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Cover Picture: An Emzomusha resident tries to salvage possessions from his house, destroyed and burned by a property developer, August 1988. Photograph: John Woodroof, **The Sunday Tribune**.
A forthcoming REALITY will discuss the present state of "Removals" in detail.

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EDITORIALS

1. The Delmas Trial

Reaction to the sentences in the Delmas treason trial of UDF leaders has ranged, amongst anti-nationalists, from relief to shock. Both are appropriate. Relief certainly, because the offence carried the death penalty and the South African experience of mercy in such cases is not altogether reassuring. Shock too, not only at some of the reasoning behind the judgement and the very wide interpretation it seemed to give to the act of treason but also at some of the highly unusual conditions attached to the suspended sentences.

In due course, when the full judgement becomes generally available, we hope to carry a detailed assessment of it. In the meantime the case has emphasised anew the divided nature of our society. The Court and the Government and a large majority of white South Africans saw the accused as dangerous revolutionaries intent only on overthrowing the state by any means. A large majority of black South Africans and a substantial minority of white South Africans saw them as dedicated and courageous young men trying to bring an end to apartheid as peacefully as possible. □