

Le Grange

warns on

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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY. — Although the Nkomati Accord had disrupted and seriously affected the planning of the banned African National Congress, South Africa should nevertheless be on the alert for further attacks from that quarter, the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, warned yesterday.

He also stressed that the ANC had no internal infrastructure, little manoeuvrability and would probably confine its actions to hit-and-run operations.

Speaking in committee on his portfolio, Mr Le Grange said during the past four months large numbers of ANC members had been removed by the Swaziland and Botswana governments from their settled terror bases in those countries.

It could now be expected that an ANC representative would be ap-

pointed to assist ANC members on a low-key level.

Warning of further terror attacks in South Africa, Mr Le Grange said the ANC wanted to launch a desperate effort to regain some lost credibility and prestige.

He pointed out that the ANC was finding it more and more difficult to find recruits for military operations in South Africa.

It had been training fighters since 1966 but most of its members were no longer in military roles.

At present there were 350 dissidents in Angolan prisons and many had been executed.

"So we are not dealing with the great numbers of

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people we are made to believe," he said.

It was unfortunate, however, that some highly-trained ANC members had been able to infiltrate into South Africa to plan car bomb attacks, similar to the Pretoria and Durban blasts.

As a result of certain arrests that had been made a planned attack scheduled for April 14 on the East Rand had been revealed as well as one on a Defence Force building.

Cache

During the past week or two, Mr Le Grange said, four terrorists had been arrested and information gained from them had led to the discovery of an arms cache at Springs, which included

sophisticated radio equipment.

"That is why we must always be on the alert, despite the Nkomati Accord."

Terrorist activities would not stop and an escalation could be expected during the next few months.

The 1981 mortar attack on Voortrekkerhoogte, Mr Le Grange said, had been planned in Britain by the SA Communist Party and the ANC and was carried out by three Britons and a Belgian. Both the governments concerned had been informed of the names and whereabouts of the men but since they had not contravened any laws in their own countries, nothing could be done to them. — Sapa.