the trial each day.

Neethling's legal team, which is led by 84-year-old Willie Oshry QC, presented character witnesses vouching for the plaintiff's high moral, intellectual and professional standing both here and abroad.

Dr Daniel Geldenhuys of the Afrikaans Academy of Arts and Science said this week Neethling was one of the most important and honoured members of the Pretoria-based institute. He

# A boere seun fights words of poison

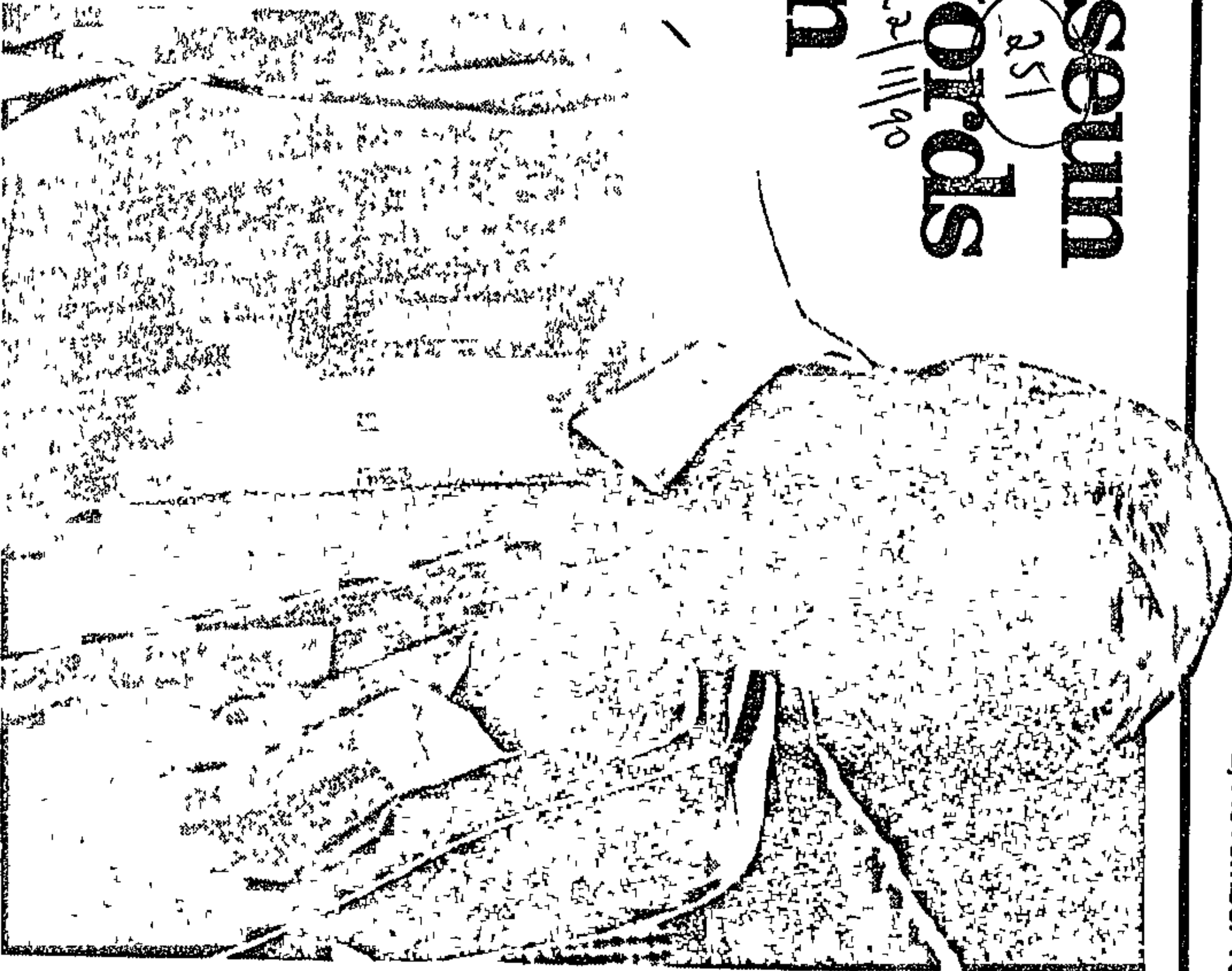
Startling allegations of death squads continue to be heard in the case where General Lothar Neethling is suing two newspapers for R1,5-million. PHILIPPA GARSON reports

Listed various medals and decorations bestowed on the general, including SAP medals for faithful service and the combating of terrorism, and two medals from the Republic of China. The academy, he said was particularly proud to have honoured a “boere seun” like Neethling.

Both Geldenhuys and Dr Matthys Pretse, director of the Water Research Commission said they were shocked and filled with disbelief after hearing that Neethling had allegedly provided poison and sleeping poisons to Coetzee on several occasions.

Neethling (55) has denied the allegations, which he says have had a devastating effect on his life. “I never thought the written word could have such an influence on the thoughts and state of mind of a person.” Neethling said the articles had caused tension in his family, prevented him from maintaining contact with his colleagues and forced him to consider early retirement.

Neethling, who has made over 13 000 court appearances to give forensic evidence, said he had not attended hearings of Dirk Coetzee's evidence in London because he feared for his life. Much of the evidence and cross-examination before Justice Johan Krige



Lothar Neethling — reputation ruined

Picture: KEVIN CARTER

Neethling's house and office. Coetzee, who has referred to Neethling as the “poison link” in the death squad killing chain, claims he visited both places in 1981, but Neethling said his descriptions of the premises were riddled with inaccuracies.

Neethling alleges Coetzee has frequently changed his versions and that he is either “short of brainpower” or suffers from hallucinations.

Counsel for the two publications, led by Bobby Levin, SC claims Neethling has modified the evidence he first gave

Coetzee claimed he noticed two Dobermans when he visited Neethling's house with a Koos Vermeulen Neethling however says he has never owned any Dobermans and at the time of the alleged visit, was in possession of a Rotweiler which has since “passed away”.

Neethling frequently intimated that a man who does not know the difference between the two types of dogs was easily confused.

While Coetzee said the house had wooden floors, Neethling maintains he has had wall-to-wall carpeting since the 1970s.

Neethling, always shaking his head with an incredulous chuckle before answering questions about his knowledge of Coetzee, denies ever having met him or speaking to him over the telephone.

One exhibit before the court is a police-issued notebook belonging to Coetzee, where Neethling's private work telephone number is recorded. Levin argued that Coetzee must have known Neethling to have his private number which was not included in the official police directory.

There was a stir in court when Neethling, prompted by Oshry, began to give expert evidence on the notebook. He said it had been steamed or fogged and for this reason could not be forensically studied.

This was followed by an outburst from Levin who said the book, which had arrived from London in a sealed package and been given to the court registrar, had been removed and subjected to tests without the consent or knowledge of his legal team. This constituted an abuse of court procedure, said Levin.

After a hasty adjournment and heard argument between the two councils, the matter was settled when Oshry agreed the “expert” evidence would be struck off the court record and conceded there had been a misunderstanding over whether permission had been given for the removal of the document. The case continues.



# What Adriaan Vlok's men have cost the nation

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ON the night of June 12 1986 the South African government declared a State of Emergency and 30 000 people were subsequently detained under the new regulations. One of those was Father Simangaliso Mkhatsywa.

That night the Catholic priest was removed from his home, on the parish premises in Soshanguve, and taken to the Hercules police station in Pretoria.

"One night I was removed from my cell at Hercules by Military Intelligence agents and taken, handcuffed and blindfolded, to some place. There I was tortured and 'interrogated' for two days non-stop."

After his release a year later he sued the minister of law and order for being tortured while in detention. He received R25 000 in an out-of-court settlement.

Mkhatsywa is one of thousands who have successfully claimed damages from the government for injustices perpetrated by the South African Police. Over the past two decades payments have run into millions of rands.

Although payouts seem to be an admission of guilt, in many cases the minister clearly states that guilt is not admitted by the police.

Damages claims cost the state more than R6-million between 1969 and

Millions of rands of taxpayers' money has been paid out by the state to settle claims against the police **By PAUL ALEXANDER**

1986. SA *Barometer*, a journal of current affairs statistics, records the court actions against the police during the 17-year period — claims cost the state R6 277 185 of taxpayers' money in more than 1 000 trials.

According to independent statistics 56 cases were brought against Minister of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok last year. Most claims (18) arose from charges of unlawful arrest or imprisonment, followed by 15 claims for assault. Thirty-six cases are still pending. A total of R2 136 895 was paid out between January and August this year, according to Human Rights Commission records.

However, legal experts believe the available figures are incomplete — actual amounts paid out by the department of law and order and justice are not available for public scrutiny.

Compensation for injuries allegedly inflicted by police increased from R990 at the end of 1970s to R4,5-million in 1986, according to research by University of Cape Town's Profes-

sor Don Foster and Cape Town lecturer Clifford Luyt.

And, said Mkhatsywa, compensations do not include legal expenses.

Lawyers for Human Rights' litigation director Ahmed Motala said out-of-court settlements were at least twice as much as those ordered by the courts. This creates the impression "the police are trying to protect their image". Complainants who have strong cases against the police usually settle out-of-court with large payouts, Motala said. Monitoring out-of-court settlements is a near-impossible task as a non-disclosure clause is often signed.

One of the highest payouts last year was obtained by Katarina le Fleur, of Belhar. Le Fleur, whose 17-year-old son was shot by the police and left paralysed from the waist down, was paid R190 000. However, the minister did not accept liability and all claims against the police fell away. She had to sign a non-disclosure clause.

A major concern of LHR is that police continued to operate with impunity. "In most cases the police responsible continue to operate with impunity," said Motala.

He said the police had set up internal investigation units, such as in Soweto, to consider cases where police alleged-



Minister of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok

ly acted beyond their line of duty.

Another problem identified by human rights organisations is the government pays, with taxpayers' money, for individual policemen's wrongdoing — the guilty party is not forced to feel the burden of his wrongdoing. LHR believes a certain percent of the compensation

should be borne by the policemen. In 1984, the then Law and Order Minister Louis le Grange announced that 251 policemen had been convicted of various crimes from common assault to murder — 30 had previous convictions — and a further 41 were discharged from the service.

According to Foster and Luyt, between 10 percent and 15 percent of policemen convicted of crimes had previous convictions.

Professor Gert du Preez, of the Criminology and Police Science Department at the University of South Africa, has failed to obtain statistics from police on disciplinary trials, as they are "generally regarded as internal affairs".

In the event of the need for disciplinary action, the police commissioner can personally take action or delegate it to regional level. The policeman could face a trial or the matter could be settled internally. If the policeman is tried and found guilty, he is imprisoned and fired. Internal discipline takes the form of a discharge, demotion, a fine or note on the individual's file preventing him from being promoted.

One of the most effective ways of monitoring acts of police brutality has been through questions in parliament. However, Vlok recently announced in parliament that no separate record of unrest related lawsuits was being kept.

LHR has observed that since President FW de Klerk's February 2 announcements payouts have increased. And millions of rands will continue to be paid every year until an independent body is formed to investigate cases of police acting outside the law.



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# Poison claim was 'a plot'

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DIRK Coetzee's allegations that while a member of a covert police death squad he had obtained poison to murder people from Lt-Gen Lothar Neethling were a plot constructed over the years to make a name for himself, the Rand Supreme Court was told yesterday.

Neethling, a forensics expert, said this in evidence before Mr Justice Kriegler. He was testifying in his R1,5m defamation action against Vrye Weekblad and Weekly Mail.

Neethling is suing Vrye Weekblad for R1m for publishing two articles in November-December last year in which Coetzee claimed that he received poison from the general. Weekly Mail is being sued for R500 000 for an article based on similar allegations. Both newspapers are defending the action on the grounds of truth and public benefit.

Under cross-examination by Vrye Weekblad counsel R Levin SC, Neethling said since his discharge from the police force in 1985/86, Coetzee had decided to do something to prove himself

Coetzee, he said, had wanted to make a

name for himself, write a book or two and had fabricated his story.

By reading the three versions given by Coetzee, two in Mauritius and a third in London, one could see major differences, the general said.

He told the court that for the past year he (Neethling) had been walking, sleeping, eating and dreaming the present case.

## No knowledge

Yesterday Mr Justice Kriegler was informed that Neethling had withdrawn his action against Weekly Mail printers Seculo Printers and that the matter had been settled between them.

Counsel told the court that it had been settled between the two on the basis that the printers had no knowledge of the contents of the Weekly Mail article and had had no intention of causing injury.

The printers withdrew the article and apologised, the court was told. No settlement amount was given.

The judge noted the settlement.

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# Sebokeng: 'I did not see police stormed'

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FRIENDS and relatives of victims of the Sebokeng Hostel shooting, which left 42 dead, recently, packed the Vereeniging Magistrate's Court yesterday to hear a Supreme Court inquest into the incident.

The incident occurred on September 24 after Inkatha members allegedly clashed with hostel residents, leaving 30 people dead. Police later arrested 137 Inkatha members, including Themba Khoza, leader of the Inkatha Youth Brigade, for illegal possession of arms.

Among those present at the inquest were Mathuto Ntseoana, whose husband Joseph died in the shooting. She was accompanied by her sister in law, Christina Ntseoana.

Mrs Mathuto Ntseoana told Saturday Star they had travelled from Matatiele, in the Transkei, "to get the truth about what happened to our husband and brother".

The two women, however, said that they could not follow the proceedings because they did not understand Afrikaans.

Constable Marius van Huyssten, who presented a police video film of the incident, which showed the army shooting at a crowd, told the court he did not understand why members of the SADF shot at the crowd.

He said that he did not see the crowd "storm" at the army or hurl stones at them.

In a running commentary on the video, Constable van Huyssten, of the Krugersdorp Criminal Section's video unit, could be heard saying. "The defence force members are starting to act. They are using sharp (skerp) ammunition."

Panic-stricken people were shown running away. Some fell and were trampled on.

The inquest was adjourned to 10 am on Monday to give the defence counsel the opportunity to study the film.

The inquest chairman is Mr. Justice Eddie Stafford. Advocates M Basslian, L Lapidos and M Miller appear for Inkatha. Advocate Gys Rautenbach appears for the victims.

# SAP call angers SACP

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The South African Communist Party reacted angrily yesterday to a police appeal to the public for help in locating four "extremely dangerous" African National Congress and SACP fugitives

The four — Ronnie Kasrils, a member of the SACP's central committee, Janet Love, Charles Ndaba and Christophere Manye — are wanted by police for their suspected role in Operation Vula, the al-

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leged ANC-SACP plot to overthrow the Government.

By describing them as "armed and extremely dangerous" the police were "setting them up for attack", Mr. Essop Pahad, of the SACP, told The Star.

He wanted to know why the police had only made their appeal for help now.



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## HARMS COMMISSION

# Harms's view on suspects divided

**PATRICK LAURENCE**

A STRIKING dichotomy runs through Mr Justice Louis Harms's 200-page report on politically-motivated murder and violence

It relates to the two prime corporate suspects, the SAP's counter-insurgency unit at Vlakteplaats near Pretoria, and the SADF's shadow Civil Co-operation Bureau (CCB)

The SAP is cleared; the CCB is, in a broad sense, found culpable.

The division between the two, however, is not absolute. The boundary is porous. There is movement of men and ideas between the two.

As the judge puts it in his controversial report released this week. "Owing to the security situation, the dividing line between the functions of the Defence Force and those of the police have become blurred and here and there even obliterated."

There is a nexus between the police and the CCB. Thus a key CCB cell, the region 6 cell headed by Staal Burger, consisted entirely of ex-policemen.

Mr Burger, a former commander of the renowned Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad, recruited three policemen to serve with him in the cell. Chappie Maree, Slang van Zyl and Calla Botha.

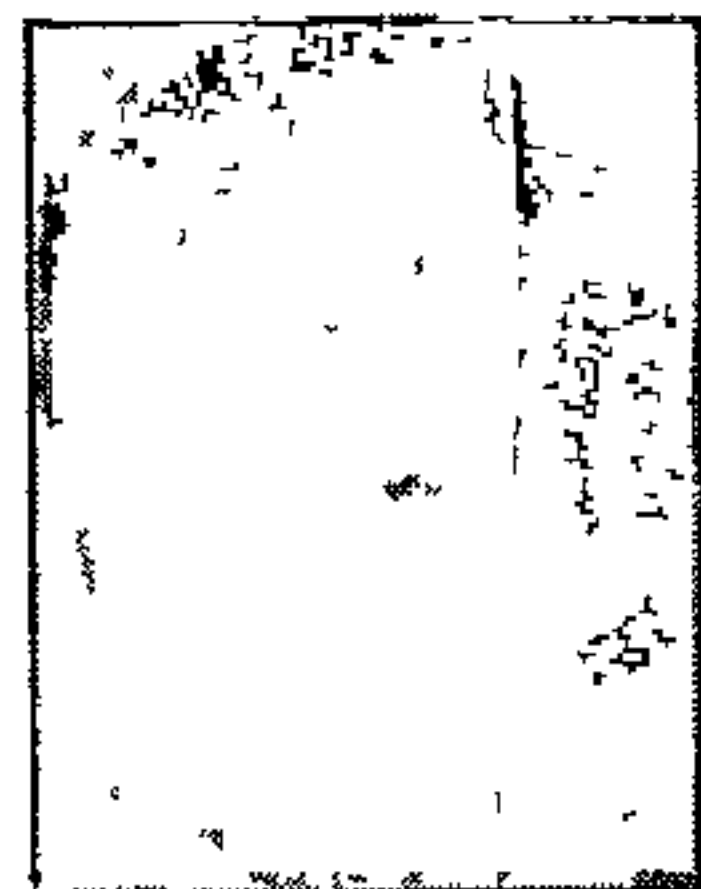
At least one more former policeman served in a region 6 cell. Ferdi Barnard, who was in the police narcotics division until he was jailed for murder

### Closer link?

He was recruited into the CCB after completing part of his prison sentence.

The connection may have run deeper. The CCB network may have been contained many more ex-policemen. The men who gave evidence in disguise and under code names to the Harms Commission may have been ex-policemen.

The secret nature of the CCB, most of whose members functioned incognito and who remain anonymous,

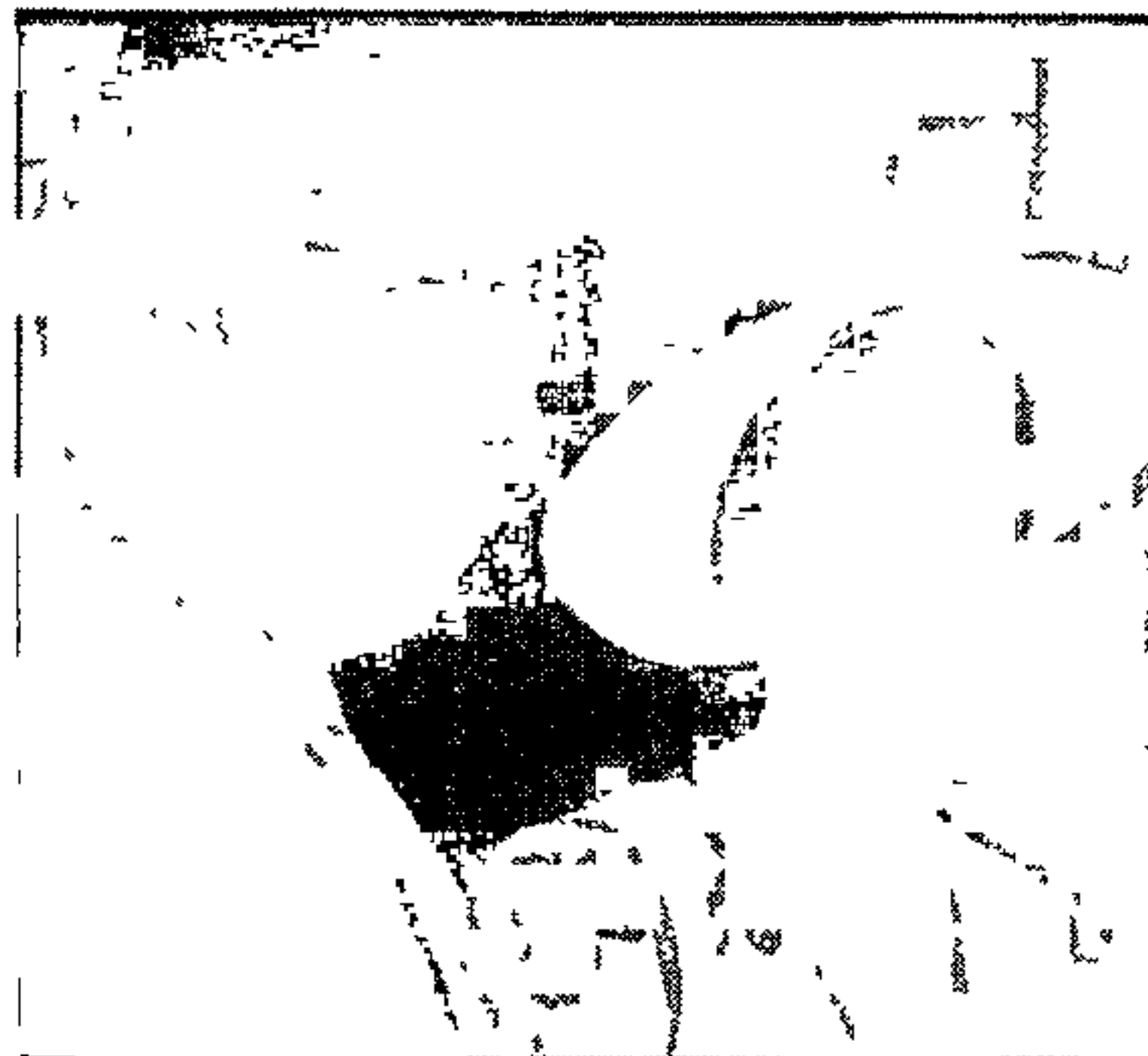


Tim McNally: strange role questioned.

... makes it impossible to trace the full extent of the SAP-CCB connection. The Harms Report does not help.

Pivotal questions arise from the police-CCB link. What drew the policemen and ex-policemen to the CCB? Was it merely a facet of the normal interchange between members of the "security family" or was there a deep convergence of political ethos?

The core of Mr Justice Harms's finding on the CCB is contained in section of his report entitled Critical Evaluation. A summary of his silent criticisms follows: The



Dr Fabian Ribeiro and his wife, Florence: killed four years ago, their murder remains unsolved.

## Little note taken of the symbiosis behind police and CCB actions

CCB "arrogated to itself the powers to try, to sentence and to punish persons without those persons knowing of the allegations against them or having had the opportunity to defend themselves"

The CCB's verdict was based on "inherently suspect and untested" information and its penalty was "out of all proportion to what would have been imposed in a civil court"

CCB staff policy was suspect. "Persons with serious previous convictions (such as murder) or personality defects were employed... because of, and not in spite of, their previous convictions or defects"

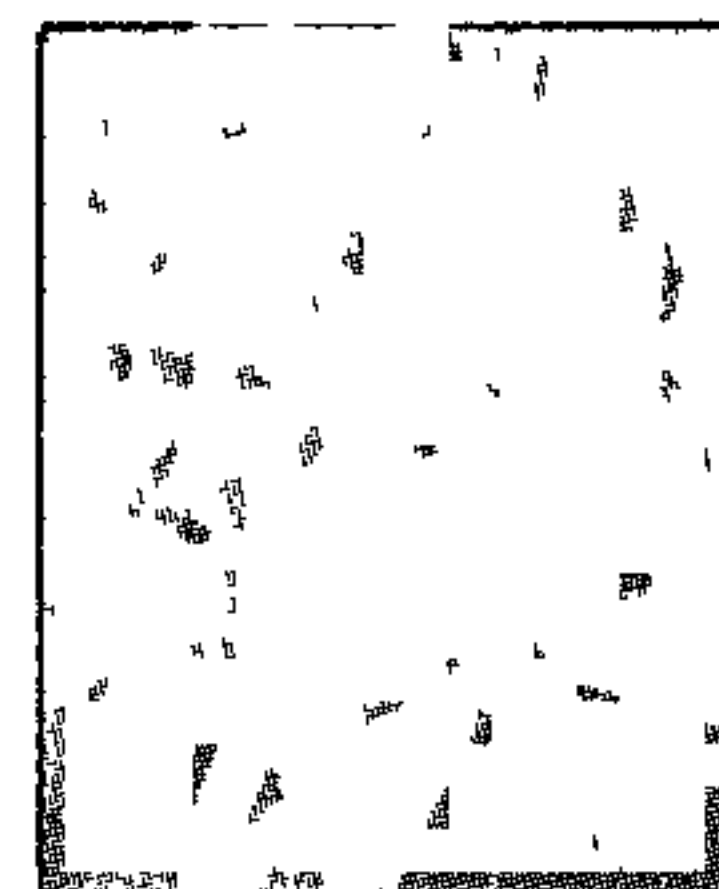
CCB actions "contaminated the whole security arm of the State" and its conduct created suspicion that it "may have been involved in more crimes of violence than the evidence shows"

The overall thrust of the Harms report — exoneration of the police and condemnation of the CCB — raises questions about the role in its proceedings of Tim McNally, Attorney General of the Free State

Mr McNally was one of two authors of the McNally Report into the allegations of three ex-policemen — Almond Nofemela, Dirk Coetzee and David Tshuklanga — that a police



Victoria Mxenge: an unsolved murder.



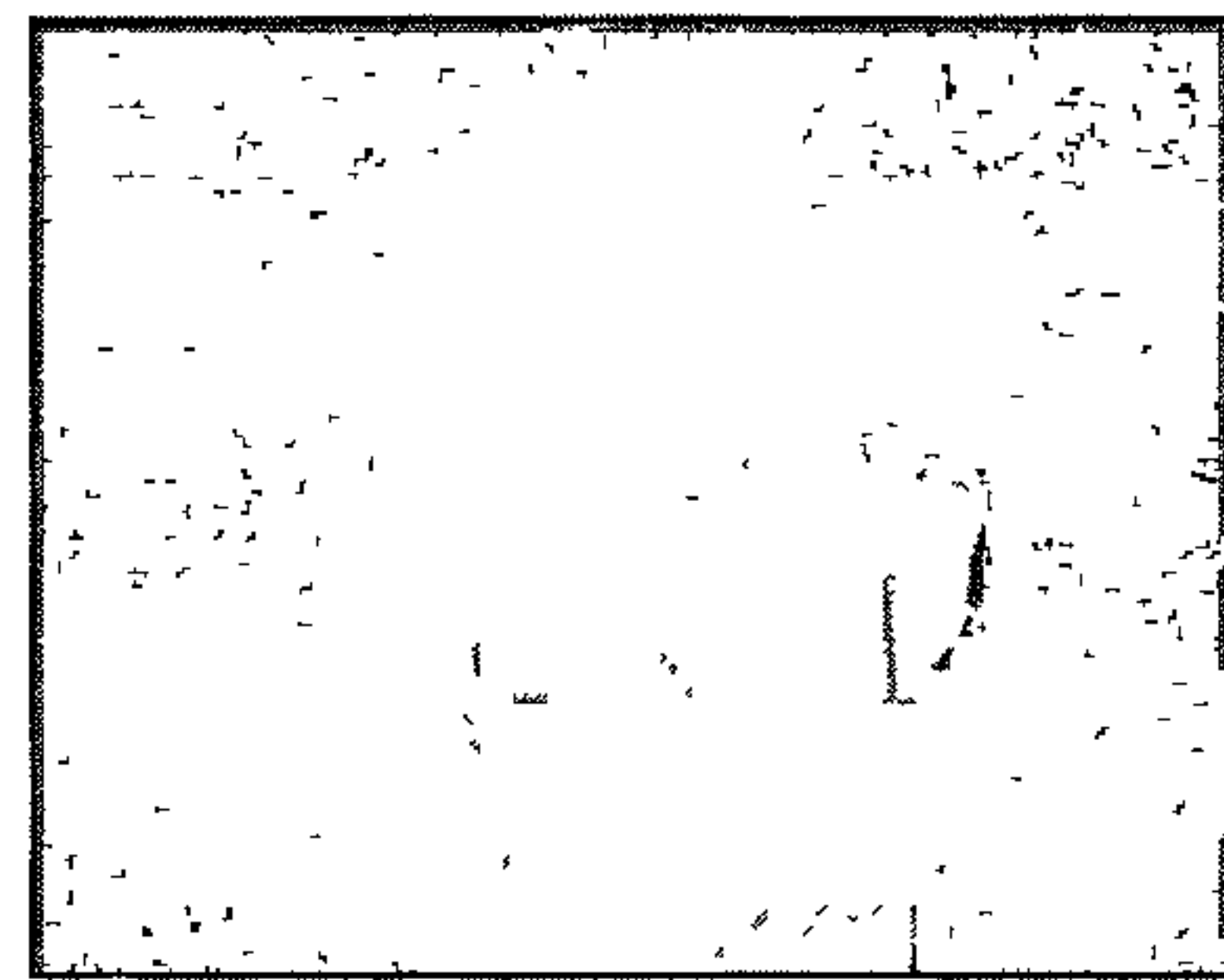
Anton Lubowski: State President stepped in.

"death squad" or squads operated from Vlakteplaats

The McNally Report, completed a year ago but only released for publication last weekend, rejects the evidence of the trio of ex-policemen as "unreliable" and "untruthful"

Yet, after dismissing their allegations, Mr McNally accepted an assignment to lead evidence to the Harms Commission

In the circumstances, Mr McNally should have recused himself, reckons John Dugard, director of the Centre for Applied Legal Studies and a member of the Independent Board of Inquiry into Informal Repression



Mr Justice Louis Harms: questions remain.

Mr McNally's role raises the question of whether his belief that the triad of ex-policemen were mendacious witnesses prejudiced the final outcome of the Harms Inquiry. At the least, to quote Professor Dugard, it casts a shadow over its findings.

As Mr Justice Harms notes in his report, one of the key reasons why he was appointed to inquire into politically motivated killings were allegations that political activist David Webster was murdered by a rightist organisation or death squad.

The organisation suspected of responsibility for the murder was later identified by the investigating police officer in the Webster case, Floris Mostert, as the CCB.

### Conclusion

Mr Justice Harms concludes "There is no evidence that the CCB murdered Dr Webster." His conclusion, however, should be juxtaposed with earlier comments on the issue in his report.

"One cannot be blamed for suspecting the CCB of (the Webster) murder, particularly since the CCB has done nothing to allay such a suspicion," the judge says. He adds that the CCB "might have murdered Dr Webster"

In summary the possibility that the CCB murdered

Dr Webster cannot be excluded, the available evidence, however, does not justify the conclusion that it did.

Reading through the report and cogitating on its shortcomings leaves one with a sense of dissatisfaction

with the exception of the killing of Dr Fabian Ribeiro and his wife, little or no advances seem to have been made.

The trail is still littered with unsolved murders. To mention a few of the victims the Mxenges, Griffiths and Victoria, Mathew Gonwe and his three comrades, and Rick Turner. Questions and a disquiet still remain.

Anton Lubowski's murder in Windhoek falls into a special category.

President F W de Klerk excluded his murder from the commission's terms of reference by restricting its investigation to murders in South Africa. He did, however, mandate the commission to establish whether or not Lubowski was an SADF agent, as alleged by Defence Minister Magnus Malan.

The judge offers no explanation for the Lubowski killing, except to say that his finding that Mr Lubowski was a paid SADF agent does "not show that the CCB was not responsible for the act"

He states "In the nature of things politically motivated offences are usually well planned and difficult to solve." Lawyers for the Independent Board of Inquiry offer another reason: "failure by the commission's investigative team to vigorously and objectively investigate activities allegedly perpetrated by the SAP (and the CCB)"

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# So what was uncovered?

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**E**SCHER Rhodie of Info scandal notoriety once said about official commissions of inquiry "What is being investigated is not the truth of the matter, but any person who may dare to publish information which could prove that the government was involved"

For many people this week's finding by the Harms Commission that police hit squads have never existed, confirmed Rhodie's statement

Lists of the names of hundreds of victims of alleged hit squads were submitted to the commission. It was not the commission's task to investigate all the individual cases, it was rather to find a pattern or patterns that the authorities should investigate.

One question was clear: are there people in the government or certain government sections who follow a secret murder policy?

Early in his report Harms complains that his work was politicised and that "parties" tried to score political points. What a strange complaint! After all, political murders are about politics and murder

And the one who proves that a politician or political party or institution is involved in murder, is going to score political points

Just as strange is the commissioner's statement that it was not his assignment to investigate "the security arm of the State and the so-called Civil Co-operation Bureau or the PAC and ANC".

What did he have to investigate? There were serious allegations, with evidence, which implicated both the "security arm" of the State and the ANC in political murders.

The public and the State already know a lot about the activities of the

Special Correspondent MARTIN WELZ looks critically at the Harms Commission report which was released this week. Judge Harms found that there were no hit squads in the SAP but he was more critical of the activities of the Civil Co-operation Bureau (CCB) – a secret arm of the SADF. He referred several cases to the Attorney-General but stopped short of blaming Defence Minister Magnus Malan for the activities of the CCB.

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But the opposite is true concerning the murder of opponents of the government. Therefore the "security arm of the State" and the CCB – the commission maintains a false distinction between the two – should have been investigated by the commission, in depth and in detail. The commissioner concedes it in a footnote

Under the probably absurd assumption that the State would expose itself to a conviction of murder, there were expectations of judicial independence.

It was hoped that the commission would create greater opportunities for the collection of evidence and how it would be presented.

It did not happen. Harms says he was given private access "to all classified material in possession of the police and the army" but, repeating the pattern of failed police investigations into unsolved murders, key documents had disappeared. There were numerous examples of missing diaries and documents which would show where specific security policemen were at specific times

Harms says he did not have the power to subpoena witnesses or to question witnesses "unless the evidence was strictly related to the brief of the commission"

He strictly defined his brief not to

include the "security arm" of the government or the CCB. Therefore Defence Minister Magnus Malan, Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok and several generals allegedly involved were not asked to testify.

■ Former security policeman Captain Dirk Coetzee, who made serious allegations about police hit squad activities, this week wrote a letter to Harms in response to Harms' statement that Coetzee was a liar with psychopathic tendencies.

"Look, an angel I have never been, but a psychopath! I don't know where and how long and for what you have studied, but I do not believe you are a qualified psychologist able to make such statements"

He asks why the commission did not have him examined psychologically. He was willing to have it done.

He says Harms had been led up the garden path by other security policemen who testified. It was part of a security policeman's job to be a skilled liar.

He says he regards Harms as a naive person who could not believe what he heard when he listened to Coetzee's evidence.

He assured Harms that he had told the truth "That you will still learn." – *Vrye Weekblad*



**New Nation reporter Phil Morob is dragged away by cops outside his newspaper's office in Johannesburg yesterday where he was reporting on the banned march. Cops claimed he threw a bag of potatoes at a cop.** ■ Pic: EVANS MBOWENI

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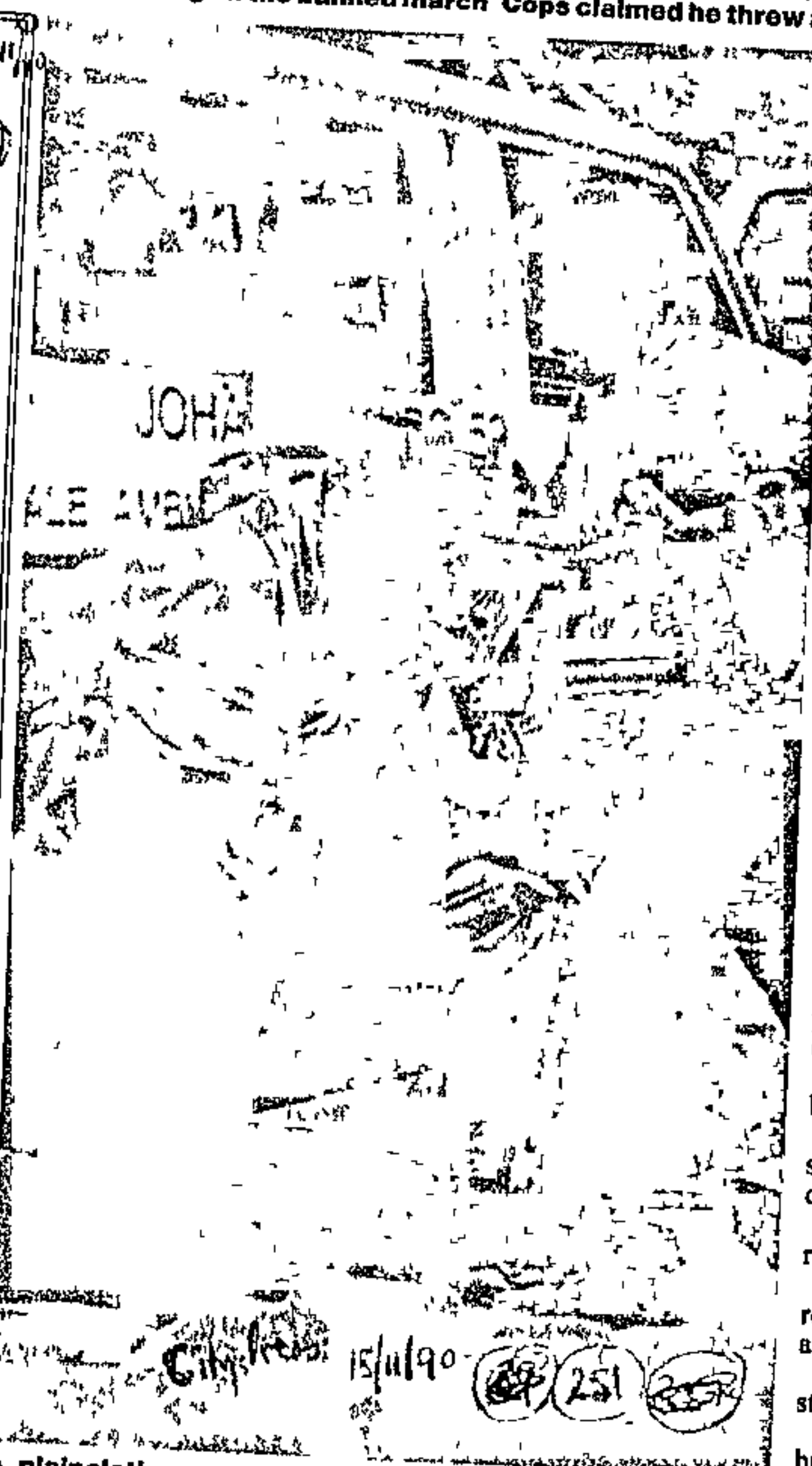
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**A plainclothes cop tries frantically to save his service pistol during the street battles which broke out in central Johannesburg yesterday.** ■ Pic: EVANS MBOWENI



# Don't fear it is only a picnic

IT is now official: the South African police do not have units who murder political opponents of the government, *Vrye Weekblad* said this week.

In a strong criticism of the report by Judge Louis Harms, the weekly asked whether clandestine units who murdered political activists should rather be described as picnickers.

The Harms report was not only a slap in the face of the families of murdered people, the paper said; it was also a setback for our judicial system.

The weekly called for a fight against insensitivity about the lives of citizens.

"Otherwise no one will point a finger if such happenings appear again in a new regime under a new form of government," it cautioned.

☐ "ALL people in the country who respect facts and the truth know from general information that exactly the opposite is true. The police do not play on the political playground."

So writes Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok in *Vrye Weekblad* in reply to the DP MP for Claremont, Jan van Eck, who wrote last week that "the police are again busy becoming the main players on the political terrain".

☐ PROGRESS made since February 2 would be wiped out in a week if every party in South Africa followed the ANC's example in falling back on political battle methods which worked in the past, *Beeld* said this week.

"The NP harnessed *swart gevaar* tactics to great advantage in the past," the paper said, asking whether anyone in his right mind would suggest shouting *swart gevaar* today.

"The ANC's renewed campaign of mass action and public resistance is little different to such a retreat to the hackneyed practices of the old South Africa," it said, calling on the organisation to abandon the "futile effort".

# Students hurt in college raid

By SOPHIE TEMA

A MIDNIGHT raid by police and South African soldiers on a teachers' college in Lebowa has left several students injured.

The raid was carried out on the CN Phatudi Teachers' College after lecturers had asked chief Minister Nelson Ramodike for protection from students after talks between them about examinations had ended in deadlock.

A lecturer confirmed that he and his colleagues had appealed to the Minister for protection because of threats against their lives by certain students.

A spokesman for Ramodike said "We know about the incident but we cannot comment because the matter is being investigated."

Seven women - all students - who appeared in a Praktiseer court this week have been allowed R100 bail and their cases have been postponed to November 24.

When *City Press* visited the college this week police were still milling around the campus.

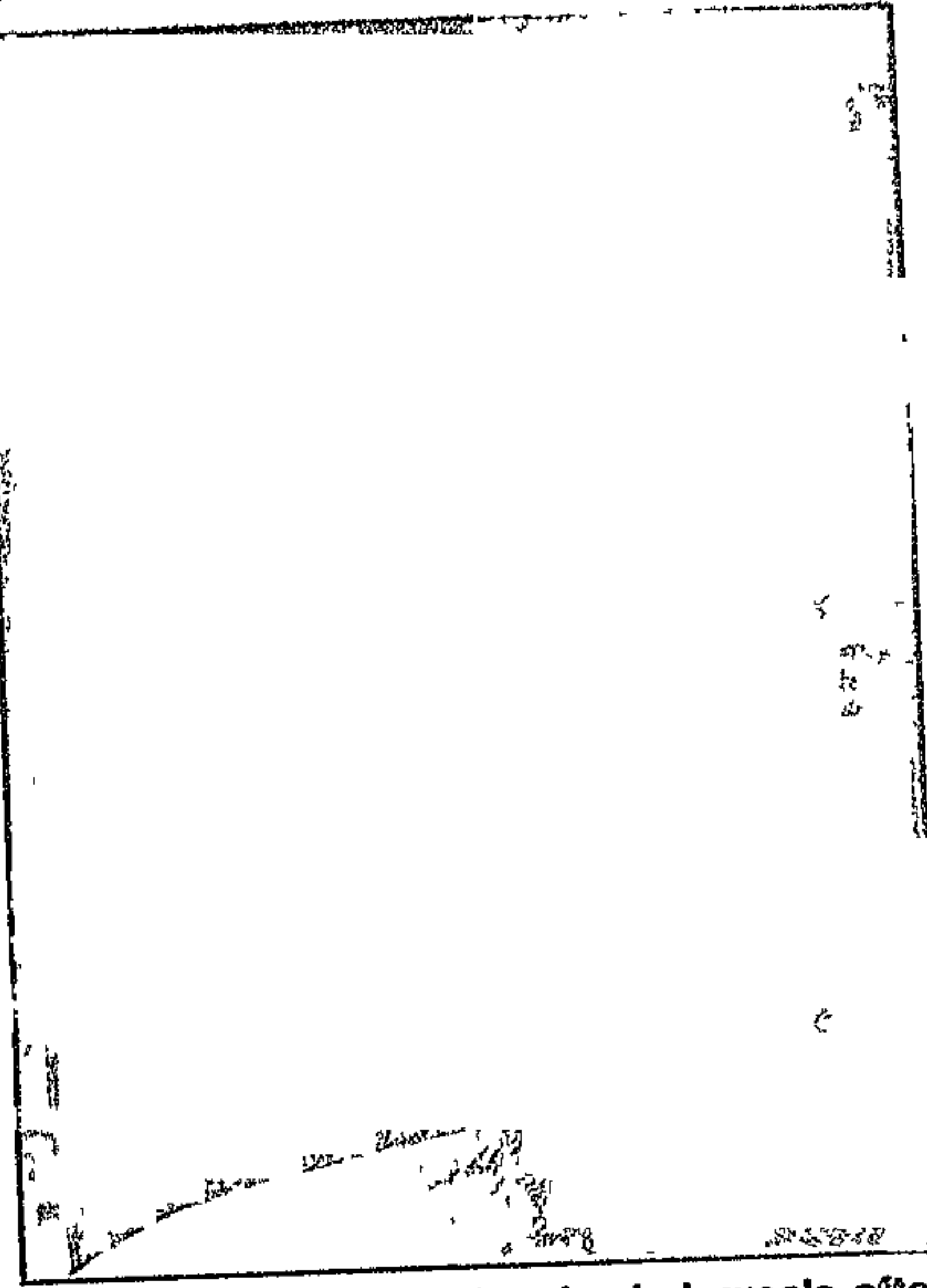
The Students' Representative Council is planning a meeting at the college next week between parents, students, lecturers and other bodies.

Students have consulted an attorney and are planning legal action against Ramodike, the police and the SADF.

Those injured are Staff Manoke, Slendy Masemola, Margaret Rakganya, Simon Magabane, Cecilia Monaswi, John Malefahlo, Mirriam Duba, Fathia Chego, Corel Mphahlele, Constance Moloto, Michael Selekane and Esther Masemola.

Manoke, Masemola and Rakganya bear thick sjambok weals on their bodies, mostly on their backs, arms and thighs.

Rakganya spoke with difficulty as she had her lower and upper lips stitched for an injury resulting from blows with a mob-stick.



Staff Manoke shows the sjambok weals after the raid on the college. Pic: BONGANI M. MOUMI

The women students claim they were kicked and hit with gun-butt on their ribs, buttocks and thighs.

Manoke told *City Press* the police and army arrived on campus at midnight and knocked on all the doors and windows demanding the students let them in.

"We were scared because they were arrogant and used vulgar words so we decided to run to other dormitories for cover. But by then some of the police had jumped in through some of the windows they had forced open.

"As soon as they had entered our rooms they started to assault us. We were hit with sjamboks, batons, gun-butt, kicked and punched with fists and some of them threatened to shoot us.

"After the assaults we were ordered into police vans and driven to the police station. Most of us were in our night clothes.

"At the police station were male students, some of whom had been assaulted and injured."





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# 'Trojan horse' nonsense, says SAP

THE SAP has refuted allegations in a *City Press* report last week headlined "Trojan horse deaths".

SAP public relations officer Maj RM Harrauld said: "The picture of 'shocked residents' showing gunshot wounds after an 'attack by police' creates the perception that the police attacked the residents."

"This is so far from the truth that it is absolutely absurd.

"Any person in his right mind will know that the SAP does not 'attack' people."

There were many incidents of petrol-bombs and stones hurled at the police. "The fact that a member of the police was injured when he was hit on the head by a stone

thrown by those attacking the police is conveniently ignored.

"The SAP emphatically denies the allegations of the 'Trojan horse'. Police vehicles used in Atteridgeville are either Casspirs or easily identifiable police vehicles

"The term 'Trojan horse' would imply that police made use of other vehicles to hide their

identity until the last moment."

Witnesses told *City Press* that youths were re-connecting electricity in Ghost Town when police sneaked up on them and used shotguns, rubber and live bullets without warning.

The article painted a biased picture, said Harrauld

Political comment and newsbills by K Sibya, headlines and sub-editing by K Naidoo, both of 2 Herb Street, New Doornfontein, Johannesburg.

# 'I saw police run their vehicle over the water containers'

NEW evidence of alleged police action during the Wesselson water switch-off last month has been handed to The Star.

In affidavits compiled, signed and attested to by five people, it is claimed:

● Police slambokked women carrying water in plastic containers

● Police crushed containers by riding over them with Casspir armoured personnel vehicles.

● Police punctured other containers.

● Police threatened women and children with arrest.

● Police took other people to a police station.

● An Ermelo municipal policeman pointed a firearm at a man doing his washing.

● The Commissioner of the South African Police, General Johan van der Merwe, said in a statement last week "no shred of evidence" existed to support a story published in The Star earlier that police had taken action against Wesselson people who had received permission to obtain water from premises owned by Indians at Cassim Park, near Ermelo.

● He has instituted an internal inquiry, under the chairmanship of eastern Transvaal regional

commander General "Robbie" Hobbertson.

Colbert Saunders, a bank employee, says in an affidavit that on October 17, at about noon, he was in Cassim Park carrying two five-litre water containers.

He was stopped by two uniformed SAP members driving a yellow Nissan bakkie with a canopy. They accused him of having stolen the water, but he told them that he had been given permission to take it. Mr Saunders said the police then left him and allegedly chased women across the street.

The women, he said, dropped their containers on the road. "I saw police run their vehicle over the water containers, destroying some. After a few moments they came back for me."

A policeman forcibly removed the containers from him, Mr Saunders alleged. The water was emptied on to the ground and "with an unknown instrument (he) stabbed one of my containers."

He was again asked who had given him permission to get water and he replied that Indians in Cassim Park had done so.

"The policemen told me to go to the township and to pay my water account and rent, and I

told them that I had already paid," Mr Saunders said.

Police then drove to Mr Boobie Tilly's garage, followed by Mr Saunders on foot. A second bakkie arrived and the occupants ordered Mr Saunders to go back to the township, calling him "an ANC terrorist," he said.

Three days later, Mr Saunders was taken from his workplace and driven to an office in Janloy Building, in Ermelo, where there were a number of khaki-clad men. The policemen with whom Mr Saunders had arrived told the men that he was "Colbert".

"The whites, clad in khaki, greeted me with statements like 'Ja, Colbert, is jy terrorist, ANCO?' (Yes, Colbert, are you a terrorist, ANCO?)" Mr Saunders said.

He told the men that all he had earlier told a journalist about the incident was the truth.

He was asked if he could identify policemen allegedly involved in the incident and if he had taken the registration number of the bakkie, Mr Saunders said he could not identify them and had not taken the registration number.

Mr Saunders then made a statement to a Mr van Aard and

Further claims of police harassment of people carrying or using water after the mains supply to Wesselson township, near Ermelo, was cut off last month have been made, reports NORMAN CHANDLER.

was driven home in a Hippo armoured vehicle. A slashed container he had in his possession was taken by the police.

Milliecent Nkomhizodwa Sibongile Mamba, a nurse, says in her affidavit she and a number of other Wesselson people were carrying water at 9.30 am on October 17 when two Casspirs arrived.

"On the Casspirs were white policemen in their SAP uniforms. The policemen stopped their hands and started slambokking us. We ran in different directions, leaving our containers on the ground."

"I ran towards a farmhouse where I stopped and looked back. It is then that I saw the policemen driving the Casspirs over our containers, crushing them."

She was advised by the owner of the house — whom she did not identify — to hide at the back of the building.

Mthunzi Shadow Mashini, an insurance salesman, says in his affidavit that he and his wife, Ndelephi, had been forced to go to a sewerage pump near Klippon Houses, part of Wesselson to wash their clothes.

"We started washing our clothes until Wesselson municipal police arrived in a bakkie. One identified himself as Mandla Nkosi, and the others, a man by sight and I can identify them," Mr Mashini said.

Police carrying firearms arrived and, says Mr Mashini, "were very much aggressive. They started questioning my wife how she came to do her washing at that place. An argument ensued between Mandla Nkosi and I, and he pointed a firearm at me and threatened to shoot me."

While this was taking place, a white municipal employee arrived on the scene and told the Mashinis they should not do

their washing in the sewerage water as it was poisonous — "he appeared sympathetic to our fate."

Mr Mashini and his wife were ordered to collect their washing and to get into the police van. They were driven to Ermelo police station, where they remained for about 90 minutes. Mr Mashini grew tired of waiting and decided to go home "as there was no complaint coming to lay a charge against us."

The couple left their washing at the police station, and despite requests for it to be returned, this has not been done. On October 29, Mr Mashini lodged a complaint about the disappearance of the family washing.

Sesana Beauty Maphosa, of Wesselson, says in an affidavit that although she and others — including four children — had permission to take water, a policeman kicked at their containers, took out a knife "and slashed the plastic containers."

"They were threatened with arrest and police ordered an Indian man identified as "a Mr Josub" to lock his premises to prevent people getting water. Boete Tilly, a garage owner,

has given two statements to police and one to The Star, saying that he had seen policemen harassing people carrying water after the supply to Wesselson was cut off. He repeated his allegations to Minister of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok during a radio talk show.

Mr Tilly has denied that he had retracted a statement he had given to police.

Yesterday he gave The Star an affidavit in which he says police were aggressive to him when he first told his story to them. Mr Tilly had been interviewed earlier by a reporter from The Star.

In his affidavit, he says: "The policemen (who came to his office at 10.30 am on October 19) told me they wanted a statement about what happened on Wednesday (October 17). Indeed, I told them exactly what is contained in this affidavit."

"They took the statement in the manner in which they spoke to me was not polite."

A Major Otto then visited him at 4 pm the same day for another statement, saying the earlier one had not been "up to standard" because it allegedly did not explain the entire incident.

Mr Tilly gave Major Otto an affidavit "exactly the same" as the other he had given.

A second major, from Middeburg, arrived with other police officers at about 5 pm on October 20.

"The major told me that I should give him another statement. I told him I had already made two."

"He told me those two statements were vague and I must give another which he himself would take. I refused. I said that if they insisted on a third, I would first (want to) speak to my lawyer."

Mr Tilly added: "I wish to make it clear that I refused to make a third statement because at that time I was convinced the police were using this method to harass me and at the same time get me to make contradictory statements."

He said the number of policemen that afternoon "made me feel like a criminal and at the same time I panicked as I thought it could be members of the AWB (Afrikaner Weerstandbeweging) who had made numerous telephonic threats that they were going to kill me for the statement I made in the newspaper." □

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## Lawyers reject Harms report, call for international probe

CAPE TOWN — An association of lawyers has called for an international probe into politically motivated crime in South Africa, rejecting the Harms Commission report and alleging a cover-up backed by the Government.

"We believe that the people of South Africa are entitled to know the truth," the National Association of Democratic Lawyers said at the weekend.

"Nadel rejects the whole process as a sham and huge cover-up of SADF and SAP covert activities by the De Klerk Government and the security forces."

In calling for an international commission, Nadel placed blame for the alleged cover-up on President de Klerk. It said the Government's handling of the matter had ensured "that the truth is suppressed".

"We stress that the person primarily responsible for this cover-up is the State President himself, who refused to extend

the commission's terms of reference.

"The State President only conceded to a commission after severe pressure from all quarters. It appears that the delay afforded elements in the SADF and SAP sufficient scope to suppress the truth."

The Harms report, made public last week, found no trace of hit squads in the SAP.

"Nadel is therefore of the view that there has been no adequate and impartial investigation into the existence and the activities of hit squads within the SADF and SAP," the statement said.

It called for the resignation of Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok and Defence Minister General Magnus Malan.

"They should be called upon to resign forthwith. We refuse to accept that (the) Ministers should be allowed to escape responsibility," the association said — Sapa.



# R15 000 reward <sup>Argus</sup> <sup>20/11/80</sup> for PE police killers

From PAT CANDIDO  
Argus Bureau

PORT ELIZABETH. — A reward of R15 000 has been offered for information about the murder of two young members of the police riot squad and a third man who were gunned down with AK 47 rifles in Zwide yesterday.

Police have launched a hunt for the killers of Sergeant John Gerber, 21, Constable Cornelius De Wet, 22, and their unidentified companion.

The policemen's bodies were

found sprawled half out of their police van. The third body was on the seat of the cab.

Sergeant Gerber's brother, Constable Hein Gerber, 20, also a member of the riot unit, was manning the radio when the report came through that his brother's patrol van had been attacked.

He later counted 37 bullet holes in the vehicle.

Major Bill Dennis, police liaison officer for the Eastern Cape, said it appeared that the gunmen ran alongside the vehicle, firing from point-blank range, until it struck a wall.

# Sebokeng 251 video shocks courtroom

By Thabo Leshilo

Shocked spectators at the Sebokeng inquest gasped in awe, others cursed and several left the courtroom when a video of soldiers shooting at a crowd at the Sebokeng hostel on September 4 was shown yesterday during an inquest into the deaths of 42 people.

The video, which shows the army firing at people as they ran away, was handed in as evidence by the police to the inquest in the Vereeniging Magistrate's Court.

## Firearms

A number of the victims were left injured, dead or dying from their wounds

The inquest into events at the hostel, where 42 people died after clashes involving Inkatha, ANC-supporting hostel residents and the SADF, is chaired by Mr Justice Eddie Stafford

Police later arrested 137 Inkatha members, including Themba Khoza, leader of the Inkatha Youth Brigade

Police found several firearms and a homemade bomb in the youth leader's car

Police cameraman Warrant Officer Piet Nienaber said the army had opened fire just after firing a teargas grenade

The grenade had exploded near him, and he had just turned around to escape the gas when the firing started, Warrant Officer Nienaber said

He, however, could not film the shooting incident because his camera battery was flat at the time

Warrant Officer Nienaber

said he did not see anyone from the huge crowd attack soldiers before the shooting.

He said a large group had been sitting near to where security forces were standing when the shooting started

Another member of the police video team, Constable Marius Huyssteen, told the court on Friday that he did not understand why soldiers had shot at the crowd because the crowd had not stormed the soldiers or hurled stones at them.

The shooting apparently started moments after someone in the crowd had hurled a missile near the soldiers and the huge crowd.

Constable Huyssteen said it was not clear from the video whether the missile had landed in the crowd or among the SADF members

In the courtroom, the widow of one of the victims, Mathuto Ntseoana, who was wearing mourning garb, hid her head in shock when a scene from the video showed people lying injured and others dead or dying on the ground.

Mrs Ntseoana's husband Joseph was killed during events at the hostel

## Withdrew

Warrant Officer Nienaber and Constable Huyssteen denied seeing anyone throwing a petrol bomb at security forces.

Anton Ackerman appears for the State, and M Basslian, L Lapidos and M Miller appear for Inkatha.

The victims are represented by Gys Rautenbauch. K van Vuuren, who initially represented the SADF and the SAP, withdrew his representation for the police yesterday.

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"Coetzee told his  
story in 1984"

FORMER police captain Dirk Coetzee told his story of political murder to a senior investigative reporter in 1984 but the political climate at the time prevented its publication, the Rand Supreme Court heard yesterday.

Martin Wetz — a former political correspondent on the Sunday Express and head investigative reporter for Rapport — was testifying in the R1,5m defamation suit brought by SA Police forensics chief Gen Lothar Neethling against the Vrye Weekblad and Weekly Mail for publishing Coetzee's allegation that he had supplied poison for political murders.

Wetz said he met Coetzee in 1984 and was told on an absolutely confidential basis of alleged police operations.

Coetzee had told of obtaining poison from police laboratories, and had named Neethling.

Wetz said he had not kept notes of the discussions, and had met Coetzee privately.

Counsel for Neethling, Willie Oshry QC, asked Wetz in cross-examination whether he would have published the allegations about Neethling.

Wetz said he would not have done so at the time due to the political climate, but if he had written Coetzee's story at all, allegations about Neethling would have been included. He believed Coetzee's story, he said. — Sapa



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## Coetzee's claims were 'credible despite lies'

**JOHANNESBURG.** — A witness called by the defence in the R1,5-million defamation suit brought by police forensics chief General Lothar Neethling yesterday conceded that former police captain Mr Dirk Coetzee was prepared to lie and cheat, but that a liar could still be a credible witness.

General Neethling brought the action following allegations published in the Vrye Weekblad and Weekly Mail newspapers by Mr Coetzee that he had obtained poison from him to murder political opponents.

Former senior investigative reporter and freelance journalist Mr Martin Weltz testified that Mr Coetzee had in 1984 told him in confidence of his involvement in politically motivated murders.

Senior counsel for General Neethling, Mr Willie Oshry QC, said Mr Coetzee had been known to submit false affidavits and confess involvement in murders.

Asked if that was compatible with a credible witness, Mr Weltz said it was consistent with Mr Coetzee's other behaviour. — Sapa

# SAP 'had dirty tricks department'

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A journalist, Martin Welz, has testified that Dirk Coetzee had told him about a police "dirty tricks department" in 1984 — long before Captain Coetzee became embittered against the police — but he had not given the editor of Rapport the opportunity to print the story.

Mr Welz gave evidence in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday during the civil trial in which General Lothar Neethling, head of the police forensic division, is claiming R1,5-million from Vrye Weekblad and the Weekly Mail.

In published interviews, Captain Coetzee claimed General Neethling supplied poison to be used on "inconvenient" African National Congress members — which General Neethling says has defamed him.

Mr Welz said he heard Captain Coetzee's story early in 1984 over a number of weeks in a private, social "off-the-record" situation.

Captain Coetzee told him "with some hilarity" how a

new-fangled method using poison had not worked to get rid of two men. In the end the two "recalcitrant informers" were shot because the old methods were more reliable.

Mr Welz said Captain Coetzee's bravado came from a belief that the loyalty of his group superseded the law. He seemed proud of what he had done, regarding it as an achievement.

At that stage Mr Welz headed an investigation team at Rapport. He did not tell the editor, Dr Wimpie de Klerk, about the story because he said Dr De Klerk, as part of a political structure, might have considered it his duty to tell the police. That would have discharged Dr De Klerk's onus but put Mr Welz and his informant at risk.

"If you have a dirty tricks department, which appears to have no holds barred, with access to the highest authority, there must be some approval and protection. Any individual who sticks his neck out is taking his life into his own hands.

"I still believe it was a responsible decision," Mr Welz

said. "The more people you told, the more people were saddled with the risk."

When Vrye Weekblad published the first report in November last year, there was the additional fact of Almond Nofemela's statement, Mr Welz said. Nofemela's affidavit, given on death row, spoke of a police hit squad.

Once the decision was taken to publish, Mr Welz agreed with the newspaper's decision to print everything at once.

"It was important for the newspaper to tell the story as Coetzee told it," he said.

He disagreed that General Neethling's name should have been kept out of the article.

# Police man dies in AK 47 city ambush

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By JOHAN SCHRÖNEN  
Staff Reporter

A YOUNG constable was shot dead and a sergeant seriously injured when their patrol van was ambushed in Khayelitsha today.

It was the second attack on police in the Cape this week. Two policemen were shot dead while on patrol in Port Elizabeth on Monday.

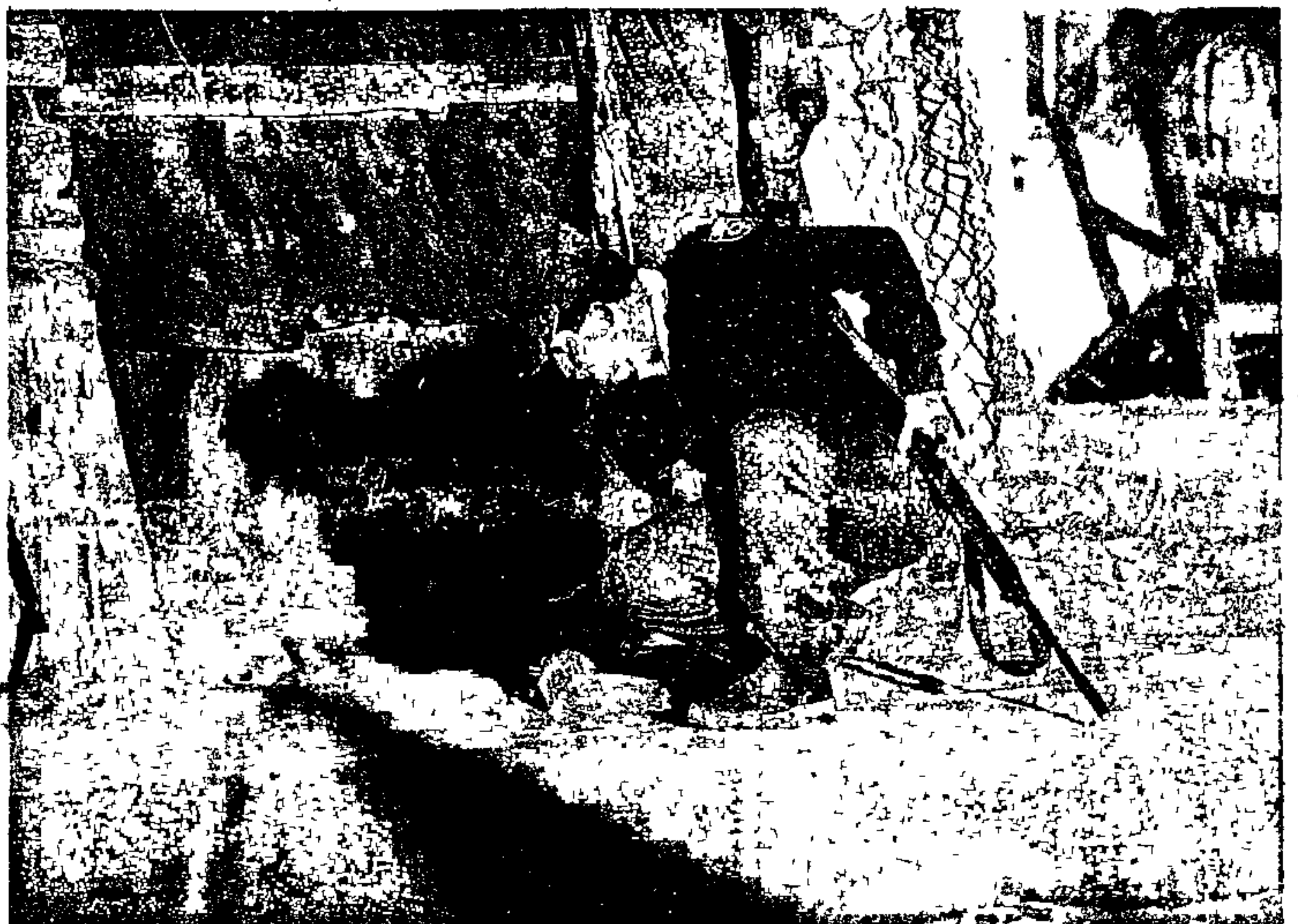
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SHOOTING SCENE: Police search for clues at the scene in Zola Budd Drive.





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Police liaison officer Major Gys Boonzaier said the men had been on duty at a roadblock. They had taken a prisoner to Mitchell's Plain and were ambushed on their way back.

At least 10 bullet holes were visible in the blood-smeared patrol van, which stopped at the intersection of Lansdowne Road Extension and New Street, more than a kilometre from the shooting

The street was covered with blood and broken glass. Police cordoned off the area while detectives looked for clues. Spent AK 47 cartridges were found near the scene of the shooting

Sergeant Laten of Visser Street, Kraaifontein, who is married, was admitted to Tygerberg Hospital in a serious condition.

### 'Cowardly'

Constable van der Merwe, who was unmarried, lived in police barracks at Parow

Regional Commissioner of Police General Flip Fourie said: "We condemn this kind of cowardly attack on policemen who are just doing their duty. We will do everything in our power to solve this murder."

No country could tolerate the slaying of its policemen and the police force would do everything in its power not only to apprehend those responsible for their murders but to prevent "such callous deeds in future", said Brigadier Vic Heyns of the directorate of public relations in Pretoria.

He said that police were there to protect and serve all and a police force was essential for any country, to prevent anarchy and chaos.

**The weather**  
**Fine and mild.**

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### SHOOTING SCENE

Police search for clues at the scene in Zola Budd Drive.



Constable v d Merwe



Sergeant Laten

**VIP VISIT:** Brigadier Flip Fourie, regional commissioner of police at the scene of the shooting. The brigadier condemned the killings saying police would do all in their power to solve the murder.

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**ILL-FATED VAN:** The bullet-ridden patrol van near the scene of the shooting.

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# Mxenge's family to sue Vlok

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — Lawyers acting for the family of slain civil rights lawyer Mr Griffiths Mxenge are waiting for a court date to hear a civil application against the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, for loss of support.

Mr Bheka Shezi, one of the lawyers, said yesterday three family members were suing the minister for loss of support, as the slain lawyer was "responsible for their maintenance."

He said the claim was premised on the fact that the self-confessed killer, Almond Butana Nofemela, was acting on the orders of former police captain Mr Dirk Coetzee.

He said if the attorney-general did not prosecute Nofemela for murder, then the family would institute a civil prosecution against him.

# Constable (23) shot dead

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CAPE TOWN — A young constable was shot dead and a sergeant seriously injured when their patrol van was ambushed and raked by automatic rifle fire in Khayelitsha today

Constable Frans van der Merwe (23) was shot in the head and Sergeant N A van Niekerk

Laten (27) was hit in the chest and side

● Four people were wounded last night when a group of about 100 people attacked Dobsonville Hostel residents in Soweto and then shot at police who were called to the scene. — Own Correspondent and West Rand Bureau.



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# 2 more policemen (251) ambushed in Cape

Own Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — A young constable was shot and killed and a sergeant seriously injured when their patrol van was ambushed and raked by automatic rifle fire in Khayelitsha yesterday.

## Attack

It was the second attack on police in the Cape this week.

Two policemen were shot dead in Port Elizabeth on Monday.

The two members of the Pinelands dog unit,

Constable Frans van der Merwe (23) and Sergeant N A Laten (27) were driving along the outskirts of the township at about 4.30 am when they came under fire from nearby shacks.

Constable van der Merwe was hit in the head. Sergeant Laten, the driver, was hit in the chest and side but managed to drive away.

The police have offered a reward of R10 000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the murderers of the two constables.

# Demo against death squads

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CAPE Town residents who support the ideal of an accountable government have been invited to a protest march on Saturday to voice their dissatisfaction with the Harms Commission Report.

The march, organised by the Campaign for a Judicial Inquiry into Hit Squads, will leave from the Grand Pa-

rade at 11 am and proceed to St George's Cathedral

The Campaign said at a press conference this week they were "disappointed and dismayed" at the Harms report

"The hit squads have not been uncovered to the bone as the State President promised," said spokesperson Mr Barney Jordaan

"The State President said in his response to the report that we should let bygones be bygones but the principle of accountability which is at stake here is too important to sweep under the carpet."

They said they would do their utmost to prevent a "witch hunt" which was an inevitable backlash from disappointed relatives of victims of the hit squads

# New SA police force?

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Own Correspondent

LONDON. — Former South African Police Commissioner General Johann Coetzee has been appointed to examine the establishment of a new paramilitary force, according to a report in Africa Confidential.

The journal, which is believed to have reliable contacts within the security establishment, says the "unpublicised appointment" marks a new line in government thinking on the security issue.

"The idea is to form a new anti-riot force which will have the confidence of the South African public — unlike the South African Police

"The new force will need to incorporate in its command structure members of all ethnic groups and representatives of all political opinions. At present, due to the police's reputation as a bastion of white conservatism, every township incident risks being turned into a political confrontation."

The report says the necessity of stabilising the security situation was recently emphasised by Dr Van Zyl Slabbert, Idasa's policy director, and a



General Coetzee

growing number of other "facilitators" with access to all parties.

Dr Slabbert, it says, sees the need for a stabilising force which will play a role similar to that of Unitag in Namibia.

It adds that despite the war of words between the Minister of Defence, General Magnus Malan, and Umkhonto we Sizwe chief of staff Mr Chris Hani "the idea of integrating Umkhonto elements into the

South African Defence Force seems to have been accepted in the upper reaches of the government."

While General Malan and Mr Hani were appearing their respective constituencies with their rhetoric, "both know that the peace process would inevitably include the fusion of the two forces."

The report notes further that President F W de Klerk has been "most careful not to upset security chiefs with unnecessarily provocative appointments."

For instance, instead of appointing the more favoured Major-General Jan van Loggerenberg as head of the SADF, the post went to Lieutenant-General "Kat" Liebenberg, who is "more acceptable to the hard men of the SADF since he is a former commandant of Special Forces who master-minded many of the cross-border raids of the early 1980s."

At the president's office, it says, the director remains another securocrat, former Commissioner of Prisons General Jannie Roux. In these and other cases, Mr De Klerk was "avoiding premature action until he has strengthened his grip on the security apparatus."



'Ex-spy': I was sent to kill ANC officials with beers and a TV

# Poison Plot?

CNAF Times 22/11/90



**JOHANNESBURG.** — A man claiming to be an ex-secret agent told the Supreme Court here yesterday that he had been recruited by Military Intelligence and sent to kill ANC officials with poisoned drinks and a booby-trapped television set.

Mr Lesley Johannes Lesia said an ANC official had died from poisoned beer he took to Mozambique and that he had delivered a case of poisoned liquor to the Russian embassy in Gaborone.

He had been instructed to spill poison into the drinks of high-ranking ANC officials or, if he got the chance, to inject his victim with poison, he said.

Mr Lesia was giving evidence for the defence in the R1.5-million defamation case brought by police forces head Lieutenant-General Lothar Neethling against Vrye Weekblad and the Weekly Mail for pub-

lishing allegations that he had supplied poison for political murders.

A gold-coloured poison ring with a swivel top and cavity to contain poison was handed in as an exhibit by the defence, who said the ring and other evidence had been released by the Zimbabwean Civil Investigation Organisation and flown to South Africa by private aircraft on Tuesday night.

Mr Lesia told the court the ring was intended to contain poison which could be spilled into drinks to eliminate ANC people.

The court was also told that a television set with explosives packed inside was given to ANC officials in Maputo, and primed to detonate on a signal from a portable radio.

It eventually exploded when plugged in in Harare, killing the wife of another Mozambique-based ANC official, the court heard.

Mr Lesia said he was arrested in Maputo in May 1987 and held in Harare for more than three years

Documents in Mr Lesia's handwriting about meetings with his handlers told of plans to destroy "all the Communist Party big fishes in and outside SA" and for further missions in Mozambique, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

He claimed that one of his handlers, a Mr Bekker, gave him four glass bottles of yellow poison, two syringes, detonators to booby-trap doors and a gun and silencer with no identification number.

These were kept in a hidden compartment behind the dashboard of his car, Mr Lesia told the court.

He said he recognised General Neethling as the man Mr Bekker pointed out to him in a hotel early in 1987 as "the big boss of the police who helps us with the stuff".

The stuff, Mr Lesia said, was poisoned alcohol. He said he had been to a laboratory in Silverton, Pretoria, which Mr Bekker had said was the police forensic laboratory.

Mr Bekker had taken delivery of three cases of

beer, and a case each of brandy and vodka from a man identified only as "Jakes". Mr Lesia said he had seen many uniformed police and police vans.

He said he had been instructed by Mr Bekker to give the liquor to the ANC in Maputo. He had kept four beers and given the rest to an ANC official called Sipho.

He told the court he later saw another official, Mr Gibson Ncube, drinking one of the beers. "It gave me a shock. There was nothing I could do."

Soon after that mission to Mozambique he heard Mr Ncube had died. The wife of another ANC official had phoned to say it had looked like paralysis.

His handlers then told him to take a rigged television set to Maputo, where it was to be handed to the ANC chief representative as a present.

He gave the set to a Mr Mhlope after de-priming it and attended Mr Ncube's funeral, where he was shown top ANC officials, including current ANC constitutional expert Mr Albie Sachs. — Sapa

# Cops' murder 'was planned'

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By DAN SIMON and CHRIS BATEMAN

POLICE heard a whistle seconds before a gunman opened fire on two policemen in Khayelitsha early yesterday, killing one and injuring the other.

This was said to investigating officers by Sergeant H A Van Niekerk Laten, 27, of Kraaifontein, who was wounded in the 4.20am attack.

He is in a stable condition in Tygerberg Hospital after undergoing an emergency operation.

His colleague, Constable Frans van der Merwe, 23, of Arrow, died instantly from a bullet wound to the head. He was due to be married in about three months. Both policemen were from the Pinelands Dog Unit.

Senior police experts agree that the attack was carefully planned and executed.

Police liaison officer Major Gys Boonzaaier said police would now increasingly use armoured vehicles to patrol townships at night.

It is the second ambush of a police patrol this week and brings the death toll to three. Two policemen were shot dead in the Port Elizabeth township of Zwijde on Monday.

In yesterday's attack, the policemen were returning to a roadblock when a hidden gunman opened fire with an R4

rifle from the side of a small trading store.

Before they drove into the ambush they heard a whistle — believed to have been a signal to the attacker.

Major Leonard Knipe, head of the Peninsula's Murder and Robbery Unit, said the attack was "obviously carefully planned".

A police ballistics expert said the van was sprayed from three sides with one R4 semi-automatic rifle, from which at least 34 rounds were fired.

"It appears the attacker changed his position three times," Major Knipe said.

Major Knipe said the ballistics expert believed the gunman had hidden himself in a vegetable kiosk near a café, awaiting a tip-off from an accomplice that the van was approaching.

Major Boonzaaier said the policemen had just dropped off a prisoner at the Mitchells Plain police station.

A security policeman on his way to work noticed Sergeant Laten flicking the van's headlights on and off about 4.25am to attract attention.

Also badly injured was Constable Van der Merwe's Alsatian Duke, which

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## Policemen shot: Casspirs may be used for patrols

Staff Reporter *ABG* 22/11/90

POLICE are considering the use of Casspir and Nongquai armoured vehicles for night patrols in Khayelitsha and other troubled areas after yesterday's ambush of two policemen in the township.

Police liaison officer Major Gys Boonzaaier said armoured vehicles were already being used but there were still a number of soft-skin vehicles making patrols. The vehicle which was ambushed was one of these.

Constable Frans van der

Merwe was killed and Sergeant H A van Niekerk Laten was seriously wounded when a man opened fire on their vehicle with a semi-automatic rifle in Khayelitsha yesterday.

Forensic experts identified the murder weapon as an R-4 rifle — standard issue to Defence Force troops.

Major Boonzaaier said it was an established fact that a number of these rifles were in illegal circulation in the townships as a result of theft and soldiers swapping them for drugs



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# No orders to shoot, Sebokeng inquest told

By Thabo Leshilo

SADF members who allegedly unleashed a volley of automatic gunfire at a crowd at the Sebokeng hostel in September apparently did so without an order from their commanding officer, the Sebokeng inquest into the deaths of 42 people heard yesterday.

Colonel Petrus Johannes Fourie, the SAP's district commissioner for Vereeniging, said that immediately after the army had fired, he had asked Commandant Clouie, the SADF commanding officer, who had ordered the troops to shoot.

"Commandant Clouie told me that he had only ordered teargas to be fired," he said.

The commandant told him that one soldier had said one of the wounded people was holding a petrol bomb.

"I did not see a petrol bomb near the corpse at that stage," Colonel Fourie said.

He said that after the shooting, he had seen three bodies and several injured people on the scene. There were also sharp weapons, petrol bombs, fighting sticks and articles of clothing.

There were, as usual, two different command structures for

the SAP and SADF. Problems arose because of this, Colonel Fourie said.

The shooting had occurred a minute after he had told police not to shoot or hit the people but rather to disperse them gradually.

Asked what he would have done to disperse the mob, he said he would have used teargas and rubber bullets before using live ammunition.

Another witness, Warrant Officer Anthony Slinger, said the army arrived in a convoy at 9.35 am. There was a 10 000-strong aggressive crowd outside the hostel. They threw stones

and petrol bombs at Inkatha members trapped inside.

"I could see the defence force kneel down. Teargas (three canisters) was fired. The defence force immediately started firing R-4 weapons. I heard no order given to shoot."

The crowd started running, W/O Slinger said. He saw 11 wounded people on the ground. He later collected 98 spent R-4 cartridges at the scene.

Constable Joseph Lethoba said he had removed two bodies from the scene at about 10 am, about 15 minutes after the shooting.

The hearing continues



# Cop tells of ambush

By DANIEL SIMON

A POLICE sergeant yesterday described how he narrowly escaped death when a patrol van he was driving was fired on during an ambush in Khayelitsha on Wednesday

Speaking from his Tygerberg Hospital bed, where he is recovering from shrapnel wounds, Sergeant Hendrik van Niekerk Laten, 27, of Kraaifontein, said he put his foot "flat down" when a gunman opened fire with an SADF-issue R4 rifle

A colleague and close friend, Constable Frans van der Merwe, 23, of Parow, died in the attack when a bullet struck him in the head during the 4.20am attack in Zola Budd Avenue

Police yesterday reported that two petrol bombs were found near the scene of the ambush. They believe they were intended to be used if the hit man brought the police vehicle to a halt

Sergeant Laten said he did not see the attacker

"I just heard windows shatter and

felt the shrapnel hit me. I knew Frans was hit. I heard him scream and saw his body jerk," he said

Sergeant Laten said he and Constable Van der Merwe were chatting while driving slowly back to a roadblock after dropping off a suspect at Mitchell's Plain police station

"We heard a loud whistle and wondered who it was. Then we heard a second whistle and the next thing the shooting started. When I heard windows shatter I put my foot flat down"

Sergeant Laten said that earlier that morning, they had discussed the deadly ambush of two policemen in the Port Elizabeth township of Zwide on Monday

Asked how he felt about his friend's death, Sergeant Laten said "I am shocked and feel bitter towards the people who did it."

Asked whether he would be prepared to patrol townships in an unprotected police van in future, he responded, "Police vans are dangerous in townships. It is wrong to drive them there. I won't go in vans in the near future. Maybe after a while."



**WOUNDED POLICEMAN . . .** Mrs Janine Laten, 23, with her husband, Sergeant H A Van Niekerk Laten, yesterday. Sergeant Laten is recovering from wounds received in an ambush. Mrs Laten said she did not wish her husband to resign from the force. "I will support him in his work."

Picture: DANIEL SIMON

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**T**HE defamation case General Lothar Neethling has brought against *The Weekly Mail* and *Vrye Weekblad* has not only breathed new life into the military hit squad saga, but has brought to light possibly the most damning evidence to date about covert security force operations

The case took a highly dramatic turn this week when a "mystery" witness, 54-year-old Leslie Lesia, was called by the publications' defence.

Neethling is suing the two newspapers for a combined amount of R1,5-million arising from the publication of three articles late last year — two in *Vrye Weekblad* and one in *The Weekly Mail* — containing allegations that the general supplied poisons for the elimination of activists. The allegations were made by self-confessed police hit squad member and former police captain Dirk Coetzee, whose "confessions" have largely been discredited by the Harms and McNally reports.

Lesia testified this week that he was recruited by South African military intelligence (MI) in October 1986 and provided with poisons and poisoned liquor from the general's laboratory, detonators and explosive television sets to eliminate African National Congress activists in neighbouring states.

ANC member Gibson Ncube died after he allegedly drank a can of Castle lager laced with poison smuggled into Mozambique by Lesia. The wife of an ANC member, one Tsitsi Chiliza, died in Zimbabwe when her booby-trapped television set, allegedly supplied by Lesia, exploded in May 1987.

Lesia, who said as far as he knew he was not employed by the Civil Co-operation Bureau, told how he had on one occasion presented the Russian Embassy in Botswana with a box of poison beers and a "gift" box containing poison. He also said he had visited the SAP forensic laboratories in early 1987 with his "handler" to fetch poison liquor and that he had been told by his handler that South African Police "boss" Neethling helped with the "stuff".

The atmosphere in the packed courtroom bristled with electricity as Lesia related his story. Neethling looked composed throughout, grinning constantly, but taking detailed notes.

Lesia, resident in Bloemfontein, was imprisoned in Zimbabwe from May 1987 until July 25 of this year for the murder of Chiliza. The charges were dropped in October 1988 but he was re-detained until the State of Emergency was lifted in July.

A bottle of poison, two syringes, a poison ring, pistol, silencer and a biscuit tin containing detonators were found in a secret compartment of his car by the Zimbabwean authorities.

Extensive evidence corroborating Lesia's account — including photographs taken by the Zimbabwean authorities of his hidden car compartment and its con-

# 'SA agent gave poisoned beer to the Russians'

A 'mystery' witness told a defamation hearing against two newspapers this week a bizarre tale of how anti-apartheid activists were poisoned in a South African intelligence death web spread across Southern Africa **PHILIPPA GARSON reports**



Mystery witness ... Leslie Lesia.

Picture KEVIN CARTER

tents, numerous air tickets, hotel cards, a diary and his passport — was handed in to the court.

During cross-examination, the plaintiff's defence, Willie Oshry QC, revealed that Lesia had been jailed several times for theft and dagga dealing. Lesia said he was recruited a few months after he flew with his sister-in-law to Tanzania for the funeral of his nephew, Tebogo Lesia, an Umkhonto weSizwe soldier in early September 1986. He said he had informed the Bloemfontein security police of the trip and a certain official said he would assist them with the necessary travel documents.

Lesia said on his return, he was tricked into becoming an agent for MI when informed by someone posing as a United States Consulate official that funds would be provided for the art school he had set up in Bloemfontein. Lesia had written to the consulate in April to ask for financial assistance for his ailing "Leslie's Performing Arts and Cultural Institute".

Two representatives from the consulate allegedly came to see him in Bloemfontein and a local lawyer, Brian Cooper, was consulted to handle the financial transactions.

Lesia was flown to Johannesburg on two occasions and his flights were paid

for, he said, by what he thought was the US embassy.

At Jan Smuts Holiday Inn he became acquainted with a dark-haired Mr Ernest Becker (who, according to a former CCB member who spoke to *The Weekly Mail*, is Kobus Potgieter, former member of the special forces) and later a blond Mr Brown, who spoke with an American accent.

On his second visit to Johannesburg, Lesia said he was asked by Brown and Becker how much he knew of the ANC in exile. He said he was reluctant to give information until "Mr Becker sort of threatened me and said if I didn't cooperate they wouldn't let my school have funds". Lesia, who described himself as "confused at the time", said he became suspicious but knew that if he backed out "things would not be easy" for him when he returned home.

From then on he became an agent, supplying his handlers, Bekker and Brown, with information when he checked into either the Milpark or Jan Smuts Holiday Inns. He said he made various trips to Mozambique, via Swaziland, and Botswana to take substances laced with poisons for the elimination of activists and the booby-trapped television set. Evidence of his trips was submitted to the court, but he said some valuable documents — including a diary in which he recorded everything — were destroyed by frightened relatives while he was detained in Zimbabwe.

The soft-spoken Lesia said his handlers paid R1 600 each month into his Barclays Bank Bloemfontein account and gave him R1 500 to R2 000 travel expenses for each trip he made.

He claims that, after repeated contact with the ANC in exile, he was asked by them to help set up a cell in the rural areas.

Lesia said on one of his trips to Johannesburg, where he stayed at Milpark Holiday Inn, he was given four glass bottles of a yellowish poison, two syringes and the poison ring. "Becker instructed me that whenever I got the opportunity — I should concentrate on high-ranking officers in the ANC — I could either use the ring to put poison in and spill it (in their drinks) or, if I had the chance, I could use the syringes to inject them".

He said he saw Neethling after he was given the poison, on one occasion in a coffee bar at the Jan Smuts Holiday Inn. Neethling, who was allegedly seated with two women and a man, was pointed out by Becker.

Lesia earlier identified him in court, saying that when he had seen the general in 1986 he had a moustache and looked younger. "(Becker) said that is the big boss of the police, the man who is helping us with the stuff".

Oshry intimated he may have got the description of Neethling from the "Dispatches" video he saw two days before

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## Big reward offered for murder information

The Commissioner of the SA Police, General Johan van der Merwe, has announced an increase in the reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for the deaths of SAP members in Port Elizabeth, Cape Town and Soweto from R10 000 to R25 000

He said in Pretoria yesterday that anybody with information was requested to contact the nearest police station.

Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok said yesterday that 19 policemen had been killed since the beginning of October and that it was

obvious their deaths were part of a sustained murder campaign against the SAP. Two more policemen were reported killed in the Transvaal after Mr Vlok had made his statement

Mr Vlok said the policemen's deaths came in addition to assassinations and intimidation already being waged against black policemen and their families in the townships.

"This situation is still completely unacceptable. I once again condemn it in the strongest possible terms," Mr Vlok said

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# Ex-major denies Coetzee story

A RETIRED police major, who was yachting just south of the Mozambican border, was located and brought to Johannesburg this week to testify during the R1,5 million defamation trial launched by SAP forensic division chief, General Lothar Neethling.

The claim arose from the publication of interviews with former police captain, Dirk Coetzee, who claimed General Neethling supplied poison to be used on ANC members.

Yesterday, Archibald Michael Flemmington was called to the witness box. He has a tanned face and greying, short hair.

He told Justice J C Kriegler, who is presiding over the civil trial in the Rand Supreme Court, that he resigned from the police in 1983 because he believed he could better himself financially in the

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private sector.

He sold a hotel and as a result of a restraint of trade agreement, which expires in April next year, is not working at present.

Mr Flemmington denied Mr Coetzee's allegations, in which Mr Flemmington was claimed to have been present when two men were shot in the back of the head with a Makarov pistol, their bodies burnt and thrown into the Komati River.

He first met Mr Coetzee, Mr Flemmington said, when Mr Coetzee was branch commander of the Oshoek border post, in the uniform branch, and he (Mr Flemmington) was a branch commander of the security police at Komatipoort. They met at a branch commanders' conference

in Middelberg. Later Mr Coetzee was transferred to the security police, based first at Middelberg then in Pretoria.

"He visited me at Komatipoort. It was after I became a major so it must have been after March 1, 1981," Mr Flemmington said.

"He arrived with a European member of his staff and said they had two Askaris with them who were going to work the area to find ANC terrorists.

"He asked me to give them accommodation. I agreed to do this.

"My men told me they saw the Askaris at the bus ranks for about three weeks or so, then they left. I never saw Dirk Coetzee again," he said.

He said he knew the area described by Mr Coetzee well, it was 100 metres from the national highway, just south of the

bridge, near a hotel and some farm houses. It was "wide open, not secluded at all", he said.

If tyres had been used to burn the body, as suggested by Mr Coetzee, he would have expected farmers who were concerned about protecting their crops to have investigated the thick black smoke.

He said there was "no truth whatsoever" in Mr Coetzee's allegations.

He met General Neethling for the first time this week, he said.

Counsel for Vrye Weekblad and the Weekly Mail will cross-examine Mr Flemmington on Monday.

The judge told Mr Flemmington it was unfortunate that his evidence could not be completed before the weekend but suggested he might go yachting "on the dam."

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# Ambush suspect killed during arrest

Staff Reporters

A SECOND man is being sought in connection with Wednesday's ambush of two policemen in Khayelitsha, following the death yesterday of a suspect police say was killed during a scuffle with a detective near Worcester.

Police spokeswoman Captain Denise Brand said a full police investigation would be held into the death of suspect Mr Anthon Vukile Malindi, 22, of Zwelethemba township.

He was allegedly involved in the killing of Constable Frans van der Merwe, 23, and the wounding of Sergeant Hendrik Van Niekerk Laten, 27.

About 25 policemen swooped on the home of Mr Malindi's parents, at 406 Thewa Street.

Captain Brand said Detective-Sergeant Johan Etsebeth was shot and wounded in the left arm with his own firearm by Mr Malindi, who had wrested the detective's pistol from him during the arrest. Captain Brand said Sergeant Etsebeth was dis-



Det-Sgt Johan Etsebeth

charged from hospital with a flesh wound, but later "rushed home when he fell ill" after agreeing to pose for press pictures at the Bellville South Murder and Robbery Unit.

Tracing events that led to the shooting, Captain Brand said police, acting on information from "more than one informant", went into the township to look for Mr Malindi.

He was found in Thewa Street and fled when police approached him at 5.45am yesterday, said Captain Brand.

Seven policemen had scattered around the area to search for Mr Malindi, who was later apprehended and handed over to Sergeant Etsebeth in the backyard of a house in the area.

Mr Malindi wrestled with the policeman and managed to take his firearm.

Sergeant Etsebeth was shot in the left arm and continued to wrestle with the suspect until he had taken his pistol back, said Captain Brand.

"Three shots went off and one of these shots hit the suspect in the head. The suspect died on the way to hospital."

Family members yesterday claimed that Mr Malindi, who they said supported the ANC, was at "home and sleeping" at the time of the Khayelitsha ambush.

Commenting on the police allegation, a bereaved Mrs Alice Malindi, 47, said "My child was not in Khayelitsha as the police say. He was at home the whole week. He was sleeping here on Wednesday morning."

Police would do "what is necessary" to protect the lives of policemen patrolling South Africa's townships, a spokesman for the Minister of Law and Order said in Pretoria yesterday.

The first measure would probably be the increased use of "hard skin" vehicles such as the Casspir, but exact measures in each township would be determined by the area's divisional commissioner, the spokesman said.



DEAD SUSPECT ... Mr Anthon Vukili Malindi



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# Judge orders witness detained for perjury

By Thabo Leshilo

A witness in the Sebokeng inquest being heard by the Supreme Court was detained briefly for committing perjury yesterday after allegedly giving evidence which conflicted with a statement he had made to police about his cousin's death.

Mr Justice Stafford ordered that Wilson Tafeni be detained for perjury while the court adjourned for tea.

The perjury stemmed from a statement made by Mr Tafeni in which he claimed to have

personally seen his cousin being shot by a white man at 4 am on September 4.

Mr Tafeni denied having said so to the court.

He said that his cousin had been killed when the SADF shot at people outside the hostel after 9 am.

Mr Justice Stafford told Mr Tafeni he had "committed perjury of the first degree".

In the statement, Mr Tafeni said he and his cousin were patrolling the hostel after rumours that Inkatha would attack the residents.

The statement said that David, his cousin, was shot by a white man — whom he described as being of medium build — at the hostel at 4 am.

Before dying, David had told Mr Tafeni that the killer was a Mr Ferreira or Mr Pelela, his manager at a Vereeniging firm.

Mr Tafeni denied having said so in his statement. He said his brother had been shot by a member of the SADF. Mr Tafeni said David was part of a large crowd sitting in front of soldiers, about seven paces in front of him.

He said he had ordered the people to sit down to avoid anybody throwing stones at the troops and he denied they had intended to block the soldiers.

The people had been armed with spears and axes, he with a spear.

The group had started running after soldiers fired tear-gas. Troops also fired live ammunition while the people ran away to escape the gas. His cousin was shot and fell.

"Only the soldiers fired at the people. No one else fired shots at the time," said Mr Tafeni.

# 'It's a spark that will light fire of violence'

**PETER FABRICIUS**  
Political Correspondent

SOME ANC mass action campaigns — such as the call for black councillors to resign — were “like hiding a gun behind your back and suggesting ‘do this or else’”

That was why the Government regarded these campaigns as part of the “armed actions and related activities” which the ANC had agreed to suspend, said Mr Roelf Meyer, deputy Minister of Constitutional Development, and a member of both joint ANC/Government working groups on political prisoners and exiles and also on the ANC armed struggle

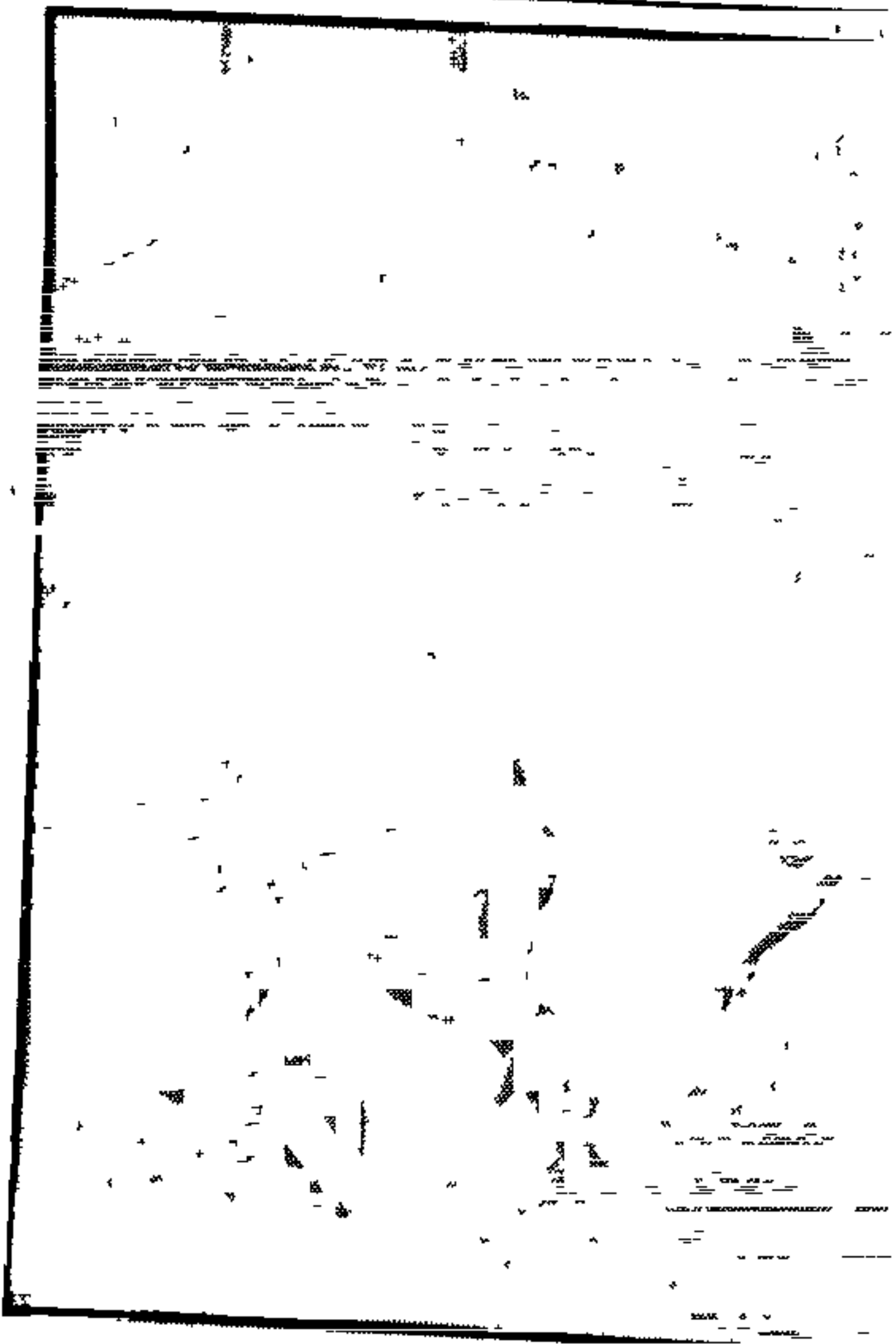
Although “mass action” is not forbidden in so many words in the Groote Schuur or Pretoria Minutes agreed to by the Government and the ANC

### Intimidation factor

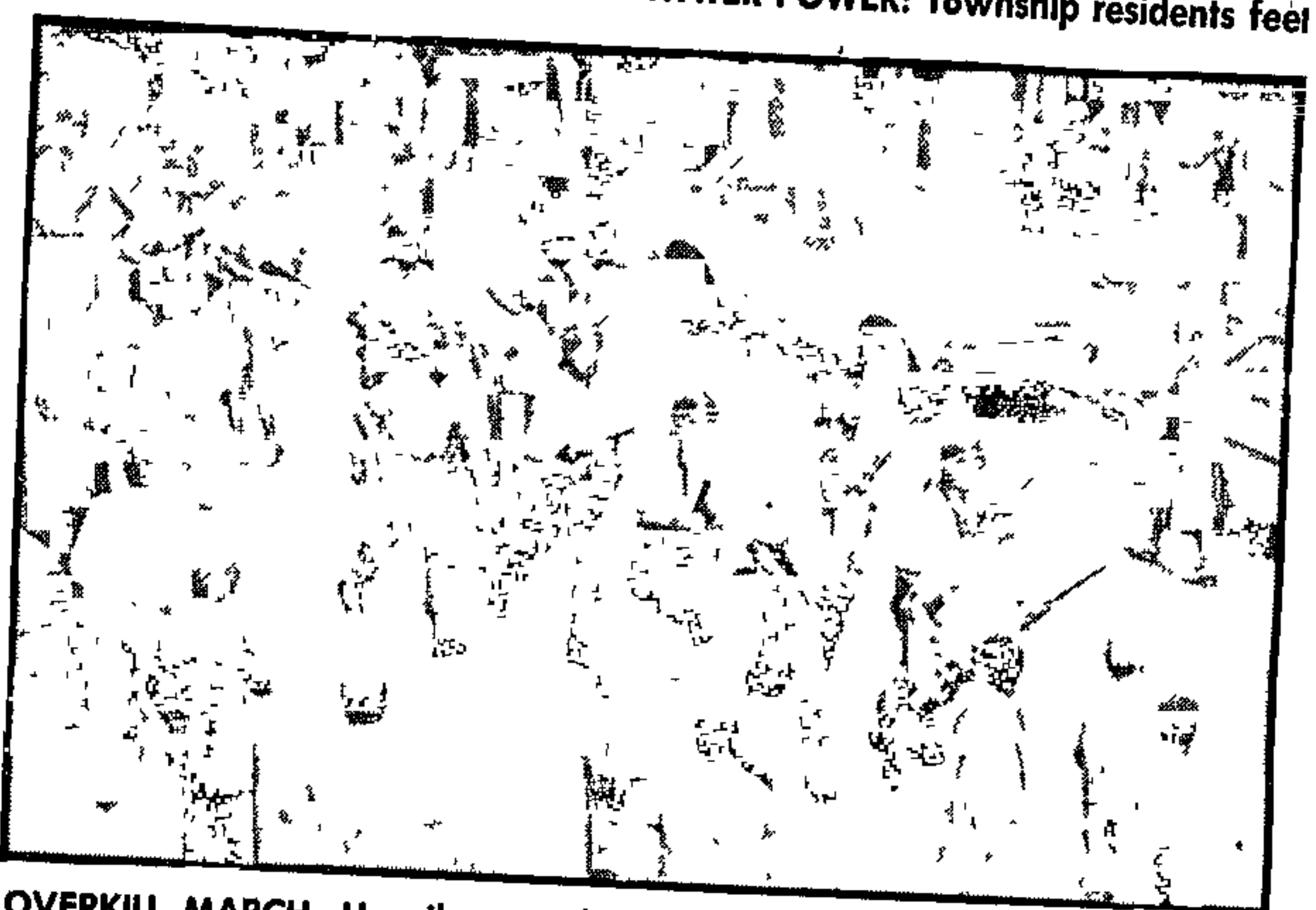
Mr Meyer explained in an interview this week that the Government believed certain mass actions involved intimidation and led inevitably to destabilisation and violence — which were in conflict with the minutes

Paragraph one of the Groote Schuur Minute reads “The Government and the African National Congress agree on a common commitment towards a resolution of the existing climate of violence and intimidation from whatever quarter as well as a commitment to stability and to a peaceful process of negotiations”

The relevant section of paragraph three of the Pretoria Minute is the ANC's agreement to suspend “armed actions and related activities”



**WATER POWER:** Township residents feel



**OVERKILL MARCH:** Heavily armed police, some with grenades, make an unnecessary parade of force where no crowd threatens

## Road to violence

The kinds of action you disapprove — such as rent and service boycotts — seem to fall under the general heading "civil disobedience". Do you find civil disobedience unacceptable by definition?

## ACTION

Civil disobedience causes destabilisation by definition in the sense that normal services can't be provided. And that leads to violence in the (black) community because people are frustrated.

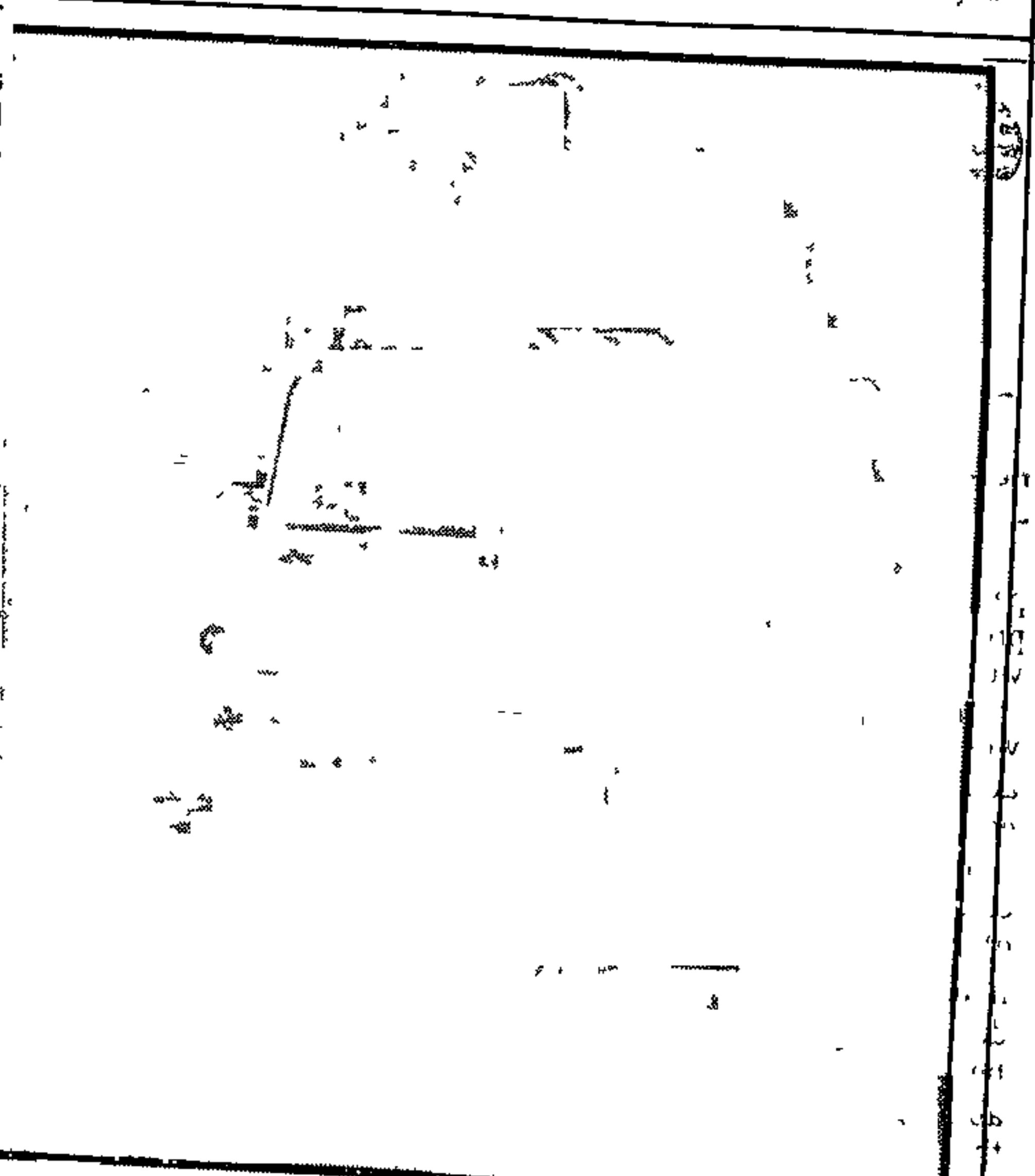
**The ANC says it is justified in continuing mass action because the Government has acted in bad faith by making the release of prisoners and return of exiles dependent upon a satisfactory outcome of the discussions on the ANC struggle. Comment?**

If you look at paragraphs two and three of the Pretoria Minute (paragraph two is about the release of prisoners and return of exiles, and paragraph three about the ending of armed actions) there is an obvious connection just from reading it. One is dependent upon the other.

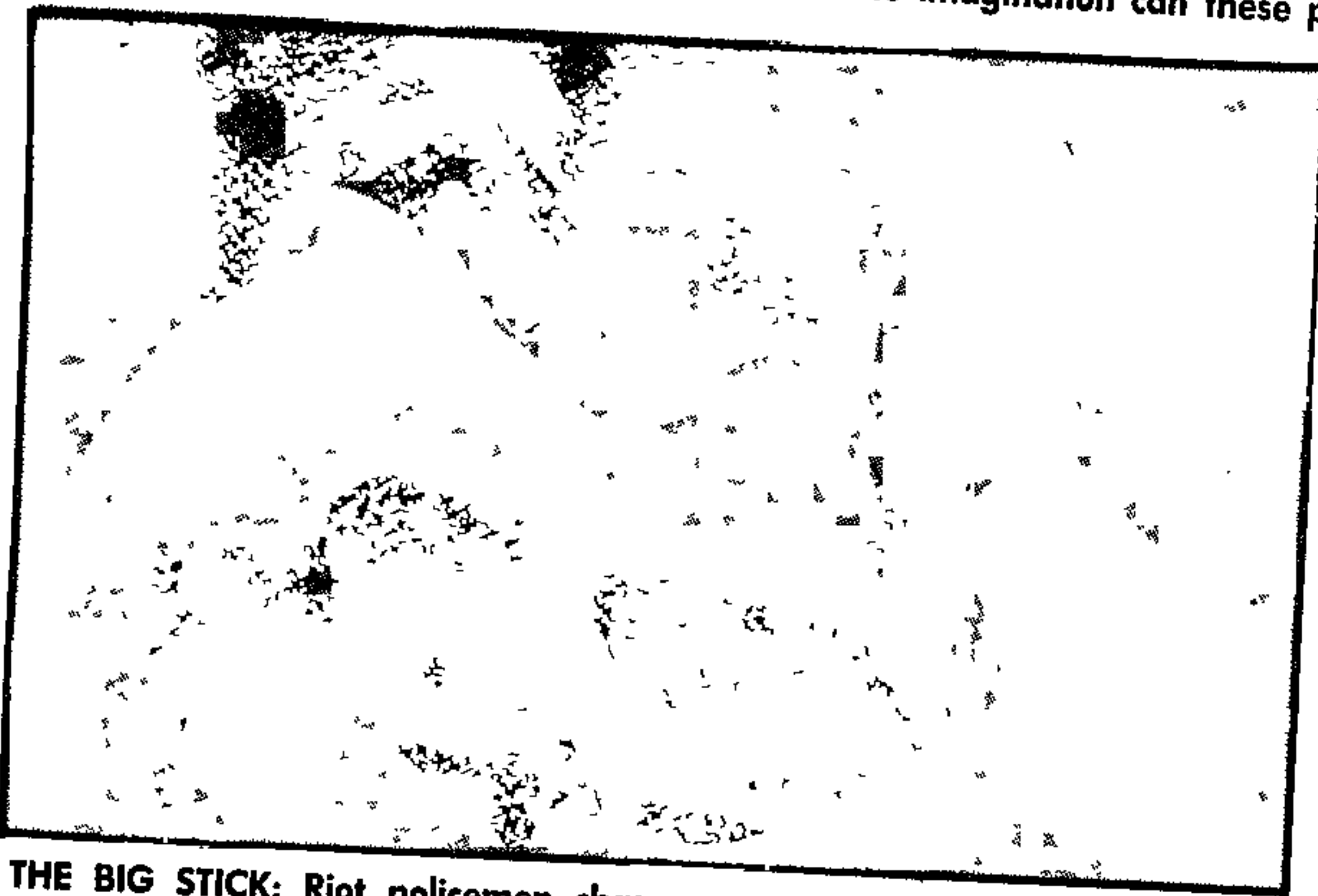
**But is the Government's insistence that the ANC abandon mass action not slowing the negotiation process since the next phase cannot start until this is resolved?**

No. It is obvious from the Pretoria Minute that paragraph three (in which the ANC agrees to suspend "armed actions and related activities") is a very important part. The Government has had one particular condition from the start, we can't negotiate unless the (ANC's) commitment to violence as a political instrument stops. We can talk but not negotiate just as they said they can talk but not negotiate until prisoners were released, exiles returned, the state of emergency lifted, among others.

It's important to resolve what was agreed to in the Pretoria Minute.



heavy, wet hand of the law. By no stretch of the imagination can these people have merited such severe treatment.



**THE BIG STICK:** Riot policemen chase a protester who, face screwed up with pain from a heavy blow, tries to flee a beating-up.

cases. Those utterances create an atmosphere that causes violence and attacks, to the extent that councils have resigned apparently on account of fear.

The basic question is do we accept the peaceful process and try to expedite it. You can't say you are in favour of the peaceful process of negotiation and on the other hand use other methods which are directly or indirectly responsible for violence.

**Isn't it a little far-fetched to regard mass action as being an activity related to armed action?**

The Government has not demanded that mass action must stop. It's a particular part of it that we argue is part of "related activities" and must stop because it leads to destabilisation and ungovernability.

To put it figuratively, the difference between "armed actions" and "related activities" is the difference between pointing a gun at you, or hiding it behind your back and suggesting "do this or else".

**How can you blame the ANC mass action campaign for actual violence on the ground?**

It's a question of the atmosphere or climate that is often stirred up with calls which lead to the fact that people perceive they have the right to behave in a certain way.

We are concerned about the net effect — apart from the public utterances and the political games and constituencies. What concerns us is that there is no visible end to violence directly or indirectly caused by mass action through intimidation.



# Former major denies Coetzee allegations

JOHANNESBURG — A former security police major yesterday denied any involvement with former Captain Dirk Coetzee in the poisoning, shooting and burning of an ANC defector and another kidnapped ANC member near Komatipoort in 1981.

Mr Coetzee told a special court convened in London last month that Major Archie Flemington had assisted in giving poison "knock-out" drops to the men, Vusi and Peter, who had later been burned on a bonfire of charcoal and old tyres to destroy all traces of their bodies.

Mr Flemington was produced as a surprise witness in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday to give rebutting evidence in the R1,5-million defamation suit brought by police forensics head Lieutenant-General Lothar Neethling against Vrye Weekblad and the Weekly Mail for publishing allegations by Mr Coetzee that he had been supplied with poison by General Neethling.

Mr Flemington denied having had dealings with Mr Coetzee and said he had met General Neethling for the first time on Monday.

He will be cross-examined by defence counsel on Monday.

Earlier yesterday the defence called a book-keeper at the Pretoria Holiday Inn, Ms Melinda Swift, who said hotel records indicated that a Mr Lesia had spent the night in the hotel on February 22 and checked out the next day, February 23.

The defence allege that Mr Lesley Lesia, a former military intelligence agent, went to the laboratory on February 23 to collect poisoned liquor, but General Neethling's counsel say documents before the court show he checked out on February 22 and flew home to Bloemfontein. — Sapa.

# Pay up, judge tells min Vlok

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THE shooting by a police constable of a youth from Thembeni township near Edendale in Natal last year was "not warranted" and the youth's subsequent detention was "wrongful", a Supreme Court judge has ruled.

Judge Broome ruled in Maritzburg this week that Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok was liable for damages resulting from the shooting and detention of Stanley Mlaba, 19, although an exact amount for damages was not determined.

The Mlaba family is claiming R63 000 for, among others, medical expenses and loss of the full use of Mlaba's right leg as a result of the shooting.

The judge said constable C Thompson was not justified in discharging his shotgun to "injure or kill".

Although Thompson had said he fired because he had been shot at, he had acted "negligently" because it was dark and there were people and kraals in the vicinity.

There was also "some doubt" whether Thompson had really been fired at because the homemade pistol which police allegedly found near the wounded Mlaba after he took refuge in a nearby kraal had not been in working order at the time.

Another "unsatisfactory" feature of Thompson's testimony was that charges against Stanley had been dropped without "satisfactory" reasons.

There was "no serious attempt" to prosecute Mlaba - Sapa

# Five Middelburg activists jailed after boycott call

By **BHEKI NKOSI**

POLICE have arrested five leading activists in Middelburg

This follows the launch of a consumer boycott on Monday after a march by ANC women was tear-gassed by the SAP

After the march, the

Middelburg Council and an SAP delegation walked out of a meeting with Mhluzi township representatives

The Middelburg Residents' Organisation (MRO) said one of the group threatened to bring Inkatha to the township "to sort residents out".

The five, who were detained on Friday, are Jabu Ntshane of the Congress of South African Students; James Matau of the National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union; Godfrey Maseko and Abe Mathibela of the MRO, and Joey Mathibela

According to police, they were arrested on suspicion of public violence

MRO leader Isaac Kgale said by Friday afternoon the five had been denied access to their lawyers, family members and doctors.

ANC Women's League activist Granny Maseko said leaders were addressing the marchers on the dispersal order when teargas was fired.

But police said the march was illegal and the women had been given about an hour to disperse.

Seven women were allowed to proceed to the police station, he said.



# Lesia: I got poison from cops

By DESMOND BLOW

EVIDENCE of alleged "hit squad" murders which the Harms Commission refused to hear because they occurred outside the borders of South Africa, this week became public at General Lothar Neethling's R1.5-million defamation suit against *Vrye Weekblad* and *The Weekly Mail*.

The SAP forensic head is suing the newspapers over reports that he had supplied "hit squads" with poison to kill enemies of the government. Neethling has denied all the allegations.

*Vrye Weekblad* produced a surprise witness in Lesley Johannes Lesia,

who gave evidence that he had worked for Military Intelligence (MI) outside the country and alleged his task was to poison and booby-trap ANC officials.

Judge Johan Kregler must now decide whether Neethling had in fact supplied poison for murders. In cross-examination Lesia was strongly challenged on his evidence relating to Neethling, but not on his evidence that he had worked externally for MI.

Lesia implied in evidence that he was bitter against MI because they had forgotten him during his three-year detention in Zimbabwe for the murder

of Isisi Chlirza, the wife of an ANC official who was killed by a booby-trapped television set he had supplied.

Allegations of external murders by the CCB were raised before the Harms Commission, but Justice Harms said he was only empowered to hear allegations of murder within South Africa's borders.

Now Lesia, produced as a surprise witness, has uncovered some of these allegations, although he told the court he never knew whether he was part of the CCB.

Lesia, 54, said he was recruited by two men from MI posing as US

diplomats in 1986

He described how ANC official Gibson Neube, who worked for Radio Maputo, died from poisoned beer he had delivered to the ANC in Mozambique on the instructions of his "superiors". He said the beer could not be told from normal beer by smell or taste.

Lesia had seen Neube drinking a can of this beer and Neube had died about a week later. At the time, Neube's death seemed to have been caused by a heart attack or paralysis. Lesia also delivered a case of poisoned liquor to the Russian Embassy in Gaborone.

A gold-coloured poison ring with a hidden compartment was handed in as evidence by the defence, who said the ring and other evidence had been released to them by the Zimbabwean Civil Investigation Organisation (CIO), which had found it in a secret compartment in Lesia's car at the time of his arrest.

Lesia told the court the ring was intended to contain poison which could be spilled into drinks to eliminate ANC members.

Lesia said his handler, Bekker, had pointed General Neethling out to him at the Jan Smuts Airport Holiday Inn early in

1987. Bekker had told him: "That's the big boss from the police who is helping us with the stuff (poison)."

He also said he had been taken by Bekker and others to the police forensic laboratory in Pretoria where Bekker had taken delivery of three cases of poisoned beer, and a case each of poisoned brandy and poisoned vodka from a man in a white coat addressed as "Jakes".

Lesia described the laboratory and agreed in cross-examination, when shown recent pictures of the interior of the building, that they differed from his description, but he maintained his description was correct.

Willie Oshty, QC for Neethling, said evidence would be led stating that no Jakes had ever worked at the laboratory. He suggested Lesia had never been to the building.

Lesia insisted he had. Later another defence witness, Ryan Harris, 30, said he had worked at the police laboratory as a national serviceman for two years until 1985, and the name Jakes had come up at the time.

He returned for a "camp" in 1986 and had been introduced to a man called Jakes who was visiting the laboratory. The case is proceeding.



Johannes Lesia... testified he killed the ANC's Gibson Neube with beer poisoned in police labs.

# Troops replacing cops at border posts

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SADF troops are to replace police at a number of border posts from December 7 to make the policemen available for other tasks.

This was disclosed by the army's directorate of public relations in Pretoria at the weekend

Police will remain responsible for all legal procedures at the border posts and the army will exclusively be used for the search of vehicles,

patrols and the safety of the border posts

The South African Military Police will be responsible for the training and control of the troops

The first training course, which focusses mainly on the tracing and identification of drugs

and explosives, has already been completed

Among the border posts to be manned are Beit Bridge and Pontdrif on the northern border, Komatipoort and Oshoek on the eastern border, Onverwacht in Natal and Caledonspoort, Maseru Bridge and Van Rooyen's

Gate in the Free State

The first group to be deployed consists of national servicemen, mem-

bers of 32 Battalion and dog handlers from the military police - *Sowetan Correspondent*

## Employment act

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Talks will have to be held with all groups before the Unemployment Insurance Act and the Basic Conditions of Employment Act

can be made applicable to the agricultural sector, Manpower Minister Eli Louw said at the weekend - *Sapa*

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# 10 shot and hacked to death in raid

The Argus Correspondent  
JOHANNESBURG. — Renewed outbursts of fighting between rival blacks and attacks by rightwing extremists are racking the country.

Latest flashpoints:

● Last night Zulu-Xhosa clashes on the East Rand claimed 10 lives.

● Police expect to make arrests today following a savage sjambok-and-knobkerrie attack on black Sunday school children in a park in Louis Trichardt.

● Police reinforcements drawn from all over the Western Cape have been deployed in Khayelitsha and Old Crossroads, while the Defence Force is calling up Citizen Force members by telephone in a hurried attempt to help police stem township violence.

● Tension in Welkom, scene of bitter racial clashes this year, has soared after rightwingers beat up trade unionists at a meeting.

● Water and electricity cut-offs in townships hit by long-standing rent-and-service payment boycotts continue to add to the tension. The latest possible trouble spot is Maokeng in the Free State, where the National Party-controlled council cut off water on Friday.

The worst overnight violence was in Katlehong.

A police spokesman said the bodies of 10 men were discovered near Mandela Park before 6am.

Some victims apparently died of gunshot wounds and others were hacked to death with pangas and stabbed.

About 150 people attacked the camp late last night, said police spokeswoman Captain Ida van Zweel.

The 10 deaths brought the East Rand toll for the past two days to 15. In Natal 18 people have been killed in unrest since Saturday.

# SA may have new riot force

By MICHAEL MORRIS  
Political Correspondent

THE feasibility of establishing a new paramilitary riot force — not linked to the police — is being investigated.

The top-level investigation is being carried out by former Police Commissioner General Johan Coetzee.

Brigadier Leon Mellet, spokesman for Minister of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok, confirmed General Coetzee had been given the task of weighing up the advantages of a separate force to deal with riots and unrest.

## ORDERED BY PRESIDENT

It is understood the investigation was ordered by President De Klerk.

Brigadier Mellet said that once General Coetzee's study was complete it would be handed to Mr Vlok, but no date had been set.

The study, first mentioned in the overseas publication Africa Confidential, stems from concern in government over the perception of the police as a partial, political instrument and a bastion of white conservatism.

As a result anti-crime and unrest operations, particularly in townships, are often seen as acts of political repression.

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# Vlok delivers his message of peace

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By SONTI MASEKO

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THE Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, told a police gathering this weekend that the message brought by the South African police to the country and the rest of the world was that of peace.

The Minister said the role of the police during the recent countrywide unrest had been to make peace between fighting factions.

He said "We were the peacemakers in Soweto, we never took sides but the side of peace. This is the message I wish to bring 'Let us go and make peace.'

Vlok was delivering his Christmas message at "a night of Christmas carols" at Protea police station in Soweto at the weekend. The occasion was attended by about 300 guests.

"We are going from here to build a better world so people can see we are the peacemakers," Vlok said.

# Major denies being part of execution squad

Own Correspondent

FORMER security policeman Major Archie Flemington (48) agreed in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday that he knew of no reason why former police captain Dirk Coetzee would intentionally falsely implicate him in events near Komatipoort in 1981.

Flemington is being cross-examined in the R1 5million defamation action against Vry Weekblad and the Weekly Mail following reports in which Captain Coetzee claimed SAP forensic head, General Lothar Neethling had supplied poison to be used on ANC members.

Peter, were shot with a Makarov pistol after being given clear drops "which worked like chloroform."

## Next to river

Flemington has denied that happened but said he knew the spot next to the river described by Coetzee because he had seen it from the bridge over the Komati River.

He denied ever physically going there. He re-iterated in the Supreme Court that if the bodies of the two men had been burnt on a pyre of wood and tyres that farmers would have investigated. He said nothing was burnt at the nearby municipal dump at night as far as he knew, and even so, farmers would have checked that the fire was under control because of a nearby sugar cane crop.

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# Police 'made a mistake'

Staff Reporter

THE uncle of a man shot dead by police last week during investigations into the murder of a policeman said the police had "made a mistake"

Mr Abel Dlikilili also said he was "deeply suspicious" of the killing. He claimed that the community shared his feelings

Mr Dlikilili is a community worker in the Worcester township of Zwelethemba.

His nephew, Mr Anton Vukile Malindi, 22, was shot dead in Zwelethemba on Friday by a detective investigating the murder of a police constable who was killed in an ambush in Khayelitsha. Mr Malindi was an ANC Youth League member.

Constable Frans van der Merwe, 23, died instantly and his partner Sergeant Hendrik van Niekerk Laten, 27, was seriously wounded when a gunman raked their patrol van with automatic R4 rifle fire

Family members said that Mr Malindi was painting his parents' home last Tuesday and Wednesday and that community members would be "quite willing" to tell police of his exact whereabouts at the time of the attack.

A police spokesman said that a Worcester policeman, Sergeant Johan Etsebeth, and several colleagues were acting on information from "more than one person" when they tried to arrest Mr Malindi

The police spokesman added: "We have never said that Mr Malindi was the murderer, only that he was a suspect. What happened was unfortunate — we'll have to await the official outcome."

● Police yesterday appealed for anyone with information on Mr Malindi's killing to contact Major Leonard Knipe at 951 6665.



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## that often prove true

Police have accused the media of printing "half-truths, lies and biased reporting" to smear the force. Political Reporter **ESMARE VAN DER MERWE** says the police should not blame others for their bad image.

**T**HE prize for the most quotable quote of the month goes to police liaison officer Captain Eugene Opperman "The use of an unnamed quote is simply a socially accepted way of introducing a fabricated quotation into a story"

In a scathing attack on the media, Captain Opperman said last week police were considering taking legal action against reporters using unnamed sources to publish "untruths" about alleged police misconduct

He accused the media of letting themselves be used to "smear the police and by doing so to inflate racial hatred"

His extraordinary outburst about "the use of unnamed sources, the printing of half-truths, lies and biased reporting" has met with indignant denials from media experts

Former Rand Daily Mail editor Raymond Louw, chairman of the Campaign for Open Media and chairman of the Media Defence Trust, said "Opperman is talking rubbish. The press does not use the ploy of fabrication and he should know that."

Media lawyer David Dyson pointed out that section 27B of the Police Act enabled the police to prosecute people who made statements about police conduct.

Said Mr Dyson "Police have for years intimidated newspapers by the use of this Act. It is for this reason that editors feel compelled to protect their sources in a situation where, if those sources were named, they would be liable for prosecution."

Mr Louw offered another reason for this practice "Police sources are often not named because they stand in danger of being victimised by their superiors for having made disclosures to the press. Remove that piece of censorship, and the press will happily name eye-witnesses, because people will no longer be in danger for telling the truth"

Through persistent media efforts, police misconduct — and often blatant lies by senior men in blue — have been exposed on numerous occasions

One category of police misconduct which has filled reams of newspaper copy in recent years is the treatment meted out to detainees.

SA Barometer, a journal of current affairs statistics, recently recorded that damages claims against the police over the last 17 years had cost the State more than R6 million of taxpayers' money in more than 1 000 trials.

One of the best-publicised cases of police torture hit the headlines in 1985 when former Port Elizabeth district surgeon Dr Wendy Orr successfully applied for an interdict against the Minister of Law and Order to prevent police from assaulting emergency detainees

Police filed more than 70 affidavits totalling 700 pages. The major document was a point-by-point denial of Dr Orr's allegations by Brigadier E Schnetler, Divisional Commissioner for the Eastern Cape.

This year, the State finally paid R120 500 plus costs — without admission of guilt from the authorities — to 80 former anti-apartheid activists in the Port Elizabeth area

A recent incident, the alleged slashing of water buckets by police during the cutting of water supplies to Wesselton, outside Ermelo, was met with repeated denials by the Commissioner of Police.

This incident was exposed by The Star, which is in the possession of several affidavits from residents

In an editorial, The Star commented on the subsequent police investigation "We label it 'so-called' because this investigation led the Commissioner of Police, no less, to announce that a key witness, Boetie Tilly, had retracted his original damning statement and thus 'no shred of evidence had been obtained'. Mr Tilly insists he did no such thing

"What about the other witnesses The Star interviewed? The police say they could not find them. The Star found them easily enough. Perhaps their apparent reluctance to talk to the police says more about the police force than it does about them.

"If the police were really anxious about improving their public image, they would have shown more interest in seeking out the malicious culprits and less in making denials. We say again, in sorrow as much as anger, that the SAP is being its own worst enemy" □

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# Advancing soldiers 'looked menacing'

By Thabo Leshilo

The inquest into the death of 42 people at the Sebokeng Hostel on September 24 was told by a clergyman yesterday that after soldiers had arrived and formed up on the scene, "it looked as if something terrible was going to happen".

Lord Eldorado Righteousness McCamel, of the McCamel Paradise Church of God, said he had not seen the crowd gathered outside the Sebokeng hostel do anything that could have caused the soldiers to open fire.

Mr McCamel told the inquest, which is being held in Vereeniging, that before the army arrived at the hostel, where a number of people had allegedly been killed by suspected Inkatha members earlier, people gathered there had thought that police wanted to re-

move the Inkatha members trapped inside the hostel without taking action against them.

He had seen military vehicles arrive on the scene at about 9 am. Soldiers got off the vehicles and formed lines.

"When the soldiers arrived I was relieved because there is a general feeling that soldiers are calm and only act on instruction," Mr McCamel told Mr Justice E Stafford.

"After forming lines, the soldiers started moving forward. The way they were moving forward looked menacing. It looked as if something terrible was going to happen. It was frightening and seemed as if the soldiers were going to shoot."

Mr McCamel then asked a Major Steyn of the Security Police to do something so that the soldiers would not shoot.

However, he immediately heard shots being fired into the crowd by

soldiers while the people nearest to the troops gave the peace sign and waved their arms.

"I saw some people falling during the firing. At the same time, I saw some teargas billowing from canisters which were fired into the crowd..."

He later saw nine bodies on the ground after the bodies were collected.

Freelance press photographer Petrus Mabuye said he saw some soldiers wave at the people and others laughing after the shooting.

Mr Mabuye handed to the court 90 pictures of events at the hostel as exhibits. Among the pictures was one of a corpse whose head had been crushed by a police Casspir which had reversed on to it. The incident had angered the crowd, which had hurled stones and petrol bombs at the Casspir.

The hearing continues

# Police poison case: Facts are 'unique'

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JOHANNESBURG — The facts before court in the R1,5-million defamation case brought against two newspapers were unique and it was the most important case he had yet tried, presiding judge Mr Justice Johan Kriegler told the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

Police forensics head Lieutenant-General Lothar Neethling is suing the Vrye Weekblad and Weekly Mail newspapers for publishing allegations that he supplied poison to former police captain Mr Dirk Coetzee to kill ANC members.

In argument yesterday, senior counsel for General Neethling, Mr Willie Oshry QC, referred to a 1980 case — Zillie vs Johnson — where it had been heard if something was important enough it did not matter if it was true or not, but the public were entitled to hear the facts as it was in their interest.

Mr Justice Kriegler said the facts of the defamation case against the newspapers were even more important than those of the Zillie case.

Mr Oshry argued that the onus of justifying publication was on the defendant and not on the plaintiff, who

had only to show that the published material was defamatory and had damaged his reputation.

If the defence claimed the articles published were true and in the public benefit, they had to prove they were true.

It was not the duty of the press to inform the public, in their interest, of something which was untrue, Mr Oshry said.

Mr Justice Kriegler said the public were entitled to know about the alleged death squads, to which Mr Oshry replied they were entitled to know the truth.

Mr Oshry said the questions to be decided were whether Mr Coetzee had obtained poisons from General Neethling, and if the general would have supplied poisons to him simply for the murder of unknown people.

"My submission is, on a high degree of probability, that it is unlikely a man in General Neethling's position would lend himself to poison," Mr Oshry said.

If General Neethling did supply poisons, Mr Oshry argued, he would have supplied poisons that worked. He had the knowledge and "ammunition" at hand to provide a lethal poison — Sapa.



# Weekblad: Judge rules out Harms

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — Mr Justice J Kriegler ruled in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday that the Harms Commission findings were inadmissible in the R1,5 million defamation claim brought against Vrye Weekblad and Weekly Mail by police forensics expert Lieutenant-General Lothar Neethling.

The judge made this ruling after General Neethling's counsel Mr Willie Oshry, QC, submitted that the Harms Commission had found that former police captain Mr Dirk Coetzee, who first made public claims of a secret police hit squad, was a psychopath.

Mr Oshry made this submission on behalf of General Neethling during argument yesterday.

The general has sued the two weekly newspapers over three articles published in November and December last year in which Mr Coetzee claimed that as a member of a police hit squad he had been supplied with poisons and knock-out drops by General Neethling to eliminate people.

The general has denied that he knows Mr Coetzee.

Mr Oshry's submission on the Harms Commission findings was objected to by counsel for the newspapers, Mr Bobby Levin, SC.

Mr Justice Kriegler said Mr Oshry's submission was evidence he had not heard and ruled that the Harms Commission findings were inadmissible.

The judge said he had refrained from reading or watching anything in the media on the Harms report.

Mr Oshry argued that the real prob-

lem facing the court was that one did not know when Mr Coetzee was speaking the truth or lying.

He handed in a warrant issued in Natal in January 1990 for Mr Coetzee's arrest for the murder of civil rights lawyer Mr Griffiths Mxenge.

Mr Justice Kriegler remarked that the Natal attorney-general must have thought that some of what Mr Coetzee said was sufficiently true or he would not have issued the warrant.

Mr Oshry also argued yesterday that Mr Coetzee could have obtained his detailed description from a rugby club photograph in General Neethling's office, in which the general appeared.

The same could be said for Mr Coetzee's description of a certificate commemorating a Concorde flight in General Neethling's name, said Mr Oshry.

He submitted that Mr Coetzee could also have seen the photograph and certificate walking past the office or been inside the room when the general was not there.

Mr Justice Kriegler said Mr Coetzee's observations were not the kind made by walking past an office.

Mr Oshry said Mr Coetzee's description of the two items was very limited. "That a very specific description and its correct," the judge said.

The judge also put it to Mr Oshry that during evidence in London Mr Coetzee had said if he had gone to the premises on official duties the record books would show that he had been there and had challenged counsel to go and check them.

Argument continues today.

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# 'Psychopath' evidence is inadmissible

By Cathy Stagg

A submission that the Harms Commission had found former police captain Dirk Coetzee to be a psychopath was ruled inadmissible in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

Mr Justice Kriegler, presiding over the R1,5 million defamation trial in which SAP forensic division head General Lothar Neethling is suing two newspapers, made the ruling.

Willy Oshry, QC, for General Neethling, said the Harms Commission had found that Mr Coetzee was a psychopath. The commission was not a trial, but it was an inquiry.

The judge said he had refrained from reading anything about the Harms report and he did not want to hear anything which would seek to influence him on evidence he had not heard himself.

He made a formal ruling that the findings of the Harms Commission were not admissible in the trial.

The civil trial arose from reports published in Vrye Weekblad and the Weekly Mail in which Mr Coetzee claimed General Neethling had supplied the security police with poison.

Mr Coetzee's reliability as a witness was debated at length.

Mr Oshry handed up a warrant for Mr Coetzee's arrest, issued on January 4 this year.

The warrant was issued by MWC Imber and was for the murder of Griffiths Mlungisi Mxenge on or about November

19 1981 near Umlazi, outside Durban.

Mr Oshry submitted there was a great deal of evidence that Mr Coetzee had made false affidavits on a number of occasions.

"The attorney-general for Natal must have thought that what he said was sufficiently true to issue a warrant," the judge said.

The judge asked whether it would be fair to Mr Oshry's case to apply the accomplice test to Mr Coetzee's evidence to believe only what he said when there was other corroborating evidence.

"Yes," Mr Oshry replied.

The court then discussed the alleged murders of two men which Mr Coetzee claimed took place in his presence.

The judge found it very strange that a man who confessed to trying to blow up the Lamontville municipal offices was virtually told by the Commissioner of Police to "go and sin no more", until he heard that Mr Coetzee had picked the man up from the Brits police station.

"Now it is no longer so strange," the judge said.

Mr Oshry said Mr Coetzee had every opportunity to kill the man but did not do so. Instead, he took him "all over the country" before the shooting at Komatipoort.

It was claimed that the man was drugged with "knock-out drops", obtained from General Neethling, then shot by a policeman under the command of Major Archie Flemmington.

The trial continues.

# Sebokeng: judge orders perjury probe

By Montshiwa Moroke  
and Sapa

An SADF officer's evidence should be sent to the Attorney-General for scrutiny, the chairman in the judicial inquest into the killing of 42 people at the Sebokeng hostel near Vereeniging on September 4 ruled yesterday.

Mr Justice Eddie Stafford said there was prima facie evidence that Commandant Stephanus Lombard had committed perjury and ordered that the evidence be studied by the Attorney-General so that he could be charged if necessary.

This followed Commandant Lombard's confirmation that he had made a false statement to the police regarding a petrol bomb allegedly found near the body of a man who had been shot dead by SADF members.

Commandant Lombard was the first of two senior SADF officers who gave evidence in court which contradicted parts of their original statements.

He was also one of four SADF officers who have confirmed there had been no orders to start shooting live ammunition at the crowd that day.

In the statement, Commandant Lombard claimed to have seen fellow officer Commandant Alf Clulie pick up a petrol bomb from the ground where the body was lying, but, cross-examined by Mr Justice Stafford, he admitted not even seeing the petrol bomb in question.

Sergeant-Major Marthinus le Roux also admitted having

made a false statement to the police concerning the petrol bomb in question.

He said the troops were justified in firing for 22 seconds as they had not heard anyone ordering them to stop shooting because of the helmets they were wearing.

Mr Justice Stafford remarked that it did not make a difference because no orders had been given in the first place ordering them to start shooting.

Another SADF member, Corporal David Patrick Eiman, said he had seen a man throwing a stone at Rifleman John Booysen, while he held a stick in the other hand.

Corporal Eiman said that when the man aimed to throw a petrol bomb, Rifleman Booysen had shot him in the head. He said the petrol bomb had fallen a few paces away from where the man's body lay.

He had not seen any other petrol bombs being thrown at the troops. The troops had fired live ammunition at the crowd because they thought their lives were in danger.

Corporal Eiman said the shooting continued because his colleagues thought their lives were still in danger although the crowd was running away.

Anton Ackerman, for the State, put it to Corporal Eiman that none of the petrol bombs which had been collected at the scene afterwards showed signs of having been ignited.

Commandant Clulie, who was in charge of the SADF troops that day, is expected to testify today.



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## 'Spy ring' man transferred

Pretoria Correspondent

The University of South Africa has transferred security deputy Frik Barnard following protest actions at his involvement in the Johannesburg council "spy ring" as head of the intelligence division.

Mr Barnard's position was dealt with at a Unisa council meeting yesterday, and a council committee is to investigate further.

In the meantime, the university has announced

Mr Barnard's transfer to another department.

Mr Barnard was appointed deputy director of Unisa's department of internal relations and protection services.

No details were given of his new temporary position, but it was "not connected with protective services".

Mr Barnard's appointment was opposed by the Teaching Staff Association and the National Education Health and Allied Workers Union.

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# Newspapers 'had duty' to publish

JOHANNESBURG — Former security police captain Dirk Coetzee's evidence in the R1,5-million defamation trial brought against two newspapers was, except for a few aspects, uncontradicted, the Rand Supreme Court heard yesterday.

The court could not simply accept that he was a psychopath and liar and that police forensics head Lieutenant-General Lothar Neethling was a man of honour and a truthful person, said legal counsel for the Vrye Weekblad Mr Bobby Levine SC.

The onus was not only on the newspaper to prove the truth of Mr Coetzee's evidence. There was also an onus on Gen Neethling to prove its falsity.

The police scientist is suing the Vrye Weekblad and Weekly Mail for publishing Mr Coetzee's allegations that he was supplied with poison by General Neethling for political murder.

Mr Levine argued yesterday that the

newspapers had a right to publish the allegations last year because they were true and to the public benefit.

"We say we had a duty to publish and the public had a right to receive the information," Mr Levine said.

He denied the allegation that the articles were false, malicious, defamatory and thus unlawful.

Mr Coetzee had not been shown to be a liar, and no attempt had been made to dispute his evidence.

General Neethling's counsel, Mr Willie Oshry QC, said earlier that a picture had been painted of the general as a murderer and a man unfit to hold his position which had had a serious effect on his health and way of life.

The court should award him a "very substantial amount" with costs.

Since the alleged defamation began, General Neethling had been unable to go overseas in connection with his duties with "this stain, this stigma hanging over his head".

"I can't imagine a worse libel," Mr Oshry said — Sapa



# Police sergeant shot dead

By DALE KNEEN Crime Reporter

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A PINELANDS police dog-handler was gunned down in a hail of bullets in Philippi today after stopping a car which went through a red traffic light. He was the second Cape Town policeman to have been shot dead in 10 days

Sergeant Hennie Tolken, 31, died soon after the attack on the corner of Lansdowne and Duinefontein roads at 3.30am. He was the 20th policeman to have been killed on duty since the beginning of October in what the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, yesterday described as a "campaign against policemen"

Police said Sergeant Tolken and his partner, Sergeant Johannes Engelbrecht, 29, were on patrol when they saw a Volkswagen Golf drive through a red light at an intersection.

The plainclothes policemen stopped the car and Sergeant Engelbrecht walked towards it. There were four people in the car.

One of the four got out and fired a shot at Sergeant Tolken with a handgun, hitting him in the right side of his chest.

Sergeant Engelbrecht ran across the intersection and took cover behind the police car.

He exchanged several shots with the gunman, who jumped into their car and drove towards Guguletu.

## Radioed for help

Sergeant Engelbrecht, who was not injured, radioed for help and helped Sergeant Tolken get out of the car. He died a short while later.

Sergeant Tolken is survived by his wife and three children.

Two bullets pierced the left side of the patrol car and the back and right rear windows were shattered. Cartridges were found next to the road.

"At first I thought someone was shooting at our house," said a shocked man who lives nearby. He did not want to be identified.

"When my wife and I heard the shooting we both lay on the floor thinking someone was trying to shoot us."

"We peered through the window and we saw them shooting at each other. After about five minutes the car sped off," he said.

A group of policemen, including the regional chief of CID, Brigadier George Potgieter, were on the scene a short while after the shooting.

Major André Mostert of the Murder and Robbery Squad said police expected to make an arrest soon.

Brigadier Potgieter said, "We will try our best to get the person who is responsible for this."

Sergeant Tolken was the second member of the dog unit in Pinelands killed in the past 10 days.

Constable Frans van der Merwe, 23, died and his partner, Sergeant N A van Niekerk Laten, 27, was injured in an ambush in Khayelitsha last Wednesday.

# shot dead



**PARTNER'S GRIEF:** A shocked Sergeant Johannes Engelbrecht next to the body of his partner, Sergeant Hennie Tolken, who was gunned down in Philippi today. On the right in the suit is the regional chief of the CID, Brigadier George Potgieter. Major André Mostert of the Murder and Robbery Squad crouches next to him. Pictures: JOHAN SCHRONEN, The Argus

## Mandela in Khayelitsha today on first-time tour

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Staff Reporters  
MR Nelson Mandela will visit Khayelitsha for the first time today.

He will be taken on a tour, stopping at the Lingeletu West resource centre to meet municipal workers and other "battle-weary" residents of the area, according to an African National Congress spokesman.

The scene in the trouble-torn township is likely to be one of rubbish bins overflowing and streets impassable because of sewage spills.

A claim by Lingeletu West Town Clerk Mr Graham Lawrence that the sewerage system was sabotaged has been dismissed by Western Cape Civic Association chairman Mr Michael Mapongwana as an attempt to discredit striking town council workers.

Mr Lawrence alleged that someone blocked the system with cloth and other objects on Wednesday, causing a health risk.

Sewage spilled on to the road in at least two places yesterday as casual workers tried to unblock the drains.

The strikers, members of the South African Municipal Workers' Union, said they would not return to work until the council resigned.

Mr Mapongwana accused Mr Lawrence of making "unfounded allegations" in an attempt to "discredit the workers' struggle".

The sewerage problem had plagued

Khayelitsha for "a long time". This was probably because the system had been constructed with inferior materials, said Mr Mapongwana.

Refuse litters the street in the two-roomed section of the township where the main offices of the Lingeletu Town Council are situated and where strikers gather daily.

At least two streets, Kusasa Road next to Mvusemuse Comprehensive School and one in U-section in the shack settlement of Site B, have been impassable since Monday because of sewage.

At the start of the strike, workers demanded protection from the council after nine clerical staff were injured in a petrol-bomb attack. Strikers demanded that the council dissolve because attacks on councillors were spilling over to the workers.

The council retaliated by adopting a "no-work-no pay" policy.

Meetings between the Western Cape Civic Association, the ANC, the union and Cape Administrator Mr Kobus Meiring have taken place but have failed to resolve the impasse.

Mr Meiring said he had no power to dissolve the controversial council.

The parties will meet again on Monday.

Security forces conducted a door-to-door search in Greenpoint, Khayelitsha, yesterday as part of the intensified operation against violence launched by the police and Defence Force this week.



**PEPPERED PATROL CAR:** Detectives have a closer look at bullet holes in the side of the patrol car. Two windows were shattered.

## Latest Four arrested

TWO men, a woman and a youth were arrested between 6am and 7am in connection with the killing. The arrests were made in Mitchell's Plain, Hanover Park and Manenberg.

A spokesman said that a 0.38 calibre gun and a car had been confiscated.

General Flip Fourie, Regional Commissioner of Police for the Western Cape, offered the force's condolences to the dead policeman's wife Cynthia, 29, a former policewoman, and their three children — Staff Reporter





# Police won't act against far right BBB

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POLICE will not take action against Louis Trichardt's extreme right-wing Blanke Bevydingsburo, about 40 of whose members launched a savage attack with sjamboks, sticks and car fan belts on black Sunday school children on an outing at a local park last Saturday.

Regional Police Commissioner for the Far Northern Transvaal Major-General Gerrit Viljoen said yesterday police would take action only against individuals and not the organisation as a

whole.

The BBB was not illegal, "as long as they keep within the boundaries of the law".

He said it was not the actions of the organisation, but those of individuals belonging to it, that police would act against.

Viljoen hoped police would make their first arrests in connection with Saturday's incident "before the end of the week".

Suspects had been identified, he said.

He said statements had already been taken from child victims of the attack

and new information was being received daily, but "investigations would take a while".

"We haven't got a lot of police available. We are covering a wide area in Venda, with 200 to 300 people involved."

In the light of possible eyewitness accounts of the incident, Viljoen said "You cannot just arrest. You must do a proper investigation because sooner or later you'll have to prove the case in court."

Reacting to reports of a shortage of policemen in Louis Trichardt, Viljoen said there were police staff shortages countrywide.

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# Judge finds hit-squad allegations credible

IN a startling about-turn a judge has for the first time indicated that ex-police captain Dirk Coetzee's allegations are credible, thus breathing new life into the hit-squad saga.

While the Harms Commission discredited the evidence of the police captain-turned-African National Congress member, there has been another dramatic twist in the defamation case brought by forensic laboratory head General Lothar Neethling against the *Vrye Weekblad* and *The Weekly Mail*. The general is suing the two publications for a combined amount of R1,5-million for publishing Coetzee's allegations that he supplied poisons to drug and murder activists.

Justice J Kriegler this week not only ruled that the findings of the Harms Commission were in this case inadmissible, but frequently intimated that aspects of Coetzee's account of brutal murders of activists by security force members were in fact plausible.

The judge said he had refrained from reading reports of the findings of the Harms Commission (which found

Coetzee to have a fertile imagination and possess psychopathic tendencies) and implied that they were not relevant here.

The court heard lengthy exchanges between the judge and the 84-year-old counsel for the general, Willie Oshry QC, who at one point said, "In the end it depends on who you believe — Coetzee or General Neethling."

"I don't regard my job as that simple," replied Kriegler. He said that on the face of it Coetzee's bizarre tale of brutal police murders was in Oshry's favour, until one looked more closely at his evidence.

Oshry argued earlier that the only poison in the case was that written by the "poison pen" of the *Vrye Weekblad* staff. "It is a sensation-seeking newspaper which commits character assassinations at will," Oshry said, adding that while the "sin of *The Weekly Mail*" was not as great as that of *Vrye Weekblad*, the former publi-

New life was breathed into the hit squad saga this week when a judge indicated that ex-police captain Dirk Coetzee's allegations were credible

**PHILIPPA GARSON reports**

cation associated itself with the latter Coetzee, repeated Oshry, was in his submission a psychopath. Coetzee had on several occasions made false affidavits, committed perjury and was, according to his own evidence, a thief, murderer and liar, said Oshry.

Kriegler often reprimanded Oshry for using Coetzee's own testimony (from interviews and court hearings) as partial truths to draw conclusions from, while at the same time refuting this testimony as fabrication.

"Why would this man tell a tissue of lies (about men with whom) he had no axe to grind?" asked Kriegler.

"That is the nature of the beast. He is

a psychopath, not a normal person," replied Oshry.

The Natal attorney general must have partly believed Coetzee, commented Justice Kriegler, or he wouldn't have issued a warrant of arrest in January this year for the murder of human rights lawyer Griffiths Mxenge (whose death in November 1981 Coetzee claimed he orchestrated).

Oshry argued that Coetzee introduced poison into his story because it would make the book he was planning to write more interesting. Oshry said it was simply unbelievable that Brigadier Schoon would telephone a person such as Neethling requesting poison from him.

He argued that Coetzee's descriptions of Neethling's house and office which he allegedly visited to fetch "knock out drops" were riddled with inaccuracies.

Kriegler pointed out that aspects of Coetzee's account of the general's of-

lice were correct which possibly discounted the inaccuracies. The judge also implied that the appearance of Coetzee's telephone book on the scene 10 years later containing the telephone number of the plaintiff, added weight to Coetzee's story.

The fact that Coetzee knew of the release of a certain Vusi from Brits police station (who was later allegedly abducted by Coetzee), "worries me", said Justice Kriegler, adding that Coetzee had spoken of this (in his first account to *Vrye Weekblad* journalist Jacques Pouw) before it was disclosed at the Harms Commission.

Neethling earlier this week testified that the evidence of ex-South African agent Leslie Lesia, who claimed he was supplied with poison by his handlers, was a blatant fabrication.

Counsel for the publications' defence began their argument yesterday. The defendants have two options. If they are unable to prove the truth of their allegations they can argue the right to publish the allegations on ground of public interest. The case continues.



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**Policeman shot**

CAPE TOWN A second policeman was shot and killed while on patrol in a township on the outskirts of the city early this morning.

Two sergeants were patrolling outside Philippi when they noticed a white Golf jumping a red robot.

They stopped the car and questioned two coloured men, one of whom drew a gun and shot a policeman dead before fleeing. — Sapa



# Newspapers' bid to amend plea

Weekend Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Mr Justice J C Kriegler will hear argument on Monday on whether the two newspapers being sued by General Lothar Neethling should be allowed to amend their plea.

The Vrye Weekblad and the Weekly Mail are defending a defamation action launched by General Neethling in the Rand Supreme Court. Both newspapers published stories in which former police captain Dirk Coetzee claimed General Neethling, head of the SAP forensic division, gave the securi-

ty police poison to use on ANC members.

The Vrye Weekblad is being sued for R1 million and the Weekly Mail for R500 000

Their main defence is a plea of justification that the allegations were true and publishing them was to the public benefit.

As an alternative, they want to argue that in the circumstances they had a duty to publish, and their readers had a right to receive the information.

The surrounding circumstances had not been spelt out and yesterday counsel for the newspapers handed up a notice of amendment which lists them.

Earlier Mr Justice Kriegler had said "you haven't given me a grocery list" when it was submitted the alternative defence was valid.

The details of the facts and circumstances leading to the publication of the articles are, according to the document. On October 19 last year Almond Nofomela made an affidavit in support of a stay of execution.

He was to have been executed the next day

In the affidavit he alleged he was part of the security police's hit squad and served under Captain Dirk Coetzee, he had taken part in the murder of Durban attorney Mr Griffiths Mxenge, he had been in-

volved in other assassinations and kidnappings and officers of the security police had promised him that if he kept quiet about the hit squad, he would be released from prison. He said he had been betrayed by his superior officers and so decided to reveal his activities.

As a result of the affidavit, Nofemela's execution was stayed that night.

The revelations were widely publicised. Calls were made for a judicial commission of inquiry.

A departmental inquiry by Free State Attorney-General, Mr T P McNally and the head of the CID, Lieutenant-General Alwyn Conradie, was appointed.

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A scene from the video with an alleged Inkatha supporter being dropped off by a casspir

**It's ANC propoganda, claim police**

# Vlok blasts video

LAW and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok yesterday dismissed video material released by the African National Congress at the weekend alleging police support for Inkatha as a "crude and thinly disguised propoganda campaign against the police".

Speaking at a Press briefing in Pretoria, Vlok said he had viewed the video and after ascertaining the facts had arrived at a conclusion diametrically opposite to that claimed by the ANC.

Vlok said he was informed about the video by ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela last Tuesday. Mandela had promised to submit the video to him but failed to do so.

Vlok said he was perturbed by newspaper reports which alleged that the video contained footage indicating police collusion with Inkatha members.

He said there were discrepancies in the video material and "it is clear that it has been edited and rear-

By MONK NKOMO

ranged selectively to suit the political propoganda of the ANC"

He said police acting as mediators in an ANC/Inkatha clash in the East Rand squatter camp of Zonk'izizwe provided two casspirs to transport Zulu and Xhosa representatives for talks on violence on November 12 in attempt to diffuse the situation.

"These representatives were dropped off in the same casspirs at separate points in the camp after the talks. It is obvious that whoever compiled the video chose not to show police transporting Xhosa representatives," Vlok said.

## Serious

He requested the video from Mandela yesterday morning after reading about it in the newspapers.

"I regard these allegations in such a serious light that I intend discussing the matter as soon as possible with the ANC."

Also present at the briefing yesterday was Ms Gill Marcus of the ANC's department of information.

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A SOUTH African policeman's life was among the cheapest in the world, the Conservative Party's spokesman on Law and Order, Mr Moolman Mentz, said.

Slamming the Government for its handling of crime, violence and squatting, he said 19 policemen had been killed last month.

The increase in brutal murders of policemen was unprecedented.

"The wisdom of sending them into townships like this in the present circumstances must be questioned," he said.

Government had through its spinelessness allowed the country to lapse into lawlessness and anarchy, in spite of President FW de Klerk's pledges to firmly maintain law and order.

Unrest continued and large-scale loss of life no longer even raised eyebrows, Mentz said.



# Footage on 'warlord' ANC propaganda - Vlok

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Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok yesterday rejected reports that the police had collaborated with Inkatha by transporting a "warlord" in a Casspir to lead an Inkatha march

He also condemned the ANC's release of a video of the alleged incident to the press as "crude and thinly disguised propaganda"

Reports in the Sunday press were based on video footage recorded by an unidentified cameraman in Zonk'izwe township on November 12 and released to the ANC

The footage shows a man with a red bandanna alighting from a police Casspir and marching with others

Mr Vlok said at a press

conference "The SAP provided two Casspirs to transport three representatives of the Zulu community and four representatives of the Xhosa community for talks on violence which had left five people dead the day before"

The man shown in the video excerpts was one of the Zulu delegates, he said

A copy of the video was

shown at the news conference. Apart from showing the "red bandanna warlord" alighting from one Casspir, it contained footage of a Casspir with a number of men Mr Vlok said were the Xhosa delegates moving through the township. Major Ray Kilian, commander in the township that day, confirmed this — Sapa

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# Man in court over death of policeman

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## Staff Reporter

A 33-YEAR-OLD Mitchell's Plain man has appeared in court in connection with the death of Pinelands police dog-handler Sergeant Hennie Tolken.

Mr Sedick Mohamed of De La Rey Close, Eastridge, was arrested shortly after Sergeant Tolken, 31, was shot on the corner of Lansdowne and Duinefontein roads early on Friday.

Sergeant Tolken and his partner, Sergeant Johannes Engelbrecht, 29, were on patrol when they stopped a Volkswagen Golf which had driven through a red traffic light.

One of the four people in the car allegedly shot Sergeant Tolken, the second Cape policeman to be gunned down in 10 days.

Sergeant Engelbrecht was not injured.

### MURDER CHARGE

Mr Mohamed will face charges of murder, attempted murder and illegal possession of a firearm.

He was not asked to plead when he appeared in Mitchell's Plain Magistrate's Court yesterday

Magistrate Mr G Bruwer postponed the hearing to December 12 for further investigation Mr Mohamed is in custody.

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# Neethling case: Judgment 'will take time'

JOHANNESBURG — The R1,5-million defamation action brought by police forensics head Lieutenant-General Lothar Neethling against two newspapers was concluded in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday. Judgment was reserved.

Presiding judge Mr Justice Johan Kriegler said he would take time to consider his judgment following the thorough argument from legal counsel for the Vrye Weekblad and Weekly Mail newspapers and General Neethling.

Legal costs for the newspapers are to be at least R800 000 after 21 days of hearings in two cities. Both legal teams flew to London to hear evidence before a commissioner by former security police captain Dirk Coetzee who fled South Africa late last year.

General Neethling is suing the newspapers for publishing Mr Coetzee's allegations that he was supplied poison by the police scientist for political murder. His legal costs are covered by the state.

Legal counsel for the newspapers, Mr Bobby Levine, SC, said yesterday that it could not be reasonably expected of the newspapers to investigate the allegations themselves, or to entrust the investigations to the police, who had been deeply involved in the alleged activities at the highest level.

The only way to ensure an investigation of the allegations had been an immediate publication of the allegations on a non-selective basis — thus including those which implicated General Neethling.

Mr Willie Oshry, QC, legal counsel for the general, argued that this was an "extraordinary case" which deserved an award of punitive damages — Sapa



## Vlok seeks urgent talks with ANC on video claim

PETER DELMAR

LAW and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok has asked the ANC for an urgent top-level meeting to discuss allegations that a recent video recording proved police collaboration with Inkatha members.

Vlok's spokesman Capt Craig Kotze said yesterday it was hoped the meeting would be attended by ANC deputy leader Nelson Mandela or "someone who can explain why the ANC persists in making unfounded allegations against the police". Vlok was also expected to address the issue of communication channels with the ANC.

The Law and Order Ministry this weekend disputed ANC claims that a video recording of an Inkatha "warlord" alighting from a police casspir proved police were siding with Inkatha. Police claimed they provided casspirs to take Zulu and Xhosa representatives in the strife-torn Zonkezizwe squatter camp to peace talks.

The ANC said in a statement last night the ministry's explanation that representatives were being transported to peace talks "stretched credulity". The video footage had not been edited and police had failed to properly translate Zulu chants heard on the video.

# Vlok wants to meet the ANC

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MINISTER of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok has requested a meeting with the ANC following reports backed by video footage of police collaborating with Inkatha by transporting a "warlord" in a Casspir to lead a march, a spokesman confirmed yesterday.

Vlok rejected the weekend reports and labelled the video footage, filmed at Zonk'izizwe squatter settlement on the East Rand and released by the ANC, as crude and thinly-

disguised propaganda.

The footage shows a man with a red bandanna alighting from a police Casspir and marching with others.

Vlok said in Pretoria on Sunday the SAP had provided two Casspirs to transport three representatives of the Zulu community and four representatives of the Xhosa community for talks on violence on November 12.

The man shown in the video excerpts was a Zulu representative to the

peace talks, he said.

Whoever had compiled the video material chose not to show the Xhosa representatives, he said.

Vlok said he viewed the matter in a serious light and would raise it as soon as possible with the ANC.

Law and Order spokesman Captain Craig Kotze confirmed they had requested a meeting with the ANC on the issue.

The ANC had not yet responded to the request

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## Council to look into converting hostels

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THEO RAWANA

JABULANI men's hostel in Soweto is a complex of live-in couples, shebeens and discos — and the discovery has moved the Soweto City Council to look into the question of converting hostels into family units.

The hostel featured prominently in the recent feuds between dwellers and Soweto residents which left more than 800 people dead.

An inspection of the hostel by councillors and officials unearthed a semblance of family life.

Councillor Edward Kunene said there were six discos in the complex, where the registered population was 4 465.

"The only answer to this problem is conversion of these hostels into family units," said Kunene.

Kunene said the plight of the hostel dwellers was exacerbated when their wives came to visit from their rural homes "The man has to get out of the hostel and hire a backyard room in the township at a rental of about R80 — on top of the R18,50 he pays for his bed," he said.

But he said some of the older dwellers were against the idea of their hostel being converted.

Housing Committee chairman Simon Mkhize said the council would look into the question of either upgrading the hostels or converting them into family units.

"This would go along with the upgrading of two old townships, Mzimhlophe and White City Jabavu, which are lined up for upgrading."

Houses in these townships are divided into three family units.

## Police show the 'whole picture' behind video

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THE ANC's video showing alleged police collusion with Inkatha-supporting Zulus at Zonkezizwe was yesterday described as "a distortion by omission" by Law and Order Ministry spokesman Capt Craig Kotze.

Kotze, accompanied by SA Police public relations head Brig Bernie Mostert and Vosloorus Unrest Unit chief Maj Hein Killian, addressed journalists and ANC members at a Pretoria briefing. He distributed photographs showing "the whole picture of events" which took place on November 12 in the shanty town.

The photographs, taken by a police photographer, showed how at least two Casspirs were used to transport delegates from the Xhosa and the Zulu factions of Zonkezizwe to joint negotiations where Killian acted as mediator.

They also showed police disarming both groups prior to the negotiations.

Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok said in a statement released by Kotze that the ANC had "apparently willfully" given out a distorted version of events by not showing "or even subsequently admitting" that Xhosa representatives also attended the peace negotiations.

Kotze and ANC spokesman Saki Macozoma argued about the police translation of a chant sung by armed Zulus on the video tape. Kotze said it was a peace chant, which stated that "the war is over", but Macozoma said the chant was a war song

LINDEN BIRNS

proclaiming that the battle of Blood River would be fought again, against the Xhosas.

In reaction to ANC calls for the police to identify the negotiators, Kotze said he could give the name of only one of the Zulu men, Elias Mazibuko — whose hacked and shot body was discovered by the police on the morning after the negotiations — and a Mr Madiba from the Xhosa delegation.

When asked to name more of the delegates to the talks, Kotze said neither side had wanted individual members to be identified "and made into targets as happened with Mazibuko."

Replying to queries on why the police had not released the photographs earlier, Kotze said they had been processed only after the police were sure they constituted "hard evidence."

PETER DELMAR reports that Inkatha Freedom Party leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi said he "deplored and condemned the vicious smear tactics of the ANC."

He accused the ANC of "a hideous bit of propaganda" by producing a video tape with "ingeniously contrived scenes and commentary to make propaganda." No Inkatha member would ever sing an Inkatha song containing the name "Gatsha", as happened in the video, Buthelezi said.

"On the other hand, it is policy of the ANC leadership to use that pet name of mine — not as a sign of endearment, but to belittle me," he said in a statement.



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## Leaders plea for peace - P2

By KENOSI MODISANE

**MORE** survivors of the raid which left more than 50 dead in Tokoza on Monday yesterday said they were shot by police in a Casspir.

Five men who are being treated at the Natalspuit Hospital said white men in the police Casspir shot them while they were walking in the street.

They are Mr Mhlubi Buduza (42) Mr Toy Mbuti (38) Mr Edwin Nisane (31) Mr Aron Tshongawana (52) and Mr Mlungisi Khumalo (24).

The men say they were shot at different places and were not aware that there was fighting in the township.

### Hostel

Police spokesman Captain Pieter van Deventer said he could comment only if the men made statements at the police station.

"They should also mention the time and place where the shooting took place because there were too many incidents in Tokoza on Sunday and Monday morning."

Other survivors said they believed the men who attacked them were from Kwekwe hostel.

The attackers said they were looking for Xhosas in the township.

Mrs Ethel Sibumbe, whose house was destroyed during the attack, said men broke into her house and demanded that she show them homes that



Many children have lost their parents through the violence on the Reef. Many leaders have called for an end to it but it continues. See comment on page 6.



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belonged to Xhosas

She said one of the men saved her. ~~251~~

"He said they should not kill us because he knew that we were not Xhosas"

"After they had assaulted me I told them that my neighbours were Xhosas. They then went to the house and set a man alight. They also burnt the house and the shacks in the yard down."

Another resident whose house was burnt down, Mrs Bohle Skosana, said. "I saw the men point at my house and some said Xhosas lived in it. They then poured a yellow substance around the house and set it alight."

Mrs Anna Shezi, who is also Zulu-speaking, said. "I know one of the men he stays at Kwesine hostel. He came to my house last week and asked to erect a shack in our yard. But we could not accommodate him."

Two of Shezi's children died and her husband is in hospital with gunshot wounds.

One of her dead children, Thobeka (22), leaves behind a one-year-old child.

Meanwhile, the South African Council of Churches, Inkatha Freedom Party, Azapo and the ANC yesterday expressed alarm and dismay at the resurgence of violence in the East Rand.

"We are dismayed at the apparent failure of the Government to disarm and control *impis* that are maiming and killing people in the townships," the Rev Frank Chikane of the SACC said.

"The Inkatha Freedom Party seeks unity among all South Africans and its message to all Zulus and its sympathisers is to avoid conflicts at all costs." Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi said.

Azapo said "We appeal to all black organisations and liberation movements to stop this carnage."

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# ANC stands firm on video film footage

*by welan 5/12/90*

THE African National Congress yesterday stood firm on its claims that last week's video recordings at Zonk'izizwe squatter camp had proved there was collusion between the police and "vigilantes"

The organisation said the visual evidence it showed the media last week was "irrefutable" and called on Minister of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok to make "a credible official explanation".

It rejected Vlok's denial, saying this was not the first time that evidence of police collaboration with "vigilantes" had been presented to him for investigation

Police said yesterday the video "conveniently"

**By SY MAKARINGE**

avoided showing footage of "Xhosa negotiators" in another Casspir.

Vlok yesterday authorised the release of 25 photographs, taken by a police photographer at Zonk'izizwe on the same day, "to finally put the matter in perspective".

Addressing a Press conference in Pretoria where the photographs were released, Law and Order spokesman Captain Craig Kotze said the photographs clearly showed that both "Xhosa negotiators" and "Zulu negotiators" had been transported by police in separate Casspirs in the squatter camp on November 12.



# 'Bobbies' blitz crime in mid-city

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Crime Reporter

**CITY-CENTRE** crime — including mugging, pick-pocketing and loitering — has dropped markedly since police returned "bobbies" to the beat three months ago.

Police disclosed yesterday that members of the newly-launched Crime Prevention Unit — or "Tackie Squad" — made a record 714 arrests last month

The unit is nick-named the Tackie Squad because half its members walk the streets in jeans and tackies

The squad was launched under the command of Captain Willem Snyman in September to supplement the CBD business watch

Mayor Mr Gordon Oliver said the council had liaised with police as part of a "constant effort to keep the city safe for all" and was pleased with the result.

Captour spokeswoman Ms Marion Kelder said a survey of all hotels had shown a considerable drop in the number of tourists mugged, coinciding with the introduction of the "bobbies"

Mr Mike Moore, co-ordinator of the Chamber of Commerce's business-watch initiative, said the bobbies had helped prevent crime by acting against street gamblers and layabouts

Regional CID chief Brigadier George Potgieter said he was pleased and commended the Tackie Squad for its "hard work"

He added

● The murder and robbery unit had arrested 63 people on murder, rape and armed robbery charges last month and had confiscated three firearms and 43 rounds of ammunition

● The narcotics branch had made 95 arrests in the Peninsula last month and had confiscated nearly 100kg of dagga, 4 591 mandrax tablets, 17 units of LSD and six grams of cocaine

In Salt River and the Bo Kaap — two areas where residents have waged campaigns against drug dealers — the narcotics branch had arrested 191 people this year, confiscated 30kg of dagga and 9 971 mandrax tablets

● The truck theft unit had arrested 43 people and retrieved property worth R85 000 last month

# 'Police, councillors the prime targets'

Star 7/12/90  
Black town councillors and policemen have been a major focus of violent attack this year, the South African Institute of Race Relations (SAIRR) said in its latest report released in Johannesburg yesterday

It said at least 22 policemen and six councillors had died in "first-strike" violent attacks in the first seven months of the year

An average of two attacks on black councillors and policemen were being mounted daily

The SAIRR said it had counted at least 409 attacks on the persons or property of black councillors and policemen between the beginning of the year and the end of July

These included 87 attacks on the homes of black councillors and 222 attacks on the homes of black policemen. Most of the attacks involved petrol bombs or

other forms of arson and hand grenades

At least 402 black councillors had resigned to date, in most cases giving intimidation as the reason

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At least one councillor had been necklaced, while one off-duty policeman had been condemned by a "people's court" and had died after being sentenced and stabbed 45 times

Two-thirds of the 409 violent attacks on black policemen and councillors had not been reported in any of the Johannesburg English-language daily newspapers, the report said

"The average Johannesburg newspaper reader was thus not made aware of two out of every three violent incidents directed at councillors and policemen

"Nor did this violence appear to have attracted any adverse

editorial comment, with the exception of two leading articles in the Business Day"

In an editorial in July, The Star noted that only property had been damaged when the home of a white Johannesburg councillor was bombed, but the newspaper nevertheless condemned the attack as an act of "terrorism"

The SAIRR, however, could find no equivalent condemnation by The Star editorials of attacks on black town councillors, even though these resulted not only in damage to property but also in injury and death

In the last few months there had been several articles in various newspapers purporting to give the background to councillors' resignations

"Many articles said 'pressure' caused councillors to resign

Quite a number failed to mention that this pressure has frequently been so violent that the term 'pressure' is a euphemism"

Several groups in SA, the SAIRR added, were involved in monitoring unrest and/or violations of human rights. Six groups contacted by the SAIRR kept track of at least one category of police malpractice, but none recorded attacks on councillors or police or their spouses or children in their reports

The report added "Our continuing investigations into political violence have convinced us that councillors and policemen are themselves very often the targets of violent attack

"The extent to which this is occurring has been inadequately reported in the media" — Sapa

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# Black councillors major victims

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JOHANNESBURG. — Black town councillors and policemen had been a major focus of violent attack this year, the SA Institute of Race Relations said in its latest report released here this week.

It said at least 22 policemen and six councillors had died in "first-strike" violent attacks in the first seven months of the year.

Although the number of fatalities was relatively low, there was an average of two attacks daily on black councillors and policemen.

The SAIRR said it had counted at least 409 attacks on the persons or property of black councillors and

policemen between the beginning of the year and the end of July

These included 87 attacks on the homes of black councillors and 222 attacks on the homes of black policemen. Most of the attacks, the SAIRR said, involved petrol bombs or other forms of arson, and handgrenades.

There had been a particularly dramatic escalation in attacks on black councillors and policemen between February and March.

At least 402 black councillors had resigned to date, in most cases giving intimidation as the reason, and black local authorities outside the home-

lands were operating with only two-thirds of their seats filled

At least one councillor had been necklaced and one off-duty policeman had been condemned by a "people's court" and had died after being stabbed 45 times, the SAIRR said.

Two-thirds of the 409 violent attacks on black policemen and councillors had not been reported in any of Johannesburg's English daily newspapers, it added.

"Nor did this violence appear to have attracted any adverse editorial comment, with the exception of two leading articles in Business Day."

In the past few months, the institute

said, there had been several articles in various newspapers purporting to give the background to councillors' resignations.

"These articles have referred to allegations of corruption, the lack of legitimacy of the black local authority system and the parlous financial situation of the townships under their jurisdiction."

"Many articles said 'pressure' caused councillors to resign. Quite a number failed to mention that this pressure has frequently been so violent that the term 'pressure' is a euphemism."

— Sapa





# The full version of SAP reaction

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SAP liaison officer Major Reg Crewe sent *City Press* a letter complaining that police reaction to the video shown by the ANC to the Press about alleged collusion between the SAP and Inkatha, was not fully published.

This is the police version

Police say the Inkatha men were being taken in a police Casspir to negotiate with their opponents.

Police liaison officer Major Reg Crewe said police had brought the two sides together to try to talk

"It is true that three Inkatha men were taken in a Casspir to meet four Xhosas who were also willing to talk to us," Major Crewe said

"Both sides agreed to be disarmed and we disarmed them. They ended up almost like brothers."

He said one of the three Inkatha men, Elias Mazibuko, was among five bodies found the next morning after overnight violence.

"The SAP categorically denies the ANC version as apparently shown on that video."

In his letter to *City Press*, Major Crewe also objects to the following part of our report. "Then a band of armed attackers are seen moving towards the squatter camp"

Major Crewe says. "In fact the group referred to were not attackers but people dispersing peacefully after successful negotiations among Police-Zulus-Xhosas, with the police acting as mediator."

■ Also see report "End mudslinging. ANC" on page 8.

# Row still raging over video of the warlord in the Casspir

SI Times 9/12/90

By DRIES van HEERDEN

THE ANC and the police remained at loggerheads this week over the video showing armed Inkatha members being transported in a police Casspir.

Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok described the video, revealed by the Sunday Times last week, as "crude propaganda" and claimed the police were not assisting Inkatha but trying to make peace among warring factions in the Zonk'izwe squatter camp on the East Rand.

## Crucial

However, ANC spokesperson Gill Marcus said: "After a week of denials the police have still not answered two crucial questions:

● Who do the people they claim to have been ferrying to peace talks represent? and;

● Why were the Inkatha men not disarmed in terms of the security regulations?

The row started when the ANC released a video which they claim contains proof that the police are assisting Inkatha in their violent actions in Zonk'izwe where more than 70 people have died in the past month.

katha members wearing red bandanas sharpening makeshift weapons and singing anti-ANC songs while brandishing pangas, axes, assegais and bottles.

A police Casspir appears on the scene and three men alight — one, carrying a long stick, moves towards the armed group and proceeds to lead them in a march in the direction of the squatter camp.

At a news conference, Mr Vlok said he has viewed the video and arrived at a conclusion "diametrically opposite" to that claimed by the ANC.

According to him, the video proved that the police acted as mediators and brought together representatives of the Xhosa and Zulu communities for peace talks.

He said the police Casspir then dropped off Zulu representatives while a second vehicle transported Xhosa delegates back to their area.

However, on the same day, Inkatha Freedom Party leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi clouded the issue further when he denied that he had any knowledge of the "Zulu leaders" involved with the talks and claimed that people seen

on the video were not Inkatha members.

Ms Marcus said the ANC had "no knowledge" of who the alleged ANC representatives at the talks were. "We don't know them or who they were supposed to represent," she said.

According to Ms Marcus the "main question" has still not been answered by Mr Vlok.

## Question

"His own security regulations prohibits the carrying of weapons by anyone in unrest areas," she said. "This includes everything from rifles and pangas to bricks and sticks.

She disputed Mr Vlok's claims that the police can only act against illegal firearms and that "traditional weapons" cannot be taken away from people carrying them.

"Why did they allow a man to get out of a police vehicle carrying a stick which could be used to kill or maim somebody?"

"And why did police vehicles drive past a crowd carrying weapons, such as bottles, pangas and axes?"

## RADIO LISTENERS DIG DEEP FOR CHILDREN

Sunday Times Reporter R1 in pocket money pledged by pre-schoolers to R30 000 from Investec Bank, R25 000 from Pick 'n Pay and R15 000 from Checkers management and staff — were made from 5pm on Friday.

The telethon was extended yesterday afternoon, when the total shortly after 3pm was R890 000.

Just two hours later, the magic target of R1-million

A RADIO telethon to raise funds for the cash-strapped Johannesburg Child Welfare Society met its target of R1-million in just over 16 hours of air-time.

The society needed to raise R400 000 to avoid curtailing some of its vital services.

Thousands of telephone donations to the Radio 702 telethon

pledged by pre-schoolers to R30 000 from Investec Bank, R25 000 from Pick 'n Pay and R15 000 from Checkers management and staff — were made from 5pm on Friday.

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# SAP bid to recruit 10 000 on target <sup>251</sup>

The Argus Correspondent

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DURBAN — The South African Police force was on schedule with its plans to recruit 10 000 more policemen, Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok said here.

Mr Vlok was in Durban yesterday to hand out Southern Cross Fund presents to members of the SAP's riot unit, on duty in Natal and Kwazulu to combat the political violence.

The SAP needed to train more policemen, he said, and its plans to boost its strength by 10 000 members between July 1 this year and June 30 next year was on schedule.

The government was "so far" satisfied with events in Natal and Kwazulu following the lifting of the state of emergency there in October. He was concerned about the violence still occurring, so "that is not quite satisfactory".

## ROUSING TEAM TALK

Later Mr Vlok flew to Maritzburg to present Southern Cross Fund packages to riot policemen on duty in and around the city.

Mr Vlok thanked the policemen for their hard work and help in building the future, secure South Africa.

Mr Vlok hoped the future would bring safety, security and prosperity for all.

In a rousing team talk he said it was important that the policemen developed the right attitude to their work. "Be careful — we need you."



# Vlok sued for R10 000 by Pretoria woman

By MONK NKOMO

THE sister of an 18-year old girl injured after being allegedly shot by a white policeman in Atteridgeville, last month is claiming R10 000 damages from the Minister of Law and Order.

Dorcas Mashala of Mohlabane Street, Saulsville, was shot while on her way to buy bread at the nearby shop at about 10.30am on November 10.

Her sister, Mrs Dina Mashala, in a letter of

demand to the minister stated that she was unlawfully shot at by a policeman who, together with other members of the police force, were travelling in a Casspir.

Mr Lot Madungandaba, an attorney engaged by the family, yesterday confirmed that the letter of demand was sent to Vlok through the com-

missioner of police last week. He also confirmed that they have claimed R10 000 in damages.

Mashala submitted that the policeman who shot at her younger sister acted unlawfully and was at all times acting within the course and scope of his employment.

At the time of the incident, a spokesman for the family said Dorcas fell to the ground after being shot in the back and left hand while on her

way to buy bread at the Tsakane General Dealer. She also told the family that she was shot by a uniformed white policeman in the Casspir.

Dorcas was carried away from the scene by a sister who rushed her to Kalafong Hospital. She was among the people who were visited at the hospital by Mrs Winnie Mandela, wife of ANC deputy leader, Mr Nelson Mandela on November 12 this year.

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# Govt must take steps against death squads - Cachalia

By Karen Stander (CSD) (251)

Rights on December 10, 1948

If the Government failed to put an end to death squads, the family and friends of victims would demand "appropriate action" of a future government, UDF national treasurer Azhar Cachalia warned yesterday

It was the Government's responsibility to take concrete steps to end the culture of violence which apartheid bred, he told a meeting to commemorate the signing of the International Declaration of Human

"We still want to know who killed David Webster and at least 48 other activists since Rick Turner. It is the Government's responsibility alone to put an end to death squads. If it fails, the family and friends of these people will demand of any new government that appropriate steps are taken in this regard."

Mr Cachalia said "rough forms of justice", even necklacing, had been meted out in the past

This culture was a consequence of the apartheid regime dictating the forms in which the struggle could take place, but the liberation movements needed to acknowledge this effect

University students had refused to allow "Government collaborators" to speak on campus when many of their leaders were silenced

"The danger is that gradually the line between a Government collaborator and your political opponent falls away"

Former opposition politician

Helen Suzman said it was foolish to assume that the removal of discriminatory legislation would lead to egalitarianism

The greatest danger to freedom was apathy, and human rights organisations, without links to any political party, would always be needed to be vigilant against abuses of human rights

The meeting was organised by Lawyers for Human Rights, the Black Lawyers Association and the National Association of Democratic Lawyers

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# Ex-Koevoet boss 'not with Unita'

## Political Staff

THE ministry of Law and Order denied yesterday that former Koevoet police unit boss Major-General "Sterk Hans" Dreyer is with Unita in Angola. Namibian President Sam Nujoma claimed at the weekend that General Dreyer was with Unita leader Dr Jonas Savimbi at Jamba in Angola.

But ministry spokesman Captain Craig Kotze said yesterday that the allegation was "ridiculous" and added. "I know he is in Durban at present."

General Dreyer, a former head of the security police in Maritzburg and Port Elizabeth, was head of Koevoet in Namibia until December last year

when he was transferred to Pretoria.

Captain Kotze said yesterday that General Dreyer, who gained experience in counter-insurgency techniques in the Rhodesian bush war in the 1970s, had since retired from the police force.

He also denied Namibian allegations that former members of Koevoet had been recruited into a force to oust Mr Nujoma and the Swapo government.

"South Africa will not allow itself to be used as a springboard for targets in neighbouring countries," he said. "Any nature of an offensive operation against a neighbouring state will not be tolerated."



# ANC 12/1490 members

## allege kidnap

By Shehnaaz Bulbulia

Two Umkhonto we Sizwe members claimed they were yesterday kidnapped at gunpoint in the city centre by Askaris and forced into a minibus which ferried them to Hillbrow police station.

MK member Job Kubu told a press conference organised by the ANC late yesterday at the Central Methodist Church in Johannesburg that he and his MK colleague, Madiba Khumalo, were kidnapped in "broad daylight by about 12 armed Askaris and forced into a kombi".

Mr Kubu claimed one of the Askaris known as More trained with him at an ANC camp in Angola.

The ANC's Gill Marcus said both men were granted indemnity in May and added that the incident illustrated the manner in which elements in the security force, who control the Askaris, were destabilising the peace process.

Approached for comment last night, police spokesman Major Ray Harrald confirmed the men had been arrested and released after police established that they had been granted indemnity.

"I don't know anything about Askaris being involved," he said.

According to Mr Kubu he and Mr Khumalo were approached by More and three other people who indicated that they wanted to exchange information at about 8.30 am on the corner of Sauer and President streets.

### Discussed

The matter was discussed in the ANC's Sauer Street office, and at noon Mr Kubu and Mr Khumalo went to the agreed meeting place, the library forecourt next to President Street.

More, together with the three other men who had been with him in the morning, wanted information on the ANC's analysis on the present situation, and its attitude to Askaris, Mr Kubu claimed.

During the meeting, a fifth person who identified himself as a policeman placed Mr Kubu and Mr Madiba under arrest and ordered them to a kombi parked in Market Street.

According to Mr Kubu when he and Mr Khumalo resisted about 20 other armed police/Askaris, forced them at gunpoint to the waiting kombi.

Despite demands made by Mr Kubu that he be taken to John Vorster Square, Mr Kubu said his assailants proceeded to Hillbrow police station where they were met by two white security policemen outside the premises.

An hour later, Mr Kubu said he and Mr Khumalo were dropped off at the ANC office.

Smiling cop  
and body

No action

Staff Reporter

NO action would be taken against the Peninsula riot unit policeman who was photographed armed and smiling near the body of a Khayelitsha unrest victim in October this year

However, "high level" dissatisfaction and unhappiness had been expressed about the incident, Captain Attie Laubscher, regional police liaison officer, said yesterday

Captain Laubscher said the dissatisfaction expressed by senior police was because the riot policeman had been standing at the body

"We have spoken to his commanding officer, Brigadier Frik Kellerman, who has assured us that the man concerned is just a friendly guy and that it was in his nature to smile at the camera," he said

An "unfortunate" impression had been created worldwide by the policeman's "friendly disposition"

# Bid to abduct two MK men alleged

POLICE and people suspected to be members of 'Askari' this week allegedly attempted to abduct two members of Umkhonto we Sizwe when they forced them into a police car at gunpoint.

The ANC said yesterday the two men, Mr Job Kubu and Mr Madiba Khumalo, were forced into a waiting police car and taken to a place near Hillbrow Police Station where they were interrogated on Tuesday.

The men had been granted indemnity in May and were legally in the country.

*Seaborn* 13/12/90  
BY SY MAKARINGE

Police spokesman Major Ray Harrald confirmed the arrests. He said the men were released after the police had established that they had been granted indemnity.

## Askari member

'I don't know anything about the Askaris being involved,' he said

A spokesman for the ANC said both Kubu and Khumalo had earlier in the day met a man

called More, whom they claimed was a member of the Askari. More allegedly offered to exchange information

'This was agreed and a venue arranged. The matter was discussed in the ANC office and at noon the (two) comrades went to the agreed meeting place,' the spokesman said.

He said Kubu and Khumalo were met by More and three other people at the meeting place. Another man joined them and identified himself as a policeman

'He produced what appeared to be a police identification document. He said the comrades were under arrest and ordered them to a kombi.

'The two resisted, questioning why they were being arrested. The policeman and others who had arrived on the scene produced weapons and forced the two comrades at gunpoint to the waiting kombi,' he said.

They were driven to a spot in Hillbrow and questioned for about 45 minutes before being released.





national negotiations from getting off the ground and called on all political Inkatha and this is seen as a significant development

## We can't stomach our food, say police

OVER 300 South African Police members based at the George Goch hostel in Benrose are refusing to take meals from their barracks kitchen.

They are demanding an end to the ticket system — which allows them only one meal a day — and they also allege the food they are served is inedible. *W/Mand 14/12 - 17/12/90*

"Please, do not get this wrong. We are working but we are on strike as far as food is concerned," one of the policemen, who declined to be named for fear of reprisals, told *The Weekly Mail*.

They claimed they are served badly cooked pap from Monday to Saturday. On Sunday they are given rice. "There are no vegetables and the only gravy is the water used to cook meat. (251)

"Every day, we eat almost the same food, with the only change being chicken or beef, which is always boiled," they said.

Police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said the matter was receiving attention at the highest level and that only 60 members of the police were on food strike.

# Police 'torture wrong person': Charges laid

By GAVIN EVANS

A KRUGERSDORP police "torture team" could find themselves in the dock after being accused of administering electric shock "treatment" to a man falsely detained after a robbery.

While allegations of police assault and torture are commonplace in criminal trials, this is believed to be one of the first times a man who was not charged after a criminal arrest has laid charges against the police.

Abel Nonyane, a travel agency driver and father of two, said he was stripped naked, strapped to a chair for over five hours by a team of white policemen, blindfolded and given electric shocks on his penis and other parts of his body before police realised they had the wrong man.

At 4.15am on November 20, he was visited at his Soweto home by six black policemen who told him the "white police" in Krugersdorp wanted to see him. He was taken to the Krugersdorp police station, where eight white plainclothes policemen were present.

Nonyane said he was told to strip, tied to a chair, blindfolded and made to drink water from a container.

He was accused of being involved in a robbery in Welkom at 9.30am on September 5. He told his interrogators he was at work at the time and asked them to call his boss for confirmation.

After five hours of torture during which he said he was asked "where the money is" and other questions about the robbery, he heard someone say: "Hy is nie die regte man nie" (he is not the right man), and the torture stopped.

He was then taken to the Randfontein police cells for the rest of the day. He said he was given no food or refreshment during his 13-hour ordeal. He was released without charge.

Asked to comment on the allegations a police public relations spokesman said: "We confirm that a charge of assault is currently being investigated by the Krugersdorp police."

# Police are still using the 'ultimate traitors'

THE word "Askari" is one which for several years has produced terror and hatred among members of the African National Congress

To the ANC these are the ultimate traitors — those who have turned against their own family to be used by the enemy to hunt and kill their own in death squad formations.

To the South African Police they are, as Law and Order spokesman Brigadier Leon Mellet put it in a recent *Weekly Mail* interview, "fully-fledged members of the SAP". But they are also specialised people doing specialised services in the police force," he said, adding that they will continue to be used in this way. The existence of Askari units of "turned" ANC members first came to

light about 18 months ago during the ongoing Yengeni ANC trial in Cape Town when Umkhonto weSizwe member Bongani Jonas gave detailed evidence of attempts by police to recruit him into Askari hit squads.

Later, former policeman Dirk Coetzee, Almond Nofamela and David Tshikalanga gave evidence in the Harms Commission into Cross-Border Irregularities of the Askaris' Vaalpias base in the northern Transvaal, and of their involvement in a series of murders of ANC activists. Their evidence was rejected by Mr Justice Louis Harms Tuesday's detention of two ANC

Askari police units have been blamed for abducting and killing many anti-apartheid activists. **GAVIN EVANS** reviews their activities

members by alleged Askari policemen was the latest in a series of incidents in recent months which suggest that these "specialised people" are still being used extensively by the police. ANC head office officials Job Kabur and Madiha Khumalo said they were contacted by four people, one of whom they recognised as an Askari, who asked to meet them in the city

centre. There they were asked about ANC attitudes to Askaris, and arrested at gunpoint by a team of policemen waiting in a nearby kombi which took them to Hillbrow police station where they were questioned before being returned to the ANC offices.

ANC leader Nelson Mandela phoned Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok to complain about the "abduction", and police acknowledged the arrests. The following are among other incidents where Askari units have been blamed for abductions or murders: ●Border ANC official Jeff Wabhera was murdered by a lone gunman wearing a stocking over his head at an

ANC branch meeting on October 12. ●ANC member John Mchunu was allegedly arrested by two Askaris — one of them his former Umkhonto weSizwe commander David Velapi, at the OK Bazaars store in West Street in Durban on September 5.

●ANC security official Ralph Petersen said he was arrested in Hillbrow by "at least 30 Askari" on August 19, held under section 29 of the Internal Security Act after being shot during the arrest, and released over three months later. ●Brits community activist Abel Mokoane was shot dead in Leithabule township on June 6 after a confrontation with two Askari members, "Jeff" and "Johnny", two weeks earlier. His family suspects they killed him.



# Health budget due to rise by 0.04%

GOVERNMENT is expected to increase its health budget just 0.04% next year when the restructuring of health services will gain momentum. National Health Minister Dr Rina Venter said yesterday the country's 13 academic hospitals would be rationalised as soon as possible in 1991.

She said Administration and Economic Co-ordination Minister Wim de Villiers would continue to probe hospital administration and was due to make his report next year on the high cost of medicine.

Although the 1991/92 health budget had not been finalised, a provisional R7,3bn had been allocated, a department spokesman said. This year's R7bn budget represented an 8% increase on that of 1989.

Venter said she had sent to the Commission of Administration a motivation for further salary increases for public sector doctors and nurses next year.

The resignation of top surgeons and strikes by non-medical workers revealed the extent of the crisis in state hospitals.

A recent survey by the Association of Specialists of Wits University showed about 80% of full-time medical specialists would leave the public health sector in the next two years unless pay and working conditions improved.

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Wits University doctors have proposed that teaching hospitals be rationalised into regional complexes and administered by boards of control representing universities, the state and the wider community. The boards would control hospitals' state funding which would be supplemented by private patient fees.

Almost half the annual health budget is allocated to academic hospitals.

Venter said a new model for academic hospitals was being developed in consultation with relevant parties.

Proposals for the revision of the 1967 Medical Schemes Act would be elicited next year but a draft Bill would only be put before Parliament in 1992.

Venter said the moratorium on the building of new hospitals would remain in place next year, although 50 primary health care clinics would come on stream.

Bed occupancy had not changed much after the desegregation of hospitals in April. The number of available beds was the same because of limited funds, although beds were available to all races.

Government's newly formed Inter-departmental AIDS committee would meet on January 23 in Cape Town.

## No proof of third force, says Vlok

LINDEN BIRNS

SOME of the elements involved in the recent township violence had an unusual degree of training and skills, but government still had no concrete proof that an alleged "third force" existed, Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok said.

In an interview with the Bureau for Information's RSA Policy Review Vlok was asked about the existence of an "orchestrated, professional terrorist offensive" by a so-called third force.

The SA Police, Vlok said, had no concrete evidence to substantiate these claims.

"It is, however, significant that some of the violent actions indicated a degree of training and skill which common criminals lack," he said.

In September ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela told journalists that President F W de Klerk had conceded that a third force existed.

However, De Klerk later denied he had said this. Vlok and his spokesman were unavailable for further comment last night.

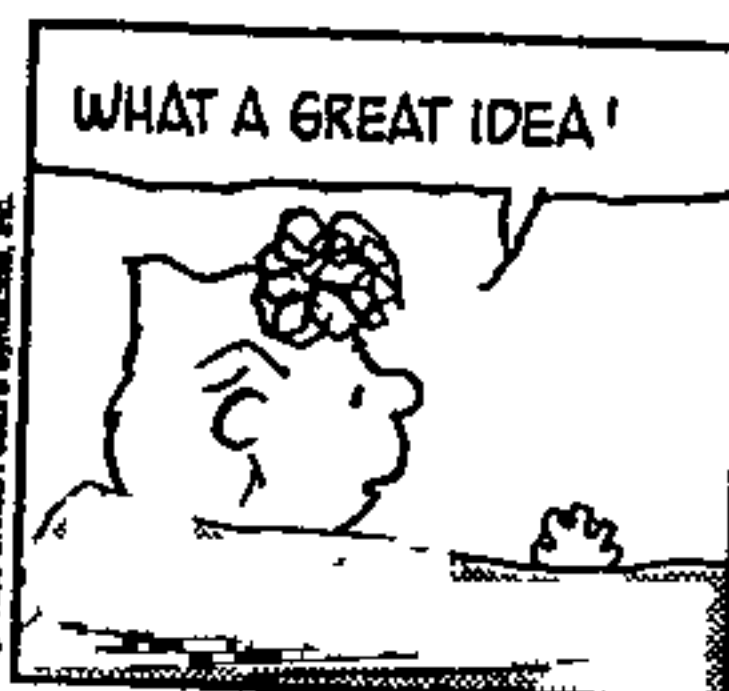
In the interview Vlok said the wave of black-on-black violence "essentially has political objectives".

"Therefore a political solution is necessary to finally end it."

"Security action is, however, necessary to clamp down on rioters."

## PEANUTS

By Charles Schulz



# SAP 'were successful peacemakers'

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By Monica Nicolson

The police have managed to save the lives of thousands of people in many unrest situations through their fearless and sensitive conduct — and have fulfilled their task as peacemaker with distinction, according to Minister of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok.

In a recent interview with a Government magazine, the RSA Policy Review, Mr Vlok said the reform process had brought about a feeling of insecurity. This meant the SAP had to be closely involved in the maintenance of law and order.

Mr Vlok said the curfew introduced at the height of the unrest in September this year was a success, leading to a decline of nearly 100 percent in violence and crime.

## 85 murdered

Responding to calls from the ANC for the police to operate in the townships unarmed, Mr Vlok said "The police work under perilous circumstances and to expect of them to do this unarmed is imprudent and unreasonable."

He said 85 policemen had been murdered between January 1 and November 22 in the unrest situation this year. No concrete evidence had yet been found to back up allegations of the existence of a so-called third force.

"In my opinion the cold-blooded slaughter of defenceless and innocent people is nothing but terrorism of the worst degree and that possibility is also being investigated carefully. No stone will be left unturned in order to track down the culprits. We have already handed over three people to the court in connection with the so-called train slaughter," he said.



# I lost my baby after cops assaulted me

By S'BU MNGADI

POLICEMEN allegedly kicked, strangled and severely beat up an eight-month pregnant woman from Inanda, Durban, until she miscarried her baby.

Muriel Mxhinwa, of Bhanbaya squatter settlement, has now laid charges of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, attempted murder and pointing a firearm against the policemen at Vela police station.

Durban SAP spokesman Lt Bala Naidoo confirmed Mxhinwa had lodged a complaint at the station to the effect that a white policeman had hit her with an iron bar.

"She was taken to King Edward VIII Hospital, where she was treated and her right arm put in plaster. Subsequently Mxhinwa made another statement, alleging the assaults had caused her miscarriage," Naidoo said.

He said they were now investigating charges of "common" assault and pointing a firearm. He made no mention of the attempted murder charge.

In an affidavit, Mxhinwa said several policemen of the "dagga squad" had raided her house on February 4 this year looking for dagga, but could not find any. They then allegedly kicked her and left.

She identified the black policemen as Shezi and Bhaki - and a white cop nicknamed "Mbazo" (axe).

At about 9pm on October 16 the three, accompanied by others, again raided the house. Mbazo shone a torch in her face and said to Shezi she was the woman they must kill, she alleged.

Without saying a word Mbazo and Shezi began assaulting her, kicking her in the stomach, she claimed.

"I tried to protect my body by bending over. When I did this, Mbazo hit

Foetus lay in cell while

I was hit

again - mum

me with a crowbar on the upper part of my right arm, breaking it in two places.

"While the policemen were hitting me I shouted that I was pregnant but they continued assaulting me. Mbazo was the most vicious," she said.

She claimed the assaults took place while a white policewoman looked on. None of the assailants were in uniform, but she knew them as cops.

Throughout the assaults they kept asking her who had killed a policeman in Bhanbaya. She told the police she didn't know. "They continued assaulting, kicking and hitting me with their fists and with the crowbar."

Shezi got a piece of rope and allegedly tied it around her throat. Before she lost consciousness, she heard the

police shooting outside the house, she claimed.

She regained consciousness in a cell at Durban's CR Swart Square, where she discovered she had miscarried.

"There was blood all over the floor and I saw the foetus of my child. It was a male."

She was taken to Mbazo's office the following day, October 17, while the foetus remained behind in the cell.

Although she told Mbazo she had miscarried, he showed no interest and again wanted to know who had killed the policeman in Bhanbaya.

"Mbazo again assaulted me. He hit me in the face. He also told me to lie down and then put the barrel of a gun against my forehead. While he was assaulting me in this way, the white policewoman was sitting in the chair, watching."

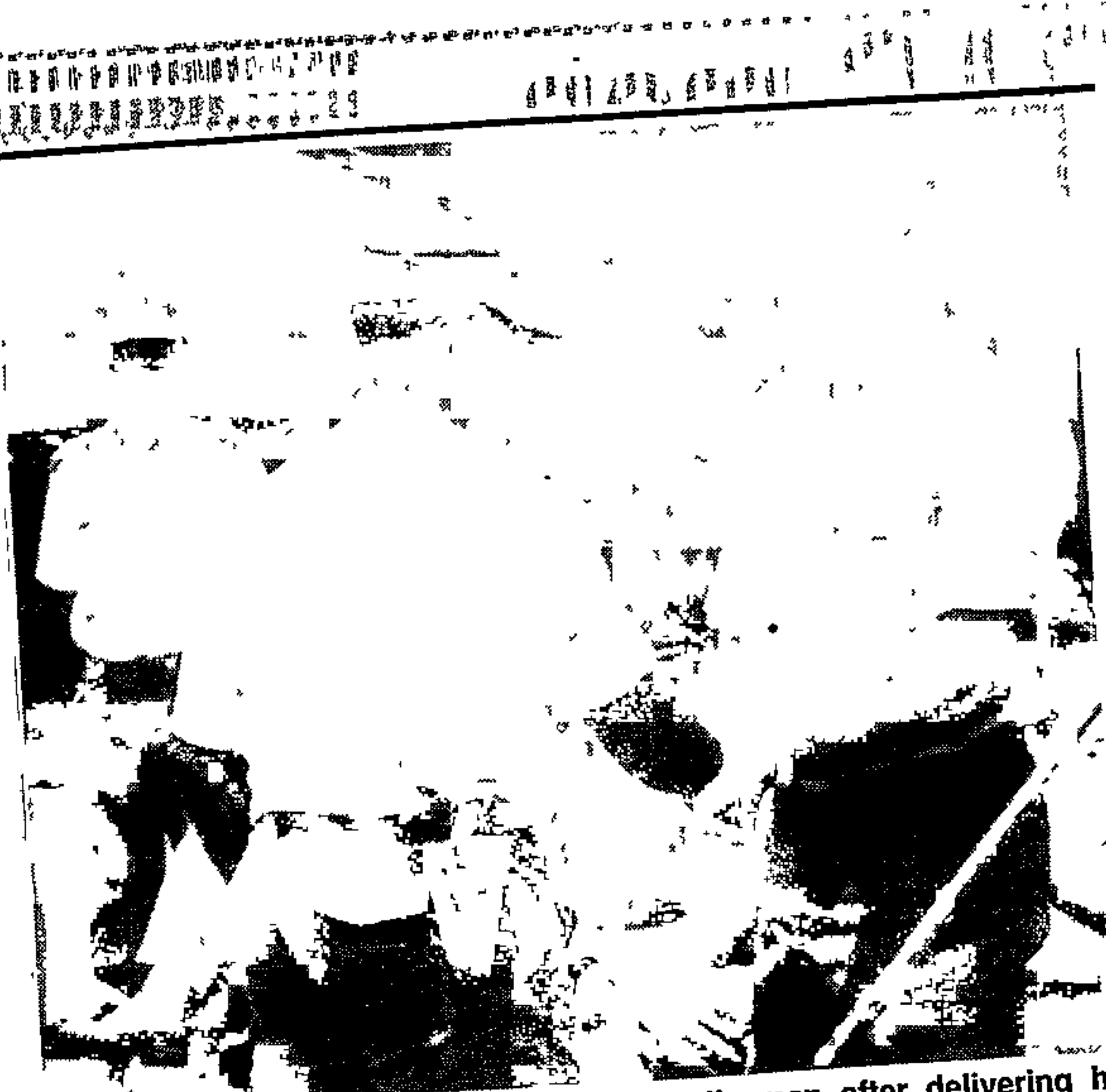
Later she was taken to the Emtshelbhem (Inanda) SAP station by the policemen who had allegedly beaten her up. They had a large quantity of dagga, which they said was hers - a claim she denied.

She has since appeared in court on charges of possessing dagga and has been released on bail of R2 000.

While awaiting payment of bail, she was treated at the Westville Prison hospital.

Muriel Mxhinwa . . . claims policemen punched, kicked and hit her with a crowbar.





Minister Adriaan Vlok congratulates a policeman after delivering his Christmas message.

# Police are not angels, says Vlok 251

*Sowelen 17/12/90*  
By GRACE RAPHOLO

POLICE are not angels but human beings capable of making mistakes, Minister of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok said in a Christmas message at Protea Police Station

## 'Vicious lies'

Vlok was commenting on the "vicious lies and accusations" which were being spread about the police. He warned that the lies being told

about the police should come to an end because the police were doing their "best to protect the people of this country"

Police had worked under difficult circumstances and trying times in the past years. In most cases "we have protected the people of this country excellently," he said.

He wished the police force success in building the future - the new South Africa

# Govt slams ANC defence units move

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**THE Government believed the establishment of ANC "self-defence" units was "completely unnecessary".**

Law and Order spokesman Captain Craig Kotze said yesterday police were "completely opposed" to the formation of private political armies.

These armies could only lead to further polarisation and ultimately constituted a recipe for civil war, he said.

Kotze said: "The SAP will not allow the law to be broken in this regard. It is the task of the SAP to protect all the citizens of South Africa, including ANC members, and the formation of political military structures is therefore completely unnecessary."

He said only a drastic

change in attitude between warring groups would solve politically motivated violence.

Meanwhile, SAPA reports that the commander of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging's commando units had no objection to the ANC's plans for creating self-defence units in black townships - provided "they remained in their own areas only and left the white communities alone".

Mr Servaas de Wet, Sea Point's retired police station commander, started the countrywide Boer commando system seven months ago and was appointed its commander-general shortly thereafter.

He said the AWB had launched the self-defence units for white neighbourhoods in direct response to the Government's

release of Mr Nelson Mandela and the legalising of political movements.

"There now is a revolutionary climate in South Africa in which police stations are being attacked with impunity, police patrols ambushed and murdered and civilian communities left practically unprotected by understaffed police," he said.

Over the past two months, the commandos' membership had increased by 365 percent. The greatest growth was shown in the Vaal Triangle and the eastern Transvaal, he said.

"The AWB's central infrastructure and communications systems are now in place and our units are being trained countrywide in self-defence methods," he added.

# Police warn ANC on private armies

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By Esmaré van der Merwe  
Political Reporter

The police have warned that the ANC's intention to set up self-defence units in the strife-torn townships could lead to civil war.

It also labelled as totally unacceptable the ANC's plans for mass action campaigns next year, and dismissed the organisation's renewed accusations of State involvement in the township carnage as "nonsense".

A spokesman for the Ministry of Law and Order, Captain Craig Kotze, yesterday launched a scathing attack on hardline resolutions dealing with the security forces, which were adopted at the ANC's consultative conference in Johannesburg at the weekend.

Vehemently denying police partiality in the violence, he said only a "dramatic change in attitude" from the feuding parties would address the root causes of the violence.

Pretoria was silent yesterday on the ANC's ultimatum that it would consider abandoning talks if certain conditions were not met by April 30.

The Pretoria Minute sets this date as the latest date envisaged for the completion of the task of the joint Government/ANC working group which deals with the granting of indemnity to political offenders.

Senior Government members were locked in a State Security Council meeting in Pretoria yesterday, at which the ANC's newly-adopted measures were discussed. They would not, however, comment.

President de Klerk is expected to speak on the ANC's deci-

sions in his Christmas message on television tonight.

Observers believed the hardline policies adopted at the weekend were unlikely to endanger the peace process. They said the deadline was a compromise between the moderates and militants in the movement and was "fair" and could speed up negotiations.

In a long statement Inkatha Freedom Party leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi criticised the ANC's warning that it might consider breaking off talks and resuming the armed struggle.

"I think it is rather sad that the ANC is talking the way it is about the possibility of resuming an armed struggle.

"The escalation of black-on-black violence presents probably the gravest threat to peaceful negotiations taking place that exists."

## Subvert

Captain Kotze said the police strongly disapproved of the formation of private political armies.

"These can only heighten the conflict in our communities and will inevitably lead to further confrontation and even civil war. These private political armies are completely unnecessary as it is the task of the SAP to protect everyone, including ANC members."

The police would not allow anyone to take over or subvert its law and order functions.

He said mass actions exceeded the bounds of legitimate democratic protest and was therefore completely unacceptable. Mass action contained immense conflict potential which had already erupted into vio-

lence in our townships and other areas.

"The SAP will strictly, yet with the necessary discretion, enforce the law in this regard."

Responding to a hard-hitting ANC resolution on police involvement in the violence, he said. "Wild allegations of this nature must be backed up with evidence.

"The SAP categorically denies it is involved in the violence or that it takes sides. The fact that accusations of partiality are leveled at the force from both the ANC and Inkatha makes a mockery of these claims.

"Merely repeating hackneyed allegations ad nauseum does not constitute evidence."

● Sapa reports that the commander of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging's commando units, Servaas de Wet, had no objection to the ANC's plans to form self-defence units provided "they remained in their own areas only and left the white communities alone".

Mr de Wet said the AWB had launched the countrywide commando units for white protection in direct response to the Government's release of ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela from prison and the unbanning of various political organisations. He said the "revolutionary climate" in the country had since increased and exposed many whites to danger.

Mr de Wet pointed out, however, that the training received by AWB commando members was "a lot less aggressive" than the training received by cadres of the ANC's Umkhonto we-Sizwe who had learned "to handle explosives, bombs, rocket launchers and other weapons used in revolutionary warfare"

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**Kitscop burnt by attackers**

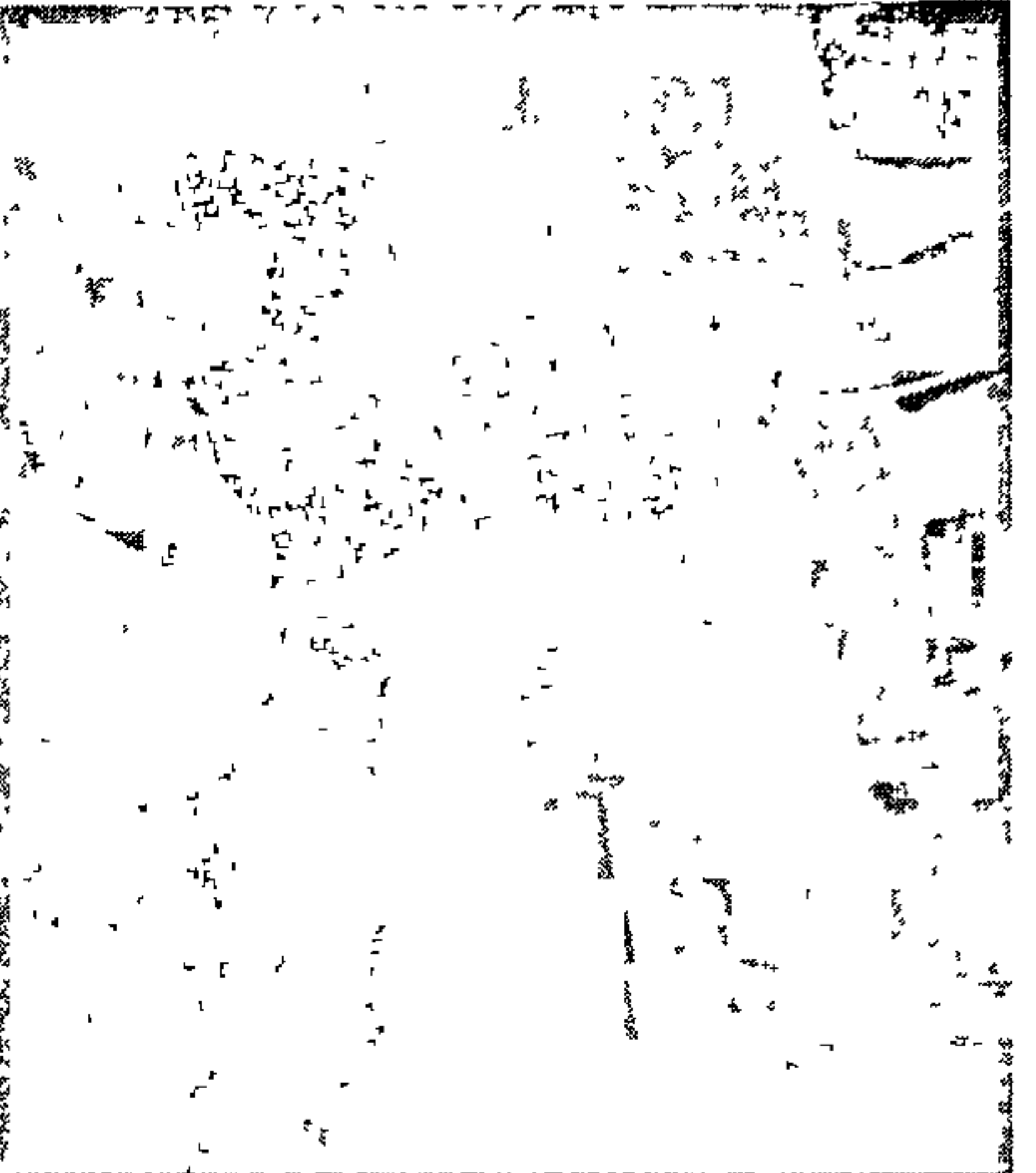
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A SPECIAL constable is in a critical condition in Groote Schuur Hospital after attackers doused him with petrol and tried to burn him to death in Khayelitsha on Monday.

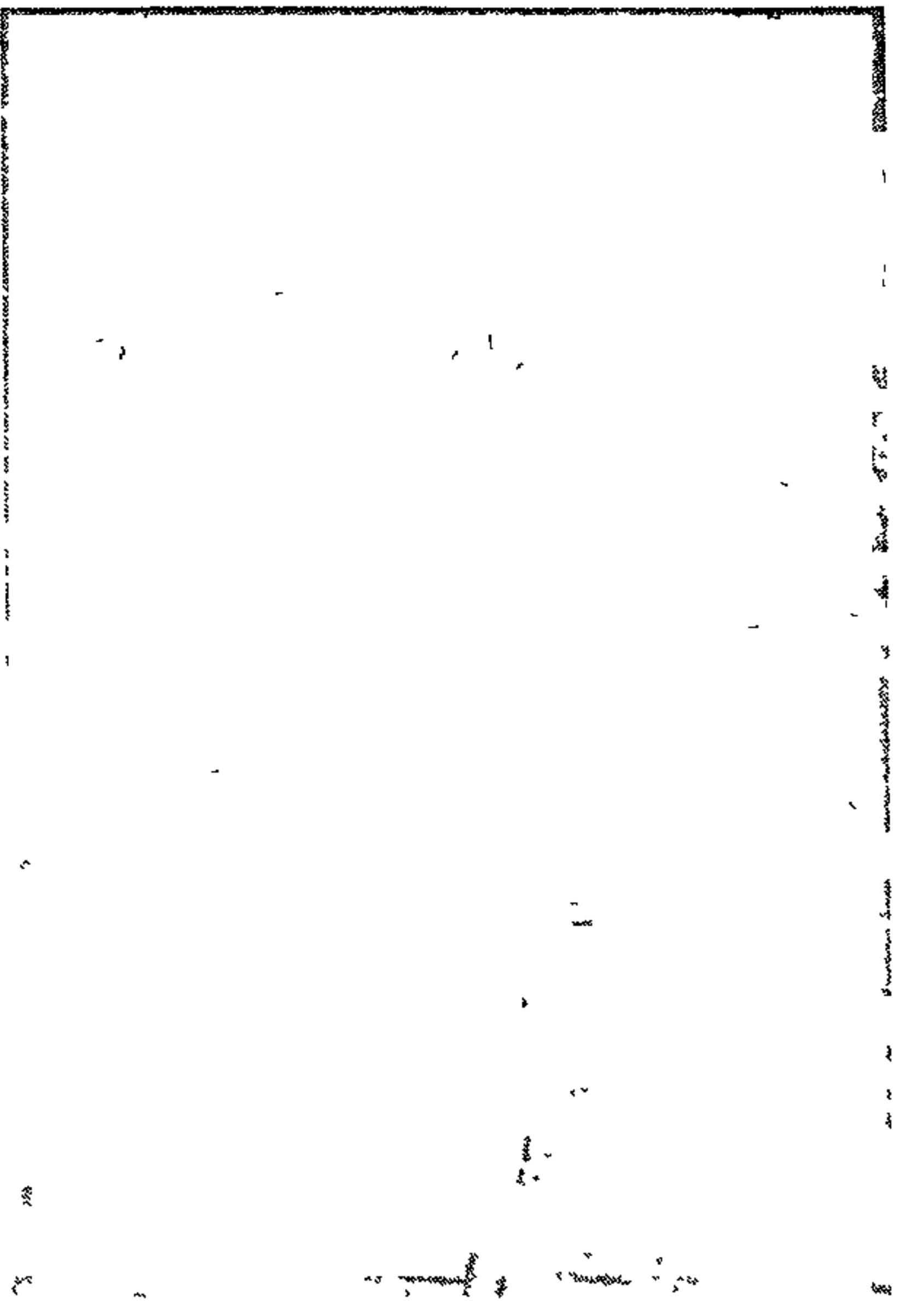
He was attacked in Site B at 3am and robbed of all his clothes before being set alight. He received 50% burns.

Surgeons battled yesterday afternoon to improve his condition in an emergency operation.

Police said his name was being withheld "for his own security".



A police medic examines an injured man (right). A hostel-dweller attacks a man after he was apparently abandoned by the police (left)



# Police respond to WM pictures

Weekly Mail Reporter

to WM adv 20/12/90 - 10/1/91

THE Ministry of Law and Order is planning a major press conference in the next few days to respond to pictures published in last week's *Weekly Mail* which showed police allegedly taking sides in the East Rand violence.

Law and Order spokesman Captain Craig Kotze said this week that Minister Adrian Vlok would respond to the allegations at the press conference.

When the pictures appeared last week, Kotze said police were unable to respond until the matter had been fully investigated.

*The Weekly Mail* published two series of pictures one showing police treating two seriously wounded men, and then abandoning them, without any apparent reason, to be killed by a group of hostel dwellers, the other showing police watching passively as the "impi" advances through Thokoza, and only intervening when armed "comrades" repel the

impi

The pictures have attracted massive international interest, with newspapers and television stations around the world pursuing them.

However, they almost never made the light of day after an attempt by an international television agency to stop *The Weekly Mail* publishing them last Friday.

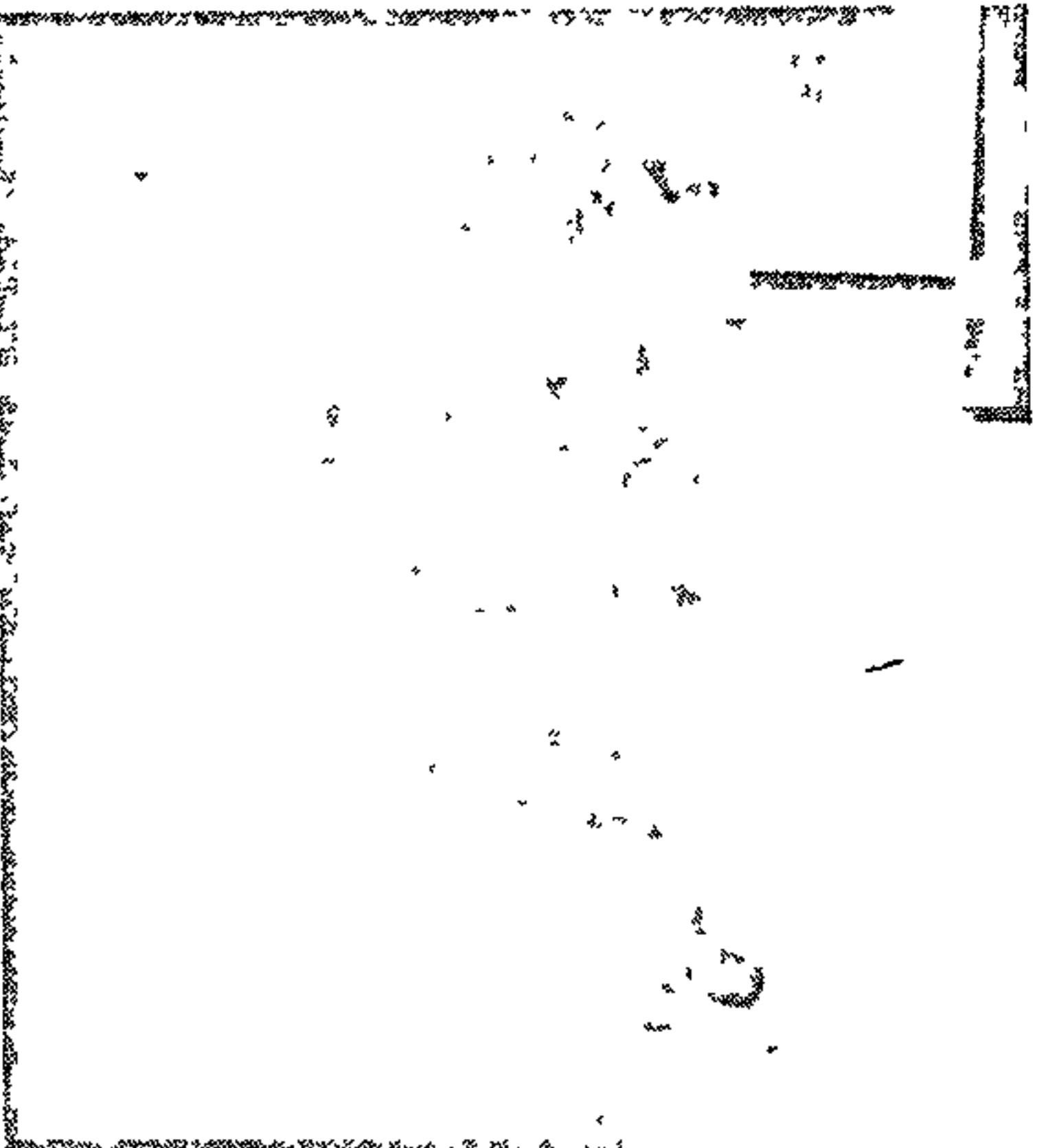
The agency had put a judge on standby and were threatening to ask him for a urgent order stopping publication of the newspaper because of an alleged breach of copyright.

Publication was only possible because of a last-minute agreement between the newspaper and the agency.

The agency has since claimed to have dismissed a staff member for his involvement in the incident. *The Guardian* reported that the agency had fired a trainee black editor.

However, no confirmation of this could be received this week.

A Casspir and police van watch as the impi passes within metres of them



# Kwazulu police get legal warning

## Political Staff

KWAZULU policemen acting illegally against the community of Kwamakhutha, near Amanzimtoti, would be brought before court, the commissioner of the force, Brigadier Jac Buchner, has assured lawyers acting for residents.

Kwamakhutha residents have alleged grossly unlawful behaviour by Kwazulu Police (KZP) acting in conjunction with vigilantes in the past two weeks.

Random shooting and arson has led to the death of seven people, said the Legal Resources Centre (LRC), acting for residents. About 100 people have fled the area to seek refuge in Amanzimtoti, lawyers told Brigadier Buchner in a letter.

## REMOVE POLICEMEN

He was given copies of affidavits residents had made to support their allegations.

The LRC asked Brigadier Buchner to remove policemen named in the affidavits as being involved in the unlawful conduct in the township.

The LRC pointed out that the Supreme Court had on June 19 granted an order interdicting the KZP from assaulting, harassing or engaging in any unlawful attack on any person in Kwamakhutha.

## TAKE STEPS

"We call upon you to let us have your unequivocal assurance that you will take immediate and effective steps to restrain members of the KZP in Kwamakhutha from acting unlawfully, prevent a re-occurrence of any such behaviour, and ensure proper and neutral law enforcement in Kwamakhutha," the LRC told Brigadier Buchner.

In reply, the brigadier said all members of the KZP had been warned of the contents of the interim interdict, and had acknowledged having received the warning. They understood the prohibition.

"All members have signed a document acknowledging this. Members are also regularly briefed during monthly lectures on the prohibitions."

A special unit was set up to deal with complaints from the Kwamakhutha community about the KZP.

All allegations made in the LRC affidavits would be investigated. Any person, including Kwazulu policemen, found to have acted illegally against the community, would be taken to court, Brigadier Buchner said.

# 12-year-old tells of shooting in affidavit

## Political Staff

KWAZULU Police members sided with vigilantes in an attack on youths in Kwamakhutha that left one youngster dead, 15-year-old Mafiki Mkhize said in an affidavit made for the Legal Resources Centre (LRC)

The LRC passed his and other peoples' affidavits on recent Kwazulu Police (KZP) activity in Kwamakhutha to the Commissioner of the Kwazulu Police, Brigadier Jac Buchner, who has undertaken to have the allegations investigated.

Mafiki said that on December 10 he saw KZP chasing comrades and shooting at them with a pump-action shotgun. A vehicle with darkened windows approached. The three passenger doors were open and the occupants shot at the fleeing youths with pump action shot guns.

Mafiki said he ran back to his home, and with Nzuzo Ngcobo hid behind outbuildings. Mafiki saw KZP members in camouflage uniforms in the yard, with two vigilantes he named. **RAN AWAY**

The youths ran away,

Mafiki said he was shot in the back of his right leg just below his knee while trying to jump over a hedge, but still managed to get away.

After 10 minutes he returned to his house to find Nzuzo "lying in our yard under a banana tree" He was dead, with injuries to the back of his head and the side of his face.

In another affidavit the LRC handed to Brigadier Buchner for investigation, Mafiki's father, Mr James Mkhize, said that at the time of the incident he was standing in his yard

"I saw two vigilantes in private clothes break down our gate by kicking it. They ran to the back of my property. I ran after them and saw them shoot at my son Mafiki and his friend Nzuzo."



# SAP to embark on 'image' campaign 2513

**Pretoria Correspondent**

The first steps have been taken in an extensive television advertisement campaign to "soften" the image of the South African Police. *9 Nov 20/1/90*

But spokesmen for the police and the advertising agency — apparently Johannesburg-based Wilsenach — were silent on the subject, saying details would be released later.

However, sources indi-

cated that the ad campaign, to be launched early next year, was planned to counter the present "violent image" of the police.

The campaign also intends bringing home the message that police are there to protect the lives and property of all South Africa's citizens.

It is believed the advertisements will depict real-life "police hero" stories, where policemen have acted beyond the call of duty.

Maduna said the ANC had hooded prisoners' release were unsuccessful.

## Vlok rejects newspaper allegations

PRETORIA — Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok yesterday rejected newspaper allegations that police had abandoned two wounded men in the face of an alleged Zulu impi attack in Thokoza earlier this month. *8 Day 211290*

The allegations, run in the Weekly Mail last Friday, were based on video footage taken in the township.

The footage, shown at a media conference at Vlok's offices in Pretoria yesterday, shows police medic Const Louis Pretorius attending to the two badly wounded men.

Later, the impi are shown hacking their bodies.

Pretorius told the news conference that, when he left them, the men were already dead.

He left to attend to other wounded people.

Vlok said police were not aware at the time of the approach of the impi that subsequently mutilated the bodies of the two men.

Weekly Mail co-editor Anton Harber said his newspaper had evidence that the two men were still alive when the police left. He asked why police had not bothered to contact independent witnesses during the past week. *(251)*

A second area of contention centred on scenes of impi passing two stationary police vehicles. When the impi retreated after shots rang out, the vehicles departed in apparent pursuit of the unseen gunmen.

Asked why police did not act against the armed impi passing them, police spokesman Capt Eugene Opperman said if police dispersed a group it would cause scattered fighting, which police would not be able to control.

Vlok said it was misleading to portray these scenes as a clash between Zulus and comrades, because there were only individual gunmen, whom police pursued.

He dismissed the allegations as "crude propaganda".

On December 2 Vlok also rejected allegations of police bias based on video footage taken in Zonkeziwe township. — Sapa.

### Brokers sent scurrying as

# Weekly Mail and police clash over Tokoza video

POLICE and the *Weekly Mail* have clashed over contentious video footage taken in Tokoza on December 2 which the newspaper says shows police colluding with Inkatha against "comrades".

The footage, according to the *Weekly Mail*, also indicates that before the battle police abandoned two wounded men to the mercy of an Inkatha impi.

Police have denied the allegations.

The footage, shown at a media conference at police headquarters in

Pretoria yesterday, started with a police paramedic, Constable Louis Pretorius, attending to two badly injured men

Pretorius said at the Press conference the men had been fatally wounded and were already dead when he left the scene.

The impi mutilated the two bodies with pangas but police said they were not aware that the Inkatha men were approaching

A police statement, released at the conference, said it was impossible to determine

whether the men had been Xhosas or Zulus

The video showed one man already dead but the other still breathing, and sound which *Weekly Mail* co-editor Anton Harber believes was the police leaving the scene.

Harber said eyewitnesses had seen the police leave the men to die when they discovered they were not Zulus.

A second sequence showed the police watching passively while Inkatha men attacked the "comrades", interfering

only when comrades opened with AK-47 rifles, forcing the impi to retreat.

SAP spokesman Captain Craig Kotze said police did not know the impi would attack and they could react only once they had worked out where the shots were coming from.

Police further denied that Inkatha were attacking a group of "comrades".

They said there were only individual gunmen whom the police pursued in an attempt to arrest -

*Sowetan Correspondent*

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## Police resort to bullet-proof vests

MEASURES including the wearing of bullet-proof vests were being taken to protect members of the SAP from attack, Witwatersrand police liaison officer Capt Eugene Opperman said yesterday.

At least 85 policemen have been killed and many others injured countrywide in unrest-related incidents since the beginning of the year to mid-December.

The majority of attacks on the policemen were launched on the Reef, Opperman said. B Day 27/12/90

"We will show no mercy to any criminals or perpetrators of violence who shoot at, wound or kill policemen. To safeguard our lives we have taken steps such as the guarding of policemen's houses and the

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wearing of bullet-proof vests," Opperman said. (251)

Recent attacks on the policemen were launched on Christmas Day. Opperman said a security guard and a municipal policeman guarding a power station in the East Rand township of KwaThema on Christmas night were wounded when two men in a passing car opened fire on them.

The policeman had been discharged from the Far East Rand hospital to which he and the security guard were admitted. The guard was still in a critical condition.

Another police spokesman, Lt Burger

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## Police

van Rooyen, said two policemen were injured in the Vaal Triangle township of Sebokeng after being stoned by a crowd. The policemen fired birdshot to disperse the crowd and one man was wounded and arrested, Van Rooyen said.

At Tsweleng, near Wolmaranstad in the western Transvaal, one man was arrested after a group had attacked a policeman with pangas, he said.

Van Rooyen said a body with bullet wounds was found in Tembisa, near Kempton Park, while a burnt body was found in Soweto.

At Table Mountain in Natal a girl of five

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was killed and three women injured when a group opened fire at a home.

Meanwhile, Sapa reports that six people have been arrested in the Wartburg area in Natal following a wave of violence over the past few days in which at least eight people have been killed and several others seriously injured.

The arrests followed police, assisted by the SADF, moving into the Izajeni area to restore calm. Most of the incidents occurred at the weekend, when four people were shot dead and another four stabbed to death. A further four, two of them children, were admitted to hospital with knife and gunshot wounds.

# New round of attacks against police

Staff Reporters

JOHANNESBURG — Police were the target of a number of attacks during the festive season while there was a drop in politically motivated unrest in Reef townships

Nine policemen, a security guard and a black town councillor have been attacked since Christmas Day

Police liaison officer Captain Eugene Opperman said police would show no mercy to the perpetrators of violence or to anyone who threatened the lives and property of policemen

## SHOOTOUT

Three policemen were wounded in a shootout with a group of armed men in Zwile in Port Elizabeth yesterday

A police spokesman in Pretoria said the policemen had been watching a stolen vehicle when three men approached and fired at them with an AK 47 rifle. An explosive device also was thrown at the police

When the policemen returned the fire the men fled on foot leaving the vehicle behind. One policeman was seriously injured, two were slightly hurt and the fourth was unharmed

A security guard and a municipal policeman were wounded early yesterday when they were shot at by gunmen at a power station in Kwathema on the East Rand.

The security guard was hit five times in the chest. He is in a critical condition in the Far East Rand Hospital.

The municipal policeman was hit in the stomach but was only slightly wounded. He was treated for a flesh wound and discharged

There were no arrests. Police found several 7.65mm cartridges.

In Kagiso, two people were shot dead when a gang entered a policeman's house on Tuesday and threatened to kill him

## TWO SHOT DEAD

Captain Opperman said the policeman fired five shots at the men, who fled. Two men were found dead outside. The other two escaped

A bullet-riddled body was found in Tembisa township near Kempton Park and another body, which had been set alight, was found in Soweto

Incidents of unrest also were reported from several other areas including Sebokeng in the Vaal Triangle where two policemen were injured after being stoned by a crowd. They fired birdshot at the crowd, injuring one man who was arrested

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# 10% of police force injured

ABOUT 10% of the SAP's strength was injured in political violence in a seven-month period this year, according to figures released this week by the SA Institute of Race Relations (SAIRR).

The SAIRR said in a special report on Violence against Black Town Councillors and Policemen that more than 8 500 people had died in political violence over the past six years, while 440 policemen were killed and more than 25 000 injured in the line of duty during the same period.

From January to the end of July this year, 7 574 policemen were injured and 44 killed in political violence. The SAP has between 70 000 and 80 000 members.

From the beginning of the year to end-November, 85 policemen died in the line of duty.

While 197 civilians died as a result of

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police action, the report did not say how many civilians were injured this year and how many over the past six years.

According to the report, black town councillors and municipal policemen had increasingly become victims of political violence as a result of the growing use of mass mobilisation since 1984.

There had been a dramatic upsurge in attacks on black councillors and policemen since March this year.

After decreasing by 33% (from 36 to 24) from January to February, attacks on black town councillors and policemen increased fourfold to 99 in March, the report said.

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## Police injuries

Of those 99 attacks, 80 were directed at the police and only 19 at councillors, the report said.

In March, methods associated with mass mobilisation — stonings, arson and petrol-bombs — were used in 92% of attacks and "terrorist-style" weapons (hand grenades, limpet mines and guns) in only 8%.

Quoting Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok, the report said in July and August alone 1 578 police vehicles were stoned, petrol-bombed or otherwise attacked.

Attacks on police over the same period, on individual SAP members and on policemen's homes totalled 20, 482 and 145 re-

spectively

Vlok said of 145 attacks on policemen's homes, 77 took place in July. The report's figure for these attacks is 25. According to the institute the discrepancy between the figures arose from the fact that its primary sources were the SAP's daily unrest reports and Johannesburg-based newspapers.

The SAIRR said "Only incidents which resulted in serious injury or in which property damage exceeded R1 000 were included in the unrest reports. As a result of these criteria, the extent of violence is understated even in the reports that the police themselves put out."

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# Police Xmas attacks

POLICEMEN were the target of a number of attacks over the festive season, while there was a drop in politically motivated unrest in Reef townships.

Nine policemen, one security guard and one black town councillor were the targets of attacks nationwide since Christmas Day. 28/12/90

Commenting on the attacks, police liaison officer Captain Eugene Opperman said the police would show no mercy to the perpetrators of violence or to anyone who threatened the lives and property of policemen.

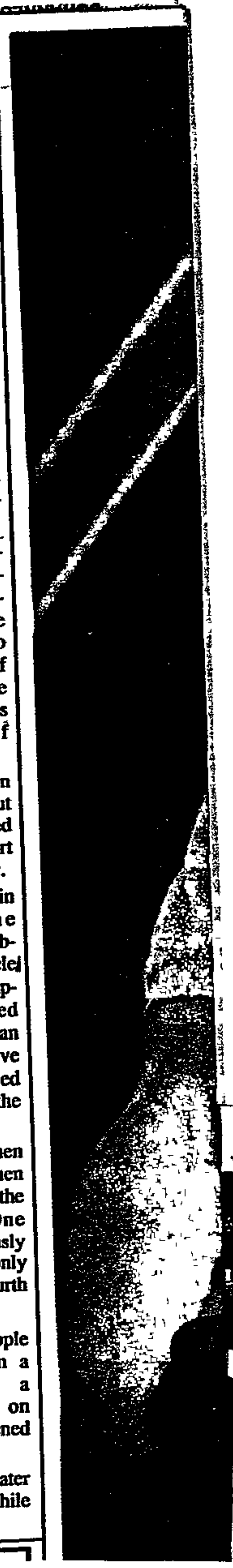
\* Three policemen were injured in a shootout with a group of armed men in Zwile in Port Elizabeth on Wednesday.

A police spokesman in Pretoria said the policemen had been observing a stolen vehicle when three black men approached it and fired shots at the police with an AK-47 rifle. An explosive device was also hurled and exploded near the policemen.

When the policemen returned the fire the men fled on foot leaving the vehicle behind. One policeman was seriously injured, two received only slight injuries and a fourth was unhurt.

In Kagiso, two people were shot dead when a gang entered a policeman's house on Tuesday and threatened him with a pistol.

\* Two men were later found dead outside, while the other two escaped.



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## Bullet-proofing for SAP likely

Crime Staff

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Bullet-proof vests may soon become standard dress for the South African Police

The recent dramatic upsurge in armed attacks on police personnel had led the police to investigate "the possibility of issuing each individual policeman with a bullet-proof vest or jacket", Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said yesterday

Bullet-proof clothing had already been issued to certain police units, he said

The incidence of robbers, car

thieves and other criminals shooting at the police had escalated drastically during the past two years, he said

The situation in South Africa was "becoming like that in the US where officers dare not even approach a vehicle which they had stopped for a traffic offence without their firearms in the ready position"

Certain undisclosed security measures had also been taken to protect the homes of policemen in the townships

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# Flak jackets for SA cops

Special Correspondent

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POLICE are investigating the possibility of supplying bullet-proof jackets to policemen whose working and personal circumstances justify it

This is one of the steps being considered as a result of the numerous attacks on policemen lately. This year 91 members of the SAP died violent deaths, 65 in unrest.

On the Reef, where most of the

casualties occurred, members of police units like the flying squad and the murder and robbery units have already been supplied with bullet-proof jackets

They are not compelled to wear them, but do so when circumstances merit it, said SAP liaison officer on the Reef, Captain Eugene Opperman

These jackets are expensive and, according to arms dealers in Johannesburg, an effective jacket could cost as much as R800.

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## 10 000 more 'on the beat'

*Biday 31/12/90*  
THE Law and Order Ministry has confirmed that the SAP will put an additional 10 000 policemen on the beat to lead its war against rising crime. (25)

"Obviously one of the best ways of controlling crime is putting more men on the ground," said spokesman Capt Craig Kotze at the weekend. (25)

Public participation would be an essential component of the war against crime.

Police would rely on the public to be the eyes and ears of the police, and to prevent and handle crime.

Intensive planning of a "very comprehensive" anti-crime programme was under way.

A major problem was the availability of unlicensed and stolen firearms, which had been stockpiled by certain organisations, Kotze said.

The availability of these weapons was affecting "virtually every criminal activity, especially bank robberies, murder, theft". — Sapa.

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## Police are targets of violence

PRETORIA. — Police- men were the targets in several unrest-related incidents over the past 24 hours, according to a police unrest report.

Police also identified a "terrorism-related incident" in Mbotsha near Port Shepstone, Natal, where a handgrenade was thrown at a private dwelling shortly after midnight on Saturday.

The house was damaged in the attack, but no casualties were reported.

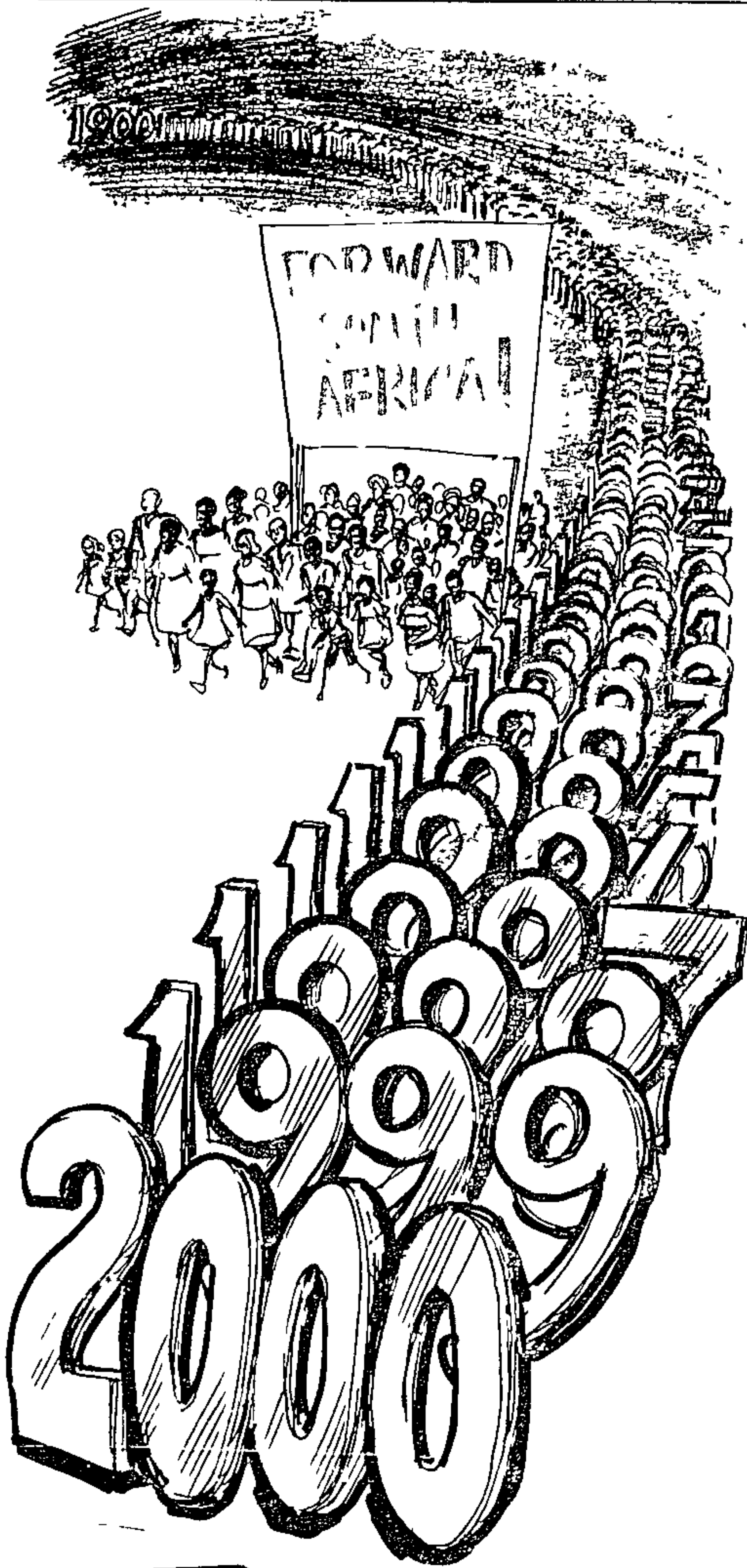
A group of people stoned a police vehicle at Murraysburg in the Eastern Cape, slightly injuring a policeman. Seven men were arrested after a group stoned the homes of two policemen and the home of a policeman's father in Letshopa, near Ottosdal in the Western Transvaal. One policeman was injured in this incident.

The body of a policeman who had been shot in the face was found in the Table Mountain area outside Maritzburg yesterday. — Sapa

# 17 killed in fresh unrest

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AT LEAST 17 people were killed, two by police gunfire, during unrest at the weekend in the worst round of political violence since Christmas Day, police said.

## Worst violence since Christmas

The latest deaths bring to at least 23 the number of people who have died in the violence since Christmas

In Mbotsha near Port Shepstone, Natal, the body of a black man was yesterday found with stab wounds. Police believe this death to be unrest-related.

Inter-tribal fighting claimed the lives of three black men who were shot dead during in the Maphumulo area near Greytown, Natal.

### Mob

In the 24 hours ending on Saturday morning two people were killed when police fired tearsmoke, pistols and shotguns to drive off a mob attacking a police vehicle at Reagile, Koster in the Western Transvaal.

The police unrest report said a man was killed and 11 houses set on fire when faction fighting broke out at Maphumulo. A shop was looted and set alight.

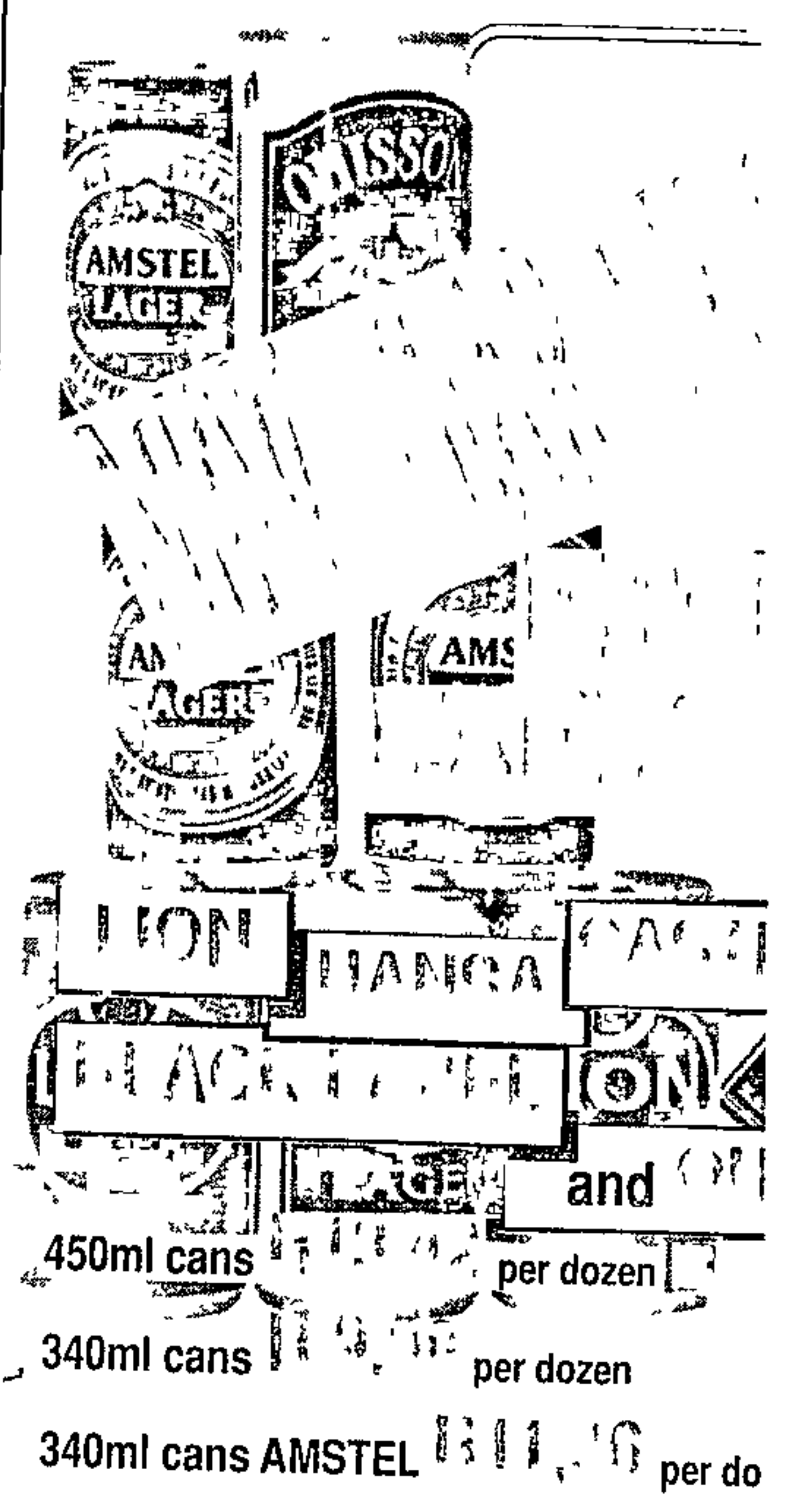
A police spokesman in Durban later said three more people were shot dead during the fighting.

Police found the bodies of four men with stab wounds at Mbotsha Port Shepstone and another of a man who had been burnt to death at Beltoma near the town.

At Inguagwane, Natal, a man was stabbed to death and police found a body of a man with stab wounds, the report said.

In the same township five people suffered stab and hack wounds when a group attacked a family.

In a separate incident arsonists set fire to 11 dwellings in the township - Sapa.



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