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# Ciskei blamed for losses

Dispatch-Reporter

EAST LONDON — An Mdantsane businessman, Mr. Ben Nomoyi, whose drycleaning shop was destroyed in a fire on Sunday night and whose supermarket was looted for four days in succession last month, said yesterday he had sustained losses estimated at R200 000 in the incidents.

Police are investigating a case of arson.

Mr. Nomoyi's five Mdantsane shops were closed and his vehicles

confiscated by Ciskei security police on December 15 last year. His workforce of 38 was held briefly for questioning.

The Ciskei Government alleged that the shops were fronts to finance the "vindictive operations" of the Iliso Lomzi movement under the leadership of Mr. Nomoyi's father-in-law, Chief Lent Maqoma, and the former Commander of Ciskei's combined forces, Mr. Charles Sebe, who are now in Transkei.

The Ciskei Government said earlier in a press statement that Mr. Nomoyi's businesses were under police guard "as a gesture of goodwill".

Mr. Nomoyi, the statement added, would be free to operate his businesses as soon as he returned to Ciskei.

Mr. Nomoyi said yesterday that in light of the Ciskei Government's earlier statement he was now holding the government responsible for his losses.

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# Watson case 'bugging'

Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH. — A transcript of a "bugged" bedside conversation allegedly conducted in hospital between one of the Watson brothers and an employee injured in the fire which destroyed the Watson family home, was handed in at the Regional Court here yesterday.

Before the court were Mr Valence Michael Watson, 34, Mr Ronald James Watson, 36, both of Villa d'Este, Park Drive, and Mr Daniel John "Cheeky" Watson, 32, of Cape Road.

They are charged with arson, fraud and attempted murder.

The counts arise from a fire on October 19, 1985, when a house in Park Drive belonging to their mother, Mrs Elaine Claire Watson, was destroyed.

Earlier the State disclosed that police had placed a radio transmitter in an attache case left near the bed in which the seriously injured Mr Archie Mkele was lying at Livingstone Hospital.

A tape recording of the conversation — in Xhosa — allegedly between Mr Archie Mkele and Mr Ronald Watson was translated into Afrikaans by the Department of Justice's Chief Interpreter for Port Elizabeth, Mr Timothy Xhamela.

The unexpected evidence of a "bugged" hospital bed conversation came at the start of the second session of the trial.

Constable Andre Jennett was the first to testify that a bugging device had been placed in the hospital room

on Monday, October 21, 1985. He said Warrant Officer Martinus Ras had instructed him to move an attache case from the foot of Mr Mkele's bed to the head.

Mr Jules Browde, SC, for the defence, reserved his right to cross-examine W/O Ras because, he said, the defence had not known the tape existed until it was introduced in court.

Earlier a policeman's widow, Mrs Wendy van Eyk, said that after seeing a police video and newspaper photographs, she identified Mr Ronald Watson as the man she met early on Sunday, October 20, 1985 while going to a house at Bushman's River Mouth to tell the Watson family their house was on fire.

She had been asked to do so by Mrs Janice Stephen, the wife of the Kenton on Sea police station commander.

Cross-examined, she said she was unable to say what the video contained and did not know what the police intended doing with it.

It is alleged that a conspiracy was entered into between the accused to get Mr Mkele and Mr Geoffrey Nocanda to destroy the house so insurance totalling R572 992 could be obtained. The companies in which the brothers are partners were heavily in debt.

The Regional Court President, Mr. Gert Steyn was on the Bench. Mr H van der Walt appeared for the State. Mr Browde, with him Mr R G Buchanan, instructed by Rushmere, Noach and Partners, appeared for the defence.

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# Point residents face siege of crime terror

**Mercury Reporter**  
PEOPLE living in Pickering Street in Durban's Point area, have hit out at what they describe as a 'frightening' increase in prostitution and drug trafficking.  
Prostitutes, pimps and drug peddlers have apparently taken over the street and many elderly residents are locking themselves indoors and living in fear.  
Group fights, foul language, men turning against apartment walls and violence have all resulted in the 'siege mentality' of residents.  
According to several who spoke to the Mercury, it is no longer safe to live in the area, or go out in the late afternoon or early evening, and they have called on the authorities and city councillors responsible for the area to 'do something about it.'  
Approached yesterday, a police spokesman said they were aware of the problem and confirmed that 'special attention' was being paid to the problems.  
One Pickering Street resident, who asked not to be named for fear of victimisation, said 'I have lived in the area for the past 20 years and have never seen it like this — and it's getting worse. It appears to be mostly young white women catering for a largely Indian trade.  
Initially there were only four or five walking the streets, but their numbers have recently increased and a lot of black women seem to be working the same streets now. Cars come from all over Natal to pick them up,' he said.  
Drug trading was also a problem.  
My neighbours, mostly elderly, are terrified to go out of doors, and even I don't like having to walk home after work. I realise you can't just chase these people away but I would like something done by the two councillors responsible for this area,' he said.  
Another resident, who also asked not to be named, said decent people living in the area were 'dead scared' to come forward and complain about the conditions.  
'If they do the street people will slash their car tyres, or hurt their wives and families. They have threatened people before and everyone is scared to test them out.  
The police try to keep the problem in check, but they arrest the prostitutes in the morning and they are back on the streets at night. All they have to do once they appear in court is plead guilty and pay a fine.  
After that they go straight back to work,' he said.  
The resident, who has lived in the area for the past 14 years, described the language used in the street just outside his bedroom window as 'atrocious'.  
Point councillor Baron Stander said last night that he was well aware of the vice problems in the area and had brought them to the attention of the police, the Town Clerk and other councillors.  
He said the task of the police was complicated by the difficulty of proving in court charges of soliciting and by the relatively small penalties meted out to convicted prostitutes.  
But, he added: 'The issue is on the cards to be brought up in council again.'  
The other city councillor responsible for the Point area, Mr Laurie Kaplan, could not be reached for comment.

# Move to open all Durban beaches

**Political Reporter**  
THE city council is considering opening all Durban's beaches to all races.  
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**Six is enough says Liz Taylor**

**London Bureau**  
ELIZABETH Taylor ended speculation that she is about to marry, or already has married, George Hamilton when she left London yesterday.  
The 34-year-old superstar flew out of Heathrow Airport after a long weekend with the 47-year-old smoothie American actor. Various reports had them secretly married in Switzerland or about to be wed.  
But Liz, looking her stunning best, after recent health problems, dealt firmly with the gossip. She kissed gorgeous George good-bye before heading for her Concorde flight to New York.  
She said: 'If I were married to Mr Hamilton, would I be travelling alone? I just waved goodbye to him. No. We don't have any plans to marry.'  
**Grand entrance**  
Liz, married seven times to six husbands — she married Richard Burton twice — admitted, 'With my record, for me to be married to anything is going to mess things up.'  
She left Heathrow in a wheelchair and said: 'I twisted my right knee on the ice in Switzerland. I didn't do it sitting — just thought about it.'  
But the actress refused to let the pain spoil her grand entrance. She gritted her teeth and walked gingerly from her Rolls Royce on the arm of George, before saying: 'Goodbye — prd lak ing the wheelchair

# Watson case officer admits:

# Torture claim



Capt A C PRINSLOO  
... Investigating officer

# not probed

THE investigating officer in the Watson trial said today that he had not investigated allegations by Mr Geoffrey Nocanda that he was tortured to make him give evidence.

Captain A C Prinsloo said this during cross-examination in the Port Elizabeth Regional Court.

Before the court were Mr Valence Michael Watson, 34, Mr Ronald James Watson, 36, both of Villa d'Este, Park Drive, and Mr Daniel John "Cheeky" Watson, 32, of Cape Road. They are charged with

## Report by CHRIS RENNIE

arson, fraud and attempted murder.

All the counts arise from a fire on October 19, 1985, when a house in Park Drive belonging to their mother, Mrs Elaine Claire Watson, was destroyed.

It is alleged that a conspiracy was entered into between the accused to get Mr Archie Mkele and Mr Nocanda, both employees, to destroy the house so insurance totalling R572 992 could be

used to pay the debts of Dan Watson American Imports.

The State alleges that Mr Mkele and Mr Nocanda were instructed to set the fire in such a way that they would be killed in the process — giving rise to the attempted murder charge.

In his evidence, Capt Prinsloo told the court that he had the bandages removed from the injured men so that video recordings could be made of

their injuries. He also intended taking statements from them.

After the recording, he was waiting in the passage for the bandages to be replaced when Mr Ronald Watson and Mrs Caroline Mkele arrived.

Mr Watson objected strenuously to statements being taken from the injured men. Capt Prinsloo said it appeared from the Press reports that they had already made statements about how they had been attacked before the fire.

He and Mr Watson argued until he warned Mr Watson he was obstructing a police officer in the course of his duty.

He said he told Mr Watson that he could go into the ward and advise the men not to give statements.

They entered the ward together and he

## Watson brothers' dad in hospital

THE elderly father of the three Watson brothers on trial in the Port Elizabeth Regional Court on charges of arson, fraud and attempted murder, was in a satisfactory condition today.

He was admitted to the Port Elizabeth Provincial Hospital on Monday night.

Early reports that Mr Dan Watson had suffered a heart attack after leaving court on Monday were discounted by his wife, Mrs Elaine Watson, today. Mrs Watson said her husband had been admitted to the hospital for a "check-up" and would probably be discharged tomorrow.

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## Police 'ignored' torture claim

### The Argus Bureau

PORT ELIZABETH. — The policeman who investigated the fire which destroyed the Watson family home said during the brothers' trial he did not investigate a claim by a witness that he was tortured by police.

Captain C A Prinsloo was giving evidence yesterday in the trial of Mr Ronnie Watson, Mr Dan "Cheeky" Watson and Mr Valence Watson, charged in the Port Elizabeth Regional Court with fraud, arson and attempted murder.

The State alleges that the brothers conspired to burn down the house in 1985 and use the insurance compensation to pay their business debts.

Asked by the brothers' counsel, Mr Jules Browde, SC, why he had not investigated an allegation by Mr Geoffrey Nocanda that he was tortured into making a statement to the police, Captain Prinsloo said he knew Mr Nocanda had not been assaulted because he had been in the next room.

### ARGUMENT

Mr Nocanda and Mr Archie Mkele, employees of the Watsons, were badly burnt in the blaze.

Captain Prinsloo told the court he had a heated argument with Mr Ronnie Watson outside the men's hospital ward the day after the fire.

He said Mr Watson objected to statements being taken from them.

After finally warning Mr Watson that he was obstructing a police officer in the execution of his duty, Captain Prinsloo said he allowed him to see Mr Nocanda and Mr Mkele in the presence of a police video team.

Mr Watson spoke to the men in Xhosa and they then declined to make statements.

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# Closet encounter in Watson case

Own Correspondent

**PORT ELIZABETH.** — Amid laughter, a police officer yesterday described his closet encounter with Mr Ronald Watson — the man whom he had come to arrest.

Mr Watson, with his brothers Valence and Dan (Cheeky), are on trial for arson, fraud and attempted murder.

Warrant Officer Tony Fourie, accompanied by a Lieutenant Du Plessis, had gone to a flat and both men were admitted by Mr Gavin Watson, a fourth brother.

W/O Fourie went into a bedroom. He shone his torch into an open cupboard and found the accused standing there.

W/O Fourie said both men had been startled by the encounter in the darkened room.

He was asked what he said to Mr Watson.

"I said: 'Hello Ronnie'." Undeterred by the mirth in the courtroom, W/O Fourie said: "I shook his hand and he said: 'What now?'"

Under cross-examination he admitted that at that stage it had not been public knowledge that a warrant for Mr Watson's arrest had been issued and the inhabitants of the flat could not have known the purpose of the police visit.

□ The elderly father of the Watson brothers was reported to be in a stable condition in the Provincial Hospital last night.

Mr Dan Watson was admitted to hospital after attending the trial of his sons on Monday.

A hospital spokesman could not say what Mr Watson was being treated for.

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# Police hold men, do not tell officer

Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH. — The two employees injured in the fire which gutted the Watson family home were detained in terms of emergency regulations and were held for some time before the police officer in charge of the case was informed.

This emerged in the Port Elizabeth Regional Court yesterday when Captain Adriaan Prinsloo, formerly the head of the Robbery Branch in Port Elizabeth, was cross-examined by Mr Jules Browde SC, for the defence.

In answer to a question by Mr Browde, Capt Prinsloo said he had not tried to check the truth of Mr Geoffrey Nocanda's allegations in court that he had been subjected to torture before making a statement admitting to setting the fire.

Capt Prinsloo said he had been in an adjoining office when a Lieutenant Ferreira took down the statements from the two men.

He had not approached Lt Ferreira to ask him about Mr Nocanda's torture allegations because he "knew Lt Ferreira would not have tortured them . . . tortured him . . . when he took the statements," said Capt Prinsloo.

However, he conceded that the men had been detained in terms of the emergency regulations and held in the custody of security police before he had learnt of the arrest.



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## Court to rule on discharge of the Watsons

Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH. — The President of the Regional Court, Mr Gert Steyn, will rule this morning on the discharge application brought on behalf of the Watson brothers.

The application to discharge the three brothers was brought by Mr Jules Browde, SC, for the defence, after the State formally closed its case less than an hour after yesterday's proceedings began. It came after the announcement that Mr Archie Mkele, a former employee of the Watson's, had been released from custody.

Mr Mkele — who was seriously injured in the fire which destroyed the Watson family home in October 1985 — has been in custody for more than five months. He will not be called as a State witness.

Alleging inconsistencies in the version of events surrounding the fire at the Watson house, Mr Browde contended in his application that the State had "no material evidence whatsoever" against Mr Dan "Cheeky" Watson, who did not even have any insurance claim against the house or its contents.

Even Mr Geoffrey Nocanda — who told the court he and Mr Mkele had set the fire — admitted that while Mr Cheeky Watson was at the house on the afternoon of October 19, he had not been present when they were allegedly instructed to burn it down.

There was also no evidence linking Mr Ronald Watson to any conspiracy to burn down the house. Mr Nocanda had admitted Mr Ronald Watson was not at the house when the instructions about setting the fire were allegedly given.

Referring to the conversation taped by a hidden bug in the injured men's hospital ward, Mr Browde said Mr Nocanda said in court he had concocted a story about being attacked because Mr Ronald Watson was not aware of the alleged instructions to set the fire.

The evidence against the third brother, Mr Valance Watson, was so manifestly unreliable that no reasonable court could safely convict him upon it, Mr Browde said.

Contesting the application, the prosecutor, Mr H van der Walt, said Mr Valance Watson had been directly implicated by Mr Nocanda.

As to the other brothers, their behaviour subsequent to the fire was not consistent with that of innocent people.

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# State says key Watson witness can be released

By PEGGY KILLEEN

KEY potential witness Archie Mkele was due to be released by the state yesterday after five months in detention in connection with the Port Elizabeth Watson brothers' arson trial.

Mkele was told he might still be recalled to give evidence for the defence. But, for the time being, he was allowed to leave the cells.

Mkele has been the subject of two court applications since the Watsons' home was destroyed by fire on October 19, 1985.

Judgement in both applications — for his release, and later to restrain the police from assaulting him — was reserved.

In December, witness Geoffrey Nocanda, facing possible indemnity from prosecution, told the court he and Mkele had been instructed by their employer and longtime rugby friend, Ronnie Watson, to set fire to the Watsons' home.

Nocanda said he had been tortured repeatedly by the PE Security Police in August to confess to the arson, and that he was being held against his will. He was released from custody shortly after giving his evidence.

The case resumed this week, and on Wednesday the investigating officer, Captain Adriaan Christoffel Prinsloo, agreed that Nocanda's allegation was "a stain on the police reputation", adding: "My men did not assault him."

He also insisted that Nocanda and Mkele were in custody at their own request.

Earlier, the state had revealed that a briefcase containing a tape recorder had been placed on the windowsill above Mkele's hospital bed the night after the fire.

Prinsloo said he had been in possession of the tape since October 1985, and had only given it to the State prosecutor last week because he "didn't want it to be made known at the time".

The defence has disputed the translation (from Xhosa into Afrikaans) of the tape by Timothy Xhamela, the Department of Justice's chief interpreter. — East Cape News Agency.

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# Watsons: Case 'not proved'

The Argus Bureau

PORT ELIZABETH. — The State had failed to prove its case against the Watson brothers, who have been charged with arson, fraud and attempted murder, Mr Jules Browde, SC, for the brothers, told the Regional Court here.

Judgment was expected to be given today by the president of the Regional Court, Mr Gert Steyn, on an application by Mr Browde for the charges to be dropped.

The State alleges that Mr Valance Watson, 34, Mr Ronnie Watson, 36, and Mr Dan "Cheeky" Watson, 32, conspired to burn down their family mansion and use the insurance pay-out to settle the debts of their clothing business.

It is further alleged they tried to murder employees Mr Geoffrey Nocanda and Mr Archie Mkele by instructing them to set fire to the house. The instruction amounted to attempted murder. Mr Nocanda and Mr Mkele were badly burnt.

Mr Browde said the State had produced no material evidence connecting Mr Cheeky Watson with the alleged offence.

The evidence of the principal State witness, Mr Geoffrey Nocanda, excluded Mr Cheeky Watson from knowledge of an alleged plot to destroy the house.

Mr Cheeky Watson had not lived in the house and had submitted no insurance claim.

Captain C A Prinsloo, the investigating officer, had testified that Mr Cheeky Watson had been in a state of obvious shock at the scene of the fire.

Mr Browde said there was "not a tittle of evidence" against him on the attempted murder charge, adding that it was "unfair" that he remain in custody "even one day longer".

In the case of Mr Ronnie Watson the State had at best been able to establish prima facie circumstances of his conduct after the fire.

Mr Browde said there was no evidence that he was involved in any conspiracy, a fact borne out by Mr Nocanda.

He said the only evidence against Mr Valance Watson came from Mr Nocanda.

"I submit that his evidence is so manifestly unreliable that no court could convict anyone on it," Mr Browde said.

## Admitted perjury

He said Mr Nocanda was a self-confessed perjurer whose evidence was contradicted by the police in certain vital aspects.

Mr Nocanda testified that he had been tortured before making a statement but this was denied by Captain Prinsloo.

Mr Browde said the only person who could corroborate Mr Nocanda's evidence was Mr Mkele, who had been in custody as a State witness for almost six months, but the State had declined to call him.

Opposing the application the prosecutor, Mr H van der Walt, agreed that the State case was based on circumstantial evidence.

"But while each piece of circumstantial evidence might only have the weight of a feather, together they prove to be a heavy burden for the accused to carry."

# Watsons bailed

By DEBBIE BOOYSEN

A JUBILANT crowd of about 1 000 people carried the three Watson brothers shoulder-high to their wives after the trio were released on bail of R5 000 each today.

The men — Mr Valence Watson, 34, Mr Ronald Watson, 36, and Mr Daniel, "Cheeky" Watson, 32 — left the New Law Courts building through the back entrance. Once the crowd caught sight of them, it surged towards them and lifted the brothers up like heroes after a long, hard soccer match.

While they posed for photographs with their wives, family members and friends — among whom was employee Mr Archie Mkele — traffic came to a halt.

The New Law Courts staff, including the charge office's station commander and the investigating officer in the Watson case, Captain Adriaan Prinsloo, were seen at the windows smiling at the boisterous scenes outside.

Everyone seemed oblivious of the gentle rain that sifted down. A spectator was heard to say: "They came out with the blessing of the rain."

Passers-by, including messengers on motorcycles, stopped to join the throng as the crowd surged after the Watsons as they descended the steps from the charge office.

There was wild cheering as the family got into a silver BMW. As the car moved off slowly, the jubilant crowd overflowed into the street, cheering, whistling and shouting good wishes — the scene resembling that of newlyweds leaving a wedding reception.

The subdued air of ex-

## Crowds greet brothers

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pectancy and the disappointment at the failed application for discharge were a thing of the past — as was the disappointment of the crowd of unfortunate people who were barred from today's proceedings due to lack of space.

The humidity was stifling inside the court building and in a packed passage the crowd at one stage became agitated, demanding entry.

People kept knocking on the courtroom doors and stood clustered on benches, trying to look through the windows at what was going on in the court. A potentially nasty situation was defused when the fourth Watson brother, Mr Gavin Watson, went outside and spoke to the crowd.

Among those desperate to secure a seat in court was Mr Mkele, an employee of the Watsons

who was injured in the fire which destroyed the family's Park Drive home.

The charges of arson, fraud and attempted murder arose from the fire, in October, 1985, at the house belonging to the brothers' mother, Mrs Elaine Watson.

Mr Mkele and a colleague, Mr Geoffrey Nocanda, were alleged by the State to have set the fire. Both were injured in the blaze.

Before the hearing in the Port Elizabeth Regional Court started today, Mr Mkele went to the door normally reserved as a magistrates' entrance — just in time to see his three employers and friends being led to court.

There was a spontaneous shaking of hands and backslapping — with Mr Mkele's blaze-scarred right hand a dampening reminder of the fire.

"Hi, man. We've been waiting for you. We've been waiting for you for a long time," he told the brothers with noticeable affection.

The disappointment of the failed application soon afterwards changed into excited expectation when the magistrate, the Regional Court President, Mr Gert Steyn, brought up the question of bail.

When word was out that bail had been granted a while later, Mr Mkele was again among the cluster of Watson wives and friends who crowded smiling with relief around the dock and the defence team, his hand clasped in that of Mr Valence Watson.



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# Bail is set at R5 000

By CHRIS RENNIE

THE Watson brothers were granted bail of R5 000 each today in the Port Elizabeth Regional Court, after the president, Mr Gert Steyn, had turned down an application for the case against them to be dismissed.

The hearing has been postponed to Tuesday.

Before the court were Mr Valence Michael Watson, 34, Mr Ronald James Watson, 36, both of Villa d'Este, Park Drive, and Mr Daniel John "Cheeky" Watson, 32, of Cape Road.

They are charged with arson, fraud and attempted murder.

The counts arise from a fire on October 19, 1985, when a Park Drive house belonging to their mother, Mrs Elaine Claire Watson, was destroyed.

When the court resumed at 11.30am today, the defence application for the brothers' discharge was refused.

After dealing with the defence and State arguments, Mr Steyn said the court had to act as a "trier of fact".

At this stage, there were no proven facts. That position only arose at the end of the trial.

The issue was whether there was sufficient evidence on which a reasonable man might convict at this stage.

The defence argued there was no evidence against Mr Dan (Cheeky) Watson and Mr Ronald Watson, and that the evidence against Mr Valence Watson — that of Mr Geoffrey Nocanda — was manifestly unreliable.

The State argued that the circumstantial evidence and all the inferences to be drawn from it



The Watson brothers — DANIEL (CHEEKY), RONNIE and VALENCE, surrounded by well-wishers after their release on bail.

Pictures: EVERT SMITH and MIKE HOLMES

corroborated Mr Nocanda's evidence.

The question of whether there was sufficient evidence did involve the credibility of Mr Nocanda. If the issue had to be decided on his evidence alone, it would be a simple matter.

Mr Steyn said he did not think there was any doubt that the circumstances of this case were fairly unique.

To come to a proper conclusion, the inferences to be drawn from proven facts would have to be carefully sorted from those not based on accepted facts — not an easy task.

The rules of logic could only be applied to the proven facts at the end of the trial and, at the end of the State case, the facts were not yet proven.

Mr Steyn said he was satisfied the question of Mr Nocanda's evidence was not as straightforward as either the defence or the State would have it. At this stage he could not find that Mr Nocanda's evidence should be completely disregarded, and, as a result, the application must fail.

Mr Steyn noted that the accused had been in cus-

tody for a considerable time and asked what the State's attitude would be towards granting bail.

He placed on record that he was prepared to entertain an application for bail.

After a brief adjournment, Mr Henning van der Walt, for the State, said the main reason for detaining the accused was to prevent them interfering with witnesses or

leaving the country. The first reason now fell away.

After an adjournment, the court resumed

Bail of R5 000 each was granted for the men, who must report at Louis le Grange Square between 8am and 9am and 6pm and 7pm daily.

Their passports will be handed in to the clerk of the court.

# Watsons granted bail

**Dispatch Correspondent**  
**PORT ELIZABETH** — The Watson brothers were granted bail of R5 000 each yesterday after the president of the regional court here, Mr Gert Steyn, turned down an application for the case against them to be dismissed.

Before court were Mr Valence Michael Watson, 34, Mr Ronald James Watson, 36, both of Park Drive, and Mr Daniel John "Cheeky" Watson, 32, of Cape Road.

They have pleaded not guilty to charges of arson, fraud and attempted murder arising from a fire which destroyed a house belonging to their mother on October 19 1985.

The three and their brother, Mr Gavin Watson, were partners in Dan Watson American Imports. The firm was heavily in debt and the house was bonded to the extent of R429 000 as security for those debts.

It is alleged that a conspiracy was entered into between the accused to get Mr Archie Mkele and Mr Geoffrey Nocanda to destroy the house so insurance totalling R572 992 could be used to pay the debts.

The state alleges that Mr Mkele and Mr Nocanda were instructed to set the fire in such a way that they would be killed in the process — giving rise to the attempted murder charge.

The surprise release of the three brothers came minutes after Mr Steyn turned down a dismissal application brought by Mr Jules Browde, SC, for the defence.

Mr Steyn said Mr Browde's "very well prepared argument" for dismissal submitted there was no material evidence against Mr Cheeky Watson or Mr Ronald Watson and that the evidence against Mr Valence Watson — Mr Geoffrey Nocanda's implication of him — was manifestly unreliable.

Mr Steyn said he did not think there could be any doubt the circumstances surrounding the matter were "rather unique". The issue was whether or not sufficient evidence existed on which a reasonable man might convict at this stage.

To come to a proper conclusion, the inferences to be drawn from proven facts would have to be carefully sorted from those not based on accepted facts. This was "not an easy task", he said.

He was satisfied the credibility of Mr Nocanda's evidence was not as straightforward as

either the state or defence had argued but at this stage he could not find that it should be completely disregarded. As a result the application was refused.

As Mr Browde rose to ask for an adjournment to enable him to prepare his case, Mr Steyn brought up the question of bail.

He said the accused had been in custody for "a considerable time".

Asked why the state had opposed bail before, the prosecutor, Mr H. Van Der Walt, re-

plied that the main reason was to prevent witnesses from being interfered with or the accused leaving the country. He conceded the first reason fell away now.

When the court resumed after a brief adjournment, Mr Van der Walt did not oppose bail which Mr Steyn set at R5 000 each.

The brothers' passports were handed to the clerk of the court and they are required to report to Louis le Grange Square twice daily.

## Jubilation as family reunited

**PORT ELIZABETH** — After being apart for 156 days, the entire Watson family were together again yesterday — and that was really all that mattered.

The stresses of the trial were temporarily thrust aside as Valence, Ronnie and Cheeky Watson celebrated their unexpected release on bail yesterday.

The bonus in a day of surprises was that their elderly father, Mr Dan Watson, was released from hospital — where he had been undergoing tests since Monday — to join in the festivities.

Less than an hour after they were carried shoulder-high from the court building by a crowd of about a thousand, the Watson brothers sat down to a seafood luncheon at their brother-in-law's restaurant in Port Elizabeth.

Friends, the defence legal team and the family gathered around the long table, enjoying their first unrestricted contact with the trio since their arrest in the early hours of August 13.

"We didn't expect the issue of bail to come up at all. I couldn't believe it when the magistrate began talking about it," said Mr Ronald Watson.

"It's been so very long. I can't begin to say what it means to have all my sons back. Now we can face anything. We're together — we're a family again," said their mother, Mrs Elaine Watson.

The family, whose unflagging support has been a feature of the trial so far, was also uppermost in the minds of the brothers when bail was granted. After five months in custody they would be seeing their small children again.

The tremendous reception that awaited them also came as a surprise, they said.

From the moment the court building opened the crowd began arriving so that when the public was eventually allowed in several hundred people thronged the passages.

Some of those left outside the oppressively hot courtroom climbed onto benches and leaned precariously out of windows inside, relaying their impressions to others below.

Seated with the family in the front row was Mr Archie Mkele, who was released from custody yesterday.

After the court formally adjourned the public gallery emptied slowly with people lingering to shake the brothers' hands and wish them luck.

However, before they could walk into the fine drizzle where several hundred people were waiting impatiently, the brothers were handcuffed together by a court official and led back to the cells.

They finally emerged onto the street where they were carried half a block to their wives by a jubilant crowd while dozens of photographers and TV cameramen scrambled for the best picture.

The first moments of freedom were a public affair with the onlookers breaking into spontaneous song, slapping the brothers good-naturedly on their backs and cheering and shouting encouragement when Mrs Tracy Watson hugged her husband, Cheeky.

The crowd followed the fleet of cars down the block, dancing in the street and bringing traffic to a halt as bewildered motorists stared at the jubilant scene. — DDC

# Armed Watsons 'had to guard family home'

*Case - 11/1/87 2/1/87*

PORT ELIZABETH. — Mr Valence Michael Watson told the Regional Court here yesterday that his brothers and friends had on occasion armed themselves and sat guard over the family house in Park Drive.

He was testifying at the trial in which he, Mr Ronald James Watson, 36, and Mr Daniel John "Cheeky" Watson, 32, are charged with arson, fraud and attempted murder. The trial resumed yesterday.

After tracing his background, he told the court that in 1976 — when he was vice-captain of the Eastern Province rugby side — he and his brothers decided to join the non-racial rugby union, Kwaru.

Their advocacy of non-racial sport had led to animosity from whites, and threats were made against their home and businesses.

He said their parents and their five families — four brothers and a sister — had lived at 34 Park Drive with their children and had started Dan Watson

American Imports as a partnership in 1975.

The company had always been short of capital, but they coped by using extended credit — up to 240 days — from creditors as "a facility". The business had always had an overdraft.

Their mother agreed to suretyship bonds on their house.

Mr Ronald Watson was in East London during October, 1985, to negotiate with boycott leaders to exempt their business.

Mr Valence Watson had succeeded with Uitenhage boycott exemption, but was having problems in Port Elizabeth because the leaders were in jail.

His parents decided to visit friends in Uitenhage for a weekend, while he and Gavin's family were offered a house in the Kenton area.

On Saturday, October 19, he locked up the Uitenhage business and put the takings of R3 000 in a wall safe in the house.

Proceeding. — Sapa

# Marines guilty of stealing R500 from assaulted man

Staff Reporter

FIVE Defence Force marines charged with robbing two men in Crossroads have been found guilty in Mitchell's Plain Regional Court of theft.

Kieron Delaney, 20, of SAS Wingfield, Maresh Deendayal, 20, of Isipingo Rail, Spencer Carruthers, 20, of Hout Bay, Deorath Dilrajh, 18, of Chatsworth, Durban, and Kevin Chetty, 18, of Kenville, Durban, were convicted of stealing various sums of money from a total of R500.

Delaney and Deendayal were also found guilty of assault.

A sixth marine, Victor de Lima, 21, of Pinelands, was discharged at a previous hearing.

Their appearance was a sequel to an incident during a patrol in Crossroads on December 20.

The court heard they stopped their Buffel and approached two men. A struggle ensued and one man was assaulted with a rifle butt and kicked

The other fled after being slapped.

At an earlier hearing Delaney said the fleeing man dropped a plastic bank packet containing R500 which he picked up. He believed the money was stolen and it was shared among the marines.

The magistrate, Mr P M A Louw, found him guilty of slapping Mr Patrick Maliwa with

his open hand and stealing R500, R140 of which he kept himself.

He found Deendayal guilty of hitting Mr David Gxalintloko with a rifle butt and kicking him in the face so that he required stitches.

The hearing was postponed to February 6 for sentence.

Mr S Duffet prosecuted, Mr C J Butt appeared for Carruthers and Mr M R Spira for Delaney.



# Witnesses saw vehicle leave house

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She could not hear its engine and it was not moving fast. She did not see its lights - "it was just there and then it disappeared".

The second witness, Mrs Joan Willis-Dixon, said she was in bed when the explosion occurred. She ran to look. There was burning debris flying in all directions.

Mrs Willis-Dixon saw a white panel van leaving the entrance of the Watsons' drive and turn towards St Joseph's Hospital in Park Drive.

Mrs Jarvis told the court she had been questioned so many times, she was confused. After a moment, she altered her evidence to say she saw the white car before the explosion.

This was seconds after the explosion and she heard somebody shouting "He's going, he's going".

The van's lights were not on at first. She spoke to her son about the incident and he advised her to tell the police.

Mrs Willis-Dixon saw the police about 20 minutes later but they did not take a statement.

Later, they came for her statement and took videos.

She had not been in contact with the defence until last Monday. The court adjourned to allow the State to make observations from the witnesses' flats, which are next to the property.

Earlier, during his second day of cross-examination today, Mr Valence Watson repeatedly told the Court he had very little knowledge of the partnership's financial affairs.

Mr Watson had mentioned that the family had plots at Plettenberg Bay and Kamma Park. It was when he was

challenged about the partnership's assets today that he repeatedly answered that only Gavin, as the senior partner, would be able to reply.

he prosecutor, Mr H van der Walt, produced a statement of assets and liabilities of the family dated June 30, 1984, drawn up by a chartered accountant.

One of the signatures on the document was identified by Mr Valence Watson as his own. He could not explain why 94 Park Drive valued

at R640 000 - which he had alleged belonged to his mother - was given as partnership property.

He also could not explain, beyond saying it was a very loose partnership, why he was recorded as having a quarter share of the plots at Plettenberg Bay valued in excess of R500 000.

He agreed that the partnership also had plots at Theescombe, Cape St Francis and Rowallan Park. He said that some of the partners had bought some plots and because of the loose partnership, he could not specify the exact position. But he doubted whether a junior partner would have a quarter share.

He also said only his brother, Gavin, would know why, when the partnership had plots valued at more than R500 000, his mother's home was used as security when creditors were pressing them.

He said they had always been illiquid and it was only a short while before he and others were sequestered in May last year that he realised the partnership would collapse.

(Proceeding)

2 saw white vehicle leave Watson house

By CHRIS RENNIE Court Reporter

THERE was drama in the Watson trial today when the defence called two witnesses who testified to seeing a mysterious white vehicle leaving the Watsons' property within seconds of the explosion and fire.

Before the court were Mr Valence Michael Watson, 34, Mr Ronald James Watson, 36, both of Villa Watson, Park Drive, and d'Este, Park Drive, and Mr Daniel John "Cheeky" Watson, 32, of Cape Road.

They are charged with arson, fraud and attempted murder.

All the counts arise from a fire on October 19, 1985, when a house in Park Drive belonging to their mother, Mrs Elaine Claire Watson, was destroyed.

The first witness, Mrs Betty Barbara Jarvis, said she lived at Fernkloof and had never met the Watsons.

At about midnight on October 19, 1985, she was sitting on her balcony drinking coffee after a night at a club.

Suddenly there was an explosion and she saw "the place was on fire". The fire was "in the back somewhere". She did not know the house.

Seconds later she saw a car moving in a pathway towards Park Drive.

"I did not attach any significance to it and still do not know what it means," she said.

The police visited her two or three days later and took her statement and a video recording from her balcony.

Cross-examined, she said she had been to St George's Club for dinner. All she had had to drink was soda water.

She reaffirmed she had seen the car after the explosion and said she had

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By CHRIS RENNIE Court Reporter

ARGUS 21/11/87

# Watsons sought boycott exemption

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Argus Bureau

PORT ELIZABETH. — The Watson brothers met Eastern Cape consumer boycott leaders to try to have their shops exempted from the boycott and make "tremendous profits", the Regional Court here has been told.

Mr Valence Watson, 34, Mr Ronnie Watson, 34, and Mr Dan "Cheeky" Watson, 32, are appearing on charges of arson, fraud and attempted murder following the burning of their family mansion in 1985.

The State alleges they conspired to burn the house and use the insurance pay-out to rescue their debt-ridden chain of clothing stores.

Addressing the court yesterday, Mr Valence Watson said the meetings with the boycott leaders were aimed at gaining exemption from the boycott, which was crippling businesses in the area, and cornering the black clothing market.

"There were tremendous prospects of doing fantastic business if ours were the only stores exempted," he said.

The prosecutor, Mr H van der Walt, submitted that a major creditor threatened to foreclose on a bond on the house in the month of the fire.

The court also heard that the brothers had had an offer of R750 000 for the house, almost double their debts, but had not sold it because they hoped to get up to R1,5-million.

Mr van der Walt asked Mr Watson why he had not told the police on the night of the fire that Mr Archie Mkele and Mr Geoffrey Nocanda, who were employed by the brothers, were guarding the house.

He said he "did not like the police" and wanted "as little to do with them as possible".

He and his family had been victimised by police in the past, he added.

The trial continues today.

# 730 held by police in wide crime spectrum

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## Post Crime Reporter

EASTERN CAPE police have arrested 730 people since the weekend in connection with crimes committed during this period and also for earlier cases.

Eight of the arrests resulted from as many cases of robbery, three were in connection with three murder cases and 12 were for seven cases of rape, said Major Eddie Everson, SA Police liaison officer for the Eastern Cape.

The largest number of arrests — 437 — were reported on Monday.

These included 322 arrests in connection with "less serious" crimes.

Of the 227 serious offences reported during the weekend, 80 arrests

were made in 67 cases.

Of 26 cases of reported housebreaking, police arrested three people in connection with three cases, nine people for eight cases of housebreaking at "non-white" houses and seven in connection with five burglaries of business premises.

On Tuesday police reported 165 arrests, including 89 in as many cases of "minor" crimes and 29 for 23 serious offences.

Police yesterday arrested 128 people in connection with 224 cases.

During this 24-hour period, 94 serious offences were reported and 14 arrests were made in connection with 14 of these cases.

# Court told of van leaving scene of fire

22/11/87

Dispatch Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH — The twelfth day of the Watson trial in the Port Elizabeth Regional Court yesterday culminated in the defence indicating it was willing to close its case after calling only four witnesses.

The day began with Mr Valence Watson completing his marathon session in the witness stand which lasted for more than six hours over two days.

Mr Henning van der Walt, for the state, put to Mr Watson that he had shown two employees, Mr Archie Mkele and Mr Geoffrey Nocanda, petrol and instructed them to burn down the house.

"I don't know how to put this strongly enough. That is a ridiculous suggestion, your Worship. That is not so," Mr Watson replied.

The second defence witness, Mrs Betty Barabara Jarvis described seeing a light coloured vehicle leaving the Watson house grounds seconds after the explosion.

A similar vehicle was described by Mrs Joan Willis-Dixon.

During cross examination of Mrs Willis-Dixon, the state asked for an adjournment to inspect the scene from her balcony, from which she had allegedly seen a white panel van driving away from the house.

The defence team, the state team and two of the senior policemen in charge of the investigation then left the court for the block of flats adjacent to the Watson house.

During the afternoon, Mr Jules Browde, SC, for the defence, told the presiding magistrate, Mr Gert Steyn, he was willing to close his case.

This, Mr Browde said, was subject to the defence transcript of the tape recording, made by police who "bugged" the hospital bed of Mr Mkele, and other documents pertaining to financial matters being accepted by the state.

Mr Steyn postponed the matter until today for the state's reply.

Before the court were Mr Valence Michael Watson, 34, Mr Ronald James Watson, 38, both of Villa d'Este, Park Drive, and Mr Daniel John "Cheeky" Watson, 32, of Cape Road.

They are charged with arson, fraud and attempted murder.

All the counts arise from a fire on October 19, 1985, when a house in Park Drive belonging to their mother, Mrs Elaine Claire Watson, was destroyed.

The state alleges that the three accused and their brother, Mr Gavin Watson, were in partnership in Dan Watson American Imports, which had branches in Port Elizabeth, Uitenhage and East London. The firm allegedly was heavily in debt and the house was bonded to the extent of R429 000 as security for those debts.

It is alleged that a conspiracy was entered into between the accused to get Mr Archie Mkele and Mr Geoffrey Nocanda to destroy the house so insurance totalling R572 992 could be used to pay the debts.

The state alleges that Mr Mkele and Mr Nocanda were instructed to set the fire in such a way that they would be killed in the process — giving rise to the attempted murder charge.

CAPE TIMES 22/1/87

# Watson trial: Mystery car

Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH. — While firemen were still fighting the blaze which destroyed the Watson family home in Park Drive here, policemen on the scene were told about a white panel van seen driving from the house seconds after the explosion.

This emerged in the evidence yesterday of a woman — subpoenaed as a State witness but never called by the State — who said she saw the vehicle from the balcony of her flat which overlooks the grounds.

Two women said they saw the car. Both live at Fernkloof, the flat block adjacent to the Watson house which burnt down on October 19, 1985.

## It had no lights on

Mrs Joan Willis-Dixon said she had sought out a policeman and reported it within 20 minutes of the explosion.

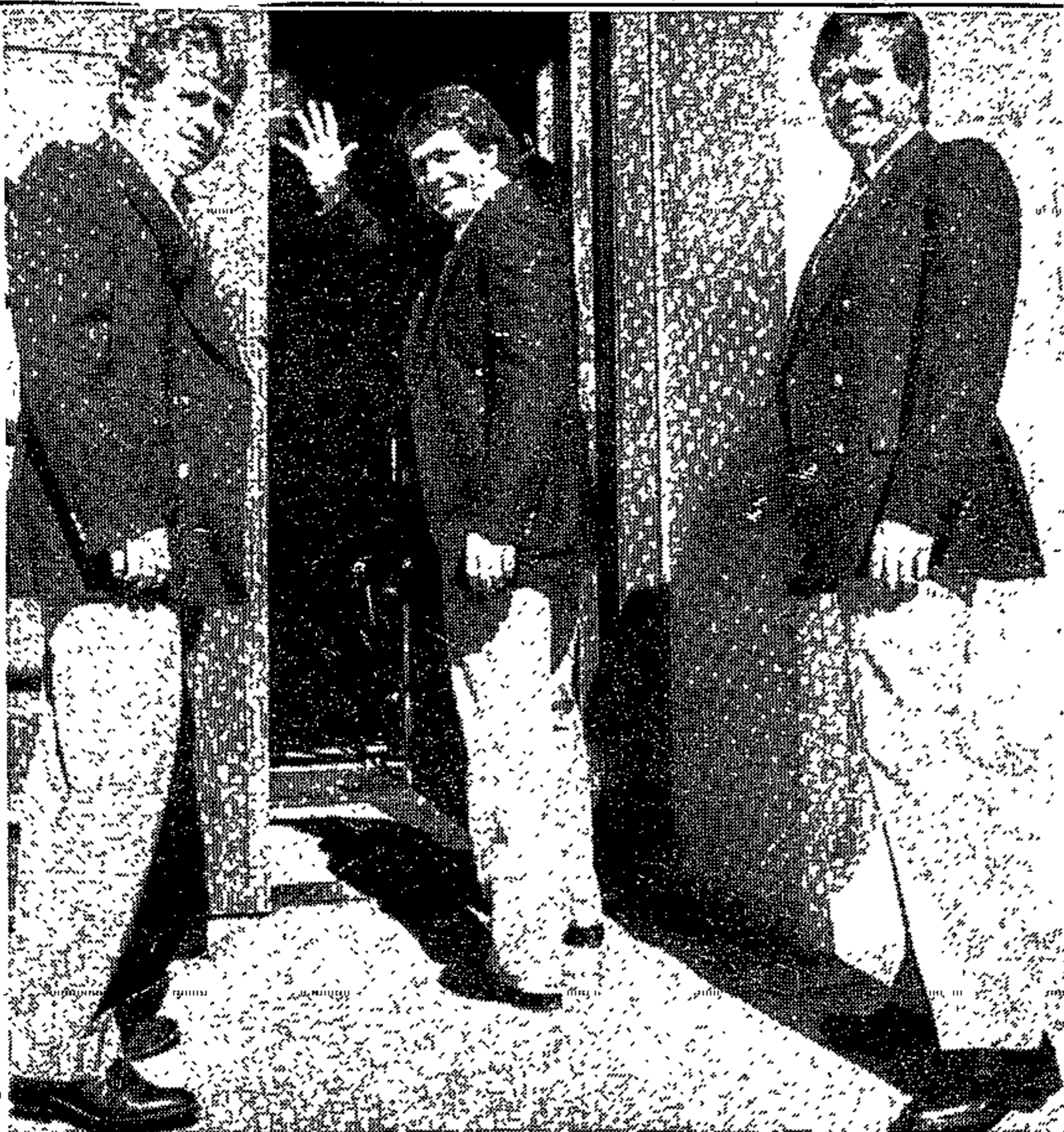
She had seen it leave the house immediately after the explosion which started the fire and was able to identify it as a white panel van. It had no lights on, not even tail lights.

Earlier, another State witness called by the defence, Mrs Betty Jarvis, also described seeing a "white or cream coloured car".

Earlier Mr Valence Watson completed his evidence which centred on the financial position of the partnership formed by the brothers.

Mr Watson said he had not been involved in the financial transactions of the firm and did "not even have a bank account" of his own.

Further details of the proposed development of the Park Drive property were provided by Mr Arthur Kotzen, managing director of MacDonald Construction and a director of two other Eastern Cape companies.



Entering the Port Elizabeth Regional Court this morning were brothers (from left) RONALD, VALENCE and DANIEL WATSON

# Defence closes case in the Watson trial

By CHRIS RENNIE

THE final rounds of one of the most spectacular Eastern Cape trials began today when the three Watson brothers, who are charged with arson, fraud and attempted murder, closed their case.

Before the court are Mr Valence Michael Watson, 34, Mr Ronald James Watson, 36, and Mr Daniel John "Cheeky" Watson, 32.

The charges arise from a fire on October 19, 1985, when a house in Park Drive belonging to their mother, Mrs Elaine Claire Watson, was destroyed.

The State alleges that the accused and their brother, Mr Gavin Watson, were in partnership in Dan Watson American Imports, which had branches in Port

Elizabeth, Uitenhage and East London. The firm was allegedly in debt and the house was bonded for R429 000 as security for those debts.

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The State alleges that Mr Mkele and Mr Nocanda were instructed to set the fire in such a way that they would be killed in the process — giving rise to the attempted murder charge.

The State called 38 witnesses in an attempt to prove that, pressed by

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defence closes its case

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financial problems, the brothers conspired with Mr Nocanda and Mr Mkele to burn down the house to collect collect insurance and save their floundering business.

The defence called Mr Valence Watson to refute the charges, and Mrs Mrs B B Jarvis and Mrs J Willis-Dixon to testify about a mysterious vehicle seen within seconds of the explosion that started the fire — apparently supporting the defence version that the two men were attacked by unidentified arsonists.

The final defence witness was Mr R W Endley, a Xhosa expert, whose testimony dealt with the translation of the transcript of a recording made of an alleged conversation between Mr Ronald Watson and Mr Nocanda in Livingstone Hospital two days after the fire.

The recording and a partial transcript of it were introduced by the State to prove that Mr Ronald Watson tried to feed Mr Nocanda the defence version, thereby showing he was part of the conspiracy.

Although the defence did not dispute that Mr Watson had spoken to Mr Nocanda, it attacked the inference that there was anything untoward about his action.

It also attacked the State's transcript and interpretation of the recording, which was at times barely audible. The State's transcript dealt only with the actual conversation between Mr Watson and Mr Nocanda.

Mr Endley today submitted a transcript of the entire recording of more than four minutes.

The first time the person identified as Mr Watson is clearly identifiable was in conversation with a doctor.

The doctor asks if it was true "they" were interrogated for four hours before receiving treatment. Mr Watson replies that was apparently so, and that was why he was so "mad".

He says a man with those injuries would be concussed and would not know what he was saying.

A nurse interposes to say Archie was "coming around a bit". There is more talking, and Mr Watson says in Xhosa: "Chaps, I will pray for you. Sorry, sorry, sorry (inaudible). You must not speak to anybody (inaudible). This is what Geoffrey says, not so? You arrived there and you were caught — about 6 or 7 (inaudible) they hit you."

"Do you understand? They threw you inside (inaudible). You woke up — you heard the bang — you don't know how you got out and where you ran to."

The trial continues tomorrow.

CME Times 23/11/87

# Xhosa expert says state tape version wrong

PORT ELIZABETH. — An expert in Xhosa yesterday claimed no reference was made to anybody lying during the "bugged" tape recording made by police at the hospital bed of a seriously injured employee of the Watson family.

He was giving evidence in the trial in the PE Regional Court of three Watson brothers on charges of arson, fraud and attempted murder following the destruction of the family's Park Drive home in October, 1985.

Mr Ronald Endley, a lecturer in Xhosa at the University of Port Elizabeth, disputed the State interpretation which contained the phrase "he lies".

No mention was made anywhere in the tape to lies or lying, he said.

Police made the recording — allegedly of a conversation between Mr Ronald Watson and Mr Archie Mkele — at Livingston Hospital in October 1985, a few days after the fire which destroyed the Watson's Park Drive house.

## Background noises

Mr Endley, who has an MA in Xhosa and more than 15 year's experience in teaching the language, said the recording was about four minutes long.

He had listened to the tape about 30 times and found, in addition to the conversation between the two men, there were other background noises and conversations.

The conversation referred to by the State was conducted in "a subdued tone", he said.

After Mr Endley gave evidence, Mr Jules Browde, SC, closed his case.

The court resumes today for final argument.

The accused were Mr Valence Michael Watson, 34, Mr Ronald James Watson, 36, both of Villa d'Este, Park Drive, and Mr Daniel John "Cheeky" Watson, 32, of Cape Road.

They are charged with arson, fraud and attempted murder. All the counts arise from a fire on October 19, 1985, when a house in Park Drive belonging to their mother, Mrs Elaine Claire Watson, was destroyed.

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# MP's worker stole for food

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ARGUS 23/1/87

A GARDENER employed by Mr Myburgh Streicher, MP for De Kuilen and Deputy-Minister of Transport Services, was today fined R200 (or two months) by a Bellville magistrate for stealing copper cable from his employer's garden.

Denver Brand, 26, of Oval Street, Beacon Valley, Mitchell's Plain, pleaded guilty to a charge of stealing the cable on January 20.

He told Bellville magistrate Mr P J Venter he took the cable, which was among some bushes in the garden, and sold it for R25 "to buy a train ticket and food for my five children".

Brand returned the cable, valued at R200, to the Durban-

ville policeman who investigated the theft.

Brand said his income as a gardener was R322, "on which my family cannot make it".

He had no previous convictions.



# Judgment reserved in Watson trial

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By CHRIS RENNIE  
JUDGMENT in the Watson case was reserved until January 29 after the State and defence completed their arguments in the Port Elizabeth Regional Court today.

Bail was extended for Mr Valence Michael Watson, 34, Mr Ronald James Watson, 36, and Mr Daniel John "Cheeky" Watson, 32, who are charged with arson, fraud and attempted murder.

Arguing for the State, Mr H van der Walt said many of the facts in the case were common cause.

Important among these were that:

● The house at 34, Park Drive was destroyed by fire and, from eyewitness

and expert reports, the only reasonable inference was that a large amount of petrol was involved

● Mr Archie Mkele and Mr Geoffrey Nocanda were injured in the explosion and the fire.

They had been on the property and in the house and the fact that they fled into a dark valley instead of seeking help was indicative of guilty knowledge.

● The house was significantly empty of both family and staff for the first time ever.

● The precarious financial position of the accused at the time was not in dispute.

It was also significant that when Mr Cheeky Watson spoke to Captain

Prinsloo at the fire, he was worried about his dogs but not about Mr Mkele and Mr Nocanda, who he knew had been left to guard the property.

Dealing with Mr Nocanda's evidence, Mr Van der Walt conceded he was an accomplice and had perjured himself in earlier statements.

He submitted Mr Nocanda was convincing on two aspects — that he was now telling the truth and that he loved the Watsons.

If the police forced him to implicate the Watsons falsely, why did he involve only Mr Valence Watson and not Mr

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# Arguments in Watson trial

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Cheeky Watson, who was also present at the house that lunch time?

Describing the failure to call Mr Mkele — the only other person present at the start of the fire — as a two-edged sword, he said no inference could be drawn against the State without a similar inference being drawn against the defence for failing to call.

He said the evidence of the two witnesses who saw a mystery vehicle leaving the premises soon after the explosion took the matter no further.

Mr Van der Walt asked the court to find that Mr Valence Watson was an unconvincing, evasive witness who seldom answered a question directly.

His professed ignor-

ance of the financial situation and contradictions in his evidence did not enhance this impression.

He asked the court to find that the three accused conspired to burn the house and defraud the insurance companies.

If the court accepted Mr Nocanda's evidence, then Mr Valence Watson alone gave the instructions that could have led to the two men's death.

Mr Jules Browde, SC, argued for the defence that the State had failed to prove a conspiracy by showing that the three accused, or any two of them, were party to an agreement to burn the house.

Looking at the circumstances, it was clear the brothers had earned the animosity of whites by their attitude towards their racial sport and it was clear there had been threats against their life and property.

It was equally clear there had been friction between them and the police.

The State had not disputed that 34, Park Drive was their home and contained many family treasures.

While it was not disputed that the firm owed money at the time the State failed to prove the extent of the debt.

There was little doubt it would have been more than covered by the R700 000 offer that had been made for the house.

He said the State case did not even approach the necessary degree of proof.

Referring to Mr Mkele, he said it was inescapable to infer that the State did not call him because he contradicted Mr Nocanda.

Instead, the State relied on a single witness, an accomplice and one who had perjured himself.

He submitted that Mr Nocanda's evidence was of such a quality that it deserved outright rejection.

Turning to the mystery vehicle, he said the evidence of the two witnesses could not be doubted.

It was an extremely important factor and was completely irreconcilable with Mr Nocanda's evidence.

He asked the court to reject Mr Nocanda's evidence and acquit the accused.

# State case against Watsons 'poor'

Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH. — The Watson case had strong political overtones and people other than the accused could have had reason to burn down the family home.

This was submitted by Mr Jules Browde, SC, summing up for the defence in the Regional Court here yesterday.

A conspiracy, in law, meant that at least two people had been party to an agreement and this the State had not shown. The evidence showed the accuseds' innocence.

The State case against Mr Ronald Watson and Mr Daniel "Cheeky" Watson relied solely on circumstantial evidence. Even Mr Geoffrey Nocanda — who claimed he had been instructed to set the fire — said they had not known of the plan.

The same circumstantial evidence, combined with the testimony of Mr Nocanda, a self-confessed perjurer, was the basis for the case against Mr Valence Watson, he said.

Captain Prinsloo, the investigating officer, had told the

court Mr Archie Mkele and Mr Nocanda were in "the hands of the security police" for two or three days before he learnt of their detention, Mr Browde said.

To accept that the injured men had concocted a false story of an attack while running down Settlers Kloof with 40% burns was "grossly improbable" as was the suggestion that Mr Valence Watson had been so sure they would not survive the fire that he had not told them what story to tell should something go wrong with the plan.

Evidence by two defence witnesses that they saw a vehicle leaving the property seconds after the explosion was irreconcilable with Mr Nocanda's version and "entirely removes the substrata from the State's case".

Mr Browde said the quality of evidence put forward by the State was extremely poor and asked that the court reject it and find the accused not guilty.

Judgment was reserved until January 29.

# Watson brothers judgment soon

PORT ELIZABETH—Judgment in the Watson trial was reserved until January 29 after the State and defence had completed their arguments in the Port Elizabeth Regional Court yesterday.

Bail was extended for Mr Valence Michael Watson, 34, Mr Ronald James Watson, 36, both of Villa d'Este, Park Drive, and Mr Daniel John 'Cheeky' Watson, 32, of Cape Road.

They are charged with arson, fraud and attempted murder.

All the counts arise from a fire on October 19, 1985, which destroyed a house belonging to their mother, Mrs Elaine Claire Watson.

The State alleges that the three accused conspired to destroy the house for insurance to pay business debts.

# Defence: political slant to Watson case

**Dispatch Correspondent**  
**PORT ELIZABETH** — The Watson case had strong political overtones and people other than the accused could have had reason to burn down the family home.

This was the submission of Mr Jules Browde, SC, who presented the defence summation in the Port Elizabeth Regional Court yesterday.

A conspiracy, in law, meant at least two people had been party to an agreement and this, he argued, the state had not shown. When the cumulative effect of the evidence was examined, it showed the innocence of the accused rather than their guilt.

The state case against Mr Ronald Watson and Mr Daniel "Cheeky" Watson relied solely on circumstantial evidence. Even Mr Geoffrey Nocanda — who claimed he had been instructed to set the fire — said they had not known about the plan.

The same circumstantial evidence, combined with the testimony of Mr Nocanda, a self-confessed perjurer whose testimony was riddled with inconsistencies, was the basis for the case against Mr Valence Watson, he said.

It was undisputed that the brothers were accomplished sportsmen whose attitudes toward multiracial sport and decision to play rugby for a black club had provoked animosity from the white community to

the extent of a ministerial rebuke in the media.

The same decision, however, made them so accepted by the black community that their shops were excluded from the consumer boycott until, after threats against their lives, they had requested to be included in the boycott.

Mr Browde referred to their "unfortunate" relationship with the police because of which, rightly or wrongly, they believed the police were unlikely to support them in a confrontation with rightwing elements.

Captain Adriaan Prinsloo, the investigating officer, had told the court Mr Mkele and Mr Nocanda were in "the hands of the security police" for two or three days before he learnt of their detention, Mr Browde said.

The accused were facing common law charges which had nothing to do with state security and the court had to ask itself why — if Mr Nocanda was to be believed — the Security Police had tortured him until he agreed to give evidence against the Watsons.

This either gave credence to the Watsons' claims of friction between them and the police or showed Mr Nocanda was lying. There was no other possible reason for the Security Police to have become involved in such a case, Mr Browde said.

The statement initially made by Mr No-

canda corroborated that of Mr Valence Watson in several areas including that the men had been asked to guard the house in the family's absence and instructed not to enter the building.

To accept that the injured men had concocted a false story of an attack while running down Settlers Kloof with 40 per cent burns on their bodies was "grossly improbable".

The only inference that could be drawn from the state's failure to call Mr Archie Mkele — who was allegedly instructed, along with Mr Nocanda, to set the fire — was that his evidence would have contradicted that of Mr Nocanda.

Dealing with the evidence of two defence witnesses who saw a vehicle leaving the property seconds after the explosion, Mr Browde said this was an extremely important factor which was irreconcilable with Mr Nocanda's version and "entirely removes the substrata from the state's case".

The only inference that could be drawn was that there were other people present at the scene before the fire.

For the state, Mr Henning van der Walt argued that, while an accomplice, Mr Nocanda's evidence had been convincing and showed that he was now telling the truth about the fire.

Mr Nocanda said he "loved" the Watsons yet he had said Mr Valence Watson instructed him

to set the fire. There was no reason for him to single Mr Valence Watson out and implicate him without involving the other brothers.

Mr Nocanda had the "golden opportunity" to implicate Mr Daniel "Cheeky" Watson who was at the house on the same afternoon yet he had not done so.

Mr Nocanda's description of how he was instructed to set the fire was consistent with the eyewitness reports and the expert testimony that a large amount of petrol had been used, he said.

Referring to his failure to call Mr Mkele to corroborate Mr Nocanda's version of events, Mr Van Der Walt said this was "a double-edged sword" and whatever inference could be drawn against the state had to be drawn against the defence who had also not called him.

Mr Valence Watson, he said, was an unconvincing, evasive witness who seldom answered a question directly.

He asked the court to find all three guilty of conspiring to burn down the house and defraud the insurance company. If the court accepted Mr Nocanda's claim that Mr Valence Watson instructed him to set the fire, it had to look at the method and find he did so with the full knowledge the men would probably be fatally injured.

Judgment was reserved until January 29.

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# 'No freedom' cry, then eight arrested

Staff Reporter

A POLICEMAN has alleged that one of eight Muslim men accused of attending an illegal gathering on the Grand Parade in November shouted: "There is no freedom in this country. Kill the dogs (policemen)."

Captain Hendrik Oosthuizen attributed the words to Mr Moegsien Vallie of Mountview Estate in evidence in Cape Town Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Mr Vallie, 41, Mr Mogamat Shahied Zottenberg, 19, of Welcome Estate, Mr Nazeem Essack, 19, of Cape Town, Mr Abdullatief Sterras, 49, and Mr Gasant Petersen, 43, both of Bonteheuwel, Mr Armien Arnold, 33, Mr Sulaiman Elnie, 34, and Mr Dawood Schloss, 18, all of Mitchell's Plain, have pleaded not guilty to charges of attending or taking

part in an illegal gathering or demonstration, alternatively demonstrating illegally.

The charge follows an alleged protest by a group of Muslims against the Ned Geref Kerk synod resolution that Islam is a "false religion".

During cross-examination of Captain Oosthuizen, Mr David Kawalsky, for the defence, said Mr Vallie would say that that his words were: "There is no freedom of religion in this country".

Captain Oosthuizen, who was in charge of about 35 men, said that on November 1 between 50 and 100 Muslims were singing on the Grand Parade.

He said they were given a three-minute warning to disperse and they moved away in a group.

"I gave my men the order to disperse them with sjamboks and

some members of the group were arrested.

"When we were taking these people back to the vans Mr Vallie shouted those words.

"As I was telling a warrant officer to arrest him, I was struck on the left ear by a stone. My ear was split open."

He said another policeman's face was cut by an object flung from the crowd.

Under cross-examination Captain Oosthuizen admitted the singing could have been Muslim prayers.

"But there was a group of people among the singers who were definitely unhappy about something.

"They moved about, punching the air with their fists - I know this as the black-power salute."

(Proceeding)

## R186 700 fraud: Arrest order issued

Tygerberg Bureau

A PAARL Regional Court magistrate has issued a warrant of arrest for Mr Ulf Werner Daniel, of Camps Bay, who failed to appear on charges of defrauding the Decentralisation Board of R186 700 between November 1984 and June 1985.

According to documents, the Decentralisation Board paid R224 040 to Mr Daniel's company for his factory's move from Elsie's River to Atlantis.

Other documents showed that a removal firm - contracted through Atlantis Management Services - had tendered and been paid R15 000 for the move.

The court heard that Mr Daniel's South African passport had

been returned to him on April 28 last year on condition he was back in South Africa to present himself for trial in Paarl on November 25.

He has failed to return and the magistrate, Mr A J Burger, issued an arrest warrant yesterday.

● The hearing on similar charges continued yesterday against Mr James Caldwell Aitken of Bellville and Mr Rudolf Walter Schmutz of Durbanville for allegedly defrauding the board of about R98 000. They have pleaded not guilty.

According to evidence, the two men had allegedly moved their

roofing materials business, Ruffor Manufacturers, in Atlantis through the consulting agents, Atlantis Management Services.

Their defence counsel, Mr D F Irish, said it had now been accepted as fact by his clients that Atlantis Management Services had fraudulently overbilled the Government.

He said his clients did not know at the time that Atlantis Management Services had perpetrated such a fraud. They also denied they agreed to or co-operated in the fraud.

The magistrate, Mr A J Burger, postponed the trial to February 26. The R1 000 bail of the accused was extended.

# Watsons will know their fate tomorrow

Post Reporter

THE Watson brothers, after months of anxiety and tension, will know their fate tomorrow.

The Port Elizabeth Regional Court president, Mr Gert Steyn, will hand down judgment in the case against them which arises from a fire at the family home in Park Drive on October 19, 1985.

Mr Valence Michael Watson, 34, Mr Ronald James Watson, 36, and Mr Daniel John "Cheeky" Watson, 32, were charged with arson, fraud and attempted murder.

The 14-day trial ended last Friday with defence counsel asking the court to acquit the brothers.

Earlier, the State had asked the court to find that the three accused conspired to burn the house and defraud the insurance companies.

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# Peninsula insurance companies sound the alarm over car thefts

By JEREMY BERNSTEIN

PENINSULA insurance companies recently sounded an alarm to motorists planning to fit "cheap and untrustworthy" anti-theft devices in their vehicles.

This follows disclosures in a Cape Times investigation published last week that insurance companies were losing millions of rands each year as a result of the increase in car thefts.

The investigation revealed that insurance companies had given clients an ultimatum to fit these devices or face penalties and, in some cases, the refusal of further insurance cover if policy holders did not fit anti-theft devices to their vehicles.

A spokesman for a large insurance firm — whose company is offering incentives of up to R400 for policy holders who fit anti-theft devices — said that anti-theft devices "won't necessarily score points" with insurance firms.

His company had therefore advised policy holders to fit "self-activating immobilization devices in a move to end the widespread confusion among motorists as to what constitutes an effective and acceptable anti-theft device".

"In the present wave of car thefts, people are laying out large sums of cash for alarm systems that are simply not effective," he said.

And in a move aimed at aiding insurance companies to advise clients of the "acceptability" of anti-theft devices, the Automobile Association's technical manager, Mr Fred Bothma, announced that his organization has prepared a "deterrent rating scale" in conjunction with a number of major insurance companies, and had already received more than 1 500 requests for advice on these systems.

"A problem facing motorists and the insurance industry alike, is that the vast array of anti-theft devices being marketed in South Africa not only have different levels of theft-deterrent potential, but their method of installation could affect their effectiveness," Mr Bothma said.

The AA would therefore "advise members on the selection of anti-theft devices" and will commence with the deterrent rating of various systems.

Mr Bothma confirmed that his department had commenced evaluating the theft deterrent systems and the first assessments would be available "within the next two or three weeks".

"These would be updated on a regular basis thereafter," Mr Bothma said.

He stressed, however, that motorists should check with their insurance companies to confirm the "acceptability" of the unit they intend fitting before they commit themselves.

## The main actors in the court drama



**PROSECUTOR**  
Mr Van der Walt



**FREED**  
Ronnie Watson



**FREED**  
Cheeky Watson



**DEFENDER**  
Mr J Browde, SC

## 2 Watsons freed, but:

# Valence

# convicted

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By **CHRIS RENNIE**

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His brothers, Mr Ronald Watson and Mr Daniel John (Cheeky) Watson, were acquitted on all counts.

The case has been adjourned until tomorrow for evidence in mitigation and sentence.

Mr Watson's bail has been increased from R5 000 to R15 000.

The brothers emerged from the courthouse to a tumultuous welcome from a crowd of hundreds outside the court building. There were no incidents.

The three brothers originally faced charges of arson, fraud and attempted murder, arising from an incident at 11.40pm on night of October 19, 1985, when "the tranquillity of Park Drive was shattered by an explosion of tremendous proportions and the Watson



Released on bail of R15 000 today after being found guilty on two charges — Mr Valence Watson

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# Freedom for two of the Watsons

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Because of the circumstances surrounding his evidence, it had to be treated with "extreme circumspection and caution".

There was also a "mass of circumstantial evidence that required careful scrutiny".

After dealing with Mr Nocanda's evidence in detail, he turned to the evidence of State witnesses who lived in the vicinity of the Watson house and who described what they had seen of the incident.

Despite their obvious sincerity, the court could find no more firm their evidence than that there was a considerable explosion and that the house was consumed by fire.

It was, however, significant that two of them had seen two men run from the house shortly after the explosion. The totality of the evidence showed that the men were Mr Nocanda and Mr Archie Mkele.

Dealing with the two defence witnesses who



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destroyed by fire following an explosion caused by the ignition of a considerable amount of petrol.

Dealing with the transcription of the tape made of an alleged conversation between Mr Ronald Watson and Mr Mkele at Livingstone Hospital two days after the fire, he accepted the version given by the defence expert, Mr R W Endley.

Turning to the evidence of the investigating officer, Captain A C Prinsloo, he said Capt Prinsloo had made a favourable impression, but he was not satisfied with the ex-

planation of why he had not investigated Mr Nocanda's allegations of assault.

There were no facts that could justify a finding that Mr Nocanda was lying when he alleged he had been assaulted before he was handed over to Capt Prinsloo.

Dealing with the motive for setting the fire, he said the Watsons' financial position provided such a motive.

It was significant that, although they had allegedly been receiving threats for a long time,

the insurance cover for R483 225 for "politically motivated damage" had only been taken out shortly before the fire. If political motivation had been proved, the policy would have been taken out at a convenient time.

He found there had been a crime of arson and that, by submitting claims for insurance after it, the offence of fraud had been committed.

However, motive was never proof, although it could lead to a finding on the probabilities.

He was not satisfied that the State had proved the attempted murder charge.

Returning to Mr Nocanda's evidence, he said he found it to be in "complete harmony" with the proved circumstantial evidence and the inferences to be drawn from it.

Turning to the allegation of conspiracy, he said that, while the totality of the evidence led to the irresistible conclusion that there had been a conspiracy between Valence Watson and others, the onus was on the State to prove an act of conspiracy on the part of each of the accused.

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pressed as a careful and sincere witness, and he found that Mr Nocanda and Mr Mkele had committed the acts described by Mr Nocanda.

Although Valence Watson was guilty of fraud and arson, the court was not satisfied that the State had met the onus against the other two.

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# Watsons' trial verdict today

Dispatch Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH —  
The Watson family's  
long wait will be over  
today — one way or an-  
other.

The case against the  
three Watson brothers  
will reach its climax  
in the regional court  
here when judgment is  
delivered this morn-  
ing.

Almost six months after  
the trio — Mr Valence  
Watson, Mr Ronald  
Watson and

Mr Daniel "Cheeky"  
Watson — were ar-  
rested on charges of  
arson, fraud and at-  
tempted murder, they  
will learn their fate.

There has been intense  
public interest since  
the trial began on De-  
cember 1 last year.

Television crews and  
pressmen from all  
over the world have  
closely monitored the  
proceedings. So, too,  
have the hundreds of  
spectators who daily  
jostled and queued for  
seats in the cramped  
public gallery.

On January 16, when the  
brothers were granted  
bail, a crowd of more  
than 1 000 carried  
them shoulder-high  
from the court build-  
ing.

The state alleges the  
brothers conspired to  
get two former em-  
ployees, Mr Geoffrey  
Nocanda and Mr  
Archie Mkele, to burn  
down the Park Drive  
home owned by their  
mother, Mrs Elaine  
Watson, on October 19,  
1985.

The R572 992 insurance,  
it contends, was in-  
tended to be used to  
pay off debts incurred  
by Dan Watson Ameri-  
can Imports, the part-  
nership owned by the  
accused and a fourth  
brother, Mr Gavin  
Watson. The house  
was bonded to the ex-  
tent of R429 000 as se-  
curity for those debts.

The attempted murder  
charge arises from the  
state's allegation that  
Mr Mkele and Mr No-  
canda were instructed  
to set the fire in such a  
way that they would  
be killed in the pro-  
cess.



# Valence Watson jailed



There was tight security at the New Law Courts today when the Regional Court reconvened for argument in mitigation and sentencing of Valence Watson.

Picture: JACK COOPER

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Sentenced to an effective 2½ years

By CHRIS RENNIE

VALENCE MICHAEL WATSON, 34, was today sentenced to 10 years' jail after being convicted of arson and fraud. He was acquitted yesterday on a charge of attempted murder.

He will serve an effective 2½ years, as parts of the sentences were suspended and the remainder will run concurrently.

One of the defence team, Mr R G Buchanan, said they intended noting an appeal and asked for bail pending its outcome.

The president of the Regional Court, Mr Mr Gert Steyn, granted bail of R15 000 and ordered Watson to report to the police twice daily and to surrender himself within 24 hours should the appeal fail.

A massive police presence outside the New Law Courts building formed the backdrop for the sentencing. A large contingent of riot squad members was deployed outside along with vehicles and police dogs.

Mr Steyn said sentence should flow from the facts of each case and should reflect the seriousness of the offence and the attitude of society. It should be fair to the accused. If there were grounds for mercy, the court should not hesitate to grant it.

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## Valence Watson jailed for 2½ years

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In this case, the court found the house had been set on fire with the intention of defrauding insurance companies.

Although there were two offences, they flowed out of a single objective.

The burning of a house was an abhorrent crime, especially where the intention was to defraud and the indirect result dealt severe blows to various people.

The house was heavily bonded to creditors who

had been exceedingly patient with the Watson brothers.

The accomplices had been seriously injured and, although the court had found this was not intentional, the action was so reckless the result should have been foreseen.

Only luck had prevented the fire spreading to adjacent areas with disastrous consequences.

Although crimes of this nature were not prevalent, the court could not lose sight of the possibil-

ity that, if the offence was not properly punished, others might be tempted to emulate it.

Watson was a first offender and not the run-of-the-mill criminal but, because of the seriousness of the crimes, the court would be failing in its duty if it did not impose a prison sentence.

Mr Steyn imposed five years for the arson, of which 2½ years would be suspended conditionally for four years. The same sentence was imposed on the fraud charge.

Because of the accumula-

tive effect and the fact that the crimes were so closely related, he ordered the remaining terms to run concurrently.

The prosecutor, Mr H van der Walt, called Mr R W Miles, divisional officer of the Port Elizabeth Fire Service.

Mr Miles said he was present at the fire on October 19. The weather was unusually quiet for Port Elizabeth.

In his opinion, the fire did not spread or cause damage to nearby flats because the service was

able to get a fire suppression system in place very fast, there was very little wind and because of the "grace of God".

Mr Buchanan said in argument that Valence Watson was a devout Christian and an accomplished sportsman.

The court would have seen he had great personal charm and potential and was a remarkable person from a remarkable family.

It was also clear he had strong personal convictions and was prepared to take a stand on them.

# Watson trial: Valence guilty, others set free

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All three originally faced charges of arson, fraud and attempted mur-

der which arose from a fire which razed the Watsons' Park Drive home on October 19, 1985.

At the inception of his 95-minute summing-up, Mr Gert Steyn said the cornerstone of the State's case was the evidence of Mr Geoffrey Nocanda.

Because of the circumstances surrounding his evidence it had to be treated with "extreme circumspection and caution".

Dealing with the two defence witnesses who said they saw vehicles leaving before or after the explosion, he found that no vehicle had left the scene.

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The Watsons' financial position did in fact provide a motive for setting the fire.

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A well-wisher raises aloft Ronnie Watson's arm after his acquittal at Port Elizabeth Regional Court yesterday. Immediately behind Ronnie is Valence Watson, who was found guilty of arson and fraud.

# Valence Watson guilty of arson

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Mr Ronald Watson (left) Mr Archie Mkele and Mr Valence Watson, are carried down Main Street, Port Elizabeth, by a crowd of more than 1 000 after yesterday's court judgment.

## Traffic stops for Watsons

Dispatch Correspondent PORT ELIZABETH — Valence Watson, his bail tripled and his brothers freed, was yesterday carried down Main Street in a procession which brought traffic to a halt for more than 40 minutes.

Yet, even as they were swept aloft on the shoulders of chanting fans, a shadow hung over the family's delight at the acquittal of Mr Ronald Watson and Mr Daniel "Cheeky" Watson on all charges.

Valence Watson had been convicted of arson and fraud. He was found not guilty on the third charge of attempted murder.

The verdict had filtered out of the building while Mr Valence Watson — found guilty of arson and fraud — settled his increased bail of R15 000. The crowd knew of his conviction but they also knew Mr Ronald Watson and Mr Dan Cheeky Watson had been acquitted.

And, when the brothers and their wives emerged from the building, they were given a tumultuous welcome.

Heavily laden buses windows and taking up the cheers. Motorists abandoned cars to join the procession. Total strangers of all races linked arms and sang freedom songs.

And, dodging in and out of the crowd, were representatives of the world's press who had squeezed into a oppressively hot, airless courtroom to hear judgment passed on the three brothers.

Also filming the action was a police video unit, much to the displeasure of the crowd. When challenged by Mr Cheeky Watson, they withdrew from the core of the crowd to continue filming at a distance.

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Cape Times 21/1/87

# Watson sentenced to 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> years' jail

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He will serve an effective 2½ years, as parts of the sentences were suspended and the remainder will run concurrently.

He was granted bail of R15 000, and ordered to report twice daily at the Louis le Grange police station pending an appeal.

Watson was acquitted on a charge of attempted murder.

His brothers, Mr Ronald Watson and Mr Daniel ("Cheeky") Watson, were acquitted on all three counts.

Passing sentence, the President of the Regional Court, Mr Gert Steyn, said the house had been set on fire with the inten-

tion of defrauding insurance companies. Although the court found there were two offences, they flowed out of a single objective.

He said the burning of a house was an abhorrent crime, especially where the intention was to defraud.

The indirect result surely dealt severe blows to a number of other people.

The house was heavily bonded to creditors who had been exceedingly patient with the Watson brothers. As a result of the fire, they were left with less than half their surety.

The accomplices had been seriously injured and although the court had found this was not intentional, the action was so reckless the result should have been foreseen.

Watson was a first offender and the father of three young chil-

dren. This was tragic. He was certainly not the ordinary run-of-the-mill criminal, he said.

But in view of the seriousness of the crimes, the court would be failing in its duty if it did not impose a prison sentence.

Mr Steyn imposed five years for arson, of which 2½ years would be suspended conditionally for four years. He imposed the same sentence for the fraud. He ordered the two 2½-year terms to run concurrently.

Our correspondent reports that the pavement outside the court building was declared an "unrest area" yesterday and people were barred from the vicinity until the Watson family had departed.

Lieutenant-Colonel L Strydom, head of the riot squad in the Eastern Cape, ordered photographers to clear the area, saying no photographs could be taken in terms of the emergency regulations. — Sapa



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# Jail for ~~arranging~~ arranging tax dodges

Court Reporter

A FORMER tax official who admitted helping people evade taxes amounting to R236 513 because "95% of them were non-white and I saw there was a lot of unfairness", was yesterday jailed for three years.

Jacobus Francois Erasmus Brand, 56, of Tafelsig Flats, Loewenstein, who was head of a tax assessment department was convicted in the Magistrate's Court on 19 counts of discharging taxes, five counts of abusing his official discretion by underestimating incomes and two counts of corruption.

He was acquitted on three counts of underestimating incomes and one count of corruption.

Brand was also sentenced to five-and-a-half years, suspended for five years.

Passing sentence, the magistrate, Mr A L Laubscher said: "Mr Brand, I don't have much sympathy with you. You are not a child and were in the service of the state for a long time. There's only one punishment for you, age and all included. Imprisonment."

Crying quietly while giving evidence in mitigation, Brand said he was "terribly sorry" and had helped taxpayers because of "the great degree of unfairness of non-white people being investigated".

He had kept a record of "white" people who should have been investigated and had approached the Advocate-General regarding these people. His attempts to bring the matter into the open had been overlooked.

Mr Laubscher said that while all the money had been recovered, Brand had misused his position. He accepted that Brand had a sickly wife and son who were dependant on him.

Mr Laubscher also accepted that the case had been going on for four-and-a-half years and that Brand had been involved in many community organizations.

Mr A de Villiers le Grange appeared for the state. Mr J Rhodie represented Brand.

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# Police form new unit to combat rise in car thefts

By STEPHEN WROTTESLEY  
Crime Reporter

POLICE are to launch a concerted campaign against car thieves who are using the West Coast route to smuggle stolen vehicles into SWA/Namibia.

The plans come at a time when police and public alike are battling against the increasing activities of car thieves.

Motorists are being warned: take preventive measures or face higher insurance premiums.

The police plan to form a motor theft unit at Springbok and their main concern will be to stop the illegal shipment of stolen cars across the border.

Lieutenant-General Stan Schutte, chief of the CID, visit-

ed SWA/Namibia recently with a high-level police delegation to discuss the problem with his counterparts there.

It is understood that attempts are being made to beef up operations against car thieves in SWA/Namibia.

In the past cars were usually stolen for specific purposes, often to be used while committing other crimes. But now vehicle theft has become profitable in its own right.

Insurance companies say car thefts result in losses of about R120-million a year for insured cars and six times that sum if uninsured cars and motorcycles are taken into account.

Johannesburg is the car theft capital, but police have warned

people in Cape Town not to be complacent.

While some cars have been recovered, most just disappear into rural districts in the home-lands and neighbouring states.

Police see the solution in stopping the cars before they reach the border.

Asked for confirmation of the plans, the police Directorate of Public Relations in Pretoria said: "The chief deputy commissioner (detective branch) has no comment."

● Meanwhile, the alleged sixth member of a gang of thieves who specialised in breaking into cars in Cape Town's northern areas, was shot when police tried to arrest him on Saturday.

# City cannot afford patrol to protect citizens, says Mayor

## Muggers' victims appeal

Staff Reporter

VICTIMS of daytime muggings in the centre of Cape Town have called for action to safeguard citizens, but the Mayor, Mr Leon Markovitz, says the city cannot afford a civic street patrol without Government assistance.

This week Dr Norman Shapiro was stabbed in the forearm just after 5pm in Castle Street.

And Constantia restaurant manager Mr Engelbert Albers was attacked in Loop Street last month and robbed of jewellery worth R4 800.

"I was lucky. They didn't hurt me," he said. "I'm 1,9m tall, but one came at me from the front with an open knife and two grabbed me from behind."

Divisional CID chief Brigadier Ronnie van der Westhuizen gave the assurance that plainclothes policemen were on the streets looking for known gangs. He repeated warnings to people not to carry large amounts of money, not to walk alone late at night and not to pick up hitch-hikers.

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"But any attacks must be reported to us immediately so that we can act on descriptions," he said.

Author Mr Hennie Aucamp and a friend were attacked in the new St George's Street mall just before Christmas.

"It is immoral to invite tourists to Cape Town if we can't guarantee their safety," Mr Aucamp said this week. "Any attempt to safeguard the public would be appreciated."

A civic patrol was started last year but was shelved because of lack of finance. Mr Markovitz said funding the patrol posed a great difficulty.

"We have made representations to the Minister of Law and Order for assistance. These requests have not been acceded to," the Mayor said.

"We need support from the Government for adequate policing of the city's streets. We are looking at the possibility of introducing a limited patrol but this will be looked into only when the 1987/88 budget is dealt with."

### Three stole cheques

Court Reporter

A HOSPITAL boiler attendant, a security guard at an old-age home and a city council clerk have been found guilty of stealing an elderly woman's cheque book to buy food, cigarettes and liquor.

Koenrad John Skinner, 33, of Montagu Road, Maitland, Roland Michael Holmes, 31, of Clarendon Drive, Discovery, and Ronald Leslie Christian Ryzenberg, of Belmont Avenue, Oranjezicht, pleaded guilty in the Cape Town Magistrate's Court to theft and fraud.

Skinner was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment, Holmes to 12 months and Ryzenberg to a fine of R1 000 (or 120 days) suspended for five years.

In mitigation, Skinner and Holmes said when the offences were committed they were having financial difficulties and had used the cheque book to buy groceries for their families.

Miss A A Peckham, for the State, said that Holmes had also used the money to buy cigarettes and liquor.



Picture: WILLIE DE KLERK, The Argus

**ASPIRANT ROYALTY:** Finalists in the University of Stellenbosch Miss Matie competition, from left, Lize van Zyl, Deidre Lubbe, Marieke Roux, Cornelia le Roux, Elmarie van Zyl, Chris de Waal, Gwennifer van der Merwe, Lizma van Zyl, Bettina Kröning and Heather Jacobs. Finalists will be selected on February 19 and crowning takes place on February 20.

### Crooks held, but where's the crime?

Crime Reporter

CITY detectives have four suspected burglars in the cells and six stolen video recorders and a television set in their offices ... but no complainant.

And 50 cases of whisky, thought to have been stolen at the same time as the video recorders, are missing.

The break-in is believed to have happened just before Christmas and police fear the missing liquor has been sipped in a festive binge.

Detectives believe premises somewhere in Woodstock, the city area or Sea Point were burgled but there is no trace of the theft being reported.

### Doctor asked if it was safe to use 'old' drugs

Staff Reporter

A SENIOR pharmacist with a leading drug company said a doctor wrote to her asking whether it was safe to use medicine which had passed its expiry date more than five years previously.

Mrs Valerie Beaumont was giving evidence at the trial of Dr Ratilal Kessow, 45, of St George's Street, Simon's Town, and his receptionist, Miss Nollen Darries of Krisant Court, Ocean View, on 26 charges relating to prescribing and stocking expired medicines.

It is also alleged that Dr Kessow and Miss Darries altered or concealed expiry dates on medicines.

They have pleaded not guilty.

Mrs Beaumont, of Russell

Pharmaceutical Company, said Dr Kessow wrote to her in August 1986.

She said: "He asked whether it was safe to use the medicine Dillelax which was last sold by us under licence in 1981."

"My reply to Dr Kessow was that any stocks still around in 1986 should not be used."

Mr John Reid, the pharmacist in charge of the navy's dispensary in Simon's Town, told the court that he sometimes supplied Dr Kessow with replacement medicines.

The trial continues today.

Mr AP Kotze is on the Bench and Mr M Sher appears for the State. Mr I Farlam SC, instructed by Fairbridges, appears for Dr Kessow and Mr J Swanepoel, instructed by Mr B Kessow, appears for Miss Darries.

# Brutal attack

## man

# killied

By RAYMOND HILL

**CRADOCK —** An elderly Cradock man was bludgeoned to death on a lonely farm in the district yesterday in a brutal daylight attack in which his wife was critically injured.



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The bloodstained body of Mr Mathews Gideon Palvie, 63, of the farm Leeuwkloof was found by a farm labourer in the bathroom. He had severe head wounds.

His wife, Mrs Janetta Johanna Palvie, 54, was found alive, lying in a pool of blood in a nearby spare room in the house. She was rushed to hospital.

Mr Palvie was the fourth victim of brutal slayings of elderly people in the Eastern Cape in the past three weeks.

Detectives found a bloodstained hammer in the house.

Mr Palvie's body was removed to the mortuary today.

Mrs Palvie, who had several head and facial wounds, was taken to the

Cradock Hospital in a critical condition before being transferred to the Port Elizabeth Provincial Hospital.

Her condition today was said to be "serious but stable and semi-conscious".

Detectives of the East Cape murder and robbery squad, under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel Eric Strydom, sped to Cradock early today to investigate the latest murder.

They discovered that a window of the room where Mrs Parvie was found lying was broken. Her spectacles were lying nearby.

The couple's bedroom was ransacked, but it had not yet been established whether anything had been stolen from the house. The Palvies' car is missing.

The couple had been staying in the farmhouse, about 25 kilometres from

the town, for the past seven months.

The owner of the farm, Mr Boy Jordaan, said he had met the Palvies after they advertised in the local newspaper for accommodation.

Mr Jordaan's farmhouse was vacant at the time and he agreed to let them stay there rent-free with their domestic worker.

Mr Jordaan saw the couple alive for the last time yesterday morning when they told him they planned to go into town by car to do their shopping.

A quantity of groceries was found on a kitchen table.

Col Strydom said that the couple were found by a labourer, Mr Boesman Mngonose, at about 6pm.

Mr Mngonose went to a neighbouring farmer, Mr Paul Michau, and reported what he had seen.

The telephone wire in the farmhouse where the attack took place had been cut. The police were called from Mr Michau's farm.

The detectives questioned farm labourers, but no arrests were made.

Col Strydom said a post-mortem would be held on Monday.

A son of the Palvies lives in Cradock and works for the SA Transport Services.

Previous murder victims in the Eastern Cape in the last three weeks have been:

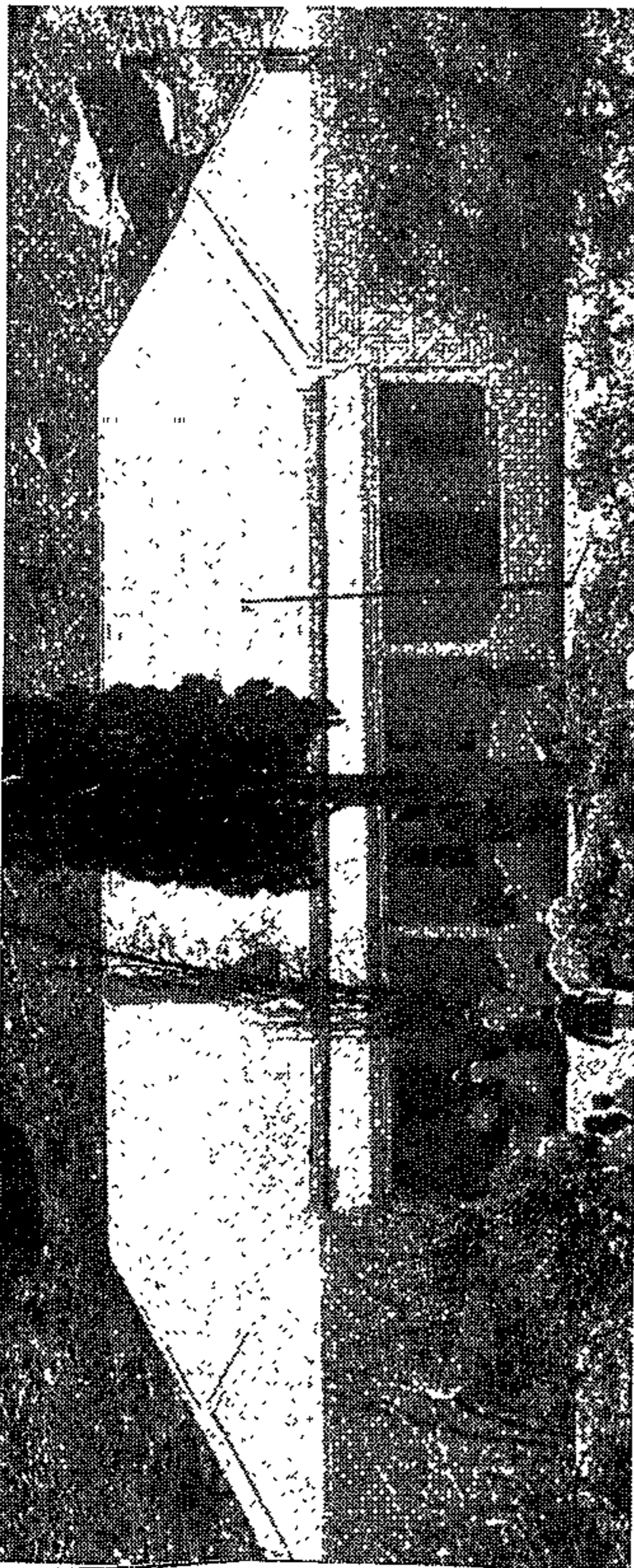


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**An East Cape murder and robbery squad detective interviews a farm labourer, Mr BOESMAN MNGONOSE, who found the battered body of Mr Matheus Palvie in a Cradock farmhouse yesterday.**



**The death house . . . the isolated farmhouse, 25 kilometres from Cradock, where 63-year-old Mr Palvie was found murdered. His wife, Mrs Janetta Johanna Palvie, 54, is in a serious condition in the Provincial Hospital in Port Elizabeth.**

● A frail 89-year-old Port Alfred woman, Mrs Esther Frances Penny, and her 68-year-old daughter, Mrs Valerie Frances Dansey. They were found strangled with wire and rope in their Beach Crescent home on January 16.

An arrest has been made in connecting with the double murder.

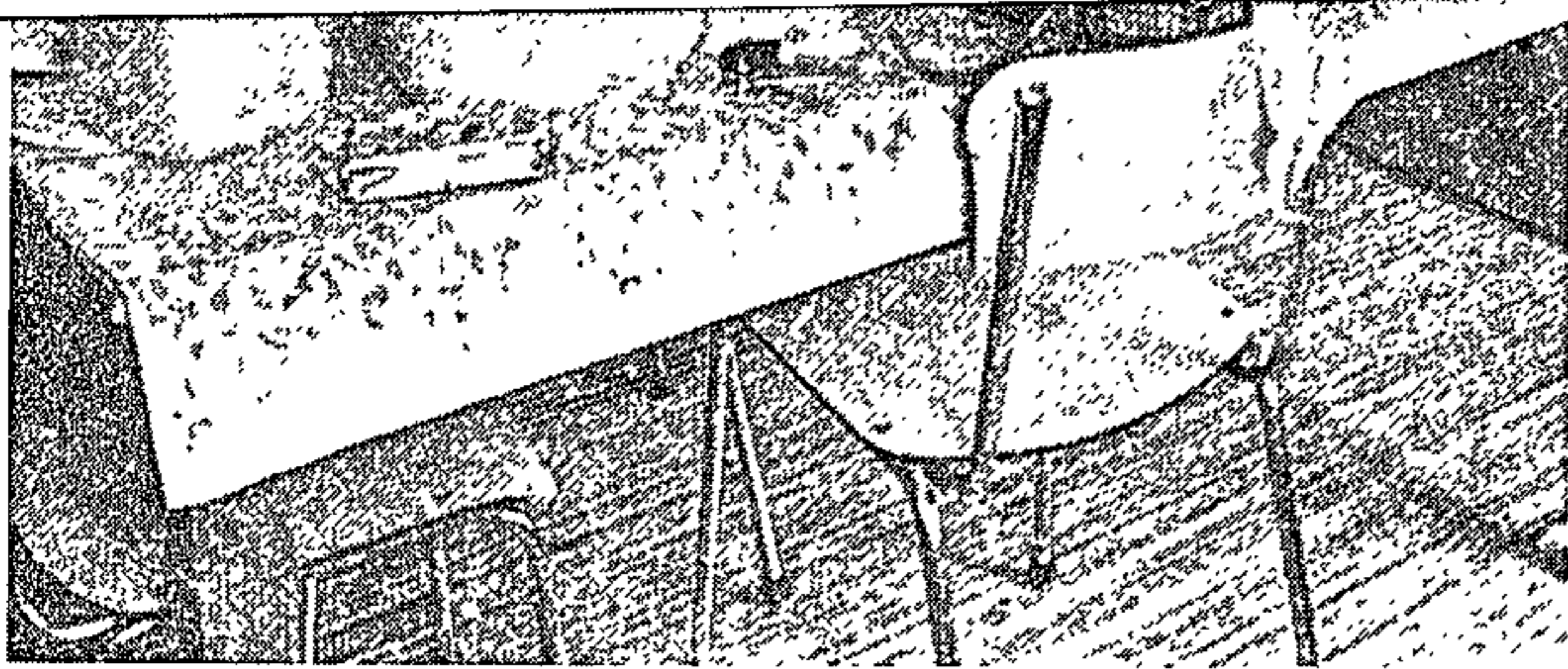
● A Port Elizabeth widow, Mrs Anna Hutton, 75, who went missing from her home in Marshall Road, Humewood, on January 24. Her battered body was found two days later alongside a dirt track leading to a rubbish dump off the Perseverance road.

The search for the killer has continued unabated, with police trying to trace a slim, blond-haired young man seen with Mrs Hutton on the day she went missing.

Police said yesterday that robbery appeared to

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**Groceries unloaded yesterday stand unpacked on the kitchen table in the remote Cradock farmhouse where 63-year-old Mr Matheus Palvie was murdered yesterday.**



## Man slain in brutal attack

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have been the motive for this brutal killing.

Col Strydom said jewellery worth an estimated R7 150 had been taken from the house.

A 6,35 Astra pistol, with the serial number 694067, is also missing.

Col Strydom said the theft of the jewellery and pistol was established when detectives visited the house with relatives of the murdered woman.

Police have appealed to pawn shops, buyers of second-hand jewellery and the public in general to keep a lookout for the missing items.

They are:

- An opal ring set in gold with an X-motif around the edge, an aquamarine dress ring set in silver, one gold chain long enough to encircle the neck twice and a string of pearls long enough to encircle the neck twice.

- A double string of pearls and crystal, a string of crystals set like diamonds in silver, a platinum wedding ring, a silver engagement ring, a silver Omega women's watch and a cameo brooch.

- Two gold drop earrings, one silver Omega man's watch with a leather strap, two half-Kruger-rands in a brooch, a silver hip flask and one gold hooped wedding ring.

levels, push passenger car sales up by nearly 15% over last year's 10-year low of 174 453. Litigious cost to sales levels and employment. Local inflation shows no signs of abating and local new car prices. "Late model used cars recent months than have more than..."

# Night patrol plan for volunteers brings peace to East Cape towns

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By RAYMOND HILL

RESIDENTS in several Eastern Cape towns are sleeping peacefully these nights, thanks to the "dream police" — patrols formed by their neighbours to keep a lookout for criminals.

The "dream police" patrols are a boon to law-abiding citizens in Port Elizabeth, Grahams-town, Uitenhage, Kenton-on-Sea and Bushmans River.

Now Port Elizabeth city councillor Mr Lomo du Plessis plans to launch a "citizens' watch" in Central, the area he represents.

Mr Du Plessis said this week that only "B group" police reservists living in the area would be recruited for regular anti-crime patrols.

The men would be needed for day and night shifts, working up to eight hours a month.

Volunteers, he said, would undergo comprehensive police training.

The project would eventually comprise a "neighbourhood watch" group, and a "civil guard information network".

"The response has been a bit slow. But I will write to everybody in my ward about recruitment.

"I hope to have the project off the ground in April,

## Be careful, warn the SA Police

BE careful out there! That's the warning from the professionals to members of "dream police" patrols.

Captain Peet Grobler, South African Police liaison officer for the Eastern Cape, believes members of "neighbourhood watches" could play an even more valuable role if they became police reservists.

While there was nothing to prevent individuals from patrolling, they would be better prepared and have greater legal standing as reservists.

Members of patrol groups were usually untrained, and he advised them to be "extraordinarily careful".

Capt Grobler said he would like to talk to members of the various patrol groups.

and then we will get proper police training," he said.

Grahamstown has eight groups, each in a different neighbourhood.

The groups vary in number including one with about

200 volunteers. All the Grahamstown patrols were started in November last year.

There has already been a dramatic drop in house-breaking since the men went on the beat.

The men are known as the "dream police" because residents are able to sleep peacefully while the patrols are out.

The patrollers, many of whom are unarmed, do not make arrests — they merely tip off the police when they see a crime being committed.

A spokesman for one of the Grahamstown groups said they were definitely a deterrent to criminals, especially burglars.

There are two, nightly shifts lasting between two and three hours each. Members patrol in pairs.

Mr W "Soutie" Strydom, of Uitenhage, said the town's four separate patrol groups had a membership of 500.

He described them as "crime prevention" patrols.

"We are the eyes and ears of the police and have been very successful since we got together for the first time eight months ago," he said.

The groups have regular meetings and members come from all walks of life.

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# 'Farmer shot pastor' claim

By CHRIS STEYN

A NORTH-WESTERN Cape community yesterday mourned the death of a young pastor and father-of-two who was allegedly shot dead by a local farmer during a prayer meeting on a farm near Victoria-West on Tuesday night.

Mr Tobias Plaatjies, 32, died of a head wound in the Kimberley Hospital — hours after the farmer allegedly disrupted the meeting by firing several shots into the congregation.

## Farmer questioned

Police yesterday confirmed that the farmer had been questioned and that a murder charge was being investigated. But he was not under arrest and no formal charge had been laid.

According to police, the drama started when the farmer went to the servants' quarters where the prayer meeting was being held at about 9.30pm.

He allegedly fired a shot against the outside wall of the house, before firing two shots into the building.

Police said that he then ordered the congregation — about 16 men and women — outside.

He fired another shot into the group

as they were filing out of the building. This was the shot which hit Mr Plaatjies behind the right ear and ultimately resulted in his death.

When the Cape Times phoned his home yesterday, the farmer's wife said that he was in consultation with his lawyer.

Meanwhile dozens of members of the Pentecostal minister's congregation had gathered at his home to commiserate with his wife, Floorie, and his children Olga, aged nine, and Clinton, aged seven.

In an interview with the Cape Times, Mr Plaatjies' eldest sister, Mita, said: "The whole community loved him very much. He was well-liked by all — black, white and coloured."

## 'Tragic loss'

Speaking from the family's Beaufort West home, she said that his death was regarded as "a tragedy and a great loss" by the entire community. "We are all very sad," she said.

Mr Plaatjies, who worked as a pastor in the district for nearly five years, had conducted regular prayer meetings and church services on farms in the area. "He was a deeply spiritual person. Beaufort has suffered a great loss," his sister said.

# Farmer may be charged today

By CHRIS STEYN

A WELL-KNOWN Western Cape farmer who allegedly shot dead a pastor, Mr Tobias Plaatjies, at a prayer meeting on a farm near Victoria West this week, may be formally charged today, police said yesterday.

Police confirmed on Wednesday that they were investigating a charge of murder against the farmer, and said he had been questioned.

Yesterday the farmer's wife said her husband was "out in the fields" when the Cape Times telephoned the farm house.

According to police, the farmer went to the servants' quarters, where the prayer meeting was being held, about 9.30 on Tuesday night.

He allegedly fired a shot against the outside wall of the house, before firing two shots into the building.

Police said he then ordered the congregation outside.

He fired another shot into the group as they were filing out of the building. This was the shot which hit Mr. Plaatjies behind the ear and ultimately resulted in his death, police said.



(b) (i) Fresh milk

Area	1/7/86 c/litre	Floor price 16/2/87 c/litre
Bloemfontein	4,0	48,54
Cape	4,0	51,58
Natal	4,0	49,37
Transvaal	4,0	49,38

Prices paid by distributors to the Dairy Board for producers' milk with 3,5% butterfat.

(ii) Industrial milk

Class	From 1/7/86 Butterfat c/kg	Protein c/kg	Floor price from 16/2/87 Butterfat c/kg	Protein c/kg
Class A plus bulk facilities	540	540	450	450
Class A	407	407	450	450
Class B	394	394	450	450
Class C	378	378	450	450

**Wynberg: vagrancy/drunkenness:**

517. Mr P A MYBURGH asked the Minister of Law and Order:

How many (a) males and (b) females of each race group were arrested in 1986 for (i) vagrancy and (ii) drunkenness in each specified police station in the Wynberg police district?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

Station	(a)		(b)	
	(i)	(ii)	(i)	(ii)
<b>Mowbray</b>	17	486	746	71
Coloureds	—	117	—	2
Blacks	—	23	—	—
Whites	—	—	—	—
<b>Rondebosch</b>	51	429	34	160
Coloureds	—	23	2	25
Blacks	—	38	—	2
Whites	—	—	—	—
<b>Claremont</b>	45	724	10	317
Coloureds	—	108	1	16
Blacks	—	129	—	4
Whites	—	—	—	—
<b>Wynberg</b>	32	762	64	513
Coloureds	1	102	3	27
Blacks	—	61	—	5
Whites	—	—	—	—
<b>Dieprivier</b>	—	—	—	—
Coloureds	—	—	—	—
Blacks	—	—	—	—
Whites	—	—	—	—
<b>Kirstenhof</b>	—	—	—	—
Coloureds	—	—	—	—
Blacks	—	—	—	—
Whites	—	—	—	—
<b>Steenberg</b>	—	—	—	—
Coloureds	—	—	—	—
Blacks	—	—	—	—
Whites	—	—	—	—
<b>Muzenberg</b>	—	—	—	—
Coloureds	—	—	—	—
Blacks	—	—	—	—
Whites	—	—	—	—
<b>Fish Hoek</b>	—	—	—	—
Coloureds	—	—	—	—
Blacks	—	—	—	—
Whites	—	—	—	—
<b>Simonstown</b>	—	—	—	—
Coloureds	—	—	—	—
Blacks	—	—	—	—
Whites	—	—	—	—
<b>How Bay</b>	—	—	—	—
Coloureds	—	—	—	—
Blacks	—	—	—	—
Whites	—	—	—	—

**Loans to farmers**

518. Mr P A MYBURGH asked the Minister of Finance:

(a) What was the total amount of loans granted to farmers by the Land and Agricultural Bank as at 31 December 1986 and (b) to how many farmers had these loans been granted?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE:

(a) On 31 December 1986 farmers were indebted to the Land Bank for the total amount of R2 534 589 378 under long-, intermediate- and short-term loans.

(b) The foregoing total debt is in respect of 41 885 loans granted by the Land Bank to farmers. Joint loans, which were granted to two or more farmers, make up a large percentage of these loans.

**Detainees: diet**

519. Dr M S BARNARD asked the Minister of Law and Order:

(1) Whether a standing order which laid down a reduced or altered diet for persons detained in terms of emergency regulations was implemented in prisons falling under his control; if so, (a) when, (b) why, (c) what were the terms of the standing order, (d) by whom was it drafted and (e) how did this reduced or altered diet differ from the diet for other prisoners;

(2) whether this standing order was approved by the Prisons Service; if so, (a) by whom, (b) why and (c) when;

(3) whether this standing order has since been withdrawn; if not, (a) why not and (b) when will action be taken in this regard; if so, when;

(4) whether any steps have been taken against the official who drafted this order; if so, (a) what steps and (b) when; if not, why not?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

I wish to point out to the honourable member that no "prisons" resorts under my control. Should he, however, have police cells in mind the answer is as follows:

(1) No. (a) to (e) Fall away.

(2) to (4) Fall away.

**Grahamstown: telephones**

520. Mr E K MOORCROFT asked the Minister of Communications:

(1) How many (a) applications for telephones were received and (b) telephones were installed for (i) private and (ii) business purposes in Grahamstown in 1986;

(2) whether there is a backlog for this area at present; if so, (a) what was the backlog as at the latest specified date for which figures are available and (b) when is it anticipated that the backlog will be eliminated?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS:

(1) (a) 1 892;

(b) (i) 1 442; and

(ii) 346.

(2) Yes;

(a) 272, as at 31 December 1986; and

(b) A minor cable work to provide two applicants with telephone service is at present being planned but at this stage it is not possible to indicate when the work will be undertaken. 172 waiting applicants will be provided with service after completion of cable works simultaneously with the commissioning of

I wish to point out to hon members that should the above-mentioned figures be brought into perspective, it will be noticed that crime tendencies fluctuate. In some instances crime reflects drastic increases and in others it reflects similar decreases. Crime tendencies differ from one area to another, while the population density is also an important contributing factor. Increases in crime can mainly be ascribed to:

- (a) The economical recession,
- (b) resulting unemployment; and
- (c) the abuse by criminal elements of unrest situations to commit crime.

The increase in crime is an universal

tendency, and even causes great concern during international crime conferences.

172. Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Law and Order:

Soweto West: offences

How many cases of (a) murder, (b) culpable homicide, (c) assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, (d) common assault, (e) rape, (f) robbery, (g) theft of vehicles and cycles, (h) damage to property, (i) housebreaking with intent to steal and theft and (j) possession of drugs were reported at each specified police station in the Soweto West police district in 1986?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
Jabulani.....	276	68	900	810	182	715	221	735	239	—
Moroka.....	392	121	1 283	1 368	342	1 124	405	1 284	411	—
Klipdownd.....	134	87	678	1 045	152	524	272	678	584	—
Lenasia.....	38	22	220	463	40	165	345	267	565	8

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Soweto East: offences

How many cases of (a) murder, (b) culpable homicide, (c) assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, (d) common assault, (e) rape, (f) robbery, (g) theft of vehicles and cycles, (h) damage to property, (i) housebreaking with intent to steal and theft and (j) possession of drugs were reported at each specified police station in the Soweto East police district in 1986?

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
Orlando.....	297	83	1 027	951	257	762	454	713	418	2
Meadowlands.....	214	43	1 212	723	154	565	150	780	155	—
Dobsonville.....	56	10	367	127	46	261	93	172	105	—

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
Sebokeng.....	331	99	1 836	1 139	242	700	174	982	663	—
Sharpeville.....	51	8	462	288	71	203	31	254	99	—

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175. Mr D J N MALCOMESS asked the Minister of Law and Order:

Port Elizabeth: offences

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How many cases of (a) murder, (b) culpable homicide, (c) assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, (d) common as-

Answered 23/2/87

sault, (e) rape, (f) robbery, (g) theft of vehicles and cycles, (h) damage to property, (i) housebreaking with intent to steal and (j) possession of drugs were re-

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
Walmer .....	35	4	100	97	25	41	244	98	654	—
Kabega Park .....	26	14	217	147	51	76	444	135	696	—
New Law Courts .....	6	11	86	260	4	101	547	167	664	—
Louise Grange Square ...	13	14	100	288	22	139	1 063	410	1 565	—

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

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Sandton/Bramley/Lombardy East: offences 176. Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Law and Order:

How many offences relating to (a) murder, (b) assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, (c) common assault, (d) burglary, (e) robbery, (f) theft of vehicles and cycles, (g) other thefts, (h) damage to property, (i) dagga and (j) rape were reported and investigated in the Sandton, Bramley and Lombardy East police station areas during the period 1 July 1985 to 30 June 1986?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
Sandton .....	13	73	225	1 649	113	951	3 198	255	41	25
Bramley .....	31	57	154	1 250	547	1 249	3 257	383	24	15
Lombardy East .....	9	24	68	645	77	578	950	150	9	4

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Alexandra: offences

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
Alexandra .....	116	451	274	62	161	97	368	359	67	69

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

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Johannesburg: offences 178. Mr A B WIDMAN asked the Minister of Law and Order:

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
John Vorster Square .....	77	18	243	577	67	1 356	3 570	425	2 422	—
Langlaagte .....	20	4	46	218	29	129	280	132	387	—
Mondeor .....	42	41	114	257	40	133	379	163	1 338	—
Jeppe .....	96	39	166	296	28	350	1 581	230	1 564	—
Booyens .....	50	55	218	719	40	302	2 439	534	2 892	—
Cleveland .....	42	5	43	158	10	127	606	162	972	—
Brixton .....	12	5	27	299	9	42	679	142	587	—
Newlands .....	46	12	161	886	41	184	563	457	944	7

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East London: offences

169. Mr E K MOORCROFT asked the Minister of Law and Order:

How many cases of (a) murder, (b) culpable homicide, (c) assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, (d) common as-

sault, (e) rape, (f) robbery, (g) theft of vehicles and cycles, (h) damage to property, (i) housebreaking with intent to steal and (j) possession of drugs were reported at each specified police station in the East London police district in 1986?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
East London	39	24	425	534	69	202	417	432	1 162	—
Tyityaba	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—
Duncan Village	32	8	114	78	26	45	13	54	65	—
Ford Jackson	10	5	25	24	11	15	7	28	37	—
Gonube	15	3	59	26	9	12	28	26	309	—
Komga	2	9	47	27	7	3	16	5	42	—
Blue-Water	28	3	64	24	6	12	—	17	66	—
Cambridge	15	28	80	141	23	55	323	124	1 147	1
Keimouth	2	2	29	25	4	1	2	11	83	—
Beacon Bay	5	8	22	16	20	15	39	16	148	—
King William's Town	18	24	160	221	25	58	136	88	566	—
Berlin	1	4	12	22	1	6	10	9	45	—
Bolo	7	—	9	2	1	1	1	4	12	—
Keiweg	1	1	10	17	2	—	2	8	11	—
Kubusiedrift	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Stutterheim	22	9	152	64	10	26	28	61	225	—
Kidd's Beach	2	3	23	7	8	8	21	20	138	—

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Grahamstown: offences

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sault, (e) rape, (f) robbery, (g) theft of vehicles and cycles, (h) damage to property, (i) housebreaking with intent to steal and (j) possession of drugs were reported at each specified police station in the Grahamstown police district in 1986?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
Grahamstown	45	19	494	398	52	81	230	374	1 145	—
Alexandria	2	4	124	124	11	4	9	39	93	—
Alicedale	1	1	46	9	3	1	4	8	32	—
Balfour	1	3	12	2	1	2	—	2	13	—
Bathurst	2	1	44	43	8	3	3	9	33	—
Committees	—	3	3	2	—	—	1	—	6	—
Doringkloof	2	—	7	9	—	—	1	1	3	—
Fort Beaufort	23	5	132	101	6	10	16	62	147	—
Fort Brown	—	3	5	5	2	—	—	—	3	—
Kaffir Drift	—	—	15	9	—	—	1	4	45	—
Kenton-On-Sea	2	6	39	78	9	2	15	13	79	—
Kinkelbos	2	1	11	4	1	4	2	4	42	—
Paterson	5	1	84	63	4	7	6	8	40	—
Port Alfred	18	1	157	177	16	12	32	43	315	—
Riebeeck East	—	4	13	1	—	—	2	—	11	—
Sevenfountains	1	5	21	4	5	—	6	—	13	—

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Craddock	17	13	313	263	15	54	118	147	458	—
Adelaide	7	3	56	32	2	3	4	10	40	—
Bedford	4	5	20	84	5	6	9	32	64	—
Cookhouse	11	2	73	46	6	2	3	30	82	—
Keeyspos	—	1	7	9	—	—	1	2	2	—
Middleton	6	1	35	12	10	2	4	6	21	—
Mortimer	—	2	28	39	—	3	1	9	10	—
Somerset-East	8	1	193	208	13	15	25	60	147	—

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- (1) (a) (aa) 627  
 (bb) 12  
 (ii) (aa) 16  
 (bb) 480
- (b)  
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 Class 15AR  
 Class NGG  
 Class GMA/M  
 As at 31 January 1987

- (2) (a) and (b) Yes. The locomotives referred to in part (1) (ii) (bb) of the question have been placed as follows:
- |              |     |
|--------------|-----|
| De Aar       | 187 |
| Klerksdorp   | 30  |
| Germiston    | 92  |
| Capital Park | 42  |
| Bloemfontein | 13  |
| Volksrust    | 19  |
| Kroonstad    | 10  |
| Witbank      | 5   |
| Springs      | 2   |
| Breyten      | 2   |
| Mason's Mill | 10  |
| Pietersburg  | 3   |
| Touwsrivier  | 9   |
| Midlandia    | 9   |
| Sydenham     | 7   |
| Krugersdorp  | 40  |
- (c) The locomotives, excluding the 40 at Krugersdorp earmarked for the Transport Services Museum's national collection, are put up for sale by tender. In the event of no tenders being received they are dismantled and cut up.
- (d) (i) (aa) and (bb) Locomotives are covered with grease and oil.  
 (ii) All brass and copper parts are sealed in the coal tender.

Khayelitsha: demolition of buildings

543. Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Law and Order:
- (1) Whether members of the South African Police were called to Khayelitsha, Sites B and C, on or about 2 December 1986 in connection with the demolition of houses and a community centre in this area; if so, (a) what were the circumstances surrounding their being called to Khayelitsha on this occasion, (b) how many houses were demolished and (c) who demolished the buildings in question;
- (2) whether the Police took any action as a result; if not, why not; if so, (a) what action and (b) with what result?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) and (2). Yes, but because the dispute between the residents of Khayelitsha, Sites B and C and the leadership of the respective communities was defused and settled by the intervention of the South African Police and the Chief Director, Housing of the CPA Community Services in the Western Cape, I do not regard it in the interest of the communities to furnish any information with regard to this matter.

Complaints about Black person

544. Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:
- (1) Whether a certain Black person, in respect of whom particulars have been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of his reply, is or was in any way attached to his Department; if so, (a) in what capacity, (b) when, (c) what are or were the responsibilities of this person and (d) what is his name;

- (2) whether he or any official attached to his Department has received any complaints about this person; if so, (a) from whom, (b) when and (c) what was the nature of these complaints;
- (3) whether any action has been taken by his Department as a result of these complaints; if not, why not; if so, (a) what action, (b) when and (c) with what result?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

- (1) No.  
 (2) No.  
 (3) Falls away.

Amounts owed by State

546. Mr J J B VAN ZYL asked the Minister of Finance:
- What amounts were owing by the State on (a) 31 December 1985, (b) 31 January 1986, (c) 30 June 1986, (d) 31 October 1986, (e) 31 December 1986 and (f) 31 January 1987?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE:

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|-----|------------------|--------------------|
| (a) | 31 December 1985 | R37 949 959 288,21 |
| (b) | 31 January 1986  | R38 743 457 834,21 |
| (c) | 30 June 1986     | R42 416 796 182,21 |
| (d) | 31 October 1986  | R44 338 402 540,40 |
| (e) | 31 December 1986 | R45 582 300 446,96 |
| (f) | 31 January 1987  | R45 921 940 319,57 |

Stolen vehicles

547. Mr J J B VAN ZYL asked the Minister of Law and Order:
- (a) How many motor vehicles were reported to the South African Police as stolen in the calendar years 1983, 1984, 1985 and 1986, respectively, and (b) what is the estimated value of these vehicles in respect of each of these years?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

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|-----|-------------------|
| (a) | 1983—45 078       |
|     | 1984—45 025       |
|     | 1985—42 696       |
|     | 1986—58 119       |
| (b) | 1983—R177 915 795 |
|     | 1984—R171 845 677 |
|     | 1985—R180 000 000 |
|     | 1986—R871 785 000 |

Note:

1. I also refer the hon member to my reply to written Question Nr 101.
2. Although less vehicles were stolen during 1985 than 1984, the estimated value increased. It can mainly be contributed to the general increase in the price of motor vehicles. The same goes for the increase during 1986 as opposed to 1985.

Strikes

548. Mr J J B VAN ZYL asked the Minister of Manpower:
- (a) How many employees in each race group were involved in strikes in each calendar year from 1980 up to and including 1986 and (b) in respect of each of these categories, (i) how many strikes were there, (ii) how many man-days were lost, (iii) how many employees were in service and (iv) what was the estimated loss in wages?

The MINISTER OF MANPOWER:

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(b) When the Board was abolished its powers vested in the State. The foreshore has been included in the area of jurisdiction of the City Council of Cape Town and the municipal ordinances are therefore applicable to the foreshore.

**Laiplek: complaints about members**

502. Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Law and Order:

(1) Whether the South African Police have received any complaints with regard to the conduct of members of the Police at Laiplek at the time of an incident that took place in December 1986; if so, (a) what was the purport of these complaints and (b) (i) where and (ii) when were they lodged;

(2) whether he or the South African Police have taken any action with regard to these complaints; if not, why not; if so, (a) what action and (b) when?

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(2) Yes, (a) and (b) A departmental investigation into the allegation was ordered immediately.

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Before I reply to the question, I want to draw the attention of the honourable member to the fact that the South African Police do not employ township constables. Should the honourable member refer to special constables, my reply to the question is as follows:

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

Yes.

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(a) R250,00 during the first year of duty, R150,00 during the second year of duty, R100,00 during the third year of duty, R50,00 during any subsequent year of duty.

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(a) How many new family housing units for Blacks were built in Port Elizabeth in 1986 and (b) what (i) is the estimated number of persons waiting for, and (ii) was the total cost of building such units?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

(a) 1 160.

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

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	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
Stellenbosch	23	36	475	529	57	109	765	362	759	4
Strand	9	17	112	198	21	37	200	109	323	3
Villiersdorp	15	3	107	87	13	12	6	34	135	—
Stanford	1	3	19	34	4	2	3	12	9	—
Bredasdorp	4	12	138	208	5	26	21	94	142	2
Caledon	10	8	79	123	9	17	22	63	118	1
Elim	1	—	6	15	1	1	—	3	14	—
Gansbaai	1	—	58	51	5	5	6	18	40	—
Genadendal	—	—	51	48	1	3	—	20	19	—
Gordons Bay	—	3	9	75	2	3	16	27	93	1
Grabouw	16	11	206	163	16	49	22	105	269	7
Greyton	—	—	36	28	1	1	5	37	29	—
Hermannus	2	4	150	93	4	18	26	85	345	3
Kleinmond	4	7	69	43	6	17	10	35	124	2
Napier	4	2	52	43	4	2	2	27	63	—
Riversoenderend	1	6	62	124	8	3	5	28	49	—
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**Marketing Act**

513. Mr P A MYBURGH asked the Minister of Agriculture:

What was the total cost, (a) including and (b) excluding administration expenditure, of each board established in terms of the Marketing Act, No 59 of 1968, for the financial year 1985-86?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE:

	(a)	(b)
1. Banana Board	6 611 706 <sup>1</sup>	4 473 089
2. Canned Fruit Board	571 392	223 183
3. Chicory Board	1 216 168	620 114
4. Citrus Board	6 418 095	661 762
5. Cotton Board	1 400 385	1 061 052
6. Dairy Board	10 935 892	6 967 263
7. Deciduous Fruit Board	22 589 600	9 506 600
8. Dried Fruit Board	2 800 358	2 359 468
9. Dry Beans Board	1 806 789	1 392 555
10. Egg Board	6 494 509	4 112 589

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	(a)	(b)
11. Grain Sorghum Board	46 144	37 366
12. Karakul Board	162 316	9 409
13. Lucern Board	63 651 522	55 089 780 <sup>3</sup>
14. Maize Board	59 201 251	45 469 251
15. Meat Board	1 143 344	756 786
16. Mohair Board	5 109 557	1 856 330
17. Oil Seeds Board	5 850 650	4 255 522
18. Potato Board	2 503 092	1 396 885
19. Rooibos Tea Control Board	24 936 526	24 286 887
20. Tobacco Board	20 872 321	13 859 479
21. Wheat Board	29 300 000	24 500 000
22. Wool Board		

<sup>1</sup> Includes capital expenditure to the value of R3 869 954 in respect of ripening facilities.  
<sup>2</sup> The Grain Sorghum Board was established on 1 January 1986 and the final figures for the first financial year (ending 31 December 1986) are not yet available.  
<sup>3</sup> Includes R53 431 664 in respect of interest on loans. (Also included last year—see reply to question 540 for 1986).

**Marketing Act**

514. Mr P A MYBURGH asked the Minister of Agriculture:

What percentage of South Africa's total agricultural production in the 1985-86 production seasons was not under the control of any board established under the Marketing Act, No 59 of 1968?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE:

17,2 per cent.

**Agricultural production/exports**

515. Mr P A MYBURGH asked the Minister of Agriculture:

(a) (i) Fresh milk

Area	cent per litre from 1/6/86	Prices paid by distributors to the Dairy Board for producers' milk with 3,5% butterfat.
Bloemfontein	44,29	486 cent per kg butterfat and protein 407 cent per kg butterfat and protein 394 cent per kg butterfat and protein 378 cent per kg butterfat and protein
Cape	47,42	
Natal	45,12	
Transvaal	45,13	

(ii) Industrial milk (According to classes and chemical quality)

Class	cent per kg butterfat and protein
Class A plus bulk facilities	486
Class A	407
Class B	394
Class C	378

What was the value of the Republic's agricultural (a) production and (b) exports in 1986?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE:

(a) R12 972 400 000.

(b) Not yet known.

**Milk/Industrial milk**

516. Mr P A MYBURGH asked the Minister of Agriculture:

(a) What was the producer's price of (i) milk and (ii) industrial milk as at 1 June 1986 and (b) what price increases have come into effect in respect of each category since that date?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE:

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# Athlone blitz nets 99 suspects

By CHRIS STEYN

NINETY-NINE people were arrested yesterday morning in a 6½-hour police blitz in the Athlone police district which includes black and coloured townships.

Those arrested were wanted by police in connection with various charges including murder, armed robbery, rape, assault and theft.

Police said the majority were known to the police and had been hunted in connection with the alleged offences for some time.

A task force under the command of Colonel J J C Niehaus, the district criminal investigations officer for Athlone, conducted the raid but police would not say how many men were involved in it.

They moved into the area at 11.30pm on Tuesday night and completed the operation soon after 6am yesterday.

Col Niehaus described the "crime prevention" operation as "very successful".

The suspects were taken to Athlone police station for further questioning and fingerprinting.

Police said those arrested in connection with serious crimes would appear in court soon. Others arrested for minor offences had been released.

No unlicensed firearms or suspected stolen goods were recovered during the raid.

# Squad

# to fight muggers

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By JOHN VAN DER LINDEN  
Crime Reporter

**THE police have formed a special squad to fight muggers, bag-snatchers and car thieves in the city.**

The announcement of the 25-man crime prevention squad was made yesterday.

The squad will patrol the streets of central Cape Town in plainclothes and unmarked cars.

The announcement of the new squad, which will assist the normal police patrols in the area, was made yesterday by Western Cape Divisional Police headquarters.

The operation is being co-ordinated by two senior police officers and members of the public have been asked to report any incidents or suspicious persons to either Colonel T Dewhurst at ☎ 45-3111 or Major H Geldenhuys at ☎ 45-1096.

A police spokesman, Lieutenant Attie Laubscher, explained that the decision was prompted by a sharp increase in daylight crimes and muggings in the city centre which followed a slacker period when crime had decreased considerably.

## Culprits operate in pairs

He said the new squad would patrol in civilian dress both on foot and in unmarked vehicles and would in particular be watching out for bag-snatchers, muggers and peddlers of "bargain" watches and jewellery who were having a field day during the holiday season.

Most of the culprits operating in town moved around in pairs or larger gangs and preyed mainly on lone and elderly people, he said.

In many incidents where tourists and local residents were held up they were stabbed despite the fact that they did not resist or fight back.

Only last month:

□ A 76-year-old Frenchman, Mr Marc Machel, was robbed of R200 cash by five men on the corner of Adderley and Castle streets.

□ A 69-year-old man, Mr E de Silva, was robbed of a wallet containing R120 cash.

□ A 55-year-old man, Mr Leonard Taylor, was robbed of his watch by five youths in front of his Tamboers Kloof home.

□ An 83-year-old woman, Mrs Lillian Williams, was robbed of her handbag containing R100 by a youth who attacked her in the lift of her flat block.

□ A 24-year-old man, Mr E Alberts, was held up by two men in Hope Street who escaped with cash and jewellery worth R4 800.

□ A visitor to Cape Town, Mr Edward Inett, was robbed of R350 cash at knife-point in Adderley Street.

□ Earlier this month, a city physician, Dr Norman Shapiro, was mugged in Castle Street and stabbed in the arm.

Last year several members of the public made appeals for a stronger police presence in Cape Town and talks between senior police officials and members of the city council followed.

# R12m worth of vehicles were stolen in PE last year

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By JOHANN NEL  
Crime Reporter

VEHICLES valued at more than R12-million were stolen in Port Elizabeth last year.

This was twice the figure for the previous year, when the total value of vehicles stolen in the city was R5,695 million.

And, according to Major Eddie Everson, police liaison officer for the Eastern Cape, about 60% of those responsible for or involved in car thefts are under the age of 18 years and some were as young as nine years.

This figure was arrived at statistically and was not based on estimates, he said.

"The involvement of these youngsters ranges

from lending assistance to car thieves to carrying out thefts entirely on their own," he said.

During 1985, a total of 1 572 vehicles was stolen. Of this number, police recovered 779.

The highest number of thefts (172) was recorded in November of that year. Only 48 vehicles were recovered in the same month.

The picture changed dramatically last year, when thieves made off with 2 422 vehicles. A total of 1 579 of these vehicles were recovered.

Major Everson said most vehicles recovered by police were either badly damaged, completely gutted or totally stripped.

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# Special squad busts 94 in city

By CHRIS STEYN

THE SAP's special "mugger-buster" undercover squad — formed after a spate of robberies in the central business district — has arrested 94 people in its first week of operations.

Alleged muggers, bag-snatchers, car thieves and escapees have been picked up in the most intensive crime-prevention exercise ever launched in the city.

And last night the members of the squad were congratulated by Brigadier Nick Acker, the Divisional CID chief for the Peninsula. He said the large number of arrests had proved how effective the squad was.

"We strive to make Cape Town a safe city for everybody," he said.

This special 30-man squad was formed after a sharp increase in daylight crimes and muggings in the city centre since the beginning of the year.

Members of the public have been asked to report any incidents or suspicious people to either Colonel T. Dewhurst at 45-3111 or Major H. Geldenhuys at 45-1096.

# SEX CRIMES ON POLICE BUSES

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By JOHANN NEL  
Crime Reporter

**POLICE** are cracking down hard on sexual harassment of women on buses following the latest in what police believe could be a series of attacks on young women passengers.

Major Eddie Everson, SA Police liaison officer for the Eastern Cape, said police were aware of unreported incidents of young women being allegedly molested and sexually harassed on buses.

He appealed to women who had been subjected to sexual harassment, attempted robbery and crimen injuria on PE's buses, to contact the police.

The appeal follows the arrest early today of a 36-year old man by the East Cape Murder and Robbery Squad in connection with the assault and attempted robbery

of a 24-year-old UPE student.

According to the police, the student boarded a bus for Summerstrand at the Market Square at 7.40am yesterday.

En route a man allegedly tried to kiss and fondle her before attempting to rob her of her bag.

He also allegedly

swore at her, grabbed her and held her down when she attempted to move away.

A passenger came to her assistance and threatened to beat up the molester if he did not leave the woman alone.

Early this morning, members of the East Cape Murder and Robbery Squad, led by Captain Kobus Jonker, arrested a man after detectives observed bus stops en route to UPE. A man is expected to appear in court soon.

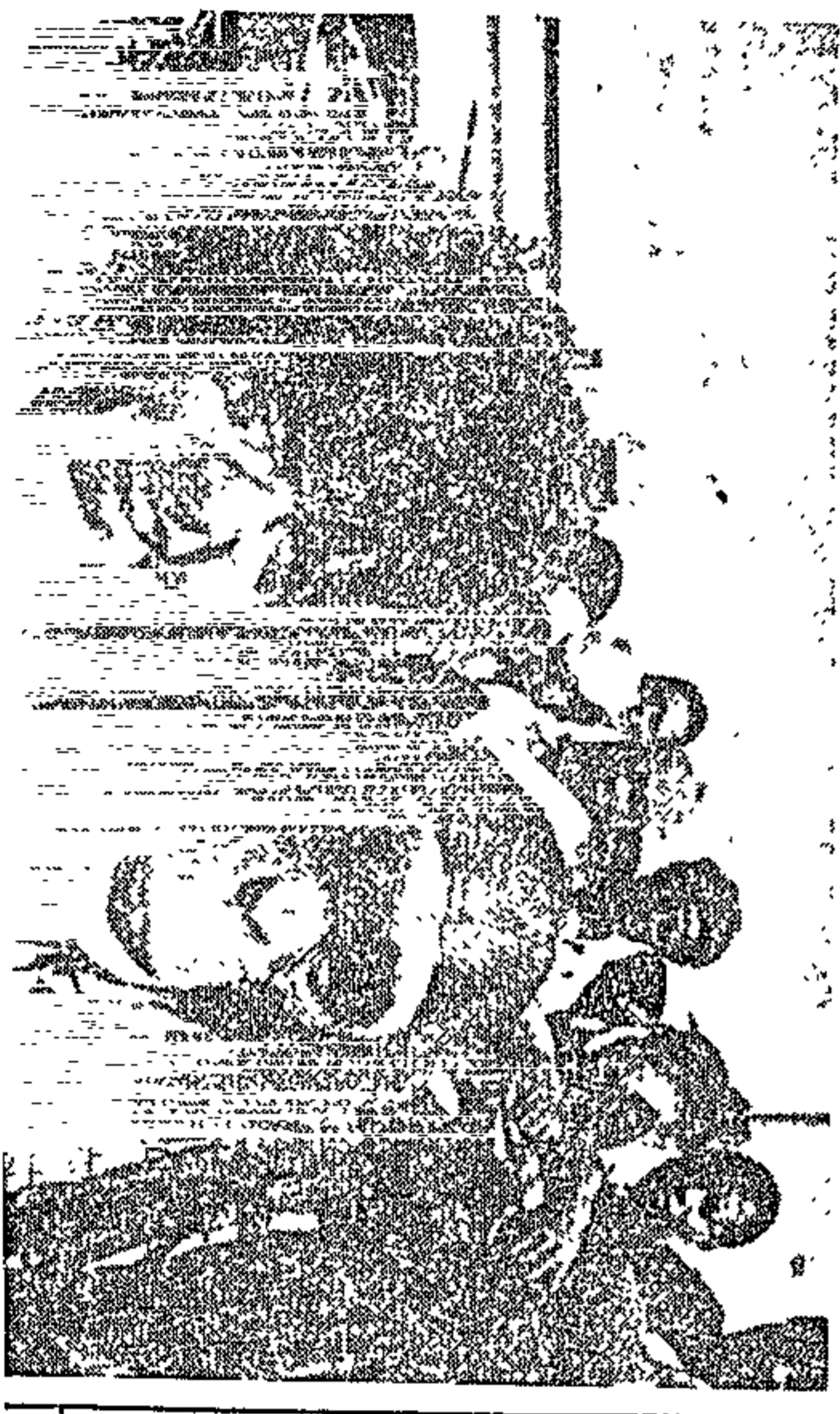
Major Everson said police were aware of other incidents in which women were molested and attempts made to rob them.

Anyone who may have been victimised in this manner is asked to contact Capt Jonker during office hours at 34-1626. All information will be treated confidentially.

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A Cape Times investigation

# Undercover war on crime

A GAME is being played out in deadly earnest every day in the streets and alleys of this, one of the most beautiful cities in the world.

There, 25 men — dressed like holiday-makers and shoppers — move slowly among the crowds of Cape Town.

But they are not on holiday. And their shopping bags don't contain bargains.

They are undercover policemen hunting the city's robbers, muggers, handbag-snatchers and shoplifters.

One of them is Warrant Officer Adriaan Barkhuisen.

His men call him "Warrant". His informers call him "Mr Barkie" or "Portie". The street children call him "Sarge".

He has patrolled the streets for more than 20 years. Now he is leading the city's special "mugger-buster" squad, which has arrested nearly 150 people since its inception just 10 days ago.

He is proud of the squad's successes, but Warrant Officer Barkhuisen is as intolerant of arrogance among his own men as he is of lawlessness.

When he noticed that a gun carried by one of the squad's members visibly bulging under his sweater during street patrols, he shouted: "I don't want any Rambos on the team. Get yourself a smaller gun."

A special, if curious, relationship also exists between him, the hunter, and the city's criminals he hunts.

When we visited a shebeen in the Bo-Kaap, Warrant Officer Barkhuisen was severely scolded for taking a member of the press to a "smokkelhuis".

"How dare you bring these people here, Barkie?" said the shebeen queen.

## REPORT: Chris Steyn

Then she turned to him and asked in a serious tone of voice: "Have you caught that Oranjezicht rapist yet?"

"No, we are still looking for him," he said. "Bring me an identikit," she said finally.

And at the bottom of Long Street one of his informers — possibly one of the ugliest strollers in the city — proposed marriage.

"Apartheid is out. When are you going to marry me Portie?" she shouted and laughed a deep toothless laugh.

Back on the Parade in front of the City Hall, four masculine-looking women rearrange the wares at their stall. But that is not the main source of their income.

Because across the road, at a well-known hotel, men have started to arrive for an evening in the pub. The women are waiting.

They are all members of a lesbian gang of robbers who concentrate on the regulars at one the city's seediest hotels... men who will be too drunk to identify them afterwards or too embarrassed to press charges.

I soon realised that the Parade was also an informer's paradise. Warrant Officer Barkhuisen was looking for a young woman whose lover, "Skeleton", was stabbed to death by her husband while the two were enacting their passion in the hills.

The husband was arrested, but she was still being sought as a State witness. They had received information that she had gone to ground and was living with another man in Claremont.

All attempts to trace her had been fruitless. Until

## PICTURES: Alan Taylor

Warrant Officer Barkhuisen spoke to one of the regulars on the Parade.

"Where is \*\*\*\*?" he asked casually. "The informer burst out laughing. "They picked her up last night. R30 rand or 30 days for drunken and disorderly behaviour," she told him.

He slowly lifted his blue "shopping bag" to his face and spoke into it. "Sergeant \*\*\*\* is looking for \*\*\*\*. Tell her she was picked up drunk last night," he said.

On the other side of the square two other "mugger busters" pick up a suspect.

He, together with dozens of other suspected muggers and drunks, is taken back to Caledon Square. There, in a big wooden-floored room, also called "The Parade", they queue to have their fingerprints taken.

The fingerprints are fed into a computer which, within two to three minutes, supplies the police with the suspect's real name, his previous convictions and information on whether he is being sought in connection with other crimes anywhere else in the country.

Meanwhile, more suspects are being brought in and eventually "The Parade" room looks like the set of "Hill Street Blues".

A "blind" suspect escapes three times from the room and hides outside. A police officer plays "judge" and holds a "mock court".

He "sentences" a hysterically laughing suspect to death for loitering. Another one gets 15 years' hard labour. He tells a young woman that her "old age" had been taken into account as an extenuating

circumstance and that she is free to go. Eventually every suspect in the room is laughing. The tension is broken.

Many of the suspects who have been picked up in the past week, have known Warrant Officer Barkhuisen since they were "little strollers".

"I brought that one up," he said pointing to a young man who started his life of crime as a runaway kid.

Even now, he has a very close relationship with the dozens of homeless children who live and sleep in the streets.

Whenever they see him, they shout "hallo Sarge" and wave wildly.

Sometimes he burns the thinnest-soaked cloths they hold to their faces. Other times he gives them first aid, stitching up wounds or checking old injuries. Mostly he just buys them fruit.

At the end of each shift the "mugger busters" squeeze into Warrant Officer Barkhuisen's small office where the dominant feature is a huge framed picture of Josef Stalin.

"Do you know why that picture is on the wall?" he asked.

"He is great inspiration to my men," he said watching my reaction closely.

"When they work long days, 16-hour shifts; when they tire of walking 30 kilometres a day; they look at that picture. And instead of blaming the police force, they blame him and get on with the job," he said.

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One of the "little strollers" tries to save a plastic bottle stuffed with thinners-soaked rags which was set alight by Warrant Officer Barkhuisen.



Two members of the squad take a suspect's fingerprints.



Warrant Officer Barkhuisen hands out fruit to the "little strollers".



A member of the "mugger-busters" arrests a suspect on the Grand Parade.

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# One assault every seven hours in PE

By **PATRICK CULL**  
Political Correspondent

ONE assault every seven hours was reported at police stations in Port Elizabeth between July 1, 1985, and June 30, 1986, the Minister of Law and Order Minister, Mr Adriaan Vlok, has revealed.

Replying to a written question from the MP for Port Elizabeth Central, Mr John Malcomess, the Minister disclosed that during the period — the latest for which statistics are available — there had been 503 cases reported of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm and 792 of common assault.

The four police stations in the PE district are Walmer, Kabega Park, New Law Courts and Louis le Grange Square.

The Minister told Mr Malcomess that during the same period 80 murders had been reported at the four stations, 43 cases of culpable homicide, 102 of rape and 357 of robbery.

Mr Vlok stated that four vehicles or bicycles had been reported stolen every day — a total of 2 298 — while there had been 810 incidents of damage to property and 3 579 of housebreaking with intent to steal or theft.

Replying to another



**Mr ADRIAAN VLOK**  
Law and Order Minister



**Mr J MALCOMESS**  
PFP MP, PE Central

question from the MP for Albany, Mr E K Moorcroft, the Minister said 199 cases of murder had been reported to police in the East London district.

The EL district stretches from Kei Mouth in the east to Kidds Beach in the west and in the north, to Stutterheim. It includes Duncan Village but excludes Mdantsane.

Mr Vlok said that during the same period 132 cases of culpable homicide had been reported, 1 231 of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, 1 229 of common assault, 222 of rape and 459 of

robbery.

A total of 1 044 vehicles and bicycles were reported stolen during the period, while there had been 903 cases of damage to property and 4 062 of housebreaking with intent to steal and theft.

Commenting on the figures, the Minister said increases in crime could mainly be ascribed to the economic recession and the resulting unemployment.

In addition there had been "abuse by criminal elements of unrest situations to commit crime", he claimed.





Two "little strollers"... she (left) is nine and a prostitute. He shares her prospects of a dim future.

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Picture: ALAN TAYLOR

# Mother city hosts child prostitution

By CHRIS STEYN

**SHE** is nine years old. She is a prostitute. And she is one of at least 500 homeless children who live and sleep in the city's streets. She runs in a pack of about 14 other "little strollers". They tease her and refer to her soliciting as "catching bunnies". But she is not the only one — many of these children have taken to prostitution to finance their drug addiction. Takings can top R30 a night. You'll find the children on the Parade or

at the station or under the fly-over in the docklands, clutching torn and thinnerness-soaked cloths to their faces. "Why are you doing it," I asked one. "We are suffering. We are suffering," he said almost incoherently. **Going undercover — Page 5:** Next to him stood another "little stroller" who was almost bald. Premature hair loss is one of the side-effects of glue-sniffing and bad eating habits. One of the prettiest "little strollers" in the group, is thirteen. He has a "sugar mommy".

"Is it true that you have a sugar mommy?" I asked him. "Yes," he said. He told me where she lived and said that she had looked after him well. But when I asked him what she did to him when they were alone he looked away and kept quiet. The Cape Times this week spent 48 hours with the police's special "mugger buster" squad. We discovered that just under the surface of the holiday fun and the glamour of this seaside city, a sad and seedy world exists. It hosts many sophisticated criminals. And it hosts the "little strollers".

PHOTOGRAPH BY ALAN TAYLOR

# Recovered stolen goods will be listed on police register

By JOHANN NEL  
Crime Reporter

POLICE in the Eastern Cape have introduced a central register in which all goods believed to be stolen, but not yet claimed, will be entered for purposes of identification by the public.

Major Eddie Everson, police liaison officer for the Eastern Cape, said there were many items found by the police which had not been identified or claimed by the owners.

"We are also concerned about many people who are uninsured and, as a result of theft, lose prized possessions because they do not know that we have found the goods," he said.

If these goods are not claimed within six months, they are forfeited

to the State and sold by public auction.

"In order to prevent this happening, we have the register. It will make things easier for the public and for us," he said.

Among the goods entered in the register so far are:

● A green paddleski with the number 201 spraypainted on it and a large lifesaver's reel and rope. These items, held by the Swartkops Police, were found abandoned near St Georges Strand on March 2. They also have two green garden hoses.

Lieutenant Flip de Lange can be contacted at ☎ 662168 during office hours.

● Walmer police have a black NAD stereo cassette player with serial

number 6050C, a NAD AM/FM stereo tuner and a silver-coloured Sony automatic turntable from which the serial number has been removed.

An engraved, gold locket, a Star of David, a golden earring and a silver Australian coin, in which a hole has been punched, are also being held by the Walmer Police.

Captain Donald Prinsloo can be contacted at ☎ 514032 during office hours.

● Algoa Park police have a National Panasonic cassette player in a cardboard box. This item was found in a flat in the suburb on March 3.

Lieutenant Gerrie Vermaak can be contacted at ☎ 422400 during

office hours.

● Bethelsdorp police have 12 plastic bowls, a paint roller and paint tray, nine small plastic bowls, 14 hot water flasks, 50 plastic mugs, 20 flour sieves, nine tea sieves, a refuse bin, 40 breadbins, two can openers, 18 large and 18 small plates.

These goods were found in a house in Bethelsdorp on February 26. Lt J Boyley can be contacted during office hours at ☎ 815814.

● Kabega Park police have a Telefunken Microtec television set and six speakers. These items were found in a house in Pari Park on March 5.

Lt J van der Sandt can be contacted at ☎ 306727 during office hours.



# The terrorists of Hanover Park

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POLICE have released identikit pictures of two men they believe responsible for the reign of terror at a Hanover Park retirement complex and the murder of a 71-year-old woman.

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Police said the two men had been seen by a number of people.

The man on the left is 1,64m tall and slender with tattoos on arms and chest. The other man is in his mid-20s and be-



tween 1,52m and 1,8m tall.

Anyone with informa-

tion is asked to contact Detective Sergeant Johan Willemse at 73-4450.

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meeting of gangs on Sunday to discuss the attacks.

Mr Thomas said gang members would meet at St Dominiques Church at 3pm on Sunday.

"We want to ask the gangs to help protect the elderly as it seems that this has been the work of loners and outsiders with no direct gang support," Mr Thomas said.

Among the many gangs operating in the area are the Candy State Kids, Vultures, NGKs, 7Ups, Americans, Mongrels, Scorpions, Back Street State Boys, Park Boys, Mama's Children and Wildcats.

Meanwhile police patrols have been stepped up and bush near the complex cleared.

A city council spokesman said yesterday that a security firm had offered to provide a guard free of charge.

The Deputy City Planner, Mr Neville Riley, said he had discussed the matter with the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture, Mr David Curry.

He said fencing and razortape would be set up on the perimeter of the complex and safety doors and burglar bars would be fitted to the homes. The total cost was estimated between R10 000 to R12 000.

Mr Riley said the council was also looking at the security requirements at four or five other old-age homes in the area as well as that at a new complex being built at Bonteheuwel.

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# Police act to relieve plight of 'strollers'

By CHRIS STEYN

POLICE have launched an investigation into drug abuse and prostitution among the city's "little strollers".

A police spokesman yesterday confirmed that an officer of the Narcotics Branch had been appointed to investigate crimes involving street children.

Brigadier Nick Acker, the Divisional CID Chief, ordered the investigation following an article in the Cape Times which disclosed that girls as young as nine years old earned up to R30 a night as prostitutes.

The Vice Squad will concentrate on eliminating the use of thinners, glue and petrol among the "little strollers". And they will investigate the incidence of prostitution among young girls as well as boys, some of whom have regular "sugar mommies".

Meanwhile, the Progressive Federal Party's Durbanville candidate, Mrs Beverley Roos, has appealed for more money to be spent on the protection of these children and for tougher penalties for those who abuse them.

"I felt nauseated when reading your story, but it needed to be said," Mrs Roos said.

"I'd like to point out that having sex with a nine-year-old prostitute is statutory rape. That these children need to resort to such atrocious measures to live is a crime against humanity," she said.

"I appeal to all caring women from all communities to write to their city councillors, members of Parliament, and their local judges and magistrates demanding that more money be spent on the protection of communities and tougher sentencing for those who abuse the most vulnerable — chil-

dren, the aged, and women alone at home," Mrs Roos said.

In another development, the chairman of the Mustardseed Faith Mission, Mr John Delpert, has appealed for donations and volunteers to assist the organization in the rehabilitation of "little strollers".

Mr Delpert has already applied to the City Council to make available land to the mission to build a haven for the "little strollers".

"What we ultimately need is a centre where the children can be cleaned up and rehabilitated. Those who respond can then be sent on to a farm where they can learn arts and crafts before being returned to bachelors' quarters or to their homes," he said.

Mr Delpert, who has been involved in the rehabilitation of "little strollers" since 1981, said: "They are not duds. They are only kids who have not had love."

The Mustardseed Faith Mission will:

Search for, remove from the streets and take in poor, needy, uncontrollable and deviant youths;

Provide them with housing, food and clothes;

Return them to school and church; and

Integrate them back into society, preparing them for return to their parental homes.

The mission urgently needs:

A place where the children can meet and sleep;

Volunteer workers; and

Donations of clothing, food, bunks and bedding.

Anybody who can help, should contact Mr Delpert at telephone number 637-7673 or Mr Ashley Theron at 71-5057.

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# Peninsula has world's highest crime figures

By CHRIS ERASMUS

THE assault and homicide rates in the Peninsula are the highest per capita in the world and make Chicago and Singapore "look like nursery-school outings", says Dr J W van der Spuy of the University of Cape Town.

Dr Van der Spuy yesterday introduced a session of the 55th Congress of the Medical Association of South Africa, dealing with the handling of trauma patients before their admission to hospital.

He said that at the current level of conflict on the country's borders, it would take 130 years at least to match the number of deaths which occurred each year on South Africa's roads.

Dr Alan MacMahon, consultant in

charge of the Western Province emergency services centre and chief of the ambulance rescue service, presented figures of ambulance cases to illustrate his talk on "On-site Assessment and Transportation".

In all, 83 761 patients were conveyed by Provincial ambulances last year, he said. More than 50 300 of these cases were assault victims and nearly 19 000 motor vehicle accident victims.

In Cape Town alone, 39 707 patients were conveyed by ambulance — including almost 23 000 assault victims and more than 9 400 accident victims, he said.

The vast majority of assault cases in the Western Cape — perhaps as many as 90% — were stabbings.

There was a very definite limit to the extent of treatment that could be given to

trauma cases in the pre-hospital phase. This was due to it being impractical to carry out sophisticated treatment at the roadside, where the first priority was to stabilize the patient for transport to hospital, said Dr MacMahon.

"We do not yet have all the answers, but we are making progress, with more patients reaching hospitals in a better condition than ever before," he said.

In answer to a question on the usefulness of the emergency telephone system along the national roads, Dr MacMahon said the system worked — 11 000 calls had been received over the system last year, of which about 95% were non-emergencies.

"I believe the system has made a major improvement, particularly in responding to incidents like accidents," he said.

# Attacks on old age home: Police hold two

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## Crime Reporter

TWO Hanover Park men were arrested early yesterday morning in connection with the murder and assaults of Hanover Park pensioners at the weekend.

The arrest of the two men, aged 24 and 21, followed round-the-clock investigations by a team of Philippi detectives, led by Detective Sergeant J J Willemse.

Murdered Mrs Maria Barnes, 71, of Ryburg Terrace, was found in a pool of blood in her kitchen on Monday morning. Next to her was Mrs Margareth Jacobs, 73, her blind friend, who lay battered and bleeding.

On Saturday afternoon the body of 63-year-old Mr Wilfred Roland Arendze was found nearby in his house, 2 Groenall Walk, and on Saturday morning an elderly couple at the Ryburg Terrace complex were at-

tacked with an axe. The men were arrested at two different homes soon after 4am yesterday, "not too far" from both Ryburg Terrace and Groenall Walk, where the murders and assaults had been committed, a police spokesman said yesterday.

The attacks come at a time when police, who have identified various crime "hot spots" in the Peninsula, are busy negotiating for a police station in both Hanover Park and Bonteheuvel.

In January this year senior police officials contacted the City Council to find suitable premises at which to open temporary police stations in the two areas.

Yesterday a police spokesman said the police were also considering the possible upgrading of the temporary police stations at Nyanga and Khayelitsha to fully-fledged stations.

# Burglars arrested after tip-off from housewife

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By JOHANN NEL  
Crime Reporter

QUICK action by an alert housewife today led to the red-handed arrest in a Walmer house of two men whom police suspect are responsible for a series of recent burglaries in Port Elizabeth and Uitenhage.

Major Eddie Everson, SA Police liaison officer for the Eastern Cape, said the woman, who made an anonymous call to the Walmer police, informed them that two men who had come to her house asking for work, had "disappeared" into a neighbouring house.

The Villiers Road house was surrounded by police and two men were arrested inside by Constable Bielle van

Zyl.

Major Everson said police were investigating the possibility that the two men were connected with six cases of house-breaking in Uitenhage and four in PE.

"We believe that their *modus operandi* was to knock on doors asking for work. If nobody opened the door, they broke into the house," he said.

He said police also believed that other groups of people were using the same method in other suburbs.

"We want to bring this fact to the attention of the public and, at the same time, warn them to be extremely cautious when approached for work, food, bus fare or any reason whatever by people off the streets."

# Be on alert when answering knocks on doors, police warn

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## Crime Reporter

POLICE yesterday warned the public to be extremely cautious when approached by strangers seeking work, food, clothing, bus fares or any other form of assistance.

The warning came after several arrests this week of people police say knocked on doors during the day simply to establish if anyone was at home.

"If there is no response, they burgle the house," said Major Eddie Everson, SA Police liaison officer for the Eastern Cape.

He said two of those arrested were connected to 10 burglaries — six in Uitenhage and four in Port Elizabeth.

During an incident on February 19, Mrs Magdalena Ferreira was as-

saulted and robbed of a firearm in her Warbler Street, Cotswold, house when she allegedly surprised a man in the house.

The man apparently broke into the woman's house when she did not answer a knock on her door.

A man and his alleged female accomplice was arrested and a firearm allegedly taken from Mrs Ferreira recovered.

Two other men were arrested in Walmer on Tuesday after they knocked on a door of a house in Villiers Road and told a woman there they wanted work.

"When turned away, they went to a neighbouring house where they also knocked on the door. Getting no reply, they allegedly broke into the house.



# MP in Ciskei about Watson

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By MICHEL DESMIDT

MR JOHN MALCOMESS, the MP for Port Elizabeth Central, is to meet an official of the Ciskei Ministry of Police today in connection with the detention in the Ciskei of Mr Ronnie Watson and Mr Archie Mkele.

Meanwhile, the head of the Ciskei security police today confirmed in a telex to a lawyer acting for the Watson family that the two have been detained in terms of Section 26 of the Internal Security Act.

Mr Watson is being held at the Vulidlela police station at Mdantsane and Mr Mkele at the prison there.

They have been in detention since Friday when

they were held by a group of unidentified men after attending the trial at Bisho of their close friend, the Reverend Arnold Stofile, who faces charges of terrorism, possessing arms and harbouring terrorists.

Mr Malcomess said before leaving for East London today that he would return to Bisho tomorrow if he was able to arrange a meeting with President Lennox Sebe.

Attempts to see Mr Sebe and the Minister of Police failed today, and Mr Malcomess said he had had no further contact with South African Government officials since speaking to the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs in charge of African Affairs, Mr Kobus Meiring, on Saturday.

Earlier, Mr Malcomess said he would maintain pressure on Mr Meiring and the South African Ambassador to Ciskei, Mr Christiaan van Aardt, to secure the release of the two men.

● Mr Ronnie Watson and his brothers, Dan and Valence, were tried earlier this year on charges of fraud, attempted murder and arson.

Of the three, only Mr Valence was convicted for fraud and arson and received an effective sentence of 2½ years. He is out on bail pending an appeal.

# Police ask for aid in solving crimes

By JOHANN NEL  
Crime Reporter

PORT ELIZABETH police today appealed to the public to assist in a number of investigations in connection with various crimes, ranging from public indecency to fraud.

The SA Police liaison officer for the Eastern Cape, Captain Peet Grobler, said police were looking for a man aged about 32, who allegedly tried to drag a 11-year-old schoolgirl into his vehicle in Sydenham on February 28.

The man, of whom police have compiled an identikit picture, is alleged to have exposed himself indecently to the young girl and five of her friends in Grahamstown Road opposite Eastern Cape Motors.

Anyone who can help should contact Detective-Sergeant Wilson at



The man depicted in this identikit picture is wanted by police in connection with public indecency.

☎ 343434 extension 2137 during office hours, or at ☎ 305158 at home.

● Algoa Park detectives are seeking information about the whereabouts of Mr Ernest Reuben Murphy, 56, formerly of 50 Errol Drive,

Framesby.

It is alleged that Mr Murphy paid for goods with a R67,56 dud cheque.

A warrant for his arrest was issued on January 30. Anyone with any information which can help the police should contact Detective-Constable De Lange at ☎ 422400 during office hours or ☎ 421437 at home.

● Louis le Grange Square detectives are seeking information which will lead to the recovery of goods stolen from Grey Junior School on January 16 and February 11.

The stolen goods were a National VHS Video recorder, an AC National adaptor, and a national video "turner-timer".

Anyone with information should contact Det-Sgt McLeod at ☎ 343434 extension 2168, or at ☎ 332924 after hours.

# Don't be victims, police warn elderly

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## Crime Reporter

ELDERLY people are prime targets for muggers, bag snatchers, thieves, burglars and robbers, police warn.

They said that as the number of elderly people increased, more and more would be attacked unless steps were taken to arrest the trend. And elderly people themselves had a role in this.

The police warning came after the body of a wealthy spinster, Miss Erna Becker, 80, who had been bound and gagged, was found this week in the lounge of her Tamboerskloof home by her great-niece Mrs Susan Geyer.

Miss Becker's death was the latest in a series of murders and assaults on old people in the Western and Southern Cape this year.

## "Council gang"

In Cape Town many have been attacked by the "council workers" gang — who dress as council workers to "case" their targets' homes.

A police spokesman said defenceless elderly people had to realise that they presented an invitation to criminal who wanted to achieve their goals with the least risk or resistance.

"The absolutely dependent, sickly or invalid elderly person who is cared for and nursed by others is not so much a problem as the relatively healthy and strong one who can still move about and live alone," the spokesman said.

"A special appeal is made to these people to take measures to reduce their vulnerability."

A policewoman offered tips for elderly people living alone:

- They should protect windows with burglar bars or special window handle locks available commercially.

Many windows could be made safe by merely drilling a hole on the inside through the frame of the part which opened and into the outer frame and then placing a steel rod in the hole when the window was closed.

Particular care should be taken to safeguard toilet and bathroom windows because they were usually near drainpipes which could be climbed.

She warned that people should not sleep with open windows unless they were burglar barred or inaccessible.

"And don't underestimate the cat burglar," she said.

- Better quality locks should be used on outside doors and care should be taken that hinges were not vulnerable from outside.

An excellent added security measure was an additional grille gate.

Sliding bolts, door chains and peepholes on outside doors also ensured greater security.

However, care had to be taken that the equipment was installed correctly. A senior police officer said this week that during the recent investigation of a crime, it was found that a chain lock could be unhooked from the outside when the door was open because it had been installed badly.

- All strangers should be asked to identify themselves before being allowed into a home.

"Most officials carry identification cards. Get them to show you these," the police liaison officer said. "Don't be taken in by strangers who offer to do odd jobs in your home. If you are at all in doubt, ask them to come back with a neighbour or if you live in a block of flats, the caretaker."

## Valuables

- Various alarms were available but some were expensive, unreliable and not backed by a maintenance service, the spokesman said.

But panic buttons could be installed which, when pressed, set off a siren.

"Remember that noise is one of the burglar's greatest enemies."

If such a system was installed, neighbours should be warned so they could take action.

- "When you go out at night, lock everything properly and switch on outside lights, and a few inside, to act as a deterrent. This will also protect you when you arrive home," the spokeswoman said.

- Don't keep large sums of money at home and place valuables not in regular use in safe custody.

- Don't put your names on gate posts or letter boxes.

"Many housebreakers first phone to make sure that nobody is at home. Once they have your name, your telephone number is easy to trace," the spokeswoman said.

- Remain calm and pretend to be asleep if you waken at night and find an intruder on the premises.

"Don't try to confront the intruder and don't panic. Phone for help as soon as the immediate danger has passed," the policewoman said.

## Second attack in four days

# Gang kick, batter city woman, 74

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By **STEPHEN WROTTESELEY**, Crime Reporter  
AN elderly woman was kicked and battered by a gang of men when she opened a security gate at her Tamboerskloof flat to give them a glass of water.

Miss Isabel Hofmeyer, 74, is in hospital today following the latest in a spate of attacks on middle-aged and elderly people in the area.

Police believe the attacks are the work of the notorious "City Council Gang" and have warned elderly people to take special precautions against intruders.

Detectives are waiting for Miss Hofmeyer to recover enough to give them a description of her attackers. They believe the attackers also tried to strangle her with a stocking.

The attack on Miss Hofmeyer yesterday was the second on an elderly woman in Tamboerskloof in four days.

On Sunday, wealthy Miss Erna Becker, 80, of Upper Union Street was murdered by an intruder. She was found dead in the lounge of her double-storey home on Monday.

Signs of yesterday's assault were visible today in the stairwell outside Miss Hofmeyer's flat. Blood was spattered nearly two metres up the walls.



An identikit picture of a gang-member.

Police say Miss Hofmeyer answered a knock at the front door of her Kloof Street flat about 2.15pm. Three men asked for water.

Miss Hofmeyer fetched a glass and opened the security gate. The men asked for more water and attacked her as she turned to fetch it.

Police say the men kicked and hit her. She was pulled on to the steps outside her flat and repeatedly hit. She appeared to have lost a lot of blood.

The gang searched the flat and found Miss Hofmeyer's invalid sister, Catherine, 66, inside.

Police said Miss Catherine Hofmeyer screamed and one of the men covered her face with clothes. She collapsed and could not get up.



Picture: Dana le Roux, The Argus

**Detective Constable H Brummer brushes the front door of Miss Isabel Hofmeyer's flat for fingerprints.**

Continued ↓

The gang took a watch and three rings.  
Detectives and fingerprint experts went to the flat today.

At least four other women have been attacked in the Gardens and Tamboerskloof areas this year.

Detectives have dubbed the attackers the "City Council" gang because in two of the incidents the men wore orange and brown overalls like those worn by City Council workers.

### **Little of value**

In those incidents the men claimed to be collecting Christmas boxes or said they were from the refuse department or the "drains and cockroach division".

In one incident, a man knocked on the door of a woman's home and asked for water after approaching her on a number of occasions. On those occasions he had been wearing a council uniform.

The woman fetched the water and when she returned he attacked her.

In most of the attacks, the robbers have escaped with little of value and investigators say the assaults appeared to be unnecessary.

After earlier attacks by the gang, police warned they had to be caught before someone was killed. They released an indentikit picture of one of the men. Anyone with information can contact Detective Sergeant Neville Bishop at ☎ 25-3844 and page 1518.

● The attack on Miss Hofmeyer is being investigated by Detective Sergeant Sandra Nortman. Anyone with information can contact her at ☎ 45-3003.

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# Beach incident: Policeman faces assault charge

Capt Tim 13/4/87  
Staff Reporter

A CHARGE of assault has been laid against an off-duty Muizenberg policeman after an apparent racial incident at Sunrise Circle in the early hours of yesterday morning.

A police spokesman yesterday confirmed that the charge had been laid but declined to give the name of the policeman. Another man has apparently been charged with him.

The charge was laid by Miss Rochelle Thebus, 21, of Lavender Hill, and her friend, Mr Christopher Maart, 26, of Athlone.

Miss Thebus said that soon after midnight yesterday, she and Mr Maart drove to Sunrise Circle, near Muizenberg Beach. A group of people in three vehicles began flashing lights at them, obstructing their way and calling them "hotnots".

Angry words were exchanged and subsequently Miss Thebus and Mr Maart were treated at Victoria Hospital for facial injuries. They reported the incident to the Muizenberg police station and laid a charge of assault against two men.

# Belhar wives scared



A small "army" of Belhar housewives . . . helpless against the invasion of burglars

by CHRIS GUTUZA.

HOUSEWIVES in a section of Belhar are afraid to venture outside during the day.

They are terrified of armed burglars and thieves who have become increasingly brazen and plunder in broad daylight.

The Commerce Circle housewives believe that a syndicate is behind the burglaries.

Many housewives say that youngsters, who go from door to door begging for food, scout for others who then know which houses to burgle.

Scrap and bone collectors also enter properties without permission and take what they want, but the women are too afraid to stop them.

Shocking incidents have been told to SOUTH.

"Last Saturday morning two strange

men sat in the road sharpening knives, seemingly unaware that people were watching them. The next moment one of them nonchalantly walked into my neighbour's yard and rummaged through their car.

"When I shouted at him to get out of the yard he threatened me with the knife" said a housewife.

Another said: "My home was broken into at 11am. My daughter had to flee after a strange man confronted her. He took what he wanted."

One morning Mrs L realised that a stranger was in her backyard. She was alone and scared. The man saw her and ducked behind a car. She locked the backdoor and shouted at the man to leave.

The man stood up and looked at her defiantly. Slowly he climbed over the wall and disappeared. Mrs L found that a number of car parts were

missing. She called another resident, only to learn that the man had just left her neighbour's place after looking for booty despite her protests.

Mrs L's house was also burgled last year. A video recorder and a portable TV was stolen as well as her car.

A watchful resident has foiled many attempts at burglaries by informing housewives when strangers enter their properties. However, in one case she was helpless.

Early one morning she spotted a strange car parked in the circle. "The car moved off to stop at a house close by. Suddenly a number of men appeared from the house and loaded goods into the car and sped off," she said.

Two weeks ago a family went to have supper with relatives. Soon after they had left, burglars almost cleaned the house out. Fortunately, a young

boy noticed that the neighbours' patio was open and told his parents about it, said a resident.

However, the burglars got away with goods valued at more than R3 000, including two TVs, jewellery, a music centre and a camera.

Last week three cars belonging to three neighbours were broken into — one night after the other.

Residents have been plagued by burglars since they moved into the circle more than ten years ago. At one point the men formed a vigilante group which patrolled every night. Burglars were then driven off.

After the vigilantes stopped patrolling the area, the "plague" started again.

The terrified residents blame a vacant site in the circle for their problems.

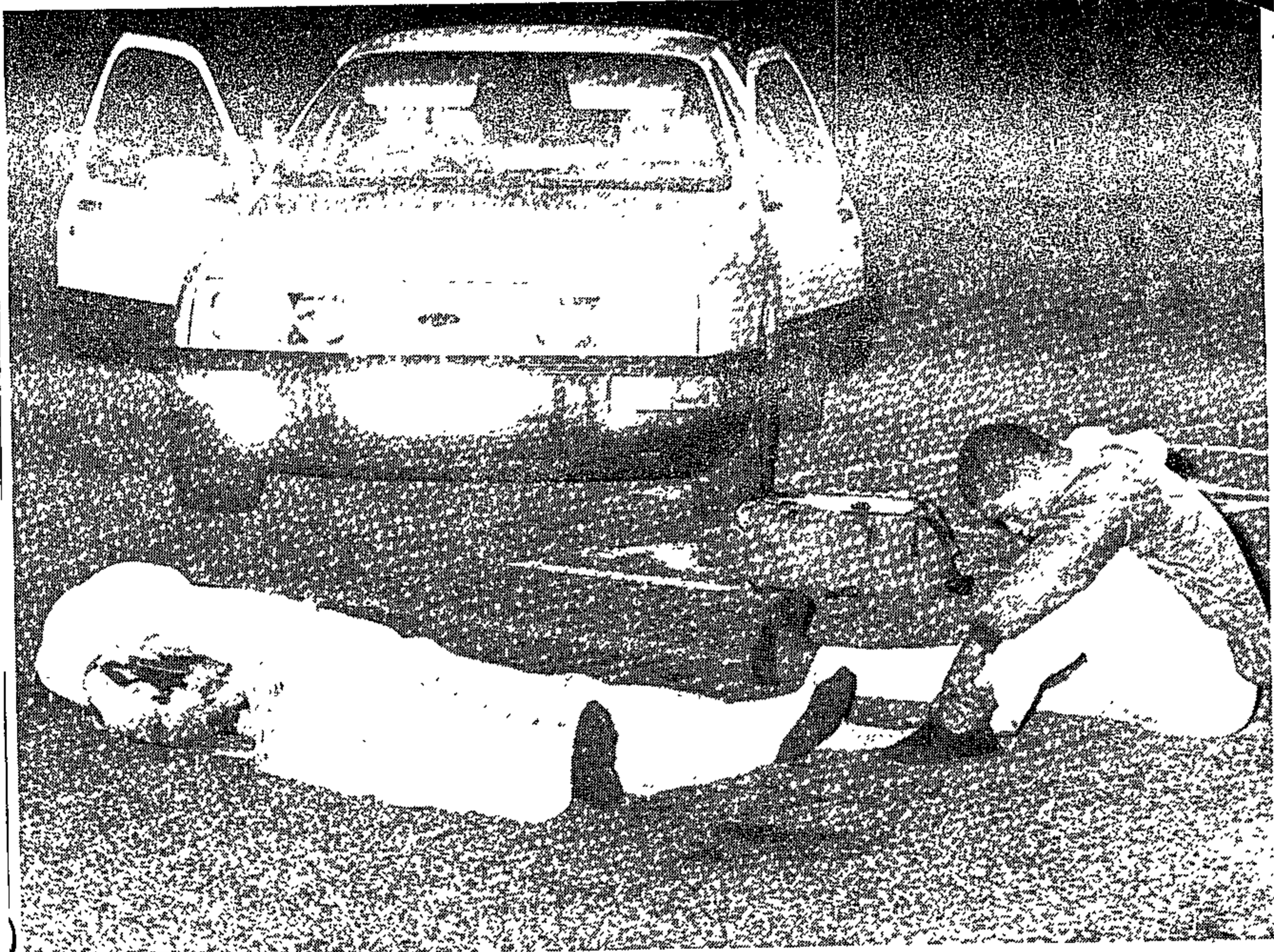
One said: "The open field attracts

unknown people to come here and drink. None of them stay in the area but they are here very often. Some of them prowl around the area for no reason at all."

Housewives said the Divisional Council had promised to erect children's playground on the site when they moved in more than a decade ago. Money towards the playground was included in their deposit.

Mr C H Mocke, secretary of the Divisional Council said: "Various open spaces will be developed shortly". He said it would initially involve "the clearing of bush, the establishment of grassed areas and the provision of playground equipment"

By the time of going to press police had not responded to our request for comment.



Picture: DOUG PITHEY, The Argus.

**SHOCKED:** Mr Terence Lackay sits near the body of the sailor stabbed to death in a parking lot on the Foreshore.

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# Pump attendant shot dead in Philippi service station hold-up



Picture: PETER STANFORD, The Argus.

**GARAGE-KILLING:** Manager Mr Bransby Sompeta at the spot where one of his employees was shot dead during a robbery.

By **STEPHEN WROTTESELEY**  
Crime Reporter

A PETROL pump attendant was shot dead on the forecourt of a Philippi garage today in the latest in a spate of attacks at service stations.

A colleague fled as the gunman fired shots in the air. About R40 was stolen.

A seaman was stabbed to death on the Foreshore last night.

Police said the seaman had not been identified and the name of the attendant would be disclosed when his family had been told.

Robbers have netted nearly R1 000 in six garage hold-ups in the four days. A robbery at a seventh garage was thwarted by police.

Mr Bransby Sompeta, manager of the Thanduxolo Service Station in Lansdowne Road, said the shooting happened about 3.30am.

The garage is opposite Nyanga and close to Crossroads.

Two robbers approached two attendants on duty.

## NIGHTCLUB

The surviving attendant said he saw one of the robbers pushing his colleague, who staggered backwards across the forecourt.

The other robber rushed to join his accomplice and the attendant heard a bang.

The office was looted and R40 was stolen.

The killing on the Foreshore happened just before 10pm.

It is understood the seaman met Mr Terence Lackay, 17, at a city nightclub and asked him to accompany him to his ship in Cape Town docks.

While crossing a parking lot on the Foreshore they were ac-

costed by three men wearing balaclavas. The men threatened them with a knife and demanded money.

Mr Lackay ran for help and saw the seaman being stabbed in the stomach. When he returned the seaman was dead.

A murder docket has been opened. No arrests have been made.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective-Warrant Officer Harold Rossouw at 45 7324.

## EASY CASH

A police spokesman said the spate of attacks on petrol attendants showed robbers viewed garages as a ready source of cash.

● A 7.15pm on Saturday Mr Atwell Mongwana, 37, was approached at the Maitland garage where he worked by three men who threatened him with a gun. The men stole R200.

● At 10pm on Sunday three men robbed Mr David Fredericks of R150 at Klipfontein Motors in Klipfontein Road, Manenberg.

● About 11pm on Sunday Mr Mathews Lonzi, 19, was robbed of two tins of oil by four armed men who attacked him at a Lansdowne garage.

● Mr E Mjole, 45, was attacked by an armed man at an Athlone garage about 3am on Monday and robbed of R100.

● Early yesterday police thwarted a hold-up at a garage in Kenridge after a tip-off.

● At 10.40pm yesterday, Mr Albert Soman, 45, was held up by two armed men at a Surrey Estate garage and robbed of R250.

● Twenty minutes later an attendant at a garage in Voortrekker Road, Kensington, was robbed of R100.



# Fake ECC posters

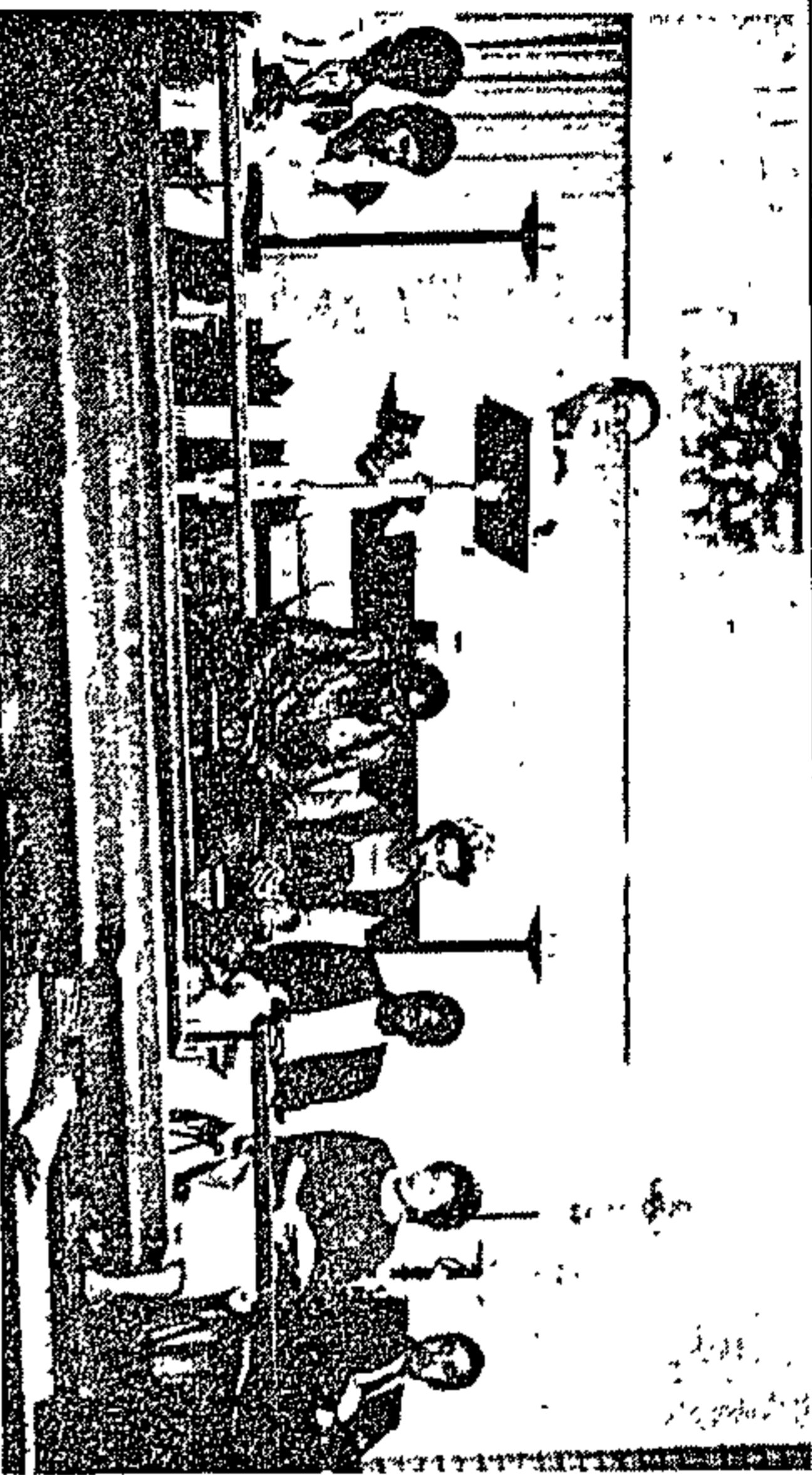


SMEAR posters purporting to be published by the End Conscription Campaign (ECC) have been pasted over authentic ECC National Day of Concern posters.

The fake posters which carry the ECC logo and the words: published by the ECC and printed by Esquire Press have been condemned by the ECC as a "blatant attempt to discredit and undermine its work."

A spokesperson for Esquire Press said they "definitely" did not print the posters.

One poster carries a picture of a soldier holding a rifle and says: "National Day of Mourning for deceased servicemen". The other, which has a picture of a gorilla which looks like a human and a baby with a tyre around its neck, says: "National Day of Mourning for civilians murdered by the ANC".



# Detainees live 'selflessly'

By SAHM VENTER

THE thousands of detainees are people who have lived selflessly so that "you and I could be free", Mr Dullah Omar told a prayer service for detainees on Tuesday.

The advocate told about 400 people at St Dominic's Church in Hanover Park that the "most human" act that they could therefore perform would be to express solidarity for those in detention. The Cape Youth Congress (Cayco) Prayer Service was held for detainees held under emergency regulations and section 29 of the Internal Security Act as well as those charged for political offences and convicted political prisoners.

The slogan "an injury to one is an injury to all" is not an idle principle or an empty slogan, Omar said. "When we see all these trials taking place in our country and all these detentions, then we know we have to live this principle. We should ask ourselves the question, why are there so many treason trials taking place in our country today?"

"It seems to me that when you observe what is happening in our country today, we are all guilty of treason. Maybe the whole of the oppressed should be charged with treason," Omar said. The service was led by Father Michael Weeder of St Timothy's. Other speakers were from Cayco, the Call of Islam and the Detainees Parents' Support Committee.

# Police dispute Belhar crime claim

SOUTH REPORTER

BELHAR residents are amazed at the police's view about crime in their area.

SOUTH reported last week that the "Commerce Circle housewives" of Belhar were so afraid of armed burglars and thieves that they would not venture outside in the day.

Official comment from the Police Public Relations Directorate, which arrived to late for publication, was read to several of the women interviewed for last week's report.

While the police say crime has decreased, residents say the opposite and when police say they are patrolling the area, the residents say they are not.

## Decrease

Police said there had been a marked decrease in crime in Belhar in the last

six months which seemed to indicate "that residents' alleged complaints about lack of police patrols are unfounded".

"It must be remembered though that Belhar is only one area that falls under the control of the Bellville police and it is possible that the area cannot be patrolled as often as one would like," a police spokesman said.

The decrease in crime was attributed by local police to various factors including the very good co-operation between the police and the public and crime hints given through the local media.

They said that approval had been granted for a police station in Belhar but that it was not known when building would start.

"What does one say to that? You can just smile. You can't argue — it's their word against yours," Mrs W said. She said the

increase in crime in her road alone in the last two months, was the reason she had installed burglar alarms and protective doors.

## Fort Knox

"I am living in Fort Knox," she said. "Why I would go to all that trouble and expense if the crime rate was decreasing, I don't know."

Mrs J, who recently had R3 000 worth of goods stolen from her house, suggested the resident's vigilante patrol force of 10 years ago be reinstated. "We don't see any police patrolling around here," she said.

One woman suggested that the police believed crime had decreased as people had not reported every case.

"When you report a crime, they just come and take a statement and you never see or hear from them again. So you never complain."



# PE hospital patient stabs nursing sister

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Crime Reporter

A NURSING sister at the Livingstone Hospital is fighting for her life in the hospital after she was stabbed 11 times with a pocket knife by a patient last night.

At 11pm sister Grace Lipiwana, 53, was helping an asthma sufferer aged 61.

He suddenly had an asthma attack, grabbed her and stabbed her 11 times.

Sister Lipiwana's al-

leged assailant is being treated in the hospital under police guard. An attempted murder docket has been opened.

● In another incident at the hospital, a 49-year-old patient fell to his death through a fourth-floor window early today.

He was Mr Charles Lekata, of Kareedouw, who was admitted yesterday with a chest complaint.

His body was found outside the hospital shortly after 2 am.

# 'Overall gang': Police make three arrests

## Crime Reporter

POLICE believe they have made a breakthrough in their investigations into the activities of the "overall gang" who have plagued residents of the city bowl area since December.

Two men have been arrested in connection with an attack on a domestic worker in March and a third has been held in connection with the attack on Miss Isabel Hofmeyr outside her Kloof Street flat on April 1.

## Elderly women

Police are hunting a fourth man, Mr Francois "Fanie" Hoop, who may be able to assist them in solving four other robberies, two rapes and the killing of Miss Erna Becker, who was found strangled in her upper Union Street home in March.

Since Miss Becker's body was found detectives of the Murder and Robbery Squad have been trying to trace the "overall gang", who wear City Council overalls, go to homes occupied by elderly women

and, after establishing they are alone, assault and rob them.

A number of the victims have been seriously injured.

The breakthrough came on Thursday morning when police swooped on a home in Hanover Park and arrested a 23-year-old man in connection with the attack on a domestic worker in Quarry Hill Road, Tamboerskloof, on March 17.

A 22-year-old man was arrested in Hanover Park on Saturday.

Detectives said the third man, aged 27, was arrested in Mitchell's Plain on Friday in connection with the attack on Miss Hofmeyr.

Miss Hofmeyr answered a knock on the front door of her Kloof Street flat and later opened her security gate to give three men waiting outside some water.

She was assaulted and her flat searched.

Police said today that members of the "overall gang" might still be on the loose and warned residents of the city bowl area not to open their doors to men wearing council overalls.

Anyone who knows how Mr Hoop can be contacted is asked to telephone Detective-Warrant Officer Mike Barkhuizen at 934 1035 or 10111.

## Security guard stabbed to death

### Staff Reporter

A SECURITY guard has been stabbed to death in his room on the Maitland premises he was guarding.

A police spokesman said the 31-year-old man, not yet identified, was found with a stab wound in the chest yesterday by employees of the furniture store in Voortrekker Road. His television, video-recorder and a radio-tape player were missing.

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# Muti murder case heard in 'people's court'

Staff Reporter

"PEOPLE'S COURT" chairman Mr Makhele Tono told a Supreme Court judge yesterday that two Nyanga East men charged with the "muti murder" of a nine-year-old girl had already appeared before him in the "people's court".

Proceedings in the Zolani Centre in Nyanga had been interrupted by police last year before sentence was passed, and the accused were "taken away", he said.

Mr Tono, 35, told Mr Justice H A van Heerden that before the interruption, one of the accused had confessed in the "people's court" to killing the girl and "removing parts of her". Mr Tono said he had been "nauseated".

Both Mr Morgan Sikhunana, 42, and his nephew Mr Simon Sikhunana, 19, have pleaded not guilty in the Supreme Court to the murder of nine-year-old Siphokazi Alicia Goniwe in Nyanga on April 19 last year.

The State alleges she left her parents' home with Mr Simon Sikhunana, who is her cousin.

Later that day, the State alleges, the Sikhunanas were seen washing their bloody hands under a neighbourhood tap. The uncle also washed a knife there, and his nephew was carrying a plastic bag.

Five days later, the decomposing body of the girl was found in a bushy area 500m from the tap. Her lips, nose and right ear were missing.

Dr Johan Duflou, a district surgeon, said certain parts of her body were removed. Wounds on her face and thigh "may have been caused by a sharp instrument".

He said her body may also have been gnawed by rats.

Under cross-examination, Mr Tono said he had on occasion been elected to serve as chairman of the Nyanga Youth Brigade, and he also sometimes served as chairman of the "people's court".

"In this case, I was chairman," he said. The first he had heard of the matter was when Mr Morgan Sikhunana approached him at the Zolani Centre and "laid a charge" that the child was missing and had last been seen with Mr Simon Sikhunana.

Mrs Lorna Troskie, pro Deo for Mr Morgan Sikhunana, said her client was an elder in his church, the Truth Gospel Mission in Africa, and did not believe in witchdoctors.

He would claim, she said, that he had been "hit for 20 hours" at the people's court. Mr Tono said in reply that he knew nothing of the accused being hit. A person would not be hit before he was sentenced.

Mrs Troskie put it to Mr Tono that her client knew nothing of the murder. Mr Tono said: "Before me, too, he denied everything, so it does not surprise me that he denies it all now."

The case continues today.

Mr L E Buyskes and Mr H J Luttig acted as assessors. Mr G Visser appeared for the State. Mrs Renate Williams appeared pro Deo for Mr Simon Sikhunana.



Mr Tono



Mr M Sikhunana

# Zwelitsha man robbed of his car at gunpoint

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**Dispatch Reporter**  
EAST LONDON — A  
Zwelitsha man, Mr M. A.  
"Sobizana" Xelo was  
robbed of his car at gun-  
point at about 8.15 pm  
on Tuesday.

Mr Xelo of 2800 Zone  
10 said that on his way to  
buy petrol, he stopped  
at the intersection on  
the main road that sep-  
arates zones 4 and 8.

The next thing he saw  
was a gun pointing at his  
head through his half-  
opened window. There  
was a masked man  
standing by his window.

Simultaneously, an-  
other masked man ap-  
peared, pointing a gun

at his passenger friend,  
Mr Lungile "Spokes"  
Qina.

The robber on the  
driver's side said to Mr  
Xhelo, "Lend us your  
car, gentlemen. It's a  
long way to Transkei."  
When Mr Xelo delayed,  
the robber warned him  
that he was not joking  
and loaded his gun.

He forced Mr Xelo out  
of the car and then de-  
manded money. When  
Mr Xelo replied he had  
none, the gunman rip-  
ped his windbreaker  
open and found a R5  
note in his shirt pocket.  
The second robber took  
Mr Qina's sunglasses  
and then searched him,

finding silver which Mr  
Qina estimated to be  
worth about R2. Mr Xelo  
said they were ordered  
by their attackers to  
look the "other way"  
and the men put what  
looked like handgre-  
nades on the back seat.

The two men got into  
the car and sped away  
towards the Mount Coke-  
King William's Town  
highway, only switching  
their lights on at the  
turnoff near the CTC bus  
depot.

Mr Xelo and Mr Qina  
phoned the Zwelitsha  
Police Station from a  
nearby house and re-  
ported the matter.

# Two murderers to die

CP Correspondent

TWO YOUNG men from Kuni Village, near Zwelitsha, were sentenced to death in the Ciskei Supreme Court this week for murdering Noasam Makasi, by stabbing her several times at her home.

Thelekile Twana, 23, and William Nyovane, 37, were found guilty by Judge Klaasens, who further sentenced them to three years' imprisonment for inflicting grievous bodily harm on her husband, Vani Makasi, by stabbing him several times.

The offences were said to have been committed on May 20 last year.

Klaasens found no extenuating circumstances.  
The judge did not grant leave to appeal.

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# Attacks on elderly: Police chief's plan

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Staff Reporter

THE Divisional Commissioner of Police for the Western Cape, Brigadier Ronnie van der Westhuizen, says neighbourhood watches could counter attacks like those made recently on old people.

He was commenting after the latest attack at the weekend. Mr Charles Freibus, 74, of Southfield, was found bleeding in his bed three days after he had been attacked in his home.

Last night Mr Freibus was in a satisfactory condition in Victoria Hospital.

"People must help themselves by getting together and organizing to set up such watches," he said. "The police are in favour of these, as we can't patrol all areas at all times. Watches should help solve a lot of problems, including daytime housebreaking and theft.

"Once residents are organized in a particular area, they can approach the local police and ask for assistance in co-ordinating such a project."

Other measures which were helpful in keeping vulnerable elderly people safe in their homes included the installation of safety doors, and abiding by such rules as "never open the door to a stranger", he said.

The identity or credentials of anyone claiming to be a repairman should be checked before admission is granted. Residents who responded to requests for bread or money should lock their doors again while fetching anything, he said.

Meanwhile, a Western Cape committee member of the Security Association of South Africa has offered his services free as an occasional lecturer on security.

Mr Albertus "Jockey" van Eeden, who has lecturing experience as well as a background of many years in security, called for an advice office or co-ordinating centre to be set up to organize lectures on security and to serve as a resource centre.

City Councillor Mr Chris Joubert, who is starting a neighbourhood watch in Sea Point, said police had indicated they might help by allocating a special telephone line for the watch to call and thus monitor its effectiveness.

"In Randburg, burglaries were reduced from 40 a month to two a month when a watch was started. We are getting underway, and plan to distribute 10 000 pamphlets soon, and we will hold a public meeting on June 24."

He hoped to interweave the neighbourhood watch with a system whereby police reservists would call regularly, especially at the homes of senior citizens, "to make them feel more at ease" and "get the Bobby back on the beat".

Ideas to protect the elderly and other vulnerable people can be given to Teleletters at 208-4722.



Brigadier Van der Westhuizen

150 arrested <sup>1968</sup> <sub>2/15/82</sub>  
in Athlone  
night swoop 38

**Crime Reporter**

MORE than 150 people have been arrested in a police swoop in Athlone.

Eighty detectives and uniformed policemen took part.

A police spokesman said the swoop started about 11.30pm and ended about 6am today.

Police arrested 143 people on charges including murder, rape, robbery, housebreaking, theft and assault. Another 16 were arrested for less serious crimes.



# Rampaging Cape Flats gang shoots 3

Crime Reporter



**SHOOTING VICTIM...** Mr Malcolm Brophy, 22, in Victoria Hospital last night after he was shot in Lavender Hill on Sunday by gangsters.

Picture: OBED ZILWA

LAVENDER HILL gangsters went on the rampage at the weekend, shooting three people and attacking a fourth with a pitchfork.

And residents said the culprits, believed to be members of the Junkie Funkie gang, made life in the township "unbearable" because they attacked and robbed at will.

The drama began shortly before noon on Sunday while Mrs Katie Arendse, 40, was talking with a friend some distance from her Muir Court home.

The women did not notice five men approaching till a shot rang out and Mrs Arendse collapsed, bleeding from a wound in her chin.

Her friend bent over her as a second shot rang out and the bullet whizzed over her head.

The men then fled, and a bystander called an ambulance and the police.

The group was next seen running up an alley towards five young men sitting under a flight of steps in Grindle Crescent listening to music from a tape recorder.

As the gangsters burst out of the alley armed with a rifle, pitchforks and pangas, the men panicked and tried to scatter.

Twenty-two-year-old Mr Malcolm Brophy was shot at almost point-blank range. The bullet hit him in his left side and passed through the hand of 16-year-old Mr Ambrose McKay, who ran to an uncle's home from where he was later taken to the Wynberg Medical Centre for treatment.

A police spokesman said yesterday that during a police follow-up operation three men had been detained for questioning and police had taken possession of a G3 magazine and several rounds of ammunition. The actual rifle, which police believe to be a G3, has not been recovered.

Yesterday Mr Brophy, recovering in Victoria Hospital where a bullet was removed from his body in an emergency operation on Sunday night, described how he was shot.

He said the armed men were apparently members of the Junkie Funkie gang searching for members of the Vulture gang. "I heard one of the them say: 'They are not the blokes we want', but the man just shot me even before the sentence was completed," he said.

A relative of one of the victims said yesterday the gangsters had chased 15-year-old Erifaan Molte for some distance before stabbing him in the back with a pitchfork. He was fortunately not seriously injured, the relative said.

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# Police van killing: New probe

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By **BARRY STREEK**  
Political Staff

A NEW investigation into the killing of Miss Emily Patel, 16, in the back of a police van has been ordered as a result of remarks made by the presiding judge of her murderer's trial, the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, said yesterday.

Miss Patel was murdered while being transported with sentenced male prisoners in a police van from Bredasdorp to Caledon in December last year.

Her killer, Stanley Hansen, was sentenced to death after being convicted of murder in a Supreme Court trial.

Mr Vlok, who was replying to a question which was tabled in Parliament by Mr Tian van der Merwe (PFP, Green Point), said he sincerely regret-

ted the tragic death of Miss Patel.

"To prevent a recurrence of events of this nature and the joint transportation of male and female prisoners, strict instructions were issued since then."

He said after Miss Patel was detained on a charge of "riotous behaviour", her sister, who had been arrested for drunkenness and released on December 19 last year, was instructed by the police on the same date to inform her parents that a fine could be paid for her release.

As a result of the presiding judge's remarks "further investigation is being launched" and "further steps will be considered after completion of the investigation".

Mr Vlok said two warrant officers, with 23 and 24 years' service, were responsible for the decision to transport Miss Patel with male sentenced prisoners.

Rising tide of muggings, thefts alarms city's businessmen

# Rising tide of muggings, thefts alarms city's businessmen?

**ALARMED** at the rising tide of crime, the Cape Town Chamber of Commerce has called for effective measures, including Government finance for civic patrols and community involvement, to combat criminal activity.

In its annual report, to be presented at the annual meeting today, the executive council of the chamber said civic patrols in the central business district and neighbourhood crime-watch programmes involving local communities were vitally necessary to support the crime prevention activities of the police.

The chamber had discussed the persistent problem of muggings and thefts in the city centre frequently with police and the city council.

From time to time the police had taken "welcome action" to increase the number of crime prevention officers in the city.

Whenever this had been done there was a corresponding decrease in the incidence of street crime.

## Lack of funds

A city council decision to introduce patrols in the CBD was put on ice for lack of funds and the chamber said it was "vitally necessary" to allocate the necessary finance.

There was no better deterrent to crime than foot patrols by uniformed police officers and the chamber had urged the Government to recognise the importance of civic patrols, to contribute towards their cost and to extend their powers of arrest to make them more effective.

The chamber also supported the view that it was time for the community to get involved in crime prevention programmes.

## Housebreaking

Although police were containing violent crime, the position with non-violent crime was "far from satisfactory" with the incidence of housebreaking and thefts escalating enormously.

This put an enormous strain on an already hard-pressed police force and steep increases in premiums by short-term insurers added considerably to inflation.

Neighbourhood crime watches were simply community action programmes to support police crime prevention.

## Assocom resolution

This issue had been raised at last year's Association of Chambers of Commerce (Assocom) congress and it was resolved that Assocom should propose to the Minister of Law and Order that the police encourage a higher level of community involvement in crime prevention.

The city council had also taken up this issue and had launched an investigation into the promotion of neighbourhood crime-watch programmes in the Peninsula.

By DICK USHER, Staff Reporter

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# GANG TERROR

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**'I saw them cut off man's head'**

by MARK STANSFIELD  
Weekend Argus Reporter

KATIE is an old woman with twinkling blue-grey eyes which hide the terror and death she and her family witnessed in the 14 years they lived in Lavender Hill.

Katie is not even her real name but the power the gangs wield is such that she is terrified they will trace her — even though she moved several months ago.

She moved in the dead of night, left her furniture and did not tell her neighbours where she was going.

"I had to get away from the terror and death which is part of everybody's life in Lavender Hill," she said.

"That place is a 24-hour nightmare."

This is Katie's story about Lavender Hill and its people:



A gang congregating on a Lavender Hill street corner. Their ages hide the power and terror they wield in the township.

She lived on the third floor of a block of flats overlooking a cement courtyard that was usually filled with little children playing in the dirt.

Then came horror.

"One Saturday afternoon 10 Mongrels (a Lavender Hill gang) trapped a Scorpion gangster in the courtyard. They hacked him to death

with pangas in front of the children.

"The next weekend the Scorpions got hold of a Mongrel and executed him in the same courtyard.

"They chopped his head right off. They made him kneel down and they killed him. His head lay on one side and his body jerked and shivered. We saw it all.

"My boy was eight when they hit him with a brick and blinded him. It was a warning because he once talked about what he had seen.

"That was when I packed up what I could and left late one night. I didn't tell my neighbours where I was going because I know the gangs have friends in other parts of the Peninsula.

"Those 14 years were hell.

"The gangs used to chase us down the streets after church. They had pangas and knives and we old people would have to run for our lives.

"Sometimes we would cry and plead with people to open up their doors and let us in. But nobody was prepared to help us. Nobody would be stupid enough to help anyone who was in trouble with the gangs.

"They got hold of some church sisters one night.

"Their (the gangs) power is so great that they called the women over and asked them what they were doing out on the streets so late.

"They took those women and pulled their pants down and gave them a hiding. They warned them that next time they were found out so late they would be beaten even worse.

"Nobody goes and reports these things because then the gangs retaliate.

"They come and break your furniture, maybe burn your house down or hurt your children.

"So one night I moved. I simply vanished from that bloody place.

"After 14 years of nightmares and praying, the council found me a home in Mitchell's Plain.

"There are no gangs where I live now ... thank God."



Even youngsters are aware of the dangers of being identified. The "turf" belongs to the Mafias — evident by the slogans on the fence.

activities; if not, why not; if so, what results have been reported?

**†The MINISTER OF NATIONAL EDUCATION** (for the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning):

- (1) (a) No, a Regional Development Advisory Committee for the Port Elizabeth-Uitenhage area has not been appointed. However, a Regional Development Advisory Committee for Development Region D which comprises the whole Eastern Cape does exist. This Committee gathered four times during 1986.
- (b) Falls away.
- (2) No. (a) and (b) Fall away.
- (3) Falls away.

**Criminal case**

\*11. Mr T LANGLEY asked the Minister of Justice:†

- (1) Whether he will furnish information on a certain criminal case, particulars of which have been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purposes of his reply; if not, why not; if so,
- (2) whether the hearing in this criminal case took place *in camera*; if so, (a) on whose decision, (b) why and (c) who were the accused in the criminal case?

**The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER** (for the Minister of Justice):

- (1) and (2) I arranged for enquiries to be made and according to information received it appears that the court in terms of section 153 of the Criminal Procedure Act, 1977 (Act 51 of 1977) directed that the proceedings in this case be held *in camera*. I may add that the name of the accused, the offence and sentence were made known by the media.

**KwaNdebele: referendum**

\*12. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:†

Hon. *Howard*

- (1) Whether a referendum will be held in KwaNdebele to determine the attitude of residents of this national state towards independence; if not, (a) why not and (b) who is responsible for this decision; if so, when;
- (2) (a) what is the status of the South African Commissioner-General to KwaNdebele and (b) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

**†The MINISTER OF NATIONAL EDUCATION** (for the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning):

- (1) (a) and (b) The Cabinet of KwaNdebele requested the RSA Government for independence. The further handling of the matter will be dealt with through negotiations between the two governments.
- (2) (a) and (b) Mr P J K Kriel has been appointed Commissioner-General for the South Ndebele National Unit as from 1 June 1987 and will enjoy the status as determined by the Promotion of Black Self-government Act, 1959 (Act 46 of 1959).

**Langa High School**

\*13. Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid:†

- (1) Whether any (a) pupils and (b) teachers from Langa High School have been involved in sports events outside the Western Cape area in 1987; if so, (i) in what events, (ii) who organised the events and (iii) where were they held;
- (2) whether any Government Departments were involved in contributing directly or indirectly to the financing of any such sports events; if not, why not; if so, (a) which Government Departments, (b) what was the total amount of money involved and (c) what aspects were financed;
- (3) whether there are any shortages of (a) classrooms, (b) teachers, (c) desks, (d) other specified equipment or requisites at Langa High School; if

so, (i) what is the nature of the shortages in each case, (ii) why have they not been eliminated and (iii) what action has been taken in this regard?

**The DEPUTY MINISTER OF EDUCATION** (for the Minister of Education and Development Aid):

- (1) (a) Yes.
- (b) Yes.

(i) Annual National Athletic Meeting for secondary schools;

(ii) Sports Council of the Department of Education and Training;

(iii) Durban.

- (2) Yes.

(a) Department of Education and Training;

(b) It must be noted, that there was a sponsorship of R25 000 for this sports meeting.

Langa Team—Total  
expense..... : R11 700.00  
Contribution from  
central

Sponsorship ... : R 3 057.21  
Departmental  
contribution... : R 8 642.79

TOTAL : R11 700.00

(c) Subsistence and Transport expenses for one teacher and 60 pupils.

(3) Sufficient provision was made for the normal intake of pupils at this school. In respect of the unforeseen actual higher number of pupils for 1987 shortages did however occur.

As was publically announced, this matter is being investigated urgently by a departmental committee.

In the meantime 10 new classrooms have been erected by the Urban Foundation and furnished by the Department. Also, nine additional

teaching posts have already been created at the school.  
All shortages are receiving urgent attention.

**Mr K M ANDREW:** Mr Speaker, arising out of the hon the Deputy Minister's reply, may I ask him when he talks of the provision for the normal intake at that school, whether that makes allowance for the fact that standard six classes were transferred from primary schools to the high schools at the beginning of this year?

**The DEPUTY MINISTER:** Mr Speaker, this whole matter is at the moment the subject of an investigation and, when we have all the particulars available, I am willing to discuss this with the hon member.

**Mr K M ANDREW:** Mr Speaker, further arising out of the hon the Deputy Minister's reply, when he said that the ten classrooms provided by the Urban Foundation had been furnished, did he mean that desks had been provided for these classes?

**The DEPUTY MINISTER:** Mr Speaker, the information at my disposal at the moment is that these classrooms have all been fully furnished.

**Gardens/Tamboerskloof/Oranjezicht:**

\*14. Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Law and Order:†

Whether the South African Police (a) took any special measures in 1986 and (b) have been taking any such measures in 1987 to combat crime in the Gardens/Tamboerskloof/Oranjezicht area; if not, why not; if so, (i) what measures and (ii) with what result?

**†The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:**

- (i) Special vehicle- and foot patrols were instituted since 1 September 1986 during which the services of members of the Reserve Police Force were also utilised.
- (ii) During the period 1 January 1986 until 30 April 1986, 2 001

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cases in respect of serious crime were reported. For the corresponding period during 1987, 1 327 cases in respect of serious crime were reported, which represents a decrease of 33,6%.

**Langa High School: books**

\*15. Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid:

Whether any Standard 10 pupils at the Langa High School were not in possession of their own copies of the (a) mathematics text-book and (b) English setwork books at any stage during the current school year: if so, (i) at what stage, (ii) why, (iii) what percentage of these pupils was involved and (iv) what action has been taken in this regard?

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF EDUCATION:

- (a) Yes.  
(b) Yes.
- (i) From date of enrolment.  
(ii) Unforeseen increase in the number of pupils.  
(iii) Mathematics 13,7%, English 13,7%.
- (iv) This matter is being investigated by a departmental committee and relates also to the exposition given in the reply to Question No 13.

Mr K M ANDREW: Mr Speaker, arising out of the hon the Deputy Minister's reply, may I ask him just to confirm what he said, viz that he is suggesting that 87% of the matric pupils at Langa High School had mathematics and English setwork books—that 87% had them.

The DEPUTY MINISTER: Yes, Sir, that was what I said. That is the information at my disposal at the moment.

**Seal Island**

\*16. Mr R R HULLEY asked the Minister of Environment Affairs:

- (1) Whether his Department initiated the

experiment whereby Cape fur seals were shooed away from Seal Island during October-November 1986; if so, why; if not, on what authority was the experiment approved and conducted;

- (2) whether his Department monitored the effects of this experiment; if not, why not; if so, what were the effects;

- (3) whether his Department has carried out any research into the scientific merits of this experiment; if so, what was the nature of the scientific evidence in support of this experiment;

- (4) whether his Department keeps statistics on the size of the Cape fur seal colony on Seal Island; if not, why not; if so, what was the size of this colony in 1971 and 1986, respectively?

The MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AFFAIRS:

- (1) Yes. My predecessor initiated the experiment in consultation with members of the fishing industry. The experiment was done as part of the late Minister's stated policy to reduce seal numbers.

- (2) Yes. The experiment was monitored by means of questionnaire forms completed by industry personnel on the island and by six aerial surveys conducted by the Sea Fisheries Research Institute from 17 December 1986 to 11 February 1987.

The effects were that the number of pups born on the island was about 5 000 compared to the usual 10 000-12 000. Also large sections of the island were cleared of seals. While some dead pups are washed ashore each year as a normal occurrence, some 4 500 dead pups were washed ashore during the experiment. There is no scientific evidence to determine how many pups were washed ashore as a direct result of the experiment.

- (3) No. The monitoring programme was however designed to reveal the merits or otherwise of the experiment.

- (4) Yes. Statistics on the size of the colony are kept. Total population in 1971 was about 58 000 seals, and in 1986 about 20 000 seals.

**Crude oil**

\*17. Mr R R HULLEY asked the Minister of Economic Affairs and Technology:

- (1) What was the average rand cost per barrel of crude oil imported into the Republic in 1986;

- (2) what was the rand cost per barrel of such oil imported into the Republic as at the latest specified date for which figures are available?

The MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND TECHNOLOGY:

- (1) R33,41 landed cost (weighted average).

- (2) R35,85 landed cost for cargo in May 1987.

\*18. Mr R M BURROWS—National Education. [Reply standing over.]

**Winnie Mandela**

\*19. Dr F HARTZENBERG asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:†

- (1) Whether a certain person, whose name has been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purposes of his reply, is in arrears with the house rent, service and other charges owing by her to institutions under his control; if so, (a) what total amount is so owing by her, (b) in respect of what date is this information furnished and (c) what is the name of the person concerned.

- (2) whether any steps are being taken or are contemplated to collect the amounts in arrears; if not, why not; if so, what steps?

The MINISTER OF NATIONAL EDUCATION (for the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning):

- (1) Yes.

- (a) R773,09.  
(b) 30 April 1987.  
(c) Winnie Mandela.

- (2) Yes. A notice to pay within 7 days has been issued on 12 May 1987. Electricity supply has been discontinued on 22 May 1987.

**Klaas de Jonge**

\*20. Mr T LANGLEY asked the Minister of Foreign Affairs:†

- (1) Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 36 on 17 February 1987, the negotiations between his Department and the Dutch Government about Mr Klaas de Jonge has been concluded; if not, (a) why not and (b) what is the present position; if so, with what result;

- (2) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

The MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS:

- (1) No.

- (a) and (b) Discussions between the two Governments are continuing. This matter involves the scrutiny of complicated principles of international law and delicate political implications which inevitably take time.

- (2) Not at this stage.

†Mr F J LE ROUX: Mr Speaker, arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, I want to ask him the following question: I understand that according to Press reports, he said that the detention of Mr De Jonge does not cost the South African Government anything. Is it correct that he made such a statement, and if so, does he stand by what he said?

†The MINISTER: No, Mr Speaker, I did not make such a statement. What I did say, was that, practically speaking, the Dutch Government is paying for the building, the medical costs and for his food. That is what I said.

# SECURE-AGE: Aid for the elderly

VICIOUS attacks on Capetonians, particularly the elderly, are increasing at a terrifying rate and this year alone, the Cape Times has reported numerous crimes against the elderly, even in their own homes.

Among several incidents reported were:

□ In January, a 73-year-old man was robbed of his watch in Bree street, and a woman of 83 was robbed of her handbag containing R100 in the lift of a block of flats in Camps Bay;

□ In February, a Gardens woman was robbed after two men knocked at her door and asked for water; an 83-year-old was throttled and stabbed by a young woman who entered her home in Ottery; and a 76-year-old woman, who said she has been mugged four times in the past few years, was hit from behind and robbed of her handbag in Loop Street;

□ In March, two elderly people died and three more were badly injured during a brutal "reign of terror" which ripped through a flats complex for the aged in Hanover Park. In the same month, an 80-year-old woman was murdered in her Tamboers Kloof home, and two elderly sisters were attacked in their flat in the same area days later.

□ Earlier this month, a 74-year-old Southfield resident lay bleeding on his bedroom for three days after an intruder had stabbed and robbed him.

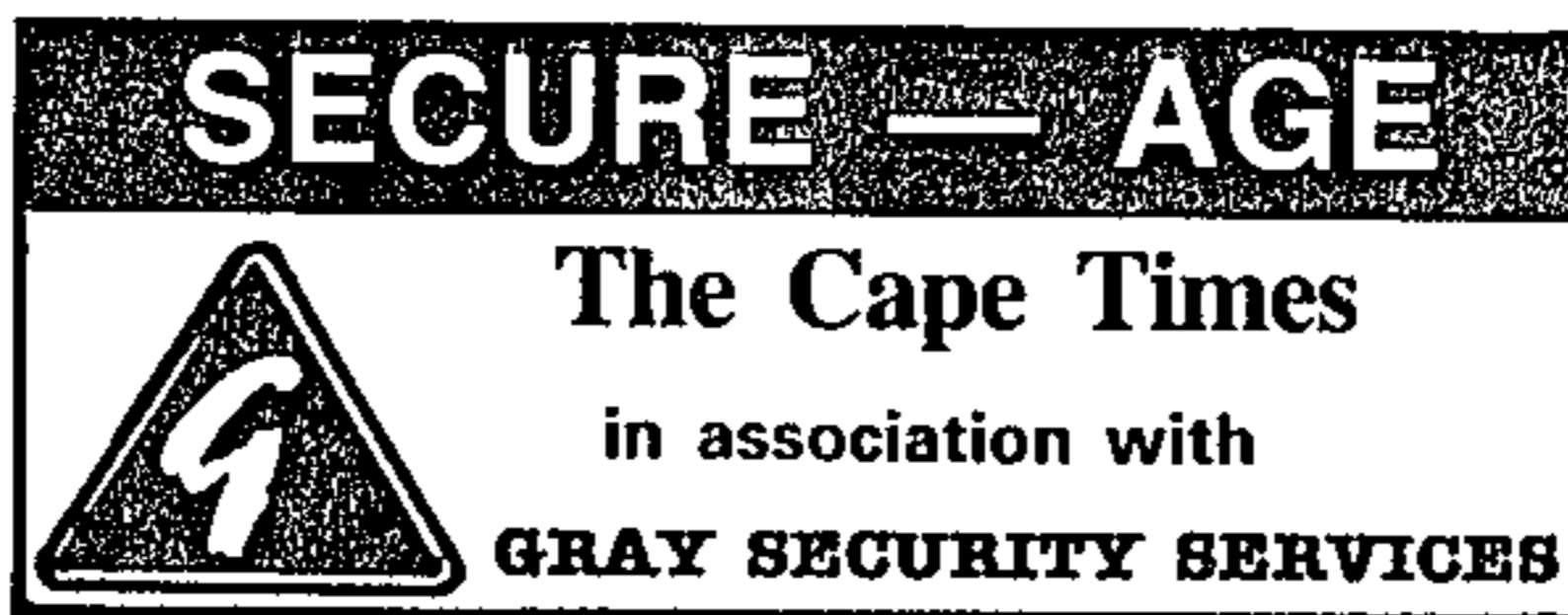
Local MPs, councillors and welfare organizations have called for stronger official action to protect the elderly as well as public awareness of their elderly relatives living alone.

The Cape Times shares this growing concern and today launches SECURE-AGE.

In association with Gray Security Services, a well-known Cape Town security organization, the Cape Times offers a reader advice service for the elderly whereby readers may submit specific problems of security to SECURE-AGE in writing. Letters will be answered by Gray Security Services, who, drawing on their wealth of expertise and experience with security services, will suggest the best solutions available.

Awareness is the foundation of any security system and Gray Security Services maintain that it is possible to reach an acceptable level of personal security on a very low budget, just by being aware of what the risks are, and adjusting activities accordingly.

The Cape Times today launches SECURE-AGE — a new service spearheading a campaign aimed at creating awareness and helping combat crimes against the elderly. In association with Gray Security Services, SECURE-AGE offers a reader advice service whereby elderly readers may submit specific problems of security in writing — and have them answered by the experts.



Some of the suggestions they make are as follows:

#### In the Home:

Fit burglar bars on windows and serviceable window catches.

Fit strong locks on external doors and a spy-hole in the front door.

Consider locks for internal doors.

Keep external doors locked at all times.

Never open doors to strangers, but communicate through a window instead.

Don't put all your faith in door safety chains, they might not be as strong as you think.

Leave a light burning and the radio or TV switched on if you are going out and expect to be home after dark.

#### Outdoors:

Try to vary the times of routine trips by an hour or two.

Carry only the cash you actually need.

Go out in the company of a friend or neighbour when possible, rather than alone.

Avoid badly-lit or lonely routes on foot.

Carry a bag only if absolutely necessary.

Aim to get home before dark.

#### In general:

Remember there is generally safety in numbers — get to know your neighbours so you can mutually assist each other in personal and home protection.

These are just some of the most basic, common-sense suggestions to being aware of your own safety. If you, as a senior citizen, have problems or queries concerning your own security that you would like to have answered by the experts at no charge whatsoever, send your query in writing to:

SECURE-AGE, c/o The News Editor, Cape Times, Box 11, Cape Town, 8000.

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**34% drop in serious  
crime in Gardens**

**Political Staff**

**SERIOUS** crime in the Gardens/Tamboerskloof/Oranjezicht area dropped by 33,6% during the first four months of this year compared to 1986, the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, said yesterday.

Special vehicle and foot patrols had been instituted in the area since September 1 last year and the services of members of the Reserve Police Force used.

Mr Vlok, replying to a question by Mr Ken Andrew (PF, Gardens), said that between January 1, 1986, and April 30, 1986, 2 001 cases of serious crimes were reported in the area.

But "for the corresponding period during 1987, 1 327 cases in respect of serious crime were reported, which represents a decrease of 33,6%", he said.

Mr Andrew commented: "The figures of crime reduction in the Gardens area given by Mr Vlok come as a pleasant surprise, particularly because of the serious attacks on women earlier this year.

"However, petty crime and vagrancy remain serious problems."

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Natal North Coast last night.

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**UIF fraud investigated**

POLICE are still investigating between eight and 15 cases of illegal interception and fraudulent cashing throughout the Peninsula of Unemployment Insurance Fund (UIF) cheques which have left their legal beneficiaries penniless. A police spokeswoman for the Western Cape, Lieutenant Denise Benson, said yesterday that anybody who had fallen victim to UIF fraud should contact Major E Mostert at the local fraud branch on 46-4890.

# Neighbourhood crime crackdown

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### POLICE are cracking down on neighbourhood crime in the Peninsula and four officers have been appointed to help residents organize crime watches.

The Peninsula's crime rate is among the highest in the world and there has also been an increase in assaults on old people.

Police spokesman Lieutenant Denise Benson said the police had taken a good look at crime-watch systems overseas and were able to help and advise residents who wanted to form such groups.

She said that by appointing the officers, the police felt they could attain better police-public co-operation.

She said police, however, frowned on the creation of civilian street patrols and vigilante groups.

"Over-zealous vigilantes have in the past committed offences by assaulting criminals and the police will not hesitate to deal with anyone taking the law into their own hands," Lt Benson said.

She said it was legitimate to make a citizen's arrest in the event of an actual crime, but that crime watches were primarily aimed at creating heightened awareness of crime prevention.

The "good neighbour" system, which originated overseas and which began taking shape in South Africa in 1985, was aimed at fostering an awareness of crime, making people aware of vagrants and strangers and getting the residents to report suspicious people.

The system also encouraged people to mark valuable items and to keep an inventory of serial numbers of their electric, electronic and camera equipment, to keep a watch on immediate neighbouring homes when the owners were away and to alert the police if suspicious circumstances developed.

Other aims of the system included instructing civilians of their rights and powers pertaining to arrest and search, as well as the legal aspects relating to the use of firearms.

She said one of the major aspects of a crime watch was that it was wholly run by the residents with police acting only in an advisory capacity.

Several crime watches are in operation and others are in the process of being set up. Among them are those at Marina Da Gama, Sea Point, Green Point, Muizenberg, Lakeside and Milnerton.

In Observatory, where housebreaking has been rife, the matter has been proposed in the local newsletter.

In March this year the city council met senior police officers to discuss the possible formation of a civic patrol and the system of a neighbour-

hood watch. A major campaign has been planned for the next week.

On Thursday ratepayers of all 17 wards have been invited to attend a seminar on neighbourhood crime watches at the Civic Centre lecture hall at 5.30pm.

The city councillor for Ward 1, Mr Chris Joubert, said the neighbourhood watch in his ward had been favourably received by the residents and the area between Green Point and Clifton already had 50 block warders.

Mrs Joye Gibbs, chairman of the Ward 17 Ratepayers' Association which covers the area between Lakeside and Clovelly, said a crime-prevention programme was under way throughout the ward.

### No patrols

"We have divided our area into nine pockets, and appointed sub-committees to get people organizing themselves. It is being done through our association.

"We have stickers and cards printed, and have brought out four pamphlets on crime-watching and security."

Residents had taken a decision against implementing citizens' patrols after this issue had been discussed with the police, she said.

She welcomed the appointment of a police officer for each district to give guidelines to those who were organizing neighbourhood watches.

Responding to public alarm at the recent spate of attacks on old people, the Cape Times, together with Gray Security Services, has launched Secure-Age, a campaign to create awareness of the problem and help prevent similar crimes.

Next week Secure-Age will meet police liaison officers to arrange a series of seminars for the elderly at which advice will be given by both police and Gray Security Services on self-protection and inexpensive home-security methods for the elderly.

Already numerous letters from elderly readers have poured into the Cape Times requesting more information and help.



CAPE TOWN: Capt J Parker — ☎ 46 5815



BELLVILLE: Lt Y Van der Merwe — ☎ 97 8531/97 8524



WYNBERG: Capt R Dowd — ☎ 71 7150



ATHLONE: Lt G J Huysamer — ☎ 637 8050

# Gangs of debt collectors strike again

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By MBULELO LINDA

THREE mysterious gang of debt collectors who retrieve hire purchase goods from defaulters in the Port Elizabeth black townships has struck again.

Ruth Aba, 31, alleged that one white man and two black men banged at her flat in Kwazakele last week Wednesday at 10am saying they had come to collect her furniture.

Aba, who is eight months pregnant and has been unemployed since September 1985, said the men manhandled her.

Her husband said: "He pushed passed me and confronted Ruth. He pushed her and she staggered backwards hitting against the frame of her bedroom door.

"This man was abusive. He asked me why I was not paying my debts. Then he punched me three times in my stomach. He did not give me a chance to explain. I felt sick suddenly. He forced me to sign documents."

### Threatened with firearm

When her husband tried to protest, saying she was eight months pregnant, he was threatened with a firearm.

Afterwards she visited the Port Elizabeth Black Sash Advice office which sent her to a doctor. A doctor's letter was sent to a PE lawyer's office and a sworn affidavit has been filed.

Aba says she still feels sick. After forcing her to sign the forms, the men then removed her three-piece bedroom suit she had bought from Joshua Doore. Aba told

the men to collect the chest freezer which she had also bought at Joshua Doore at another house in Zwide.

When the men went to collect the freezer in Zwide they demanded R300 to save the repossession of the freezer.

The men were alleged to have grabbed from the houseowner about R340 as he was counting it and claimed that the extra R40 was for the transport. They left without removing the freezer.

### 'Shadowy group'

Residents say the shadowy group, termed by furniture retailers as "freelance collectors", has been terrorising them for more than a year.

Up till now it has not been established who the debt collectors are, but there have been many allegations against them. Some companies are no longer hiring their services.

Residents say they have woken up people at midnight, swearing and threatening them with guns. It is also alleged that they repossessed goods from the wrong houses. They are accused of collecting goods without producing a court order or a written consent of the buyer.

The credit manager of Joshua Doore declined to comment on the case of Aba.

The police liaison officer for the Eastern Cape, Captain Peet Grobler, confirmed that a charge of assault had been laid at New Brighton police station. The case was being investigated.

(ii) failed their examinations in all subjects at the end of the year? The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT AID:

	(i)	(ii)
(a) University of Zululand	244	78
University of the North	40	321
Medical University of Southern Africa	12	25
Vista University	830	925
(b) University of Zululand	19.8	6.3
University of the North	2.75	22.14
Medical University of Southern Africa	2.85	11.16
Vista University	12.5	13.9

**Per capita expenditure**

40. Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid:

What was the *per capita* expenditure. (a) including and (b) excluding expenditure of a capital nature, on Black school pupils in the 1985-86 financial year?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT AID:

- (a) R387,02
- (b) R303,23

Own Affairs:

**State-housing sale**

16. Mr P C CRONJÉ asked the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Works:

(a) How many houses had been sold by his Department in each province under the State housing sale announced by the then Minister of Community Development on 3 March 1983, as at the latest specified date for which figures are available and (b) how many houses remained to be sold in each province as at that date?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS:

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of the emergency regulations in 1986; if so, (a) when, (b) where and (c) what is the name of this person;

- (2) whether he received a request from or on behalf of this person to furnish reasons for her detention; if so, when;
- (3) whether he has furnished this person with such reasons; if not, why not; if so, on what date?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

5. Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Law and Order:

How many investigations had been held by the South African Police into alleged contraventions of the Group Areas Act, No 36 of 1966, since 1 January 1987 as at the latest specified date for which information is available?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER: 394 cases until 30 April 1987.

**Joint management centres**

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

With reference to his reply to Question No 114 on 20 February 1987, (a) what are the names of the members of each of the eleven joint management centres, (b) on what basis were they appointed and (c) what tasks do these members perform on these joint management centres?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(a) and (b) I refer the honourable member to my reply to written questions numbers 114 and 565 which I regard as sufficient.

Sandra Steward

10. Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Law and Order:

(1) Whether a certain person, whose name has been furnished to the South African Police for the purpose of the Minister's reply, was detained in terms

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Note: This person was already released from detention on 5 September 1986.

**Gold/silver/platinum**

107. Mr C J DERBY-LEWIS asked the Minister of Economic Affairs and Technology:

How many fine ounces of (a) gold, (b) silver and (c) platinum were (i) mined and (ii) marketed in 1984, 1985 and 1986, respectively?

The MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND TECHNOLOGY:

	1984	1985	1986
(a) (i)	21 861 000	21 524 000	20 514 000
(ii) Classified information.			
(b) (i)	6 978 907	6 699 708	7 172 113
(ii) 7 625 159	7 077 593	7 629 781	
(c) (i) Classified information.			
(ii) Classified information.			

**Uitenhage: crime**

123. Mr D J N MALCOMESS asked the Minister of Law and Order:

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How many cases of (a) murder, (b) culpable homicide, (c) assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, (d) common assault, (e) rape, (f) robbery, (g) theft of vehicles and cycles, (h) damage to prop-

erty, (i) housebreaking with intent to steal and theft and (j) possession of drugs were reported at each specified police station in the Uitenhage police district in 1986?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
Uitenhage.....	93	38	361	434	52	333	494	512	1 297	1
Wolkefontein.....	1	2	8	11	1	8	9	11	17	—
Addo.....	7	6	45	26	6	21	149	76	263	—
Despatch.....	12	3	97	81	11	15	12	44	152	—
Hankey.....	13	10	139	70	20	15	34	32	259	—
Humansdorp.....	8	18	90	73	13	4	22	10	195	—
Jeffreys Bay.....	11	4	32	29	5	2	22	5	35	—
Kareedouw.....	1	1	43	13	1	—	5	70	123	—
Kirkwood.....	12	6	187	170	24	13	25	23	59	—
Patensie.....	8	4	127	90	14	8	6	16	65	—
Storms River.....	3	1	57	24	6	6	11	—	—	—

Note: Statistics are given for the period 1 July 1985 until 30 June 1986.

Because statistics for the period 1 July 1986 until 31 December 1986 are not yet programmed, the particulars for the period are not readily available.

tendency, and even causes great concern during international crime conferences.

Athlone/Bellville/Cape Town/Wynberg: crime

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

How many cases of (a) murder, (b) culpable homicide, (c) assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, (d) common assault, (e) rape, (f) robbery, (g) theft of vehicles and cycles, (h) damage to property, (i) housebreaking with intent to steal and theft and (j) possession of drugs were reported at each specified police station in the (i) Athlone, (ii) Bellville, (iii) Cape Town and (iv) Wynberg police districts in 1986?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
Athlone.....	26	19	219	330	33	375	458	508	675	70
Bishop Lavis.....	53	45	617	1 000	100	595	227	1 063	707	11

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	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
Grassy Park.....	26	19	337	303	59	206	312	430	871	35
Guguletu.....	219	37	1 142	639	146	322	167	797	396	2
Langa.....	35	2	329	231	31	112	25	209	95	—
Landsdowne.....	8	11	128	182	20	173	359	415	758	5
Philippi.....	39	51	244	182	30	319	122	638	536	14
Mannenberg.....	18	33	474	407	51	475	224	685	744	28
Mitchell's Plain.....	36	39	472	1 405	118	746	920	1 135	1 739	84
Khayelitsha.....	26	19	272	142	26	36	23	180	169	—

(ii) Bellville:

Bellville.....	28	12	243	198	43	129	641	322	1 159	8
Durbanville.....	6	3	98	48	9	23	188	62	445	—
Goodwood.....	4	10	34	81	12	28	520	79	593	2
Kraaifontein.....	38	14	405	367	58	155	287	335	586	7
Kuils River.....	36	24	283	213	42	143	213	173	585	1
Parow.....	11	17	103	209	31	95	695	211	916	4
Elsies River.....	61	14	844	603	83	624	312	928	1 027	16
Ravensmead.....	46	30	603	417	66	232	136	434	477	8
Brackenfell.....	14	10	85	64	14	26	183	33	328	1

(iii) Cape Town:

Cape Town.....	18	14	183	384	43	564	963	550	1 524	11
Camps Bay.....	1	2	18	17	9	10	46	10	168	2
Marland.....	1	16	63	102	11	93	185	93	461	1
Milnerton.....	6	13	99	102	12	23	137	69	401	3
Pinelands.....	2	7	8	27	5	28	229	32	550	—
Sea Point.....	9	3	56	106	7	51	329	104	763	3
Kensington.....	10	7	142	98	21	69	90	90	198	16
Woodstock.....	9	14	103	110	17	152	527	144	980	41
Tableview.....	3	15	43	26	7	7	43	30	222	—
Melkbosstrand.....	1	6	19	16	4	—	10	5	37	—

(iv) Wynberg:

Wynberg.....	4	4	64	101	13	80	299	105	537	3
Fish Hoek.....	5	6	129	95	16	35	90	76	441	5
Simons Town.....	—	8	24	30	3	5	7	15	94	1
Rondebosch.....	—	2	22	25	3	17	438	59	503	1
Retreat.....	—	2	38	25	4	20	59	33	157	4
Muizenberg.....	2	3	42	64	14	26	82	50	334	4
Mowbray.....	1	16	18	36	3	37	263	52	334	4
Hout Bay.....	6	1	78	63	9	22	32	31	266	3
Diep River.....	5	8	34	54	10	42	287	60	662	5
Claremont.....	5	9	60	101	7	46	886	142	1 165	5
Steenberg.....	20	16	577	387	63	252	177	456	517	19
Kirstenhof.....	1	2	76	24	5	26	89	39	264	1

Note: Statistics are given for the period 1 July 1985 until 30 June 1986.

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I wish to point out to hon members that should the above-mentioned figures be brought into perspective, it will be noted that crime tendencies fluctuate. In some instances crime reflects drastic increases and in others it reflects similar decreases. Crime tendencies differ from one area to

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another, while the population density is also an important contributing factor. Increases in crime can mainly be ascribed to:

- (a) the economic recession;
- (b) resulting unemployment; and
- (c) the abuse by criminal elements of unrest situations to commit crime.

The increase in crime is an universal tendency, and even causes great concern during international crime conferences.

#### Grahamstown: procession

134. Mr C D DE JAGER asked the Minister of Law and Order:†

- (1) Whether a certain organisation, the name of which has been furnished to the South African Police for the purposes of the Minister's reply, held a procession in Grahamstown during the weekend from 15 to 17 May 1987: if so, (a) what is the name of the organisation and (b) (i) by whom and (ii) in terms of what statutory provisions was permission granted to hold this procession;

- (2) whether any persons were arrested as a result of the procession; if so, (a) how many and (b) who;

- (3) whether any of the persons arrested have since been released; if so, (a) why, (b) how many and (c) who;

- (4) whether any of the persons arrested have been or are to be charged; if so, (a) how many, (b) who, (c) when and (d) on what charges;

- (5) whether any handbills were distributed during the procession; if so, (a) by whom and (b) what was the (i) nature and (ii) purport thereof?

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) No.

(a) and (b) (i) and (ii) Fall away.

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Own Affairs:

#### Universities

26. Mr A GERBER asked the Minister of Education and Culture:†

How many (a) Coloureds, (b) Indians and (c) Blacks are studying at White universities in the Republic at present?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE:

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ities

(a) Coloureds	3 348	4 651	7 999
(b) Indians	3 593	10 261	13 854
(c) Blacks	4 271	26 069	30 340

Information as on 31 March 1987.

#### Primary/secondary schools

27. Mr C J DERBY-LEWIS asked the Minister of Education and Culture:

What total amount was budgeted by his Department in the 1984-85, 1985-86 and 1986-87 financial years, respectively, in respect of school sport at (a) primary and (b) secondary schools for Whites?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE:

(a) and (b) As school sport is part of the normal teaching programme and is not separately budgeted for, the information is not available.

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# Cape Town crime: Two murders a day

BY BARRY STREEK  
Political Staff

CAPE TOWN'S reputation as the crime capital of South Africa has again been confirmed by shock figures, given in Parliament yesterday, which showed that there were more than two murders a day and a theft in under every 10 minutes of last year.

More than 30 cars and cycles a day were stolen during 1986 — including nearly three vehicles a day in central city.

There were 839 murders, 1 260 rapes, 17 826 assaults and 51 964 thefts and other crimes against property in the four police districts in the city.

Criminologists have argued that, per head of population, the Cape Town area has one of the highest crime rates, if not the highest crime rate, in the world.

Last year's figures — given in Parliament by the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, in reply to a question by the leader of the Progressive Federal Party, Mr Colin Egin — confirm this record.

In the police districts of Athlone, Bellville, Cape Town and Wynberg there were 839 murders, 583 culpable homicides, 8 828 assaults with intent to do grievous bodily harm, 8 998 common assaults and 1 260 rapes.

There were also 6 418 robberies, 11 280 thefts of vehicles and cycles, 10 882 cases of damage to property and 23 384 cases of house-breaking with intent to steal.

A further 428 cases of possession of drugs were reported to the police.

The worst area for murders was Guguletu, where 219 people were murdered, followed by Elsie's River, where 61 people were murdered, Bishop Lavis (53) and Ravensmead (46).

Many predominantly white residential areas had low murder rates. There were no murders in Simon's Town, Rondebosch and Retreat, one each in Camps Bay, Maitland and Mowbray and two each in Pine-lands and Muizenberg.

## Theft record

The worst areas for reported rapes were Guguletu (146), Mitchells Plain (118), Bishop Lavis (100) and Elsie's River (83).

The central city area had the highest reported theft record — 564 robberies, 963 thefts of vehicles, 550 cases of damage to property and 1 524 cases of house-breaking.

Areas with high house-break records were Claremont (1 165), Bellville (1 159), Elsie's River (1 027) and Woodstock (980).

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# Shadowy 'collectors' torment PE residents

CP Correspondent

A MYSTERIOUS gang of "debt collectors" who retrieve higher purchase goods from defaulters in Port Elizabeth's black townships has struck again.

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When her husband tried to protest, saying she was eight months pregnant, he was threatened with a firearm.

After forcing her to sign forms, the men then removed a three-piece bedroom suite she had bought on HP at Joshua Doore.

The men also went to collect Aba's freezer in Zwide. They demanded R300 from the houseowner to prevent the repossession of the freezer.

They were alleged to have grabbed about R340 from the houseowner as he was counting it and claimed that the extra R40 was for transport.

Residents said the shadowy group, termed by furniture retailers as "free-lance collectors", has been terrorising them for more than a year.

Residents said they have woken people at midnight, swearing and threatening them with guns.

They are also accused of collecting goods without producing a court order or a written consent of the buyer.

The credit manager of Joshua Doore declined to comment on Aba's case and insisted that whoever wanted confirmation of the case should visit the store house in Kabaga Park.

The police liaison officer for the Eastern Cape, Captain Peet Grobler, confirmed that a charge of assault had been opened in New Brighton Police Station and that the case was being investigated. East Cape News Agency.



# Theft hits car rental profits

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WITH bottom line profits being eroded, the car rental industry has lambasted motor manufacturers over the lack of anti-theft devices in vehicles.

But the motor industry has reacted saying it is doing all it can about a problem which is universal. A SA Vehicle Rental Association (Savra) spokesman says the motor industry has ignored the problem which is costing car hire firms millions.

Savra chairman Noel de Villiers says: "The motor industry should have taken on the responsibility a long time ago."

Avis MD Tony Langley says his company lost nearly R1m in the last seven months through theft. "While we do carry comprehensive insurance there is a high excess to pay." A breakdown of Avis losses shows that

## MICK COLLINS

in the period June 1986 to April 1987 a total of 63 vehicles were stolen.

Imperial Car Hire director Mureen Jackson says the company has been hit by a 40% increase in thefts from January to May. "We have been asking manufacturers to help. In five months theft cost us nearly R500 000. Now we are fitting our own devices. The statistics have dropped dramatically."

A Nissan spokesman says the company has been testing devices for months. "Our intention is to fit all cars with anti-theft measures. If we can get costs right, I believe we will solve the problem during the next few months."

VW's public affairs GM Ronnie Kruger says: "Any easy solution will be an easy solution for a thief. We are

developing a system which will be available next year. In the meantime, we will be engraving identification numbers on all vehicles, probably before the end of the year."

Toyota marketing director Brand Pretorius says the company is restricted by franchising agreements but more developments are in the offing from Japan. "We can offer motorists four different options which we have tested extensively. They range in price from R150 to R750."

And Samcor group MD Spencer Stirling says the company has been evaluating systems but has not yet found one that has an acceptable level of reliability.

"However, we are consulting with specialist electronics companies in the development of a suitable system for fitment on the assembly line."

## Group Areas Act report in the offing

### DOMINIQUE GILBERT

THE long-awaited Group Areas Act report is likely to be tabled in Parliament before this session ends.

It is understood some members of the NP caucus, although facing severe pressure from the rightwing Opposition, are committed to bringing about some changes to the Act.

This will be good news for those who had feared the report might have been shelved after it was referred back to the President's Council (PC) a few months ago.

Although scrapping the Act has been ruled out, it appears the "local option" for local authorities is still on the cards.

The PC faces the problem of how to cope with voting rights for people who will possibly be able to live in opened-up areas.



**WATCH MEETING** ... Captain John Parker, who addressed about 250 people last night, talks to residents after the meeting

*CAPE Times 24/6/87*

# Woodstock plans a crime watch <sup>35</sup>

Staff Reporter

ABOUT 250 people attended a meeting in Woodstock last night to discuss the operation of a neighbourhood crime watch in the suburb.

The meeting was addressed by Captain John Parker of the police.

It was decided that follow-up meetings would be held.

Captain Parker said the police did not want participants in the watches to be "nosey" but wanted them to be good neighbours.

One of the suggestions was for someone who was at home all day — preferably a pensioner — to make their homes available as a safe house for children.

Captain Parker said there was an average of 500 burglaries in

South Africa every day and everybody was a potential victim.

Mr. Alec Philander, vice-chairman of the Woodstock Ratepayers' Association, Ward 10, said: "We have come to an era when we are too scared to go to church. You don't listen to what the preacher has to say because all you think of is if everything is all right at home."

□ A public meeting is to be held in the Sea Point Civic Centre at 8 tonight to call on residents to endorse the formation of a neighbourhood watch in the Green and Sea Point area.

Captain Parker and a SAP district commandant will address the meeting.

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# Sea Point crime clean-up promise by top policeman

By **STEPHEN WROTTESELEY**  
Crime Reporter

A TOP city policeman has promised to "clean up crime" in Sea Point.

The pledge by Colonel S D de Wet, district commandant for Cape Town, followed a heated exchange during question time at a meeting organised by the Green and Sea Point Ratepayers Association to discuss setting up a neighbourhood crime-watch programme in the area.

The meeting was attended by about 450 residents, several city councillors and Mr Colin Eglin, MP for Sea Point.

## Vagrancy

The meeting was addressed by Captain John Parker, the police officer assisting residents to set up neighbourhood watch programmes in the Cape Town district, and Mr Chris Joubert, the man behind the scheme in Sea Point.

Mr Joubert said neighbourhood watches were aimed at protecting life and property.

However, during the question time, it was apparent that vagrancy and drunkenness were uppermost in people's minds.

After several questions the audience was told the matter was being looked into and negotiations had been launched for upgrading bottle-stores in the area.

In reply to another question, Mr Joubert said: "Vagrants must be removed from our town", and suggested their removal to rehabilitation farms.

When asked for protection for people walking on the beachfront at night, Colonel de Wet said: "We don't have enough people to escort everyone who goes out at night. Why can't you go out during the day?"

He said there were more important things to occupy police time than bergies and vagrants.

"More than 50 percent of the police force is occupied with terrorism on our borders and in our cities.

"You people don't know what's going on. My staff go out at lunchtimes and walk the beat."

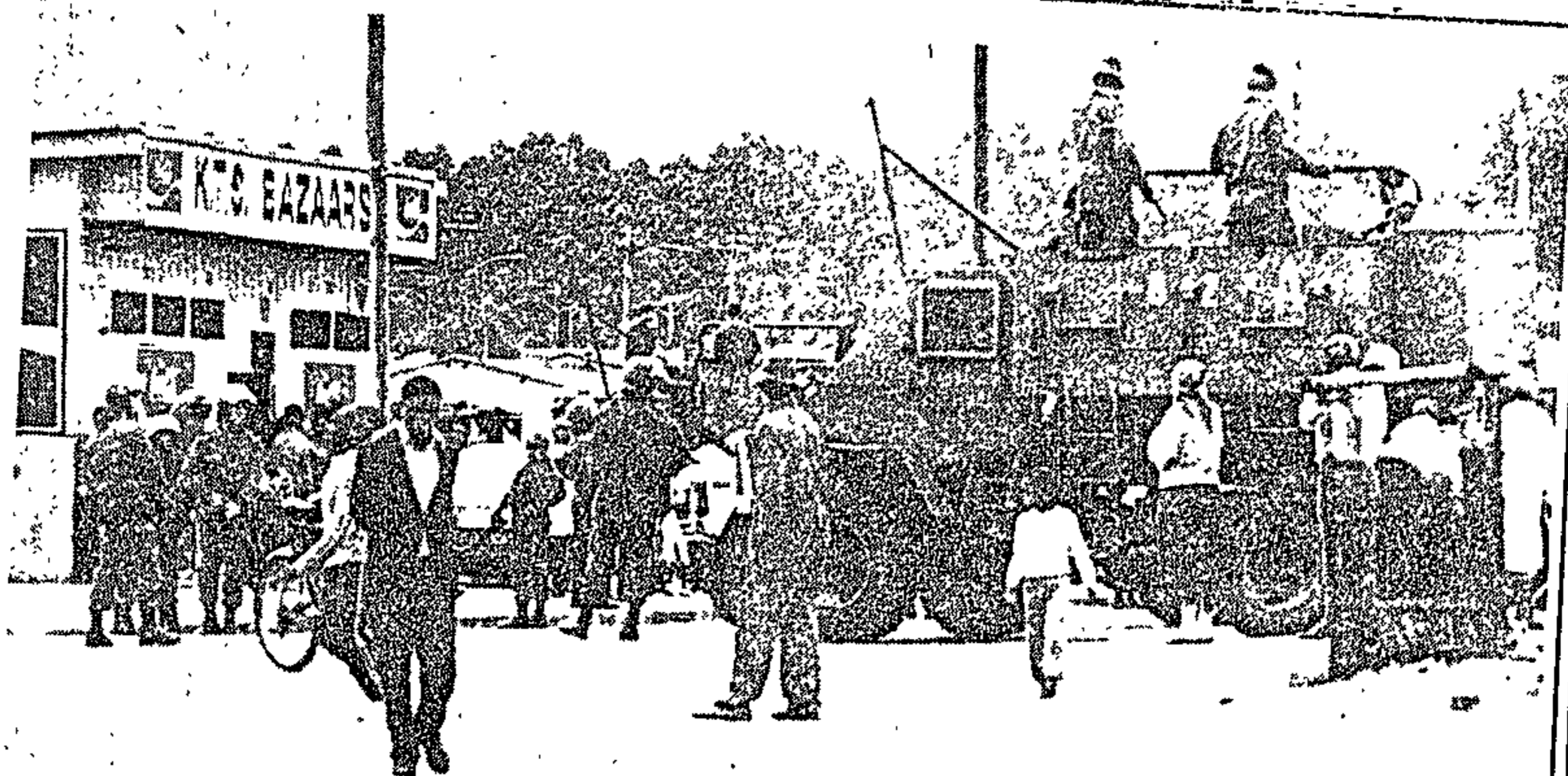
When they finished work at 4pm they returned to the beat for several hours.

"That's to satisfy you people. But it seems you're not even satisfied by that."

Earlier Colonel F W J Kellerman, the chief co-ordinator of the neighbourhood watch programmes, said that police "mugger busters" were already operating in Sea Point and he would "try a few more in the days to come".

Captain Parker said there was an average of 58 break-ins and 26 cars stolen in Sea Point each month.

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**TOWNSHIP CRIME SWOOP ...** Security forces move into position for the massive crime-prevention operation at KTC yesterday.

# Crime raid at KTC

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By **CHRIS BATEMAN** and  
**JOHN van der LINDEN**

**AT LEAST 110 KTC residents were yesterday held in the biggest security force crime-prevention swoop in a black Peninsula township this year.**

Dozens of Casspirs, Buffels and police vans surrounded the squatter camp about 10.30am. Soldiers and policemen then moved in to begin house-to-house searches.

## Black talks: Govt's dramatic new move

*CHRIS TINKS 26/6/87 Political Staff*

IN A dramatic new gesture to get negotiations with black leaders off the ground, Dr Stoffel van der Merwe, who was recently appointed to spearhead the drive, said yesterday that he would be prepared to talk to people in jail or detention.

Dr Van der Merwe, who was appointed Deputy Minister of Constitutional Planning by the State President, Mr P W Botha, last month to head the negotiations, also said he would not demand that black leaders renounce violence before talking to them and that he would not rule out speaking to "elements" of the UDF.

Dr Van der Merwe's conciliatory approach reflects a significant shift in government thinking. It seems determined to initiate discussions with a far wider range of black people and organizations than ever before, including organizations strongly opposed to government policies.

But he would "think twice" before speaking to someone who was publicly committed to violence.

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Several youths fled into Guguletu minutes before a police helicopter began to circle the squatter camp.

A police spokesman said that by early evening all but 14 of the 110 suspects had been released. He said 800 security force members had taken part in what he said was a "routine crime-prevention operation".

The swoop follows Monday's grenade attack near KTC which left seven policemen slightly injured, and two attacks on vehicles near KTC on Tuesday in which two people were hurt. Last week the wife and daughter of Guguletu community councillor Mr Denys Lobi, and two special constables, were hurt in successive grenade attacks on his NY 72 home.

Security force members yesterday handed out pamphlets to residents describing the crime-prevention operation as a search for stolen property and unlicensed firearms and ammunition. The pamphlets said the swoop was an attempt to "identify suspects and arrest them" and promised residents "wards for information leading to arrests and convictions. "We rely on you, the concerned citizen, to help us identify suspected arsonists, petrol bombers and stone throwers," it said.

It said the swoop was necessary to maintain law and order and to "protect you from troublemakers".

Members of the Peninsula Reaction Unit confronted several local and foreign news teams and escorted them out of Guguletu.

The raid ended about 1.30pm and security forces withdrew as small groups of residents danced in the streets.

No shots or teargas canisters were seen being fired by security forces during the operation.

The 14 suspects were charged with possession of dagga and mandrax, public violence, car theft, and murder. Police had confiscated "suspect" television sets, electricity generators, radios, hi-fi sets, a "walkman" and two cars, the police spokesman said.

A spokesman for Guguletu Day Hospital said no residents with injuries which could be attributed to the operation had been treated.

The raid came a day after the Divisional Commissioner for the Western Cape, Brigadier Ronnie van der Westhuizen, issued a Government Gazette notice banning access to the KTC land which was cleared and levelled after last year's violence.

# Sea Pt crime blitz praised by residents

Crime Reporter

SEA POINT residents have welcomed the strong stand police have taken on crime in their area and fully support the neighbourhood crime watch that has been formed.

Cape Town District Commandant, Colonel S D de Wet, a former station commander at Sea Point, said he would do his best to "wipe out crime in Sea Point".

"I want Sea Point to be safe again for the elderly and we have increased our patrols in the area," he said.

Police would also continue with spot road-blocks which he would man with explosives and drug specialists who would be able to do proper searches.

He would also use the ever-increasing police



Colonel S D de Wet reservists to "put the squeeze on crime to bring it down to an absolute minimum".

Yesterday elderly residents, asked to give their opinion on crime in their area during a mini street survey, were all of the opinion that they were the main target of the many out-of-work "skollies" roaming the suburb.

Senior citizen Mr CH Roux said he and his wife did not go out be-

cause they were likely to be mugged.

Miss C Cartwright, an elderly spinster, said criminals went for the elderly who were not able to protect themselves.

Miss Ella Power, who was mugged some years ago, said that while there were many "bergies" about, they were not the ones who attacked the elderly but could be very "bothersome at times".

An elderly woman who declined to give her name, said the culprits were the type of young unemployed men she had seen drinking in the back yard of her flat early in the morning.

"They seem to get money from the domestics in the servants' quarters," she said.

Miss Power said a friend had been mugged waiting for the lift in her flat six months ago.

# Senior detectives on fraud charges

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Court Reporter

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THE commander of the detective branch of a Cape police station and his deputy have appeared in the Magistrate's Court in connection with fraud and theft charges.

Detective Warrant Officer Peter Johannes Viljoen, 42, of La Rochelle Park, La Rochelle, and Detective Sergeant Arno Stofberg, 32, of Reyger Street, Melkbosstrand, were not asked to plead and no formal charges were put to them.

The two, who are attached to the Table View branch, were released on warning on condition that they refrain from communicating with each other or interfering with or contacting State witnesses.

The matter will continue on August 26.

Mr H L Muller was the magistrate. Ms L Scholtz prosecuted. The two were not represented.

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# Police to register old age homes, lonely pensioners

By JOHN VAN DER LINDEN  
Crime Reporter

POLICE in the Western Cape are compiling a register of old age homes and lonely elderly people in an attempt to provide some protection against increasing attacks on senior citizens.

This was yesterday confirmed by a police liaison officer for the Western Cape, Lieutenant Attie Laubscher, who said the order had been given to the various District Commandants by the CID Chief for the Western Province, Brigadier Nick Acker.

This follows the statement by

the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, that drastic steps would be taken to protect the elderly.

Lieutenant Laubscher said the list would allow patrols to give special attention to homes where the elderly were particularly vulnerable.

He said that in a built-up area where neighbourhood watches were being formed, there would obviously be less need for the system, which was more urgently required on the platteland where hundreds of elderly people lived on large plots, smallholdings and farms.

A similar register of elderly people living alone on the Wit-

watersrand is being compiled for the same reason, he said.

The move comes amid shock over a spate of recent brutal murders of senior citizens.

Elderly people have been invited to give their names and addresses to their local station commander, together with a list of people living with them and a list of those entitled to be on their property.

Since the start of the scheme in May, the registers have been compiled from police records.

Lieutenant Laubscher again pointed out the need for security precautions like dogs, alarms, security gates, burglar bars and door peep-holes.

## 51 arrested in Sea Point clean-up

Staff Reporter *DKW 6/78 35*  
FIFTY-ONE people were arrested on charges related to anti-social behaviour during an operation by police reservists in Sea Point.

The operation on Saturday followed a promise by Colonel S D de Wet, district commandant for Cape Town, at the recent launch of a neighbourhood

watch scheme that the police would "clean up crime" in the area.

The operation lasted several hours and 51 people were arrested.

A spokesman said more operations would be held and that nothing worked as well as "a lot of uniformed policemen to drive out the skollie element".



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# SA crime rate in 'dramatic' decline

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By CHRIS STEYN

SOUTH AFRICA's burgeoning crime rate, up alarmingly in recent years, has slowed dramatically in the past 18 months, according to statistics released last night by the office of the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok.

From a high of a 12,5% growth in January last year, crime has actually declined to a negative growth rate, his office says.

And, statistics say, the decreasing crime rate is largely due to a sharp drop in crime in the Western Cape.

Law and Order press spokesman Brigadier Leon Mellet said the decrease was the result of, among other factors, the introduction of special constables.

Another contributing factor, he said, was "greater co-operation" between the police and members of the public since the introduction of the emergency.

Brigadier Mellet said that burglaries at businesses in the Western Cape had decreased by 33% in the past six months, while burglaries at "white homes" had dropped by 26%.

Burglaries throughout the country had increased by only 0,5%.

Serious crime in the country had decreased by 1,0%, robbery by 5,5% and car theft by 8%.

Brigadier Mellet disclosed that during 1985 the crime rate increased by about 17% a month. In January last year that dropped to 12,5% and in March 1986 to 8,6%.

He said the downward trend continued — from an increase of 0,7% in January this year to a drop of 1,0% in March.

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# Public awareness helps car theft rate drop in Peninsula

By STEPHEN WROTTSLEY  
Crime Reporter

CAR theft has dropped dramatically in the Peninsula — and police say it is because of increased crime prevention operations and greater public awareness.

The drop in incidents seems to echo reports from other centres where operations against thieves have led to the recovery of stolen cars worth millions of rands.

Recently, a Witwatersrand police spokesman announced that at least 2 151 stolen vehicles valued at about R35.5-million had been recovered by Reef police over the past six months.

He said the latest breakthrough involved the recovery of 53 vehicles worth about R1.6-million and the arrest of 20 suspects in a three-day blitz.

### Initiative

He announced a 36 percent decline in the number of vehicle thefts since November.

The Automobile Association congratulated the motor vehicle theft branch on its successes and in a telegram to Brigadier Basie Smit, officer commanding the branch, said vehicle theft units throughout the country had shown considerable initiative and persistence in tackling a complicated and dangerous task.

A local police spokesman said statistics for the first three months of this year showed that the number of cars stolen in Cape Town had dropped by between 40 and 43 percent compared with the same period the previous year.

"We don't find all the cars but we do get some of them," the spokesman said.

Plans are underway to set up a vehicle theft unit in Springbok to block the west coast route to the north.

The spokesman said the car part operation was not as widespread in the Cape as in other centres.

The networks behind the thefts will soon be dealt a body blow when car manufacturers start marking parts with serial numbers.

He said one car manufacturer was already well-advanced in the planning stage. With all parts marked with a computer-registered number, it would be easy to trace which items were stolen and which were not.

"If the chassis number was marked on every part of every car, it would make thieves think twice."

Cars stolen for transport were normally used for other crimes.

### Dumped

But the spokesman said police had found there was a group of people who would travel to Sea Point from the Cape Flats to visit friends.

When it was time to go home, they would not have enough money for public transport so they would steal a car.

The car would be found dumped on the Cape Flats shortly afterwards.

In a recent statement, the AA said the courts were now taking increasingly stern action against car thieves and tended to give heavy prison sentences to first offenders.

POLICE have warned Capetonians not to be complacent in the light of statistics which showed that the number of cars stolen had decreased dramatically. They warned that a continued — and increased — awareness was needed to keep the crime rate down. A police spokesman said there were a number of tips that the public could follow.

- Do not leave your car unlocked or the windows open.
  - Do not leave your keys in the ignition.
  - Do not leave items in plain view in your car.
  - Never park your car in dark or poorly lit areas. These are a haven to the car thief.
  - Try to install an anti-car theft device, and if you have an alarm, react to it when it goes off. Do not let it sound indefinitely because any alarm system is only as good as its owner.
  - Make a note of engine and chassis numbers and check that these correspond to the car's documentation.
- He said the chassis number was more important than the engine number as engines change, but the chassis remains with the vehicle for ever.

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"We believe that special crime prevention patrols in trouble spots have led to this reduction. Where the police are on the alert, people don't steal cars," he said.

"We have also been able to establish what new methods are being used by people to steal cars.

### Less negligent

"Because of this, we are able to stop operations before they really get off the ground."

He said he believed car owners were less negligent than they were in the past.

"But we still find people who leave their cars parked in the driveway with the keys in the ignition."

Cars were stolen for one of three reasons — for their resale value, their spare parts or for transport.

Cars that are stolen for their resale value were seldom found in the Peninsula because they were quickly put on one of the routes to SWA/Namibia or one of the national states for re-registration.

But local detectives had recovered many of the cars once they reached their destinations. In a recent operation, members of the vehicle theft branch in Namibia found many stolen cars after receiving information from Cape Town.

And police in towns on the routes to the national states were always on the lookout for cars stolen in the Peninsula to prevent them from reaching their destinations.

"This is understandable and to be welcomed considering that car thieves cause losses to South African motorists in the region of R2,4-million a day."

The AA also appealed to motorists to co-operate fully with the police in prosecuting car thieves.

The organisation said some car owners refused to travel to the independent states to give evidence once their insurance claims were settled.

While it was realised that the journeys caused hardship and expense, it was essential that victims gave the police support in the judicial process, the AA said.

"Failure to do so in the past has helped many to escape justice and has contributed to frustration on the part of investigating officers and to the rising incidence of car theft itself."

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# UIF cheques: Five arrests

By CLARE HARPER

POLICE have made five arrests following lengthy investigations into Unemployment Insurance Fund (UIF) cheque thefts.

A police spokeswoman for the Western Cape, Lieutenant Denise Benson, said the remainder of the initial 40 cases of stolen or fraudulently cashed cheques were still being investigated by the fraud branch.

Police have not yet established how the UIF cheques were intercepted.

Mr Joseph Njemla of Guguletu is being held in custody following his appearance on charges of fraud in the Wynberg Magistrate's Court last

week. The hearing was postponed until July 20.

Mr Patrick Olifant, Mr Kenneth Baardman and Mr Sidima Ngcune, all of Langa, will appear on possible charges of fraud in the Wynberg Magistrate's Court on July 17.

At an earlier hearing on July 10, the men were not asked to plea. Mr Olifant and Mr Baardman were released on bail, while Mr Ngcune was held in custody.

Mr Stanley Boom, 35, of Langa will face possible fraud charges in the Athlone Magistrate's Court on July 20.

He is being held in police custody.

**Focus on Cape Town's prostitutes**

# Under a te

**QUOTE: "This kind of life is a gamble, either you win or you lose."**

"I've been in the game for two years," said Mary, 26, an ex-Durbanite.

She left Durban five years ago "because my stepfather hated me and ill-treated my mother. I decided to hike to Cape Town as I could not stand this man any longer."

It took her four days to get to Cape Town. "When I arrived here, I knew nobody. I met a woman on Cape Town station who bought me something to eat. We started talking and she told me I could stay with her in Observatory."

"She was very kind to me and later told me what type of work she was doing. One night she asked me to come with her to town. At first I hesitated but then I went along. I was afraid at first, but as time went on I got used to it."

"I pick and choose my men, as I am a very fussy person. Most of the men that come to us are well educated and business people. We also have a lot of clients from overseas."

"I have never had VD, because after I've finished the job, I immediately have a bath."

Like many others, Mary has regular medical checkups. At the moment she is living with her brother in Bonteheuwel, who is a staunch Muslim.

"My sister-in-law just returned from her pilgrimage to Mecca. They are not aware of the type of work I am doing," she said.

"I usually have one man a night, but when it is short time, I get another one. My rates are never less than R60 a night."

Mary told SOUTH about a priest who picked her up one night.

"He took me to Sea Point where we had a nice long talk. He said he wanted to pray for me. He told me not to go back to the club. I told him that I did not earn any money that night and had to pay my rent. He gave me R120."

"He went back to Wales, and ever since I have been receiving R100 every week from him. He probably thinks that I have left my trade already. He writes to me regularly and sends me literature."

"If I find another job I will leave this one," she said. "This kind of life is a gamble, either you win or you lose. I work from Monday to Friday and weekends I am off. This is a heavy job, you know."

**QUOTE: "I've got so many problems that I just have a mind to kill myself."**

URSULA, a divorcee and mother of two children who lost her job four months ago, spends four days a week looking for work — on Fridays and Saturday nights she works as a prostitute.

She hates the job but does it to feed her children and to pay the rent of her Manenberg house.

Ursula left school in standard one to work in a "white woman's house".

She can't read or write. She used to work as a machinist but the factory burned down.

"It's so crazy, I've got so many problems that I just have a mind to kill myself," she said.

Ursula, whose drawn and lined face makes her look far

older than her 30 years, is deeply moral, a devout Catholic and regards her payment as "the devil's money" But it feeds her children.

"Most of the time we just eat porridge," she said. "This is not God's will, I think it is wrong. But there's just one small problem — money. If I could get welfare support for me and my kids you'll never see me in here."

She said she has been to "the welfare" — but they just tell her to fill in a form. "They don't believe that I can't read or write."

"If you tell the truth, they don't believe you. It's better to say your husband has been dead for 10 years," Ursula said.

Ursula divorced her husband after two years ago after eight years of marriage when he started sleeping with other women. He pays no maintenance.

She charges her clients — "decent men" — R70 or R80 and only has two clients a night. But she would prefer them to give her money instead of sleeping with her. She gratefully accepts gifts of R2 or R3 from regular clients.

An 18-year-old friend of hers who worked as a prostitute became pregnant with the child of a Chinese sailor. She tried to abort the baby by drinking a mixture of brandy, whisky and pills.

"If I didn't help her she would have been dead. It was a big sin. What's the use of killing your child. You should give it to someone who will love it," she said.

**QUOTE: "I am sorry I ever tackled this job. It is a dangerous game."**

SHARON, 24, of Mitchells Plain, says she started the "business" at the age of 21.

It all happened, she said, after the father of her four-year-old daughter dumped her.

"He did not support me or his child. My father died and I was the sole supporter of the family. I worked as a waitress at a restaurant in Cape Town but the money was not enough to support my mother, two brothers and my daughter."

"Night owls came to the restaurant. They used to boast about the fact that they earned R60 to R120 a night, and I only earned R60 a week. When I lost my job I decided to give it a go as things were real bad at home," she said.

Sharon's daughter and brothers are not aware of the type of work she does. They are told that she works night shift.

But her mother knows and has accepted it, although she was "very sad" in the beginning.

When Sharon first started in the business she was "scared". Within the first week she was arrested and fined R120 for soliciting. The first night she got "ripped off".

"The guy left without paying me. He took me to a hotel in the Strand and after he had his satisfaction he told me to find my own way home."

"What we do now to prevent this is get the customer to pay first. He has to leave the money with one of our colleagues."

Sharon has never been to the docks because it is "too dangerous".

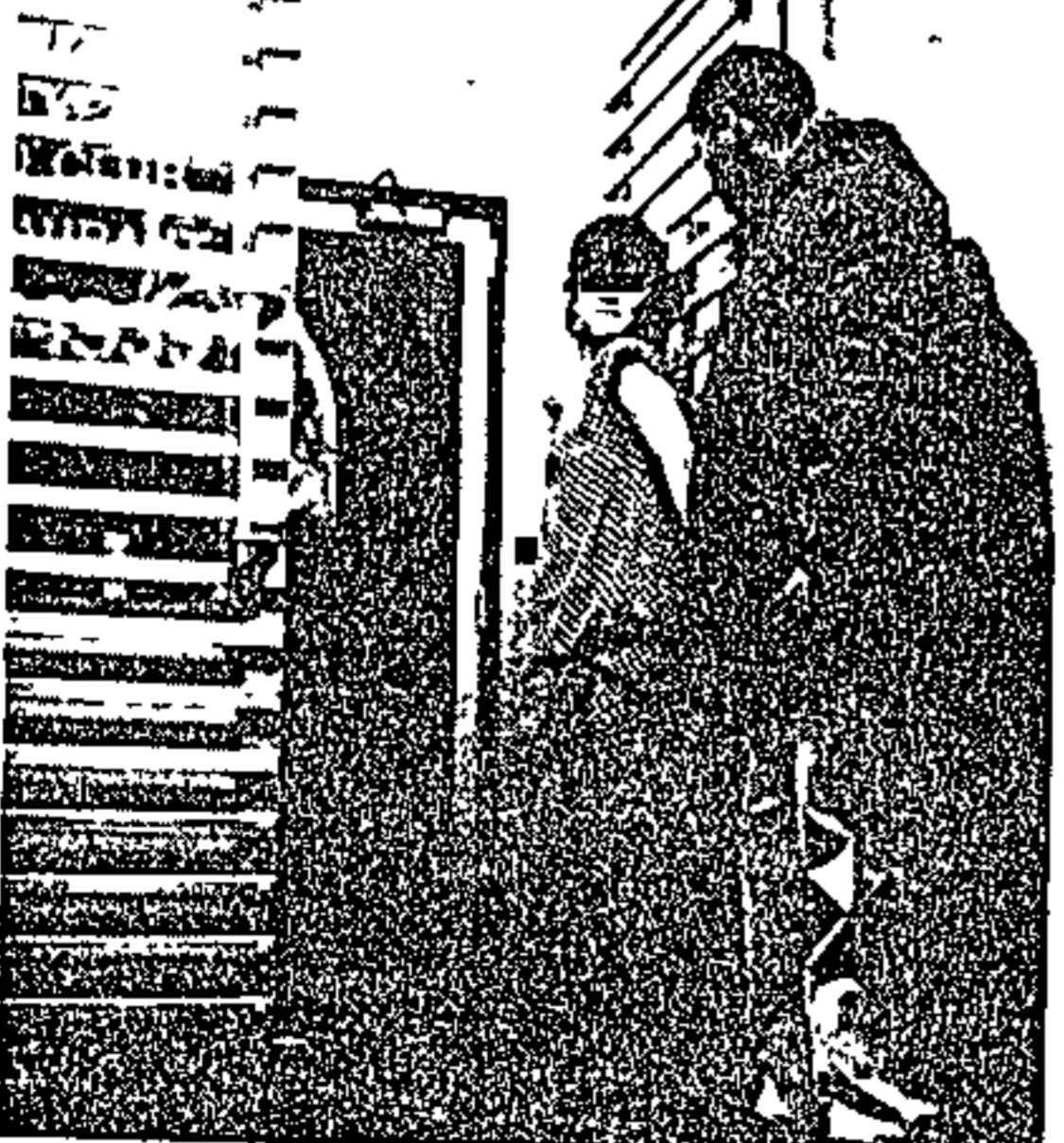
"For me this type of work is not a sin, but I am sorry I ever tackled it. This is a dangerous game," she said.



Taking a taxi ride into the night



Letting loose to the beat of midnight music



Who is this woman and where does she go in the darkness?



Round midnight, the "Red Light District" is the only lively part of Cape Town

## Seedy side

WALK through Riebeeck and Waterkant streets in Cape Town after midnight and you'll think you have accidentally stepped on to a film set.

A nightlife that many Capetonians don't even know about thrives under neon lights, in smoky bars and luxurious discotheques.

Groups of seaman or even businessmen emerge from nightspots with women prostitutes on their arms.

They pile into waiting taxis which ferry them to the docks or to hotels in various parts of the Peninsula.

Walk into some nightclubs and you wouldn't know that the main trade was prostitution.

Some clubs have burly door who only allow in a type of patron, certainly who may push drugs.

They are adamant, they may be morally wrong in people's eyes, but it is the addiction in other nightclubs, Cape Town that must be out.

But in some smoky dives, who are either new at "the those who don't fit into the class" clubs, gyrate on the floors.

Women who are down on luck, or who have had the deals of the dangerous ...

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# Tough veneer

TWO Cape Town women drowned recently when a taxi plunged over the edge of the jetty at the notorious "Taiwan Avenue" in Table Bay. One left behind a three-month-old baby, the child of a Taiwanese seaman. The women were prostitutes or "night people" plying their trade in an area many women regard as too dangerous to work in. Their deaths prompted a SOUTH investigation into the world of Cape Town's "night owls". SAHM VENTER and AYESHA ISMAIL report. BIEN KARLIE took the pictures

QUOTE: "The first time I hated myself. But after a while, you leave your heart at home."

CINDY, 29, a former administrative assistant who has been in the business for six months, once aspired to drive heavy duty mainland carriers.

The youngest of four daughters of a Steenberg family, she decided early she did not want the life of her sisters who all got married and settled down.

"I just felt I didn't want such a life — I wanted something different," said Cindy who has her mainc

"Some of my sisters are financially embarrassed. When they ask me for money, I give it to them with a smile on my face."

They think she works as a nightclub hostess.

Like most women prostitutes she started out by working the streets. Within two weeks she was trapped by police and spent 45 days in jail for "soliciting".

"I was allowed one phone call before I was charged, so I phoned my family and told them I was on the way to Joburg on holiday."

She charges a client between R50 and R100 for "short time".

"It depends on how long he takes," and up to R200 to spend the night.

"The first time I hated myself in the morning. But after a while you leave your heart at home," she said.

Cindy works from coffee bars and night clubs and does most of her business through hand signals through the window. Interested clients must go to her.

"The police can't touch us in here," she said.

She describes herself as sensitive and choosy — with a "sixth sense" and doesn't accept a client if she doesn't think he is a nice person.

Most of her clients are "businessmen" and many are regulars who phone her at home to make arrangements. She often gets taken out for a meal and is bought gifts.

She has never had any trouble from a client but the small knife she uses to cut biltong doubles as a self defence weapon "just in case".

Most of her clients are married and talk to her about their marital problems. One of her clients is an unmarried university lecturer.

"You've got to have your wits together with him. Sometimes I don't know what he's talking about, so I just keep quiet."

Cindy makes R580 a week — tax free. She used to earn R700 a month working in a department store.

"I'm not actually in this for the money. There are some evenings I don't feel like it, so I stay home."

She refuses to go to the docks because it is too risky and only accepts clients who speak English or Afrikaans.

"Most men prefer a certain type of girl. They don't only want her for her body — it's what she stands for."

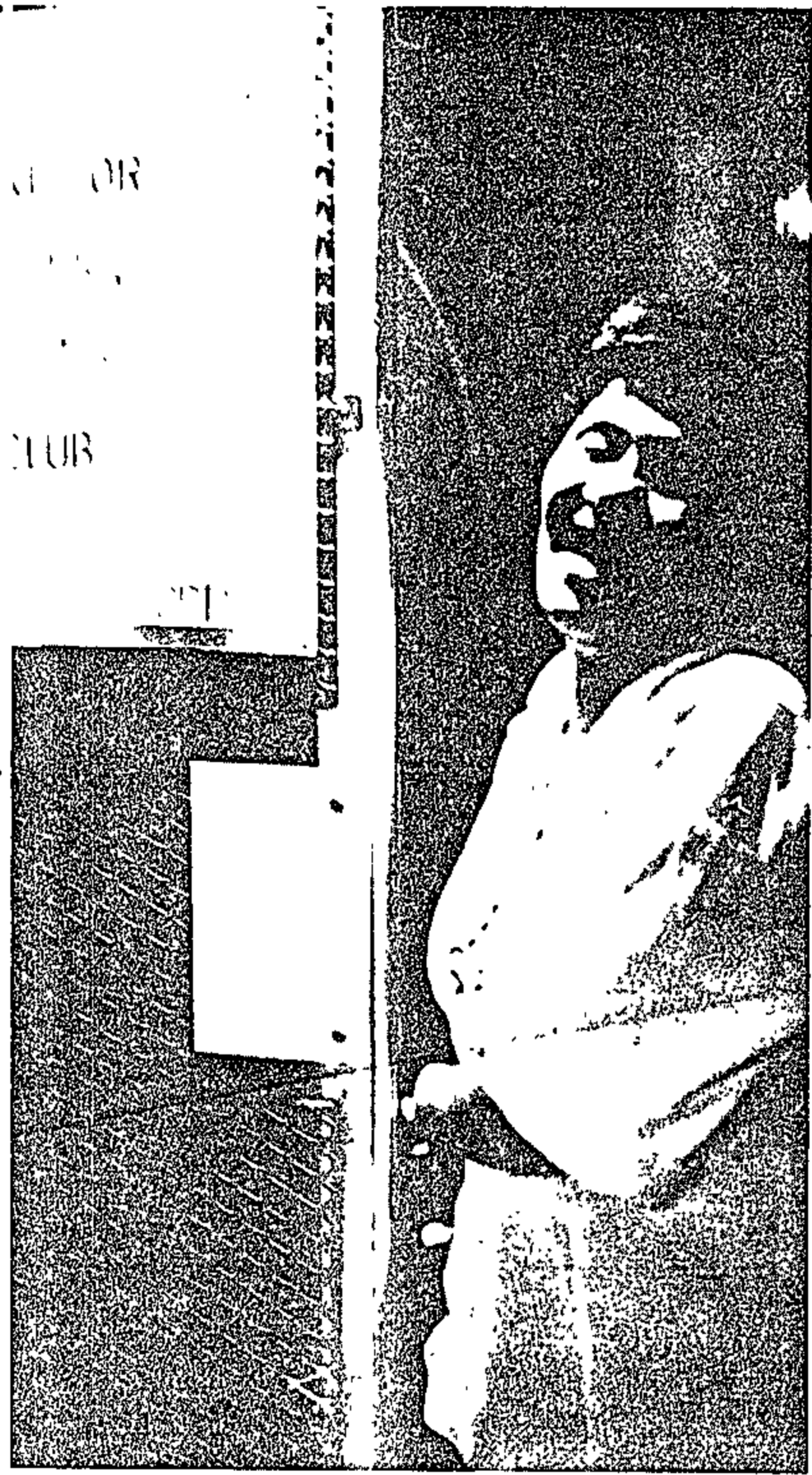
Cindy once "got close" to a client and saw him regularly for about four months.

"But he got too possessive."

She thinks prostitution should be legalised "although I don't think it will happen here in the very near future".

Cindy who has given herself four or five years at the game doesn't regret her involvement. "not yet"

A song "The Great Pretender" blares over the radio. "Just listen to the words," she said. "It suits this job because we have to pretend such a lot."



Friday night frenzy outside a late night-club

## Mourned, 'forgotten in a week'

HUNDREDS of prostitutes in Cape Town believe they are misunderstood.

For most, it is a job they take very seriously. They work from nine to five — "nine at night to five in the morning" — and don't believe they deserve the negative publicity they often receive. They see themselves as providing a service.

Most say they don't do it because they like it, but because unemployment forces them.

It is a job for some, a profession for others. Most are the sole supporters of their families. Some are married to unemployed men.

### Flood of seamen dwindled after Suez Canal

While some women are well educated, choosy about their clientele and take good care of themselves physically, with weekly medical check-ups, others are oblivious of the dangers of diseases such as Aids.

Under the tough veneer, many of these women are gentle and friendly and just want to be left to make the living some of them hate.

Some don't survive. According to an acquaintance of a woman who recently died, "she was mourned but forgotten in a week".

Many women from "up country", fed up with bad working conditions on farms and domestic work, head for the bright lights of Cape Town. When they come face to face with unemployment, they take up "the game".

The more professional among them believe that if prostitution was legalised in South Africa, they could enjoy benefits of other workers such as unemployment benefits, medical aid and pension.

While some are as young as 12 years old, most of the older women have children to support and rent to pay.

The infamous beat of the dockslands is seen as taboo by many women who say they would be asking for trouble by working the area.

### Drugs should be stamped out... not prostitution

Since the Suez Canal "crisis" of the 1960s and the more recent sanctions, the flood of foreign seamen to Cape Town dwindled.

Now the docks, seen as "a white elephant" are occupied mainly by Taiwanese ships and the source of most of the prostitutes' dock clientele. Hence the name "Taiwan Avenue".

Women prefer to work from bars and nightclubs and to take their customers to hotels.

They are adamant that they are not doing any harm and many are fiercely opposed to drugs which they believe should be stamped out instead of prostitution.

Several prostitutes complain of abuse from clients but feel they have a right to protection against exploitation.

According to a spokesperson for Rape Crisis everyone has the right to refuse sex and to have their refusal respected.

"Many people have the attitude that those who work as prostitutes have forfeited their right to say no to all kinds of abuse. Many might believe that prostitutes can't be raped. These attitudes makes it hard for a prostitute who has been sexually abused to speak out about it for fear that they won't be believed or taken seriously," she said.

"Rape Crisis supports the right of prostitutes to say no to any client and to refuse to do anything they don't feel comfortable about. Any man who ignored such a refusal would be committing sexual assault," the spokesperson said.

Dr Reg Coogan, Cape Town's Medical Officer of Health, said that while female prostitutes were only in danger of contracting Aids from bi-sexual males, there had been no cases in the city of females with Aids.

## Seedy side of town

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can be found there. The seedy side of town is the home of women who can't pick and choose as some prostitutes can. Like a tiny middle-aged woman who spoke and looked for all the world like a little girl.

These women barely survive the competitive world of prostitution in Cape Town. They are tough, but look sad at the same time.

Those in the smarter clubs and bars don't associate with them; they are safer and more confident that what they are doing will not destroy them.

Most of them want to get out in time but for some it is already too late.

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Taiwanese seamen outside a city club.

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GABORONE — Mr Steve Burnett yesterday told the High court in Lobatse how he had trailed Mr Ronald Watson from Johannesburg to Botswana and held him at gunpoint in his hotel room.

Mr Burnett said before he came to Botswana on May 23, he had been approached by a Mr Bruce Lavine who asked him to trail Mr Watson, who was to arrive the following day.

He testified that Mr Lavine asked him to find out who Mr Watson met while in Botswana, especially members of the African National Congress (ANC).

He said he consented in order to do Mr Lavine a favour, since he was coming to Botswana on business.

## Assailant details trailing Watson

Mr Burnett told the court Mr Lavine gave him a photograph of Mr Watson and flight details of his arrival time at Sir Seretse Khama airport.

Mr Burnett arrived in Gaborone by road early that day and proceeded to the airport where he waited for the plane to arrive from Johannesburg. When the plane arrived, he saw a white man who fitted Mr Watson's description. He approached the man and asked if he was Bruce.

Mr Burnett trailed the President Hotel combi which was transporting

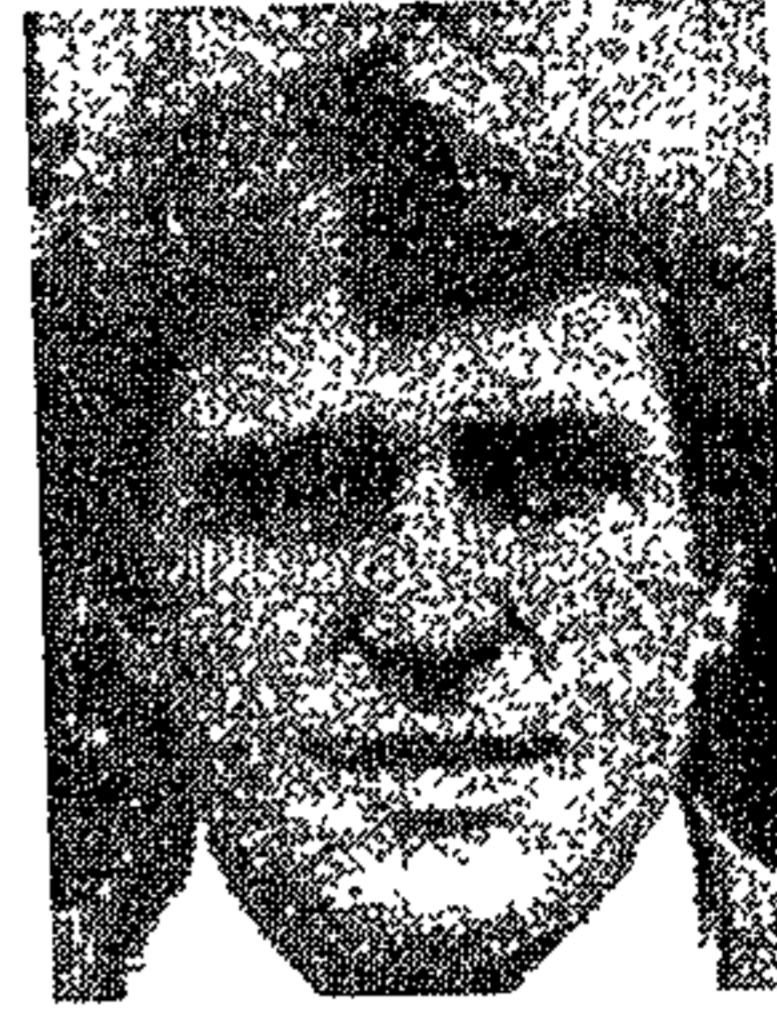
Mr Watson to town. Later he phoned the hotel where he was told Mr Watson had checked in.

The following morning, Mr Burnett went to Mr Watson's room at the hotel and pretended to be the hotel's duty manager to gain admittance.

Once inside the room, Mr Burnett pulled a pistol from his waist belt and ordered Mr Watson to lie on his bed.

"I introduced myself as a member of the British M16. When I asked him if he was an ANC member, he said yes."

He told the court that



MR RONNIE WATSON

Mr Watson had complied with his demand to provide him with all the names and telephone numbers of ANC personnel in Botswana.

He denied that he intended to kill Mr Watson.

The trial continues today. — Sapa.

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★ Cape Times, Thursday,

# Crime increasing in Observatory

Staff Reporters

IN Observatory, crime was on the increase and trends indicated that up to 60% of homes in the area may be affected by "some sort of criminal activity" by the end of this year, Mr Paddy Attwell, chairman of the Observatory Civic Association, said last night.

He was speaking at the launching of a neighbourhood crime watch, attended by 65 people.

More incidents have already taken place this year than occurred the whole of last year, he said.

The meeting was addressed by city councillors Mr Ivan Iversen and Mr Peter Parkin and Captain John Parker, police co-ordinator of neighbourhood crime watches.

Mr Parkin said neighbourhood watches were non-profit, non-political, non-vigilante and peace-loving organizations, and could be highly effective in combatting crime.

He emphasized that members of crime watches were encouraged to be on the lookout for criminals and not spy on their neighbours.

The City Council, which supported the concept of neighbourhood watches, was trying to promote a uniform system in the city, Mr Iversen said.

Captain Parker called on people to

report "suspicious-looking people" at schools and playgrounds.

□ The crime rate in the Observatory and Woodstock area is a headache for the police, who feel that a neighbourhood watch will help them curb it.

The Woodstock detective branch commander, Captain G S Viljoen, yesterday said the formation of a special housebreaking squad some months ago had already closed down the operations of at least two large gangs in the area.

However, in spite of detectives working round the clock, there were still many thefts from cars.

"We feel that members of a neighbourhood crime watch will be able to give us invaluable assistance in tracking down the culprits who will not operate when there are policemen in the area," Captain Viljoen said. "When people report anyone climbing over walls or skulking in the lanes, our men are able to investigate within minutes. For this reason there is a detective on duty each night."

Regarding assaults, Captain Viljoen said that several prostitutes operated in the area and men taking their chances with them often ended up as assault and robbery victims.

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# Masked men take cash, jewels

By JOHANN NEL  
Crime Reporter

FIVE men clad in overalls and wearing gloves and balaclavas tied up a domestic worker in a Walmer house yesterday before they ransacked the house and escaped with a wall safe containing cash and jewellery valued at R7 000.

The domestic worker, Mrs Nonkululeko Gwedashe, 35, later managed to free herself and alert the police.

She was uninjured.

Police said the men, all wearing blue overalls, burst into the 12th Avenue house of Mr Ernest Muller when Mrs Gwedashe answered the doorbell at about 8.10am.

They first asked if a Mr Muller lived there.

Then they forced Mrs Gwedashe into the main bedroom where they bound her feet with strips of bandage and her hands with a nylon rope.

The five masked men ransacked the house and removed a wall safe from a wardrobe. They also cut the telephone wire.

When they finally left the house and drove off in a vehicle, Mrs Gwedashe

managed to free herself.

The wall safe contained jewellery and cash valued at R7 000, police said.

● Four men, one armed with a handgun, burst into a house in Kwazakele last night where they robbed a woman of R1 380 in cash and a video recorder and record player valued at R2 856.

Police said the men demanded money and pointed a gun at the owner of the house, Mrs Letitia Sizani, 43.

Mrs Sizani fetched the money from a room and handed it to the men.

She was uninjured in the incident.

● A man who escaped with 16 other prisoners from the Grahamstown prison on June 14 was wounded and arrested in High Street, Grahamstown, last night.

A patrolling policeman, Constable A Boshoff, spotted two men walking in the street.

The men fled, but Const Boshoff chased them. Several shots were fired and a man, wounded in his buttocks, was arrested.

He is in hospital under police guard, but is not in a serious condition.

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# South NEWS

## Cayco, former

## 'gangsters' in

## joint bid

## to fight crime

By VUYO BAVUMA

THE Cape Youth Congress (Cayco) and former "gangsters" have joined forces to curb crime in African townships in the Peninsula.

So far, the Guguletu Section 2 branch of Cayco, a UDF affiliate, has formed a joint interim eight-member committee with the former gang members.

The committee comprises four street representatives from each side.

The scheme is aimed at making the neighbourhood safe, according to a Cayco spokesperson serving on the commit-

tee.

"It was becoming difficult for many people to travel in some sections of our area.

"Violent crimes such as murder, stabbing and robbery were becoming the order of the day, especially over week-ends," she said.

Some of these acts were committed in broad daylight but people were afraid to report the incidents to the police.

"In one weekend three people were stabbed to death in the NY3A area. We then decided to take steps to remedy the situation.

"So far, we have had five 'educational' meetings with some of the perpetrators of these acts. We explained the short-comings of their actions. Initially it was difficult to persuade them. Some cited unemployment as reasons for their actions," she said.

She claimed the crime rate had decreased remarkably since the initiative started eight weeks ago.

She said more projects involving Cayco members, former members of gangs and unemployed youths would be started soon.

"We want to engage all the parties in some form of activity. The next stage is to sell the concept to the broader community. After all, the whole idea will crumble if everyone isn't involved," she said.

She said the plan was being hampered by the fact that they could not hold meetings freely in the townships.

A former gang member, said they agreed in principle with Cayco's views and would support their programme of action to eradicate hoodliganism in the townships.

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# Pantihose killer sows terror in PE townships

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Blossom Nile, 49, was lucky to escape death after being attacked by the pantihose killer

**SOUTH CORRESPONDENT PORT ELIZABETH.** — The name Nokawusi has come to mean terror to wives and single working women in black townships here.

Early risers, from domestic workers to nurses, have been attacked by the killer nicknamed Nokawusi who uses a pantihose to strangle his victims. "Nokawusi" literally means "female sock".

So far Nokawusi has killed three women who were found raped and strangled by what residents called the "dreaded pantihose".

The attacks started in 1983 and intensified during the 1985 unrest. The attacks have not been officially attributed to one person.

## 'Mover in the shadows'

Residents in the areas of Seyisi and Daku in Kwazakele, however, have no doubt that Nokawusi, the "mover in the shadows", is responsible. Victims who have escaped death said he hid his face under a balaclava.

Relatives of some of the women killed said no sign of knife or bullet wounds were found on their bodies except for weals on their necks.

The latest victim, Nosipho Joyce Mwebana, 39, was found dead by neighbours in an alley about 20 me-

tres from her Kwazakele home. Mwebana, a divorced mother of three, was raped and strangled.

One of the first victims to die in June 1983 was Phateka Nophoto who was found dead in a street in the Njoli area.

Her naked body was lying in an alley with a pantihose tied tightly around her neck.

Last week two nurses, who work at the Livingstone and Dora Nginza hospitals, and a domestic worker escaped from the killer after residents came to their rescue.

The residents said the women were "lucky to be alive" after they were heard screaming for help when they were attacked on their way to work.

## Terrible encounter

Two women, Mrs Blossom Nile, 49, and Mrs Eunice Tshafa, 47, described their terrible encounter with the killer in a spate of attacks in an area of Kwazakele known as Ebasuthwini.

"It was early morning," Nile said, "and I was on my way to the Daku terminus to catch a bus to Livingstone Hospital, where I work, when I heard quick footsteps behind me."

"I thought it was someone rushing for a bus but I became suspicious when the person closed in on me. When I looked a man wearing a bal-

aclava reached for the belt of his trousers. I was thrown down and for a moment lost consciousness.

"Fortunately he was disturbed by someone before he could rape me but when I recovered I found that my purse and wristwatch were missing," she said.

Tshafa said she saw a man watching her from behind a fence in a street in Daku.

"He suddenly attacked me and tied something around my neck," she said. "The man escaped with her purse containing R90. No arrests have been made."

## Easy targets

So far nobody has been able to give a description of the killer because of the balaclava.

"As members of the street committees were detained or in hiding, women became easy targets for Nokawusi," one resident said.

Police have confirmed the attacks but said no arrests had yet been made.

The police liaison officer of the Eastern Cape, Captain Peet Grobler, said it was likely that no single person was responsible for these crimes.

"It's just one of those things that's escalating," he said.

# City Council backs civic crime watch

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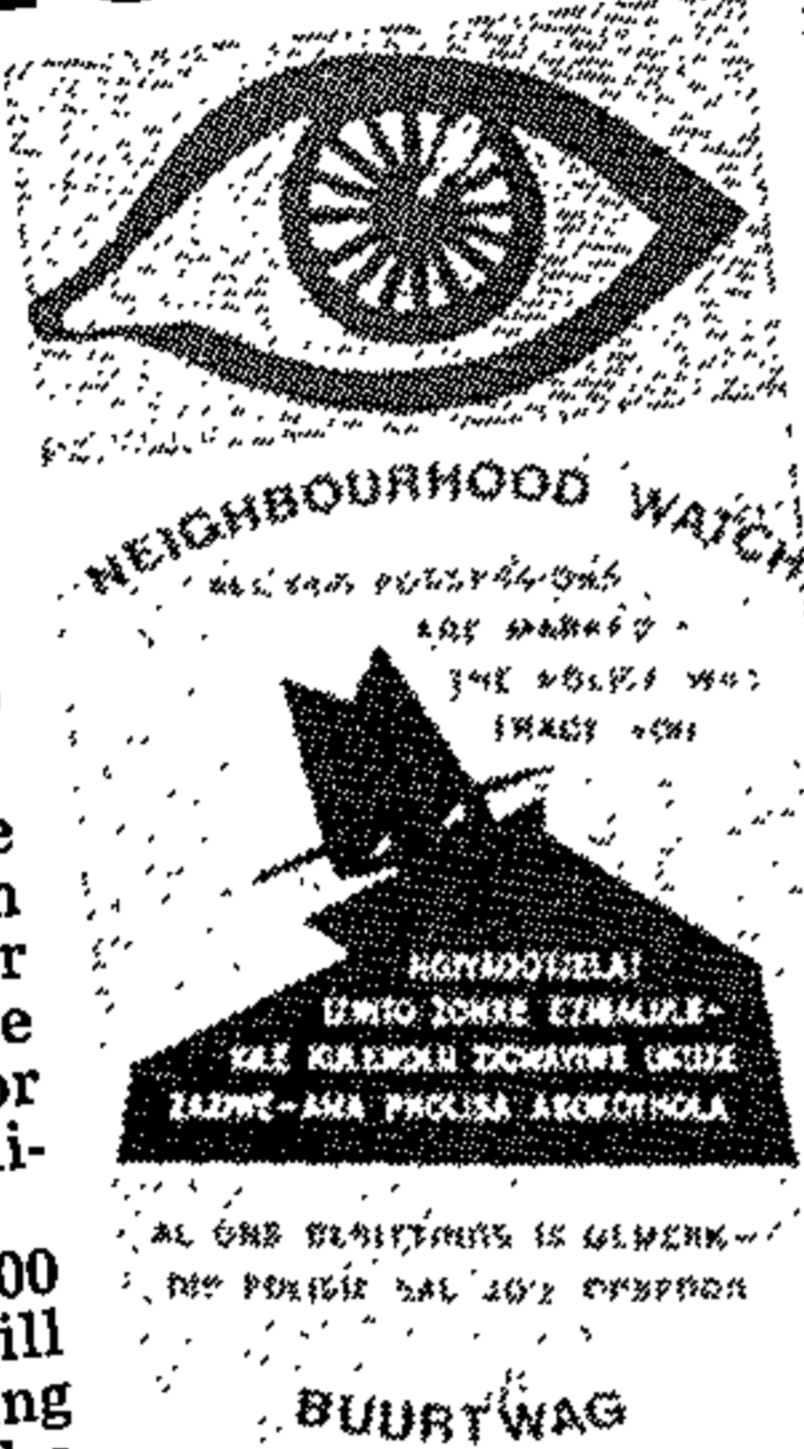
**Municipal Reporter**  
**NEIGHBOURHOOD** watches received a boost yesterday when Cape Town City Council voted to provide R16 000 to ratepayers' associations or other groups starting up watches.

The payments will be made for the acquisition of about 100 "starter kits" comprising house signs and stickers for windows, cars and appliances.

A maximum of R300 per organizing body will be provided. According to a report from the executive committee, a set of signs and stickers cost R2.86 each.

Mr Frank van der Velde said all areas of Cape Town were excited about "getting on with the show" in regard to neighbourhood watches.

The exco report said ratepayers' associations had made it clear that



meetings Mr Van der Velde had attended was which logo to adopt, the hooded watchman or the eye, he said.

Mr Chris Joubert replied that he preferred the hooded watchman, which was internationally recognized, but he would not push the point.

Both logos were already well established in South Africa, with the eye in Pinetown and in Marina da Gama, and the hooded man in Randburg and in Sea Point, Mr Joubert said.

He introduced an amendment to the wording of the motion, to describe neighbourhood watches as "non-political, non-racial and non-vigilante" bodies.

Mr Peter Parkin said neighbourhood watches were not established to "see to the implementation of legislation such as the Group Areas Act", but to fight crime by spying on criminals.

there was a definite interest in and desire for neighbourhood watches. A number of associations had already progressed a long way towards establishing watches.

One "side issue", which had caused much debate at the several

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# Gangland dossiers

by MARK STANSFIELD, Weekend Argus Reporter

GANGSTER activities in the Peninsula are being closely monitored by top policemen who this week disclosed that they have dossiers on "each and every gang member" and their activities.

Peninsula Divisional Criminal Investigation officer Brigadier Nick Acker said this constant surveillance, which had been carried out since 1979, had led to a dramatic decline in gang-related crime statistics for the Peninsula.

"I want to assure the public — especially in those areas in which gangsters operate — that our police force will protect them," he said.

## Fear

Police gang surveillance was initiated in at least one area recently when Weekend Argus disclosed that many Lavender Hill residents lived in fear.

Several high-ranking police officers are still monitoring the situation in Lavender Hill and surrounding suburbs and constantly reported all gang-related activities, Brigadier Acker disclosed.

Lavender Hill hit the headlines in May this year when three innocent bystanders were shot and another stabbed with a pitchfork after an alleged vendetta between two rival gangs.

Police subsequently increased their presence in an effort to crush the apparent stranglehold gangsters had on residents through fear and intimidation.

Since then several specialised policemen, experts on gang methods, have been deployed.

When the shootings took place Weekend Argus interviewed several residents who said that gang activity was rife in the area.

The Peninsula CID have properly investigated allegations of murder and serious

bodily harm made by Lavender Hill residents and can assure the public that there is no extraordinary problem regarding gangs in that area.

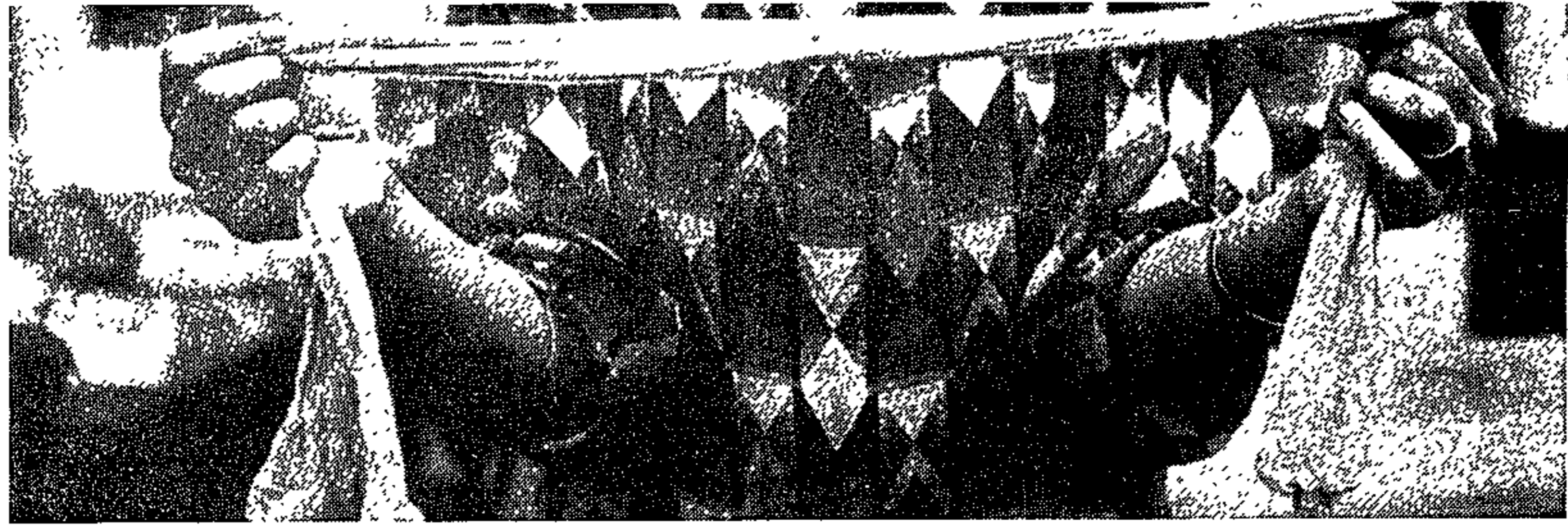
## Murder

"There are several gangs who operate there and at least one murder has taken place in which rival gangs were involved.

"Residents alleged that a second murder took place during which a gang member was decapitated.

"We have found no evidence to suggest this killing took place and presume that it was a rumour," he said.

A full report on Peninsula gang activities had been requested by the House of Representatives, he said.



# 'Pantyhoser's' brutal reign

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Cape Press  
2/8/87

## CP Correspondent

SINCE 1983, the word "nokawusi" has been a nightmare to women in Port Elizabeth's black townships.

Early risers - from domestic workers to nurses - have been rape victims of a man dubbed "Nokawusi" (pantyhose killer).

The pantyhose killer has been watching in the early

morning shadows for lone women who rush for the early buses in the neighbourhood of the Seyisi and Daku areas in KwaZakele.

It is not known whether the spate of rape and strangulation attempts, which started in 1983 and intensified during the 1985 unrest in the area, is the work of one man, but residents now attribute all rapes and

strangulations to Nokawusi.

The killer has claimed the lives of three women who have been found raped and strangled to death by what the residents call "the dreaded pantyhose".

Relatives of the deceased say no sign of knife or bullet wounds were found by doctors, but all the women had angry weals on their necks.

The latest victim, Nosipho Joyce Mtwebana, 39, was found dead in an alley about 20m from her KwaZakele home in the area of Seyisi.

Nosipho, a divorced mother of three, was found by neighbours on January 19, at 6am after she was raped and strangled to death.

One of the first victims to die, in June 1983, was Phatheka Nophoto, who was found dead in a street in Njoli.

Her naked body was found by residents in an alley and a pantyhose was tied tightly round her neck. Since then the pantyhose bogeyman of KwaZakele was born.

Last week, two nurses, at Livingstone and Dora Nginza hospitals and a domestic worker escaped death from the killer after residents came to their rescue.

In a spate of attacks in one KwaZakele area, two women, Blossom Ntile, 49, and Eunice Tshafa, 47, were the victims.

The two women told *City Press* how they survived the most feared man in KwaZakele.

"It was an early summer morning in November 1985. I was about 100m from home on my way to the Daku bus terminus to catch an early bus to PE Provincial Hospital where I worked as a cleaner.

"I heard quick steps behind me and I thought it was someone also rushing for a bus," said Blossom.

"I began to be suspicious as the steps closed in on me. When I looked back, a man with his face covered with a balaclava was reaching for the belt of his trousers. I was thrown down and it went black," she said.

"When I woke up, I had my suspenders pulled down and my purse and wrist watch were missing. Thank God, some one must have disturbed him. He did not rape me."

Another victim, Eunice, said she was on her way to work when she saw a balaclava face watching her from behind a fence in Daku Street.

"It was 4.40am in the morning of January 9, 1985. The man tied something around my neck and raped me while I was lying on the ground unconscious. Afterwards I reported it to the police but no arrests were made," said Eunice.

She said the man escaped with her purse and R90 she was going to pay the funeral parlour for the burial of her father who died that week.

Residents said that the attacks increased during the unrest period and little was done by the police to catch the attacker.

However, according to the SAP Press liaison officer in the Eastern Cape, Captain Peet Grobber, "there is no one guy doing these things".

"Before the state of emergency regulations there was a drop in reported crimes as the people were intimidated, but once the regulations were implemented and things became quieter, they came forward again," he added. - East Cape News Agency.

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# R1.5m cheque fraud under investigation

*Cape Times 10/10/87*

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Staff Reporters

PENINSULA police are investigating an alleged check fraud which they believe could involve up to R1,5 million.

The investigation began early last week when East Cape Murder and Robbery Squad detectives hunting a suspect in Cape Town made an arrest in Guguletu. During the raid on the house, detectives came across two Unemployment Insurance Fund (UIF) cheques issued by the Receiver of Revenue.

It is believed the two cheques could be part of a series of UIF cheques — already under investigation locally — which are believed to have been stolen from the Guguletu post office.

A man is expected to appear in the Athlone Magistrate's Court in connection with the thefts, which he had allegedly fraudulently cashed in Athlone.

Further arrests are expected this week. Police said yesterday there were indications that the investigation would spread to other post offices in the Peninsula.

The Post Master of Cape Town, Mr J J L Fourie, said he had not heard about the theft of cheques.

"I can't recollect that the Receiver has posted cheques in bulk recently, the last time this happened was when the loan levy cheques were sent out shortly after the mini-budget but before the election," he said. "I have never heard of theft on such a large scale from the post office."

He said that as the cheques had been from the Receiver of Revenue they would be made out to individual members of the public, making it difficult for the thieves to cash.

# Granny bond cuts help others

*Cape Times 10/10/87*

Financial Editor

THE government's decision to scrap "granny-bonds", announced at the weekend, has saved thousands of families from facing a sizeable increase in their living costs.

To stop the outflow of funds into "granny-bonds" where they would earn interest of 15%, most of the building societies were forced to offer a comparable rate to existing depositors over the age of 60.

That meant the building societies' funds were costing them more and they would have had to pass the increase on to borrowers by raising their mortgage bond rates if the "granny-bond" scheme had continued much longer.

Two building society managing directors said last week they would have to put up bond rates if the "granny bonds" continued to offer 15%.

□ Full report, page 4

# Suspended students seek court interdict

*Cape Times 10/10/87*

By CHRIS BATEMAN and PETER DENNEHY

TWO "moderate" students who were suspended from the University of Cape Town last week are to apply today to the Supreme Court for an urgent interdict to allow them to return to lectures.

The chairman and deputy chairman of the Moderate Students Movement (MSM), Mr Lance Terry and Mr Rafi Peer, were suspended last week for the remainder of this year for disregarding an instruction by the principal, Dr Stuart Saunders, to postpone a meeting.

Mr Peer said last night that Dr Saunders had told him when he was suspended that he had the right to appeal to the university authorities.

"The purpose of the Supreme Court interdict is to allow us to return to lectures before we are too badly affected," he said.

He is a third-year Commerce student, while Mr Terry is a final year LLB student.

Asked whether he would also appeal to the university, Mr Peer replied that his lawyers would "consider the steps to be taken, pending the outcome of the application, and advise us accordingly".

Dr Saunders had instructed the MSM to postpone its meeting on campus at which Eastern Cape ex-mayor Mr Tom Linda was scheduled to speak.

Yet the meeting went ahead until it was disrupted and Mr Linda had to flee. At the time he said he was assaulted with broomsticks.

The car in which Mr Linda was driven away, which belonged to Mr Peer, was seriously damaged, and the briefcase Mr Linda left behind when he fled was burned.

Give the Royal... and...

# Cape Town is crime capital

Cape Times 12/8/87 35'

By CHRIS STEYN

**CAPE TOWN** is the murder capital of the Western world. Its violent death rate is almost three times that of New York.

Police figures show that 1 282 murders and 672 culpable homicides — an average of five a day — were reported in the Peninsula in 1985.

That works out to 530 murders for every million people in a population of 2.5 million. By comparison New York, which has a reputation of being a violent city, has a murder rate only about one third as high — 198 murders for every million of its 7.9 million residents.

Only 1 582 murders were committed there last year in comparison with the 1 327 committed in the Peninsula in 1985.

The local picture looks worse when compared with statistics for England and Wales. There the murder rate last year was 10 for every million residents — less than one fiftieth of the rate in the Peninsula.

City councillor Mr Arthur Wienburg yesterday repeated his call for a civic patrol to prevent crime in the municipal area of Cape Town so that police could concentrate on more serious crime.

Addressing the congress of the Medical Association of South Africa recently, Dr J W van der Spuy of the University of Cape Town said the assault and homicide rates in the Peninsula were the highest per capita in the world and made Chicago and Singapore "look like nursery school outings".

## Death rate

In a recent interview with the Cape Times, however, a spokesman for the Department of Law and Order, Brigadier Leon Mellet, said that South Africa's crime rate had slowed in the past 18 months because of a drop in crime in the Western Cape.

He said the introduction of special constables and greater co-operation between the police and the public since the introduction of the emergency had contributed to this.

The violent death rate in the Peninsula is also far higher than that of England and Wales put together. According to figures supplied by the Home Office the country has a low murder rate: 616 murders were committed in the country last year (for a rate per million of 10) in comparison with 662 the previous year.

Western Cape police public relations spokesman Lieutenant Attie Laubscher said yesterday the high crime rate in the Peninsula at the height of the unrest was largely because "bobbies on the beat" had to be withdrawn to help in unrest areas.

South Africa is policed by about 68 000 policemen — half of them white — which is about two policemen per 1 000 people. The United States, in contrast, has 2.5 to 3.3 policemen per 1 000 people, while West Germany has 2.5 policemen per 1 000 people.

Lieutenant Laubscher said that following the introduction of the state of emergency police were finally free to patrol areas. Neighbourhood crime-watch schemes had also contributed to a decrease in violent crime.

He claimed that at the height of the unrest last year so-called black radicals kept watch outside certain police stations in black areas and attacked township residents reporting crimes.

THIS IS A BREAKDOWN OF THE CRIME STATISTICS FOR THE PENINSULA IN 1985

	MURDER	RAPE	ROBBERY	ASSAULT
Cape Town, Athlone, Wynberg, Bellville	784 (and 578 c/homicide)	1 290	—	17 467
Mitchells' Plain	155	607	1 906	4 678
Guguletu	194 and 49	188	—	2 281
Elsie's River	66	—	—	—
Bishop Lavis	47	—	—	—
Langa	41	—	—	—
Philippi	40	—	—	—



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# Dramatic crime drop claimed

By CHRIS STEYN

THE crime rate in the Western Cape has dropped "dramatically" in recent months, police claimed yesterday — but the statistics to prove this will only be available in a year's time.

Responding to a Cape Times report which named Cape Town as the West's murder capital, Law and Order spokesman Brigadier Leon Mellet said the situation had changed significantly since the 1985 statistics were released.

However, 1986 statistics, which will show a negative growth rate in crime, will only be available at the end of the month. Statistics for 1987 will be available in a year's time.

Brig Mellet said these new figures would show that "some categories, such as murder, have dropped by as much as 45%, with an overall decrease of more than 30% in serious crime".

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He said the BBC had a policy of not  
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A team from Aston University's De-  
partment of Applied Psychology, led  
by Dr Guy Cumberbatch, concluded in  
its survey that there was more vio-  
lence in ITV programmes than BBC  
ones, but that aggression on television  
was presented in a more "sanitized"  
version in the 1980s than in the 1970s.

Feature films like James Bond and  
American serials such as Miami Vice  
were the main culprits, with pro-  
grammes imported from across the At-  
lantic three times more violent than  
home-made material.

## Petition for teachers' release

Education Reporter  
A PETITION to the Minister of Law and Order, Mr  
Adriaan Vlok, calling for the release of two teachers  
from Paarl's Simon Hebe High School, has been  
signed by 669 parents, teachers and pupils.

An attorney representing geography teacher Mr  
Bram Mhlom, 35, and mathematics and physics  
teacher Mr Sidima Kabonyane, 31, who have been  
held for 14 months in Paarl's Victor Verster Prison  
in terms of the emergency regulations, said the  
petition was delivered to Mr Vlok on Thursday.

The school's headmaster, Mr Timothy Ndzuzo,  
said the entire school had been boycotting classes  
since Wednesday in support of the teachers.

## 90% support SAP — Mellet

PRETORIA. — A spokesman for the Department of  
Law and Order yesterday said the SAP had up to  
90% support from all the people of South Africa in  
its daily task to protect and serve.

Brigadier Leon Mellet told SABC radio news the  
remaining 10% comprised radicals and mainly  
criminals.

He said people were now becoming aware of the  
need to maintain law and order and showed much  
goodwill towards the police.

One of the biggest problems now facing the police  
was the question of intimidation, and over the past  
three years it had become increasingly clear that  
this tactic was on the increase, he said. — Sapa

## Ex-cops fined for R8 000 theft

Court Reporter

FORMER policemen Charles Louw and Anthony  
Charles were fined and given suspended jail sen-  
tences by a Wynberg Regional Court magistrate  
yesterday for stealing clothing and other goods  
worth R8 000 by pretending to be on duty.

Two accomplices, Achmat Fortune and  
Riedewaan Williams, were also fined and sen-  
tenced to suspended jail terms.

The men were found guilty of stealing goods in-  
cluding a microwave oven, TV, video cassette re-  
corder, and 30 pairs of ladies shoes and dresses  
from a clothing dealer, Mrs Dureya Abdulla, on  
December 27 last year.

Louw, 25, of Sherwood Park, who was a constable  
at the time the crime was committed, was fined R200  
(or 100 days) for theft, and Charles, 23, of Tafelsig,  
Mitchells Plain, R150 (or 75 days).

Achmat Fortune, 51, of Rocklands, Mitchells  
Plain, was fined R500 (or 250 days) and Williams, 30,  
of Eastridge, Mitchells Plain, R200 (or 100 days).

All were also sentenced to 18 months' imprison-  
ment, suspended for five years.

At an earlier hearing Charles said that on Decem-  
ber 27 the four had gone to Mrs Abdullah's house  
where he and Louw had gone inside while Fortune  
and Williams had driven off.

Louw, who was wearing a police uniform, told Mrs  
Abdullah he was Sergeant Gedallie of Fish Hoek  
and searched the house. Charles thought he was  
doing his duty as a policeman.

Later Williams and Fortune returned to the house  
in a bakkie. When they entered Louw asked them if  
"they were the people bringing stolen goods to this  
house", Charles said.

Charles overheard Mrs Abdullah offer Louw and  
Fortune R2 000 "for the goods". Louw said: "We  
don't work like that." They then loaded goods into  
the bakkie, some from Mrs Abdulla's car.

Lieutenant A C van Schalkwyk, investigating offi-  
cer in the matter, said it was possible Mrs Abdulla  
had bought stolen goods.

Louw said he had gone to the house after Fortune  
had told him that Mrs Abdulla had goods belonging  
to him. He did not think it was illegal.

Mr P Mostert prosecuted. Mr M Parker, Mr J Yekiso, Ms M Wichahn  
and Mr H Theunissen appeared for the men.

GIAN MAHOGANY — ANTIQUE CHAISE LONGUE

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# Watson brothers released on R5 000 bail

Own Correspondent

**PORT ELIZABETH.** — The Watson brothers were released on bail of R5 000 each yesterday granted by the president of the Regional Court, Mr Gert Steyn, after he had turned down an application by Mr Jules Browde, SC, for the defence, for the charges of arson, fraud and attempted murder to be dismissed.

Mr Steyn said Mr Browde's "very well prepared argument" for dismissal submitted there was no material evidence against Mr Dan (Cheeky) Watson or Mr Ronald Watson, and the evidence against Mr Valence Watson — Mr Geoffrey Nocanda's implication of him — was manifestly unreliable and not worthy of being considered evidence.

The State had said the circumstantial evidence supported the evidence of Mr Nocanda and that the

inferences drawn from it corroborated Mr Nocanda.

Mr Steyn said he did not think there could be any doubt the circumstances were "rather unique". The issue was whether or not sufficient evidence existed on which a reasonable man might convict at this stage.

If the decision rested only on the credibility of Mr Nocanda, it would be "a simple matter", he said. To come to a proper conclusion, the inferences to be drawn from proved facts would have to be carefully sorted from those not based on accepted facts. This was "not an easy task", he said.

He was satisfied that the credibility of Mr Nocanda's evidence was not as straightforward as either the State or defence argued and at this stage he could not find that it should be completely disregarded.

As a result of this, he said, the application was refused.

Then, as Mr Browde rose to ask for the case to be adjourned to enable him to prepare his case, Mr Steyn brought up the question of bail.

He said the accused had been in custody for "a considerable time" and asked the prosecutor, Mr H van der Walt, what the State's attitude would be to bail.

Mr Van der Walt said he had not prepared any argument.

Asked why the State had opposed bail before, Mr Van der Walt said it was to prevent witnesses from being interfered with or the accused leaving the country.

The first reason now fell away.

Mr Steyn said he was prepared to listen to an application for bail which, after a brief adjournment, Mr Steyn set at R5 000 each.

The brothers' passports were handed to the clerk of the court and they are required to report to the police twice daily.

The hearing was then postponed to Tuesday. All the counts arise from a fire on October 15 1985, when a house in Park Drive belonging to their mother, Mrs Elaine Claire Watson, was destroyed.

The State alleges that the three accused and their brother, Mr Gavin Watson, were in partnership in Dan Watson American Imports, which had branches in Port Elizabeth, Uitenhage and East London. The firm allegedly was heavily in debt and the house was bonded to the extent of R429 000 as security for those debts.



Mr Dan "Cheeky" Watson (left) and his brother Valence are chaired from the Port Elizabeth Regional Court after being released on R5 000 bail yesterday. Picture: GUY TILLIM of REUTERS

# Attacks on city aged: 4th man held

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By **STEPHEN WROTTESELEY,**  
Crime Reporter

THE alleged leader of the "Overall Gang" wanted in connection with 10 charges of attacking mainly elderly women in their homes in Cape Town's "bowl area" has been arrested in Boksburg.

He will appear in court in Cape Town soon.

The arrest ended a nine-month-long search for the alleged gang leader. Three alleged members were arrested earlier this year. One, Karl Jacobus Martin Abrahams, 27, was jailed last month for eight years following one of the attacks.

He was found guilty of assaulting Miss Catherine Hofmeyr in her Kloof Street flat in April this year.

The gang was dubbed the "Overall Gang" because in a number of incidents they wore orange and brown overalls similar to those worn by City Council employees.

The robbers told their victims they were collecting "Christmas boxes" or said they were from the refuse department or the "drains and cockroach division".

After an attack in April on two sisters, Isobel, 74, and Catherine Hofmeyr — who was confined to a wheelchair with multiple sclerosis — members of the Peninsula murder and robbery squad "staked out" the Tamboerskloof area on the off-chance that the gang would strike again.

During the trial of Abrahams the court was told he entered the Kloof Street flat while another member of the gang was "busy" with Miss Isobel Hofmeyr.

He found Miss Catherine Hofmeyr lying on the floor calling for her sister.

Abrahams said he put her on the bed and put a cushion over her face to keep her quiet.

The magistrate described the assault as "shocking".

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# Heideveld fears 'gang war'

By CHRIS GUTUZA

HEIDEVELD residents fear the stabbing of a youth at a soccer meeting could spark off a "gang war".

The youth was assaulted after armed youths disrupted a Chelsea AFC meeting in the Cainkin Community Centre two weeks ago, by hurling a petrol bomb into a room.

Another youth was allegedly assaulted by an unknown mob in what residents feel might be in retaliatory action for the

"bombing" and the assault.

Mr Sedick Davids, 18, said he was attacked by an unknown mob last week. He spent several days in Groote Schuur Hospital where he was treated for stab wounds.

His mother said she had notified police about the matter.

A spokesperson for the police said they were not aware of an imminent gang war. He said they were only investigating charges of public violence and that samples of a "liquid bomb" had

been sent for laboratory tests.

Meanwhile, a youth claimed he was picked up by police at the weekend and questioned in connection with the stabbing of Davids. He was released after denying he was part of a gang that assaulted Davids.

A spokesperson of the Heideveld Youth Movement said they had spoken to two gangs in the area in an attempt to avert a "war".

"We intend speaking to another gang and should be able to get them to reach

an agreement soon. We do not condemn them because we believe they are victims of circumstances," he said.

A senior member of Chelsea said the club resumed matches last week.

He said they had not held any meetings since their meeting was disrupted but that training sessions were proceeding as usual.

Chelsea called off all senior games because several players were injured in the attack on their meeting.

# Nine held in R80 000 cheque theft inquiry

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## Crime Reporter

POLICE arrested eight men in their 30s in Guguletu today in connection with the theft of Unemployment Insurance Fund cheques. A ninth man was arrested last week.

Five are Post Office employees who work in Langa and Guguletu.

The arrests followed investigations of at least 70 cases involving more than R80 000.

Police said more cases may come to light.

Fraud Branch detectives,

aided by the Murder and Robbery Squad and the Dog Squad, swooped on homes early today. They also confiscated documents.

Scores of unemployed people are alleged to have lost their benefits as a result of thefts.

A police spokesman said it seemed the thieves knew which envelopes contained cheques because they were from the Department of Manpower.

## CASHED AT STORES

Cases of theft of income tax refund cheques from the Receiver of Revenue have subsequently also been reported.

They were cashed at stores by people using false identification in the form of an acknowledgement of receipt of an application for a change of address on an identification document.

It is understood the method of sending out UIF cheques has now been changed.

Police said the arrested men would appear in court on Monday.



**KARATE CHAMPS . . .** The four national karate champions outside the Supreme Court yesterday with their instructors. The instructors are Mr Patrick Plum (third from left) and Peter Brendon (second from right). The four champions are (from left) Vusumzi Michael Gubango, Vincent Hamca, Tembi Gabriel Gama and Eric Monco.

By **ANDRE KOOPMAN**

FOUR national karate champions, described by a Supreme Court judge as "decent and upstanding young men", were yesterday convicted of murdering a gang leader with karate sticks and machetes after he had "repeatedly terrorized them".

Vusumuzi Gubango, 22, Tembile Monco, 21, and Tembi Gama, 22, all of Nyanga, and Vincent Hamca, 19, of Constantia, pleaded guilty to murder.

They were sentenced to three years jail, suspended for three years.

Three of the men are expected to receive their Springbok colours this weekend, according to the head of Goju-Kai Karate in South Africa, Mr Peter Brandon, who was in court.

Evidence was that the four, who are all members of the same karate club, killed the leader of the Ntsala gang, Mr Johannes Mabuyana, on April 2, by "stabbing and/or chopping and/or cutting him" with knives, karate sticks (nunchakus), and other sharp instruments.

In papers before the court it was said that Mr Mabuyana had stabbed and killed one karateka and stabbed another member of the club in the shoulder blade, after he and 10 of his gangsters had disrupted a karate club fund-raising event at the Zolani Centre, Nyanga East, in March this year.

#### Campaign of terror

The four and their instructor, Mr Patrick Plum, then disarmed Mr Mabuyana and handed him over to the police.

Hamca said: "I was surprised to see that he was walking free with his group a few days later."

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In the ensuing weeks "Mabuyana and his gangsters conducted a campaign of terror against the members of the karate club", according to evidence.

Hamca said gang members "deliberately tried to drive over me as I was returning from gym" the day after the funeral of a club member who had been stabbed to death by Mr Mabuyana.

The court was told that when the gang had tried to knock down Hamca this was the "last straw".

The four decided to approach Mr Mabuyana and took nunchakus with them because they were not prepared to face the gangsters unarmed.

They found about 10

# Karate men murdered gang leader

gang members along the way and tried to speak to them but the four were surrounded by the machete-wielding gangsters. They fought the gangsters and managed to overpower some, who then ran away.

Mr Mabuyana continued fighting with a big knife and hurt Gubango and Hamca. The four then grabbed knives abandoned by the fleeing gangsters and stabbed and beat Mr Mabuyana. He later died in hospital and the four

gave themselves up to the police.

Mr Justice A J Lategan said he was satisfied with the version of the four men and found that they had been "repeatedly terrorized". They had acted under circumstances which clouded their judgment and extenuating circumstances therefore existed.

Mr Justice Lategan presided with two assessors, Mr H Van Huysteen and Mr H J Luttig. Mr P J Marais appeared for the State. Miss R Scalabrino, Mr P Berthold, Miss L Conradie and Mr J Miller appeared pro Deo for the four.

## Border improvement

Hampered by increasing organised car theft, insurers are closing in with the assistance of the police. A liaison committee between insurers and the authorities has been upgraded, and had its third major mustering last Friday in Johannesburg.

The committee is concerned with three areas of co-operation: computerisation; legal aspects, particularly those dealing with neighbouring states; and methods of crime detection and recovery of stolen vehicles.

Though these meetings foster growing co-operation, recoveries of stolen insured vehicles have continued to decline. As can be seen in the accompanying graphs, the rate of recovery has fallen steadily from 24% in 1982 to this year's paltry 14%.

Worse still, over the same period there was a dramatic increase in the actual incidence of theft. The numbers stolen rocketed 41% in just three years to 1986, to approximately 62 000. On those insured, at an indemnity value of about R11 000 a throw, insurers paid out R170m last year in claims.

Says SA Insurance Association (Saia) CE Rodney Schneeberger: "To the end of May we did not observe any decline in incidence, though things seemed to have peaked. We are, however, cautiously optimistic. Apart from positive co-operation between insurers and police, we have noticed a considerable return by officers to conventional duties arising from the decline in political unrest."

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He adds that "the co-operation of the police has been particularly outstanding as regards recovery of stolen vehicles from neighbouring states, especially Swaziland and Botswana" — a development presumably underlined by the latest exposure of an international car-theft ring.

The reason for the committee was the "unacceptably high level of car theft and other crimes generally, including house burglary." For the present, motor theft is the main consideration.

Crime is a major reason why motor premiums have leapt so alarmingly in the past 18 months; and this in turn is why fewer vehicles are insured. It is clear from the graphs that the number of vehicles insured can be little more than 30% of the total.

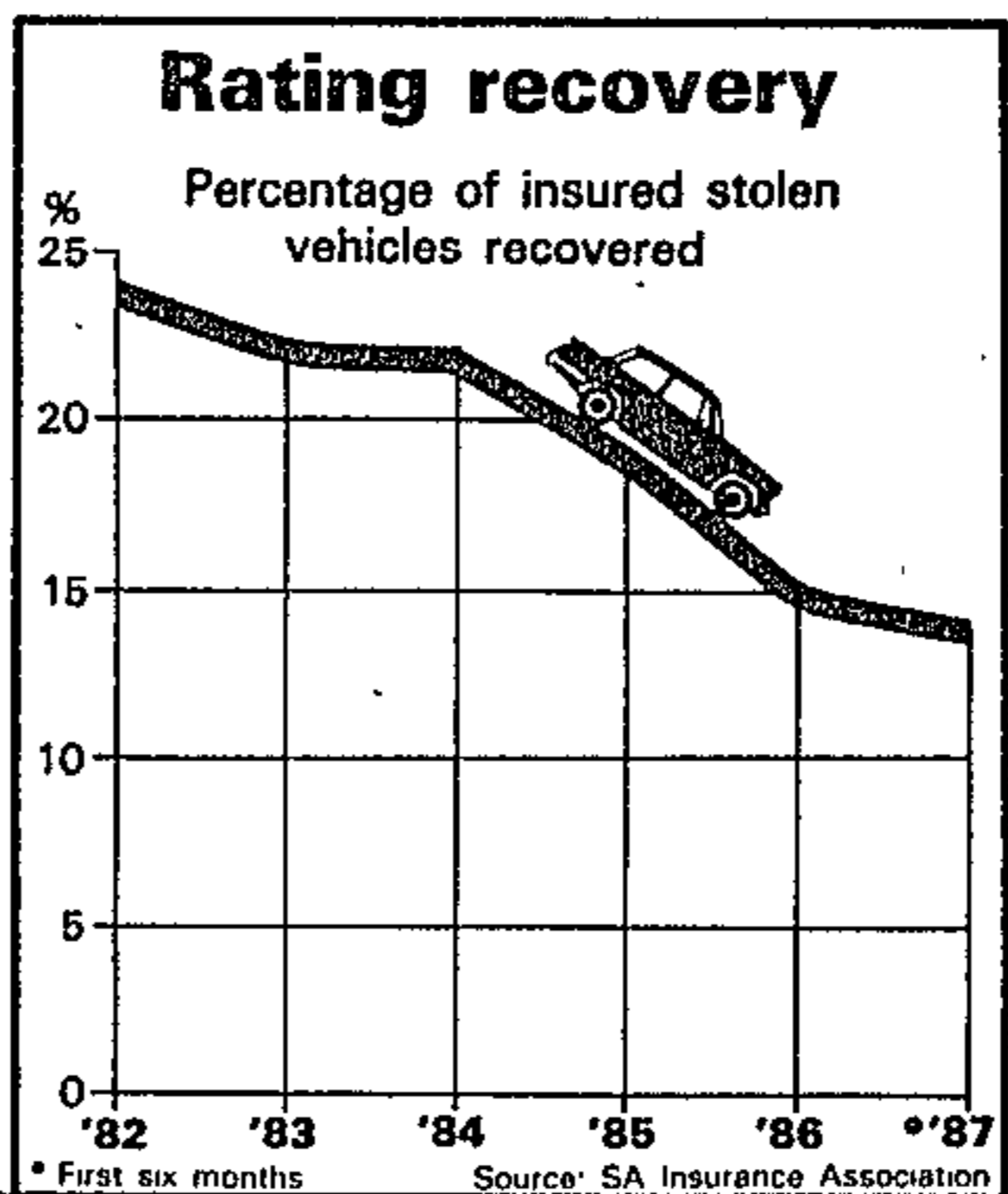
But there is one puzzle: why is such a larger proportion of uninsured vehicles recovered? There appear to be four main reasons:

- The police recover many uninsured vehicles belonging to the State, public corporations and public authorities which are generally liveried and therefore more easily identified;
- The computerised scheme for insured vehicles operates only on engine and registration numbers. If an engine is switched, the vehicle may not be identifiable, so is classified as uninsured;
- There must be many insured vehicles recovered which cannot be identified; and
- Insured vehicles tend to be of higher value, more subject to organised crime, and probably more difficult to trace.

Schneeberger adds that some insured vehicles are recovered outside the system, so to speak. An insurance assessor, for example, may visit a police recovery depot and identify an insured motor. There are also returns through the use of outside investigators. Neither is reflected in official statistics.

Schneeberger says that recently the police decided to take over direct liaison with homelands police. "Saia used to go through Foreign Affairs; the police are much better placed to perform this function."

Already there have been signs of a breakthrough regarding retrieval of vehicles from



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dance with practice standards." The policy seems shortsighted. "There can be significant benefits in using one firm to provide one-stop service." It can save time and money, because experience and insight gained in auditing can be passed on to the consulting side. "The audit relationship is normally a long-term association which must be based on client satisfaction," he adds. "There is a strong commitment by an

audit firm to ensure that all services meet clients' long-term needs. If one division does not perform adequately it is in the firm's interest to resolve the problem, or its overall position could be jeopardised." Mockler says it is a good idea to get auditors involved in new systems early on. This helps identify whether they are auditable and provide enough controls. "This applies whether the system is home-grown or put in by consultants or a software

house. This should ensure that inadequacies are ironed out before the system becomes operational. Clearly it is in the interests of the audit division of a firm to ensure that the system meets the control needs of a client, or they will face audit problems." This suggests that auditors might qualify reports on corporate financial statements if they can't audit systems. It is unclear if they will also demand to build the systems before they issue unqualified reports.

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# Watches keep down crime

By GARY CROMHOUT  
Crime Reporter

EAST LONDON — An increase in neighbourhood watches in the city's suburbs and a corresponding decline in the number of housebreakings during the past months has been welcomed by police.

The housebreaking unit commander, Lieutenant Dave Walker, said there had been a decrease of between 30 and 50 per cent in housebreakings during the past three months compared to the same period last year.

"This decrease is heartening and we are sure it is partly because of increased co-operation we have received from the public. Neighbourhood watches are a big factor in the co-operation," Lt Walker said.

"What is particularly pleasing is the number of people living in Duncan Village who are reporting cases to us.

"During the unrest we received hardly any reports, but people are slowly returning now."

The police neighbourhood watch liaison officer, Lt Derek Branford, said neighbourhood watches, especially in Vincent Heights, were gaining favour.

"Vincent Heights is where we have the highest concentration of people in the neighbourhood watch, and it certainly seems to be working. The feedback from people living there is that there are fewer people loitering. This makes for less crime.

"Other neighbourhoods, including Cambridge West, Baysville, Selborne and Sunnyridge have also got their own systems and the watch in Berlin seems to be doing well too.

"I am thinking of starting more groups in West Bank, Kidds Beach and Braelyn."

A committee member of the Vincent Heights watch, Mr Winston Naylor, said the concept had gained considerable ground in the suburb.

"We have four cells with 14 households in each cell," he said.

"The people in the suburb seem very interested in what is happening and the meetings have been well attended."

Mr Naylor confirmed that there had been a decrease in the number of loiterers.

# Parents move to protect children

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Mrs Cecilia Nqaba with two of her remaining three children — eight-year-old Doris, left, and 13-year-old Evelin — who were among the last people to see Samuel Nqaba alive. A third daughter, Mariam, 18, lives in Worcester.

# Fear of Maniac Strangler spreads

by TYRONE SEALE  
 Weekend Argus Reporter  
 THE campaign of terror spread by the shadowy figure of the Cape Flats Maniac has triggered public outrage and fear and forced parents and schools to keep children off the streets and out of lonely areas.

This is very much the case in Belhar, the northern suburb near where the bodies of four of the Maniac's six strangled victims have been discovered in the past year.

The others were found near a Mitchell's Plain sewage plant and at Sarepta, Kuils River

Several Belhar residents and a school principal spoke of how they had started to keep their children off the streets and warning them against the dangers of walking or playing on their own.

Angry residents described the Maniac as a "dirty b..." and threatened to take the law into their own hands if they caught him.

"Don't ask me about this business. It just makes me sick," said Mr David Holtman.

"I have a little girl in Sub B. I wait for her every afternoon. If she's not here by the usual time, I go down to the school to fetch her.

"Something must be done to catch this man soon."

Mrs Gloria Boyd said: "I warn even my sons aged 15, 20 and 21, to be careful.

"When my children go to school, I ask them when they will be back I have daughters too and one can't be sure this character won't attack females"

"Avoid strangers"

Mr John McKerry said: "He has no feelings whatsoever. The police must catch him soon He's dangerous."

Mr Jacobus Cordon, principal of Belhar Primary School, said that since Samuel Nqaba's death he had warned his pupils to go home in groups and to avoid strangers at all cost

"The community must get together and make children more safety-conscious When our children compete in sports at other schools we must now take them there in buses."

Mr Cordon said he would be circulating letters to parents, warning them to protect their children and to watch for suspicious individuals.

Did not arrive

On Monday afternoon 15-year-old Samuel Nqaba left Nootgedacht Primary School, near D F Malan Airport to meet his mother Cecilia at Bellville railway station, but he did not arrive

On Tuesday Samuel was found dead in the bush near Modderdam railway station, about three kilometres from the bus stop where he was seen getting into an olive green car.

At her Crossroads home Mrs Nqaba said: "He normally met me on time and when he didn't come I was very worried, particularly as he was my only son. I prayed that nothing would happen to him. And then the police asked me on Wednesday to identify the body"



Mr John McKerry, a Belhar resident who is angry because this bus stop is close to dense bush on a major thoroughfare in the township.



Mrs Gloria Boyd: "I'll warn my sons."



Mr Jacobus Cordon, principal of Belhar Primary School.

# Police flooded with calls

by STEPHEN WROTTESELEY  
 Crime Reporter

THE police have been flooded with phone calls offering information on the Mitchell's Plain maniac who is believed to have murdered six Cape Flats youths.

Colonel Quinton Visser, chief of the Murder and Robbery Squad, said the squad had been inundated by offers of help after the death of Samuel Nqaba, 15, who was found strangled on Tuesday.

However, police are not optimistic.

When the first killings were publicised in January scores of people reported sightings of the murderer. Although numerous people were detained no arrests were made.

Police asked that parents take routine precautions. One police source said parents tended to give children instructions

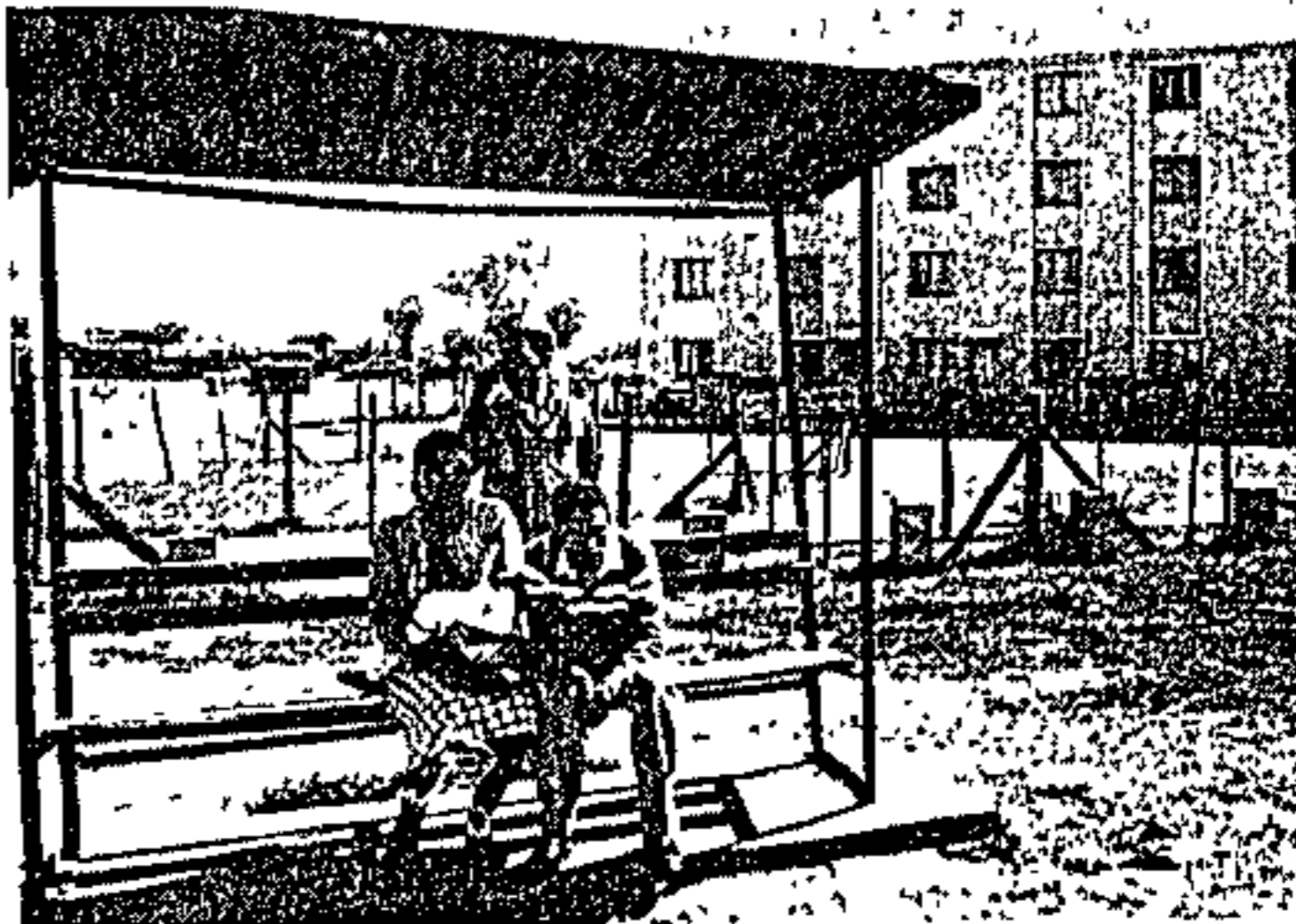
without explaining why and the children ignored them. He said they should be given a full explanation so that they understood why they should not accompany strangers.

Colonel Visser dismissed speculation that a "copycat killer" strangled Samuel.

The "copycat" suggestion arose after a woman told detectives she saw Samuel get into a car at the bus stop in Modderdam Road less than a day before he was found dead.

One statement by her indicated that the man she saw was not the Mitchell's Plain murderer. Police have declined to disclose this fact as it might hamper investigations.

However, the driver might have vital information and he is asked to get in touch with the police urgently.



Behind this Modderdam Road bus stop is the block of flats where Samuel Nqaba lived with friends. He visited his mother's home mainly at weekends.

# Watson family suing insurance companies

29 7/9/87 Daily Dispatch Correspondent

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**PORT ELIZABETH** — The Watson family is suing various insurance companies to pay over R1,2-million for their family home in Park Drive which was destroyed by fire in October 1985.

Insurance declined to pay out, pending a court ruling in which three of the four Watson brothers — Dan "Cheeky", Valence and Ronnie — faced charges of arson and fraud stemming from the blaze at the house belonging to their mother, Mrs Elaine Claire Watson.

An appeal against both charges by Mr Valence Watson — the only brother found guilty — was upheld in the Grahamstown Supreme Court on Friday.

Following the fire, SA Eagle and Mutual and Federal insurance companies were faced with claims totalling

R572 992,14.

The executor of the estate, Mr Basil van Zyl said yesterday he was acting on behalf of the owner of the property, Mrs Elaine Watson, and suing various insurance companies for compensation arising from the razing of the home.

Summonses had been served on the insurers involved, he said, but there was likely to be an 18 month delay before the case came to court.

Yesterday, Mr Ronnie Watson said his family was in the process of contacting the attorney handling the estate for the insurance consortium.

Should the money be paid out, it would be handled by the liquidator of the estate, he said.

A spokesman for Mutual and Federal, one of the insurers, confirmed the various insurers were being sued by Mrs Watson.

Insurers had not decided whether they would pay the claim.

"We will have to get together and examine the details of the appeal and following that we may consider our position," he said.

Mrs Watson had prevented the claim against the insurers from becoming time barred by issuing a civil summons through the Supreme Court against the insurers within months of the fire, he said.

The spokesman was unable to provide details of the policies,

which all differed.

The policies handled by his company had been taken out in Mrs Watson's name, he said.

According to liquidation records, the Port Elizabeth Court creditors, who have proved their claims, have demanded over R755 000 from the Watson family.

Mrs Watson is liable for most of the claims as she stood surety for some of her son's debts.

Records show she was liable for just over R623 000.

Of this amount, over R255 760 will be paid out to creditors leaving the balance of R367 360.

Of the creditors to be paid out are five of the six bondholders on her Park Drive property.

The property was sold as retirement village, and brought in R277 545 with interest.

# Constable, 'gang leader' die in city battle

# Shotgun Shootout

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By JOHN van der LINDEN and PATRICK COLLINGS

**A YOUNG policeman and a suspected gang leader were shot to death in a bloody shootout that erupted in Main Road, Mowbray, minutes after lunch-time yesterday and raged along several blocks for nearly 30 minutes.**

Two other men — a second policeman and another robbery suspect — were wounded in the robbery shootout that sent bystanders scattering wildly for cover.

Constable Martin Cockrell, 20, died after being hit in the face at almost point-blank range by a shotgun blast. It is believed the dead robber could be Jabu Dube, leader of the notorious Dube Gang, who escaped from Pretoria Prison in May last year in a well-organized breakout and took his gang of five on a violent spree of armed robberies.

The injured policeman was also hit by shotgun pellets and the fourth man, who was wounded in the chest, is in Groote Schuur Hospital under police guard.

The gun battle started outside the local branch of First National Bank, several hundred metres from the popular Wayne's Bakery and the nearby Forest Hill flat complex. It broke out when a police ambush foiled a daring daylight robbery involving R57 000.

The drama began at 2.07pm when three men entered the bank and took up strategic positions. A police spokesman said that while one of the men covered the door, his accomplices took up positions on either side of the room.

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Bank employees, worried by the men's suspicious behaviour, surreptitiously alerted the nearby police station.

One of robbers, wielding a shotgun, said "This is a 'stick-up!' as another jumped over the counter, scooping money from the tills of three tellers and placing it in a black bag.

He then climbed back over the counter and all three men moved towards the door — and into an ambush set up by the police.

The robbers spotted the policemen, dropped the bag containing R57 000 and fled from the bank. Several shots were fired at them by the policemen waiting outside.

Mr Kevin McGregor, a bank spokesman, said the money was recovered. Police also recovered a shotgun and a handgun. Police said that as the robbers fled, one of them



**HEADWOUND ...** Doctors attend to Constable Martin Cockrell as he lay bleeding from a shotgun blast in the face.

was hit in the chest by police gunfire and collapsed between some cars.

The two other men, one of them wearing a blue overall, ran towards Observatory before turning up Osborne Road where they bumped into a young couple who immediately fell to the ground to avoid being caught in the crossfire from pursuing policemen.

The fugitives entered the back of the Forest Hill flat complex and turned down towards Main Road. When they saw a resident sitting in his car they tried to hijack the car at gunpoint. This failed when policemen opened fire at them, and the men returned the fire.

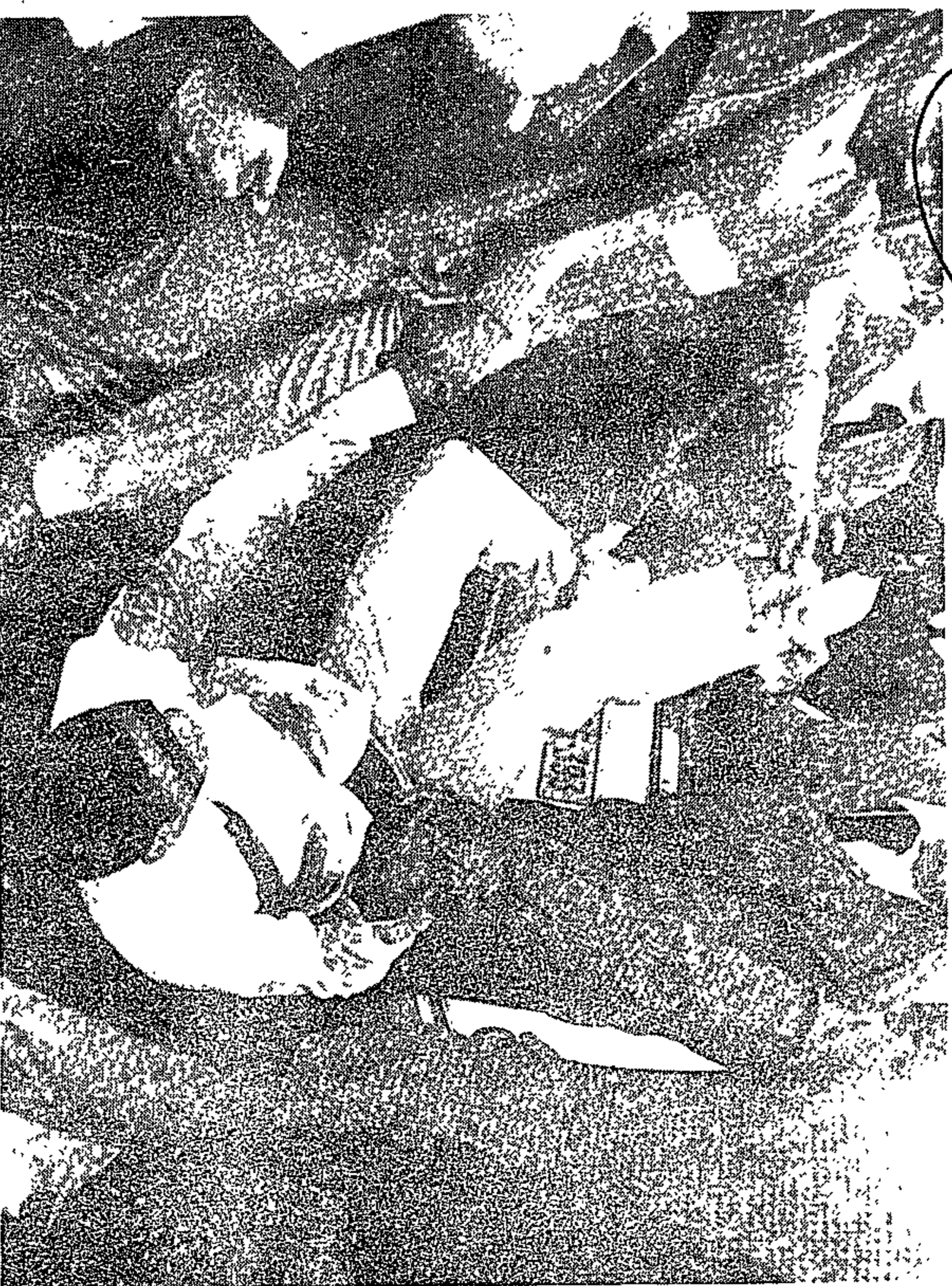
Their shots shattered the window of the flat complex's laundry, terrifying employees in the laundry who were watching the shootout through the window.

The men then separated and police overpowered one. They lost sight of the robber with the stockless pump-action shotgun.

The man made his way to the Main Road entrance of the complex next to Old Mill Garage and hid behind a parked car.

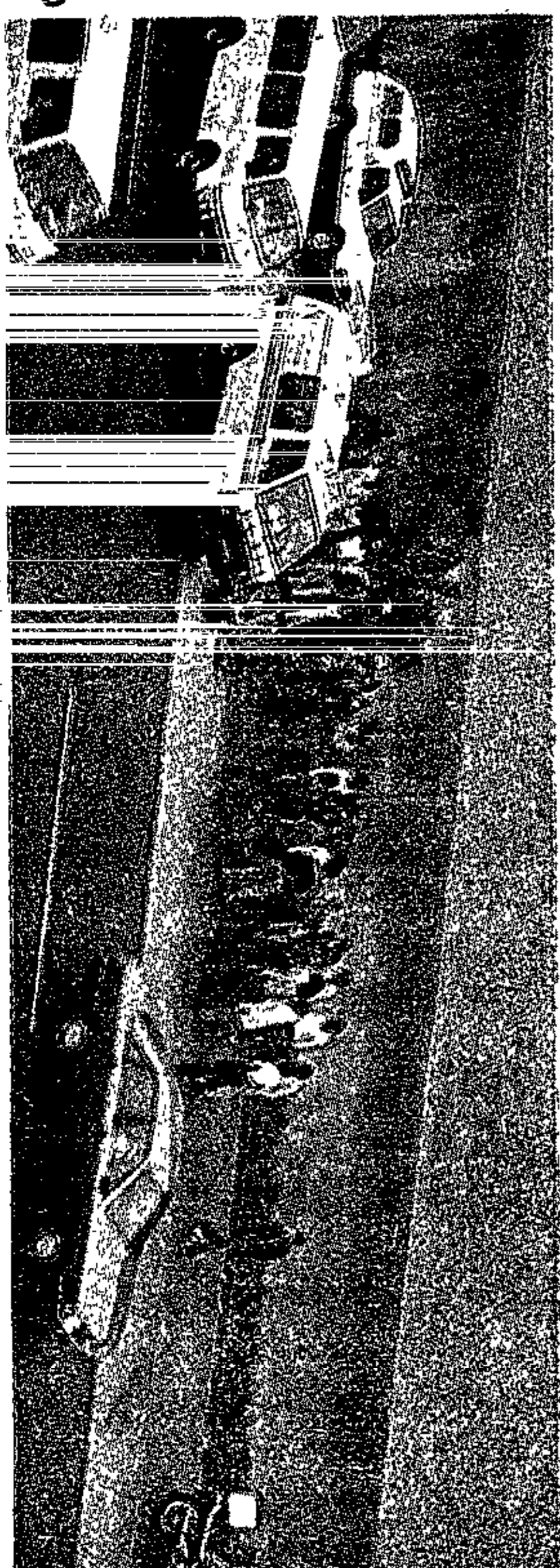
Constable Cockrell discovered his hiding place and ordered him to "freeze". The fugitive tried to flee and Constable Cockrell fired a shot at him which missed and hit the windscreen of the car.

The robber then fired his shotgun at almost point-blank range, hitting the young constable full in the



**CORNERED ...** A bank robber is carried to a police vehicle after being shot in the chest by police. **BELOW:** Ambulance attend to the suspected leader of the Dube Gang in Settlers Way.

Pictures: RICHARD BELL and JAMES REINHARDT



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face. The badly bleeding policeman was given emergency treatment by doctors before being taken to Grootte Schuur Hospital, where he died shortly after 6pm.

A police spokesman said the shotgun blast had destroyed both the young policeman's eyes. A number of pellets had entered his brain and he had been in a deep coma.

As Constable Cockrell lay bleeding on the driveway of the garage, the gunman dashed into the road, where he forced a passing car to a halt. The shocked woman driver crouched down in her seat and accelerated, leaving him standing.

A police reservist grabbed the fallen policeman's service pistol and gave chase as the robber dashed towards the Settlers Way upramp, making his way to the bottom while desperately trying to stop oncoming cars in an attempt to commandeer a getaway car.

Eyewitnesses said several shots fired at the man kept him on the run. He started to "run strangely" and crossed over the island to the other side of the road. He was hit again and collapsed into a sitting position.

The police reservist, Constable W E Schutler, who was hit by shotgun pellets in the head, stomach and thigh, then approached the man and ordered him to drop his weapon. But the man failed to do so and another shot was fired.

An eyewitness who declined to be named said a bakkie stopped and an elderly man carrying a length of wood "crept up behind the wounded man and hit him over the head".

The man died before members of the Metro Emergency Recue Service could get him to hospital.

A police spokesman said a Baretta pistol was recovered from one of the gang members.

Police believe that the robbers are connected with the shooting of a Camps Bay constable in June

Police said they could not divulge the names but were sure that members of the gang are connected with the notorious Dube Gang which was responsible for overpowering a Mowbray police guard and stealing his handgun and submachine-gun in December last year.

The same gang was also involved in the shooting of a security guard in the chest in March this year.

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# Top gangster dies in Mowbray battle

By STEPHEN WROTLESLEY  
Crime Reporter

THE activities of South Africa's most wanted gang stopped with the killing of its leader in a wild shootout after a botched bank hold-up in Mowbray.

A second alleged gang member was wounded and held and a third, said by police to be a University of the Western Cape student, arrested.

It is understood that police went to an address in the city soon after the shootings where they detained a woman for questioning. A number of stolen car radios were recovered.

## Policeman's last words

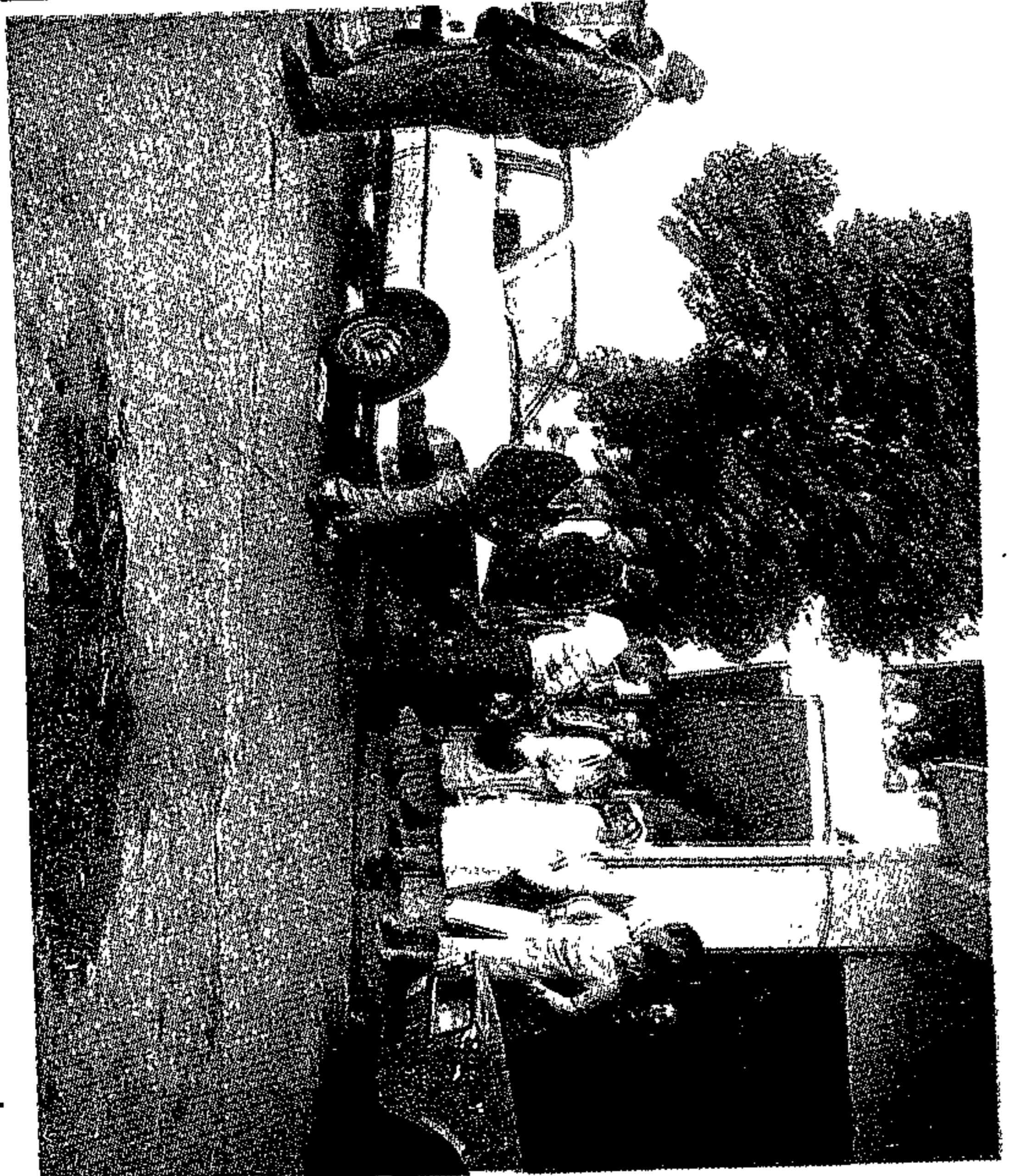
A policeman died in hospital and a police reservist was wounded in the shootout yesterday afternoon.

The dead policeman was Constable Martin Cockrell, 20, whose last words before being hit in the face with a blast from a shotgun fired by gang leader Jabu Dube were: "I'm going to get him."

And Constable Cockrell's own gun — in the hands of a police reservist — ended Dube's life.

Constable Cockrell died in hospital about three hours after the shooting — but sources said he did not stand a chance of surviving.

A police source said investigators had identified Dube, an escaped prisoner from



**SHOOTING SCENE:** Shocked bystanders gather at the spot where Constable Martin Cockrell was shot dead on the forecourt of a garage in Main Road, Mowbray.



Pictures: DANA le ROUX, The Argus.

# Brigadier thanks policemen, public

## Staff Reporters

POLICE today paid tribute to the policemen and members of the public who played roles in yesterday's shootout in Mowbray.

Brigadier Nick Acker, divisional criminal investigations chief for the Western Cape, expressed his condolences to the relatives

of Constable Martin Cockrell, 20, who died after being shot in the face with a shotgun.

"I would also like to thank all the policemen involved who dedicatedly chased the robbers," he said, "and to thank the members of the public who assisted, especially the medical personnel who did what they could for Constable Cockrell."

Constable Cockrell joined the police force last year.

He lived with his sister, Mrs Alta Vermeulen, and her husband, Mr Johannes "Boetie" Vermeulen, who became his guardians after the death of his mother when he was five and his father when he was 11.

He had six sisters.

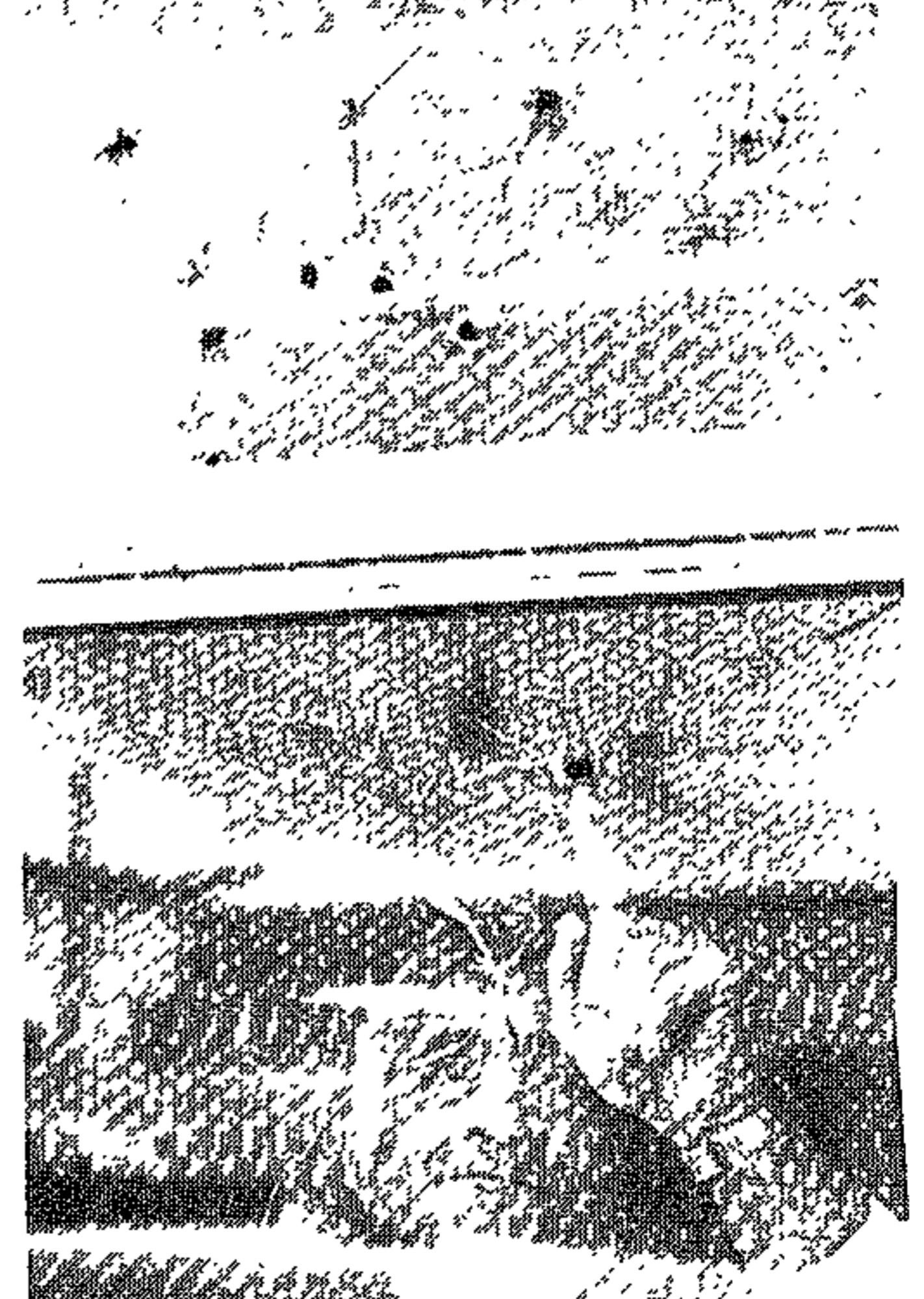
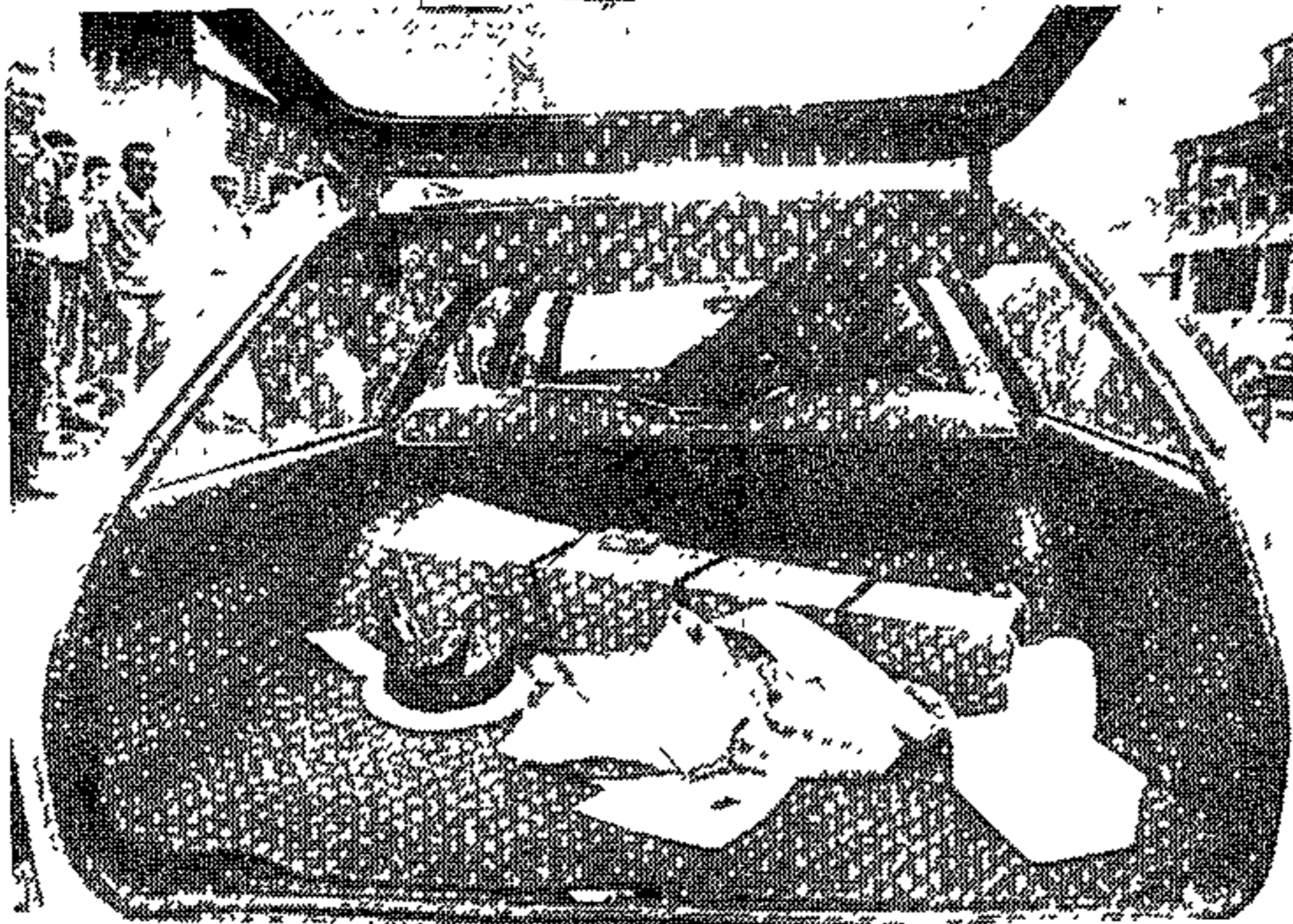
### PLAYED RUGBY

"He had no enemies. He was like one of our own children," said Mr Vermuelen last night after his vigil at Groote Schuur Hospital where doctors tried to save Constable Cockrell's life.

"Martin always wanted to be a policeman, ever since he was a child," Mr Vermeulen said.

Constable Cockrell was born in Cape Town and attended De Ruyter High School, where he played rugby.

He passed out of the Police College in Pretoria in December and was posted to Mowbray police station.



Pictures: DANA le ROUX, The Argus

**ABOVE:** Mr Achmat Marlie points to the window peppered by shotgun pellets during a confrontation between the gang and the police.

**TOP LEFT:** Detective Warrant Officer Dick Hagen searches one of the gang's getaway cars.

**LEFT:** The crowd outside the First National Bank in Mowbray soon after the shooting.

# SA's most wanted man dies in shootout at bank

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use their getaway car, parked outside, and ran.

Members of the uniformed branch took off after them.

While detectives and uniformed men sped to the scene from nearby police stations, about six policemen followed the wildly firing gangsters, who turned into Osborne Road and ran towards a large block of flats, Forest Hill.

They ran to the parking area and tried to hijack a car.

Police and gangsters traded gunfire. Mr Achmat Marlie, an employee at the block, said he saw the gun battle and dived for cover.

A shotgun blast shattered a window of a laundry, Mr Marlie said.

The gangsters then ran again.

He said police ran after the fleeing men and arrested one.

Other policemen were hurrying to cut the gangsters off at another entrance to the block.

### WOUNDED

Mr Mikis Kambouris, a Mowbray shopkeeper, said he saw Constable Cockrell run past.

"I warned him to be careful and he said: 'I'm going to get him'."

A witness said he saw the policeman turn into an alley next to a garage below the flats.

The policeman confronted Dube, who opened fire. As Constable Cockrell fell he fired a shot, which went through the windscreen of a parked car. Dube then ran into Main Road and headed towards Settlers Way.

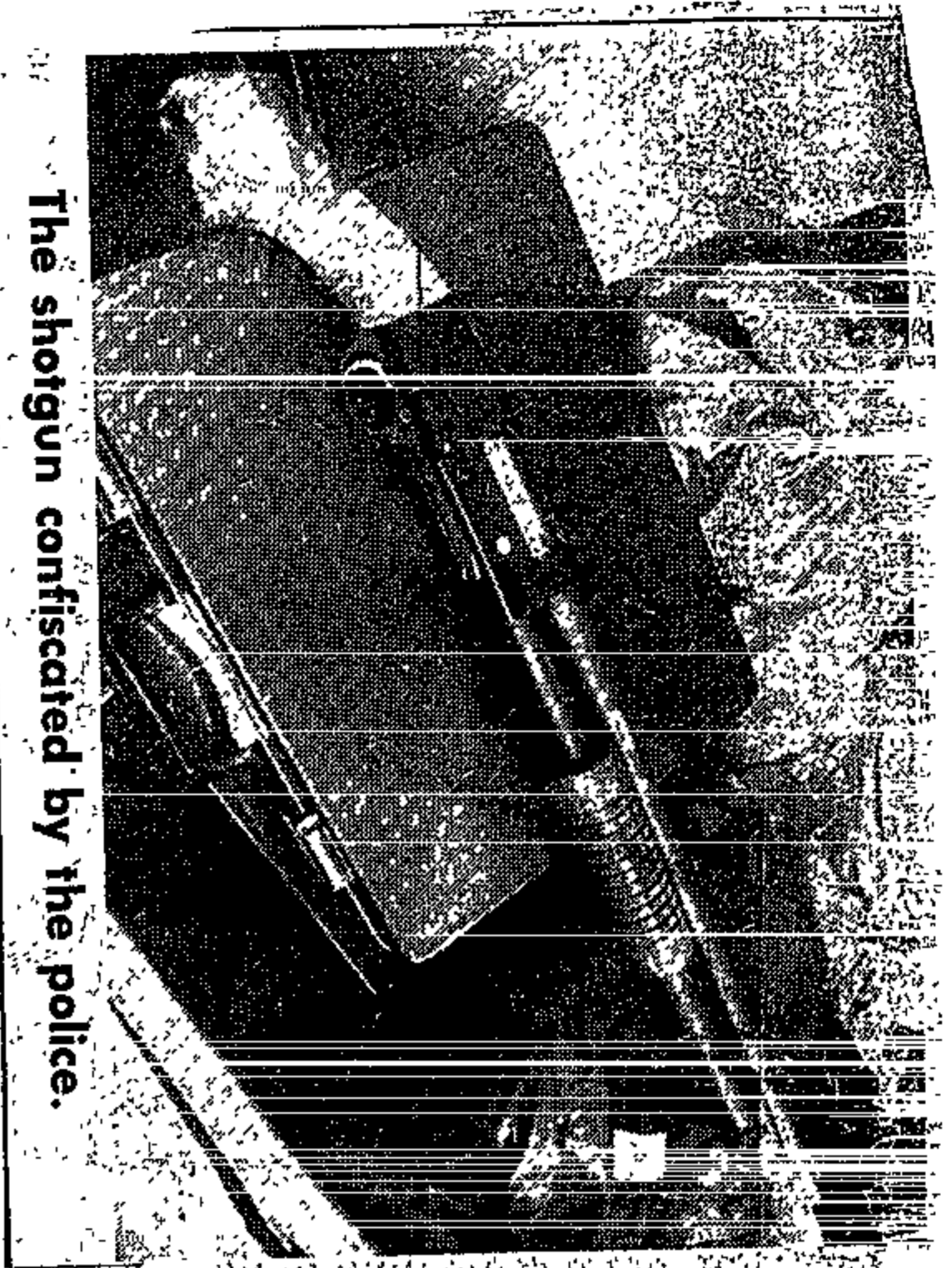
Constable Dark said a passing reservist, Constable WE Schuter, saw Constable Cockrell fall and picked up his weapon.

Constable Dark and Constable Schuter ran after Dube, who fired at them as he dashed towards Settlers Way. Constable Schuter was slightly wounded but continued the chase and fired a number of shots, eventually killing Dube.

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The shotgun confiscated by the police.

# Woman foils gunman's attempt to hijack car

**Crime Reporter**  
A STUDDENT from Table View escaped with her life when gunman Jabu Dube tried to hijack her car.

Miss Elizabeth Stockenström said she was driving up the Main Road off-ramp from Settlers Way when she saw a newspaper vendor running towards her, "apparently being chased by a man with a sjambok".

She slowed down and saw the "sjambok" was a shotgun. "He was waving it in the air, firing wildly. I was quite hysterical."

Miss Stockenström said the man ran up to her car window and threatened her with the gun.

She swerved round him and drove away.

"I heard him carrying on shooting as he ran down to the freeway."

"I don't know why I took that road. I don't normally drive on that route."

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the Peninsula in connection with numerous hold-ups — in several of which shots were fired — by fingerprint comparison.

Dube was also wanted in connection with the shooting of a policeman in Camps Bay on June 16.

The identification took several hours because Dube had changed his appearance since he was last seen.

The wounded man was a fellow escaper.

Police are still trying to establish how involved the third man was in the gang's activities.

The drama started at 2.15pm yesterday when three men entered the Mowbray branch of First National Bank in Main Road.

Police sources said Dube, with a shotgun, took up a position near the bank's door and shouted to staff that a hold-up was taking place.

A second gangster, with a pistol, stood near the counter while a third leapt over it and started scooping up money.

Police said a quick-thinking employee telephoned Mowbray police station.

Policemen on foot hurried to the scene, followed by colleagues in cars.

One of the first at the bank was Constable Brian Dark, who said he saw the three men walking out of the building, unaware that the robbery had been reported.

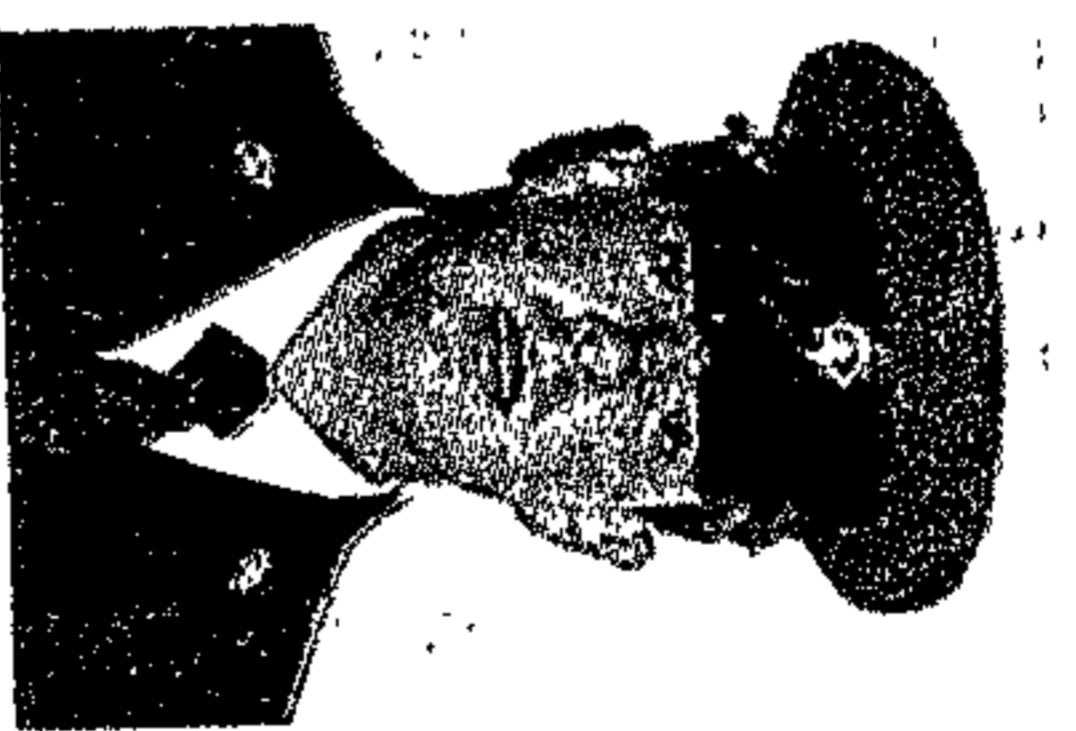
They were carrying bags which police later found contained about R57 000.

Constable Dark said the men dashed back into the bank and he heard a shot. Apparently they dropped their loot.

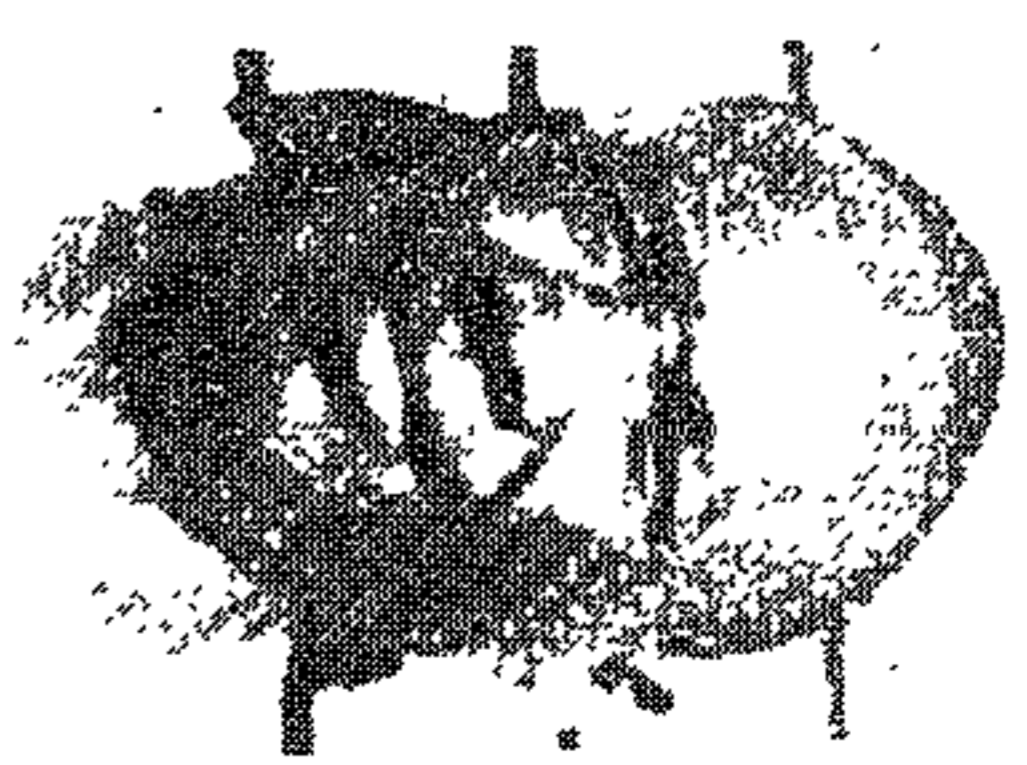
"Then they came out shooting. I hit the deck," Constable Dark said.

The robbers, realising the game was up, decided not to

**WOUNDED:** One of the men wounded in yesterday's shooting is led to an ambulance outside Mowbray police station shortly after the hold-up.



Constable Cockrell



Jabu Dube

## Dube's long trail of robberies . . .

**Crime Reporter**

JABU Dube has been sought since May last year when he and another man escaped from the police in Pretoria.

Dube was allegedly involved in numerous hold-ups in the Cape and was being sought in Port Elizabeth, Durban and Johannesburg.

He was wanted in connection with:

- The robbery of a policeman on guard outside Mowbray police station whose guns were stolen in November;
- The hold-up at the Mowbray off-course tote which netted about R21 000;

- A robbery at Rylands branch of Barclays Bank in March when a gang escaped with cash boxes containing R51 000 and a security guard was pistol-whipped and shot;
- A hold-up in Observatory during which an accountant was robbed of a payroll of about R24 000, a shot narrowly missing him;

- The shooting of Camps Bay policeman Constable Rod Beer, who was attacked when he and colleagues investigated a car theft on June 16; and
- The recent hold-up of a scrap dealer near Epping Industria.

Police believe Dube may have been away from Cape Town since June and may have been responsible for a hold-up in Port Elizabeth and an attack in Transkei.

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# Shy, brave victim 'had no enemies'

**By RONNIE MORRIS**  
**CONSTABLE** Martin Cockrell yesterday morning told his sister he did not feel like going to work because his back was giving him trouble.  
 Hours later he was dead after he was shot and critically injured when he discovered a bank robber hiding behind a parked car. Constable Cockrell fired a shot at the man when he refused to "freeze". The robber responded by firing the shotgun at almost point-blank range, hitting the policeman in the eyes.  
 The robber ran off, forced a car to stop and tried to hijack it

but failed when the driver sped off. The man was later shot dead by police.  
 Mr Johannes Vermeulen, brother-in-law of Constable Cockrell, said he was a brave man. He had always wanted to be a policeman and had joined the police force last year.

After he completed his police training, he was posted to Mowbray police station. Constable Cockrell was an only son and had five sisters. He became an orphan when his father died when he was 11 years old. He and his wife, Alta, became the policeman's legal guardians, Mr Vermeulen said.

**Burial**  
 He and a sister had been very close and he told her yesterday morning that he did not feel like reporting for work because he had trouble with his back.

The family say they would prefer a private burial, but no final burial arrangements have been made yet.

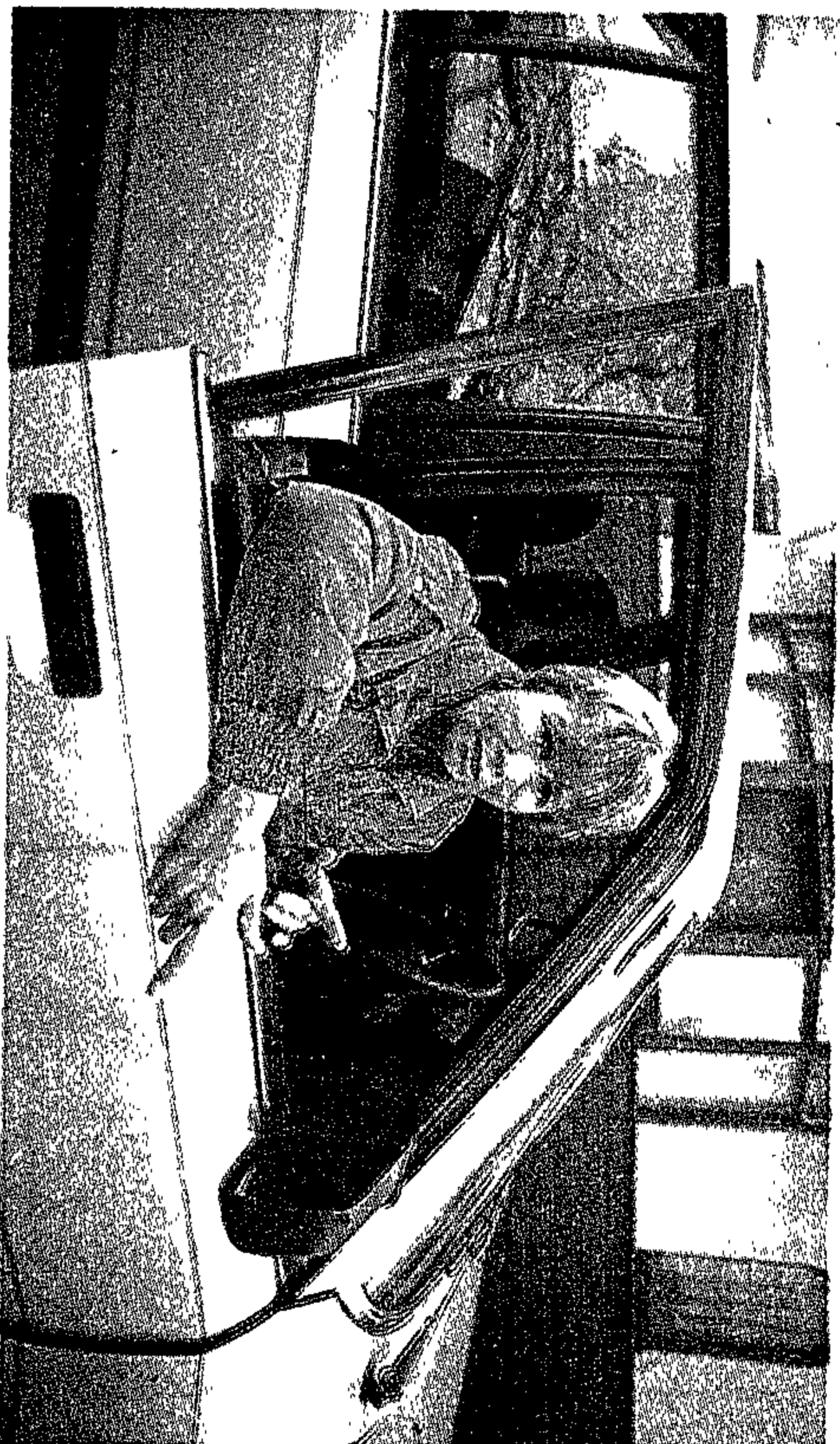
Charl Vermeulen, 16-year-old nephew of Constable Cockrell, said he and his uncle had grown up together and had been like brothers.

"He was someone you could always get along with. He helped me a lot with homework and chores and even fetched me at school."

A senior police officer and his wife last night visited the Vermeulen home in Goodwood to offer condolences. The officer's wife told Mrs Vermeulen she would assist the family if they lacked anything. Neighbours and friends streamed in all evening.



Constable Martin Cockrell, 20, who died after being shot in the face at close range by a suspected member of the Dube Gang yesterday.



"I CAN'T BELIEVE IT HAPPENED" . . . A distraught Mrs Rosemary Shalom with her car after an armed robber tried to hijack the car. **BELOW:** Shocked, Mrs Karin Harvey tells Captain Johan Kleyv and Lieutenant Peter Lister, of the Peninsula Murder and Robbery Squad, what she saw during the killing of a policeman.



# Bloody shootout: The shock and horror

**By JOHN VAN DER LINDEN and PATRICK COLLINGS**

**A SHOCKED** Pinelands woman yesterday described how she faced almost certain death when confronted by a gun-wielding robber who tried to hijack her car during yesterday's running gun-battle in Mowbray.

Speaking from her brother's home, a distraught Mrs Rosemary Shalom told the Cape Times that she had been travelling along Main Road when she saw a policeman shot down.

"I think he was hit in the head and neck, all I saw was him going down in slow motion," she said. "Then a

black man ran out from the petrol station and stood in the road shouting 'Stop Stop' and forced me to the side of the road.

"Pointing a gun at me he tried to open the driver's door.

"I just leaned over as far away from the door as I could and put my foot down. All I could think about was my four children. I just burst into tears and kept on driving."

Mrs Shalom drove to her brother's home in Observatory where she was treated by a doctor for shock.

Another eyewitness, Mr Wayne Davis, 23, said he had just rounded the corner towards the Main Road

entrance of Forest Hill flat complex when a policeman pushed past him.

"I saw him turn to a man in blue overalls hiding behind a red car and tell him to 'hold it'.

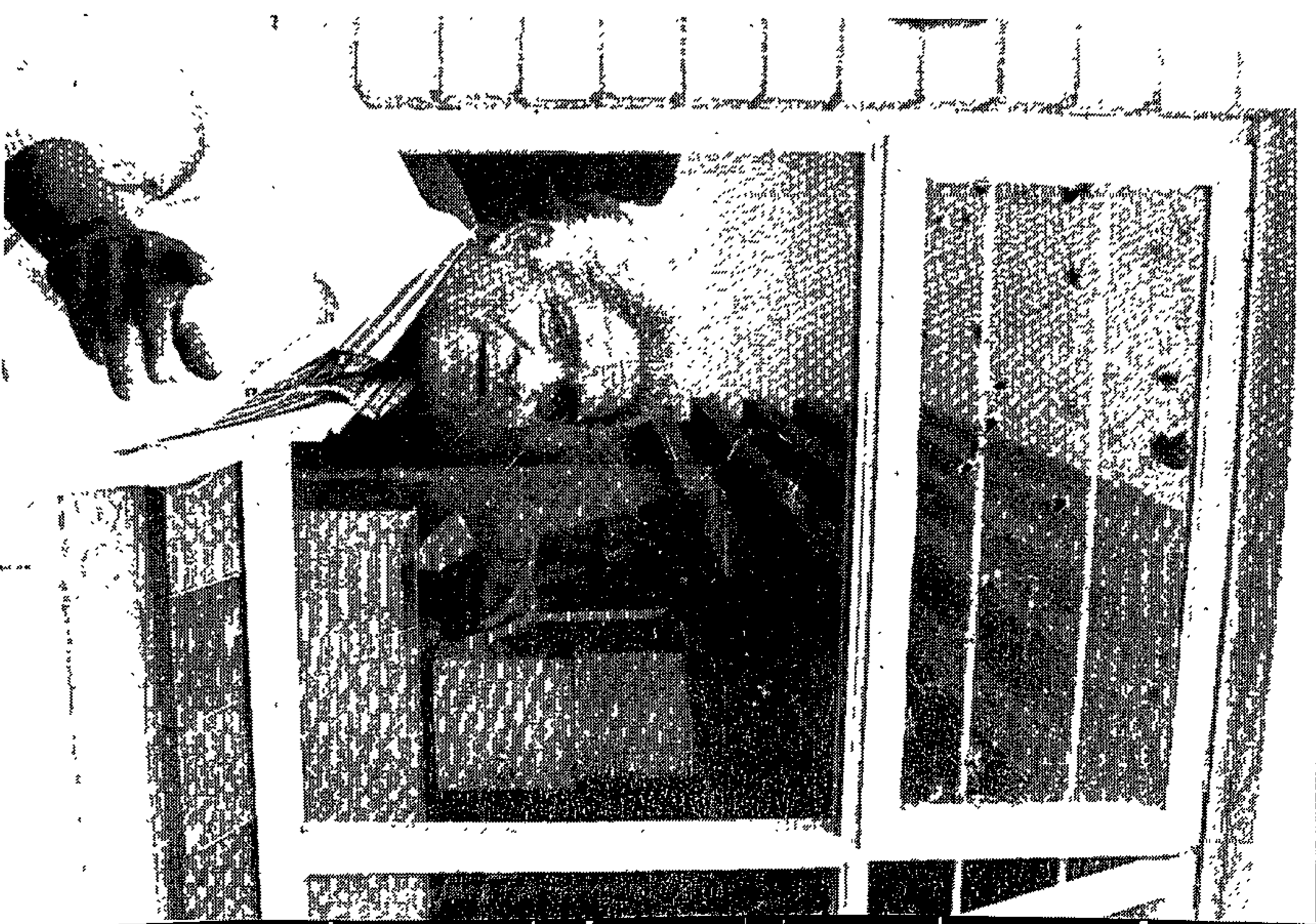
"The man moved and the policeman fired at him, missing and putting a hole in the car's windshield. The man in the overall lifted his shotgun and blasted the policeman in the face before he could fire again.

"The gunman must have walked right behind me without me seeing him," said Mr Davis, still visibly shocked.

Mrs Karin Harvey, who had been

**BLASTED** . . . Laundry operator Mr Achmat Malie who witnessed a gunfight between police and armed robbers in the Forest Hill flat complex. A blast from a robber's shotgun went through the upper section of the laundry window.

Picture: RICHARD BELL



on her way to the bank, said she had just stepped out of her car "when two men rushed towards me. One of them wore a blue overall and they almost pushed me over.

"As they turned up Osborne Street I saw a policeman follow them firing shots, and a young couple some distance from me firing themselves to the ground to get out of the crossfire," she said.

"The man who was chasing the two men must have been very brave, because they could easily have killed him."

"Trembling with fright, Mrs Har-

vey said that shortly afterwards she saw the man in blue overalls shoot the policeman in the face.

Mr Achmat Malie, an employee at the Forest Hill flat complex laundry, said he heard shooting and saw two men running into the flat towards a white Mercedes Benz car.

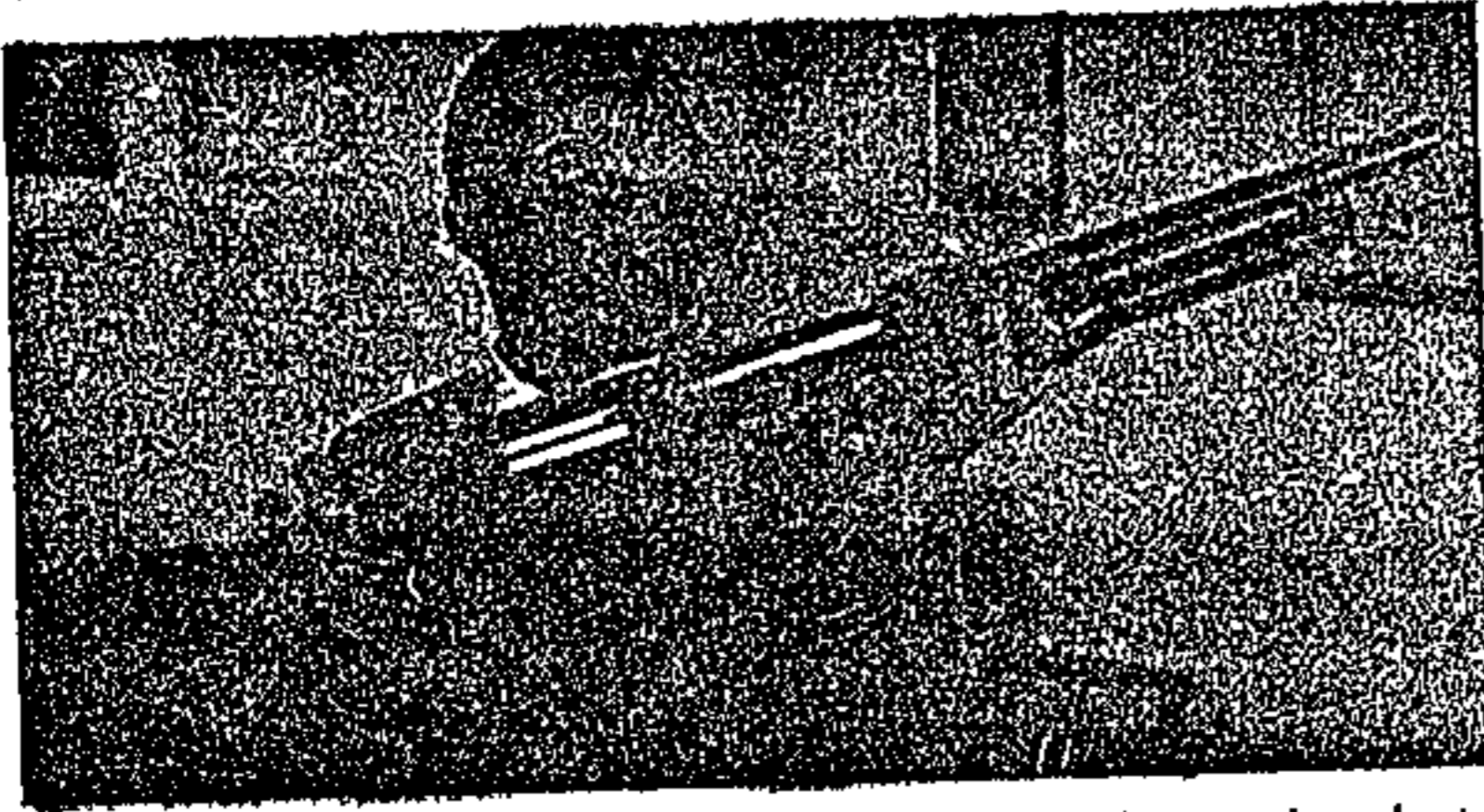
"One of them pointed a shotgun at the driver. I then saw the policeman fire at the two men. They immediately fired back with their shotgun, shattering the laundry window.

"The men then split up and the police chased one of them into the flats."

# No mercy for cop-hunters, says minister

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**SHOTGUN.** . . Constable Christo van Zyl shows the shotgun with which gang leader Jabu Dube shot dead a policeman and wounded another during his escape bid following Thursday's foiled bank robbery in Mowbray.  
Picture: RICHARD BELL

Political Correspondent  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.**  
— The South African Police would act "without mercy" against individuals who "hunted" members of the force, the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, said yesterday.

It was with great sorrow and shock that he had learnt of the tragic death of Constable Martin Cockrell who was gunned down by an armed robber in Mowbray on Thursday.

Mr Vlok said he did not yet have all the details of the shootout and it was not yet certain whether the weapon that killed Constable Cockrell was stolen or not — "but as has happened so often in the past, little doubt seems to exist".

● **JOHN VAN DER LINDEN reports:** The 25-year-old reservist constable who was wounded when he joined in the chase on Thursday is likely to carry birdshot in his body for the rest of his life as a reminder of his brush with death.

Constable Wayne Schluter's action — he was wounded in the head, stomach and leg — led to the shooting of South Africa's most wanted criminal, Jabu Dube, whose life ended on Settler's Way.

Only minutes earlier, Dube fired the shotgun blast that killed Constable Cockrell.

Yesterday the reservist constable, a toy sales representative, told his story after receiving personal congratulations from the Divisional Criminal Investigation Officer for the Western Province, Brigadier Nick Acker, and his deputy, Colonel Johan Pieters.

## 'More protection' call in Mowbray — Page 3

He was in his bakkie in Main Road when he saw a number of men rush from the First National Bank in Main Road, one of them in with a shotgun.

He followed two men and saw them split up after a brief gunfight near the laundry where a shotgun blast damaged the laundry's windows.

When he neared the Main Road entrance of the flat complex he heard two shots and sprinted towards the sound of the shots.

At Old Mill Garage, he found Constable Cockrell who had been shot in the face.

"I didn't stop but took the wounded man's pistol from a bystander and ran after the fleeing killer who had failed to hijack a passing car.

"As I ran after the man, he turned and at the corner of Main and Selbourne roads fired and I had a dizzy spell as I got hit in the head stomach and leg.

"At this stage I was joined by Constable Brian Dark and I asked him to check my injuries which we found were not serious. Constable Darke then chased the gunman, who ran down the upramp and I went along Selbourne Road.

As Dube crossed the centre island Constable Schluter fired a shot which hit him in the leg.

"He stumbled and sat down. We covered him, seeing a man approach from the back with a length of wood. As the gunman turned we both fired at him. He fell over and Constable Dark disarmed him."



**SHOOTOUT HERO . . .** Mrs Margie Schluter who was wounded while bravely chasing the bank robber.

# 'More protection' call in Mowbray

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By CHRIS BATEMAN  
and JOHN VAN DER LINDEN

SHOPKEEPERS in Mowbray — where a police constable and gang leader Jabu Dube were shot dead in a bloody gun battle on Thursday — yesterday called for armed foot patrols in one of the Peninsula's highest crime-rate suburbs.

Said one businessman: "Every week somebody tries to pull something here."

The shopkeepers were interviewed by the Cape Times in the wake of the bungled R57 000 robbery at the local branch of First National Bank (FNB) by the notorious Dube Gang.

Constable Martin Cockrell, 20, died after a shotgun blast in the face and Dube himself was shot dead, and reservist policeman Constable Wayne Schluter and another gang member were injured after the gangsters walked into a police ambush.

All the shopkeepers the Cape Times spoke to were either armed or had some form of alarm system — the result of escalating crime in an area where a major bus terminus and highway provide easy gathering places and escape routes for criminals.

## 'I go armed'

Mowbray has two old-age homes and shopkeepers gave recent examples of muggings suffered by elderly residents — in two cases their own mothers.

Jeweller Mr Barry Katzin said his older clients wanting jewellery evaluations now refused to come to him — "I have to go to them to do it — and I go armed," he said.

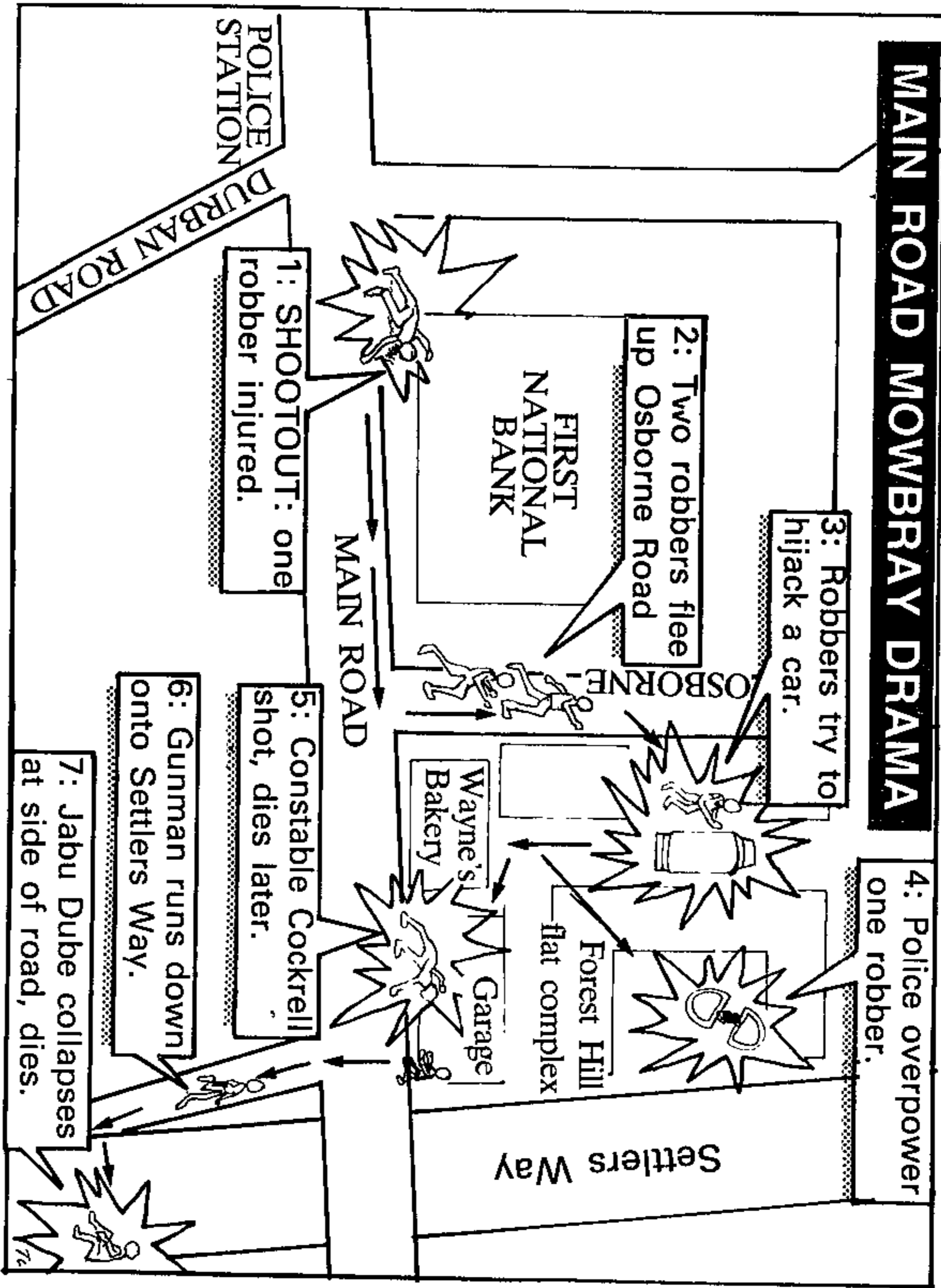
A department store co-owner, Mrs Rose Margolius, to demonstrate her claim of "local apathy", triggered an outside alarm for 10 seconds. There was no response.

"People won't even put a foot out to trip a bag snatcher," her pistol-packing husband, Martin, added.

Shop security is a major issue and the claims of two traders that the bank in Thursday's R57 000 hold-up provided insufficient protection for its tellers, were rejected by an FNB spokesman.

An inspection showed the branch to have an open-plan layout with unprotected cash counters. In marked contrast, the nearby Standard Bank branch has thick bullet-proof glass at cash counters and metal bars at others.

A spokesman for FNB's head office in Johan-



newsburg declined comment for "security reasons".

But banking industry sources said there was an ongoing debate on protection for tellers at the potential expense of customers. Bullet-proof glass counters raised the spectre of customers being held hostage to support across-counter demands for money, one said.

Both local branches have "rediscussed" their security arrangements with "key personnel", but declined further comment.

Mr Katzin said he had recently installed a "panic button" and urged fellow shopkeepers to "get together" and hire an armed security firm to patrol the streets.

"Though the police station is just down the road and police try to do their best, they're just too stretched. We've got to look after ourselves," Mr Katzin said.

His call received instant support from veteran Mowbray outfitter Mr Cyril Rosen and Mr Margolius, who blamed the sting of the bus terminus for the crime rate.

was used in March in a Rylands bank robbery which netted them R51 000. During the robbery one of the gangsters shot a security guard in the chest at point-blank range;

● The overpowering of a Mowbray police guard in December and the theft of his semi-automatic firearm and 9mm pistol. A gang member was arrested and five firearms were recovered the same night;

● The arrest in January of Dube and one of his lieutenants for possession of firearms. However they were granted bail, which they broke;

● The theft in February of a car in Table View;

● The theft of a Beretta pump-action shotgun from a special constable in February;

● The attempted theft of a car and subsequent attack and shooting of Camps Bay policeman Constable Rod Beer on June 16 and the recovery of the car which had been stolen in May;

● A R24 000 payroll robbery at ABC Press in Observatory, during which Dube fired a shot at an accountant, missing him by centimetres;

● A R7 500 robbery in Epping Industria in July;

## Hold-up in PE

● A R61 000 armed robbery in Dobsonville in August 1986;

● An armed robbery in Dobsonville of R52 000 in which a firearm was taken in March this year;

● A Volkskas Bank robbery in Durban when they took R15 600;

● The killing of a Transkei bottlestore owner in June this year and this week's "grand finale" in which Dube was shot dead and two of his gang arrested.

Our Durban correspondent reports that Jabu Dube was also wanted for a number of robberies in Natal.

A police spokesman said yesterday that Dube was being sought by Murder and Robbery Squad officers in connection with a robbery at the Volkskas Bank's Moberi branch in April in which R15 600 was taken.

Captain Bob Sanker, SAP media liaison officer in Durban, confirmed that Dube was wanted for a number of crimes in Durban, but said details were not yet available.

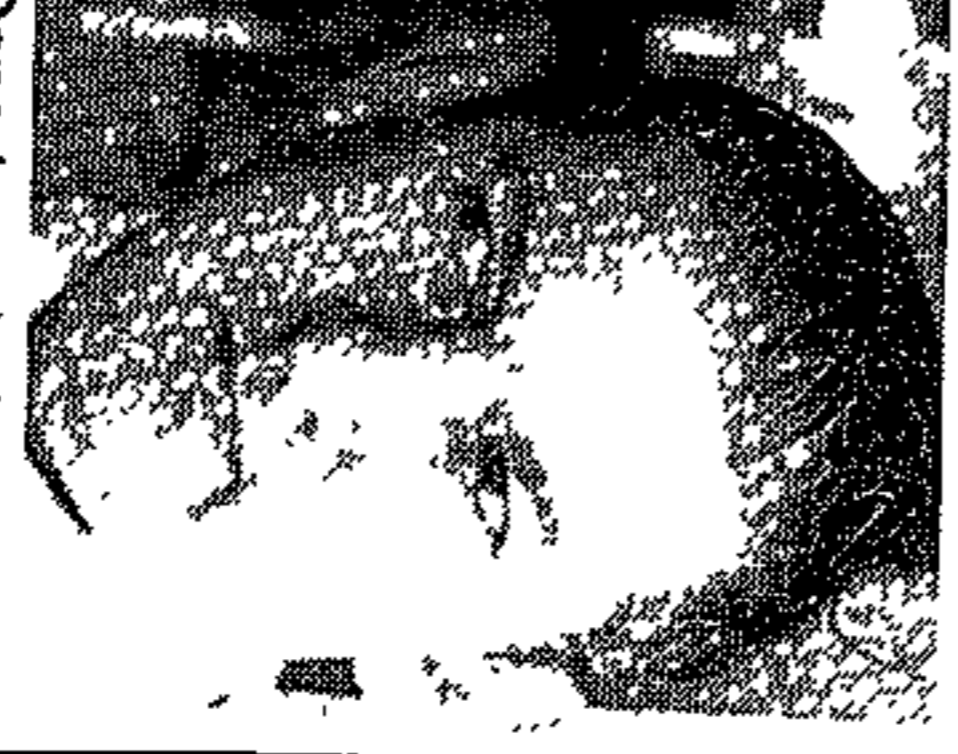
He said the bank robber may also have been involved in a hold-up in Port Elizabeth. Dube had been on the run since last May when he and another man escaped from jail in Pretoria.



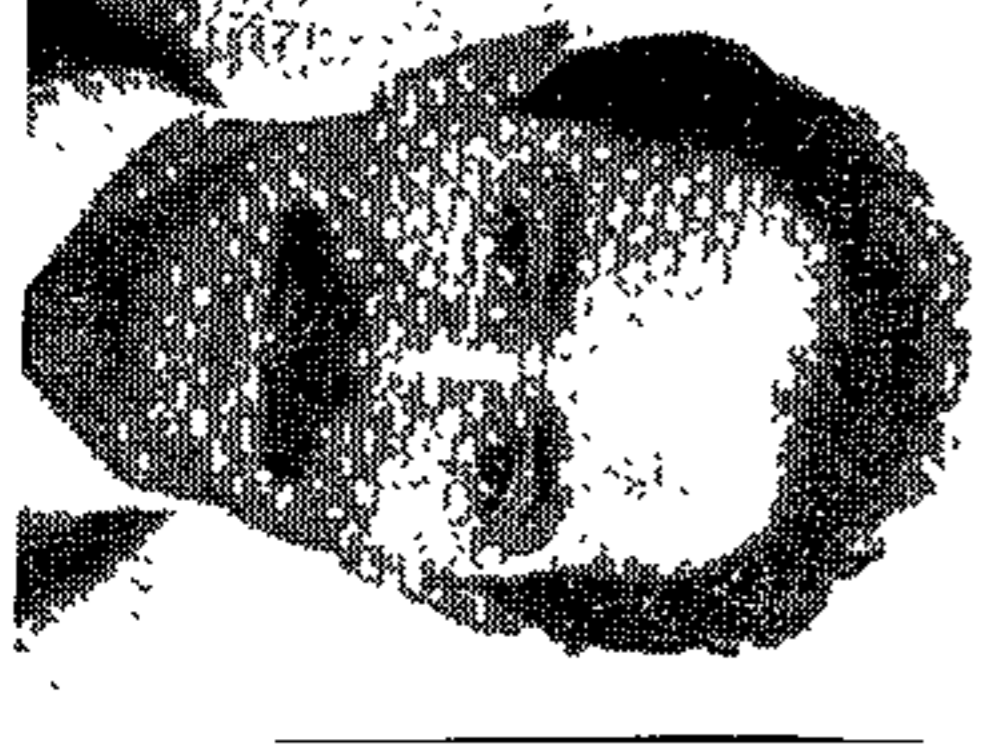
Newsagents manageress Mrs Cynthia Vermeulen



Outfitter Mr Cyril Rosen



Department store owner Mr Martin Margolius



Jeweller Mr Barry Katzin

(a) when and (b) what were the findings?

**THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE:**

- (1) (a) and (b) No, since education is an own affair in terms of section 14 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1983 (Act No 110 of 1983), read in conjunction with item 2 of Adendum 1.
- (i) and (ii) Fall away.

(2) Yes.

- (a) HSRC Education Research Programme No 7: "African Language in White primary schools".
- (b) The report was released by me on 28 April 1987 and is currently being studied by the Department.

(3) No.

(a) and (b) Fall away.

- (4) No, a formal survey is not deemed necessary, as channels exist by means of which any school wishing to offer the subject, may apply to do so.
- (a) and (b) Fall away.

Mr K M ANDREW: Mr Chairman, arising from the hon the Minister's reply, may I ask him in respect of his reply to the first part of this question whether in view of the fact that White teachers are involved in Coloured and Black education, he would not think it wise to allow Black teachers to teach in White schools in respect of this subject despite the general and own affairs concept?

\*The MINISTER: Mr Chairman, I have already replied that in terms of the provisions of the constitution it is not possible. In addition, registration with the Teachers' Council also has to take place in respect of teachers who teach in White schools. Naturally, a person who teaches his mother tongue, can usually do it better than a non-mother tongue speaker. I therefore have sympathy with that. At present, however, it is not possible for a person of colour to teach

in a Government school. That is the difference between private and Government schools, especially in terms of the specific education legislation in this regard.

Mr K M ANDREW: Mr Chairman, further arising from the hon the Minister's reply, may I ask him the following: If it is not possible in terms of the Constitution, how is it then possible for White teachers to teach in State Coloured schools and State Black schools?

\*The MINISTER: Mr Chairman, apart from the Constitution, there is also specific education legislation and the education legislation for Whites, in terms of the own affairs concept in the Constitution, only applies to White education as such. Therefore, if there are specific procedures for White education, it does not mean that the same procedures apply to the education of the Administration: House of Representatives. Administration House of Delegates or the Department of Education and Training.

Mr K M ANDREW: Mr Chairman, further arising from the hon the Minister's reply, may I ask him whether he does not think it would be wise to amend that White education legislation if that is the obstacle?

The MINISTER: No.

Computers

\*5. Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Education and Culture:

- (1) Whether his Department has reached any decision on the supply of computers to and maintenance of computers in all high and primary schools falling under his control; if not, why not; if so, (a) what decision has been reached and (b) what time-table regarding supply has been set;
- (2) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

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**THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE:**

- (1) (a) No, this matter is currently being studied by the Network for Educational Technology and recommendations will be formulated in due course.

- (b) Falls away.
- (2) No.

Regional cultural councils

\*6. Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Education and Culture:

- (1) Whether he (a) obtained the views of and (b) received nominations from any cultural organisations prior to the appointment of persons to the regional cultural councils; if not, why not; if so, (i) (aa) which organisations were contacted for this purpose and (bb) when were they so contacted, (ii) how many persons were nominated by these organisations and (iii) what procedure did he follow in selecting his nominees;
- (2) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

**THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE:**

- (1) Names of possible appointees are received from the regional councils for cultural affairs themselves, which in turn are in contact with cultural organisations on an ongoing basis, hence
- (a) no, *8/9/87*
- (b) no, (i) (aa) and (bb) (ii) and (iii) Fall away.

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For written reply:

General Affairs: *Handled*

Crossroads/KTC: offences

138. Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Law and Order:

Whether any persons have been arrested in connection with (a) arson, (b) theft, (c) malicious damage to property, (d) assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, (e) common assault, (f) murder and (g) attempted murder during unrest in (i) Crossroads in May 1986 and (ii) the KTC area in June 1986; if not, what progress has been made by the South African

Police in this regard; if so, how many in each case?

**THE MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:**

(a) to (g) I refer the hon member to my reply to written question number 27 dated 2 February 1987, which is also applicable to this question.

**Police sub-station, Regent Road, Sea Point**

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

- (a) On what date was the police sub-station in Regent Road, Sea Point, opened, (b) what specified services do the police at this sub-station provide to (i) the public in general and (ii) residents in this area in particular and (c) (i) how many offences of each specified type were reported at this sub-station and (ii) in respect of what specified period is this information furnished?

**THE MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:**

- (a) 24 November 1986.
- (b) (i) With the exception of the reporting of deaths, the issuing of funeral orders and the handling of applications for fire-arm licences, the Regent Road charge office provides the same services as any other charge office.

(c) (i) Theft	16
Theft from motor vehicles	10
Assault	9
Housebreaking with the intent to steal and theft	6
Pickpocketing	4
Theft of motor vehicle	3
Trespassing	2
Malicious damage to property	1
Reckless or negligent driving	1
Public indecency	1
Crimen injuria	1
Disturbance of the peace	1
Shoplifting	1
Total	56
(ii) 24 November 1986 until 11 June 1987.	

Note: These duties also include patrolling

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of the area, attending to complaints, accepting admission of guilt fines, the completion of reports in collisions, attestation of documents, recording of particulars regarding drivers' licences and persons who are reported to be missing.

**Group Areas Act**

218. Mr A GERBER asked the Minister of Law and Order:

- (a) How many charges in connection with contraventions of the provisions of the Group Areas Act, No 36 of 1966, were laid during the period 1980 to 1986 and (b) in how many cases were the alleged offenders charged?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

	(a)	(b)
1 July 1979 to 30 June 1980	860	419
1 July 1980 to 30 June 1981	487	187
1 July 1981 to 30 June 1982	577	463
1 July 1982 to 30 June 1983	566	387
1 July 1983 to 30 June 1984	608	398
1 July 1984 to 30 June 1985	332	231
1 July 1985 to 30 June 1986	190	132

NOTE: Statistics are given for the period 1 July 1979 until 30 June 1986.

Because statistics for the period 1 July 1986 until 31 December 1986 have not yet been programmed, the particulars for the period are not readily available.

**Mamelodi: persons killed**

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

- (1) Whether, with reference to the reply of the Minister of Justice to Question No 3 on 23 June 1987, the further investigation by the South African Police into the deaths of persons killed in Mamelodi on 21 November 1985 has been completed; if not, why not; if so, (a) when, (b) what were the findings and (c) what action has been taken as a result of this investigation;
- (2) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

- (1) No, the docket was referred back by the Attorney General for further investigation.
- (a) to (c) Fall away.

- (2) No.

**Annual reports**

382. Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Transport Affairs:

- (1) (a) (i) How many annual reports were produced in 1986 by the South African Transport Services and/or statutory bodies falling under the Transport Services and (ii) in respect of what bodies were these reports produced, (b) what was the cost of producing each such report, (c) how many copies of each report were printed and (d) who undertook the printing of each report;
- (2) whether the printing of these reports was put out to tender, if not, why not; if so, (a) what was the (i) lowest and (ii) highest tender submitted, and (b) what was the amount of the successful tender, in each case;
- (3) whether any copies of these reports were sold; if so, (a) how many, (b) to whom, and (c) at what price, in respect of each report;
- (4) in respect of each of the latest specified five years for which information is available, (a) what was the total cost to the Transport Services of these annual reports, (b) how many copies were printed, (c) how many of these reports contained (i) full colour and (ii) black and white pictures, (d) on what quality paper were the annual reports printed and (e) (i) how many of these reports contained a photograph or drawing of the (aa) political head and (bb) top official of the Transport Services and/or the statutory bodies in question and (ii) how many of these pictures were in (aa) colour and (bb) black and white in each case?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS:

- (1) (a) (i) Three.

	(b)	(c)	(d)
SA Transport Services	R62 070,40	5 400	Hendlers Printers (Pty) Ltd
SA Transport Services Board	R 8 260	650	Cape and Transvaal Printers (Pty) Ltd
Permanent Level Crossings Committee	R 290	50	Transport Services' Printers

- (2) Only in respect of SA Transport Services.

	(a) (i)	(ii)	(b)
SA Transport Services	R46 845	R71 560	R46 845
SA Transport Services Board			

Printing was undertaken by Cape and Transvaal Printers (Pty) Ltd under contract for the Government Printer, Pretoria.

(a) (i), (ii) and (b) Fall away.

Permanent Level Crossings Committee

Printing was undertaken by Transport Services' Printers.

(a) (i), (ii) and (b) Fall away.

	(a)	(b)	(bb)
1982	R35 718,58	4 040	the report of Transport Services for the 1984-85-financial year and the reports of the Permanent Level Crossings Committee.
1983	R56 403,57	4 440	
1984	R57 931,86	4 600	
1985	R70 345,00	5 700	
1986	R70 620,40	6 100	

- (3) No. (a), (b) and (c) Fall away.
- (4) (a) (i) All the reports except those of the Permanent Level Crossings Committee, contained full colour pictures.
- (ii) One in respect of the SA Transport Services report for 1984-85.
- (d) The covers for SA Transport Services annual reports were printed on 250 g/m<sup>2</sup> Chromolux and the text on 115 g/m<sup>2</sup> Ikonofix, 100 g/m<sup>2</sup> Kymart; the reports of the SA Transport Services Board on Dukuza (matt finishing) and the reports of the Permanent Level Crossings Committee on ordinary paper.
- (e) (i) (aa) All the reports, except

**Own Affairs:**

**Annual reports**

70. Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of the Budget and Welfare:

- (1) (a) (i) How many annual reports

# Job-creation funds 'used to house councillors'

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## Political Staff

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY. — Allegations that R268 000 earmarked for job creation had been used to build nine houses for Ibhayi town councillors were revealed yesterday by Mr John Malcomess, the Progressive Federal Party MP for Port Elizabeth Central.

The rent for each of the R33 000 houses was put at R4,24 a month.

And confidential minutes of the executive committee of the Ibhayi Town Council in the hands of our correspondent in Port Elizabeth show that on August 26 last year it was recommended that "approval be granted" for such action and that the "actions of the mayor and the then acting town clerk be condoned".

They had earlier called for tenders for the nine houses.

Speaking during committee stage of the Budget, Mr Malcomess said the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, had supplied an answer to the House in connection with the houses which was "not correct".

## Advocate General

He said evidence of the use of the job-creation funds as well as other documentation relating to a "considerable degree of malpractice in the Ibhayi Town Council" had been forwarded to the Advocate General.

Mr Malcomess said the minister had stated in reply to questions that neither the mayor of Ibhayi nor town councillors received housing or transport benefits, neither had they received loans to build houses.

He said that subsequent to these replies being reported he had been visited by a person "who believed the answer given to me was not correct and he produced evidence to support his contention."

"He also produced other evidence relating to a considerable degree of malpractice within the Ibhayi Town Council."

Quoting from council minutes Mr Malcomess said it had been recommended that nine houses be erected at KwaMagxaki and that quotes be called for.

## Petrol bomb

Further recommendations were that the monthly rental and instalment payment on the capital amount of R33 000 would be:

- R4,24 a month rental.
- R352 monthly instalment over 20 years if the house was purchased.

Mr Malcomess said the minutes also recorded that during April 1986 councillor Ncama's house had been destroyed by fire following a petrol bomb attack and that the council had had no option but to provide hotel accommodation for him as the guest house was occupied by councillor Petela.

The request that alternative accommodation be found had come from the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, who had advised that it "is placing him in a very embarrassing position in Parliament".

Mr Malcomess said it appeared that the minister had been advised of the situation and it would be "somewhat surprising if he did not know that money had been spent on providing these nine houses."

"If the allegations are correct, then certainly the rental of R4,24 for a month for a R33 000 house is subsidization of housing for councillors on a massive scale and the answer supplied by the minister in this House was not correct."



# False fees: doctor suspended

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By MICHEL DESMIDT  
A GELVANDALE doctor

who charged for professional services he did not render was suspended for three months at a hearing of the disciplinary committee of the South African Medical and Dental Council in Port Elizabeth today.

Dr Trevor Rule was given till September 28 to make representations to the council before it considers the recommended sentence at its October meeting.

The doctor, who operates three surgeries in the northern areas, was found guilty of disgraceful conduct for charging for treatment he did not provide between March and July last year.

He was also found guilty of disgraceful conduct for signing blank and partly completed medical certificates in November, 1985.

Dr Rule was also found guilty of improper conduct for charging for services and medicines which were unnecessary or not in

the patients' interests or to their benefit.

He was found not guilty on three counts of failing to provide written details of the chemical composition and formula of three personal skin care preparations on prescriptions to pharmacies.

Dr Rule was found to have signed blank medical certificates which were later issued by a nurse without his knowledge and without him having examined the patient.

He also failed to take reasonable steps to prevent the nurse from filling in and issuing in the certificates.

On the single count of charging for unnecessary services, the disciplinary committee found him guilty of overservicing a patient — who was eventually cured — and having failed to procure a second opinion until the treatment was well advanced.

Regarding charges that he failed to give written details of personal medicines he prescribed, the hearing was told that all the chemists in the neighbourhood to whom Dr Rule usually referred patients had been given full details of the formula.

These had been communicated to pharmacists through the services of the Cape Midlands Checking Services.

The matter at issue was whether Dr Rule was still under an overriding obligation to

his personal medicine with every prescription.

The committee hearing was chaired by Professor F G Geldenhuis, with the assistance of Dr N Levy, Dr A J Snyman and Mr N M Prinsloo.

Mr P J de Bruyn, instructed by Price Soni, appeared for Dr Rule. Mr G E van der Spuy, instructed by Mr R J Fihlmaier, was the *pro forma* complainant.



Bank gives  
R50 000  
to SAR  
widows  
orphans

Crime Reporter

THE First National Bank announced yesterday that it had donated R50 000 to the South African Police Widows and Orphans Fund as a token of appreciation for the police action during a robbery at their Mowbray branch on September 3.

During the robbery, the leader of the gang shot dead a policeman and wounded a second policeman before he was shot dead several blocks from the scene.

Speaking at a small function at police headquarters in Cape Town yesterday morning, Mr Brian Forbes, the acting manager of the bank at the time of the robbery, said the decision to make the donation had been taken the day after the robbers were foiled in their attempt to steal R57 000 cash.

He said the donation would express the bank's appreciation for the action of the police and their excellent work in apprehending two of the three robbers.

During the robbery, Constable Martin Cockrell was shot dead. Reservist police constable Wayne Schluter was wounded in the chase. The gang leader, Jabu Dube, was shot dead soon afterwards.

Mr Jimmy McKenzie, First National's senior general manager, explained yesterday that the bank had been very distressed at the death of Constable Cockrell.

He said it was felt that it was indiscreet to publicize details of this donation at the time of Constable Cockrell's unfortunate death.

dispersed a group outside two police vans were

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# Bid to halt fighting

THE executive committee of the Boland Council of Churches (BOCC) has been asked to mediate among warring factions in the Worcester township of Zwelethemba where another person is believed to have been arrested.

Months of fighting among opposing factions came to a head last week with youth leaders and activists fleeing the township, at least three residents being arrested, several homes being damaged and scores of people being injured.

The three appeared in court on charges of public violence. Their bail applications were refused.

The arrest this week of Ms Nomfanelo Xenxe could not be confirmed with po-

lice.

According to a member of the Zwelethemba Civic Association, a meeting with the executive of the Boland Council of Churches (BOCC) is being set up in an attempt to halt the violence.

Representatives from the youth, civic, unemployed and the women met the Rev Frank Chikane this week about problems in the township.

Chikane is said to have referred them to the executive of the BOCC.

Residents fear that the violence has not ended and described the atmosphere in the township as very tense.

Chikane could be contacted for comment.

# Mystery of Cape's missing kids

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By AYESHA ALLIE

DOMESTIC strife is one of the major causes of young children leaving home in search of a better life.

This is one of the findings of a SOUTH investigation which also disclosed that parents are frantically searching again for missing children since the spate of killings linked to the Station Strangler.

Mr and Mrs Peter Hoaeane, of Larkspur Road, Lentegeur, said their 13-year-old son, Warren, went missing in November 1986. Because they lived in such a violent society, they expected to hear terrible news of their son's whereabouts.

## Problems

The Hoaeanes admitted that Warren left home because of family problems. Their stable family life was deeply disrupted in 1982 when his father lost his job. Since then he had casual jobs, with weeks passing without any work.

"Warren, the eldest of three children, was spoilt and always got what he wanted. He just couldn't understand why suddenly there was no money," his father said.

## Withdrawn

He said he noticed his son becoming withdrawn about six months before he left home. His wife, Irene, said Warren wanted to join the church brigade, but they could not afford the expenses as her husband was unemployed at the time.

She once caught him marching in the brigade and his father explained to him not to do things without their permission.

They never expected their



Sizizwe Skelly, 4



Warren Hoaeane, 13



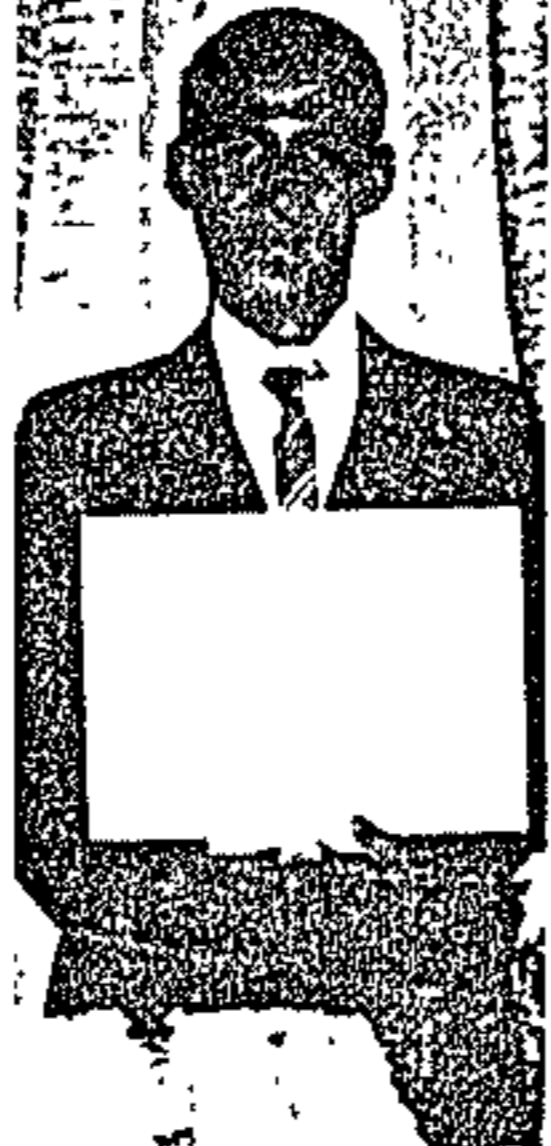
Percaville Wiehauer, 13



Clint Petersen, 14



Lena Hendricks, 9



Kevin Abrahams, 15

"As a family we went through hell. We had no money or food and the children were frustrated. Also there were the worries of the house being repossessed and the Council's eviction threats," she recalled.

But we would like to tell him that everything is back to normal at home. His father's found a job and we would like him to come home," she said.

When SOUTH arrived at the home of Lena Hendricks, Louisvale Court, in Clarkes Estate, her anxious mother asked: "Did you find my daughter? Just tell me where's she".

When she was told her daughter had not been found, she referred us to her husband. Mr Simon Hendricks was reluctant to talk and said: "How can a little girl like Lena survive the Strangler. She must be dead, and we'll never find her".

## Strangler

Lena, 9, went missing two months ago just after she came from school. She had her lunch and went to stand on the balcony for a while. "That was the last I saw of my daughter," Mrs Katie Hendricks said.

Lena was wearing her blue school dress, a white shirt, blue jersey with red stripes along the sleeves, black school shoes and white socks.

After talking about their daughter, Mr Hendricks appealed to us to help him find their daughter.

Mrs Welma de Wet of 12th Avenue, Elsies River, said her son, Ricardo, 14, left home because he no longer wanted to go to school.

"My husband and I refused to take him out of

school because we felt he was too young," she said.

The De Wets said they only wanted the best for their children. "But in our society we can never guarantee that. Our children are exposed to too much violence outside their homes," she said.

Mrs De Wet said Ricardo would not listen to her husband because he was his step-father. "Children want more out of life than what their parents can afford to

give them," she said.

The happy and relieved parents of 16-year old Mark Valentine, of Mandalay, who returned home after a week, said their son left home because he did not want to go to school.

He is now working and very happy, his parents said.

Still missing are Kevin Abrahams, 15, Sizizwe Skelly, 4, and Clint Petersen, 14, all of Mitchells Plain.

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## Inside Strangler's mind

THE Station Strangler might be someone who was well-liked by the community because of his quiet personality.

This is one of the theories about the child killer which is under investigation.

According to Dr M B Wagner, a psychiatrist at Lentegeur Hospital, Mitchells Plain, the Strangler could be reading newspaper reports on the killings, and, at the same time, condemn the deaths.

He outlined groups in which the Strangler could be classified:

### Psychopath

• A psychopath who is a cold, unfeeling and aggressive. When experiencing an aggressive mood, the psychopath's abnormal needs to obtain, say, sexual satisfaction, could drive him to seek blood and perversion.

• A strange or introverted person who is usually withdrawn and does not talk easily to people. He is usually only liked once he is known.

• A "Mommy's boy" who lives in his own world. He could be a quiet person not usually linked to violence.

Magner said the strangler could have a homosexuality problem which he did not want to admit.

The Strangler could be impotent. Killing boys could provide the stimulation and satisfaction he needed.

It was possible that the Strangler was sexually abused himself when he was a boy.

"He could have been abused at school or at a railway station," Magner said.

He once had a case of a young man who touched the private parts of young boys without hurting them. It was discovered that he was sexually abused by bigger boys while still at school.

"This person stands a good chance of being rehabilitated because he never injured or killed anyone," Magner said.

"But the chance of rehabilitation for the Strangler is nil. He has killed several boys and faces a death sentence or prison for the rest of his life."

The Strangler probably thought a lot about how to kill his next victim and the spot where it would take place.

After killing one victim, he would think about it, and then about what his next victim would be like. This would lead to his fantasising about the killings with the added element of sadism. The strangler might even have pictures of naked boys at his home.

His mind might soon become obsessed with the killings. As a result, at a later stage, he could be less careful and leave clues.

Magner said the publicity could have influenced the Strangler to change his "venues" and even delay the next killing.

The publicity would thrill the psychopath. He would enjoy the attention. He might even have joined the police force or community to "help" find the killer.

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of passenger coaches on passenger trains are not changed during journeys.

Mr D J DALLING: Mr Chairman arising from the reply of the hon the Deputy Minister, I should like to ask him what "normal circumstances" and "abnormal circumstances" are?

The DEPUTY MINISTER: Mr Chairman, an "abnormal circumstance" would be, for example, when a technical defect occurs in a coach, and that coach has to be uncoupled. Obviously there would then have to be a change in the sequence of the coaches. [Interjections.]

**Debt: committal to prison**

\*7. Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Justice:

Whether he intends introducing any legislation arising out of the report of the South African Law Commission regarding the committal of persons to prison for debt; if so, (a) what is the main import of the legislation and (b) when is it anticipated that this legislation will be placed before Parliament?

†The MINISTER OF JUSTICE:

I dealt with the matter at length during the discussion of the Justice Vote in the House of Representatives on 30 July 1987 (Hansard col 1645). For the hon member's information I reiterate that I indicated on that occasion that it is a matter in which Members of Parliament have an interest and that the report of the South African Law Commission must therefore be referred to the Standing Committee on Justice with the instruction to report on the findings and recommendations of the Law Commission. The Standing Committee may, should it find it necessary, propose legislation.

I have already given notice that I shall move tomorrow that the report of the Law Commission be referred to the Standing Committee on Justice.

**Crime-prevention civic-patrol**

\*8. Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Law and Order:

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(1) Whether he or the South African Police have received any representations from the Cape Town City Council in respect of the possible formation of a crime-prevention civic patrol; if so, (a) what representations, (b) when and (c) what (i) was his response and (ii) were his reasons for giving this response;

(2) whether he received any requests for financial assistance to form such a patrol; if so, (a) what amount was requested and (b) what (i) was his response and (ii) were his reasons for giving this response?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER (Reply laid upon the Table with leave of House):

(1) Yes, representations were received by the Divisional Commissioner of the Western Province Division.

(a) The representations dealt with the establishment of civic patrols to enforce municipal by-laws.

(b) 20 February 1987.

(c) (i) and (ii) The Divisional Commissioner held discussions with the Executive Committee of the City Council and also attended their meetings.

For reasons of efficiency it is, however, the viewpoint of the South African Police that it is a priority to rationalise law enforcement bodies in the South African context, instead of having fragmented smaller law enforcement components that possess separate executive powers throughout the RSA.

After a meeting of the United Municipal Executive on 4 February 1987, during which the South African Police explained the benefits of a national police force with a uniform system, the United Municipal Executive decided at its annual meeting on 12 March 1987, not to negotiate the institution of Municipal Police for White, Asian and Coloured Local

Authorities. This subject was not raised again.

(2) No, (a) and (b) (i) and (ii) Fall away.

**Howick: abduction/murder**

\*9. Mr P C CRONJÉ asked the Minister of Law and Order:

(1) Whether any (a) arrests have been made and (b) charges have been laid in connection with the alleged abduction and murder near Howick on or about 6 December 1986 of three persons, whose names have been furnished to the South African Police for the purpose of the Minister's reply; if so, (i) who were arrested and charged, and (ii) when, in each case;

(2) whether any further steps have been taken in respect of those so arrested and charged; if not, (a) why not and (b) when is it anticipated that such steps will be taken; if so, what was the outcome?

†The MINISTER OF JUSTICE (for the Minister of Law and Order):

(1) (a) and (b) No

(i) and (ii) Fall away

(2) Falls away

**Strikes: employees prosecuted**

\*10. Mr J J S PRINSLOO asked the Minister of Justice:†

(1) Whether any of the employees of the South African Transport Services who took part in strikes this year, have been prosecuted under criminal law; if so, (a) how many, (b) when, (c) on what charges and (d) with what result; if not, why not;

(2) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

†The MINISTER OF JUSTICE:

(1) Since the required information covers a wide spectrum, it is not clear which information the hon member requires. In order to be of assistance to the hon member, we obtained infor-

*Hansard*

mation in regard to offences related to strikes. Following on this I supply information which is at hand. Should any further information become available I shall inform the hon member in writing:

(i) On 27 August 1987 1 person was found guilty in the Regional Court, Germiston of contravening section 1 of the Intimidation Act, 1982, and sentenced to 4 years imprisonment of which 2 years imprisonment were suspended;

(ii) on 9 September 1987 1 person was found guilty in the Regional Court, Johannesburg of contravening section 1 of the Intimidation Act, 1982, and sentenced to 5 years imprisonment of which 2 years imprisonment were suspended;

(iii) the cases against 11 persons who are charged with contravening section 1 of the Intimidation Act, 1982, have not yet been finalized; and

(iv) a Police investigation against 45 persons which, *inter alia*, includes 4 charges of murder and 1 charge of attempted murder is still pending.

In the light of this comprehensive information and that which I shall possibly furnish still, but which I do not promise to, a statement is in my opinion not necessary.

**Strikes: temporary employees**

\*11. Mr J J S PRINSLOO asked the Minister of Transport Affairs:†

(1) Whether during the strikes by employees of the South African Transport Services this year any White persons were temporarily employed to do the work of strikers; if not, why not; if so, how many;

(2) whether the services of any of these White persons were terminated as a result of the re-employment of Black

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# 36 M'Plain murders in '86

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Crime Reporter

THIRTY-SIX murders and 228 rape cases were reported and investigated in Mitchell's Plain last year.

Replying to a written question by Mr Peter Harris, MP for Strandfontein in the House of Representatives, Mr Adriaan Vlok, Minister of Law and Order, said that in the same period there were 39 culpable homicides, 472 serious assaults, 1 405 common assaults, 1 739 burglaries, 746 robberies, 1 135 cases of malicious damage to property and 84 cases of illegal possession of drugs.

There were also 684 vehicles and 236 cycles stolen last year.

Asked today about the crime rate, police said the situation seemed to have improved since the statistics were compiled.

A police spokesman said there had been 22 murders this year, of which 20 had been solved. There had been 66 rape cases reported and 54 had been solved.

He said that while serious crime could not be condoned at any level, it had to be borne in mind that Mitchell's Plain, with a population of about 260 000, was larger than Bloemfontein.

In some cases there were 12 people living in a house.

The spokesman said police patrolled the area regularly to combat crime and they were backed by reservists. He appealed for more members of the community to become reservists.

A police caravan had been moved into the area and two satellite police stations had been opened to help to fight crime. Another police station was planned.

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# Drop in crime in central PE area

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## Weekend Post Reporter

THE incidence of serious crimes in central Port Elizabeth dropped by 29% in the three months May to July compared with the same period last year.

This was said this week by the police liaison officer for the Eastern Cape, Captain Peet Grobler.

From May to July last year 2 655 serious crimes were reported at the police station at Louis le Grange Square. In the same period this year only 1 881 were reported, a drop of 774 or 29%.

The high incidence of crime was one of the reasons cited by insurance companies to justify increased premiums over the past year to 18 months.

Capt Grobler said although the station did not cover the entire city, the mixture of residential and

business areas covered by the station meant that similar figures would probably apply in the rest of the white area of the city.

He ascribed the drop to the introduction of ghost squads and neighbourhood watches as well as an improvement in the economy and the resultant drop in unemployment.

The "ghost squads", operating in plainclothes, had been remarkably successful.

The Gelvandale "ghost squad" of three people had made 99 arrests in one week.

Captain Grobler added that the introduction of neighbourhood watches had also helped in the fight against crime.

A total of 44 neighbourhood watches had been established in Port Elizabeth, six of them in the

northern areas. There was a lot of interest in the system and meetings about the formation of new units had been scheduled right up to the end of October.

The neighbourhood watch system usually involved two people patrolling their neighbourhood by car at night. The idea was not a roving patrol, but to keep watch over areas from specific places.

The number of burglaries in the area covered by Louis le Grange Square

dropped from 48 last year to 18 this year, a reduction of 62,5%.

Vehicle thefts are also slightly down — from 169 to 154.

"We've made a number of arrests in recent months," Capt Grobler said.

Assaults remained a problem though. Last year's figure of 67 incidents increased to 100 for the same period this year.

The number of rapes had remained constant at six for the three months.

## New financial row looms over estate of SA kubus king

CAPE TOWN — Liquidators of the estate of Mr Adriaan Nieuwoudt intend to lodge claims against thousands of kubus "winners", said Mrs Sylvia du Toit, of Garies, Mr Nieuwoudt's home town.

Mrs Du Toit said this meant that "whole rural communities could be wiped out".

When Mr Nieuwoudt — once the chief of an R80 million milk-culture industry — went into liquidation, more than "70 000 people had lost

money and about 10 000 broke even or managed to retain their profit".

The liquidators had now decided to claim from the "winners". About 1 500 people in her area had been recently informed of this.

Next month the liquidators would bring a Supreme Court claim against one of the winners, Mr Jan Visser, of Springbok, for the R80 000 he had made in the scheme.

"The point is that if he loses, we all lose. Many people in our area have invested their life-savings in kubus. If this is taken away they will be left destitute."

Mrs Du Toit said about 100 of the winners had decided to come together to fight the case but appealed to "all the winners to join us since we will not be able to foot the whole bill, which will be about R50 000 to R100 000".

Mrs Du Toit said that in many instances the liquidators were claiming relatively small amounts from people. Some of the claims were between R800 and R5 000.

If they lost the case they would be left with nothing, because they (the liquidators) will take it all away". — Sapa

# Dramatic rise in PE assaults

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**By DEBBIE MARCH**  
THE upturn in the economy is thought to be a factor in a dramatic increase in the number of assaults in the Port Elizabeth area.

Officials attribute increase to upturn in the economy

On Saturday 122 were reported to the ambulance service, three of them were fatal.

Yesterday another 63 were reported. Again three proved fatal.

Accidents, too, have shown a steep rise. Assault cases have ri-

sen by about 30% in the past year and the total number of calls received by the Algoa Regional Services Council Ambulance and Rescue Service is increasing at the rate of 10% to 15% a month.

This means the regional service can now expect to cover four million kilometres and receive 130 000 calls in the coming financial year, Mr Des Heuer, head of the service, said today.

Both he and Mr Arthur Lee, deputy chief of the municipal service, put the increase down to a revival in the economy.

"An increase in the economy has meant more money for liquor and petrol, and subsequently this means more accidents and assaults," Mr Heuer said.

In what was described as "quiet weekend", 865 calls were received from 6pm on Friday till Sunday night by the municipal ambulance service.

Of the 423 calls received on Saturday, 122 alone were for assaults. On Sunday 348 calls were monitored, 63 for assaults.

Mr Lee said the number of assaults over the past year had increased by as much as 30%.

He said unofficial figures taken over a three-month period this year, compared with the same period last year, showed a rise in calls from 2 248 to 3 173.

This amounted to an average of 34 assault cases a day, he said.

Mr Heuer said regional numbers were similarly awesome, but more as-

tounding was the increase in the number of calls.

"Over the past four months the number of calls have increased by between 10% and 15% every month," he said.

He said although the area under their jurisdic-

tion had increased to 38 000 square kilometres since the Algoa Regional Services Council came into operation, this could not be the reason for the increase.

"It's a revival in the economy," he said.



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**Watson three  
seen in court**

PORT ELIZABETH — Three of the Watson brothers, Mr Valence Watson, Mr Ronald Watson and Mr Daniel "Cheeky" Watson, were in the Port Elizabeth Magistrate's Court yesterday when a former Ciskei detainee appeared on charges under the Internal Security Act.

Except for a young boy, they were the only people in the public gallery when Mr Zamuxolo Nojoko, 30, formerly of Uitenhage, appeared.

The charges, framed under the Internal Security Act, the Terrorism Act and various proclamations, allege that Mr Nojoko joined the African National Congress in 1982 and left the country for military and political training.

In 1985 he illegally entered Lesotho and the Ciskei and promoted the interests of the ANC.

The charges were not put to Mr Nojoko, and he was not asked to plead.

The prosecutor, Mr H. van der Walt, informed the court that Mr Nojoko had been detained under Section 29 until the Attorney General decided he should be prosecuted.

He asked that Mr Nojoko be remanded in custody to October 19, so that a date for the hearing could be set. The Magistrate, Mr L. Kirchner, postponed the case to October 19.

Miss V. Brereton appeared for the defence.

# 14 hold-ups in Peninsula at the weekend

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## Crime Reporter

ARMED men staged 14 hold-ups in the Peninsula at the weekend.

Five of the robberies — all at garages — are thought to have been committed by the same gang.

About 3pm on Friday, Mr Langa Zuma, 45, was selling paraffin with a friend in Green Point, Khayelitsha, when they were approached by three men, one of whom was armed with a gun. They were robbed of R600.

About 5.50pm Mrs Edna van Rooyen, 32, was approached by three men and threatened with a gun on a train just before it stopped at Crawford station. They robbed her of her bag and R150 in cash.

At 2am on Saturday Mr Patrick Mbekwana, 27, was walking with a friend in Site B Khayelitsha when they were approached by two men and robbed of R35 in cash and a watch.

## Gang of 10

Mr Cromwell Mqatsa, 25, was on duty as a nightwatchman at a construction firm in Elsies River about 3am when a gang of 10 attacked him, threatened him with a gun and forced him to leave.

When he returned he found wooden doors and other items worth R638 missing.

About 6am Mr Howard Mtshiselwa, 27, was selling paraffin in New Crossroads when two men threatened him with a gun and robbed him of R200.

About 12.45pm a 14-year-old youth was walking in Beacon Valley, Mitchell's Plain, when a person approached him from behind and put something to his neck.

The boy was forced into some bushes and threatened with a gun. He was robbed of his jacket and shoes.

At 5pm Miss Ruwayda Jacobs, 21, was walking in Mitchell's Plain when a man grabbed her around the neck and threatened her. She was robbed of her sunglasses.

About 9.30pm Mr Shannon Sherry, 29, was walking in North Pine, Kraaifontein, when four men approached him and threatened him. They robbed him of R270 in cash.

Police said four youths were arrested in connection with the robbery.

Mr Wiseman Fodela, 22, was working at a garage in Garfield Road, Kenilworth, about 11.30pm when three men in a car asked him if he wanted to buy dagga.

He declined and the men threatened him and robbed him of R150.

Mr Peter Salazi was on duty with a colleague at a garage in Lansdowne Road, Lansdowne, soon after midnight on Sunday when three men arrived. They were threatened but ran away.

The robbers did not steal anything.

## No plates

Mr Walter Mkumetela was on duty at a petrol station in College Road, Philippi, about 2.50am when three men in a car with no registration plates stopped, threatened him with a gun and robbed him of R350.

About 3am Mr Gibson Ngxada was on duty at a garage in Lansdowne Road, Lansdowne, when three men in a car without registration plates asked for R50 worth of petrol.

After putting the petrol in the car Mr Ngxada was threatened with a gun and robbed of R75.

Mr Charles van den Heever, 26, was on his way to buy a newspaper in Long Street, Cape Town, about 6am on Sunday when he was approached by three men who robbed him of his watch, ring and cash.

Early today Mr Wellington Yapana, 24, was working at a garage in Turf-hall Road, Lansdowne, when two men asked for petrol. They then robbed him of an unknown amount of money.

# 130 held as police swoop on Athlone

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Crime Reporter

MORE than 130 people were arrested during a major police operation which ended in Athlone today.

A police spokesman said the aim was to trace suspects.

More than 100 detectives and uniformed police took part in the swoop, led by Colonel W van der Merwe, assistant district criminal investigations officer.

The spokesman said 33 people were arrested on warrants between 10 last night and 7am today.

A further 26 were held in connection with 16 housebreaking charges, eight on seven robbery charges, two on suspicion of theft from cars, 42 in connection with 38 theft cases and 28 on 23 charges of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

They will appear in court soon.

# Fear at the pumps

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by MARK STANSFIELD  
Weekend Argus Reporter

MOTORISTS throughout the country are being cheated out of thousands of rands by petrol pump attendants who are intimidated by Mafia-type township gangs into committing fraud on a huge scale.

Top-ranking motor industry spokesmen this week said township "syndicates" roamed petrol stations after hours and taught pump attendants how to cheat unsuspecting motorists out of money while filling their tanks. It is estimated that countless thousands of rands are pocketed in this way every month.

Petrol pump attendants who refuse to take part in the crooked schemes are intimidated by threats of physical violence to themselves and their families.

Country-wide investigations into allegations of fraud at petrol stations are under way but motor industry spokesmen said disclosing specific details could hamper the investigators.

Both Mr George Beckman, chairman of the South Afri-

## 'Mafia' intimidation leads to huge petrol fraud

can Motor Traders Association (Samta), and Mr R E Hulley, the Cape's divisional secretary of the Motor Industries Federation (MIF) said this week that the situation had been monitored for months.

Mr Beckman said Samta's arbitration board was handling about 47 complaints a month from motorists who say they have been "ripped-off" at the pumps.

"I myself lost about R60 000 in 15 months before an investigation showed how some of my staff were able to pocket the money," Mr Beckman said.

Banks lost about R1,8-million in 1985 through crooked credit-card petrol sales alone an indication of how large

and lucrative petrol-sale fraud is in South Africa, Mr Beckman said.

"We have closed many of the loopholes in the credit-card fraud scheme since then and have brought the losses down to about half that amount for this year," he said.

Peninsula service station owners, who said crooked practices at the pumps were reflecting badly on their businesses, are losing customers daily through no fault of their own.

"Most of the crooked business is carried out after hours when owners are not there to supervise sales," said one Sea Point garage owner who has been in business for the past 22 years.

"Service station owners have their customers' interests at heart and gain nothing from the illegal practices being perpetrated at the pumps," he said.

The IMF's Mr Hulley said investigations into the petrol sale frauds were a "very tricky business and the less said at this stage the better".

Cape Times investigation

# Crime rife on packed trains

By RONNIE MORRIS

**MITCHELLS PLAIN** train commuters believe that the South African Transport Services are giving them a raw deal.

Trains regularly run late, or are cancelled, carriages are overcrowded, dagga smoking is rife and police are absent when serious crimes are committed.

This emerged during a four-day Cape Times investigation into conditions on trains running between Mitchells Plain and Cape Town.

Commuters ignored safety rules and this reporter saw people crossing the line in the face of oncoming trains, commuters jumping on to departing trains and others — including women — climbing into carriages through windows.

A train conductor said the view was widely held that the 7.10am express from Mitchells Plain to Bonteheuwel was known as the "dagga train" because commuters openly smoked dagga on their way to work.

Twice, when the Cape Times reporter was at Mitchells Plain station during the peak morning period, a garbled and indistinct announcement — about a delayed train — was made.

A nurse, who did not want to be identified, said passengers were regularly robbed and assaulted on the trains.

Police were noticeably absent on Friday evenings and at month ends

## A mad scramble

When a delayed train arrived at Mitchells Plain station, there was a mad scramble for standing room and some commuters travelled in between carriages.

They also hung from the open doors while the trains were moving.

There were commuters who made it a daily ritual to smoke dagga in full carriages, she said.

Commuters had resigned themselves to the high price of tickets. A third-class single from Mitchells Plain to Cape Town cost R1,10 while a first-class ticket cost R2,60.

Mr Rashad Samsodien, of Beacon Valley, said he left his home at 6.30am to catch the 7.35am train. The train, which comes from Kapteinsskip — one station away — would fill up at Mitchells Plain station and by Lentegour station, commuters were already hanging out of open doors.

Trains were regularly delayed and because the public address system was so indistinct, he never knew which train had been delayed or when it was due.

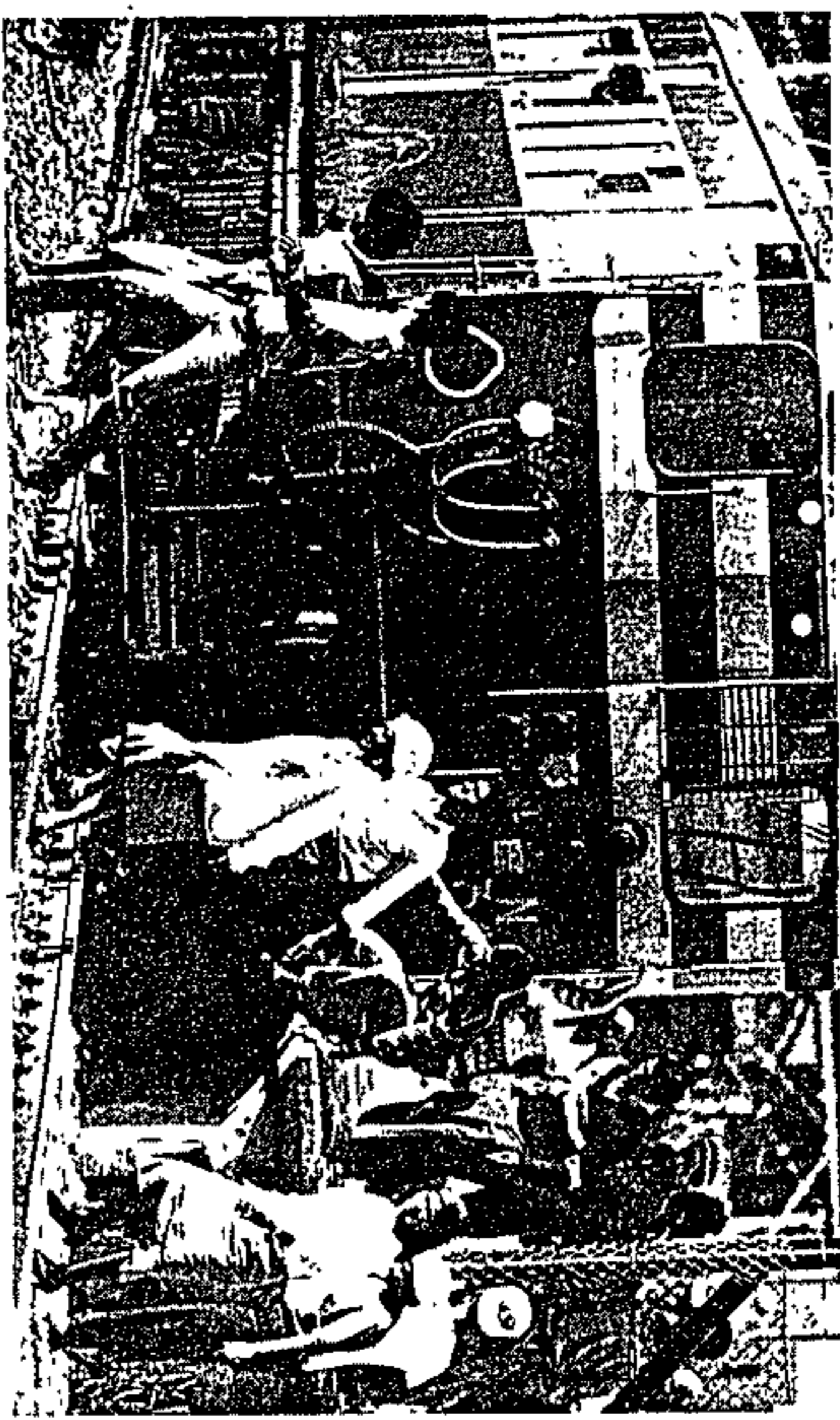
He had also lost a job when, after he arrived late for work on several occasions, his employer could no longer believe him.

Police were never present when criminal elements smoked dagga or drank, he said.

Mr Fazel Hendricks, of Eastridge, said dagga smokers had a field day when police were not present and, during one train journey, police had by-passed skollies while "decent people" had been body-searched.

Mrs Christine Rhode, mother of two, said she took a taxi from Rocklands to Mitchells Plain station to ensure she gets to work on time.

She was late for work often because trains were delayed or cancelled without warning. Commuters



IGNORING THE RULES... Commuters ignore safety rules and cross railway lines illegally. Picture: OBER DEWA

## SATS seeks commuter solutions

By RONNIE MORRIS

THE South African Transport Services yesterday admitted there were problems on the Mitchells Plain line but said they were working at solutions.

Approached for comment on commuter allegations, Mr Piet Lotz, Manager, Passenger Services, yesterday said that contrary to certain allegations, SATS believed it had a good time-keeping record.

Trains ran late for a total of 69 minutes for the week ending October 23 and a total of 51 minutes — of which 14 were as a result of power failures — at the end of last week.

Mr Lotz said SATS was aware of the crowded third-class carriages and was monitoring the situation. There was a shortage of third-

class carriages but new trains would operate when the Khayelitsha line opened, and more carriages would be available.

The tempo at which carriage windows were damaged was too high and SATS could not keep up with the demand to replace them.

Regarding complaints about train fares, he said a scheme was available whereby four or more commuters who bought tickets together would be entitled to a 5% discount.

Commuters could also save money if they bought seasonal tickets. The price of a first-class single ticket (R2,60) from Mitchells Plain to Cape Town would be slashed to R1,20 per ride and single third-class single (R1,10) to 34 cents.

Replying to complaints about sometimes waiting up to half-an-hour for a train, she said.

The 4.45pm train she took home was almost always packed, and at times the only carriage she felt safe in was where a train preacher was preaching.

to start work in Bellville at 7.30am. He had also been the victim of train delays and cancellations but he was lucky his employer understood why he was late, he said.

Packed trains where commuters clung to open doors were a big problem and many damaged windows had not been replaced and commuters risked serious injury when they were stoned, Mr Janjies said.

As a result, he knew of someone who had lost an eye and another who had serious facial injuries.

A train conductor, who declined to be named, said the 7.10am express train from Mitchells Plain to Bonteheuwel (and then all stations to Cape Town) was officially known as the "dagga train".

To avoid paying train fare, some commuters get on trains between Nyanga and Kapteinsskip, changing trains at Kapteinsskip on to other Cape Town-bound trains.

Once the train was moving, they walked from carriage to carriage to stay one coach ahead of the ticket collector.

Railways personnel arrive at stations about 6am to see that commuters did not use illegal crossing points where the fence had been cut.

"I have seen women climbing through windows while the train was in motion. I cannot believe that people can do that. We are also threatened with violence when we warn people not to climb or use illegal crossing points. Because these people have the backing of people on the platform, we back off."

Three trains, between 6.20am and 7.10am, were the problem trains where people were robbed and assaulted and where dagga was smoked, he said.

## Never told why

Mrs Florence Naude, who has been using the train service daily for the past four years, said that because of frequent breakdowns in the train service, she gets up at 6am to get the 7.20am train from Mitchells Plain to town.

She travels third-class because it was much cheaper than first-class.

She said commuters were never told why trains were late and when announcements were made, it was difficult to hear what the announcer said.

"I think the train service is disgusting. The trains are always packed, even your lungs are squashed when you get to work. There's always pushing and shoving to get into the train. People climb through the windows because they cannot get in through the door."

"I think they should have more frequent trains and make clear announcements when a train has been delayed. I can't understand why the trains break down so often."

"My employer is always very understanding when I arrive late for work but I am encouraged to take an earlier train so that I get to work on time," Mrs Naude said.

The Minister of Transport, Mr Eli Louw, said in Parliament earlier this year that 57 161 commuters on the Mitchells Plain route had been delayed for over an hour during the first four months this year.

Mr Louw also said that 33 trains had been cancelled because they were technically delayed for longer than 60 minutes.

In July Mr Louw disclosed that six million commuters on Cape Town's suburban railway service were delayed by less than 60 minutes in the first four months of 1987.



THE BIG CRUSH... A typical scene at Mitchells Plain railway station before 7am. Commuters scramble for seats or standing room when the train doors open while others climb through windows. Picture: RONNIE MORRIS

## Police 'doing their best' on overcrowded trains

Staff Reporter

POLICE were aware of crimes committed on overcrowded trains but were "doing their best" in combating them, a police liaison officer for the Western Cape, Lieutenant Attie Laubscher, said yesterday.

Although police maintained a presence in trains they could not be everywhere all the time, Lieut Laubscher said.

He appealed to commuters who had complaints or information about crime — including dagga smoking — to report it to their nearest police station.

By CHRIS STEYN

FIFTEEN people were murdered in a weekend of violence in the Peninsula.

Another four people died in car and railway accidents, while a newborn baby was found wrapped in newspaper and a man was burnt to death in his bed.

Twelve people were stabbed to death in incidents of violence in Athlone, Guguletu, Valhalla Park and Elsie's River.

Eleven of the victims were aged between 24 and 35.

The youngest victim was a 19-year-old man, who was found stabbed to death at 11.53pm in Old Crossroads on Saturday night.

In an unrelated incident, two teenage girls and a special constable died in a hail of gunfire in Khayelitsha on Saturday night.

A woman and another special constable were injured.

# 15 murdered in weekend violence

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Police said a 9mm magazine was found on the scene of the crime, but no arrests had been made.

The two special constables were standing opposite a shack at Site B at about 8.45pm when shots rang out, fatally wounding one in the chest.

The other special constable, who was hit in the right side, escaped.

The girls, who were in a nearby group of people, were hit in the neck and the chest.

In another incident, the body of a new-born

baby wrapped in newspaper — was found at the back of a bank building in Andries Pretorius Street, Parow.

Early yesterday morning, 12-year-old Irvine Keleni of Site C, Khayelitsha, was killed when she was hit by a car in Green Point Road, Khayelitsha.

And seven-year-old Nazi Davids died when she was knocked over by a car on the corner of Hazendene and Marydale Streets in Mitchells Plain on Saturday.

An unidentified 35-year-old man, who was illegally crossing the railway line near Vasco Station, died when he was run over by a train on Saturday.

An unidentified 23-year-old man was killed when he was knocked over by a car in Ottery Road, Ottery, also on Saturday.

In Valhalla Park a man was found burnt to death in his Regan Street home at 12.40am yesterday morning.

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# Ten die in assaults, accidents and fire

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ONE MAN died in a fire and six people, including a four-year-old child, died in accidents in the Western Cape, at the weekend.

A further three people were killed in assaults.

● An unidentified woman was stabbed to death in Kensington at 5.35pm on Saturday.

● An unidentified man was fatally injured when he was struck on the head with a blunt object at the corner of Kiewiet and Hammerkop roads, Bridgetown, on Saturday.

● An unidentified man died on Friday night when he was stabbed in the chest with a sharp object on the corner of Merrydale and Highlands Drive, Mitchells Plain. Police are investigating all three incidents.

● An unidentified man aged about 35 was killed when he was hit by a car on Vanguard Drive, Elsie's River, about 2pm on Saturday.

● Nimrod Gom, 4, was killed about 4pm on Saturday when he was hit by a car on Lansdowne Road, Philippi.

● Mr. A Jacobs died soon after 1am yesterday when his clothes were set alight by a candle while he was sleeping on the farm Uitsig, Wimbledon Street, Blackheath.

● An unidentified man, aged about 32, was killed when the car he was driving left the road at Voortrekker Road in Maitland soon after 1am yesterday.

In the Boland, two men were killed in car accidents and a woman was fatally injured by a train.

● Mr. Frederick Anthony, 22, of 79B Gouwsblom, Bergsig, was killed about 8.35am yesterday when the car he was driving overturned on Springbok Road. A passenger, Mr. Willem Fortuin, 21, was slightly injured.

● An unidentified woman was killed outside Paarl on Saturday at 8.22am while she was crossing the Paarl-Wellington line and was hit by a train.

● A pedestrian, Mr. Tony Lakay, 25, of the farm Jacobsdal, was killed on Saturday about 10.15am when he was knocked down by a car on the Stellenbosch-Kuils River road.

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# Crime: Police, SATS to meet

By ANDRE KOOPMAN

AN urgent meeting between police and South African Transport officials to discuss a possible crackdown on train crime — especially on the Mitchells Plain line — is to be held tomorrow.

This follows numerous complaints from the public about the lack of policing on this crime-ridden line and a recent Cape Times investigation highlighting robbery and dagga smoking on Mitchells Plain trains.

The SATS manager of passenger services, Mr Piet Lotz, said yesterday: "We are as concerned as our passengers about crime on the trains and we will be having a meeting with the police on Wednesday where we will try to address the situation."

Asked whether he was aware that the Mitchells Plain and northern areas lines appeared to be problem areas, he said SATS officials knew about this but "unfortunately" the policing of trains was the duty of the South African Police.

During a Cape Times investigation of the Mitchells Plain train service this month, a conductor said the view was widely held that the 7.10am express was known as the "dagga train" because commuters openly smoked dagga.

At the time, a nurse who did not want to be identified, said passengers were regularly robbed and assaulted on the trains.

The police responded to this by saying that "although police maintained a presence in trains they could not be

everywhere all the time" and they were "doing their best" in combating crime.

A week after this report, passengers on a train arriving at Kapteinskloep station fled for their lives as a gang of knife-wielding thugs ran amok in a stabbing spree which left a man lying dead in a pool of blood.

Incensed passengers demanded to know why the police did not do something about gangs who operated openly on the packed trains.

The commanding officer of the Mitchells Plain police station told a community newspaper that police were aware of the problems on the trains but the police could not be everywhere all the time.

Mrs B Daniels of Lentegeur told the Cape Times yesterday: "We realize

that the police are understaffed but they can at least put policemen on the trains at night, on paydays and at the weekends."

She said the situation had been marginally better when railway police were on duty in the trains "but since the railway police have been removed we almost never see a policeman".

A police liaison officer for the Western Cape, Major Jan Calitz, said yesterday that statistics revealed that there had not been a great increase in crime on the Mitchells Plain line.

He said police patrolled trains as part of "routine police work" and called on anyone with crime-related information to report to the police. The information would be treated with the "strictest confidence".

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# Koornhof bail 'excessive', court rules

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## Supreme Court Reporter

BAIL set at R150 000 for Mr Anton Koornhof, nephew of ambassador to the United States, Mr Piet Koornhof, was described as "excessive" by the Supreme Court yesterday, and reduced to R50 000.

Summarizing the record of proceedings in the Regional Court where 34-year-old Mr Koornhof appeared on November 18, the day after his arrest, Mr Justice P Tebbutt said it consisted mainly of "factual averments" made by counsel.

Mr Koornhof was not asked to plead and in fact no charge had been formulated. The prosecutor said only that the charge would "probably be fraud".

The factual background which emerged from the averments was that R1.4-million in financial rands was made available for importing certain machinery to a company called Hollyyear SA

(Pty) Ltd, of which Mr Koornhof is a director.

The State averred that the machinery was not purchased — except for R100 000-worth of Hong Kong computer parts — and that an amount of R670 000 is outside the country and that Mr Koornhof is somehow involved in this.

## Bought machinery

Mr Koornhof's counsel told the Regional Court the machinery had been bought. He said it was in Atlantis and earmarked for a company called Welgelegen Investments in whose employ Mr Koornhof was.

The prosecutor retorted that this machinery had been attached by the liquidator of a company called Tiger's Eye and that Welgelegen Investments was "an empty shell".

He said police and the Reserve Bank had not yet had a chance to check whether the machinery had been bought or not, adding that the whole transac-

tion was "a bit complicated", taking place "between and through companies".

Noting that among the factors to be weighed in such appeals were the prospect of the accused failing to stand trial and the strength of the State case, Mr Justice Tebbutt said the allegations against Mr Koornhof were "extremely vague" and the strength of the State case was not known at all.

Mr Koornhof's counsel had said Mr Koornhof's family were "scraping together" R20 000 towards bail, adding later that friends were prepared to add another R30 000.

To fix bail higher than this would amount to denying it, Mr Justice Tebbutt said.

Bail conditions imposed by the magistrate, including that Mr Koornhof reports twice a day to Camps Bay police station, remain.

Mr J Reebein appeared for the State. Mr J E H Smith, instructed by Truter and Partners, appeared for Mr Koornhof.

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# Former gang leader turns to crime-busting

By CHRIS STEYN

"GENERAL" James D Petersen, the former Cape "leader" of one of South Africa's two most powerful and feared prison gangs, has turned to crime-busting and has recruited nearly 200 young "gangsters" for a far-reaching rehabilitation programme.

Having spent the greater part of his life behind bars, he now dedicates the remaining years to a cause which gives him "peace of mind" and freedom.

He has not been in prison since February 1984, when he was discharged for good behaviour.

In August this year, he founded the Young People's Community Project, which now has a membership of 178 young "gangsters".

The youngsters — 50 from Mitchells Plain, 64 from Oceanview, 32 from Manenberg and 32 from Hanover Park — have been hand-picked from the streets by Mr Petersen over several years. Each Saturday they meet to discuss his "five-point development plan".

"We give lectures on their development, specifically the physical, psychological, spiritual, socio-cultural and economic aspects," Mr Petersen said.

Yesterday he gave assurances that it was possible for a habitual criminal to adopt law and order with such fervour.

Even his personal life has changed dramatically. He married for the first time about two years ago, and has since become a father.

But the past is not forgotten: The six stars and the law-book tattooed on his shoulders will always remind him of the status he achieved among prisoners while serving 13 years at Brandvlei Prison near Worcester where he was



**GANGSTER TURNED "COP" ...** "General" James D Petersen, for years one of the most powerful and feared prison gang leaders in the Western Cape, in Rocklands yesterday with his daughter, Jamie-Lee. Picture: CHRIS STEYN

known as "Kettings".

Shortly after he left prison for the last time, word spread that he had "turned". He was subsequently kidnapped in Grassy Park by former fellow gang-members and taken to Blue Waters in Strandfontein for a "cowboy duel".

"One of them had a gun. They gave me one too. It's like a cowboy

draw ... you shoot first or you die. I was tempted to shoot, but then I came to my senses and said: 'I am finished with crime. I am finished with gangs'."

Mr Petersen talked his way out, and "I have since delivered proof to them that my job is not to shop them, but to prevent youngsters from going the same way".

The 45-year-old former convict was introduced to prison gangs at the age of 15 when he was sentenced to 30 days at Cape Town's Roeland Street jail.

Many of his friends were with The 28 gang at the time and he was invited to join. "But I didn't like the way The 28's continually practised homosexuality," so

he joined The 26's who "concentrated entirely on money matters."

From Roeland Street — where he was serving a 90-day sentence — he was transferred to Pollsmoor Prison where he was caught with dagga and sentenced to a further 18 months. From there he was taken to Hawequas near Wellington where he was able to rebuild the depleted ranks of The 26's.

But "proving his capability as a leader" landed him with a further 10-month jail sentence and put a prison warden and two inmates into hospital.

"Armed with a knife smuggled into the prison, I assaulted and stabbed a member of the Big 5's. Another prisoner tried to stop me and got hurt. Then the warden came at me. I blocked his baton charge and stabbed him until he collapsed."

Shortly after the incident, he was transferred to Victor Verster Prison near Paarl. "But my reputation went with me."

In 1971 — after a series of fraud convictions — Mr Petersen was declared a habitual criminal and sent to Belville Prison for nine to 15 years.

It was here that he first tried to change his ways — but it was not to be: Belville Prison was closed and he was transferred to Brandvlei where "pressure was put on me to lead The 26's again".

"I was told to prove myself or pay the penalty for rebelling. I had made the rules myself — I knew I would be killed if I stayed out.

"So I assaulted a work party convict with a spade. He lost his sight and was given a medical discharge."

It was the memory of such events that made James Petersen change his ways.

# Police patrol 'Lover's Lane'

Staff Reporter

MITCHELLS PLAIN policemen have begun nightly patrols on "Lover's Lane" — the coastal area between Strandfontein Pavilion and Mitchells Plain — following the murder there last week of a young father of two and the rape of his companion.

Western Cape police spokesman Lieutenant Attie Laubscher said yesterday that the purpose of the patrols, which were introduced last week, was to advise visitors of the presence of dangerous gangs.

Policemen — from the detective and uniform branches — have been patrolling the area every night, asking couples to leave for their own safety.

And police yesterday urged

lovers and lone fishermen to avoid the area at night. Lieutenant Laubscher said people were advised to visit "Lover's Lane" in groups of at least four or five.

"At night, 'Lover's Lane' is an area with very few people, no lighting, and prowling gangs," he said.

Lieutenant Laubscher said police had not yet made progress with their investigation into last week's horror killing.

Five balaclava-clad men smashed the passenger window of Mr William Joseph's car, forced the door open and stabbed him in the chest.

The men then allegedly abducted Mr Joseph's companion and took her to the bushes near Khayelitsha where they allegedly raped her.

# Bonteheuwel — a place of fear

BY MARK STANSFIELD  
Weekend Argus Reporter

**BONTEHEUWEL.** To most of us just a place-name on a map, a reference-point when explaining the Modderdam Road N2 turn-off which leads to the northern suburbs.

For others it is a fear-filled concrete jungle to be avoided at all costs. A place which has become synonymous with unrest, leftist activists and high crime.

But people do actually live there — 84 000 of them are crammed into an area designed for 47 000.

Bonteheuwel residents regard their suburb as a living monument to gross Government ineptitude — a modern-day beacon which points to the start of South Africa's Surplus People Age because Bonteheuwel, built in the early '60s, was the first coloured area to be used as a "dumping ground for people forced to move by the National Party Group Areas policy" (Bonteheuwel MP Patrick McKenzie, April 1986).

## Forced to settle in dusty, sandy wasteland

Bonteheuwel teenagers are spooned on tales of how their parents were forced by the Government to move. They are told of the gay, bright and happy areas their folks were forced to leave behind and how they were forced to settle in a dusty, sandy wasteland of clone-built houses simply because the Government thought it best.

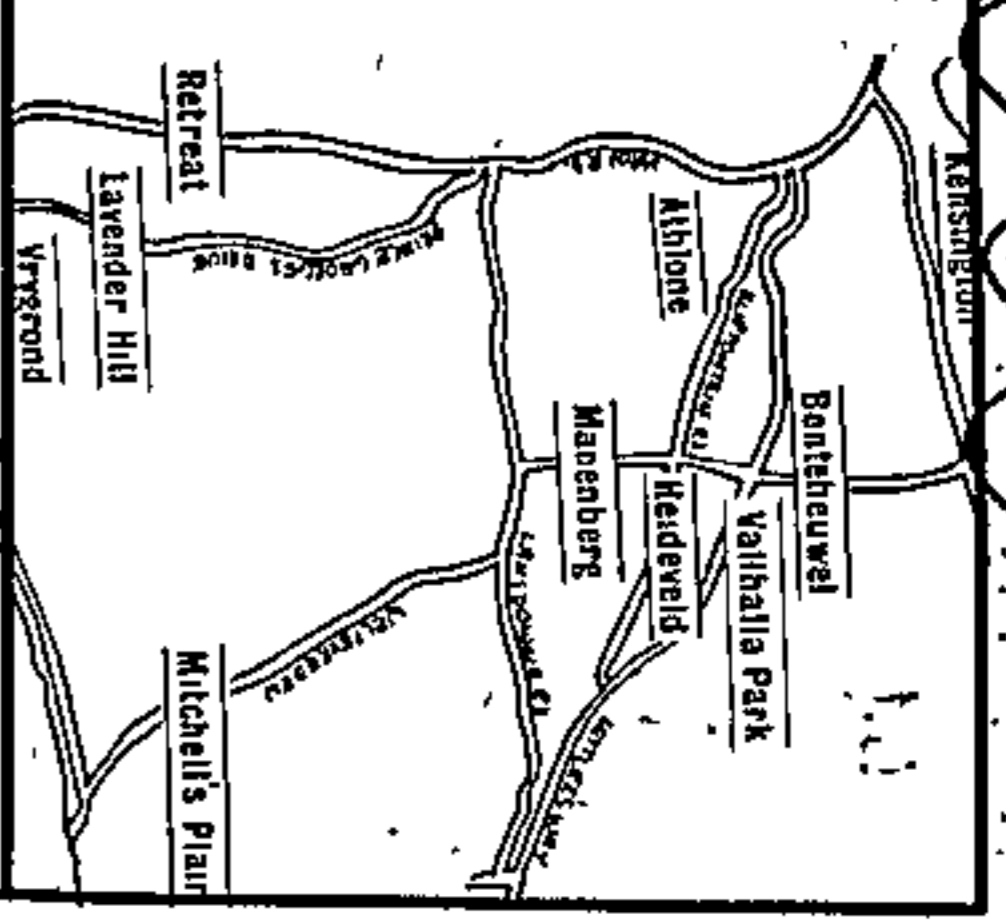
Since the early '60s the frustration and anger of their parents has been ingrained in the souls of the children. It formed a common bond which brought the community closer together. They were determined to regain what was rightfully their parents' and theirs.

These feelings forged a common bond between all who lived in Bonteheuwel. It was a closed community which acted and thought as one. In the late 60's it was the first area where unrest flared in the Cape.

## Solidarity against unjust system

When there was dissatisfaction, such as in 1975 over Afrikaans textbooks in the schools, Bonteheuwel residents were the first in the Cape to show solidarity with those in Soweto. The whole community, parents

**To some, just a reference point, for others, a jungle to be avoided at all costs**



and children, stood together and showed solidarity against an unjust system, according to residents.

The same happened in 1980. The Cape unrest began in Bonteheuwel and the majority of the residents were involved.

But something has gone horribly wrong since then among those living in Bonteheuwel who are committed to the "struggle".

A split appears to have formed in this once closely-knit community and they seem divided over the methods to use in bringing about a change in the South African system.

"Make no mistake, all of them are still committed to changing the Government — including myself," said Labour Party MP Mr Patrick McKenzie.

## Bonteheuwel targeted by 'outside forces'

"The split happened in 1985 because it was then that 'outside forces' targeted Bonteheuwel as the ideal place to launch a major attack against the Government, and the children apparently were to be used as the tools," he said.

For months moderate coloured leaders have warned the Government of the activities in the area.

Apparently without heed, because it was not until last week that police announced the arrest of a gang of Bonteheuwel teenagers aged between 14 and 18 who allegedly "acted under the influence of the African National Congress and who are linked to more than 300 serious crimes such as arson, attempted arson, public violence and attacks on the homes of policemen" (The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adrian Vlok, October 24 1987).

More arrests are expected to follow, according to Pretoria police spokesmen.

## Warning signs pointed out but ignored

It appears that this is more than just a bunch of "radical students" about to disrupt the community. The warning signs were pointed out but, it seems, were ignored.

In a parliamentary speech on Thursday, May 29 this year, Bonteheuwel MP Mr Patrick McKenzie said that urgent action was needed to stop Azapo, ANC, UDF, UWC, UCT and Cosas members from having daily meetings with schoolchildren in Bonteheuwel.

"They are being taught to disrupt our community," he told the House of Representatives.

"I want to ask, plead, that the high schools in Bonteheuwel be cleaned out to the very core. Senior members of the radical groups are addressing the children daily. If the vice-principal (of Arcadia High School) was not pulled away yesterday he would have been a corpse. He would have been stoned by those pupils," he said.

## "Violence is only answer to our problems"

"I addressed a gathering of about 200 youths in Bonteheuwel three weeks ago. One of the youngest children there — he was about 13 or 14 — got up and said to me: 'Mr McKenzie, be honest... violence is the only answer to our problems in South Africa.' This boy does not even know the difference between violence and non-violence but this is what they are taught in our schools."

On September 4 this year he again urged the Government to pay close heed to what was taking place in Bonteheuwel and warned that the ANC was trying to make the suburb ungovernable.

Mr McKenzie said it was a "known fact that the ANC is trying to make Bonteheuwel highly politicised".

"Young people have been smuggled into neighbouring states for military training. It is not good to see a community such as Bonteheuwel being dragged down because of a minority of young people," he said.

On Saturday, October 24 youths allegedly belonging to the Bonteheuwel Military Wing were arrested.

This week Weekend Argus asked Mr McKenzie whether the split in the community was one which divided the older, more conservative residents who were looking for a non-violent means to bring about change from the younger generation who seem more prepared to wage an armed struggle in attaining their goals of a just and free society.

"It is not a case of the younger generation disagreeing with older residents. There is no real split in that sense. We are all still committed to establishing a system of government which will be just to all.

"There is, however, a clear distinction between the radical youth who believe in violence and those who seek a more peaceful method of bringing about change — which includes the majority of the youth.

## "Radicals unable to pull whole community together"

"This is evidenced by the fact that since 1985 the radicals have not been able to pull the whole community together when it has been decided to riot. They just cannot get it off the ground.

"For the first time in years our schools are having a full educational day without the disruptions which were a part of school life since 1985. This is because the radical element has been removed.

"In proportion to the number of pupils who attend school in Bonteheuwel, the radical element is small.

"Since the early 1960s, when Bonteheuwel was established, there has always been dissatisfaction, but at least in those days the whole community was behind whatever form of action was decided on.

"It was in 1985 that we saw the first change because this was when outside elements came into the community to try to organise the boycotts and riots.

"I cannot blame the youth for their attitude. If you had grown up there (in Bonteheuwel) you would probably also look for any means to bring about a change to the system. But my heart bleeds that now some of our children are being taught to hate, to burn and to kill to bring about this change.

"The outside radical elements have split us... divided us by the methods they have implemented.

"I took part in the 1975 riots and I also visited the ANC in that year but I do not believe in having to swim through a river of blood to attain my freedom," he said.

"In 1985 we saw outsiders come into Bonteheuwel during the riots and dump burning tyres on our roads.

"There was one school which did not want to boycott. The following day a lorry carrying tyres stopped outside the school. These were the days of the necklace killings. The implication was there, the children were threatened and the following day they joined the boycott.

"These things have been happening since then. I believe the majority of our children want to learn because education brings about freedom.

## "Radicals destroy positive changes"

"At about that time, as well, the City Council decided to upgrade the area and moved heavy earth-moving machinery to Bonteheuwel. Three of these machines were burnt out with petrol bombs.

"Most of the community then realised that even when something positive was being done to change their lives the outside radicals would destroy it. This was the beginning of the split within the community and it continues today.

"You cannot blame kids for rioting if you were to see the conditions of their schools. I certainly do not blame them because I did the same things.

"My only concern is to stop people destroying the souls of our children with their indoctrination of hatred."

Mr McKenzie has been accused of being an elusive figure within the community, not easily approached and never available when needed.

"To those who say that sort of thing I tell to look in at my office in Bonteheuwel where I usually work from 7.30am until late and I see an average of about 50 people a day this way," he said.

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# Former gang 'general' receives death threats

Staff Reporter

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THE former Cape leader of The 20's prison gang, "General" James D Petersen, has received a number of death threats after reports concerning his rehabilitation programme for "gangsters".

Mr Petersen, who has renounced his previous life of crime, said yesterday his life and those of his wife and baby daughter were in danger as a result of misconceptions among certain members of the public. "I received three death threats today alone," said Mr Petersen.

"People must please understand that I have no links with the police or any authorities. All the work I do is entirely voluntary and aimed at turning youngsters away from a life of crime and towards God."

Mr Petersen recently founded an organization called Young People's Community Project, which has a membership of nearly 200 young "gangsters" from various Cape Town suburbs.

Mr Petersen said he received no fixed income, deriving whatever money he had from donations from the communities within which he works.

But, as with his organization, these donations were also endangered because of the misconception that he was somehow connected with law enforcement.

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# Booklet helps elderly to care for themselves

**ATTACKS** on elderly people were a world-wide — and not just a South African — phenomenon, the Chief Deputy Commissioner of Police (Transporting Division), Lieutenant General C M du P Robbertze, said yesterday.

General Robbertze was in Cape Town for a function at which he officially took delivery of a batch of booklets on safety for senior citizens.

The safety of the elderly was high on the police's priority list, but it was imperative that the elderly — the targets — were made more aware of their vulnerability and were taught to care for themselves, he said.

In 208 incidents, 258 senior citizens had been either murdered, assaulted, robbed or raped in their own homes during the first 10 months from January to October this year, he said.

He said it was further frightening to note that 60% of these incidents had taken place during the day, and that in 52% percent of the incidents entry into the homes had been gained without force.

General Robbertze also announced that the police, together with the Checkers Group and the South African National Council, would be launching a full-scale one-year program dealing with the security of the aged in 1988.

# Ottery Killing Season

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IN OTTERY people refer to it as the "killing season" - the time of the year when fighting between rival gangs leaves a trail of destruction, and sometimes a few "warriors" dead.

Last weekend two gangs, the Yuru Cats and the Mongrels, went on the rampage and several people were injured and the houses of several families damaged in the "skurwe" flats area.

Two men, Christopher Adams and Boy "Judge" Japhta, were shot near Skyline Court on Saturday night and were treated at Victoria Hospital in Wynberg.

The fighting between the two gangs started almost four years ago and members from both sides have died or have been seriously injured.

Residents don't know the precise reason for the feud but many hoped it would end soon.

Many said they lived in fear and told how the gangs disrupted their lives.

Fighting, previously done at night, now happened during the day.

People who lived on one side of the Little Lotus River, were attacked if they crossed the "border", residents said.

Residents in "Mongrel territory" claimed they had to take their children out of school, on the other side of river, because they were being molested by the Yuru Cats.

Day clinic

Others said they were also hampered when they attended a day clinic.

Members of the Yuru Cats interviewed did not deny the allegations, but claimed that pupils at Lotus High helped their fathers in a gang fight.

"They wear balaclavas and think we won't recognise them," a Yuru Cat said.

Mr. Joe Solomons, of the Mongrels, said some residents wrongly believed their children were not members of gangs.

"These kids are not so innocent, if you don't eliminate him on the battlefield, he will eliminate you. These kids used to be scholars by day and gangsters by night, but now they are full-time gangsters, and they will be treated accordingly," Solomons said.

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A distraught Mrs Elizabeth Bowers, in her rampaged living room. With her is her three-year-old son, Alistair and her two-year-old grandson, Nolen.

"If I had carried my child he definitely would have been hit," she said.

Hendricks said she had complained to the police and the matter was being investigated.

A 19-year-old schoolboy, Jeremy Van Gie, was hit three times while standing with a group of onlookers.

Jeremy, who was injured in the leg and arm, had to be treated at Victoria Hospital.

The house of a crippled man, Mr Robert Bowers, better known as "Pang Scorp", was attacked by the Mongrels for the second time within a month on Saturday. All the windows were broken and furniture smashed.

His possessions were also looted.

Mrs Elizabeth Bowers said her son and five friends were attacked by panga-wielding members. She said the police were unable to control the gangs.

"On Saturday night the Mongrels started shooting and later they broke some of the windows of my house. I called the police but nobody was arrested. After the police had left they came back and broke everything in the house they could lay their hands on," a tearful Mrs Bowers said.

When SOUTH visited her, a member of the Mongrels, who thought the reporters were policemen said: "Julle verkoop al weer gesig met die boere".

A member of the Yuru Cats said: "We used to go to disco's on weekends, but when we returned we found that our families have been hassled by the Mongrels. We are prepared to make the ultimate sacrifice," a standard nine pupil at Lotus High said.

Both gangs anticipated further violence at the weekend.

# Lack of jobs is top concern — survey

By LINDA GALLOWAY,  
Mitchell's Plain Bureau

A SURVEY among residents of Beacon Valley in Mitchell's Plain has shown that the issues which concern them the most are unemployment, crime and lack of recreation facilities.

Mr Norman Jantjes, a social worker in Nicro's office in Mitchell's Plain, said the survey was designed primarily to assess residents' reaction to the community centre that Nicro was building in Beacon Valley, but had included questions on lifestyles, needs, likes and dislikes.

Unemployment had proved to be a dilemma for welfare agency staff.

"Do we just continue handing out food parcels so that families are fed for another week, or do we pressure the Government into doing something?" Mr Jantjes asked.

"Food parcels and soup kitchens are not constructive. People quickly become dependent on aid when it is easily obtainable.

## "Nutrition kitchen"

"Rather, we should be exposing the Government to criticism for allowing people to starve."

An alternative to food parcels and soup kitchens was a "nutrition kitchen" where cheap, nutritious food was sold. One of these had been planned for the new Nicro centre.

According to the survey, the average number of people living in council houses in Beacon Valley was 12.

Other problems pinpointed by the survey were the lack of recreation facilities for children and a lack of community cohesion.

"Crime is a definite cause for concern in an area like Mitchell's Plain and unemployment is one of the biggest causes of crime," he said.

## Keep to themselves

"Very few people belong to any organisation or civic body. Most don't know their neighbours and keep very much to themselves."

Mr Jantjes said that response to the Nicro centre had been positive, with a number of people keen to get involved.

A committee of residents would run the centre, co-ordinating programmes and facilities.

Mr Jantjes wants to initiate a residents' association in Beacon Valley

A public meeting is planned for the end of January to discuss the viability of such an association.



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By STEPHEN WROTTESELEY, Crime Reporter

AN elderly woman has been robbed and her leg broken in the latest of a spate of muggings in Cape Town which have netted robbers cash and jewellery worth more than R85 000.



A photostat of the stolen Piaget watch. It has 100 diamonds around the face and on the strap clasp.

In one attack, a city businessman was robbed of a watch worth about R55 000 and a gold medallion worth about R15 000.

In another, 80-year-old Mrs Edna Hurd was robbed at knifepoint in a Claremont subway. Thieves took her handbag, containing about R50 in cash.

Police said Mrs Hurd was walking through the subway about 1.30pm when two men held her up. They cut the handle of her bag. Mrs Hurd struggled and fell, breaking her leg.

### German tourists

The latest attacks follow a number of muggings in the Bo-Kaap. A German tourist broke his leg in three places after he and another tourist were attacked by a gang of about 10 youths.

Police believe a gang specialising in attacks on wealthy homosexuals is responsible for some of the attacks.

Police today confirmed they were aware of the gang but had not yet been able to arrest any of the members.

The gang of four is led by a white man who apparently oversees the robbery of his victims but does not usually take part.

The latest victim was a city businessman who, while not a homosexual, was walking across Greenmarket Square, known as a late night meeting spot for men.

The businessman, who asked not to be named, was robbed of a solid gold medallion on a gold chain and a white gold Piaget watch with 100 diamonds.

The jewellery is worth about R70 000 and is not insured.

The businessman said he and his wife went to a braai on Friday night and stopped at a city nightspot on their way home.

About 2am on Saturday, the businessman's wife went to fetch their car.

"I decided to walk part of the way to meet her as she drove back," the businessman said.

As he walked into Greenmarket Square, a man approached him and tried to solicit him.

"I then saw two men walking up the road towards me. I didn't realise that all three men were part of the same gang."

### Tipped off

He believed the man who tried to solicit him tipped off his accomplices.

"They suddenly grabbed me and bundled me into an alley.

"There was a white man across the street who walked towards us. I thought he was coming to help me."

But the man was not a good Samaritan. Instead of helping, he told the robbers to "get a move on".



The medallion used in the casting of the solid gold one. The stolen medallion has a wave effect in the background.

The businessman said he was offering a "substantial reward" for the recovery of the jewellery.

Police asked anyone with information about the gang or able to help trace the watch and medallion to contact Detective Warrant Officer Harold Rossouw at 45 3003.

Early yesterday, in another attack in the city, a Pinelands man was robbed of jewellery worth about R15 000 and R500 in cash.

Police could not say if the two attacks are connected.

A spokesman said Mrs Lindsay Kent, 30, was walking in Buitengracht Street soon after midnight yesterday when he was attacked by five men.

He was flung to the ground and robbed of a gold arm-band, watch and chain.

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Subway thugs break woman's leg; gang robs businessman of jewellery

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# Ebrahim at

# centre of

# A-G probe

Weekend Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Mr Carter Ebrahim is the central figure of a detailed investigation being led by the Auditor-General into the buying of schools' computer systems by his department.

The Auditor-General is investigating claims that the acquisition of computer equipment and related services by Mr Ebrahim's department were "contrary to the financial regulations and Treasury directives on financial control".

Weekend Argus is in possession of documents from the Auditor-General's office confirming the investigation.

This follows allegations of intrigue involving civil servants and computer companies in winning official approval for various systems.

Questions have been posed over alleged irregularities in the choice of computer systems for trials by Mr Ebrahim's department.

It is estimated that the cost of equipping black schools alone could run to more than R1-billion.

Cape Town sources close to the Department of Education and Culture in the House of

Representatives told Weekend Argus they believe the system which is being supplied to schools was not recommended by the educational experts in the department.

The systems which are to be the subject of the Auditor-General's investigation are Israeli-manufactured. It is argued that local computer systems would be equally effective and cheaper.

This is the second investigation to be announced by the Government in the past year.

Deputy Advocate-General Mr J C Ferreira confirmed in August last year that investigations into alleged irregularities by a locally based firm were being investigated. He said the findings would be tabled in Parliament early this year.

Mr Ebrahim was not available for comment, on the investigation, but earlier in the week he vehemently denied reports of "maladministration" in his department.

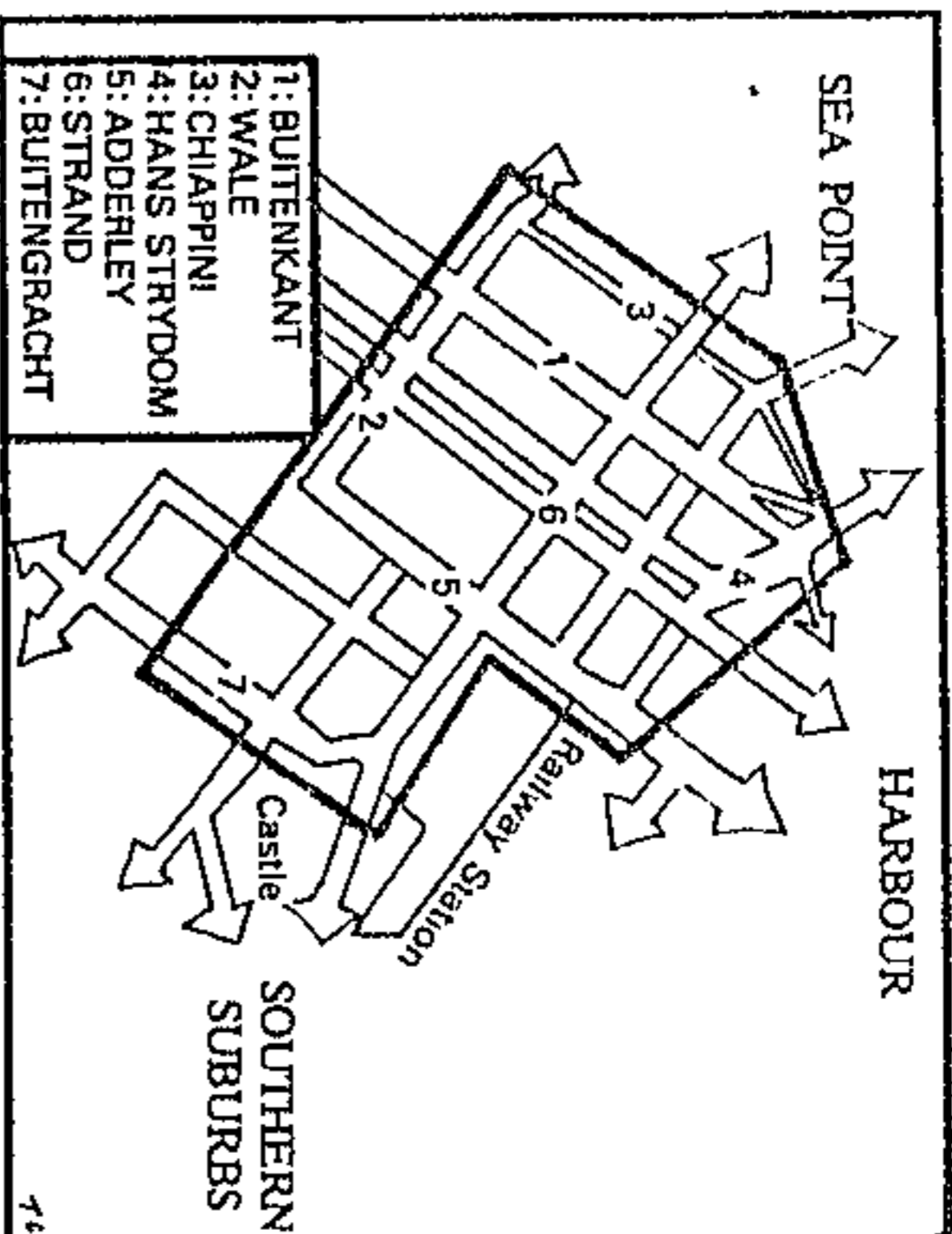
Mr Ebrahim entered politics at the age of 52 when he was elected to the Coloured Persons' Representative Council as Southern Cape representative for the Labour Party.

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# City 'a haven for muggings'

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**DANGER AREA** ... Police have identified the above area as a haven for muggers and have issued warnings to people who are likely targets.

Staff Reporter

**POLICE** have identified a major part of the city centre as a haven for gangs of muggers and have issued warnings to people who are likely targets for the muggers.

The warnings follow a recent spate of muggings in the city.

In the latest incident an Italian tourist was attacked and robbed of \$1 900 and R80.

Mr M Alani was attacked and hit over the head with a bottle at the corner of Upper Melbourne and Coronation Roads at 9.40pm on Monday.

A police spokesman, Lieutenant

Attie Laubscher, identified the area where the most muggings take place as lying between Wale Street, Chiappini Street, Hans Strydom Drive and Buitenkant Street.

Lieutenant Laubscher said the muggings had peaked during the festive season as tourists tended to carry a lot of valuables and were prime targets for mugging gangs.

"Now that the tourist season is drawing to a close, the gangs of muggers are turning their attention to people who are alone in the city streets in the early hours of the morning," Lieutenant Laubscher said.

Homosexuals were also an easy target for muggers.

Lieutenant Laubscher appealed to people not to pick up hitchhikers in the early hours of the morning or to park their cars in isolated areas. People were also warned not to walk around the city on their own, but rather in groups.

People should not wear valuable jewellery or carry large sums of money when walking in the city.

Anyone with information about gangs of muggers or recent muggings is asked to contact their nearest police station.

# Tell tourists city unsafe attack victim

By VERNON BRENT,  
Staff Reporter

AN ITALIAN businessman, who was mugged and robbed of R4 000 in Woodstock, says visitors should be warned that the streets of Cape Town are not safe at night.

He said hoteliers should take a tip from Johannesburg hotels and put notices in their foyers warning tourists that the city is dangerous.

Mr Mauro Alani, 31, an ice-cream machine technician from Milan, was attacked by three men and hit over the head with a bottle "about 100 metres" from the Woodstock

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Holiday Inn where he is staying.

He said that he and another Italian, Mr Evo Zanetti, walked from Cape Town to the hotel about 9pm on Monday after waiting 10 minutes for a bus at the Cape Town terminus.

Near the hotel "three black youths" accosted him.

"My friend saw them and ran for help immediately." One

youth started to say something to me, then I was hit on the head from behind with a bottle.

"They rifled my pockets, taking \$1 900, the key for my hotel room and about R80. We had no idea it was not safe," he said.

"When I stayed in Johannesburg there was a sign to warn you, so we did not walk in the centre of town. But here there is nothing."

Mr Alani, who is staying in Cape Town until Sunday, was given medical treatment after the attack for a cut on the head.

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# Claremont muggings menace

## Street gang uses slick routine against commuters

Staff Reporter

FOR more than a decade commuters using Station Road, Claremont, have fallen victim to a gang of muggers, estimated to be about 15-strong, who have worked out such a slick "routine" that in many cases their handiwork goes undetected until it is too late.

Responding to The Argus campaign aimed at combating Cape Town's mugging menace, a reader who works in the vicinity, but declined to be named, said the gang operated in Station Road between the station and the Werd-muller Centre in Main Road.

He said the gang was "on duty" from lunchtime on Fri-

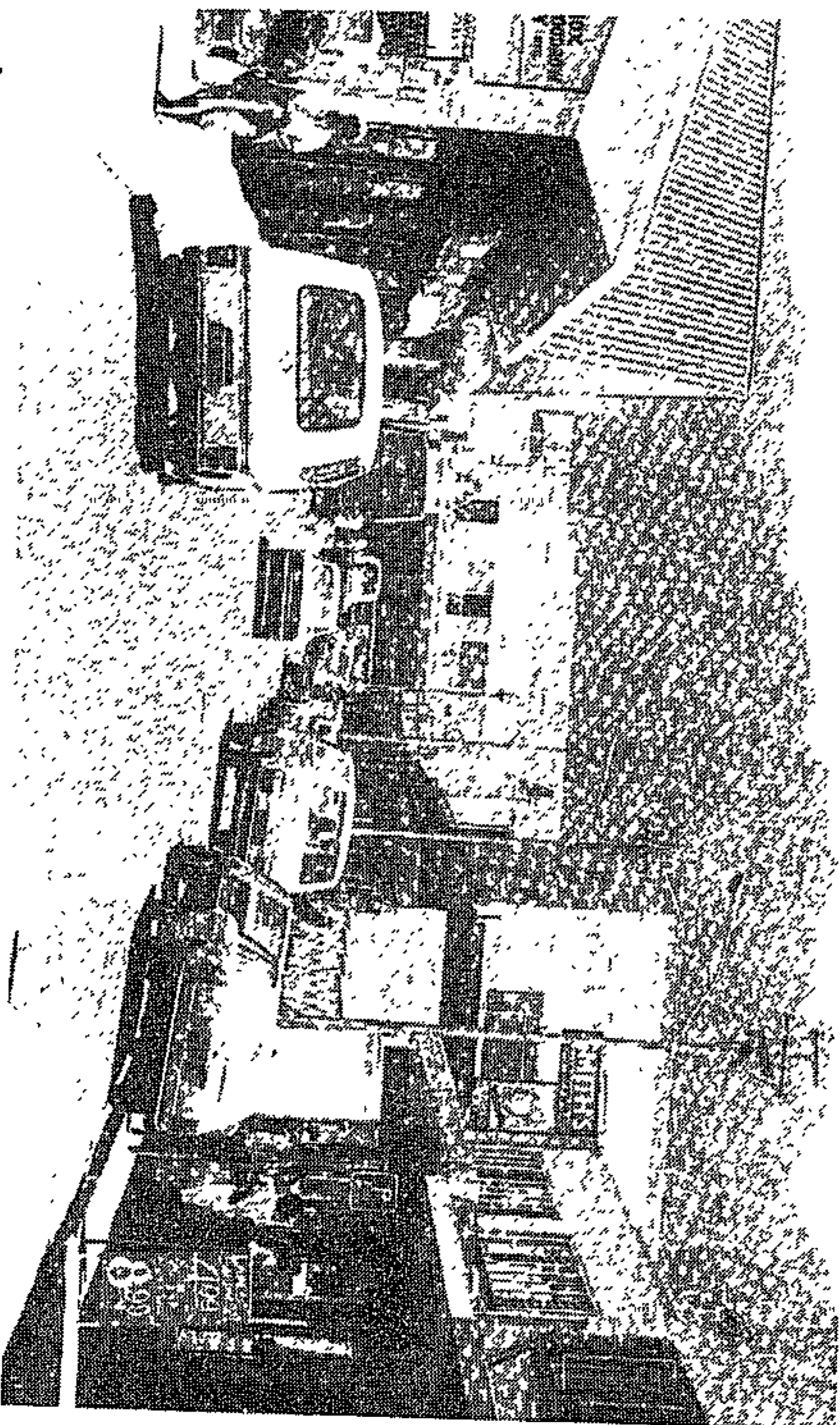
days to lunchtime on Saturdays.

"Look out for men with jackets over their arms, or carrying parcels or newspapers," the reader said. They chose their victims with care.

Members ranging in age from 12 to 35 had a stake-out at either end of Station Road who signalled with a shrill whistle should a policeman or police van approach.

The rest peered into shop windows to watch customers hauling out fat purses and wallets to pay for their purchases. These people were marked, the reader said.

When a marked shopper emerged, a choice of several scenarios came into play. For instance, two gang



members would stage a mock fight and one would "fall" in front of the victim, who would be forced to lean forward.

Another member would pounce from behind, whip the victim's jacket over his head

and with practised dexterity relieve him of his wallet, in a trice concealed by the jacket over the arm, parcel or newspaper.

In other cases passersby would "inadvertently" jostle a victim to get at his wallet in

an inside pocket.

In the case of women, slicing through handbag straps had become an art equivalent to a conjuring trick.

"They seldom get caught," the reader said. "I think the police have their hands full.

Perhaps it's time the army were roped in to clear up this nest."

The police had taken note of the activities of gangs in the area, said police liaison officer Lieutenant Attlie Laubscher.

"We have appealed to the public to supply us with this kind of information. The police cannot be everywhere at all times and we appeal to the people to act as our eyes and ears.

"People should also take care not to carry large amounts of money unless it is absolutely necessary and shoppers, especially women, should try to take friends along.

"Robbers are put off by groups of people and will only attack people walking alone. Housewives could get togeth-

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er and plan to do their shopping together."

● The Argus has committed itself to fighting the muggers. To do this, we invite YOU, the reader, to create greater public awareness of this problem by sharing your experiences.

Your knowledge of how or where muggers operate, or any suggestions you may have on how the public can co-operate with the police to eradicate the menace, will make the streets safer.

The Argus will publish a series of articles focusing on the subject and will expose the identities and deeds of these criminals wherever it is legally possible.

Help The Argus to make Cape Town safer by calling 208 4911.

# Danger of attacks is damaging city tourism

By TYRONE SEALE  
Staff Reporter

THE recent spate of muggings in and around the city centre has made it difficult for Captour to promote some places of interest, such as the Bo-Kaap, as tourist attractions.

It is a situation Cape Town and the Western Cape can ill afford as tourism is the main source of revenue in the region and it puts a damper on the bumper tourist season, says Mr John Robert, managing director of Captour.

He appealed to Cape Town people to help "clean up the city" and to warn tourists, especially foreigners, against visiting deserted places alone.

## Unreported

"It is best for visitors to move around in groups. The muggers seem to be well organised, concentrating on overseas visitors. They appear to have a very accurate assessment of whether a person is a foreigner or a local. The muggers have done their own kind of feasibility study," he said.

He suspected that many muggings were not reported, particularly where foreigners were victims.

"When people are on holiday and have only a limited programme, they know that as soon as they report something to the police there could be a delay. Statements and trials take a lot of time, so people cannot be bothered.

"We want to avoid that by asking victims and witnesses to report muggings to Captour. We also make this appeal to hotels, other accommodation establishments and anyone who gets to hear of a mugging, particularly if it involves a tourist.

"We will pass on this information to the police, who will use it to see if there are any patterns in the muggings, the

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places where they take place and so on.

"We are also asking people to report these incidents so we can communicate with visitors to comfort them and ease the situation."

Mr Robert said the police had "given very good co-operation" by establishing special teams to patrol the streets and handle pickpockets.

He said it was difficult to say whether the incidence of muggings had increased in recent years.

"I have every reason to believe that muggings have actu-



**HUNTING GROUND:** Bokaap — this seemingly-tranquil area is the scene of vicious attacks by muggers.

ally decreased in the last few years, but it may be that the severity of the attacks and the publicity given to them indicate that incidents have increased.

Muggings were most likely to happen "off the beaten track and after hours".

Mr Robert said: "Tourists want to see the older parts of the city as they are the most interesting.

"Places like the Bo-Kaap have become so unsafe that we cannot advertise them as tourist attractions. Cape Town people must help clean up these areas."

## Fear keeps her behind a locked door

Staff Reporters

LIKE many Cape Town pensioners, Mrs Mildred Schoombie, 67, is afraid to venture in to the streets in case she is mugged.

Her 78-year-old friend was mugged and injured in a busy Claremont street recently. His attackers took his money and threw him to the ground. When he cried for help no one intervened.

Mrs Schoombie believes muggers are being aided by those who refuse to become involved when somebody is attacked.

She lives close to the subway where an elderly woman's leg was broken in a mugging last week. She said: "Muggings are a daily occurrence in Claremont. Nowadays I just stay inside my flat and lock the door. Our pensions are small. We cannot afford to have our money stolen."

Mr Samuel Rose of Mouille Point believes muggers and pickpockets in the Sea Point area have methods which make them fairly easy to spot.

He said they often worked in pairs, one with a cardigan or jacket over his arm to hide stolen items.

"They follow their victims until they have an opportunity to take them on — and people who carry their wallets in their back pockets are absolute fools.

"They could follow a victim to his house and rob him there if he's not careful.

"The other day I saw an American tourist on a bus. All of a sudden he grabbed at his back pocket and shouted 'My wallet!' But it was too late. The thieves were already off the bus."

He said a favourite trick was robbing people as they boarded or left a bus.

"They jostle you, or one attracts your attention, and when you turn his way the other takes your wallet.

"The police should arrest these people for loitering. They should be able to identify them. I can pick them out very easily.

"Domestic workers in this area are also in constant fear of their lives. These men sometimes use their rooms as hide-outs and threaten the workers, telling them not to go to the police.

"I now carry a gas-pistol and I suggest older people, especially women, do not carry handbags full of stuff. They should take only means of identification and enough money to buy what they need."

# We want alleys closed — residents

By LINDA GALLOWAY  
Mitchell's Plain Bureau

MITCHELL'S Plain residents and police say the maze of lanes and alleyways between houses are a breeding ground for crime and should be closed.

The danger posed by the lanes, which connect houses built in concentric circles, was highlighted in a City Council report this month.

Several residents whose houses border the alleys complained to the council and asked to buy the lanes in an attempt to have them closed.

Residents say they have seen assaults, rapes and gang meetings in the lanes and feel they are a danger to children and women walking alone.

## Raped

Mrs Desma Christians of Portlands said she had seen a woman being raped in an alley.

"They are very dangerous. I've heard of assaults, stabbings and murders.

"I wouldn't mind walking the extra distance if the lanes were closed," she said.

Lieutenant Gregory Rockman, crime prevention and neighbourhood watch officer at the Mitchell's Plain police station, said that after investigating the alleys and interviewing residents, he had come to the conclusion that only five percent were necessary for access.

"The rest are just havens for criminal elements," he said.

"They have become meeting places for gangsters who terrorise children and accost people walking alone. Most residents would like them closed."

Mitchell's Plain Co-ordinating Committee spokesman Mr Willie



Mr Andrew Jantjies ... "Gathering place for bad elements."

Simmers said residents felt strongly about the alleys and the sand dunes between suburbs. These presented people made desperate by unemployment and social conditions with an opportunity to turn to crime.

"Of course it all goes back to the original design of Mitchell's Plain ... some of the lanes are necessary for access to public transport and shops," he said.

Mrs Jenny Petersen, who wrote to the council and organised a petition among homeowners in her street, said she would not allow her children to play anywhere near the alley which borders her property in Portlands.

The consensus of opinion among residents whose homes border the alleys was that they should be closed, even if this meant a longer walk.



Mrs Christina Smith ... her son was attacked in an alley.

An Argus team visited several alleys and found them smelling of urine. Some were wider than others while some had higher walls. None had any visible lighting.

Mr Andrew Jantjies of Eastridge said he would be pleased if the council closed the alley adjoining his property.

"The people who hang around there at night make it dangerous. They make such a noise and spray graffiti on the walls," he said.

Mrs Christina Smith said her son had been attacked in the lane next to their house on his way home from the bus stop.

"People jump over my wall and they have stolen washing from the line and things from the house.

"I know it's further but I wouldn't mind walking," she said.

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# 150 hours' gardening for teenage LSD seller

## Court Reporter

A CONSTANTIA teenager who was convicted of dealing in 200 units of LSD was yesterday sentenced in the Magistrate's Court to 150 hours community service at Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens.

The 17-year-old, who may not be named, previously pleaded guilty to dealing in the LSD on December 2 last year in Cape Town. The hearing was held in camera. He had his sentence postponed for a year and was told to appear again on January 30 next year.

"I turned myself in because my brother was arrested and the investigating officer told my father that my brother would go to a rehabilitation centre if I turned myself in," he said. "I believed this was the right thing for

him.

The magistrate, Mr H L Muller, ordered that he submit himself to the treatment of a probation officer for one year, that he complete the community service within five months and do a minimum of 30 hours a month.

He is to report within three weeks to the gardens, where he will be supervised by Mr R Saunders. His duties will be weeding, gardening and general maintenance.

Previously he told the court he sold LSD to various people for between R15 and R20 a unit. He had bought the drug for R11 a unit and received it from Johannesburg.

The teenager said he used drugs but was not addicted.

Mr W A Claasen prosecuted. The youth was not represented.

News in Brief

March 3/2/88

# Vagrant killed 2 SADF men to appear in court

Crime Reporter

TWO members of the Defence Force, one of them a national serviceman, are to appear in court soon after the killing of a vagrant and attacks on three others.

A fifth vagrant apparently heard screams and escaped unscathed.

The attacks happened about midnight on Monday at an open area in the industrial section of Kraaifontein near the national road.

They were reported to the police yesterday. Just over an hour later, three people were detained. One was released after questioning.

Police said they had confiscated clothing and a motor vehicle.

## SERIOUSLY INJURED

A police spokesman said the two arrested men would appear in court tomorrow on charges of murder, attempted murder and assault.

The dead man was Mr Cornelius Snyders, 40. Mr Sipho Bhojana, 42, was seriously injured and is in Tygerberg Hospital.

Miss Elsie Plaatjies, 39, and Miss Josephine Fiso, 35, were treated and discharged from hospital.

Police said the vagrants were apparently asleep when they were attacked. One of the men was allegedly hit on the head with a tree trunk. Other weapons included bottles and sticks, according to the police.

"Anything that was close to hand was used in the attack," a spokesman said.

# Squatter slain:

Cape Times 3/2/88

# Three white men arrested

## Staff Reporters

THREE young white men have been arrested in connection with a mystery attack on Kraaifontein squatters which left one dead and three others, including two women, seriously injured.

Mr Cornelius Snyders, 40, who died of head injuries, and the injured apparently slept in the bushes in the Kraaifontein industrial area.

Police spokeswoman Lieutenant Denise Benson said that about 11pm on Monday three men arrived in a car at the place where the victims slept and attacked them with a wooden pole and sticks.

Police have taken possession of the bloody weapon and of a blood-spattered car.

Various other items at the scene put

police on to the trail of the suspects who were taken into custody yesterday morning.

Mr Siphso Bhojana, 42, was admitted to Tygerberg Hospital with serious head injuries. A hospital spokesman last night described Mr Bhojana's condition as no longer being serious.

Two women, Miss Elsie Plaatjies, 39, and Miss Josephine Fisc, 35, also received head injuries and bruises.

Residents and businessmen told the Cape Times yesterday that between 50 and 100 squatters slept in the bushes. Most said the squatters were "harmless and did not present a problem" while a few others said they were a "nuisance".

Three men, two of them 20 and the other 21, are expected to appear in court soon.

# Sadistic killer's trail of bodies

By CHRIS STEYN

ABOUT every three months a Cape Flats boy dies at the hands of the elusive Station Strangler.

In the past 17 months, he has killed for sex eight times.

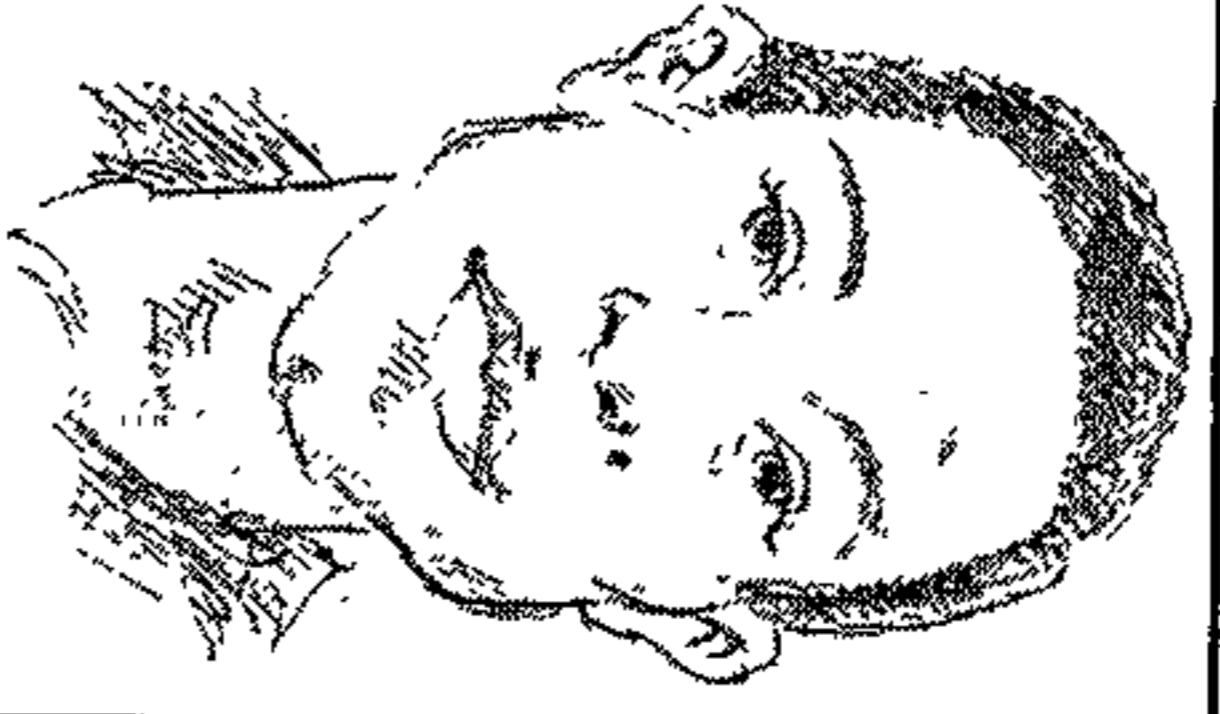
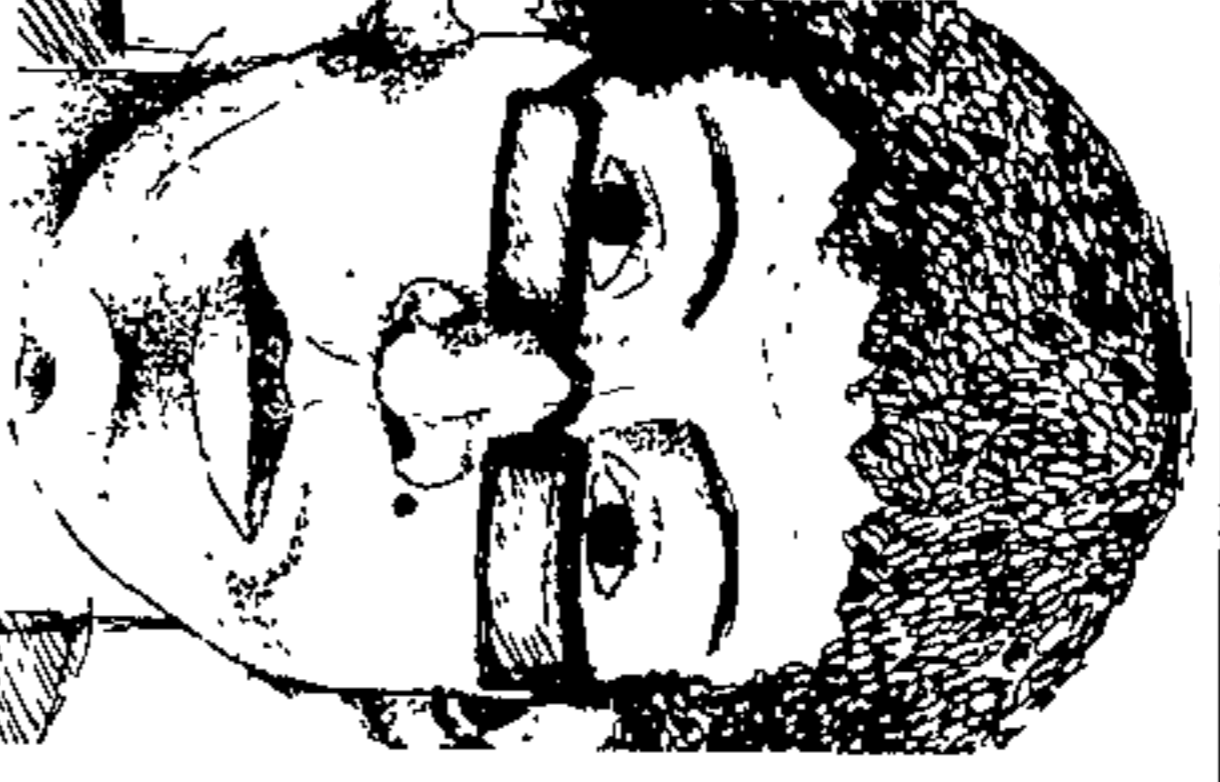
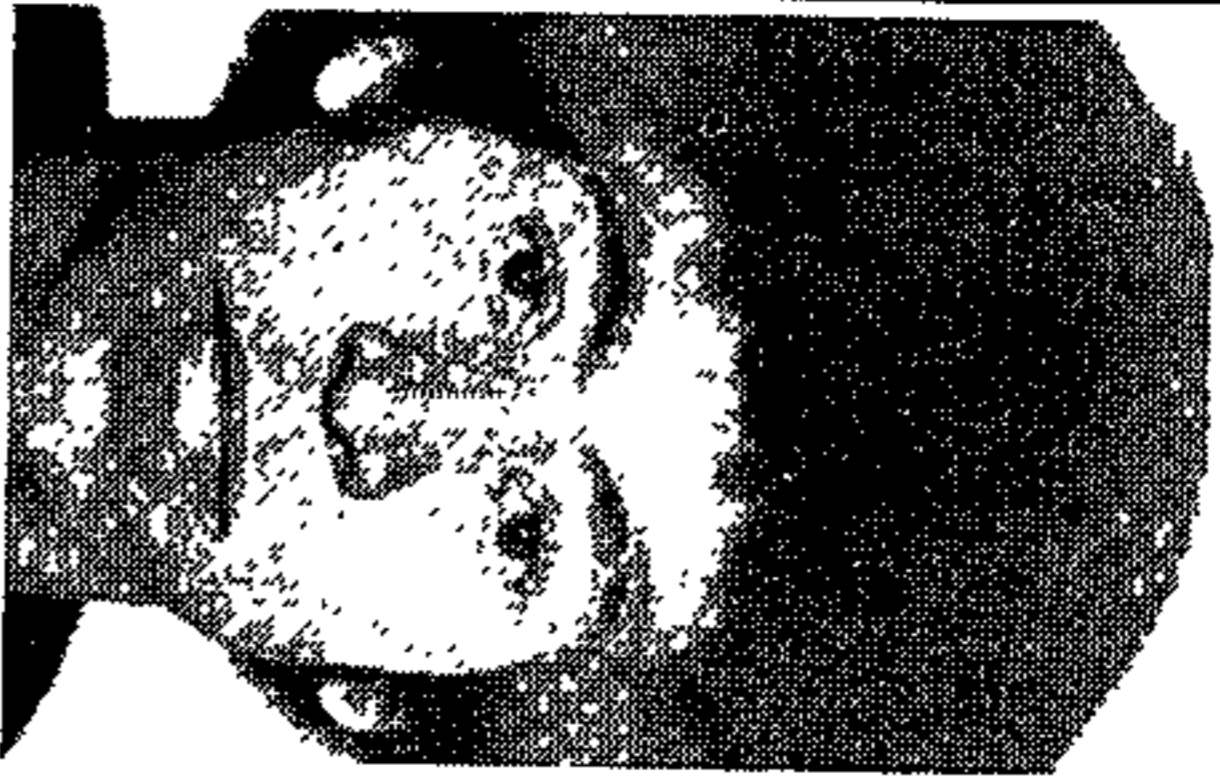
All the Station Strangler's victims were abducted from or near railway, stations. Their bodies — often badly decomposed — have all been found in dense bush near railway lines.

His victims — aged between nine and 15 years — have all apparently been tied up and sodomized while being strangled.

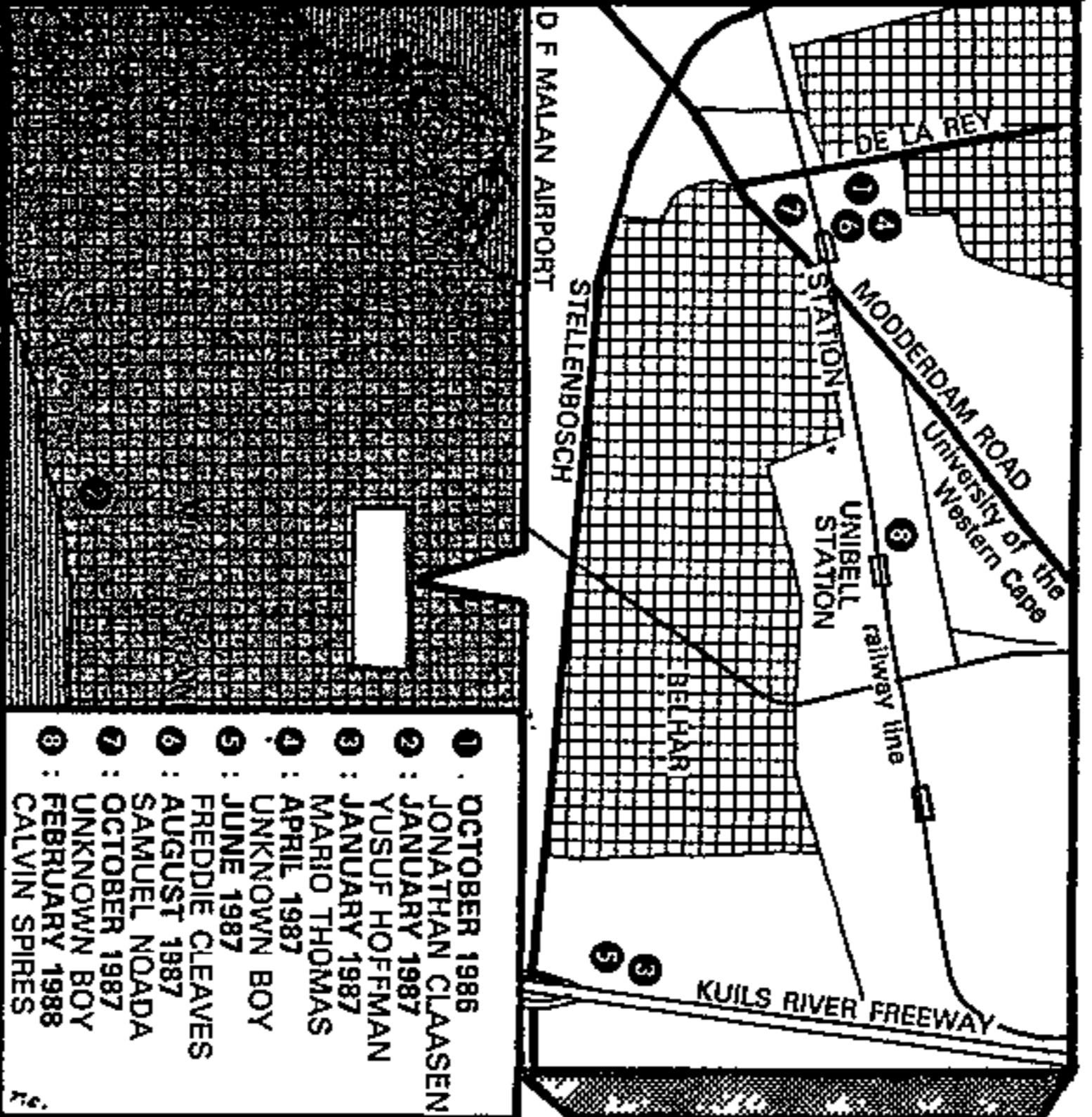
The murderer operates mainly in the Modderdam Road-Belhar area where the bodies of seven of his known victims have been found.

The child-killer usually uses items of his victims' clothing to tie them up and strangle them.

On October 3, 1986, the body of Jonathan Claassen, aged 14, was found near Modderdam Road. He disappeared



THE MANY FACES OF A KILLER... The police identikit picture of the "Station Strangler" (left) and two later identikit drawings from people alleged to have seen the "Station Strangler".



from a train between Bonteheuwel and Cape Town four days previously.

On December 29, 1986, Yusuf Hoffman, aged 14, of Elsie's River, travelled by train to Strandfontein with a friend. There he was persuaded to accompany a man into the bushes. Ten days later, on January 7,

his body was found in dense bush near the sewage works in Spine Road, Mitchell's Plain. His hands were tied behind his back with his shirt.

On January 5 last year, Mario Thomas, aged 11, of Manenberg, disappeared while playing on the sand dunes at Kapiteinslip station. His

body was found in bush near Belhar on January 23.

On April 9, the body of an unidentified youth was found near Modderdam Road — close to where Jonathan Claassen's body was discovered. His hands had been tied behind his back.

On June 26 the body of Freddie Cleaves, aged 12, of Uitsig, was found in dense bush near Belhar. His hands were tied behind his back with a brown long-sleeved jersey. His T-shirt had been ripped off and part of it stuffed into his mouth. Freddie had disappeared from his home earlier in the day.

On October 1, the body of an unidentified boy, aged between 10 and 15, was found in bush between Modderdam Road and Modderdam station.

On February 8, the body of Calvin Spires, aged 9, of Belhar was found in bush near Unibel station in Elsie's River. He disappeared from the station platform three days earlier. His tracksuit top had been used to tie his hands behind his back.

Following the latest killing, a top forensic psychiatrist has warned that the Station Strangler will continue to rape and kill compulsively — till he is finally arrested.

He described the killer-rapist as a "sadistic loner who obtains sexual gratification from inflicting injury and pain" on his victims.

"He ties them up in order to rape them, but he strangles them for aggressive sexual satisfaction," said the psychiatrist, who cannot be named for professional reasons.

Nyanga, was found in dense bush near Modderdam Road, close to the spot where Jonathan Claassen and the Station Strangler's first unidentified victim were found. Samuel — who had been strangled with his school tie — was last seen alive the previous day by a schoolfriend at a bus stop in Modderdam Road,

aged 15, of

# Pensioner, 79, attacked for the third time

**STOP THE  
MUGGERS**  
An Argus campaign

You can help STOP THE MUGGERS by telling The Argus newsdesk (☎ 208 4911) what you know about them.



Mr John Schoonraad, 79, mugged this week for the third time.

Picture: JIM McLAGAN, The Argus.

By SUE LUPTON, Staff Reporter

A FRAIL Observatory pensioner of 79 has been mugged — for the third time. Now Mr John Schoonraad says he is getting used to it and has given up reporting brutal assaults to the police because he believes “nothing happens” when he does.

The latest attack on Mr Schoonraad was reported by Meals on Wheels, who deliver food to his flat daily, in response to the Argus Stop the Muggers campaign.

He described the attack.

On Monday he was on his way to Cape Town station after paying his electricity bill at the Civic Centre.

Two men approached him on the walkway between the Civic Centre and the station deck and asked him for cigarettes.

One grabbed him round the neck from behind and took R30 from his trouser pocket and they ran off.

Mr Schoonraad was unable to talk but caught a train home. He still had a sore throat and had difficulty speaking yesterday.

He has a heart condition and has been ambushed him near his flat — twice.

“When I was younger and able to defend myself I was never attacked, although my work as taxi-driver got me into many dangerous situations,” Mr Schoonraad said.

“But now I’m old and frail I’m never safe.”

### Not only the weak

But it's not only the weak who are attacked.

A 33-year-old, 1,88m tall man weighing 110kg was mugged as he boarded a train in Salt River.

The victim asked not to be identified because he fears retribution following the arrest of one of his attackers.

His father said the victim, who works for South African Transport Services, was boarding the train at 1.45pm.

“Two men stepped forward and pushed him off the train. As he lay on the ground two others frisked him.”

The gang ran off, taking a wallet containing about R110 and cards.

“A policeman on the station chased one of them and arrested him,” his father said.

“Now my son is very frightened. He will have to identify the man in court and he is scared the gang will get even.”

● Police said all attacks should be reported.

This was not only so the case could be investigated and the guilty arrested, if possible, but also so that “mugger busters” who keep statistics showing trouble spots could plan operations with greater certainty.

# Strangler: Help call for missing boys

By CHRIS STEVN

AT LEAST 12 young boys have been reported missing on the Cape Flats since the Station Strangler first struck 17 months ago. Eight boys are known to have so far died at his hands.

The parents of some of the missing boys yesterday spoke to the Cape Times about their biggest fear: That their children, too, have been lured to death by the maniac.

Western Cape senior police liaison officer Major Jan Callitz last night expressed concern for the safety of the missing boys.

"I appeal to the public to come forward if they know where these children are or if they have any information regarding their disappearance," Major Callitz said.

Fourteen-year-old Ricardo Alfonso de Wet, a schoolboy from Elsies River, is among those missing. His mother, Mrs Selma de Wet, said yesterday she had feared that the child-killer's latest victim was her missing son.

"I thought it was my child who was murdered last week," Mrs De Wet said.

The last time she saw "little Ricardo" was one evening last year when she asked him to put out the rubbish. "He just vanished, and I've had sleepless nights ever since," a distraught Mrs De Wet said.

Thirteen-year-old Warren Hoaceane Leonard is also among the missing children. He disappeared, on his way back from school, in Lentegour over a year ago.

His aunt, Mrs Maureen Payne, told the Cape Times his family feared that he had been killed by the Strangler.

"We are very worried about him. He was a very quiet child, and we fear that he is among the Strangler's unknown victims," Mrs Payne said.

And, Mrs Sadia Hoffman, the mother of the 14-year-old Yusuf — the Strangler's second known victim — yesterday spoke the the Cape

Times of the agony she has suffered since her son's brutal rape and murder a year ago.

"I won't rest until they find the Strangler," Mrs Hoffman said. "As long as he is on his feet, he'll kill children."

Mrs Hoffman said she gave up her job when her son was killed. "I just can't accept what happened. Everytime I see a child his age, I feel like crying. My heart is still sore," Mrs Hoffman said.

"I pray every night that they will find that man. Who knows how many more children he is still going to kill?" she added.

● The UDF expressed their condolences with the families and friends of the Strangler's eight known victims. They called for the establishment of a police task force to hunt down the Strangler.

The vice-president Mr Joe Marks said the organization viewed the deaths of the young children in a very serious light and wanted to appeal to people living in that area to be on

the lookout for the killer.

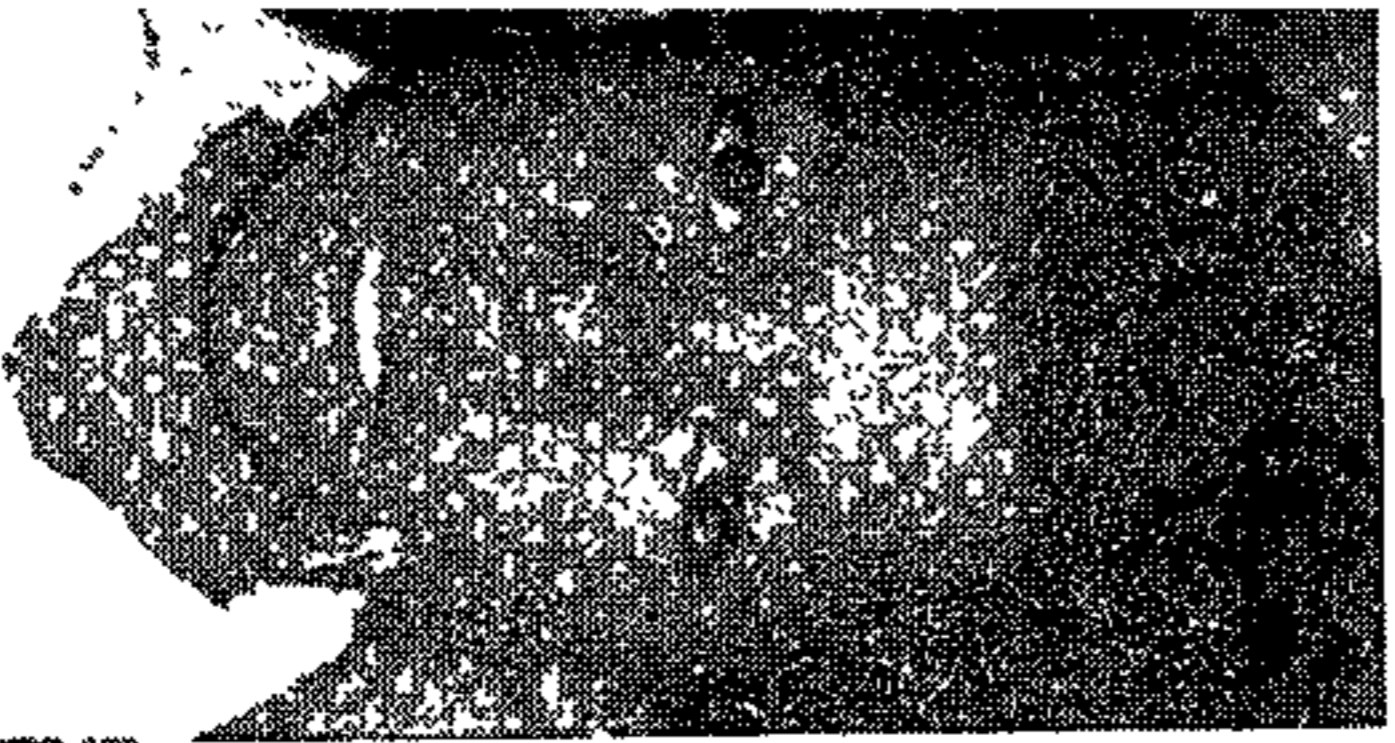
"We are amazed that in spite of the many leads given to the South African Police that they are incapable of putting together a task force to work permanently on this case," Mr Marks said.

"We are sure that if these unfortunate children were white children, the response would have been much more swift.

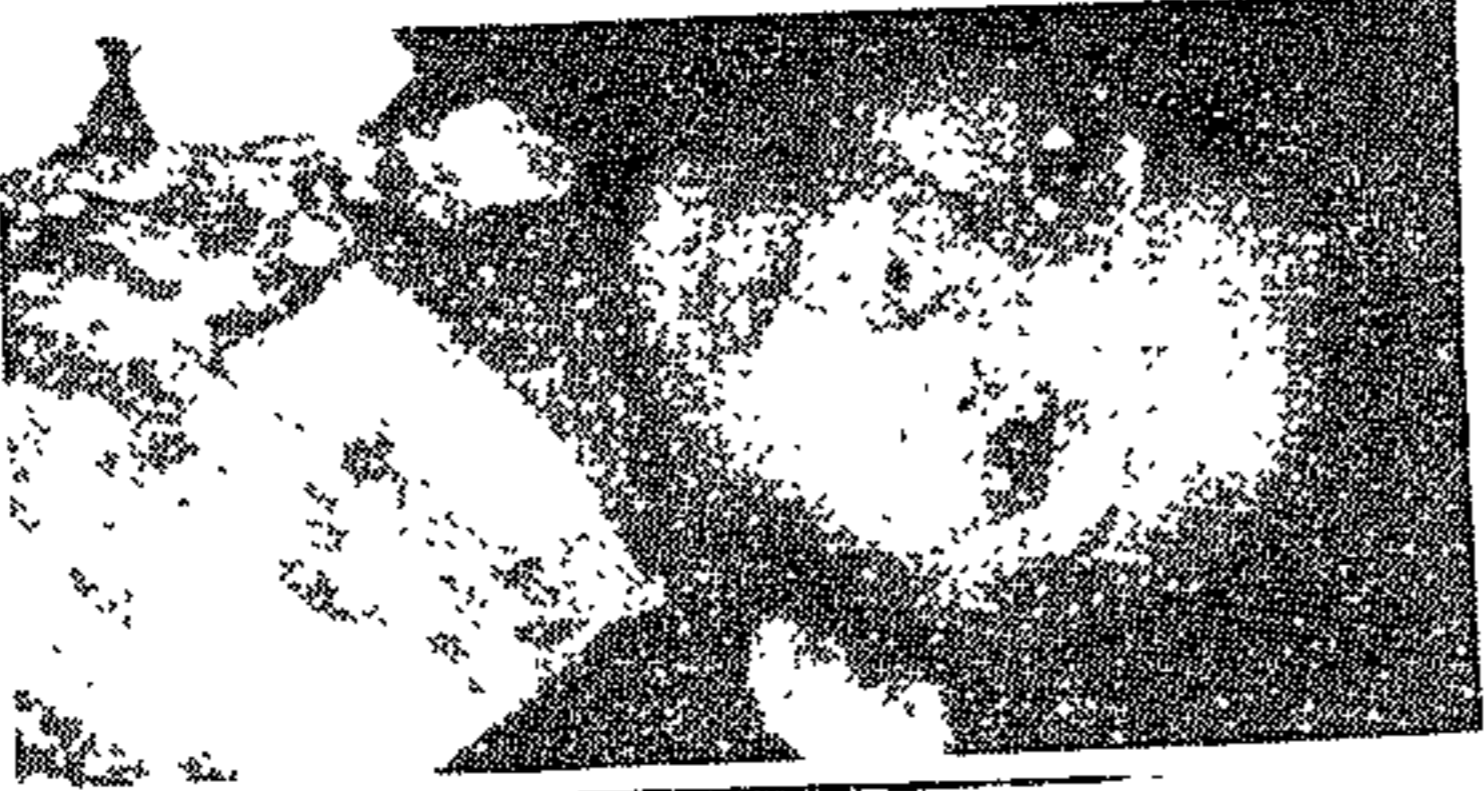
"We, the UDF, call on the South African nation at large to bring the murderer to book so that our mothers and families can get on with their lives," Mr Marks said.

Police declined to comment on the UDF statement.

Meanwhile they are still working round the clock to catch the Strangler. All detectives at the crack Murder and Robbery Squad have been following leads from the public since the first killing in October 1986. And the entire Peninsula police force has been on alert for the child-killer for months.



**VICTIM** ... The first picture of 14-year-old Yusuf Hoffman, the Station Strangler's second victim.



**MISSING** ... Warren Hoaceane Leonard, 13 ... missing for a year.

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Gangs blamed on high rentals 35

Daily Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — Parents in Buffalo Flats had to work overtime to pay high rentals and in so doing, did not spend enough time with their children, who in turn became gangsters.

The chairman of the Buffalo Flats Tenants Association, Mr A. K. Roberts, said his association had "tried everything we possibly could" to bring rentals down.

"Instead of the rents being reduced, they have gone up."

He said the parents were also to blame because they did not look for answers as to why their children were gangsters.

"We don't say the youngsters are right in stealing and assaulting people, because they are hurting their parents' feelings.

"I feel that this is a cry for help from these youngsters."

Mr Roberts said recreational facilities were needed to keep the children off the street.

"These kids are bored and easily misled because they don't know what to do with themselves.

"They fight among themselves, as well as assaulting young, elderly and drunk people.

"They go to school to finish their matric, only to sit around on street corners, because they can't get work even with their certificates," he said.

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# Mowbray crime down by 20% — police chief

Staff Reporter

CRIME figures in Mowbray have declined by an impressive 20% since last year — and that includes figures for breaking and entry, theft of vehicles and theft from cars.

The station commander, Captain Marthinus Botha, said yesterday that this year's crime figures for November, December and January were 20% lower than last year's.

He ascribed this success to increased police patrols and a greater public awareness of the possibility of crime.

"There are still some people who leave valuables in their cars at night, which invites crime, and others who carry their bags care-

lessly, but in general public awareness of crime and co-operation with the police has improved."

A neighbourhood watch was being organized in the area, and this also contributed towards the decline in crime, Captain Botha said.

## Notorious

Mowbray was a densely-populated area of about 2km<sup>2</sup> and the number of vehicles stolen there each month usually varied between five and eight, he said.

The number of crimes solved had increased and several arrests had been made for breaking and entering.

"We have had a great deal of success in the past year — we had

the notorious Dube gang (of bank robbers) apprehended here," he said.

Mowbray police had embarked on a campaign to protect the elderly in the suburb. Police patrols regularly visited elderly citizens in their homes, and an offer of protected shopping trips had been made to residents of the old age home.

"We have offered to escort them from the station, as fear of being mugged in subways is common. The elderly are soft targets for muggers. We are fortunate in that we have not had any serious attacks on the elderly for some time — and we have had only one report of a bag-snatching since December."

He appealed to residents to join the neighbourhood watch.



Police appeal: Don't take  
the law into your own hands

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by STEPHEN WROTTESELEY and MARK STANSFIELD  
Weekend Argus Crime Reporters

**DON'T take the law into your own hands. Rather call the police if you see anyone who looks suspicious.**

This was the appeal from the police today after a funeral group became a lynching mob yesterday and nearly murdered an innocent man they mistook for Cape Town's Child-Strangler.

The crowd of hysterical youths attending the funeral of the Strangler's eighth victim, Calvin Spire, 9, mistakenly attacked Calvin's uncle because he resembled a photofit picture of the wanted man.

While the bizarre drama unfolded at Calvin's funeral yesterday a police search party combed the industrial area of Bellville South for the body of a suspected ninth victim.

Police believe that the Child-Strangler might have struck again, but the hunt for the body has so far proved fruitless.

Yesterday's search was prompted by the discovery of a pair of bloodstained shorts near Sacks Circle.

No body has so far been found and police are investigating the possibility that the shorts may belong to a youth on the Cape Flats who was sexually assaulted by the Strangler but who was able to escape.

Under a tree next to Sacks Circle, at a spot between Pentek and Sarepta stations, he spotted the boy's shorts.

The spot is two stations from Unibel. It was near that stop that Calvin's body was found on Monday.

Having read newspaper reports about the Strangler he became worried and called the police. They in turn contacted the Murder and Robbery Squad.

Colonel Fanie Brits, head of the squad, said that after seeing blood between the legs of the shorts he mobilised his task force and called for help.

They found no sign of a body and the hunt was called off about an hour later.

● Anyone with information is asked to notify the Murder and Robbery Squad at 934 1056 or radio control at 1 0111.

● Streets of fear — page 5.

Lieutenant Attie Laubscher, police liaison officer, appealed for any youth who has recently been attacked or approached in a suspicious way to contact the police.

"It may be that this boy is ashamed or scared of what has happened. If we are to stop these senseless killings he must come forward," he said.

All information would be treated in the strictest confidence.

More than 20 detectives from the Murder and Robbery Squad, members of the reaction unit and special constables yesterday combed the Bellville South industrial area for more than an hour after the bloodstained boy's shorts were found near Sacks Circle.

All the Strangler's victims have been sexually assaulted.

The bodies have been found between Spine Road in Mitchell's Plain and the R300 near Belhar. Most of them were found near Modderdam station

## Funeral drama

While the police were searching, drama was unfolding in Belhar, where the funeral of Calvin Spire was being held.

Police said that mourners on a bus near Calvin's home in Haarlem Street pointed out a man as the killer — apparently on the basis of a photofit picture seen in newspapers.

He was assaulted by the mourners and police were called. He was rescued and taken to Elsies River police station and questioned.

A police spokesman said later that the man had been ruled out as a suspect and had in fact turned out to be a relative of Calvin's father.

Mr Daniel Alfestus described yesterday how he discovered the bloodstained shorts.

He said he was walking to Pentek railway station after visiting the Animal Welfare Society when he took a short cut.

# Strangler 'lynch mob'

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## mob

By CHRIS STEVN

A "LYNCH-MOB" of hysterical youngsters yesterday mistakenly attacked a man at the Belhar funeral of the Station Strangler's eighth victim, Calvin Spire.



**A LAST FAREWELL . . .** The family of nine-year-old Calvin Spire — the Station Strangler's latest victim — at his graveside yesterday. **INSET:** Detective Constable Herman Bosman with the blood-stained shorts found in bush near Modderdam Road yesterday morning.

Picture: GLENN SHERRATT

### Cape Times 13/2/88 Own Correspondent MMABATHO — The ringleader of the attempted coup in Bophuthatswana, Warrant Officer Timothy Phiri, was arrested yesterday and taken to the

## Coup ringleader arrested

court on Monday to face charges of high treason, for which death is the maximum penalty. Defending South Africa's action in ending the coup, President Lucas

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## Varsity curbs

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## Vlok orders hunt hotted up

Frenzied youngsters stoned the funeral bus in which the man — an uncle of the Strangler's latest victim — was travelling. They also stoned a police van which arrived on the scene. As hundreds of youths converged on the bus, shouting: "That's him — kill him!", frightened schoolchildren on the bus broke windows in a bid to escape. Several children fainted. Meanwhile, in a breakthrough for the police, a pair of bloodied children's shorts was yesterday found in bush near the University of the Western Cape. Murder and Robbery Chief Colonel Fanie Britz described the find as "very valuable". The drama at nine-year-old Calvin's funeral began about 2.30pm, when the funeral procession travelling down Haarlem Road in Belhar was violently interrupted by youths who thought that the "Strangler" was on the funeral bus. Children on the bus who also believed that the maniac — who has sodomized and strangled eight boys in the past 17 months — was on board the bus, panicked and smashed windows to escape. A large group converged on the bus, shouting: "That's him — kill him!" One of the youths, who asked not to be named, told the Cape Times that the man looked "exactly" like an identikit of the suspect circulated by police.

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"The man was very nervous. He kept saying it wasn't him, and that he was on his way to the funeral. I grabbed him and pulled him out of the bus.

"The next thing he was whisked away by a policeman and put in the back of a van."

After the "suspect" had been rescued by police, hundreds of youths remained in the streets, shouting: "We got him! We got him!"

At the graveside, Calvin's father, Mr Melvin James, told the Cape Times how he tried in vain to rescue his cousin, Mr Gavin James, from the angry mob.

"I told them that they had the wrong man — my cousin — and not the Strangler. But they wouldn't listen to me. They had knives — if the police hadn't arrived, they would have killed him," Mr James said.

The owner of Portlands Undertakers, Mr EC Murphy, who conducted the funeral, told the Cape Times he had no choice but to proceed to the cemetery without the school bus, after he was sure that Mr James had had been rescued by police.

"We were forced to leave to avoid damage being done to the hearse and the funeral cars carrying the family and other mourners."

The funeral finally went ahead about 3pm — but the pupils from Matroosberg Primary who had planned to form a guard of honour at the graveside and had rehearsed special

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## The Station Strangler file

# City Council plea on <sup>Cape Times</sup> 15/2/88 suspicious friends <sup>35</sup>

By CHRIS STEYN

THE City Council yesterday warned that the Station Strangler probably has friends on the Cape Flats — and that their children could be his next victims.

In a statement issued exclusively to the Cape Times by the full council, an appeal was made to those people who suspected their friends to contact the police instead of taking the law into their own hands.

On Friday an innocent man — the uncle of the Station Strangler's latest victim — was attacked by a hysterical mob, who stoned a police vehicle and a funeral bus taking schoolchildren to the funeral of nine-year-old Calvin Spires.

"Experts tell us that the person responsible for these crimes is a loner. However much of a loner he is, someone out there knows him," the statement said.

"Even though his friends may not know of his attacks, they must surely have noticed him acting oddly from time to time. Their own sons may be the next victims — so they should not hesitate to call the police if they have doubts."

The council also called on parents to warn their children not to befriend strangers. "And where possible parents should take it in turns to escort children to school and back, and should insist that children play near home."

### R5 000 reward

Eight boys have been sodomized and strangled by the killer-rapist in the past 17 months. And police are now searching for another body after a pair of bloodstained shorts were discovered in the bushes near Modderdam Road on Friday.

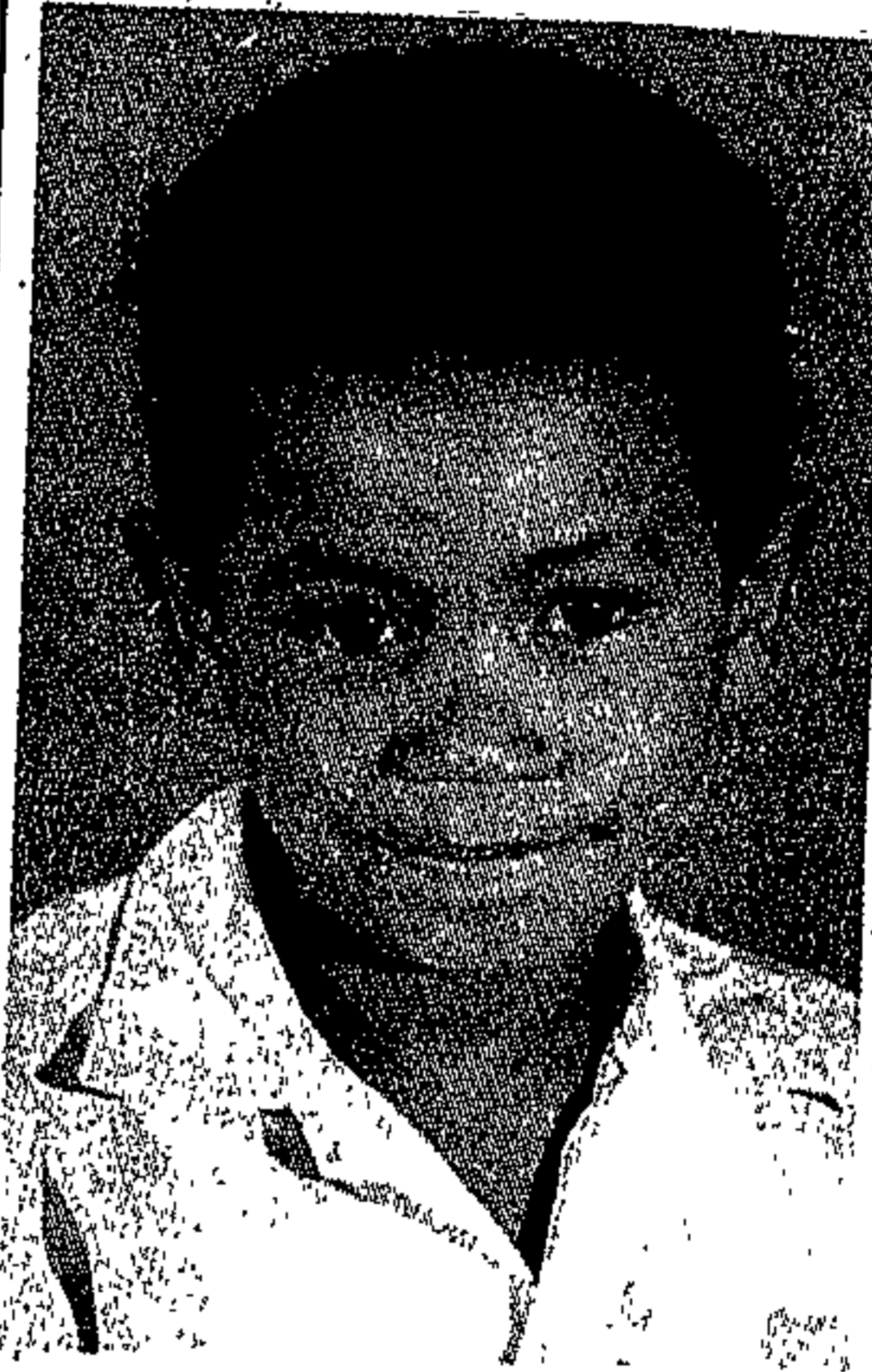
The council expressed concern at the series of attacks that has ravaged the Cape Flats community. They also sympathized with the bereaved parents and families.

"We know the police are leaving no stone unturned in their efforts to find the culprit and stop these brutal attacks, but they need help from the public.

"We endorse a call of the police for any boy who might have been indecently assaulted and got away to report the matter to the police. Such a boy should remember that the police won't reveal his name so there will be a minimum of embarrassment.

"We say: 'You could save more lives by volunteering information,'" the statement said.

Police have offered a R5 000 reward for information leading to the arrest of the Strangler. If you know who he is, telephone 934-1035/6 (during the day) or 934-1056 (at night).



POLICE yesterday appealed to the public for information regarding the disappearance in October last year of an eight-year-old Grassy Park schoolboy.

Anwar Swartz left for school on October 8 — and never returned. Police said local inquiries so far had not produced any.

He was dressed in grey trousers, a white shirt, a green jersey and black shoes at the time of his disappearance.

The investigating officer, Warrant Officer Bertus van Wyk, said police had lost contact with the missing child's parents. He appealed to the parents or anybody with information about the boy's disappearance to contact him at telephone number 932-7111 (work) or 58-2201 (home).

## Strangler Dossier

# Police plea on bloody shorts

By **STEPHEN WROTTESELEY**  
Crime Reporter

POLICE appealed today to anyone who believes he may have been attacked by the Child-Strangler to come forward.

They believe a pair of blood-stained shorts found in the industrial area of Bellville South on Friday may belong to a boy who was attacked by the killer but escaped.

A search in the bush near where they were found proved fruitless. No one has claimed the shorts.

### FOUR THEORIES

Police have four theories about the shorts:

- They belong to a "stroller" — one of the thousands of run-aways who walk the Peninsula's streets and who does not have relatives who would miss him if he was killed.
- They belong to a victim who escaped but did not tell his parents because he was frightened or had no one to confide in because he was a "stroller".
- They belong to a previous victim who was murdered elsewhere and were left at the spot by the killer.
- They were a discarded pair picked up and used to wipe off blood by someone who cut himself while taking a short cut through the bushes.

The shorts are to be sent to the police forensic laboratory in Pretoria, where the blood will be typed on the off-chance that it matches that of an earlier victim.

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### NOT ACCURATE

The squad hunting the killer appealed to anyone who might have been attacked by the Strangler to come forward.

Colonel Fanie Brits, head of the Murder and Robbery Squad, said this person might have vital information.

It is becoming clear that the photofit picture of the killer may not be accurate and that a new description could lead to his arrest.

Experienced investigators say the photofit was drawn from descriptions by children who have a different perspective when looking at an adult.

A nose and an "Afro" hairstyle could look larger to a child than they really are.

Colonel Brits appealed for patience from the hundreds of people who have been in touch with the unit with offers of information.

### 700 PHONE CALLS

Since nine-year-old Calvin Spires was found murdered last Monday police have had nearly 700 telephone calls offering help.

Before the killing the police had made more than 600 inquiries after receiving information from the public.

"After every call we open a file and investigate the report. But with so many offers of information it is taking some time to get back to every caller," Colonel Brits said.

Every member of the Murder and Robbery Squad, except those with urgent business elsewhere, had worked throughout the weekend following up clues, but were still no nearer to finding the killer.

"This case is our No 1 priority. Other cases are getting attention but this is the most important," Colonel Brits said. "I want to solve this as soon as possible."

● Anyone with information is asked to contact 934 1056.

organize themselves into disciplined and unified bodies that they can acquire the strength and ability to overcome their difficulties. And that organizing on democratic basis and independent of patronage, is the only and surest way a union can independently further and defend the interests of the members and be able to extend the gains made.

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# Mugger Busters start city patrols

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## Crime Reporter

THE Mugger Busters have started patrolling the Loop Street area following three muggings at the weekend which netted thieves jewellery worth more than R9 000.

A police spokesman said the Mugger Busters were a specialist police unit formed to combat street crime.

The spokesman said Mr Anthony Emmerich, 32, a hairdresser from Welkom, was attacked about 4am on Saturday.

Mr Emmerich told police he did not have his keys when he got to his car after leaving a nightclub.

He wanted to return to the club but could not find it — and when he tried to go back to his car he got “completely lost”.

In Loop Street he asked a man for help and was led through side-streets and alleys.

“The good Samaritan” was joined by three men who punched him and robbed him of a gold chain and watch worth about R3 800.

Mr Brian Gallagher, 45, of Camps Bay, told police he was attacked in Loop Street by six men, one with a knife, about 10.30pm on Saturday.

He was robbed of a watch and gold ring worth R2 950 and R50.

An Italian tourist, Mr Angelo Cozzani la Spezia, 69, told police he was walking in Longmarket Street about 10pm yesterday when three men grabbed him and robbed him of a watch worth about R3 000.

● See page 7.

# Vlok: Killer's arrest a priority

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Mr Vlok

**Political Correspondent**  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.** — The police were doing everything possible to track down the Station Strangler, the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, assured Parliament yesterday.

The arrest of the Strangler was being given the highest priority and a team of detectives was working day and night on the case, he said.

However, he asked that the public not take the law into their own hands

or engage in vigilante action. A mob of hysterical youngsters attacked a man, mistaking him for the killer, at the Belhar funeral of the Station Strangler's latest victim on Friday.

Speaking during the second-reading debate on the Police Act Amendment Bill, Mr Vlok said he realized emotions were running high and that parents were concerned about their children's safety.

But more could be achieved if members of the public were alert and reported information to the police.

# Boy says he was locked in car boot

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By CHRIS STEYN

A 14-YEAR-OLD boy escaped a kidnap attempt yesterday by a man fitting the Station Strangler's description.

After questioning him and a boy who, in another incident was offered sweets by a man on Lentegour station, detectives indicated that their top-priority investigation was nearing its target.

Murder and Robbery chief Colonel Fanie Brits said last night that both incidents were being investigated by police.

The Mitchells Plain boy who was briefly abducted told the Cape Times last night that he was walking to school along Spine Road, Mitchells Plain — near where one of the Strangler's victims was found — and had just walked under a bridge when a man hooted nearby.

"I turned around and he asked me to help him push his car — a yellow Opel Kadett. He looked like the man in the police picture. He was a thin man with Afro hair, but his face was fatter and his nose flatter than in the picture," the boy said.

"I pushed the car. But as soon as it started the man got out, came around to the back, and opened the boot. Then he suddenly pushed me inside, and closed it again," the boy said.

"He drove off. I was terrified, because I believed he was the Strangler and I had no idea where he was taking me. I was just frightened that he would do to me what he had done to the other boys.

"He finally stopped, and opened the boot. We were somewhere between Blue Downs and the beach.

### Known sex-offenders

"When he turned around, I hit him twice in the back. He stumbled, and I grabbed my rucksack and ran all the way home," the boy said.

The boy said the man was dressed in faded blue jeans and a red check shirt.

Police have begun questioning known sex-offenders in an intensified bid to track down the Strangler — who has sodomized and strangled at least eight Cape Flats boys in the past 17 months.

And at Peninsula railway stations staff have been placed on the alert for the Strangler. All the killer-rapist's victims have been abducted from stations or near stations, and their bodies have all been found in the vicinity of railway lines.

A spokesman for SATS yesterday said commuters were in any event watched over by a special police squad which had operated on trains and stations on a 24-hour basis since October 1986.

● A day of prayer and fasting has been announced for Thursday by the Belhar Baptist Church for the Station Strangler and his eight known victims and their families.

The day will end with a special prayer service at the church in Agapanthus Road at 8pm.

A member of the congregation, Mrs Joy Arend, said: "We call on all Christians to fast and pray for the families of the children who were murdered, for the Strangler himself, and that God might expel the fear that has crept into our homes and into our children."

# Gangsters go on rampage in Hanover Park

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Crime Reporter

RAMPAGING gangsters smashed windows and kicked in doors as they ran from a Hanover Park block of flats on Sunday night.

At least 10 cases of malicious damage to property were reported to the Lansdowne police after the attack but by late yesterday no arrests had been made.

Residents who spoke to the Cape Times yesterday asked not to be named for fear of retribution.

One woman said the gangs wanted to rule the area and when it was known that a gangster lived in a particular flat the opposition gang would attack all the residents.

"We are powerless and the people running the housing office have been unable to do much more than occasionally call the police."

A police spokesman yesterday confirmed that uniformed police and detectives had gone to Erie Court where a number of gangsters had congregated.

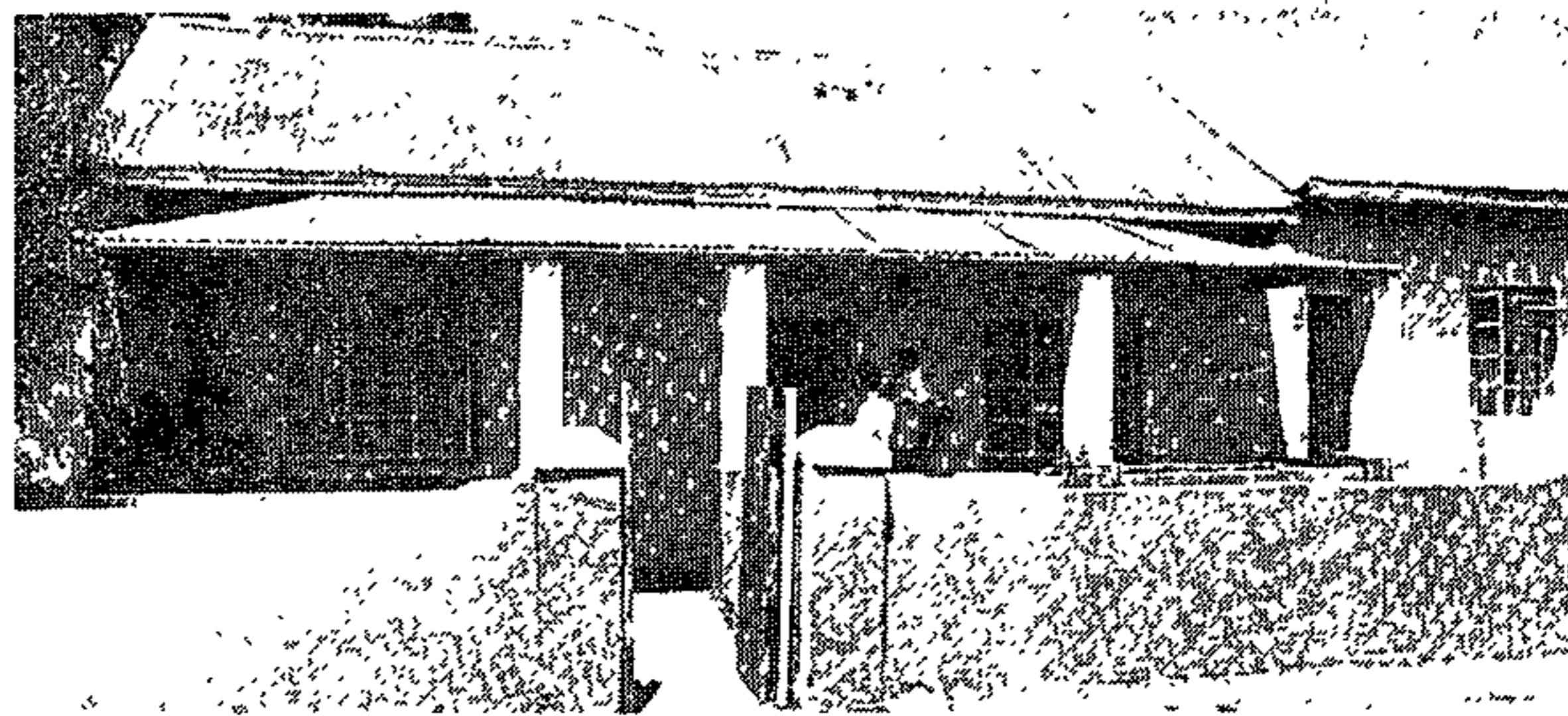
There was no confrontation with the police who left before the gangs started their rampage.

Another resident said that about 50 members of four gangs, the Americans, Candy Kids, State Boys and State Girls, had been involved. The gangsters ranged in age from 14 to 32.

A man had allegedly been attacked with pangas, knives and other weapons in a nearby flat. Blood was found but by late yesterday police had no further information.



# 'Strangler' shooting row



**FAR LEFT:** Mr Franklin Bester's godmother, Mrs Sarah Mattheys (right), in whose bedroom he died, and his friend, Miss Rochelle van Wyk, who says she watched him die through a hidden door. **LEFT:** The house in Jool Street where Mr Bester was shot dead.

## I didn't do anything — victim

By CHRIS STEYN

**FRIENDS** of a Bellville South man shot dead on Monday by detectives hunting for the Station Strangler yesterday said they saw 37-year-old Mr Franklin Bester gunned down while he was crying out "I didn't do anything. I didn't do anything."

The chief of the Murder and Robbery Squad, Colonel Fanie Brits, said the circumstances of the shooting were being investigated.

"An inquest docket has been opened and the matter will be referred to the Attorney-General."

Colonel Brits added that another man had been arrested early yesterday in connection with the Station Strangler killings. The man had been questioned and released.

### Police stakeout

The shooting of Mr Bester followed what seemed to be an extensive police stakeout in Bellville South involving detectives from the Murder and Robbery Squad who were apparently expecting a man — believed to be the Station Strangler — to turn up at a house in the area.

There is a strong criminal element in Bellville South and many former convicts are known to move through homes in the area. There are also several shebeens in the vicinity of the home where Mr Bester was killed.

There has been tremendous pressure on the Murder and Robbery Squad — from both the community and politicians — to capture the Station Strangler and some of the detectives have been working day and night on the case.

The drama started about 6pm on Monday when Mr Bester and two friends, Mr Adriaan Jacobs and Mr Norman Martin, were sitting on the wall fencing their property in 16b Jool Street.



The dead man's bereaved mother, Mrs Frederika Leibbrandt.

Pictures: ALAN TAYLOR

According to the version given by the two friends, the police — a black detective and a coloured colleague — took them by surprise.

"One of them grabbed Franklin around the neck and dragged him to the street corner.

"We thought the cops were gangsters and Franklin screamed for help," Mr Jacobs said.

One of the neighbours appeared with a knife in his hand. When one of the policemen saw that, he pushed Franklin away and drew his gun.

According to Mr Jacobs and Mr Martin, Mr Bester started moving backwards to the front verandah, crouched with his hands in the air, and said: "I didn't do anything. I didn't do

anything."

A shot was fired and Mr Bester was hit.

Mr Bester "crawled" into the house to the bedroom of his godmother, Mrs Sarah Mattheys.

According to her, he said "Mommy, I didn't do anything" and collapsed at the wardrobe.

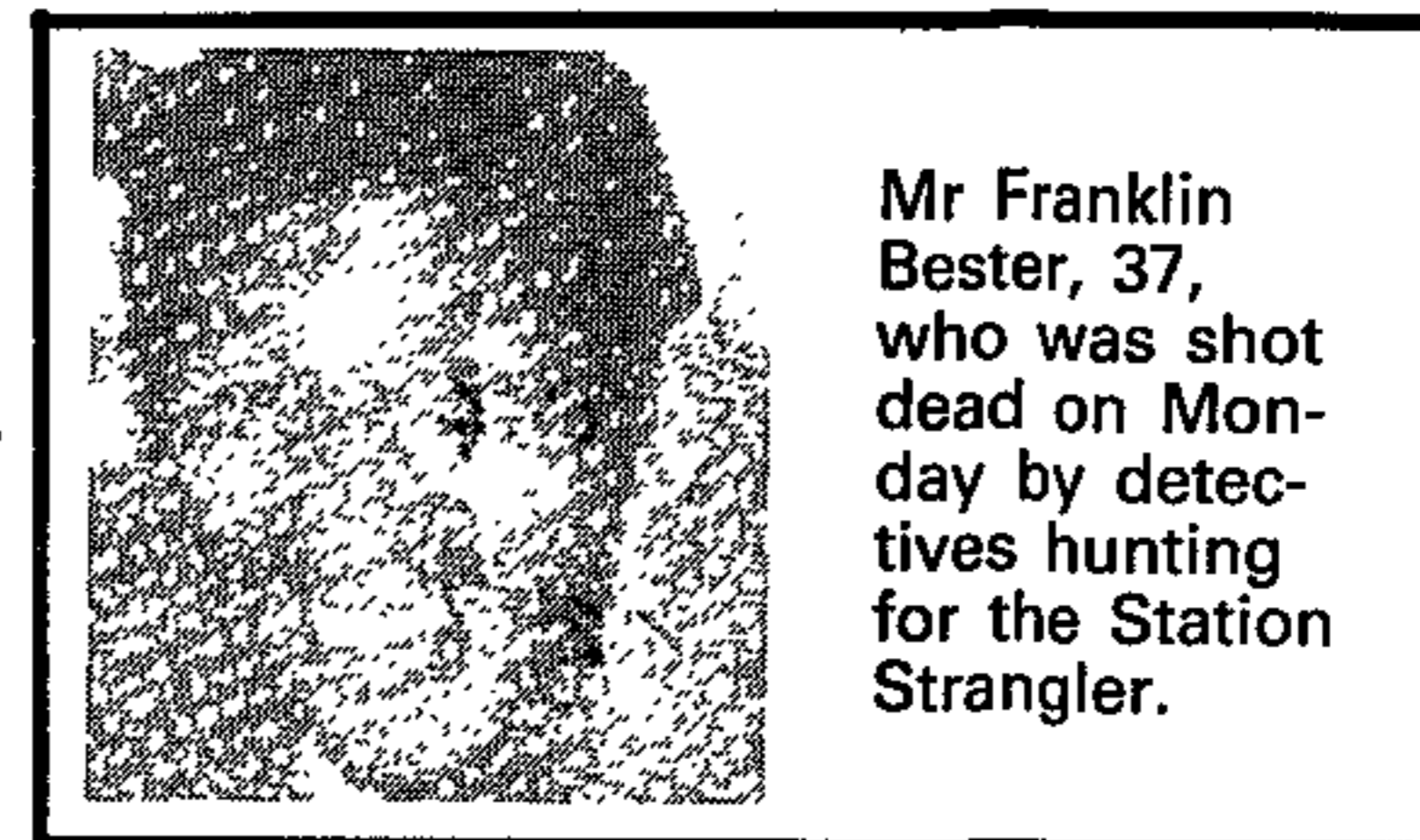
Mrs Mattheys said the policemen followed Mr Bester into the bedroom and ordered her and a friend, Miss Rochelle van Wyk, out of the room.

Here Miss Van Wyk takes up the story. She, apparently unbeknown to the police, went into the next room and watched them through a hidden, curtained door behind the bed in the main bedroom.

"One policeman stood with his back against the door,



Two friends of the dead man, Mr Adriaan Jacobs (left) and Mr Norman Martin.



Mr Franklin Bester, 37, who was shot dead on Monday by detectives hunting for the Station Strangler.

holding it closed. The other one stood over Franklin."

Two shots were fired. Mr Bester was hit in the neck, Miss van Wyk said.

According to the police the shooting occurred after a struggle when police confronted a man with a gun. Mr Bester was later found to be in possession of a stolen firearm.

Mrs Mattheys says she did not see a firearm on Mr Bester when he "stumbled into the bedroom".

But, she said, "when I returned after he had been killed, a gun was in his hand".

The dead man's mother, Mrs Frederika Leibbrandt, said: "I knew my son was not the Strangler. He was my only son."

Mr Hennie Mattheys — another friend of the victim — was also at the house at the

## 'Abduction' story a fake

Staff Reporter

A 14-YEAR-OLD boy has admitted to police that his story about being abducted by a man fitting the Station Strangler's description on Monday was a lie.

Murder and Robbery Squad chief Colonel Fanie Brits yesterday said he had sworn statements that the youth, as well as another boy who claimed he had been offered sweets by a man on Lentegeur station, had both lied.

The 14-year-old boy claimed he was bundled into the boot of a car after he had helped a man push-start the car under a bridge in Spine Road, Mitchells Plain.

The boy said he had escaped from the man's clutches "somewhere between Blue Downs and the beach".

time of the shooting. He said that although Mr Bester had been in jail periodically — including seven years ago for assault and a couple of years ago for possession of dagga — he was "clean" at the time of his death.

Mr Bester's family and friends, who witnessed the killing, yesterday made statements to a lawyer, Mr Evan Thys.

● A police liaison officer for the Western Cape, Lieutenant Attie Laubscher, yesterday confirmed that the Bester killing was being investigated by "a senior police officer".

He said the findings of the investigation would be forwarded to the Attorney-General and that for this reason he could not comment further.

# Palazzolo failed to found industries

Mr. Palazzolo 25/2/88

**EAST LONDON.** — Although convicted drug smuggler Mr Vito Roberto Palazzolo was brought to South Africa and given special permanent residence by Ciskei in order to establish industries in

Ciskei, he established no industries during the year in which he was in South Africa and Ciskei.

This was confirmed yesterday by Ciskei's Deputy Director-General of Foreign Affairs and Information, Mr. Headman Som-

tunzi, who said no business had been conducted by Papillion International, the company Mr Palazzolo formed with the MP for East London City, Mr Peet de Pontes.

Meanwhile, the operation of another company registered in Ciskei in which Papillion International was a major shareholder, Interstate (Pty) Ltd, was outlined by Interstate's only director, Mr P Swanepoel of Greenfields, East

London. Mr Swanepoel said the company was still operational and was primarily a "marketing and consulting" company.

He said he had had "nothing" to do with Mr Palazzolo and that the two companies — Papillion and Interstate — were two separate entities. The Ciskei company register shows, though, that Papillion held 3 000 of the 4 000 listed shares in Interstate. — Sapa



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Roberto Palazzolo

# Palazzolo: SA Immigration clerk arrested

Political Correspondent

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A CLERK in the Department of Home Affairs had been arrested in connection with a permit for permanent residence being granted to convicted drug smuggler Robert von Palace Kolbatschenko, known here as Roberto Palazzolo, according to the Minister of Home Affairs, Mr Stoffel Botha, yesterday. Although Mr J D Scheffer, had been arrested, no charges had been formulated as yet. Replying to a question from Mr John Malcomess (PE Central) the Minister said that it was his inten-

tion to make all the relevant facts public as soon as possible. He said that he had been advised not to do so at this stage because a police investigation was underway and the premature disclosure of any facts might prejudice the case. Mr Botha said the Department of Home Affairs was co-operating with the police in the investigation and had already supplied the police with all the information it had available. Asked whether police were investigating alleged

connections between Palazzolo and an organised crime syndicate, the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok said "No". However inquiries were being conducted as to whether a criminal offence had been committed. The Palazzolo affair hit the headlines three weeks ago when it was disclosed that the MP for East London City, Mr Peet de Pontes and a former mayor of East London, Mr Robert de Lange had met Palazzolo in a Swiss jail where he was serving a sentence for his part in a drug-smuggling ring.

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**6 000 drunks arrested in city**

By BARRY STREEK

**MORE THAN 6 000 people were arrested for drunkenness — at an average of more than 16 a day — in central Cape Town in 1987, the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, said yesterday.**

Mr Vlok, who was replying to a question by Mr Ken Andrew (FFP, Gardens), said 4 494 men and 1 519 women were arrested for drunkenness.

He also said 809 people were arrested for vagrancy.

● Almost 60 000 cars, worth nearly R900 million, were reported stolen last

year, Mr Vlok said.

But 33 177 of the 59 936 vehicles stolen were recovered undamaged. A further 7 112 were found damaged and 2 040 had been cannibalized.

Mr Vlok, who was replying to questions by Mr Harry Schwarz (PFP, Yeeville), said 194 286 burglaries were reported last year, a decrease of nearly 2% on the previous year.

● The police confiscated R85,9 million worth of drugs last year, including 14,9 million Mandrax tablets with an estimated value of R74,3 million, Mr Vlok said.

# 'Whites responsible for most Sea Point crime'

By KAREN STANDER  
Staff Reporter

MOST crime in the Sea Point area was committed by whites and only two to three percent was attributable to vagrants, a senior police officer said in a panel discussion on crime in the Atlantic seaboard area.

Major Leonard Knipe was one of four experts who took part in a lively and sometimes heated discussion chaired by radio personality Nigel Murphy, at the annual meeting of the Green and Sea Point Ratepayers' and Residents' Association last night.

Other members of the panel were the Rev Bruce Duncan, founder of a home for abandoned and orphaned children, Professor van Zyl Smit, head of the department of criminology at the University of Cape Town, and Mr Mike Kovensky, president of Fedhasa.

Major Knipe said: "The dangerous crime in Sea Point is not likely to be committed by those people sleeping in the

gutters but by those in your servant's room."

People were generally unconcerned about their domestics, often not knowing anything about them beyond their Christian names.

He appealed to people not to employ anyone off the street but to check their credentials.

The reason why "undesirables" came to an area should be examined and remedied.

## Soliciting

"Right now on the beachfront you will find young coloured boys soliciting, waiting to be picked up. That's why they come here. And the person bringing them here is your neighbour."

Professor Smit said the solution was in creating a society which provided more housing and more work opportunities.

City councillor Mr Chris Joubert proposed that work farms should be set up to keep vagrants from the streets, but Mr Duncan said this was not a humane solution.

"It's easy to sit in your comfortable home and suggest that," he said.

Mr Joubert said vagrants were arrested every day only to be freed and re-arrested.

"I don't care what the police say. If you arrest them, keep them away from this area!"

Miss Moira Mouton, director of the Haven Night Shelter, said the cause of vagrancy lay in a breakdown of family structure.

"Their own families don't want them. We are talking

about people, not things."

Mr Duncan said Sea Point's problem was small compared to other parts of the Peninsula.

In response to a shouted challenge to name one, Mr Duncan replied: "On the Cape Flats where people have been displaced from areas like Sea Point."

A Green Point resident complained that women were being molested by men driving around the area looking for prostitutes while flats were being used as brothels.

# Police gain the upper hand in the street war

By STEPHEN WROTLESLEY

Crime Reporter

POLICE believe they are gaining the upper hand in the battle against city centre muggers.

But they have warned people in Cape Town not to become complacent. It could be that life has become too hot for the muggers in the city and they have moved to the suburbs.

Police said this week that four sections of the force had been operating around the clock on the streets of Cape Town to "keep the muggers on their toes".

The head of one of the units said: "It looks as though the policing is working. And we have had a great response to our requests to the public for greater awareness of crime.

"People are no longer flaunting their wealth as they walk the streets of the city. Temptation has in the past proved to be a major reason for a person being mugged.

"Now if only we could persuade people to be as careful about their possessions when they leave their cars... you'd be amazed at some of the items we find lying on the back seats of unlocked cars parked in the city.

"If you've got it, don't flaunt it."

Police said the four units operating on Cape Town's streets were the uniformed branch playing a preventative role, the

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"mugger-busters" and the reaction unit playing undercover roles, and the detective branch involved in an investigative role.

Recently, The Argus watched the "mugger-busters" and the detectives at work in separate operations.

The "mugger-busters" are members of the uniformed branch who wear civvies when on the streets. Their aim is to respond quickly to an incident and to step in before anyone gets hurt.

And, of course, to make an arrest. A spokesman said: "One mugger under arrest is one less on the street."

The squad of more than 20 policemen and special constables operates throughout the greater Cape Town police district, which includes Table View and Camps Bay.

Having their offices in the police station in the docks means they are within striking distance of the city centre, scene of some of the most vicious muggings.

"We keep a very close eye on the day of the week, the day of the month, the time of year...

the day and date are very important to us.

"Weekly paid workers are paid on Thursdays and Fridays so we have to be out on the streets to make sure they are not robbed of their pay packets."

"Then there are the monthly paid workers who have to be protected and the shoppers buying up before a long weekend..."

The spokesman said the unit kept details of the incidents of street crime pinned on maps so that they could identify trouble spots.

For this reason it was imperative that all crime was reported.

"Our operations are of no use if we hit the wrong areas because our statistics are inaccurate," he said.

The spokesman feared an increase of attacks on the young. During police operations, it had become apparent that many youths — "not your schoolies but children from good families" — hit city nightspots at the weekend and drank and danced to the small hours.

Then they took to the streets, walking about" or hitch-hiking home.

"These kids are prime targets because at that time of night, they have lost their alertness."

Police believe there is a greater need for parental control to prevent these youths from becoming victims.

## You know they're out there, watching you...

Crime Reporter

YOUR neck prickles and a shiver goes down your spine. You know they are out there in the darkness watching you. You wait for the knife in the back or the blow on the head.

But it does not come because they are skittish and something has warned them off.

This is what it is like for the "target" in an operation to trap the muggers who have plagued late-night revelers on Cape Town's streets.

This month city detectives went on the offensive against the muggers and placed targets on the streets in the hope of luring the robbers out of their hiding places.

A problem facing detectives hunting the street gangs, who have left at least one tourist badly injured, is that attacks happen so quickly that the victims are seldom able to identify their assailants.

The Argus accompanied the back-up squad as they followed

a police reservist, dressed as a "slightly inebriated" businessman strolling the streets.

But the back-up cannot be too close — and the team cannot walk in groups for this will scare off the gang.

The men of the team walk in front, behind and in adjacent streets. It was for this reason that I became a potential target.

Walking parallel to the target with a policeman some 50 m to my rear, a man ap-

peared and started walking in front of me. He had apparently singled me out as a potential victim.

A chill went down my spine as he watched me in passing shop windows. There were butterflies in my stomach as I wondered whether he would turn and attack me.

I was in a cold sweat.

He walked slowly in front of me along the lonely streets and when he reached a corner, he nodded to two other men in a

doorway. He walked around the corner and stopped a few metres away, waiting for me to catch up.

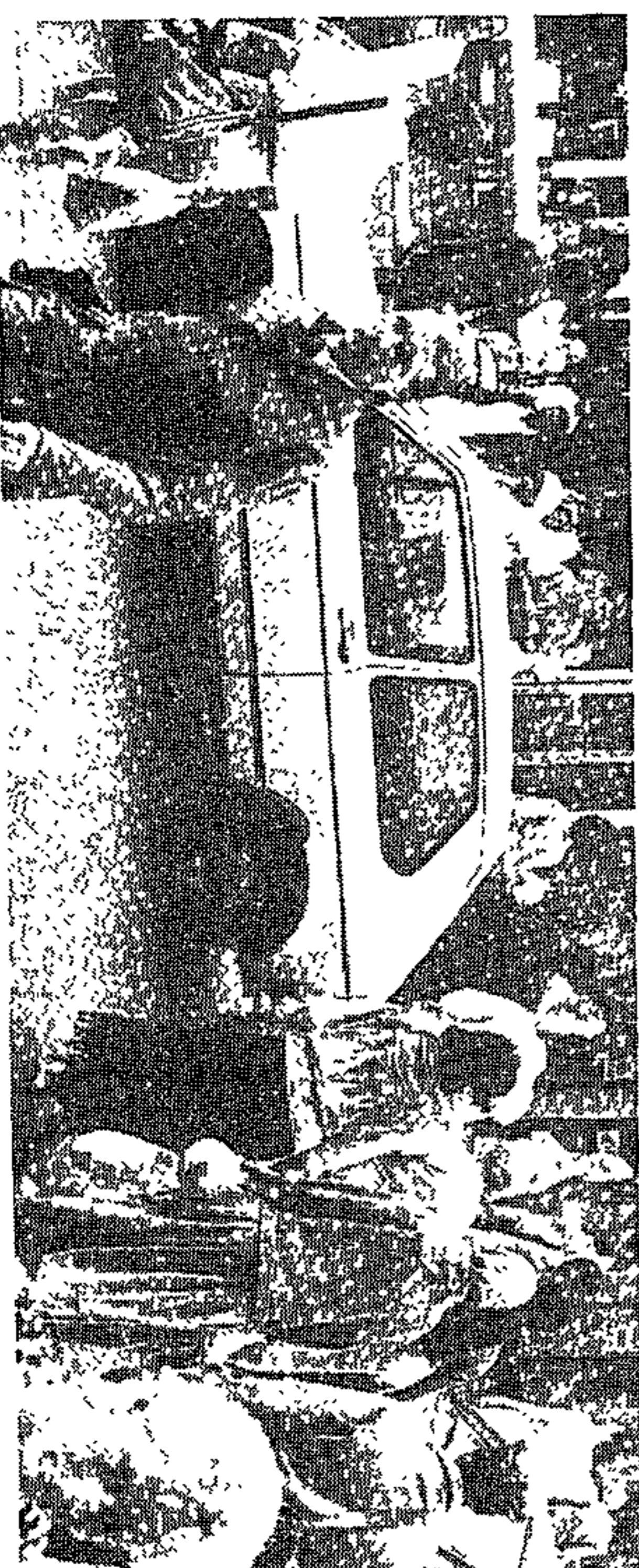
I walked out into the street to put a bit of distance between us.

At this moment, the policeman behind me rounded the corner and the potential mugger must have either suspected a trap or decided it was too dangerous to attack.

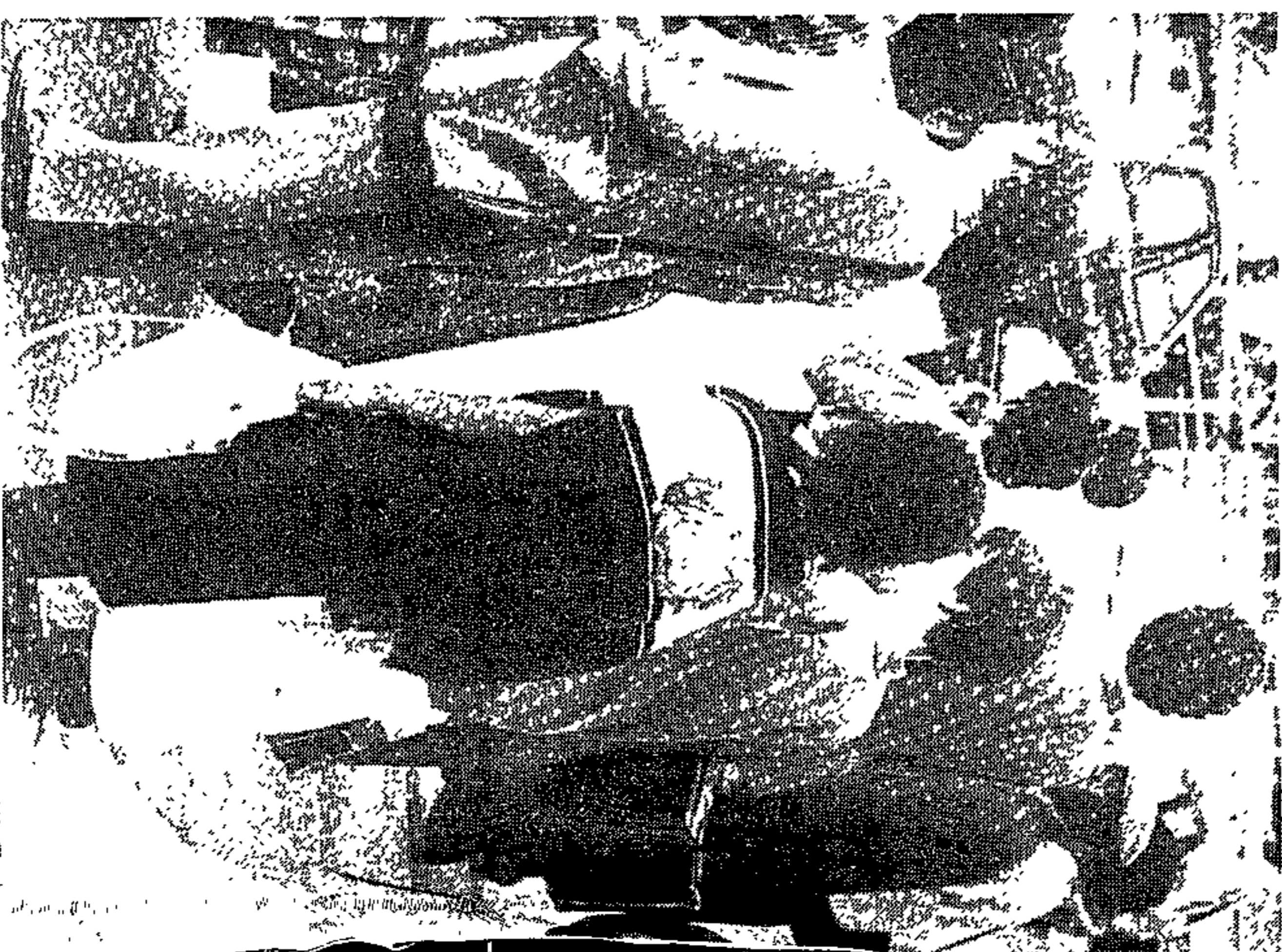
He turned and walked off at speed.



**BRIEFING:** Warrant Officer "Barkie" Barkhuizen briefs his men before they go out on a Friday night patrol.



**MUGGERS BEWARE:** In this crowd of shoppers and commuters is a member of the "mugger-busters", ready to act if anyone is attacked.



**PRIME TARGET:** This woman is a prime mugging target. Her bag is easy for a mugger to grab and, if she resists, she could well be stabbed.

Pictures: WILLIE de KLERK, The Argus

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(5) whether any wards in State hospitals are overcrowded; if so, (a) in which specified hospitals and (b) to what extent?

**THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND POPULATION DEVELOPMENT:**

(1) No. Hospital facilities are provided according to the wishes and needs of the community.

(2) No; see (1)

(3) No. A committee is at present busy with an investigation into the utilisation of empty spaces in State hospitals. The committee's report will be studied and further action will be planned accordingly.

(a), (b) and (c) Fall away.

(4) Yes.

(a) and (b) The information is not readily available.

(5) Yes.

(a) and (b) The information is not readily available.

**Section 50, Internal Security Act: detainees**

423. Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Law and Order:

(a) How many persons were detained in 1987 in terms of section 50 of the Internal Security Act, No 74 of 1982, and (b) for what period was each detained before being released?

**The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:**

(a) None.

(b) Falls away.

**Black school pupils: per capita expenditure**

509. Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid:

What was the per capita expenditure, (a) including and (b) excluding expenditure of a capital nature, on Black school pupils in the 1987/88 financial year?

**The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT AID:**

1987/88	1986/87
(a) R560,50	(a) R476,95
(b) R466,79	(b) R368,56

Note: These figures are based on projections as

the Department's books for 1987/88 have not yet been closed.

**Persons employed by SAP**

521. Mr C J DERBY-LEWIS asked the Minister of Law and Order:

How many Whites, Coloureds, Indians and Blacks, respectively were employed by the South African Police in each of the latest specified five financial years for which figures are available?

**The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:**

I do not consider it to be in the public interest or the interest of the country to furnish this information.

**Administration of estate duty tax: cost**

524. Mr C J DERBY-LEWIS asked the Minister of Finance:

(a) What was the cost of administering the estate duty tax in each of the latest specified three years for which information is available and (b) what was the amount realized in such tax in each of these years?

**The MINISTER OF FINANCE:**

(a) Estimated cost*	R300 000
1984/1985	R428 000
1985/1986	R486 000
1986/1987	
(b) Amount realized	R100 383 241
1984/1985	R139 360 485
1985/1986	R147 278 888
1986/1987	

\* The true cost of administering the Estate Duty Act cannot be determined in the assessing of estate duty is integrated in the administration process in Masters' offices while the collection and administration in Inland Revenue forms part of the administration of other taxes.

**Diamond industry: cost of policing**

528. Mr C J DERBY-LEWIS asked the Minister of Law and Order:

- (1) What is the cost to the State of policing the diamond industry in the Republic of South Africa;
- (2) whether the South African Police are involved in policing the diamond industry in

*Harwood*

South West Africa: if so, at what cost to the (a) State and/or (b) Police;

(3) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

**The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:**

(1) The South African Police does not police the diamond industry of the Republic.

(2) No

(a) and (b) Fall away

(3) Fall away.

Milnerton/Maitland/Pineblands: arrests for vagrancy/drunkenness

544. Mr J J WALSH asked the Minister of Law and Order:

How many (a) males and (b) females of each race group were arrested in 1987 for (i) vagrancy and (ii) drunkenness in the (aa) Milnerton, (bb) Maitland and (cc) Pineblands police station areas?

**The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:**

(i) (aa)	(a)	(b)
(ii) (bb)	14 persons	9 persons
(i) (bb)	93 persons	49 persons
(ii) (cc)	26 persons	18 persons
(i) (cc)	2 425 persons	890 persons
(ii) (cc)	none	none
	572 persons	34 persons

Separate records of the race of persons arrested are not kept, therefore only the total number of persons arrested is furnished.

**New work opportunities for Blacks**

557. Mr J J WALSH asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid:

(a) How many new work opportunities were created for Blacks in each employment sector by the South African Development Trust in the 1987-88 financial year and (b) what was the cost per opportunity in each sector?

**The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT AID:**

As the 1987/88 financial year has not been completed, figures are not available as yet, and therefore 1986/87 figures are stated. Figures indicated in the table below are in respect of

the South African Development Trust Corporation (STK).

	New work opportunities created	Cost per work opportunity
(a)		(b)

STK's activities		
1.1 Commerce, services and housing	50	*1)
1.2 Industries	5 942	R8 580
1.3 Small industries	20	*1)
1.4 Mining	nil	nil
1.5 Agriculture	1 300	R10 961
1.6 Transport	nil	nil
1.7 Other	nil	nil

\*1) Not available as yet.

Note:

(1) Activities which are undertaken by the Department of Development Aid on South African Development Trust land, are mainly handled by private contractors. As a result of rotation of employees between projects inside as well as outside South African Development Trust-areas, and fluctuating contract periods, the desired information cannot be calculated.

(2) The number of temporary work opportunities for occasional workers created on South African Development Trust land, by means of the special employment creation programme, for the period 1 April 1986 to 31 March 1987 amounted to 57 582. An amount of R2 724 million was spent for this purpose. A sectoral division of this employment is not available.

**STK: manufacturing concerns/persons employed/ amount invested in self-governing territories**

558. Mr J J WALSH asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid:

As at the latest specified date for which information is available, what was the total (a) number of (i) manufacturing concerns and (ii) persons employed and (b) amount invested by the South African Development Trust in each of the self-governing territories where decentralization concessions or incentives are applicable?

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Portugal on 14 March 1988 and Mozambique on 4 March 1988.

(b) Under negotiation.

(c) No finality has been reached on the financing of these proposals.

(2) The three Governments accepted in principle the proposals by the three delegations at the trilateral meeting held in Songo in Mozambique on 25-26 February 1988 which comprises the following:

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Universities in self-governing territories: restrictions on enrolment of Whites

755. Mr C J DERBY-LEWIS asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid:

(1) Whether his Department imposes any restrictions on the enrolment of White students at universities in the self-governing territories; if so, what are these restrictions; if not,

(2) whether he will furnish information on whether such restrictions are imposed by the universities in question; if not, why not; if so, what are these restrictions?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT AID:

(1) No. The Department has no power to impose any restrictions on the enrolment of White students at universities in the self-governing territories.

(2) Yes. Although persons of all population groups are admitted as students by the

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such personnel who act as private secretary and (ii) in granting them promotion.

(b) Their prospects for promotion depend on the quality of their work.

SADF: prerequisites for promotion

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Whether it is the policy of the South African Defence Force that members stationed at a particular command for a specific period must be transferred once that period has expired in order to become eligible for promotion; if not, what is the policy in this regard; if so, what is the (a) duration of this period and (b) reason for this policy?

The MINISTER OF DEFENCE:

No. The prerequisites for promotion are that a post should be available and the member

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(i) ATHLONE:

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
Athlone	20	17	287	324	45	239	316	291	509	18
Bishop Lavis	67	52	694	879	84	331	114	795	441	11
Nyanga	44	26	764	363	85	161	44	301	107	2
Grassy Park	23	43	338	327	69	135	225	277	576	41
Guguletu	156	37	1 435	785	144	416	126	598	324	3
Langa	42	10	448	310	55	191	25	116	92	0
Lansdowne	17	8	148	214	17	100	210	230	502	7
Philippi	41	48	293	226	48	230	112	353	398	4
Manenberg	41	23	570	408	84	316	129	409	515	14
Mitchell's Plain	41	39	574	1 786	155	605	611	1 027	1 136	38
Khayelitsha	78	59	594	279	91	118	58	206	311	0

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Goodwood	5	7	48	102	5	27	340	100	407	0
Kraaifontein	26	27	433	326	62	166	141	249	480	3
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Parow	5	15	56	188	13	43	413	139	529	0
Eisies River	124	41	1 466	819	169	512	214	959	737	9
Ravensmead	29	12	716	313	78	160	75	375	306	11
Brackenell	13	11	113	33	11	12	99	28	203	0
Belcon	5	0	32	27	10	85	23	16	20	0
D F Malan Airport	0	0	0	2	0	0	24	9	4	3

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Cape Town	12	23	204	356	38	391	545	342	966	18
Camps Bay	2	3	12	7	6	2	58	21	123	1
Marstrand	1	17	73	118	19	82	124	96	491	3
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Pinelands	1	4	20	32	3	34	146	34	433	1
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Indicates translated version.

For written reply:

General Affairs:

Mitchell's Plain: offences

1. Mr P C HARRIS asked the Minister of Law and Order:

How many offences relating to (a) murder, (b) culpable homicide, (c) assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, (d) common assault, (e) rape, (f) burglary and/or housebreaking with intent to steal and theft, (g) robbery, (h) theft of (i) motor vehicles and (ii) cycles, (i) malicious damage to property and (j) illegal possession of drugs were reported and investigated in the Mitchell's Plain police station area in 1987?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
Mitchell's Plain	41	39	574	1 786	155	1 136	615	474	137	38

Note: I wish to point out to the honourable member that for the sake of efficiency, statistics were furnished for the period 1 January to 31 December 1987. All statistical reports will in future be furnished in calendar year periods.  
The definition of a motor vehicle in the Road Traffic Ordinance of 1966 (Ord 21 of 1966) also includes a motorcycle. Therefore separate statistics for motorcycles as requested in (h)(ii), are not kept.

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For written reply:

General Affairs:

Universities: amount paid in subsidies

2. Mr M RAJAB asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid:

(1) What amount was paid in subsidies to each university falling under the control of his

Department in each of the latest specified five years for which figures are available; (2) whether any cuts were made in these subsidies in each of these years; if so, (a) what cuts and (b) when in each case; (3) whether the cuts were made in consultation with each of the universities concerned; if not, why not?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT AID:

(1) Subsidy on current expenditure

	Fort Hare	The North	Zululand	Medunsa	Visia
1984/85	R 17 010 000	R 19 929 000	R 16 906 000	R 19 610 000	R 9 598 000
1985/86	22 805 000	29 259 000	24 732 000	25 835 000	14 494 000
1986/87	24 666 000	34 124 000	25 451 000	28 041 000	24 075 000
1987/88	*	36 012 000	26 799 000	29 680 000	34 528 000

Subsidy on interest and redemption of loans

	Fort Hare	The North	Zululand	Medunsa	Visia
1984/85	581 360,36	378 653,60	133 880,65	13 500 000,00#	—
1985/86	1 362 095,48	1 582 127,34	678 381,99	7 026 184,27#	674 905,93
1986/87	1 870 016,47	2 924 319,42	1 974 188,40	1 500 284,35	910 297,23
1987/88	*	4 177 118,63	3 251 386,70	1 416 801,68	1 080 053,90

\* From 1 January 1987 the University of Fort Hare is administered by the Government of Ciskei.  
# Medunsa negotiated a foreign short term loan which was redeemed by half-yearly payments of R6 500 000 each. The final three payments were made in 1984/85 (R13 000 000) and in 1985/86 (R6 500 000). These amounts have been included in the totals given.

Note: Subsidies in respect of capital and normal recurrent expenditure were only payable from 1 April 1984, with the implementation of the SAPSE Information System at these universities. Before 1 April 1984 these universities were financed by means of a budget of approved expenditure less income.

- (2) No. \_\_\_\_\_  
partment in each of the latest specified five years for which figures are available?  
(a) and (b) fall away.  
(3) Falls away.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT AID:

Universities: students registered  
7. Mr M RAJAB asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid: \_\_\_\_\_  
For the period 1983 to 1986 the information is contained in the Department of Education and Training's Annual Reports:  
Annual Report 1983, table 7.2.2, p 285  
Annual Report 1984, table 8.2.1, p 245  
Annual Report 1985, table 8.2.1, p 295  
Annual Report 1986, table 8.2.1, p 345  
How many (a) White, (b) Coloured, (c) Indian and (d) Black students were registered at each university falling under the control of his De-

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The MINISTER OF DEFENCE:

No. The prerequisites for promotion are that a post should be available and the member

should possess the prescribed qualifications, merit, experience and seniority. Individuals' circumstances are, however, taken into account when transfers are considered.

Athlone/Bellville/Cape Town/Wynberg: offences and Order:

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

How many cases of (a) murder, (b) culpable homicide, (c) assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, (d) common assault, (e) rape, (f) robbery, (g) theft of vehicles and cycles, (h) damage to property, (i) housebreaking with intent to steal and theft and (j) possession of drugs were reported at each specified police station in the (i) Athlone, (ii) Bellville, (iii) Cape Town and (iv) Wynberg police districts in 1987?

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Sea Point	8	13	78	135	18	56	263	131	609	3

Kensington	12	5	123	80	21	66	44	79	175	8
Woodstock	16	16	107	158	10	153	323	104	1 072	29
Tableview	5	12	58	32	12	12	57	29	180	0
Melkbosstrand	2	3	13	7	2	0	12	5	19	0
Table Bay	7	4	67	17	7	22	12	36	106	2
Paul Sauer	4	0	52	54	5	140	27	64	49	2
Atlantis	16	5	120	195	29	36	33	286	184	2

(iv) WYNBERG:

Wynberg	9	5	39	85	8	52	213	70	318	3
Fish Hoek	10	6	138	81	14	14	56	92	308	4
Simon's Town	1	2	29	27	4	6	9	10	71	0
Rondebosch	1	5	33	27	9	25	415	35	393	0
Muizenberg	2	6	43	63	10	27	79	39	211	2
Mowbray	2	10	16	45	7	35	157	24	292	1
Hout Bay	4	1	94	47	7	9	34	35	169	0
Diep River	7	10	28	56	7	40	228	52	513	3
Claremont	8	4	42	115	9	47	666	93	817	0
Steenberg	24	10	551	344	50	161	179	312	398	10
Kirstenhof	3	8	83	45	9	34	112	49	296	7

Holders of South African passports: admission to countries

796. Mr C J DERBY-LEWIS asked the Minister of Foreign Affairs:

What countries permit holders of South African passports to enter as (a) tourists and/or (b) business travellers without having to obtain visas?

The MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS:

The visa requirements of other countries are subject to frequent changes and today's information could soon become outdated. Travel agencies are kept up to date with the latest information and can be consulted at any time as can the Department of Foreign Affairs. In the circumstances it could be misleading to have a list printed in Hansard. The list reflecting the position today is, however, being supplied to the Honourable Member and can be supplied to other Honourable Members upon request.

Projects initiated by former Department of Information retained

889. Mr C J DERBY-LEWIS asked the Minister of Foreign Affairs:

Whether any projects initiated under the former Department of Information have been retained by his Department; if so, which projects?

The MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS:

Yes: one. Particulars of the project are available for scrutiny by the honourable member.

Printing contracts awarded to two companies

824. Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Foreign Affairs:

(1) Whether his Department awarded any printing contracts in 1987 to two companies, the names of which have been furnished to the Commission for Administration for the purpose of the Minister's reply, or to their associated companies and printing operations; if so, (a) in respect of what publications or printed matter, (b) how many copies of each publication or item were ordered from each company and (c) what are the names of the companies concerned;

(2) whether these contracts were put out to tender; if not, (a) why not and (b) what was the total amount paid by his Department in respect of each of these contracts; if so, what was the (i) tender price originally accepted, and (ii) total amount paid out, in respect of each contract;

(3) whether his Department subsidizes any publications published by the above companies; if so, (a) which publications and (b)(i) why, and (ii) what is the amount of the subsidy, in each case;

(4) what total amount was spent by his Department in 1987 on printing and publishing involving (a) the above companies and (b) any other specified companies?

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The MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS:

(1) No.  
(a), (b) and (c) fall away.

(2) Falls away.

(3) No.

(a) and (b) fall away.

(4) (a) R9 840,31 to the Bureau for Information for copies of *ad hoc* publications distributed abroad under Government Printer contract GPC 77 which was awarded to Perskor.  
(b) Nil.

Printing contracts awarded to companies

838. Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid:

(1) Whether the Department of Development Aid awarded any printing contracts in 1987 to two companies, the names of which have been furnished to the Commission for Administration for the purpose of the Minister's reply, or to their associated companies and printing operations; if so, (a) in respect of what publications or printed matter, (b) how many copies of each publication or item were ordered from each company and (c) what are the names of the companies concerned;

(2) whether these contracts were put out to tender; if not, (a) why not and (b) what was the total amount paid by this Department in respect of each of these contracts; if so, what was the (i) tender price originally accepted, and (ii) total amount paid out, in respect of each contract;

(3) whether this Department subsidizes any publications published by the above companies; if so, (a) which publications and (b)(i) why, and (ii) what is the amount of the subsidy, in each case;

(4) what total amount was spent by this Department in 1987 on printing and publishing involving (a) the above companies and (b) any other specified companies?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT AID:

(1) No.  
(2) Falls away.  
(3) No.  
(4) (a) Nil.

(b) A J Printers	R72 538,00
Bowcor	43 136,74
Publication Scan (Pty) Ltd	14 750,00
Ye Olde Print Shoppe	3 029,04
Ventura	496,72
Esmar Drukkers (Pty) Ltd	347,20
Government Printer	11 000,00
TOTAL	R145 297,70

Printing contracts awarded to Perskor Corporation (Pty) Ltd of South Africa

844. Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Transport Affairs:

(1) Whether the South African Transport Services awarded any printing contracts in 1987 to two companies, the names of which have been furnished to the Commission for Administration for the purpose of the Minister's reply, or to their associated companies and printing operations; if so, (a) in respect of what publications or printed matter, (b) how many copies of each publication or item were ordered from each company and (c) what are the names of the companies concerned;

(2) whether these contracts were put out to tender; if not, (a) why not and (b) what was the total amount paid by the Transport Services in respect of each of these contracts; if so, what was the (i) tender price originally accepted, and (ii) total amount paid out, in respect of each contract;

(3) whether the Transport Services subsidize any publications published by the above companies; if so, (a) which publications and (b)(i) why, and (ii) what is the amount of the subsidy, in each case;

(4) what total amount was spent by the Transport Services in 1987 on printing and publishing involving (a) the above companies and (b) any other specified companies?

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EAST LONDON. — National Party MP Mr Peet de Pontes confirmed yesterday that he would resign from the legal firm I C Clark. Mr I C Clark said Mr De Pontes was "no longer a member of the firm".

# Nat MP De Pontes to quit law firm

The East London MP said his decision was "not directly connected" to his past association with Vito Roberto Palazzolo, who is in jail in Switzerland after being convicted on drug-smuggling charges.

"I am finding the pressure of work, especially the chairmanship of the standing committee on trade and industry and membership of the commission for co-operation and development, is such that it makes practice relating to day-to-day matters on behalf of clients very difficult," he said.

# Claremont crime: More patrols

CMT Times 6/4/88 35

By CHRIS STEYN

**CRIME-PREVENTION** operations will probably be stepped up in Claremont following the murder at the weekend of a young student by two unidentified men.

The men are suspected of being responsible for an unprecedented series of violent attacks and robberies in the area recently.

It will be the second time in the past few months that police have been forced to increase the number of vehicle and foot patrols in the affluent suburb, following an sharp increase in muggings in the area.

On Good Friday morning, the body of 20-year-old University of Cape Town student Miss Brigette Clark was found in her blood-spattered car, which was parked in Letterstedt Road, near the Newlands Sun Hotel.

Police believe she was the victim of two street criminals out to rob her of her white handbag.

Western Cape police liaison officer Lieutenant Denise Benson said yesterday police were investigating the possibility of a link between the weekend's murder and other violent attacks in recent months.

She said police had intensified patrols in the area since the start of the attacks a few months ago. However, following the murder at the weekend, police were again looking at the possibility of stepping up operations.

Recent incidents of violent attacks and robberies in Claremont include:

● On March 24 an unidentified man snatched a bag, containing R12 335 in cash, from Mr Albertus Beukmans between his car and the Terminus Cafe in Station Road. Before Mr Beukmans could give chase, the robber slashed the tyres of his car and sped off in a waiting vehicle.

● On March 29 a suspected burglar battered 61-year-old Mrs Isabel Gerber with a brick in her flat before escaping with her hand-

bag. The attacker left behind a knife and the brick which was wrapped in a towel. Mrs Gerber was admitted to the Claremont Clinic with a suspected fractured skull.

● Other recent victims include an elderly woman, whose face was smashed in a subway attack; city council ombudsman Mr Granger Heugh, who was mugged outside the Pick 'n Pay shopping centre; and a man who nearly bled to death when a thief he tried to arrest attacked him.

Mr Jan van Eck, independent MP for Claremont, said assaults were occurring nearly daily in the subway near the railway station.

An anti-mugging campaign was launched in the area late last month by the Claremont Traders' Association. The campaign will run for three months.

● Police appealed to anyone with information about the weekend's murder to contact Detective Warrant-Officer Dick Hagen on 934-1056.

# Police hold 18 after 4 youths' gang deaths

*CME Times 12/4/88* Crime Reporter

POLICE have detained 18 people in Mitchells Plain following the gang-related deaths of four youths since the beginning of March.

The swoop follows the latest killing in which alleged members of the Naughty Boys gang stabbed Danie Juta, 16, to death after he left the Caravelle discotheque with friends on Saturday afternoon.

Police arrested 10 people after the stabbing and arrested eight others at the weekend. Nine will appear in court soon. An identification parade will be held to establish whether others were involved.

● Early in March a 15-year-old youth, allegedly a gang member, was stabbed to death.

● On March 26 Michael Sapud, an alleged member of the Dixie Kids Gang, was stabbed to death in Rocklands.

● The following day about 60 members of the Dixie Kids entered the "turf" of the Nice Time Kids and killed a person in an apparent act of revenge. Police believe the victim was not a member of any gang.

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## Rooms needed for extra court space 35

**Daily Dispatch Reporter**  
EAST LONDON — Two rooms being used for psychiatric services in the magistrate's building here will be used as courts because of an increase in criminal cases coming before the courts.

The acting chief magistrate, Mr P. R. Manley, said yesterday the additional courts were needed urgently to cope with the volume of criminal cases.

"Space is at a premium at the moment at the magistrates building in Buffalo Street with three regional courts sit-

ting permanently and including six district courts.

"With the increase in criminal cases before the courts it is necessary to add another two divisional courts to cope with the volume. The only way of doing this is to move into the two rooms presently occupied by the psychiatric services."

The regional director of national health and population development, Dr Charles Louw, said negotiations were under way to find suitable premises for the psychiatric services.

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# Community service to be extended to EL? (35)

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**Daily Dispatch Reporter**  
EAST LONDON — Community service as an alternative sentencing option to imprisonment may soon be a reality in East London.

An official of the National Institute for Crime Prevention and Rehabilitation of Offenders (Nicro), Mrs Isabel Hancock, promoted the idea at a meeting at the Nicro headquarters here yesterday.

Mrs Hancock, the community services orders supervisor in Cape Town, said the alternative sentencing idea had been pioneered in Cape Town in 1980 and been approved and supported by judges, magistrates and prosecutors throughout the country.

"The courts have started seeing the benefits of the system," she said.

The system has been successful in Cape Town, with 258 out of 571 people considered for community services completing their sentences satisfactorily.

"We've decided that it is time to expand," she said, explaining that she had chaired workshops in Durban, Bloemfontein and on the Reef.



**MRS HANCOCK**  
tein and on the Reef.

The objective of the community services system is to carry out the sentence of the court and provide an alternative to custody while demonstrating to the public the offender's ability to do useful work and to develop new skills.

A pre-sentencing committee comprising of court officials and social workers decide whether the offender is suited to community service.

She said people who had committed crimes would be made to serve the community in various placement environments, for example children's homes, hospitals, old-age homes, churches and museums.

According to Mrs Hancock some of the benefits are that:

- The offender remains part of society;
- The family continues to function as a unit;
- The cost to the taxpayer is minimised and
- Overcrowding in prisons is minimised.

Crimes accepted for community services orders include murder, assault, kidnapping, fraud, theft, drug offences, drunken driving and motoring offences.

The bulk of the community service force constitutes those booked for drunken driving, followed by theft, drug, murder and fraud offenders.

To be suitable for community service the offender must be over 15 and motivated to assist the community. They must also have a settled home address and permanent employment.

Those who suffer ill health, any form of mental disturbance, addiction to drugs or alcohol or displays irresponsibility are considered unsuitable to undertake community services.



# Flood relief thefts: Workers keep jobs

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By CHRIS STEYN

SEVENTY-THREE municipal employees convicted of stealing emergency supplies intended for flood victims at Upington are to stay in their jobs.

This was confirmed to the Cape Times yesterday by Upington's deputy town clerk Mr C P Schutte, who said the town council decided on Monday night that the workers had been "punished enough".

Seventy-three of the 74 municipal officials arrested by police were found guilty in the local magistrate's court last month of unlawfully appropriating emergency supplies intended for flood victims. They all pleaded guilty and the court imposed fines ranging between R100 and R200 each — to be paid to the Disaster Relief Fund.

The remaining accused will appear in court today.

Mr Schutte said the town council decided that the punishment by the court had been sufficient. "All the stolen goods were recovered and the workers paid the fines imposed by the court.

"The council gave the workers a final warning. But it was decided not to take any further action," he said.

Upington's district police commander, Major Bertie Viviers, said the police investigation was started when the municipality received information that one employee had appropriated some flood relief supplies — including food and blankets.

The suspect, however, informed on a couple of accomplices, who in turn gave detectives the names of dozens of other people involved in the theft.

Major Viviers told the Cape Times that "about a truck-load full" of supplies were stolen. These included food, blankets, sleeping mats and clothing.

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# Squatter murder: 3 soldiers in court

THREE national servicemen who have pleaded not guilty to killing a squatter and attempting to murder two others, appeared briefly in Bellville Magistrate's Court yesterday.

At a previous hearing, Mr Cyril Louw, 21, Mr Wim Piet van Wyk, 20, and Mr Desmond Louw, 20, all of Kraaifontein, pleaded not guilty to murder, alternatively culpable homicide, and two counts of attempted murder.

The state alleges that on February 1, in Kraaifontein, they killed Mr Cornelius Snyders, 40, by kicking and hitting him with unknown hard objects.

It is further alleged that they attempted to murder Miss Josephine Ficks by hitting her with a "glass wine flagon" and kicking her. It is also alleged that they attempted to murder Mr Siphon Motjana, 42, by kicking him and hitting him with a wooden stump.

Mr Cyril Louw explained his plea saying he had acted in self-defence. He admitted being present when the incidents took place and assaulting a man.

Mr J Horn, for Mr Van Wyk, said his client could not remember the incident as he had been under the influence of alcohol.

Mr Desmond Louw said he was at the scene but did not assault anyone.

The matter was adjourned to May 23 for the Attorney-General's decision.

Mr P van Jaarsveld was the magistrate. Mr R Henney prosecuted.

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# Murder in Mouille Point

By PATRICK COLLINGS  
Crime Reporter

A DISTRAUGHT Ms Estelle La Fontaine yesterday battled to come to terms with the fact that her fiancé, 43-year-old Mr Rodger Stevens, had been stabbed to death in Mouille Point on the eve of their wedding.

Meanwhile residents in Mouille Point, shocked by the latest murder in the area, have blamed the rising crime rate on the large number of vagrants that live in the area.

Mr Stevens, of Bay Road, Mouille Point, was to have married Ms La Fontaine yesterday. Lighting her cigarettes with shaking hands, a disorientated and confused Miss La Fontaine kept asking people when Mr Stevens would wake up and come home.

"He is just sleeping — I know he will come home soon... won't he?" Ms La Fontaine asked yesterday. Mr Stevens was escorting Mrs Sylvia Sutton, a friend of Ms La Fontaine, from a public telephone to his flat, a couple of hundred metres away, when they were attacked from behind by three men just after 10pm on Wednesday.

One of the men swung Mrs Sutton around so that her back was to Mr Stevens and the other two attackers. He then threw her to the ground. "The man who was holding me broke a bottle on the ground, held it in my face and demanded my purse."

## Man stabbed to death day before wedding

"He was joined by another of the men. They went through my purse and had just given me some of my business documents back when a car came around the corner and they ran off," Mrs Sutton said.

Mr Stevens, who had been stabbed in the back, attempted to stagger back to his flat. He collapsed after 25m and was rushed to Somerset Hospital where he died.

Reacting to the latest murder, the city councillor for Sea Point, Mr Chris Joubert, said he was concerned about the serious crime rate in his area. The large number of vagrants in Mouille Point contributed to the crime rate, he said.

"People tend to regard the vagrants as harmless, but among the many vagrants there are those that are dangerous. There is a definite need to increase the crime watch in that area (Mouille Point)," Mr Joubert said.

The manager of the Metropolitan Golf Club, which is near the murder scene, agreed with Mr Joubert's statements about the vagrants, adding that the general security in the area was "lax". "We (the golf club) are negotiating with a private security firm to improve the security around the golf course."

Police yesterday arrested two men in Mouille Point in connection with housebreaking and theft from motor vehicles. At this stage there is no evidence connecting the men with the murder of Mr Stevens.

Since the beginning of the year at least two people have been killed and five people have been raped in the Sea Point, Green Point and Mouille Point triangle.

● A man was stabbed to death in a bottle and knife duel in Main Road, Sea Point on January 8.

● An 81-year-old Sea Point woman was attacked and raped in her flat on February 6.

● A Green Point woman in her late thirties was bound and raped in her home on February 9.

● A 30-year-old Sea Point woman was raped at knife-point on February 23.

● Three men were arrested after they allegedly raped a 21-year-old woman who was modelling underwear for them in Green Point on March 22.

● A female vagrant was stabbed to death during a fight with her former boyfriend in Green Point on April 12.

● A 20-year-old student was raped in her Sea Point flat on May 24.



Miss Estelle la Fontaine



Mr Rodger Stevens

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# Workers stole flood victims' aid

By CHRIS STEYN

SEVENTY-THREE municipal employees stole a "truck-load full" of emergency supplies — including food and blankets — which were intended for flood victims at Upington.

This was confirmed to the Cape Times yesterday by Upington's district commandant, Major Bertie Viviers, who disclosed details of the police investigation which resulted in the arrest of 74 municipal officials.

Seventy-three of those arrested were found guilty in the local Magistrate's Court this week of unlawfully appropriating emergency supplies intended for flood victims. They all pleaded guilty, and the court imposed fines — ranging between R100 and R200

each — to be paid to the Disaster Relief Fund.

A 74th accused who also admitted guilt will appear in court again on May 25.

The police investigation was started when the municipality received information that one employee had appropriated some flood relief supplies.

Major Viviers said police initially questioned only one suspect. However, he informed on a couple of accomplices, who in turn gave detectives the names of dozens of other people involved in the theft.

Major Viviers said "quite a lot" of supplies were stolen. It was difficult to estimate the exact value of the goods, but police recovered at least a "truck-load full" of supplies. These included food, blankets, sleeping mats and clothing.

The acting town clerk of Upington, Mr Gerhard Coetzee, told the Cape Times yesterday that the town council was considering disciplinary steps against the convicted employees. A council meeting to decide their future is expected to be held soon.

Describing the incident as "very unfortunate", Mr Coetzee said the guilty employees were not people with "a reputation for dishonesty". "They did not try to enrich themselves. Many of them were just negligent," he said.

Mr Coetzee said the thefts occurred when employees were moving flood relief supplies from a full store to a much bigger store.

Though he praised the police for their "good work", Mr Coetzee said the municipality had not expected so many arrests.

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Sport fishing

Baby costs health

# Top cause of black deaths — homicide

Medical Reporter

**HOMICIDE** was the main cause of death in Cape Town's black population last year, according to the annual report of City Council Medical Officer of Health, Dr Reg Coogan.

One hundred and fifty three black people died violent deaths.

Road accidents were high on the list of causes of death in all three population groups, with 318 killed.

Cancer was the most common cause of death in the coloured population, with 631 dying of various forms of the disease.

It was also the second-top cause of death in whites, with 382 dying.

"Legal intervention", which Dr Coogan said was the "polite term for controlling unrest by the au-

thorities" caused six deaths — three coloured and three black.

Dr Coogan reported that the death-rate from ischaemic heart disease in whites had declined dramatically in the past decade.

After reaching a peak of 2,6 in 10 000 people in 1973, it fell to 1,3 last year.

In spite of the drop 366 whites died of ischaemic heart disease and it was listed as the third most common cause of death in this group last year. Other forms of heart disease caused 148 deaths.

The main cause of death among whites was "symptoms, signs and ill-defined conditions".

Other leading causes of death in whites were pneumonia (sixth), motor vehicle accidents (eighth) and suicide (10th).

Homicide caused the death of

17 whites and six died of pulmonary tuberculosis.

After cancer, "symptoms, signs and ill-defined conditions" was the highest cause of death among coloured people.

Heart disease also took its toll on this group with the third highest cause of death listed as ischaemic heart disease (353 deaths) and other forms of heart disease was the fourth (324 deaths).

The sixth most common cause of death was homicide (245), with motor accidents causing 192 deaths, pneumonia 146, TB 64, rail accidents 35 and suicide 25.

Cancer was the second-leading cause of death in blacks, with motor accidents fourth after ill-defined conditions.

Seventy-seven blacks died of pulmonary TB and 72 of pneumonia.

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Malignant damage to property  
Murder  
Rape  
Possession of dagga  
Drunkenness

(b) 7,87%.  
(c) 3,92%.  
(d) 33,81%.  
(2) 10 May 1988.

SAP: racial group of members  
1074. Mr W J D VAN WYK asked the Minister of Law and Order:

(1) What percentage of the members of the South African Police are (a) Whites, (b) Coloureds, (c) Indians and (d) Blacks;  
(2) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) (a) 54,4%.

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
Cradock	19	14	508	352	22	51	42	104	263	—
Adelaide	2	5	83	49	6	4	8	14	55	—
Bedford	1	2	34	59	3	3	3	9	52	—
Cookhouse	7	6	82	75	10	3	5	20	68	—
Keeyvost	2	1	3	5	2	—	1	3	5	—
Middletown	1	5	36	17	3	—	—	1	14	—
Mortimer	1	1	28	23	2	1	3	7	9	—
Somerset East	7	1	179	100	15	8	13	29	107	—

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

1088. Mr D J N MALCOMESS asked the Minister of Law and Order:  
How many cases of (a) murder, (b) culpable homicide, (c) assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, (d) common assault, (e) rape, (f) robbery, (g) theft of vehicles and cycles, (h) malicious damage to property, (i) housebreaking with intent to steal and theft and (j) possession of drugs were reported at each specified police station in the Cradock police district in 1987?

1089. Mr D J N MALCOMESS asked the Minister of Law and Order:  
How many cases of (a) murder, (b) culpable homicide, (c) assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, (d) common assault, (e) rape, (f) robbery, (g) theft of vehicles and cycles, (h)

malicious damage to property, (i) housebreaking with intent to steal and theft and (j) possession of drugs were reported at each specified police station in the Grahamstown police district in 1987?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
Grahamstown	29	15	678	320	83	137	232	280	917	6
Alexandra	4	4	131	83	8	2	2	21	86	0
Alicedale	0	1	21	34	3	5	3	4	23	0
Balfour	1	0	4	0	1	0	1	0	2	0
Barhurst	3	1	23	11	6	1	4	10	39	0
Committees	1	2	1	6	3	0	0	4	12	0
Donngkloof	0	1	4	4	1	0	2	0	4	0
Fort Beaufort	9	8	202	80	14	12	0	49	183	0
Fort Brown	0	2	14	3	1	0	0	3	23	0
Kaffir Drift	0	4	10	9	6	0	2	19	101	0
Kenton-On-Sea	4	4	62	8	0	1	5	4	27	0
Kinkelbos	1	6	8	72	4	7	4	10	61	0
Paterson	2	2	86	72	4	9	11	47	278	0
Port Alfred	8	2	131	214	9	9	11	4	4	0
Riebeeck East	1	0	10	13	2	0	1	6	26	0
Sevenfontains	1	4	20	8	6	1	7	0	0	0

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East London police district: crimes reported  
1090. Mr D J N MALCOMESS asked the Minister of Law and Order:  
How many cases of (a) murder, (b) culpable homicide, (c) assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, (d) common assault, (e) rape, (f) robbery, (g) theft of vehicles and cycles, (h)

malicious damage to property, (i) housebreaking with intent to steal and theft and (j) possession of drugs were reported at each specified police station in the East London police district in 1987?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
East London	55	21	536	577	89	217	265	340	1018	—
Tyinyaba	—	—	2	297	71	86	21	82	200	—
Duncan Village	33	6	435	27	21	18	4	6	55	—
Fort Jackson	6	3	54	27	19	15	19	12	217	—
Gonubie	5	7	30	37	19	15	5	8	49	—
Komga	2	3	26	28	11	7	5	8	54	—
Bluwater	13	2	69	15	27	7	5	8	54	—
Cambridge	9	23	105	145	31	72	189	89	994	—
Keimouth	3	1	12	19	—	—	3	6	56	—
Beacon Bay	5	11	47	17	15	14	32	20	145	—
King William's Town	10	16	172	223	32	49	87	75	488	—
Berlin	2	8	21	29	5	5	7	9	43	—
Bolo	2	1	13	—	3	0	1	3	15	—
Kent Road	2	1	22	22	6	3	—	8	21	—
Kubusie Drift	—	—	4	2	1	—	—	—	4	—
Stutterheim	18	11	224	50	17	15	13	35	119	—
Kidds Beach	4	3	21	19	3	2	8	6	165	—
Bj Schoeman Airport	—	—	—	3	—	—	1	1	—	—
Buffels River	—	—	1	2	—	3	—	7	16	—

Film industry: external consultants/agencies used

1135. Dr P W A MULDER asked the Minister of Information, Broadcasting Services and the Film Industry:  
Whether any division or directorate of his Department made use of external (a) public relations consultants, (b) public relations agencies, (c) advertising consultants and/or (d) advertising agencies in the 1987-88 financial year; if so, (i) for what projects, (ii) what total amount was spent on each project, (iii) what consultants and/or agencies were involved in each project and (iv) what procedure was followed in allocating these projects to agencies and/or consultants?

	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)
1	R2 090 592,00.	The Agency for Advertising and Marketing.	Tender Board approval for the continuation of an existing campaign.	—
II	(i) Group Areas Act Advertising.	(ii) R141 976,00.	(iii) KMP.	(iv) Tender Board approval.
III	(i) Outdoor Advertising on: — ID campaign.	(ii) R3 007 319,00.	(iii) Meister Outdoor Marketing (MON).	(iv) Tender Board approval.
IV	(i) Economic Policy.	(ii) R453 413,32.	(iii) Bates Wells.	(iv) Tender Board approval.

# Free ride to freedom at

## Govt cost

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Staff Reporter

NEWLY-RELEASED prisoners at Pollsmoor Prison no longer walk to the local railway station and their freedom — they ride in style and at the state's expense, thanks to concerned Tokai ratepayers.

The Tokai Ratepayers' Association (TRA), which recently upgraded a security fence around houses of members nearest the prison, said the "freedom bus" began after complaints by Mr Richard Hayman, media officer for the TRA, said that before this "you could see gangs of people just strolling along".

He cited the rape of a Tokai woman — allegedly by a former Pollsmoor inmate — in her home as having "brought matters to a head". The prison had since "put matters right" by introducing the bus to Re-treat station, he added. Mr Hayman, who is also the co-ordinator of the local crime watch and

chairman of the Tokai "Over 40's Friendly Society", said the fence enclosed homes nearest the prison and was upgraded by the then Divisional Council after complaints about the rape.

He said he had never seen any "convict-like" types climbing over the fence but admitted to having seen "some of the white people" living in-side climb out.

He described this as "bloody silly really".

A spokesman for the Prisons Services in Pretoria confirmed that prisoners were afforded transport to the station because of complaints from ratepayers.

This had first been done some three years ago, he said.

Mr Hayman added: "At least now the poor buggers don't have to walk any more and we're happy."

He said he wanted to emphasize that residents were aware that "the prison was here first — we only arrived later".



**KEEP EM OUT?** ... Tokai crime watch co-ordinator Mr Richard Hayman at the fence erected for local residents by the then Divisional Council to prevent ex-convicts from Pollsmoor Prison entering private property.

Picture: ANNE LAING

indicate to us whether that land had previously been allocated for a White old-age home?

The DEPUTY MINISTER: Mr Chairman, I have no information to that effect.

Sandton: business areas proclaimed as free trading areas

\*4. Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

(1) Whether his Department has received any applications for business areas in Sandton to be proclaimed as free trading areas; if so, (a) from whom and (b) what was the date of the earliest application.

(2) whether any delays in proclaiming the said areas as free trading areas have been experienced; if so, what has occasioned the delays;

(3) whether steps are being taken to finalize the matter; if so, (a) what steps and (b) when is it anticipated that the relevant free trading areas will be proclaimed?

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING [Reply laid upon the table with leave of the House]:

(1) Yes.

(a) City Council of Sandton.

(b) 19 November 1985.

(2) Yes.

Firstly, the City Council decided that not only the central business district of Sandton, but the entire municipal area, be declared a free trading area. In view of the Government's policy to only open the central business areas and regional centres which serve all the race groups the proposals were unacceptable to the Department. Consequently, as an alternative, the Department had to investigate all the various business centres in the municipal area in order to determine which other areas, apart from the CBD, would qualify for advertising and investigation as free trading areas. Particulars in connection with the zoning of properties, development and the number of businesses at each centre had to be obtained and personal inspections of the centres had to be carried out.

Secondly, the Department had to wait for the boundary descriptions of the recommended area from the office of the Surveyor General. Altogether thirteen free trading areas and the deproclamation of two industrial zoned areas are involved.

(3) Yes.

(a) All possible steps, in writing as well as by telephone, have been taken by the Department to obtain the particulars as early as possible. The draft proclamation, which is of considerable length, will be submitted to me before the end of June whereafter it will be transmitted to the office of the State President.

(b) Depending on when the signed proclamation is received back by the Department, the proclamation of the relevant areas may be expected during July/August 1988.

Green Point Stadium: teachers requested/instructed to report for duty

\*5. Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid:

(1) Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 19 on 17 May 1988, any teachers from the (a) I D Mkhize Secondary School, (b) Langa Secondary School, (c) Sizamile Secondary School and (d) Fezeka Secondary School were requested or instructed to report for duty at the Green Point Stadium on 29 March 1988; if so, (i) which teachers were so requested or instructed and (ii) which of these teachers did not report for duty;

(2) whether any of the teachers who did not report for duty absented themselves without leave for all or part of (a) 11 February 1988 and (b) the period 15 to 17 February 1988; if so, which of these teachers absented themselves (i) on 11 February and (ii) during the above period;

(3) whether any of the teachers who did not report for duty at the Green Point Stadium have been suspended; if so, (a) which teachers (i) have and (ii) have not been suspended and (b) why have certain teachers not been suspended?

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF EDUCATION:

In view of the fact that the issue regarding the suspension of certain teachers is presently the subject of legal proceedings and therefore *sub judice*, I do not consider it to be in the public interest to answer this question.

Mr K M ANDREW: Mr Chairman, arising from the hon the Deputy Minister's reply, is there any reason why he cannot answer the question in regard to teachers who are not subject to those procedures which in any event are not *sub judice*?

The DEPUTY MINISTER: Mr Chairman, I think the reply I gave was quite clear. We believe that the public interest is at stake and for that reason we are not prepared to answer the question.

Table Mountain: prevention/fighting of fires

\*6. Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

(1) Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 24 on 9 June 1987, any action has been taken as a result of the report and recommendations of the Cape Town City Council in respect of the prevention and fighting of fires on Table Mountain; if not, why not; if so, (a) what action, (b) by whom and (c) when;

(2) whether this report has been or will be made public by the Administrator; if not, why not; if so, when?

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

This matter vests in the Administrator of the Cape Province and he furnished the following information:

(1) Yes.

(a) (i) A new fire look-out will be built during 1988 on Signal Hill.

(ii) Two law-enforcement officers were "unfrozen" during 1987.

(iii) Four casual law-enforcement officers were employed during the summer of 1987/88.

(iv) Removal of stands of alien trees posing a fire hazard to property was carried out during 1987/88.

(v) Communications have been reviewed and improved.

(vi) Various proposals were submitted to the Minister of Environment Affairs and the Administrator by the Cape Peninsula Nature Area Management Committee.

(b) The Cape Town City Council.

(c) During 1987/88

(2) No. Various reports are available from the Cape Town City Council.

Gardens/Tamboerskloof/Oranjezicht areas: vehicle/foot patrols

\*7. Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Law and Order:

Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 14 on 2 June 1987, special vehicle and foot patrols have been continued in the Gardens/Tamboerskloof/Oranjezicht area; if not, why not; if so, to what effect?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

Yes.

During the period 1 January to 30 April 1987, 1 327 serious crimes were reported. As a result of the continued crime prevention patrols, the number of crimes for the corresponding period during 1988 decreased drastically to 539 cases, which represents a decrease of 59,3%.

Although crime prevention patrols yielded excellent results, it did not provide a permanent solution to the crime problem. Mainly homeless vagrants were responsible for the crime situation in the area. In order to find a permanent solution to the crime problem, the care and rehabilitation of these persons had to be attended to. The Divisional Commissioner, Western Province took the initiative and appointed an officer to investigate the problem. Several charitable organisations which are responsible for the welfare of vagrants were involved in the investigation. At present suitable accommodation which can be used as a rehabilitation centre for the vagrants, is being sought.

\*8. Mr C W EGLIN — Justice. [Reply standing over.]



# Crime drops by 59,3% in city — Vlok

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## Political Staff

CONTINUED crime prevention patrols in the Gardens/Tamboers Kloof/Oranjezicht areas of Cape Town resulted in a drastic 59,3% drop in serious crimes in the first four months of this year, the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, said yesterday.

But he warned that although the crime prevention patrols yielded excellent results, they "did not provide a permanent solution to the crime problem.

"Many homeless vagrants were responsible for the crime situation in the area," Mr Vlok said in reply to a question from Mr Ken Andrew (PFP, Gardens).

Between January and April last year, 1 327 serious crimes were reported in the area but as a result of the continued crime prevention patrols this decreased drastically to 539 cases during the corresponding period this year.

"In order to find a permanent solution to the crime problem, the care and rehabilitation of these person had to be attended to."

The divisional commissioner of the police in the Western Province took the initiative and appointed an officer to investigate the problem.

Several charitable organizations which were responsible for the welfare of vagrants were involved in this investigation.

"At present, suitable accommodation which can be used as a rehabilitation centre for the vagrants is being sought," Mr Vlok said.

Mr Andrew said he had been trying for many years to get the government to take a greater responsibility for the care and rehabilitation of vagrants who constituted a major problem in the Gardens area and elsewhere.

"I am pleased that some action has now been taken but I hope it will not end up simply in investigations and discussions, but will have a real impact in resolving the problem," Mr Andrew said.

# Labourers gunned down at Paarl poultry farm

By PATRICK COLLINGS  
Crime Reporter

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THREE migrant farm labourers were shot to death and two others seriously injured early yesterday morning at a poultry farm just outside Paarl.

Police have launched a manhunt for two gunmen. A Boland police spokesman, Captain Gys Boonzaaier, said police were looking for a Mr Andre Basson as they believe he can help them with their investigations.

Shortly before 7am yesterday the two gunmen approached Transkei contract workers on the farm Silver Linings, owned by Mr Michael Teale, demanding money, Captain Boonzaaier said.

They then opened fire, killing the 28-year-old foreman, his 24-year-old pregnant wife and a 60-year-old nightwatchman.



Mr Andre Basson

Police are withholding the names of the dead until their next-of-kin have been informed.

A friend of the Teale family, Mr Dickie Knap, said he arrived at the farm and heard two shots being fired.

"I found one of the workers who had been shot in the back," Mr Knap said.

Mr Knap, joined by Mr Teale, took the wounded man into the office where they phoned the police and the ambulance.

"While we were phoning another of my workers, who had been shot in his neck, crawled into the office," Mr Teale said.

"We went to the foreman's room to find his wife lying in the adjoining room gasping for breath — she had been shot in the head."

She died on the way to Paarl.

"We continued our search and found my nightwatchman lying on the floor of another room — he had been shot in the side."

He later died in hospital.

"About 20 minutes after the first shots were heard we found my foreman lying about 40 metres from his room. He had also been shot in the head.

"My workers are very upset and some of them ran away and have not returned."

Police, who recovered cartridges and bullets from the scene of the shooting, said the gunmen had used a .32 pistol.

Anyone with information is asked to contact W/O Willem Willemse at 02211-23001 during office hours or at 02211-24240 after hours.

# 180 arrested after 'clean-up operation'

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22/6/88  
Staff Reporter  
ATHLONE police have arrested 180 men in a "clean-up operation" which began before midnight and ended this morning.

Police liaison officer Lieutenant Attie Laubscher said 94 policemen from the uniform and detective branches in Athlone, under Colonel George Potgieter, took part in the operation.

Four men were arrested on charges of murder; 20 for

housebreaking, four for rape, 14 for robbery and armed robbery, 23 for theft, 73 for assault, two for arson, two for possession of unlicensed firearms, seven for possession of Mandrax, six for malicious damage to property, two for bribery and several for whom warrants of arrest had been issued.

Items recovered included a light-calibre firearm, Mandrax tablets and dagga.

# Crime dockets in Kei corruption

Cape Times 23/6/88  
Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Criminal proceedings against certain individuals implicated in government corruption allegations in Transkei may be brought in South Africa as well as in the Transkei, it emerged yesterday.

The deputy attorney-general of the Cape, Mr Frank Kahn, who was seconded to the Alexander inquiry into Transkei government corruption earlier this year, yesterday confirmed

three criminal dockets had been opened relating to individuals implicated in the corruption allegations.

He would not confirm whether any actions would definitely be brought in both countries, but he said they could be expected to "co-operate and respond vigorously" to the corruption allegations.

The dockets which have been opened are for fraud, corruption and exchange control contraventions.

*Steward*

(2) whether it is the intention of the Government to release Nelson Mandela on this basis; if so, when; if not, why not?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE:  
(1) and (2)

The release policy which applies with regard to prisoners in general is also applicable to prisoners who were sentenced for offences against the security of the State. This release policy has a scientific basis in which criminological and penological principles were duly taken into account. Considering factors such as inter alia the aims with which the sentence was imposed, interests of the community and the State, the nature of the crime and the motive underlying it, the length of the sentence and time served, previous criminal record if any, the prisoner's reaction to the sentence imposed and the overall personality and predisposition of the prisoner himself, it follows that the renunciation of violence could, like any other single positive factor, contribute to a positive prognosis, but cannot be the determining factor in its own right.

In considering each individual case, the State has to be guided by the relevant advisory bodies instituted by law.

It is not possible to speculate upon the possible release of individual prisoners. The honourable member is also referred to the State President's speech in this House on 13 August 1987 as published in the Hansard, column 3758 - 3760.

Loss of teachers  
1079. Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid:

How many (a) permanent and (b) temporary teachers did his Department lose in each region in 1986 and 1987, respectively, (i) on account of (aa) marriage, (bb) retirement, (cc) ill health, (dd) termination of service, (ee)

WALMER  
KABEGA PARK  
NEW LAW COURTS  
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SETLAAR

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
WALMER	19	2	122	112	15	23	214	89	757	—
KABEGA PARK	22	17	236	174	29	69	299	109	693	—
NEW LAW COURTS	8	9	87	217	11	120	382	133	557	1
LOUISLE GRANGE SQ.	6	8	74	236	18	86	644	236	1019	—
HF VERWOERD AIRPORT	—	—	—	1	—	—	8	3	—	—
SETLAAR	3	4	54	145	12	64	159	114	279	1

death, (ff) the acceptance of non-teaching posts and (gg) further study and (ii) for other reasons?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT AID:

This Department does not function according to provincial borders, but is divided into seven regions. Information required is not kept according to regions, but is given in total for the Department.

	1986	1987
(a) (i) (aa)	0	0
(b) (bb)	179	157
(c) (cc)	11	12
(d) (dd)	1416	1585
(e) (ee)	170	217
(f) (ff)	0	0
(g) (gg)	22	31

(b) (i) (aa) 0  
(bb) 0  
(cc) 12  
(dd) 2003  
(ee) 38  
(ff) 0  
(gg) 35

(a) and (b)(ii) No statistics are kept.

Port Elizabeth: offences

1086. Mr D J N MALCOMESS asked the Minister of Law and Order:

How many cases of (a) murder, (b) culpable homicide, (c) assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, (d) common assault, (e) rape, (f) robbery, (g) theft of vehicles and cycles, (h) malicious damage to property, (i) housebreaking with intent to steal and theft and (j) possession of drugs were reported at each specified police station in the Port Elizabeth police district in 1987?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

*Steward*

Uitenhage: offences  
1087. Mr D J N MALCOMESS asked the Minister of Law and Order:

How many cases of (a) murder, (b) culpable homicide, (c) assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, (d) common assault, (e) rape, (f) robbery, (g) theft of vehicles and cycles, (h)

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
UITENHAGE	121	48	1153	1167	170	291	222	438	117	4
WOLWEFONTEIN	0	3	13	17	1	0	1	3	15	0
UADDO	6	2	40	32	9	3	8	11	51	0
DESPATCH	13	7	154	162	29	38	60	94	189	0
HANKEY	15	5	94	63	19	12	12	37	96	0
HUMANSDORP	13	8	144	57	16	15	27	39	246	0
JEFFREYS BAY	6	5	33	31	6	3	22	19	142	0
KAREEDOUW	2	0	46	33	2	5	4	1	38	0
KIRKWOOD	13	9	197	186	27	15	23	42	117	0
PATENSIE	5	1	85	48	5	5	5	16	73	0
STORMS RIVER	7	10	72	25	10	6	11	23	58	0
KAMASH	3	1	43	39	2	6	1	12	10	0

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

malicious damage to property (i) housebreaking with intent to steal and theft and (j) possession of drugs were reported at each specified police station in Uitenhage police district in 1987?

Stellenbosch: squatters' shacks demolished

1094. Mr A GERBER asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

How many squatters' shacks were demolished by the Stellenbosch staff of the Western Cape Regional Services Board in each month of 1987?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

None.

Offences against security of State

1095. Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Justice:

Whether he will furnish the names of persons currently serving sentences for offences against the security of the State; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are their names, (b) (i) when was each such person sentenced and (ii) for how long in each case and (c) in respect of what date is the information furnished?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE:

The prisoners are serving sentences of imprisonment after having been tried, convicted and sentenced by courts of law. The details of each trial, including the names of the accused are matters of public record. I am not prepared,

after some time has now passed, to publish particulars of people and their criminal records unless good reasons exist why it is necessary to do so in the public interest.

The honourable member is also referred to my replies to Question No 346 on 4 March 1988 as well as No 464 on 16 March 1988.

Farm/Other schools: medium of instruction

1105. Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid:

(1) How many (a) primary farm schools and (b) other (i) primary and (ii) secondary schools in each departmental region of his Department are using (aa) English and (bb) Afrikaans as their medium of instruction;  
(2) on what basis is it decided which medium of instruction will be used in (a) primary farm schools and (b) other (i) primary and (ii) secondary schools?

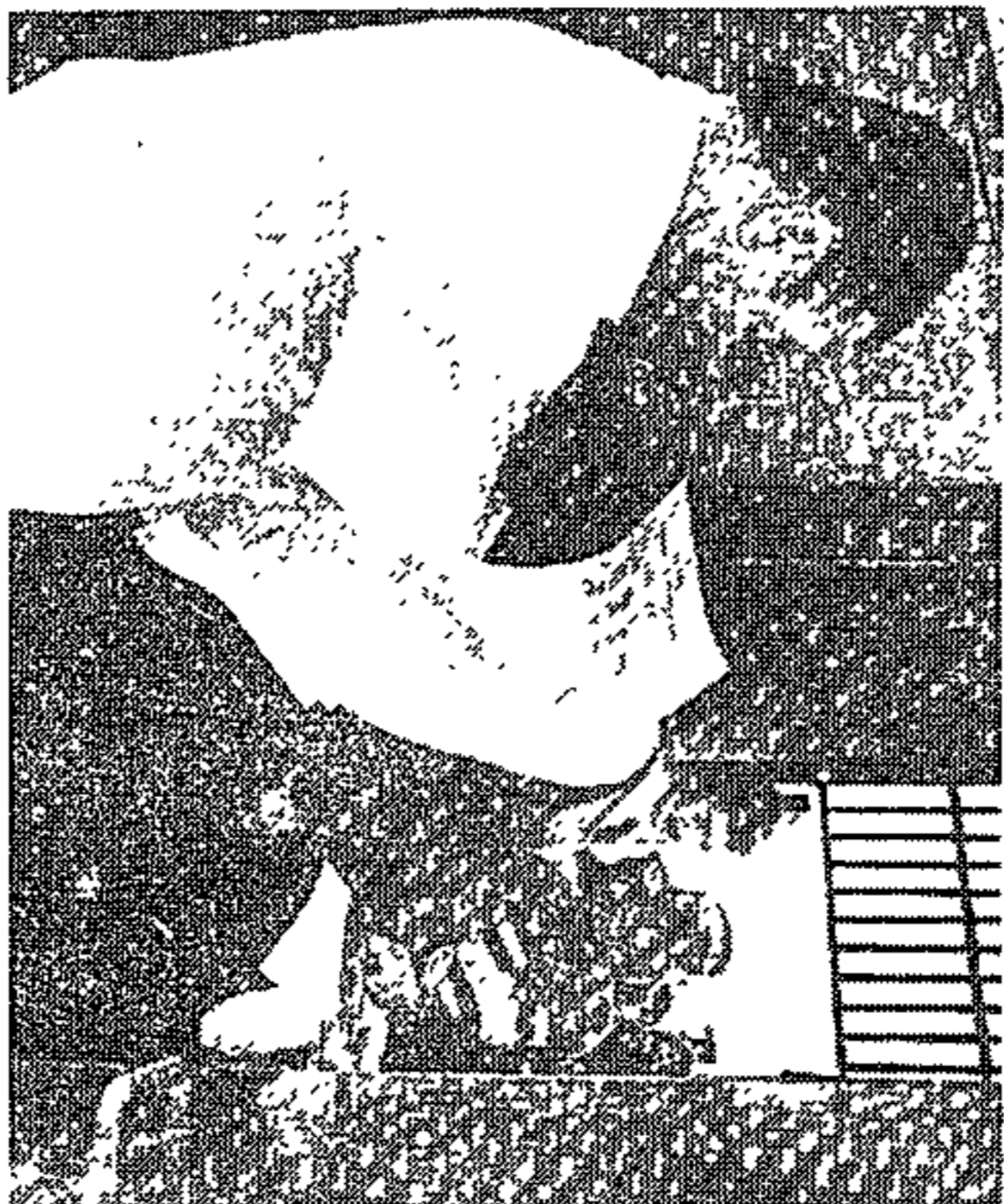
The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT AID:

	(a)	(b)(i)	(ii)
(1) Region (aa) English	653	230	63
N TVI	421	213	67
Highveld	1	166	62
Johannesburg	—	—	—

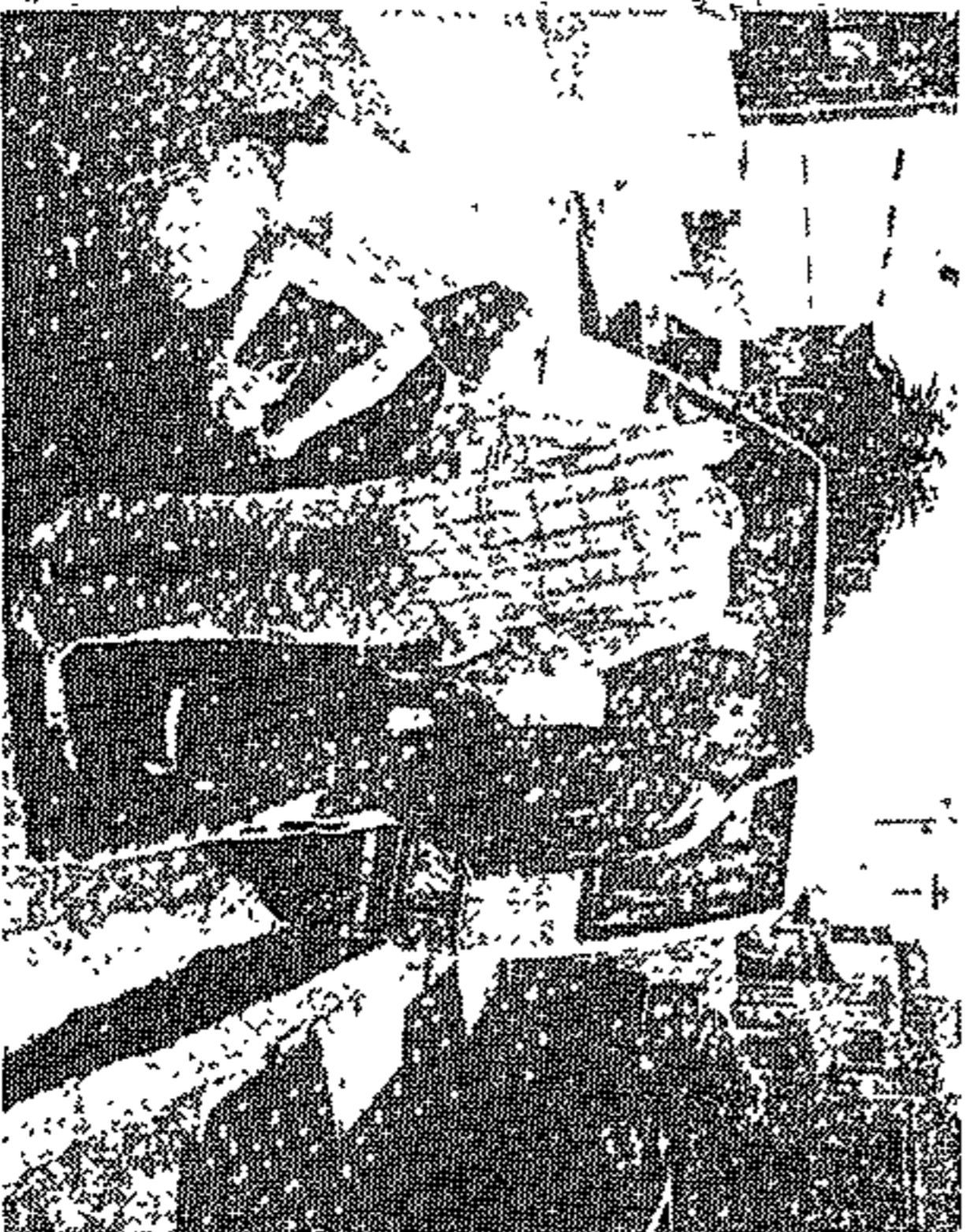
# CRIME SWOOP

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**QUESTIONING** ... Detectives of the Murder and Robbery Squad question a man in Sea Point before taking him to be fingerprinted. Pictures: ALAN TAYLOR

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By PATRICK COLLINGS  
Crime Reporter

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By Dawn Barkhuizen

More than 2 500 suspected criminals have been arrested throughout South Africa over the past week in a massive nation-wide crime prevention operation by a combined force of police, reservists, the Defence Force and various traffic departments.

The sweeps, among the biggest ever mounted in South Africa, have been hailed as highly successful by police.

In the Transvaal alone more than 1 000 suspects have been arrested since

## 2 500 arrests in SA crime sweep

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Thursday in connection with crimes ranging from murder to petty theft, say police spokesmen.

Included in this group is a man who allegedly tried to break into the car of former Transport Minister, Mr Hendrik Schoeman, in Delmas.

In a sweep across the Witwatersrand on Friday night 538 people were held in connection with

crimes including four murders, 13 robberies and seven rapes.

In a similar action in the Northern Transvaal, a combined force of 1 200 combed the area between 3 pm and 8 pm on Friday arresting approximately 340 people.

Charges included vehicle theft, illegal possession of firearms and

housebreaking.

In a swoop in the East Rand on Thursday 194 suspects were detained in connection with car theft, and other crimes. Stolen cars, valued at R72 000, were recovered.

A week-long crime sweep in the Cape Peninsula, code-named Big Broom, culminated on Friday night with the arrest of 1 000 people — 770 alone on Friday night, and 88 in connection with serious crimes.

Last weekend about 600 were arrested in a Durban sweep.





## Zip guns for books — Pages 10 and 11

The gangs — with names like Terrible Schoolboys, Ghetto Kids and Young Weekend Spoilers — carry knives, pangas and homemade weapons called "zip guns"

Their slogans fight for supremacy on toilet walls.

Gang fights and stabbing incidents have become common. Many are not reported.

But Bergsig's problems go beyond gangsters. It has had nothing but trouble in its short life.

The school has had its third principal in seven months, and many teachers have left.

# Residents angry at jail terms given to robbers

10/17/88 By BILL KRIGE (35)

KNYSNA residents are flocking to sign a petition expressing "dissatisfaction" with sentences meted out to three men convicted of robbery with aggravating circumstances.

The three were originally charged with the murder and rape of a 73-year-old widow who was struck on the head with a bar and left in a pool of blood with a gas stove left on to hasten her death.

Last month Mr Justice E L King jailed Joey Claasen, 30, and Elroy Malgas, 30, for an effective 16½ years each and Cornelius Balie, 36, for 15½ years for robbing Mrs Francis Brown.

## Struck

They were acquitted of murder and of rape by Mr King, who said the "pain, suffering, fear and humiliation which the victim had to endure in her last hours" were crucial to the imposition of a heavy sentence.

The court heard that Mrs Brown was attacked at her Lakeview home in April, 1987. She was dragged indoors, stripped half-naked and struck with a rusty iron.

The three stole money, a radio and jewellery. Claasen and Malgas returned the next day and, with Mrs Brown dead indoors, stole her car.

Since its launch on Monday, more than 400 residents have signed the petition which says the jail terms are "totally inadequate".

The dead woman's daughter-in-law, Mrs Elna Brown, said hundreds more signatures were expected.

# Residents to combat gang warfare in townships

**CONCERNED** Guguletu and New Crossroads residents, caught in the crossfire of gang warfare, have vowed to stamp out the spiralling violence.

In Section Four, Guguletu, a committee of 18 has been set up to combat marauding gangs. And in New Crossroads, groups of about 15 klerie-wielding parents and youths patrol the streets every night in an effort to keep the peace.

The patrols started this week after the disruption of classes in schools on Friday when a pupil was stabbed at Andile Higher Primary School.

The gang allegedly responsible for much of the violence is the much-feared Nyanga-based Ntsaras.

Its recent activities allegedly include two fatal stabbings — one

outside St Mary's School in Nyanga on July 8 and the other near the Good Hope Centre after the Brenda Fassie concert on Saturday.

The convenor of the Section Four committee, Mr Ndumise Matinise, said his group would discuss the gang violence with other committees in the townships.

"We will plan a uniform approach. Recently our committee passed several resolutions aimed at ending the conflict," he said. "The community whole-heartedly accepted the proposals."

These include prohibiting youths from congregating on street corners after 8pm, referring all disputes to parents for arbitration and prohibiting youths from carrying weapons.

Mr Matinise said the committees planned to tell "the authorities" about the resolutions. "After that

By VUYO BAVUMA  
Staff Reporter

they will be implemented immediately. The people are tired of this violence."

Youths in Section Four recounted the roots of the conflict.

One said: "In March the Ntsaras asked us to assist them in a clash against a gang called Amafelandawonye." (Amafelandawonye, which means "those who will die together", is based in Section One, Guguletu.)

"We refused and since then we have been attacked sporadically by the Ntsaras. Recently Vuyane Sandla, a Sizamile pupil, was stabbed in the back on his way to school." Another youth said they decided to "retaliate to protect ourselves".

Some pupils have changed schools because they have to pass the "hostile territory" of the Ntsaras on their way to classes.

Ntsaras members are mostly young school drop-outs. Some are pupils by day but join the gangs at night. They carry weapons such as pangas and stilettos. Their activities are alleged to include random muggings and stabbings.

Members of other gangs in Guguletu said they responded to the violence by forming their own "territory" gangs.

Members of "Ama-Adderley", a Section Three-based group, said they decided to protect their neighbourhood from attacks by the Ntsaras.

"The Ntsaras came from Nyanga and caused havoc in our area. They robbed people and sometimes

stabbed them," said a youth. "Local youths were blamed for these acts. Because of this we decided to take action."

He said their members became more resolute after Ntsaras allegedly fatally stabbed a colleague, Mzwandile Ceku, of NY 132, last year.

"Recently they killed two of our colleagues, Bruce and Mtswana, of NY 130," the youth alleged. "This has been the pattern of the clashes. We never go out to attack the Ntsaras in Nyanga. We merely defend ourselves."

One high school pupil moved to Port Elizabeth after youths with knives and pangas raided his home. "I left my family as I feared for my life," he said.

Police said they were monitoring the situation and would take action if necessary.

# On the Run

## 100 policemen lose Breakout Gang in chase

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By PATRICK COLLINGS  
Crime Reporter

**POLICE** believe the "Breakout Gang", who held up a Bergvliet building society yesterday only two days after escaping from Pollsmoor Prison, may be holed up on the Cape Flats after evading a huge police manhunt.

The gang struck at the Natal Building Society in Main Road, Bergvliet at 10.30am and stole more than R2 500.

One of the robbers pointed a pistol at the branch manager and pulled the trigger, but it failed to fire.

Police failed to arrest the gang after a huge manhunt involving all available officers and municipal traffic police — about 100 in all — and the police helicopter.

### Pulled trigger

A teller at the building society, who asked to be named as Rose, said two men entered the banking hall and demanded money.

"One of the men had a gun under a newspaper and told me to give him money or he would shoot me. A second man jumped over the counter and started searching for the money," she said.

"Then the office dog, Cindy, barked. Our manager, Mr Lew Clarence, came out to see what was happening and the gunman rushed at Mr Clarence."

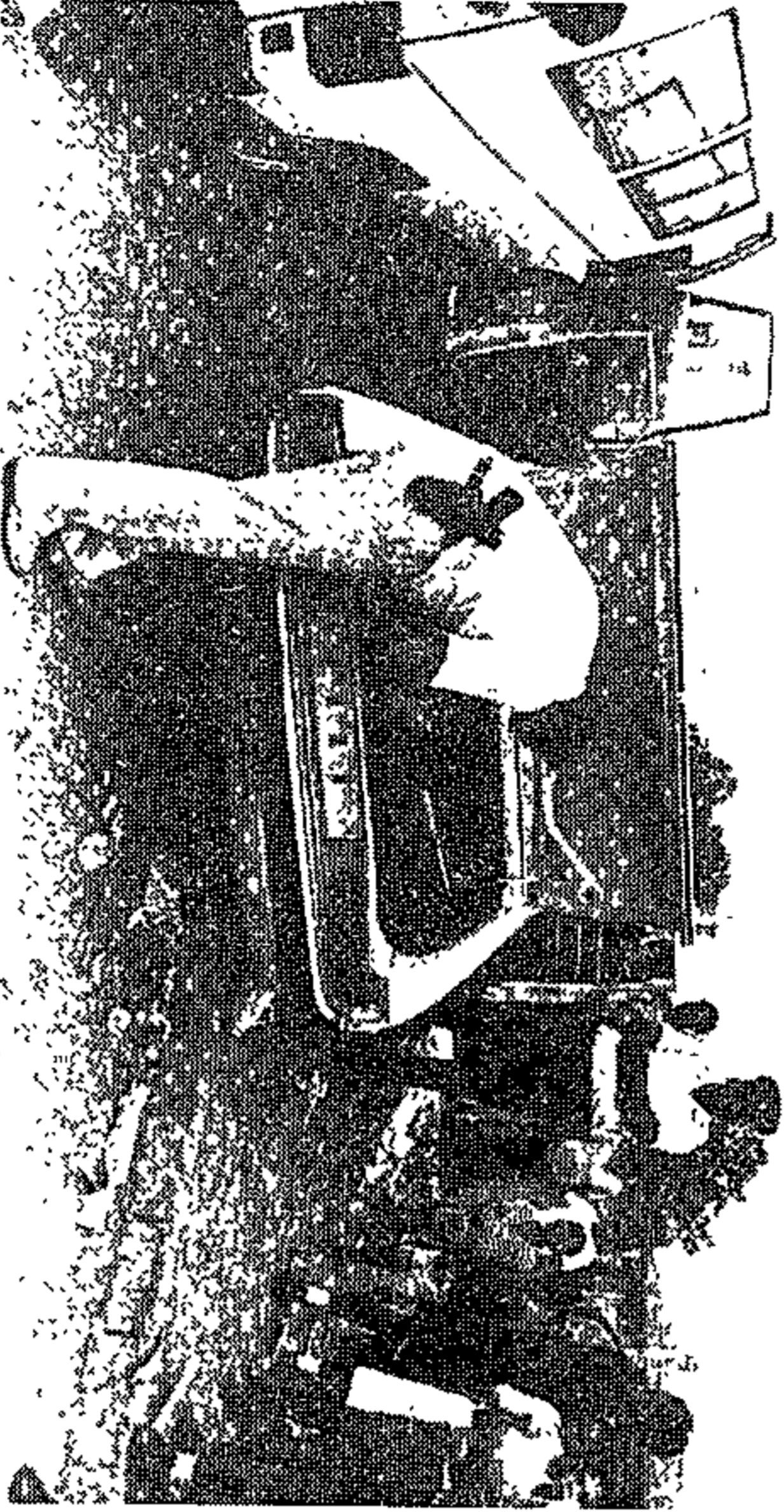
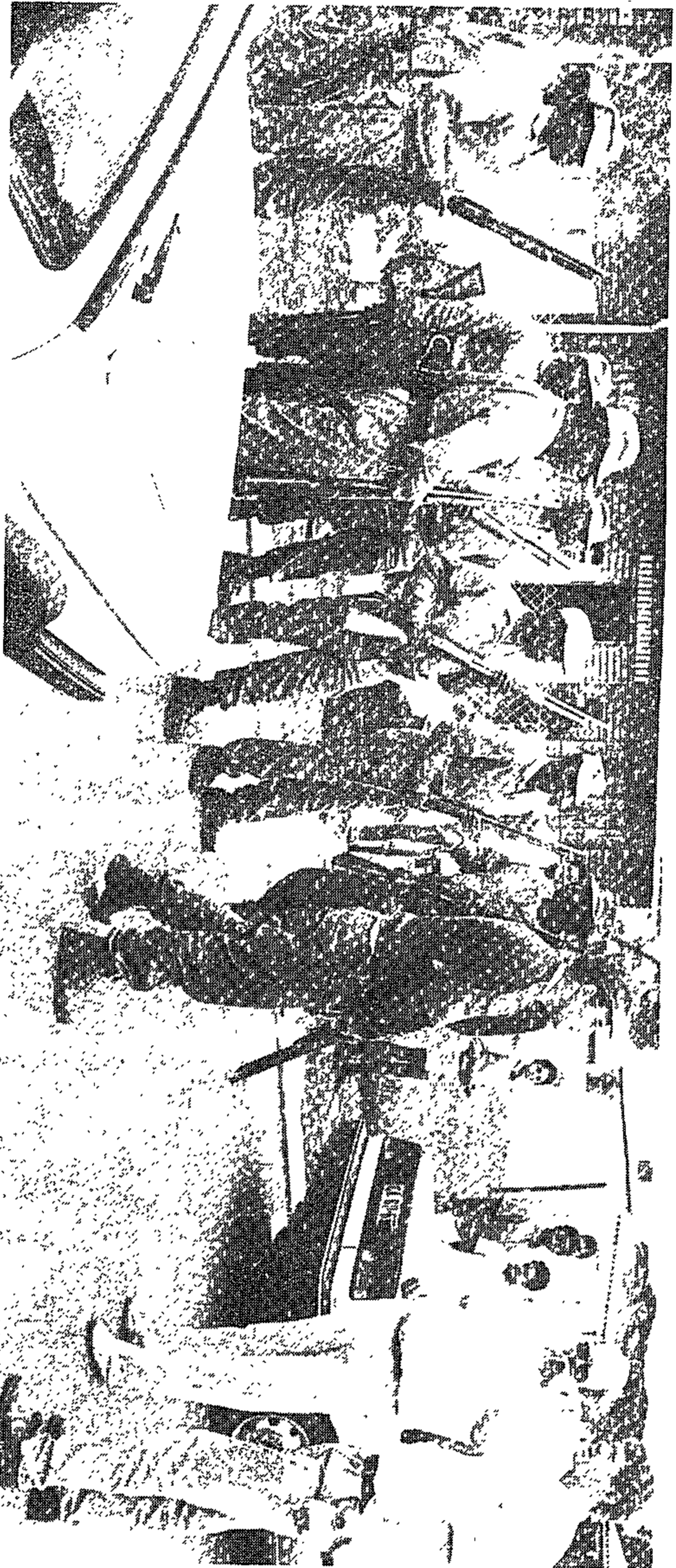
Mr Clarence, who believes the same men robbed his agency two years ago, said the robber struggled with him and pulled the trigger of his weapon.

**HELD UP** ... Mr Lew Clarence, manager of the building society branch which was held up yesterday, with the dog Cindy who barked when the robbers entered.

"It just went 'click' and the men fled."

Shop-owner Mr Deon van Rensburg chased the men to a waiting car. When Mr Van Rensburg approached the

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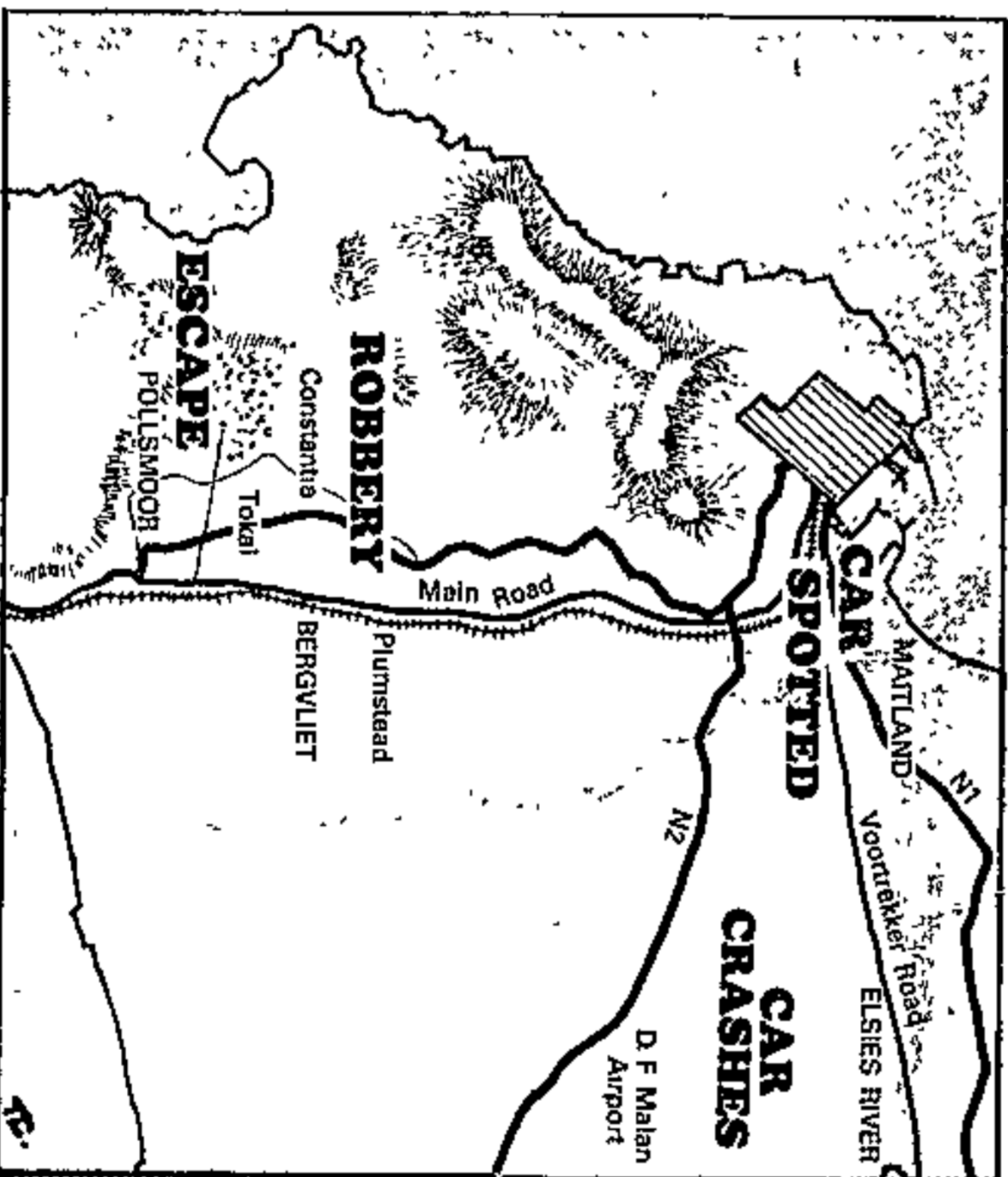


**ABOVE:** Murder and Robbery detectives and special constables discuss strategy during yesterday's search for the three men who escaped from Pollsmoor Prison on Tuesday and yesterday robbed a Bergvliet building society.

**LEFT:** A Murder and Robbery Squad detective searches the boot of the stolen car used in yesterday's robbery.

**RIGHT:** The route the robbers followed since their escape.

Pictures: ALAN TAYLOR



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## Robbery

vehicle a man leant out of the passenger door, pointed a firearm at him and pulled the trigger.

"All I heard was a click before the car drove off," Mr Van Rensburg said.

Police spotted the vehicle at about 1.30pm in Maitland and gave chase in a patrol car.

The robbers managed to lose the pursuing police car but they were later spotted in the Paarden Eiland area by a traffic officer who notified police.

After a high speed chase through Elsie's River the getaway car crashed into a fence in 11th Avenue. The robbers fled.

Murder and Robbery squad detectives as well as special constables patrolled the the Clarke's Estate/Matrosfontein area in an attempt to apprehend the robbers.

But by late last night it appeared that the robbers had slipped through the dragnet.

Two of the men Mark Phipps, 20, and Desmond Meyer, 22, both of Valhalla Park, also escaped from Cape Town Magistrate's Court in September 1986 when they appeared on charges of discharging a firearm, burglary and theft.

The third man, who escaped with Meyer and Phipps, is Frans Swarts, 21, believed to be from Wolseley.

● In an unrelated incident a man held up a teller at the Perm Building Society in Main Road, Plumstead, yesterday morning and ran off with R1 300 in cash.

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# On the beat with a baseball bat

By PATRICK COLLINGS  
Crime Reporter

WHEN 20 detectives, some armed with baseball bats, go on a clean-up operation in Woodstock's "red-light district", they walk to work.

Early yesterday morning detectives of Woodstock and Cape Town CID strolled the two blocks from the Woodstock police station to two of the oldest and

best-known brothels in the Peninsula.

The fragile 2am quiet of Church Street, Woodstock, was shattered when they broke into the first brothel about 200m from the charge office.

Even before detectives started knocking on the makeshift bedroom doors, defiant protests of "he's my boyfriend" echoed through the rabbit warren passages of the brothel.

Ignoring the protests, police bundled several men clad in underpants into the road and marched them off to the police station.

Five minutes later they swooped on a second brothel a few blocks away.

In a back room police found and arrested a man suspected of robbing a Japanese seaman of 16 000 yen (R300) last Sunday.

Many men, most of whom are foreign sailors, are mugged or have their cars broken into while they are in the prostitutes' rooms, a police spokesman said.

Later in the morning police raided a home in Woodstock where they arrested a man in connection with Monday's "hold-up" in which Mr Johan Wessink had his portable radio stolen when thieves threatened him with a "vicious dog".

The "vicious dog" was in the backyard of the house, looking decidedly milder than expected and not even capable of stealing a soup bone from a chihuahua.

Working in unmarked cars and in constant radio contact with one another, detectives con-



**SHACK SEARCH**.... A detective searches a backyard shack in the Bo Kaap.

Pictures: GLENN SHERRATT

tinued the clean-up operation in the Bo Kaap area.

Using the small back alleys that run behind the houses, they searched backyard rooms for suspects in connection with various charges of motor theft and robbery.

After surrounding one of the houses, detectives arrested a man wanted for car theft.

The end result of the raid was more than 50 people arrested, and 11 detained for questioning — and a lot of irate people who were woken early in the morning.



**SHIVERING SUSPECTS** ... Suspects arrested in Woodstock's "red-light district" are searched before being taken to the police station. **RIGHT:** Detectives break down a door during the raid.



# 19 die in Cape at the weekend

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AT LEAST 19 people died violently in the Peninsula and Boland at the weekend.

Ten died in assaults, fire and stabbings while nine people died in car accidents.

● Three men died in a car accident in which two others were seriously injured under the R300 bridge on the Stellenbosch arterial road early yesterday.

A police spokesman said one of the cars, in which the two occupants had died, had been cut in half while the other vehicle had been hit head-on.

The two dead men in the halved car are believed to be from Riversdale while the man who died in the other car was unidentified by late yesterday.

Two men with him who were seriously injured were identified as 21-year-old Mr Ivan Swarts of 5 Yardley Close, Epping Forest, and Mr Gerome Allchen, 21, of of Aron Sagachie Road, Bellville South.

It is not known what caused the accident.

● Late on Friday night a 35-year-old man, Mr D Mafanya, was killed when he was struck by a car in Kalamar Road, Site B, Khayelitsha.

● In Lansdowne Road, Philippi, 38-year-old Mr J Afrika was fatally injured when a car hit him late on Friday night.

● An unidentified man in his mid-thirties was killed when he was struck by a car in Durban Road, Kenridge, on Saturday night.

● At 2am on Sunday an unidentified man in his early fifties was killed in a car accident near Bishop Lavis.

● Mr Klaas Baardman, 25, of Waterkloof, Swellendam, was knocked down and killed by a car while walking on the N2 near Gordon's Bay on Saturday.

● Mrs Zandra Beukes, 23, of Robertson Crescent, Robertson, died when the car she was travelling in was in collision with another car on the Swellendam-Essen crossing at 3pm on Saturday.

● One of the weekend's assault victims, 18-year-old Mr Samuel Snyders of 36 Magnolia Street, Uitsig, Ravensmead, was stabbed in the chest soon after 1am yesterday.

# Stranglehold in Guguletu

## Community split by gangland violence

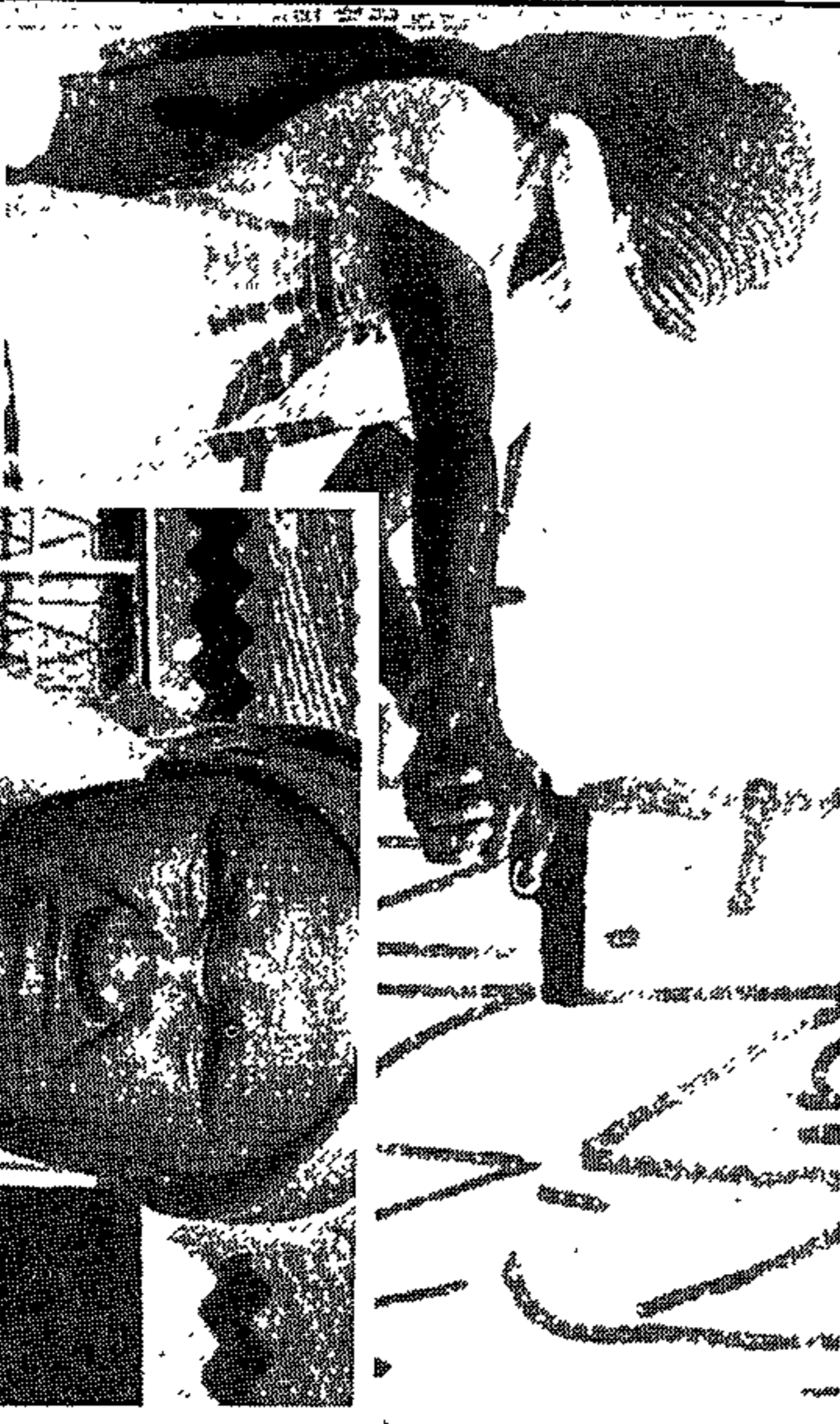
Report by CHRIS BATEMAN  
Pictures by ANNE LAING AND CHRIS BATEMAN

AN uneasy tension builds with the lengthening gravestone shadows as two separate groups of township mourners gently commit their men to earth—seconds later two youths lie dying as people flee in terror from the sudden mayhem.

The bizarre Guguletu gang clash came on July 23 this year and the newly-killed were members of the Mfelandawoyes (literally translated "We who die in one place")—a major victory for their arch-enemies, the Ntsaras.

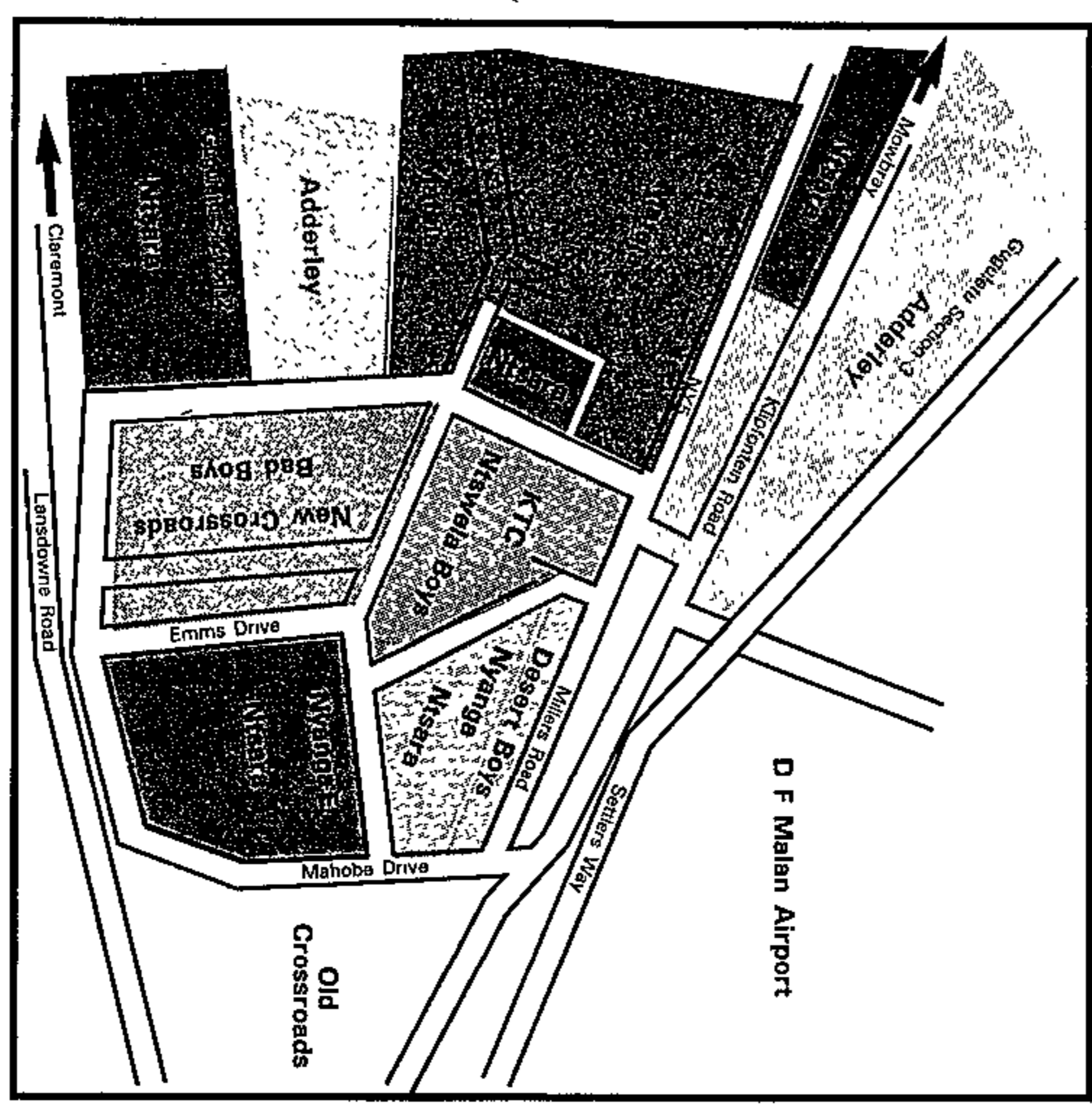
The rival groups had each been burying a member killed in gang violence the week before.

Guguletu's gangs can be broadly divided into



two. The older, more established and battle-hardened "Ntsaras" versus a coalition of Adderleys, Mfelas (Mfelandawoye) and Bad Boys. Less significant are the Desert Boys and the Ntswela Boys, both Ntsara sub-gangs.

Local detectives know of 235 "mobsters" while gang members themselves agree on a hard core of about 300 combatants. Ages range from 12 to 40 years old. Last weekend two more youths, whom



**GANG TURF** . . . Guguletu is clearly divided along gangland lines as shown above. Police confirm its accuracy.

strike at the very heart of township lifestyle. The sprawling township of brick homes and tin shanties alongside rutted streets is firmly divided on gangland lines—the exception being Old Crossroads whose citizens are beneficiaries of extensive

or station have to take a circuitous route designed to avoid "enemy territory". If they attend school or live on enemy "turf" then life can be infinitely more difficult. Several parents told the Cape Times that their children's education had come to a halt



**DEADLY ARSENAL** . . . Major Andre Mostert, branch commander of Guguletu detectives, shows some of the specially-fashioned weapons of war.

"The gangs know who their enemies are and they seek them out," says Mrs Thandeka Msomi (Mamsomi)—an Ntsara mother. She is as representative a Capetonian as one can get—third generation, fluent in Cape Flats Afrikaans and English.

"The teachers know the consequences of talking," one mother said. In a dozen interviews, schools whose names kept cropping up as having been invaded during revenge sorties were Vukukanya Higher Primary, Fezeka High, ID Mkhize High and Siyazingisa Higher Primary.

In one interview with 16 Mfela members, four said they left school for fear of their lives, three said they were still at school and the remainder said they had never attended school.

The Mfelas said they teamed up with Adderleys and Bad Boys because Ntsaras outnumbered and predated them.

"The Ntsaras' latest trick is to come cruising in a V6 Ford and try to catch us in the street," one said.

Nextdoor a family indicated a shattered door jamb and window they said were broken when panga-wielding Ntsaras chased their children into the home after leaping from the V6.

Calmly and with great satisfaction and mirth the group told of how they "got one" Ntsara when he trailed behind his fleeing fellow-raiders.

Major Mostert said some victims were unrecognizable with up to 40 stab wounds and "gross" head wounds.

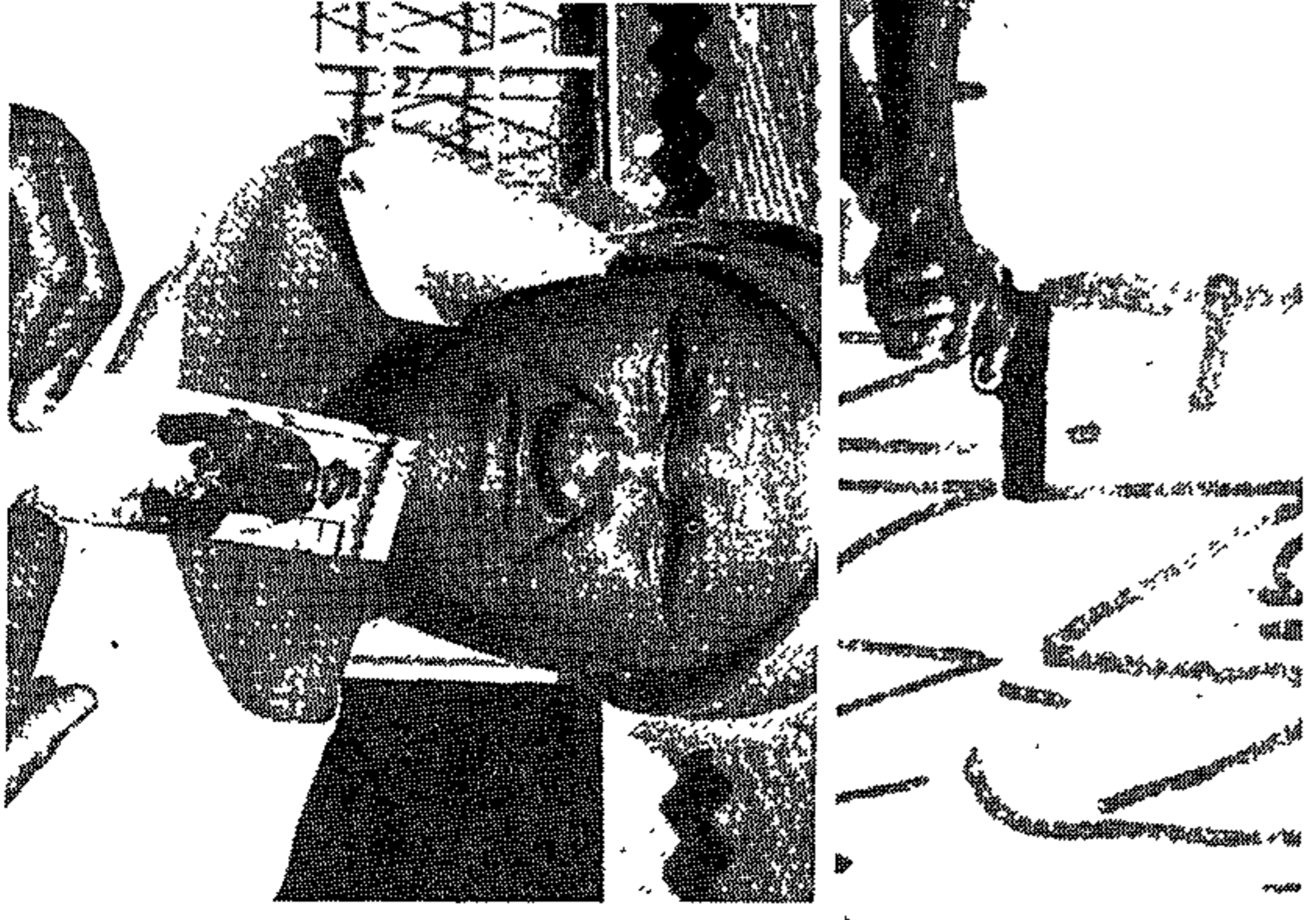
Replying to gang accusations that police "could stop it", he said: "We've successfully opposed bail on all the cases because I can show them my drop in crime statistics and testify that those released have several other pending cases against them."

The warfare is recent—all gangs said the first incidents were between June and August last year with Major Mostert reporting escalations from February this year. Mamsomi's one final

her furniture. Her 13-year-old has been hauled out of a local school by Adderleys, stabbed in the buttocks and beaten up as his terrified teacher fled, she adds.

While police detective chief Major Andre Mostert was sceptical of

**VICTIM** . . . A victim of the gang war shows a picture of her son allegedly killed by Felas and Adderleys last month. **ABOVE:** A teenage Fela shows his "power", ready to hide the gun at a seconds notice if a police van passes.



# War 10 min from heart of city

# Gangs terror

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## 3 members of the Kapdi gang held

Staff Reporter

POLICE yesterday arrested three members of the notorious Kapdi gang and took possession of two firearms after a high-speed car chase in Salt River.

Police said detectives had received a tip-off that some of the members were in the Salt River area. When policemen approached a car with three occupants in Cecil Road soon after 10am, it drove off at speed.

At the corner of Pope and Kingsley roads the car slowed and one of the occupants jumped out. Police arrested him, seizing a .45 pistol and a Smith and Wesson revolver.

The car sped on but a few streets further a second occupant also tried to escape, only to be arrested.

The driver, a 29-year-old man, was arrested when his car was forced to stop in Dryden Road. Police said the men were all identified as members of the Kapdi gang.

The gang was formed by Nazier Kapdi. In December 1985 he and five members of his gang were jailed for crimes which included murder, attempted murder and dealing in mandrax.

## By CHRIS BATEMAN JUST 10 minutes from the centre of Cape Town, hundreds of gangsters have fought out a bloody battle which has claimed at least 18 dead.

And police Major Andre Mostert has ordered high-level operations to launch an unprecedented campaign to halt the "Chicago-style" mob killings.

Already more than 100 gangsters have been netted in the clean-up, with 76 facing a variety of charges, including murder.

As the violence has escalated, the rivalry between the four largest and most feared gangs has led to a series of increasingly brutal raids and counter-raids on homes and even schools.

Last month the seething tensions which have gripped the lives of thousands of greater Guguletu's residents exploded into an orgy of death when, at the funeral of mobsters killed in ear-

lier rounds of fighting, two young-sters were brutally hacked down before the horrified mourners.

That attack triggered the police crackdown on the gangsterism — one of the most extensive seen in the Peninsula in years.

In spite of the partial relief won for the hard-pressed residents by the police action, the gangland warfare which claimed its first

## Community split by gang violence: Cape Times investigation See PAGE 5

victims only last June is never far from the surface.

In just six months since February this year, the fear of the rival gangs and their sometimes indiscriminate terror has permeated the lives of those who live in greater Guguletu — and has threatened the very fabric of township life.

According to Major Mostert — on whose shoulders has fallen the task of curbing the violence — innocent citizens have been among the victims of fighting.

Police know of about 230 mobsters but the gangsters themselves say that a hard core of about 300 combatants are engaged in the life and death struggle for control of the township. Although ages of the gangsters ranges from 12 to 40, most are of school-going age.

Though the police action — which at times has seen dozens of police present in a bid to halt the fighting — has brought some relief, many are fearful of a resurgence of violence once the prison-hardened youths get back on the streets.

### 'Peace talks'

There has been at least one major attempt at "peace talks" at the Luyolo Centre in Section 3 — in November last year — but this ended in acrimony and accusation.

The suggestion of another peace meeting was welcomed by Major Mostert who said he would back anything that would help cut his case load.

A welfare organization worker and resident said the gangsterism was a social problem.

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# Police break Cape gangs' reign of terror

CP Correspondent

POLICE this week detained 47 alleged members of township gangs to apparently break a reign of terror in Cape Town's black townships. The alleged members of the Ntsaras, Mafelandawonye and Bad Boys gangs were detained for questioning during two major clean-up operations in Athlone and Bellville.

They were held for questioning in connection with the killing of two men and assault of two others during a funeral in Gugulethu on Saturday.

Violence first flared in the townships on July 19 when confrontations between youths in Nyanga East and New Crossroads caused widespread school absenteeism.

On that Friday, four youths were reportedly injured in stone-throwing incidents.

Five days later, a Nyanga East family of 13 said it was living in fear after being attacked twice with petrol-bombs.

The Sigwela family of Monwabisi street said it had been attacked three times in a week, allegedly by the Ntsaras.

# Gangster World of Desmond Meyer

By JIM FREEMAN

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IN Valhalla Park, the teenage gangsters' member Desmond Meyer as a "tough guy" who hung around near a local butcher and wasn't given trouble by anybody.

This week Meyer, together with two other convicts, Mark Phipps and Frans Swarts, escaped from Pollsmoor Prison.

The Valhalla Park butchery street corner is the meeting place of most of the township's gangs — the Weekend Spoilers, Bad Boys, Lover Boys, Mamma's Boys.

Gang life in the poverty-stricken township begins as early as four or five years old.

"You walk the streets as a 'laaitie' and you get beaten up so often that you've got no choice but to join a gang for protection," says one scarred member of Lover Boys.

"It starts with stealing and smoking dagga. It ends with murder," he says.

Murder is the name of the Friday night game in Valhalla Park — ask the ambulance-men who are called out time after time to carry bleeding stab victims, either to hospital or to the police morgue.

When the Flat Boys come from their own turf in neighbouring Bishop Lavis, they bring their pangas with them. Then the blood really flows.

"I'm going to cut off your head, put it on a plate and give it to your mother so she can eat you like 'skaapkop'," boasts one 16-year-old gangster, proudly flashing with astonishing speed his "Ou Kapie" foldaway knife.

He does a little foot jive in the dirt then whirls and tears open his filthy overalls, baring a chest horribly criss-crossed with dozens of indelible mementoes of scores of dagga-crazed confrontations.

Around him, a crowd of blade-carrying youngsters — boys and girls — gasp with awe.



MEAN DUDES ... The Weekend Spoilers lounge around a Valhalla Park street corner, waiting for the Friday night action.

Picture: RICHARD BELL

Already some of them are on their second pipes, the dope they score for R5 just around the corner.

As they babble their bravado, relating their exploits in the darkened streets, a white bak-kie cruises past slowly, then stops.

They hush. "Dixie Boys," whispers the leader of the Lover Boys, adding under his breath, "they carry guns."

The three dudes, all about 18 years old, are infinitely more respectable than the butcher street-corner campers.

They stroll across the road and the kids

draw back. The leader, handsome and neat with a hint of a pony-tail, asks if they can help.

After a while, he explains.

"When you aren't as strong as the other gangs, you look for protection.

"We use whatever we can. Sometimes you carry an 'Everready' (Park slang for a gun) that you can buy down the road for about R100.

"Most of the time, though, you use a zip gun," he says, explaining how to make the home-made firearm from a length of pipe, a

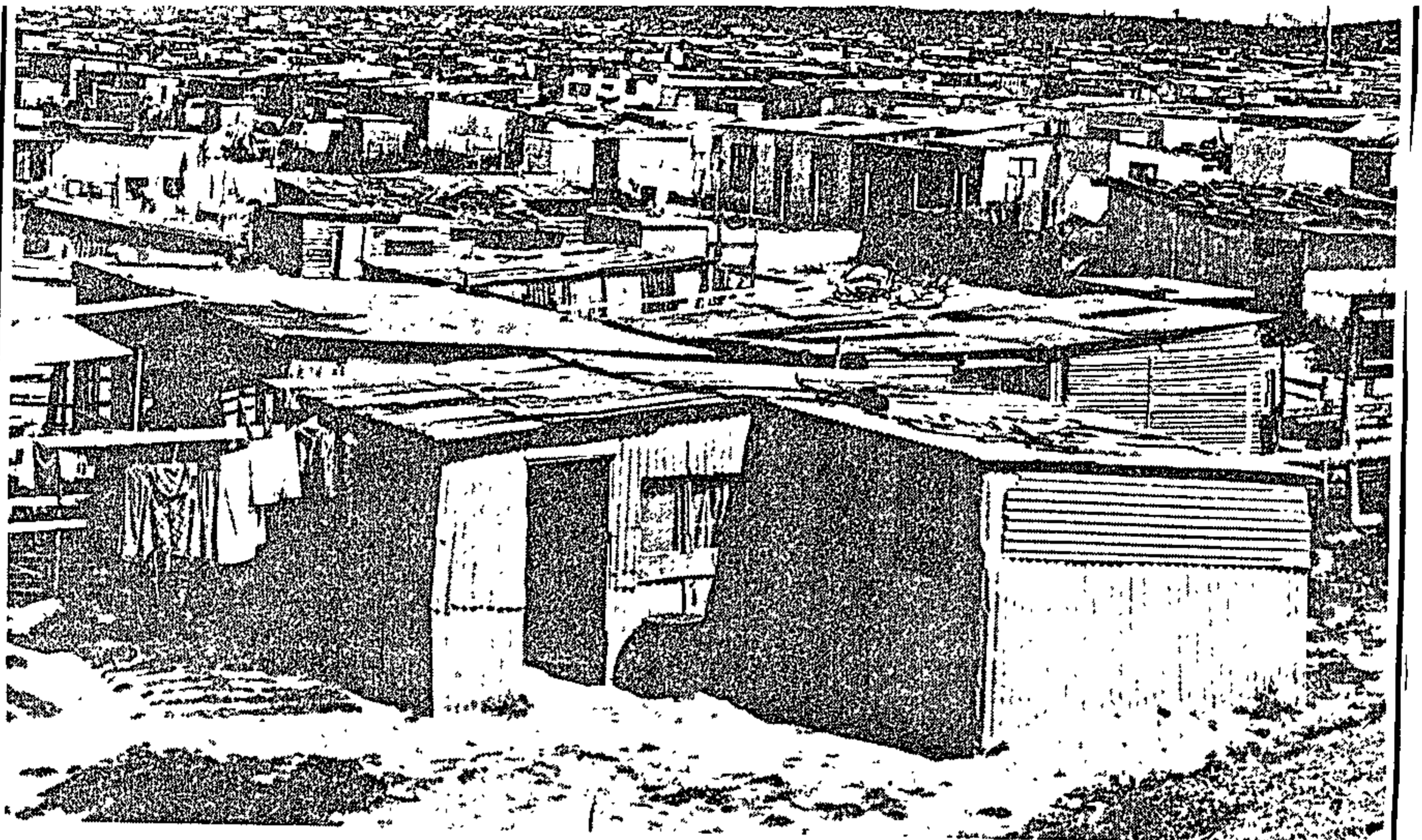
bolt and a spring.

"We use any ammunition, R1, nine millimetre or .22," he adds.

The Dixie Boy smiles at the question of where it all ends.

"It ends in prison or on the wrong end of a policeman's gun."

For Andy Phipps, another member of the "Breakout Gang" that was exactly how he ended his young life yesterday — at the end of a policeman's gun as he tried to escape another spell in Pollsmoor.



**CRIME HOTBED:** The edge of Lusaka where the shacks are so close together walking between them is difficult. This is one of the most congested and dangerous parts of Khayelitsha. Picture: WILLIE DE KLERK, The Argus

# Where violence is just a part of daily life

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This report is written by a freelance reporter who lives in Khayelitsha and contributes regularly to The Argus.

**VIOLENT** crime is becoming a feature of life in Khayelitsha, Cape Town's largest shack settlement.

For many of the township's residents, stabbings, muggings and random beatings by thugs have become the order of the day.

And the situation appears to be worsening as the population grows.

While township life in South Africa is generally tough, what's happening in Khayelitsha is beyond my understanding. The experiences I have had in townships on the Reef pale into insignificance when compared to those in Khayelitsha.

What's happening today in Khayelitsha can be likened to what most of us have only read about in articles describing conditions in the townships of old.

## Barbaric

Some of the incidents that take place just a short drive from Cape Town's peaceful and prosperous suburbs are plainly barbaric.

Such behaviour was long ago eradicated in most other townships in which I have lived.

The following observations, made during the three months I have lived in Khayelitsha, give an indication of the grimness of the situation.

● When walking the streets on any given day, even in one of the properly serviced areas,

you are likely to encounter one or more gangs of heavily armed men.

You don't know who or what they are looking for. As you give way to them, you notice in horror the assortment of vicious weapons they are carrying. You ask yourself where these people get the time and the know-how to make such dangerous articles.

## Hacked to death

● In one of my earliest experiences in the township I visited a neighbour's shack which I thought was in a "safe" area. The man left, saying he had to go to the shop, which was only a short distance away. However, almost immediately he rushed back into the shack shouting that he had been attacked outside and that he had come back for weapons. He, too, has an arsenal with which to defend himself. Fortunately, on this occasion, his attackers did not press home their attack.

● Not long after this I was waiting for a city-bound train at Nomkqubela station, which is a notorious area for assaults and muggings. It was a Monday and the general talk on the station was about a man who had been found hacked to death the previous day. The dried blood stained the ground.

● Soon after this, I was attacked by a gang of men close to the station. I was stabbed several times in the back, arms and head. The assault could have been fatal had it not been for the intervention of some youths. They chased off my attackers and took me to Khayelitsha hospital where my wounds were treated.

● On another occasion I had just entered the shack in which I was staying when I heard a noise in the street and the sound of people running past. I dashed outside to find a crowd of people was chasing an alleged pick-pocket.

## Old women joined in

● Recently a young man in his 20s was viciously attacked by a mob in Site B for allegedly picking the pocket of a train passenger — again at Nomkqubela station. He was chased from the station but caught at M Section where he was stabbed and left for dead. He was taken to hospital by a taxi driver.

Witnesses said even old women had joined the chase. Ironically, Nomkqubela is less than 100m from both the police station and the day hospital.

● The unserviced settlements are the most congested, the most filthy and usually the most dangerous areas. The shacks are so close together that walking between them is difficult.

Most unserviced settlements are so large that you wouldn't know how to get out of one on your first visit. And workers who live there often have to walk from their shacks to the station or taxi ranks and back again in the pitch dark.

## Saved by neighbours

● One such area in Site B is known as Lusaka and is a stone's throw from the police station. Recently, I and a friend were visiting another in Lusaka shortly after 7pm. Suddenly about 10 men — armed to the teeth — stormed in and attacked our host with pangas. We were absolutely helpless.

The man was saved only because armed neighbours streamed in and the attackers fled. The man had nasty wounds on his head and body.

I asked the victim what the motive was for the attack, but he didn't know. He said he knew one of his assailants by sight because they commuted to and from work together by train. But he said he had never spoken to the man.

I have been living in Khayelitsha for about three months now. What really amazes me about the violence is that everyone — young and old, man and woman — appears to have accepted it as part of daily life. The situation is dangerously crazy.

How can human life be so cheap?

# 18 die in violent weekend

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Staff Reporter

**EIGHTEEN** people died violently in the Peninsula and Boland at the weekend — nine in motor car-related accidents and nine in reported cases of assault.

Three people, including a 20-month-old baby, were killed when the bakkie in which they were travelling overturned near Veldrif.

The dead were identified as 40-year-old Mrs Katrina Pieters, Jolene Sampies, 9, and Alan Theunis, 20 months, all of Vredenburg.

● A 28-year-old Malmesbury man, Mr Denzil Ehrenreich, was killed when his car left the road between Klappmuts and Muldersvlei and hit a tree late on Saturday night.

● On Friday night, a 50-year-old woman, identified as Mrs G Jacobs, was killed when she was hit by a car in Brooklyn.

● At 2am on Saturday an unidentified 25-year-old pedestrian was killed by a car in Guguletu.

● Early on Saturday morning a pedestrian died when he was hit by a car in NY6 Guguletu.

● Late on Saturday a 10-year-old boy, B Lingamisa, was killed when he was struck by a car in Khayelitsha.

● An unidentified man aged 30 was killed when he was struck by a car in Bonteheuwel late on Saturday night.

# Weekend of violence: 25 die

Staff Reporter

AT LEAST 25 people died in the Peninsula in one of the bloodiest weekends of violent crime this year.

By late yesterday, there were two fatal shootings and at least 23 people had died in assaults.

Sergeant Sebastian Reed of Mitchells Plain died in Grootte Schuur Hospital early yesterday morning after a shooting incident in the state mortuary allegedly involving one of his colleagues on Friday night. Police said he underwent emergency surgery at the hospital for a bullet wound in the stomach.

The 26-year-old policeman entered the mortuary at Salt River just after 7pm on Friday and after an "apparent misunderstanding", the colleague's fire-arm discharged.

A murder docket had been opened and a policeman detained, police said. A man will appear in Cape Town Magistrate's Court this morning.

## Clubbed to death with stick

The other shooting involved the killing on Friday night of an off-duty policeman, Constable Jim White, 31, outside his Belhar home. Constable White died instantly from a bullet wound in the neck.

Murder and Robbery detectives led by Major Johan Kleyn last night continued their search for his killer.

Yesterday morning, a sleeping Bonteheuvel woman died when her husband allegedly clubbed her to death with a stick.

He will appear in court today on a charge of murder.

The majority of the other fatal assaults involved stabbings in the townships.

One unidentified man, about 18 years old, was fatally stabbed on Heideveld station early yesterday morning.

Police are also investigating a charge of arson after a fire extensively damaged a classroom at Rosewood Primary School at Bonteheuvel yesterday afternoon.

Firemen quickly extinguished the blaze, but several desks and chairs were destroyed.

# Township gangs 'sign' peace truce

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By JIM FREEMAN

THOUSANDS of Hanover Park gang members have "signed" a truce, in a move to bring peace to the township which has been plagued by gang warfare.

Gangsters, residents and police have reacted positively to the peace agreement, which will be re-evaluated at the end of the year to determine its effectiveness.

On Saturday scores of gang members marched from area to area next to their "turf" — centering on the township's main taxi rank — informing rival gangs of the initiative.

In all, more than 400 gangsters from 15 gangs were brought together by the largest and most powerful gang alliance in Hanover Park, the more than 1 000 member-strong grouping of the Young Americans and State Boys.

In terms of the agreement, gang members and residents of the areas they represent will be able to move unmolested around the areas controlled by the gangs.

A spokesman for the Young Americans/State Boys alliance, who identified himself as "Grey", said the two gangs had become tired of being blamed for all the violent crime in Hanover Park.

The gangs involved in the truce are Young Americans/State Boys, Laughing Boys, Nice Time Kids, Ma se Kinders (MSK), Backstreet Kids, Vultures, Park Boys, New York Yankees, Scorpions, Sewe Lewens, Junior M S K, Genuine TV Kids, Wildcats and the Juniors.

There are more than 100 gangs in Hanover Park and a major gang war

between three major gangs — the Bad Boys and Musicmakers on the one hand, and the Mongrels on the other — has already seen a number of deaths.

Gangsters who acceded to the ceasefire said they viewed the truce as a bid by the Young Americans and State Boys to spread their influence throughout Hanover Park, turning the alliance into one of the most powerful gangs in Cape Town.

One of the provisions of the verbal agreement is that Young Americans/State Boys can roam at will throughout the "peaceful" territory, but that other gangsters may only walk in pairs on alliance ground.

"Grey" agreed that the two gangs wished to make themselves the most powerful in the township, adding that the eventual aim was the complete takeover of gang life.

Residents of Hanover Park, notorious as one of the most violent of the coloured townships, breathed a sigh of relief when the truce was signed.

"All this fighting is madness," said a gangster's mother, who did not wish to be identified.

She described the gang fights as "deadly", saying the youngsters used guns, knives and spades as weapons.

The police were informed of the ceasefire and regarded it as "a positive step", said a police liaison officer, Lieutenant Attie Laubscher.

"We appreciate this willingness by the gangs to stop their senseless violence, which has caused immeasurable pain and grief, as well as their stated aim of co-operating in the prevention of crime and the maintenance of law and order," he said.

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**Gang swoop:  
65 in court**

SIXTY-FIVE alleged Ntsara gang members, 55 of whom are under 18, appeared in Athlone Magistrate's Court yesterday following a police swoop on township gangs.

The 65 were not asked to plead but the charge sheet indicates they may be charged with murder, alternatively culpable homicide. The police crackdown followed Guguletu gang clashes.

The 10 accused who are over 18 are: Mr Kenny Bam, 21, Mr Maxwell Boo, 19, Mr Mzwandile Nduna, 19, Mr Vuyani Ntuli, 19, Mr Lizo Vokhwantsheka, 28, Mr Mxolisi Ndzeku, 19, Mr Manase Sineli, 21, Mr Lawrence Magqwaka, 22, Mr Simpi Zini, 19, and Mr Vuyani Mpengezi, 19.

The case was adjourned to September 30.

STANDARD INFORMATION

1 000 arrested  
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in crime swoop (35)

CAPE TOWN — More than 1 000 people have been arrested in what is thought to have been the largest crime prevention operation mounted in the Western Cape.

More than 1 000 detectives and members of the uniformed branch were involved in the operation which lasted about 30 hours and ended at noon yesterday.

Police declined to comment on the reasons for the operation.  
— Saturday Star Correspondent.



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## Extra city patrols for season

Crime Reporter

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POLICE have promised extra footpatrols in the city centre by the start of the school holiday season, following Monday's late-night mugging of journalist Mr Andy Moth.

Mr Moth was attacked by "four or five" men near Greenmarket Square. His car was also broken into and the radio stolen.

"They rushed up behind me and started pushing me around before running off with my watch," Mr Moth said.

Police plan more "bobbies on the beat" to help cope with the expected influx of tourists and "would be doing everthing possible to make the city safe", a spokesman said.

Hotels in the city centre said security arrangements for guests were confined mainly to the inside of the hotel, but guests were warned about the danger of mugging in the city centre.

# Police arrest 1 180 in crime swoop

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By PATRICK COLLINGS  
Crime Reporter

POLICE have arrested more than 1 180 people in one of the largest crime-prevention operations yet to be staged in the Peninsula.

The 30-hour operation which ended at noon yesterday involved more than 1 000 policemen from the Peninsula's four police districts of Cape Town, Bellville, Athlone and Wynberg.

Included in the arrests was that of Isak Joseph who was arrested for the brutal murder of an elderly Bellville couple on Wednesday.

Joseph was shot dead when he attacked and stabbed a Murder and Robbery Squad detective in the unit's Bishop Lavis headquarters soon after his arrest yesterday morning.

The entire operation was supervised by the CID chief in the Western Cape, Brigadier Nick Acker. Senior officers in each of the four districts

controlled the operation in their areas.

Brigadier Acker yesterday described the operation as "a great success" and thanked members of the public for their co-operation.

The operation started at 6am on Thursday when detectives and uniformed policemen took to the streets.

At least 27 people were arrested for murder, 32 for rape, three for attempted murder, 32 for robbery and at least 67 people were arrested for possessing or dealing in drugs.

A large number of people were arrested for drunkenness and at least 334 warnings were issued to people for various minor offences.

● At the beginning of July this year police arrested more than 1 200 people in a week of crime-prevention operations, including one of the largest single police swoops — Operation Big Broom.

# Palazzolo: Nat MP asks to be suspended

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EAST LONDON. — The MP for East London City, Mr Peet de Pontes, has asked to be suspended from the National Party until his alleged involvement with convicted Italian drug dealer Roberto Palazzolo is "sorted out".

Attempts had already been made to use the affair as "a political football".

He said yesterday that he would continue as a Member of Parliament but wanted to avoid embarrassing his party. He insisted the suspension was at his own request and that he had not sought suspension earlier this year, when his involvement with Palazzolo became public, because of the way evidence was being given to the Harms Commission.

Mr De Pontes's involvement with Palazzolo came under the spotlight again last week when a Narcotics Bureau officer gave evidence.

Mr De Pontes said the commission hearings had created uncertainty and questions about him. It was impossible for him to make public what he knew or to comment fully on evidence before the commission because the matter was sub judice. He would be able to do so only once he had given evidence himself.

He said he had also asked for suspension from the Commission of Co-Operation and Development and would today ask the Speaker about his duties as chairman of the Standing Committee on commerce and industry.

He said his decision followed meetings with the NP's Cape leader, Mr Chris Heunis, and the State President and a local district council meeting. Mr De Pontes said that after Palazzolo's arrest in January, the Minister of Law and Order had informed him of Palazzolo's true background.

"At that stage we were already busy separating our business interests. I immediately withdrew as his attorney and broke all further ties with him."

A statement by the NP's East London district council said Mr De Pontes's request had been accepted reluctantly. The council had faith that Mr De Pontes would resume his place in the party.

Mr De Pontes dismissed as "absolute nonsense" allegations in a Sunday paper that he suggested Palazzolo escape from a Swiss prison. The paper also reported that Palazzolo might soon be released by the Swiss and testify in South Africa with indemnity.

— Sapa

# Jailbreak JMB

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## De Pontes offered copter to spring drug dealer — claim

By CHRIS CAIRNCROSS  
**CONVICTED**  
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 Roberto Palaz-  
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Mr Roberto Palazzolo



Mr Peet de Pontes

Palazzolo, who has or-  
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 Pontes told him during  
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## Paisley punched in Pope ruckus



ANTI-POPE ... Hardline Protestant leader the Rev Ian Paisley of Northern Ireland holds up a sign as he denounces the Pope's speech.  
 Picture: REUTERS

**Pope**  
 accused of  
 being the  
**Anti-Christ**

STRASBOURG, France. — Northern  
 Ireland Protestant leader the Rev  
 Ian Paisley was dragged from the  
 European Parliament yesterday as  
 he yelled "Anti-Christ" during a  
 speech by Pope John Paul.  
 Waving a banner reading "John  
 Paul II Anti-Christ", Mr Paisley, a  
 member of the 518-seat parliament,  
 stood up and started shouting as soon  
 as the Pope began his address.  
 The hard-line Protestant politician  
 was warned twice by Lord Henry  
 Plumb, president of the parliament,  
 to stop the disturbance and then or-  
 dered to leave the debating chamber.  
 Fighting broke out as he was  
 dragged out. Mr Paisley later told  
 reporters that members had  
 "punched and hammered" him.  
 "I renounce you ... and all your  
 cults and creeds," Mr Paisley shout-  
 ed to the Pope.  
 He told reporters he had been  
 quoting the words of Archbishop  
 Thomas Cranmer — the first Protes-  
 tant Archbishop of Canterbury who  
 was executed as a heretic in the 16th  
 Century — that the Pope was the en-  
 emy of Christ and the Anti-Christ.  
 During Mr Paisley's 45-second out-  
 burst, the Pope stood at the lectern,  
 looking bemused and smiling faintly.  
 Other members of parliament sitting  
 close to Mr Paisley threw their order  
 papers at him. — Sapa-Reuter

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half of the Ciskei government to secure a R1bn loan from a financier in Vienna

He said Mr De Pontes asked for \$25 000 for a "raising fee" demanded by the unnamed financier to secure the loan. After arranging this, Palazzolo states, he asked that the money be paid in full to Ciskei president Mr Lennox Sebe. Later he heard that Mr De Pontes had paid over only R20 000 of this amount.

In subsequent evidence submitted to the commission, it was disclosed that Mr De Pontes had placed R42 000 of the money he received from Palazzolo in a National Party campaign fund held with Volkskas Bank in East London

**'Smuggle'**

Palazzolo said that during discussions over the manner in which Mr De Pontes would help him settle in South Africa the latter had offered to help "smuggle" him out of jail.

"I repeat and I declare that he (De Pontes) offered me the possibility of sending a helicopter to get me out of the penitentiary."

Palazzolo said he refused the offer because he did not believe he was a criminal and wanted his case reviewed so he could leave Switzerland legally. He even refused a second offer by Mr De Pontes to spirit him out of Switzerland by car and on to an SA-bound jet because he did not want to break Swiss law or "sell my soul to any devil".

**Passport**

Palazzolo said he gave Mr De Pontes his passport to get his hoped-for permanent resident status sorted out and had to use a passport belonging to a fellow inmate, Stelio Frapolli, to enter South Africa illegally in December 1986 — after he had escaped from Switzerland while on a 36-hour pass to visit his family for Christmas

Palazzolo's affidavit spelt out details of a company, Papillon International, which he established in Ciskei with himself and Mr De Pontes as sole directors. He said Mr De Pontes placed no share capital into the company but had tried to have R1m released from Papillon to buy property. This transaction was blocked by Boland Bank on Palazzolo's instructions.

Palazzolo maintains that from that time on he was blackmailed by Mr De Pontes.

**'Assistance'**

Evidence was also given to the commission about the "assistance" Mr De Pontes obtained from Home Affairs official Mr Johan Scheffer to enable Palazzolo and his two sons enter South Africa

Mr Scheffer, in a sworn statement, said he removed in January two files dealing with the Palazzolo issue from the Home Affairs office in Pretoria on the express request of Mr De Pontes. WO Fouche said they were given to Mr De Pontes in East London the same month and have not been recovered.

WO Fouche will give evidence again today

# Missing mail: 18 held in Umtata

Staff Reporter

EIGHTEEN Transkeian post office officials have been arrested in Umtata after an investigation into the disappearance of registered mail.

The Transkeian Minister of Posts and Telecommunications, Mr G S K Nota, said the arrests were part of a "heavy clampdown" following complaints about missing mail, including money sent by Khayelitsha residents to their families.

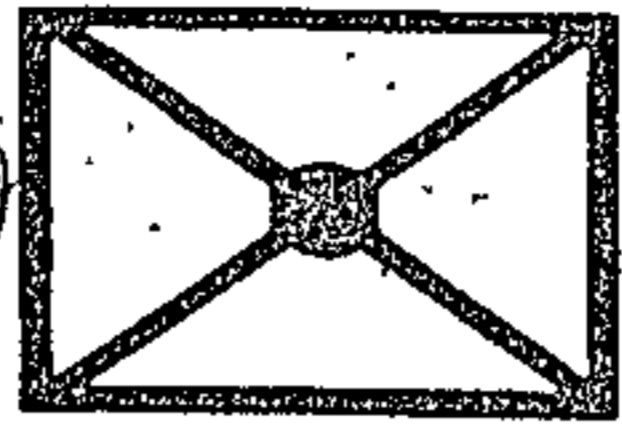
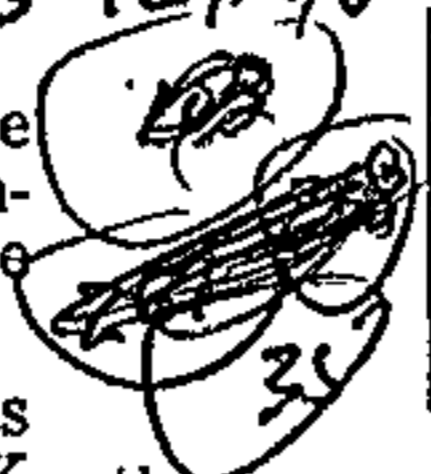
Several Khayelitsha residents said money they had sent by registered mail from Cape Town to their families in the homelands, particularly Transkei, had not been received.

Mr Nota said 18 post office staff had been arrested in Umtata. There had been arrests in other centres too, but he did not have details.

He appealed to people who had problems with mail deliveries to contact his office in Umtata so they could be investigated.

"We are determined to stamp out

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this corruption once and for all," said Mr Nota.

Among the Khayelitsha residents who complained to The Argus about missing mail was Mr Mokete Shai, 24, of U Section, Site B.

He said R60 he sent by registered post to Herschel in May did not reach its destination.

"I was shocked when I got an angry letter from my mother asking about the money. I had heard of people losing money through the post, so I made inquiries at the Khayelitsha post office," he said.

"Last month I got a letter asking me to call at the post office. I was told some members of the postal staff at Herschel had been arrested in connection with the disappearance of my

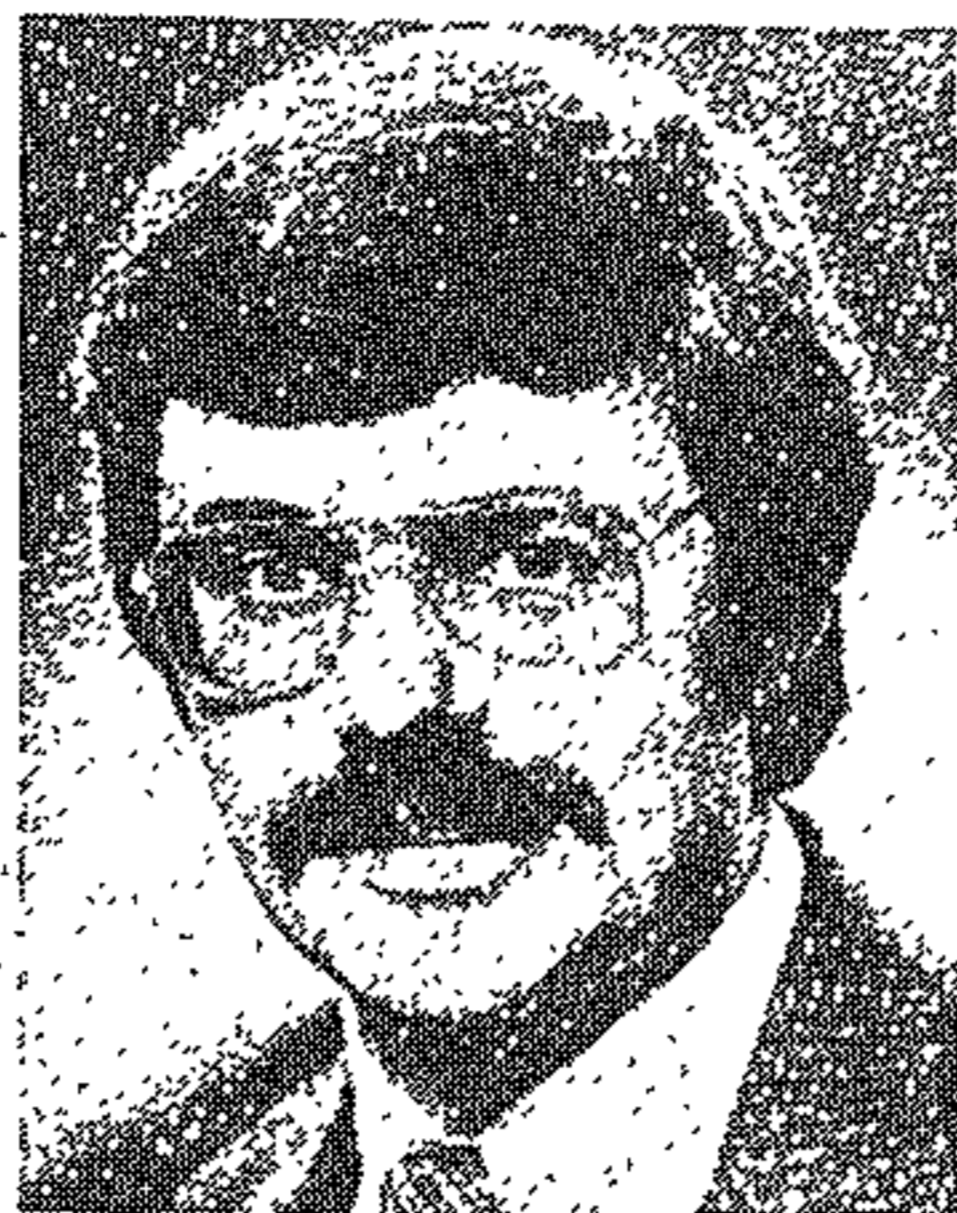
money and money belonging to other people. When I asked when I would be compensated I was told 'investigations are continuing'."

Mr C D Patterson, public relations officer for the post office in the Western Cape, confirmed there had been complaints about registered postal articles and telegraphic money orders bound for "the homelands".

Compensation was paid for all registered articles containing cash or items of monetary value lost in the post. A maximum of R50 was paid for a missing registered postal article. The "lapse of time before compensation is paid depends on the duration of the investigation".

● A report in The Argus on residents' complaints about the postal service in Khayelitsha prompted the post office to launch a campaign urging residents to use private boxes.

Mr Patterson said: "The use of a private box ensures the correct and prompt delivery of mail matter".



Mr de Pontes

# Gold chain, wine for clerk who helped Palazzolo

Staff Reporter

NATIONAL Party MP Mr Peet de Pontes promised that if he became a Cabinet Minister he would make an immigration clerk his private secretary for processing a fraudulent residence permit application for Vito Palazzolo, the Harms Commission was told.

Mr Johan Scheffer, a clerk in the Department of Home Affairs, was also given a gold chain, a case of wine and an all-expenses-paid holiday in Cape Town after helping Palazzolo and his two sons fill in their application forms.

Mr Scheffer said yesterday he knew some of the information he had entered was false and that he had committed fraud.

## JEWELLERS

Mr Scheffer said he was telephoned in July 1987 by Mr de Pontes, who said he had a good friend who wished to immigrate but who needed help in filling in forms.

Mr de Pontes, MP for East London City, asked him to come to Cape Town and paid for his ticket.

He met Vito Palazzolo, his two sons and others at Ben Smit Jewellers (partially owned by Palazzolo) and helped them to complete the forms.

Mr de Pontes told him Palazzolo was an influential man who could help South Africa and had been instrumental in the deal involving the release of Captain Wynand du Toit from Angola.

All the forms were filled in accurately except those of Palazzolo.

## CRIMINAL RECORD

No mention was made of his criminal record and the form was made out in the name of Roberto Van Palace Kolbatschenko.

Mr de Pontes said he wanted only Mr Scheffer to process the forms and take them before the Immigration Board.

His holiday was paid for and he was promised by Mr de Pontes that when he became a minister or deputy-minister he would appoint Mr Scheffer his private secretary.

The forms were processed in Pretoria and the residence permits approved and passed on to Mr de Pontes.

Mr de Pontes asked him to come to East London and to bring two files — Palazzolo's file in the name of Van Palace Kolbatschenko and that of the investigation by Home Affairs into Palazzolo when he initially applied for a residence permit from Switzerland which was refused because of his criminal record.

## NEW CLOTHES

Mr Scheffer accompanied Mr de Pontes to Cape Town, where he spent 10 days at Palazzolo's Clifton beach-house and on his luxury farm at Franschoek. He was given new clothes.

After his return to Pretoria he was told someone was looking for the files. Mr de Pontes' secretary brought them to Pretoria, where he entered a date of arrival for Palazzolo (Kolbatschenko).

She took the files away again, saying "Mr de Pontes will sleep better if he knows the files are in his possession," Mr Scheffer said.

Mr Scheffer said that in September 1988 he was convicted of fraud, perjury and possession of pornography.

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# Clerk's stole files for MP

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A DEPARTMENT of Home Affairs official, Mr Johan Scheffer, was so deep in trouble that when the National Party MP for East London, Mr Peet de Pontes, asked him to give him two department files in January this year, he could not turn back, he told the Harms Commission yesterday.

Mr Scheffer, who was arrested in February, said he stole the two files on Vito Roberto Palazzolo, of which one was under an alias, Robert Kolbatschenko, and flew to East London to give them to Mr De Pontes.

In the file marked Palazzolo was a residence application which had been refused by the Minister of Home Affairs, Mr Stoffel Botha.

He said Mr De Pontes had paid for the flight. Mr Scheffer was met at the airport by Mr De Pontes's secretary, a Mrs Scholtz, who took him to the Kennaway Hotel where he was booked under the name of Scheepers.

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Denied in affidavit



## Ack-ack guns at trial of 'SA agents'

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From MICHAEL HARTNACK  
HARARE. — A military column of armoured cars, troop carriers, mobile anti-aircraft guns and police cars with sirens blaring yesterday escorted three former members of the Rhodesian security forces to the High Court here to stand trial for a murder said to have been committed on behalf of the South African intel-



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### Denied in affidavit

Mr Scheffer was arrested in February, 1988, after a police investigation into the missing files and Palazzolo's illegal entry into the country.

Much of this is denied by Mr De Pontes in an affidavit read into the commission record earlier yesterday, although he admits being instrumental in introducing Mr Scheffer to Palazzolo in Cape Town during September last year and sketching the latter's particular difficulties to him.

Mr Scheffer said he first met Mr De Pontes in 1983 in East London where he worked as a clerk in the regional office of the Department of Home Affairs. Mr De Pontes visited the office often as a member of Parliament.

In 1987 when Mr Scheffer was working in the Pretoria section of the department, Mr De Pontes telephoned him from Cape Town and asked if he could assist in filling out permanent residence application forms for a group of his friends.

Mr Scheffer agreed because of his friendship with Mr De Pontes and took a week's leave to go to Cape Town. The air ticket was paid for by Mr De Pontes.

Mr De Pontes met him at the airport and a meeting was arranged for the next day at Ben Smit Jewellers in Thibault Square.

Mr Scheffer said he found out only later that Palazzolo had an interest in the business.

At the meeting with Mr De Pontes, Palazzolo, his two sons and several other people, the forms were filled out. Mr De Pontes told him that Palazzolo had been in a Swiss jail for offences which did not apply in South Africa, and that an appeal was pending against his conviction for laundering money from, and for, drug transactions.

He said Mr De Pontes had told him that Palazzolo could be very useful to South Africa because of the powerful contacts he had in Europe.

De Pontes had told him that some of these contacts included President Francois Mitterrand and Prime Minister Jacques Chirac of France.

Questioned by Mr Justice Louis Harms on why Mr De Pontes, with all his government connections, needed the services of a clerk, Mr Scheffer admitted that it had been explained to him that certain information which had to be entered on the form, was not completely legal.

For instance, Palazzolo's criminal record was not included and the application was in the name of Kolbatschenko.

He said he knew that a

### crack of dawn



PW Botha appears to be trying to strike an alms deal with the Swiss bankers.

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previous application by Palazzolo had been dismissed by the minister.

He admitted that he and Mr De Pontes were committing fraud.

He had expected nothing from Mr De Pontes. The air ticket was paid for and Mr De Pontes and Palazzolo took him out to dinner at a Sea Point club, Charlie Parkers.

He was shown a gold chain at Ben Smit Jewellers which Mr De Pontes and Palazzolo had said was a present for President Lennox Sebe of Ciskei for his help in getting permanent residence for Palazzolo in Ciskei.

Mr De Pontes had made much of Palazzolo's talents and connections with foreign heads of state. He said Palazzolo had played a role in the prisoner swap involving Captain Wynand du Toit.

Questioned by Mr Justice Harms on why he had not asked Mr De Pontes why all this information had not been passed on to the minister, Mr Scheffer said he believed that he was told all those things to influence him and to convince him that he was doing "the right thing".

Mr De Pontes flew to East London with all the application forms. He then posted Palazzolo's

(under the name of Kolbatschenko) to Mr Scheffer in Pretoria and submitted the others to the regional Home Affairs office after it had been decided that it was safer for Palazzolo's application to be handled personally by Mr Scheffer.

The applications were processed normally and submitted to the immigration board.

Mr Scheffer was invited by Palazzolo to Cape Town.

When he contacted Mr De Pontes to let him know of the trip, Mr De Pontes asked him to meet him in East London first and to bring with him the two department files on Palazzolo.

Admitting that he stole the files, Mr Scheffer said that by that stage he could not turn back on what he had done throughout the whole affair.

He spent the weekend in East London and on the Monday certain information was put into the computer at the Home Affairs regional office to show Palazzolo's legal entry into South Africa.

Both men flew on to Cape Town where Mr Scheffer told Palazzolo that he had had a burglary at his Pretoria flat. Palazzolo paid R1300

for new clothing for Mr Scheffer.

He was visited by police at his flat in February and arrested for the theft of the files.

In an affidavit submitted by police to the inquiry yesterday, Mr De Pontes said he was approached to act as Palazzolo's attorney at the end of 1985 by Mr Robert de Lange, the then mayor of East London.

He and Mr De Lange went to Switzerland to see Palazzolo.

"I was under the impression that Mr Palazzolo had exchange problems but at no stage was it disclosed that he was in prison serving a sentence," Mr De Pontes said in the affidavit which was read out by Detective Warrant-Officer Andre Fouche.

It was explained that

Palazzolo had been convicted and sentenced for handling money channelled from a bank in the United States by clients. The suspicion, although never proved, was that the funds possibly had been from illegal business. — Sapa

Mr De Pontes said he discussed with Palazzolo the possibilities of residence and investments in both South Africa and Ciskei.

He followed this up on his return to South Africa and the Department of Home Affairs said they needed more information.

After negotiations in the Ciskei, President Sebe personally agreed to allow Palazzolo into the Ciskei if he wanted permanent residence.

During the National Party federal congress

in Durban in August 1986, Mr Botha confirmed to him that Palazzolo's application would be considered and that he should have full details.

When Mr De Pontes told him of the Ciskei decision, he said that was their affair and he had no objection. He added that Palazzolo should make a full application if he wanted to stay permanently in South Africa.

Mr De Pontes said he visited Palazzolo in September accompanied by Mr Douw Steyn, a roving ambassador for Ciskei, and again in October.

# MP explains Palazzolo link

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Staff Reporter

AFTER hearing rumours from "far-left and far-right" political opponents that his client, Vito Palazzolo, had entered the country "illegally", East London National Party MP Mr Peet de Pontes asked a Home Affairs clerk to bring him the Italian's file so he could see everything was in order.

The clerk, Mr Johan Scheffer, was booked into an East London hotel under a false name at Mr de Pontes' suggestion.

However, he did not bring the file because he was not allowed to remove it from the Department's Pretoria offices, Mr de Pontes said in an affidavit handed in to the Harms Commission yesterday.

Mr de Pontes, suspended from the National Party, made a detailed statement to Detective-Warrant Officer André Fouche this year about his association with Palazzolo, in a Swiss jail for organised crime and Mafia drug activities.

Mr de Pontes said he did not know Palazzolo when he was approached by the Mayor of East London, Mr Robert de Lange, to act for the Italian and advise him about investments and residence in South Africa.

"I thought he had foreign exchange problems and was at no stage before my arrival in Switzerland told he was in prison," Mr de Pontes said.

It was later explained to him that Palazzolo had been jailed for handling funds which had been channeled to him from America.

On Palazzolo's instructions he applied for a visa for him at the South African Embassy in Bern and in Ciskei when he returned home.

He personally discussed the matter with President Lennox Sebe, who said he would let Palazzolo into Ciskei on condition he settled and invested.

He also discussed the matter with Mr Stoffel Botha, who said the application was being considered.

On December 26 1986 he received a call from Mr de Lange to say Palazzolo had arrived.

Palazzolo's permanent residence in the Ciskei was completed on March 4 1987. He said his application for permanent residence in South Africa should be processed.

Palazzolo changed his name to Von Palace Kolbatschenko, his old family name.

Mr de Pontes enlisted the help of Mr Scheffer, who he knew from the Department of Home Affairs, to help Palazzolo in his residence application.

In January 1988 he heard rumours spread by "far-left and far-right political opponents" that Palazzolo had entered South Africa illegally.

"I wanted to be sure and asked Mr Palazzolo to send me his passport. There was no entry stamp and he told me he showed officials at Jan Smuts a letter from President Sebe and was let in to the country."

# Palazzolo set to sue De Pontes

By CHRIS CAIRNCROSS

CONVICTED narcotics dealer Vito Roberto Palazzolo has instituted legal proceedings in Ciskei against his erstwhile attorney and business partner, East London National Party MP Mr Peet de Pontes.

This was confirmed in Cape Town yesterday by advocate P J "Dup" de Bruyn, who has been representing Palazzolo's interests during this week's Harms commission hearings into corruption and cross-border irregularities between SA, Ciskei and Transkei.

According to Mr De Bruyn, a summons has been issued in the Ciskei capital Bisho, instructing Mr De Pontes to return to Palazzolo all the shares and assets owned by Papillon International, a company registered jointly in Ciskei and SA by the two when Palazzolo arrived in the country illegally at the beginning of last year.

The summons has yet to be served on Mr De Pontes.

Palazzolo told the commission in an affidavit Papillon was established with an initial capital base of R1 million which he had brought into the company.

He and Mr De Pontes had been appointed sole directors, though the latter had contributed not "one cent as share capital".

He also said Mr De Pontes had dissolved the business relationship after Palazzolo had been arrested early this year.

Mr De Pontes's account to the commission of the Papillon venture was in sharp contrast.

He claimed his stake in the business was 13%, with a nominal value of R130 000 in payment for his services and costs.

Mr De Pontes also said that in terms of the original arrangement Palazzolo's participation would be in the form of a cash injection of R1m, while his would be in the form of fixed properties which he and unidentified persons owned in East London.

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Mr De Pontes estimated that the value of these assets were about R600 000.

Meanwhile a Department of Home Affairs clerk, Mr Johan Scheffer, told the Harms commission yesterday that he, Mr De Pontes, and his secretary, Mrs Jacomaria Scholtz, changed the contents of two files on Palazzolo which were stolen from the department in January this year.

Mr Scheffer admitted this during a cross-examination yesterday by Mr Nic Treurnicht, for Mr De Pontes, and Mr De Bruyn, SC, for Palazzolo.

Mr Scheffer said he did not mention the fabrication of letters and documents in an earlier police statement because he did not want to implicate himself.

He said the department had two files on Palazzolo. One was under his name and contained a 1986 visa refusal by the Minister of Home Affairs, Mr Stoffel Botha.

The other file was under the name of Robert Kolbatschenko (Palazzolo legally changed his name to Kolbatschenko after his arrival in SA) and contained a permanent residence permit, but with no details of his overseas criminal record.

Mr Scheffer said Mr De Pontes told him to remove the files after rumours began circulating last year about Palazzolo's presence in South Africa.

If the files were missing in the event of a query, the authorities would not be able to make a connection between the two, he said.

Mr Scheffer said Mr De Pontes also wanted to make sure exactly what was in the files. He flew to East London with the files on January 8 this year.

He said that Mr De Pontes decided to fabricate a record of correspondence on Palazzolo/Kolbatschenko for his personal attorney's file.

Mr Scheffer said Mr De Pontes would not allow him to take the files to Cape Town. They would be returned to him when the "dust settled".

# Probe told Mats got Swiss trip and loan

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Weekend Argus Reporter

EVIDENCE of an all-expenses paid visit to Switzerland for two top East London National Party members and a R42 000 loan to the National Party were the two items that dominated the Harms Commission this week.

The man who picked up the tab for the 14-day visit by suspended East London City MP Mr Peet de Pontes and the city's Mayor, Mr Robert de Lange, was jailed Mafia drug trafficker Vito Palazzolo, says Mr de Lange.

And the R42 000 loan was made to the National Party by Papillon International, of which both Mr de Pontes and Palazzolo were directors, according to police evidence.

The cheque was signed by Mr de Pontes and made out in favour of the overdrawn East London City National Party's election fund account.

It was cashed on June 10 1987, a month after the general election.

And, yesterday, Palazzolo's legal representatives confirmed their client is suing Mr de Pontes in Ciskei for the return of all shares and assets of Papillon International.

## Corruption

The Harms Commission, sitting in Cape Town, is inquiring into alleged cross-border irregularities by South Africans following the findings of two commissions in Transkei which probed corruption in the homeland.



**East London Mayor Mr Robert de Lange leaves after giving evidence before the Harms Commission.**

five-year sentence for financing a R6-million heroin deal and his involvement in a R70-million drug deal.

He was arrested in February on a R3-million farm near Franschoek, for illegally entering the country in December 1986, and was deported.

He is also wanted by American drug authorities for questioning.

Yesterday Mr Robert de Lange, who said he was a National Party member, told the commission he asked Mr de Pontes to help Palazzolo ob-



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**Mrs Tirtza Centner, the girlfriend of jailed drug trafficker Vito Palazzolo and daughter of South African businessman Mr Marcel Gruñfeld.**

Before they left South Africa to visit Palazzolo he learnt that Palazzolo was in jail for illegal currency exchange.

He asked Mr de Pontes to help with the application as he was a lawyer and an MP.

again until he called him from Jan Smuts Airport on December 26 1986 looking for Mr de Pontes.

Their expenses and air tickets were paid for by Palazzolo.

Mr de Lange said he saw nothing wrong with the free visit and was not ashamed to say he had been a friend of Palazzolo.

Earlier in the week the commission heard Mr de Pontes promised to make an immigration clerk at the Department of Home Affairs his private secretary if he became a cabinet minister.

The clerk, Mr Johan Scheffer, helped fill in forms for Palazzolo after he had already been refused a permit by Minister Stoffel Botha because of his criminal record.

In the application, six months after Palazzolo had entered South Africa illegally on a false passport and had changed his name to Von Palace Colbatschenko, no mention was made of his criminal record.

This was "fifty-fifty" the suggestion of Palazzolo and Mr de Pontes, the clerk said.

Mr Scheffer said he removed two files illegally from the Department of Home Affairs and gave them to Mr de Pontes at his request. The files were tampered with by a secretary in Mr de Pontes' presence, but were never returned to him.

Mr de Pontes said he did not want anybody to make a connection between the file of Palazzolo and the file of Co-

Palazzolo  
link mayor  
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OWN CORRESPONDENT

EAST LONDON. — The National Party had rejected the mayor of East London, Mr Robert de Lange, as a candidate in the municipal elections because of his involvement in the Palazzolo affair, the MP for East London, North, Mr Callie Badenhorst, said last night.

He said Mr De Lange was "trying all sorts of things" to link himself to the NP's candidate in Ward 6 (Vincent), Mr Chris Winterbach, and secure election in that way.

He said when Mr De Lange found himself rejected by the NP in his old ward, Ward 1 (West Bank), he "came running" to Ward 6.

He said he could only conclude that Mr De Lange was trying to get on to the council "on our backs".

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# Nat quits over MP's links with Palazzolo

Harms: 'No knowledge of second mafioso'

## Own Correspondent

EAST LONDON. — The former chairman of the National Party in East London, Mr Michael Nel, resigned his position after learning that the MP for the constituency, Mr Peet de Pontes, was involved with convicted drug dealer Vito Palazzolo.

Mr Nel, who is running for the city council, confirmed yesterday that his resignation in June this year was directly caused by disclosures of Mr De Pontes's connections with Palazzolo.

"I was not prepared to stay on as divisional chairman with everything that was going on," he said, adding that he also feared that his business could suffer as a result of the disclosures.

"I try to walk the straight and narrow."

He said there were more reasons for his decision to stand down as chairman, but he could not disclose them at this stage.

Meanwhile, the Sunday Star reported yesterday that Mafia money helped the NP to run an extravagant general election campaign in East London City in May last year.

The paper quotes Mr De Pontes's PFP opponent in the election, Mr Gwyn Bassingthwaite, as saying that the campaign was "a razzmatazz of the highest order".

According to evidence before the Harms Commission, a cheque for R42 000 which was paid into the East London City NP's overdrawn election account had been

drawn on a company of which Mr De Pontes and Palazzolo were directors.

Mr Bassingthwaite said Mr De Pontes had run an extravagant campaign which included lavish parties, a large number of posters, a vast number of newspaper advertisements — including comic-strip cartoons — and many pamphlet drops.

Mr Bassingthwaite claimed that Nationalist supporters were abandoning the party in East London in the wake of mounting evidence against Mr De Pontes, and other Nationalists like the Mayor of East London, Mr Robert de Lange.

The MP for East London North, Mr Calle Badenhorst, last night said it was "not true" that the NP was losing support over the Palazzolo affair.

## Own Correspondent

EAST LONDON. — A Ciskei government spokesman said yesterday that he had no knowledge of a second Mafia businessman who had plans in the homeland to launder money obtained from international drug sales.

According to statements submitted to the Harms commission, the man, a Singapore magnate named Mr Howe Kwong Kok, had been the guest of the MP for East London City, Mr Peet de Pontes, on several occasions.

It is claimed that Mr De Pontes had helped Mr Kok, who was said to be the main link between the Italian Mafia and the Chinese Mafia, to apply for a permanent resident's permit in South Africa for one of his daughters.

Details of Mr Kok's alleged dealings in Ciskei were published in Report yesterday.

Ciskei's deputy director-general of Foreign Affairs and Information, Mr Headman Somtunzi, said a proposal to establish a Ciskei-Swiss bank had been on the table in 1985 "but it never got off the ground".

He said he had never heard of Mr Kok, and he was not certain if Mr De Pontes had been involved in negotiations for the proposed bank.

Mr Somtunzi said he also had no knowledge of another allegation made in a statement by Palazzolo that Mr De Pontes had earned R450 000 in overseas commission for a deal to dump nuclear waste from abroad in Ciskei.

"To my knowledge Douw Steyn (Ciskei's former ambassador plenipotentiary) was the contact man in that proposal and the project was rejected by experts called in by Ciskei," he said.

Mr De Pontes could not be reached for comment yesterday.



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# MP refuses to resign

## Political Staff

THE embattled Nationalist MP for East London City, Mr Peet de Pontes, has refused to resign from the party because of evidence before the Harms Commission linking him to jailed Mafia boss Vito Palazollo.

However, top provincial leaders no longer consider him a member.

His refusal to resign his party membership comes amid controversy over his decision to continue standing as MP for East London City and calls by the Citywide Ratepayers' Association of East London to President P W Botha to prevent him and others, including the Mayor, Mr Robbie de Lange, from holding public office.

Mr De Pontes said: "I don't

think anything the Citywide Ratepayers' Association says is worthy of comment. They are a small pressure group of probably not more than 20 members opposing a specific development project in East London."

He said that when all the evidence had been heard at the Harms Commission he was sure he would be exonerated.

Mr De Pontes also rejected a statement by the Cape secretary of the National Party, Mr Sakkie Pretorius, that he had resigned from the NP.

He said he had offered to "suspend" his membership on October 8 after an agreement was reached with the Cape leader, Mr Chris Heunis.

While Mr De Pontes does not feel he has relinquished his party

membership, it is clear from Mr Pretorius's statement that the party is making no distinction between "suspension" and "resignation" and does not regard Mr De Pontes as a member any more.

Mr Pretorius said rumours had been circulating for a few months about "improper transactions" in which Mr De Pontes was allegedly involved. A party committee had investigated, and in the absence of concrete evidence had not recommended any action.

However, Mr De Pontes and Mr Heunis had agreed that "should any evidence be forthcoming or if other circumstances were to arise whereby the interests of the NP could be harmed, he would relinquish his membership".

After evidence at the commission, he was told his membership was not in the party's interest.



Mr Peet de Pontes

# Bolam Dragnet

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By PATRICK COLLINGS and GLENN SHERRATT

**TWO armed teenage housebreakers suspected of shooting a 63-year-old De Wet farmer in the face, yesterday escaped a police dragnet in the Boland mountains.**

As the police manhunt intensified, at least one neighbour of the seriously wounded farmer armed himself for his "own self protection".

And several farm labourers from the area acted as trackers for about 20 policemen on the trail of the "highly dangerous" suspects.

Boland police officer Captain Gys Boonzaier said tracker dogs had also been used in the dragnet for the boys, aged 15 and 16, in the Keerom Mountain range following the shooting of Mr Jacob Stephanus van Lill on Wednesday night.

Mr Van Lill was admitted to Tygerberg Hospital after being shot in the cheek.

## Fears of attacks

Police said they were investigating the possibility that those responsible for shooting were the youths they were hunting in connection with the theft of firearms from farms in the area.

People living in the valley said they were convinced that the suspected housebreakers were responsible for the attack on Mr Van Lill. Yesterday fears of further attacks on families in the area were running high.

Mr Van Lill's nephew, Mr Piet du Toit, said his uncle was sitting in the lounge of his home on the farm Boschloof with Mr Du Toit's mother, Mrs Tina du Toit, when the shooting took place.

"My mother was leaving the lounge when all of a sudden there was a loud bang. As she turned around there was second shot and Mr Van Lill was hit in the cheek," Mr Du Toit said.

"My mother switched off all the lights in the house, phoned the police and waited with my uncle for them to come."

Mr Du Toit said his uncle was in a satisfactory condition but that fragments of the bullet were still lodged in the cheek and there was possible damage to an eye.

A local resident, Mr Esselin Roux, who had a .38 Special, an airgun, 80 rounds of ammunition, binoculars and food stolen from his home on Tuesday, said the two suspects were locals who knew the area "extremely well".

The youths are also believed to have stolen a .22 pistol and binoculars from another farm.



Mr Roux added that following the shooting of Mr Van Lill police hunting the boys were far more cautious, especially when entering thick bush where the youths could possibly be hiding.

"You have to be careful because if they see you they are just going to shoot," Mr Roux said.

Mr Roux added he would be carrying a firearm for his own protection until the youths were caught. The two, who are also suspected of breaking into

the De Wet post office on Tuesday night, are wanted for at least six other charges of housebreaking and may be linked to another five similar incidents.

Both youths are of slender build, one about 1,5m tall and the other about 1,68m.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Constable T Swart can be contacted at 0231-224967 during office hours or 0231-23805 after hours.



**ABOVE:** Farmer Mr Esselin Roux armed himself after two suspects were believed to have shot his neighbour Mr Jacob van Lill. **INSET:** Mr Jacob van Lill.

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## Armed teenagers arrested

Crime Reporter **35**

BOLAND police have arrested the two armed teenage boys suspected of shooting a 63-year-old De Wet farmer in the face and breaking into a number of farm houses in the Worcester district.

The first suspect, a 16-year-old youth, was arrested near the De Wet wine cellars late on Friday night. His 15-year-old accomplice was arrested on Saturday morning.

A Boland police liaison officer said that a team of eight policemen were keeping the area under observation on Friday night when they noticed the two boys. The 15-year-old managed to escape the trap but was arrested the following day.

They are due to appear in court in Worcester soon.

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# Commission: De Pontes denies telling witness of files

EAST LONDON MP Mr Peet de Pontes yesterday denied new evidence before the Harms Commission that he told a Rappport journalist, Mr Martin Weltz, in April this year that he had kept two files, stolen from the Department of Home Affairs, in his safe.

The evidence by Mr Weltz, a surprise witness earlier yesterday, was the third version so far presented to the commission of what happened to the files, removed from the department by an official, Mr Johan Scheffer. Mr De Pontes began his evidence under oath late yesterday afternoon on his involvement with Vito Roberto Palazzolo — a Sicilian financier with drug and Mafia links, who escaped from a Swiss prison and entered South Africa illegally in 1986.

Mr De Pontes is expected to be on the witness stand for a week. Mr Weltz said that, after the arrest of Palazzolo and Mr Scheffer, he interviewed Mr De Pontes on April 9 this year for several hours.

He wrote an article, but there was much information that he could not print because it was either sub judice or told to him off the record. He said Mr De Pontes told him that Mr Scheffer arrived in East London in January with two immigration files on Palazzolo, one under the alias of Robert Kolbaschenko. Mr De Pontes gave him the impression that he did not expect to see the files. He told Mr Weltz he was concerned. He put them in his safe and later, in the custody of his own secretary, he sent them back to Pretoria. According to an affidavit by Mr Scheffer, Mr De Pontes asked him to steal the files. According to an affidavit by Mr De Pontes, he never saw the files at any stage.

Mr Weltz said that at the time of the interview, he was not aware of the contents of Mr De Pontes's affidavit, nor details of Mr Scheffer's activities. Mr De Pontes gave him the impression that he had done anything criminal concerning the files. Mr De Pontes implied that he wanted to make sure that the files got back into the right hands. Mr Weltz said Mr De Pontes was worried about the arrest of Mr Scheffer, but told him he did not think the matter would go much further as Mr Scheffer had been examined by psychiatrists and was likely to be certified. Mr Weltz said he was puzzled by Mr De Pontes's claim that he was unaware of Palazzolo's drug and Mafia background during his lengthy involvement with him because the Rappport investigative team had taken only three days to establish Palazzolo's background in detail. Information obtained from England was that Palazzolo was named in a book, "Men of Honour", as being directly linked to drugs and money laundering.

Additional information from the United States Drug Enforcement Agency was that Palazzolo was linked to the Pizza Connection — a billion-dollar Mafia-controlled network which smuggled morphine base from Turkey to Italy where it was converted to heroin and smuggled into the US, where it was sold via a chain of pizza restaurants. Swiss and American banks were used to launder the proceeds and the money was channelled back for the purchase of more heroin. Mr Nic Treurnicht, counsel for Mr De Pontes, said that Mr De Pontes would deny telling him that he had seen the files and suggested that he had got hold of the wrong stick in the interview. Taking the witness stand, Mr De Pontes said he stood by the contents of his affidavit to the police. The inquiry continues today. — Sapa



Mr Peet de Pontes

Mr Peet de Pontes and two others

# Mafia man 'offered to pay for NP election campaign'

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Staff Reporter

JAILED Mafia drug trafficker Vito Palazzolo offered to pay the entire costs of the National Party's election campaign in East London City last year, Mr Peet de Pontes has told the Harms Commission.

The MP said he turned down the offer, but he later accepted a R42 000 loan for the National Party and a R50 000 personal loan from a firm controlled by himself and Palazzolo.

The Harms Commission, sitting at the NGK synod hall, is inquiring into alleged cross-border irregularities by South Africans following the findings of two commissions in Transkei which probed corruption in the homeland.

Mr de Pontes, who was recently suspended from the National Party, told the commission he had rejected Palazzolo's offer to fund his successful bid for re-election in May last year.

However, the election campaign had problems later with an overdrawn bank account and he accepted a R42 000 loan for the National Party.

The loan was from Papillon International, a firm set up by him and Palazzolo, and the cheque was cashed on June 9, about one month after the election.

## Allowance

Mr de Pontes said he also accepted a R50 000 personal loan from the same company.

He handed in acknowledgments of debt for the amounts as exhibits to the commission.

Mr Justice Harms asked Mr de Pontes where Papillon International obtained the money for the R50 000 loan.

"According to papers, the funds come directly from overseas, but there's no record of it being set free by the Reserve Bank and there's no indication Palazzolo had another source of income," the judge said.

Mr de Pontes said he did not know about Palazzolo's dealings with the Reserve Bank but suggested it could be part of the R100 000 allowed to immigrants when they entered the country.

He said that when he helped Palazzolo apply for a residence permit in South Africa he did not know Palazzolo was a Mafia member, and there was still no proof.

He learned Palazzolo was in jail when he arrived in Switzerland with East London Mayor Mr Robert de Lange, who



Mr Peet de Pontes leaves court.

had arranged for him to meet Palazzolo.

He was shown a translation of a judgment that indicated Palazzolo had been convicted for handling funds which were later suspected to have been used in drug transactions.

Mr de Pontes said Papillon bought a Mercedes Benz for R61 000 for his use and it was still in his possession.

## Luxury cars

Earlier in the day Warrant Officer Andre Fouche of the SAP Narcotics Branch told the commission Palazzolo had received a tax rebate of more than R80 000 on a luxury German car through the help of Mr de Pontes.

In an affidavit made to customs officials in support of a

tax rebate for four luxury cars belonging to the Palazzolo family, Mr de Pontes said as far as he knew, each member had "owned and used" the cars.

In documentation Palazzolo declared his car had been bought in December 1985, whereas he was in jail from 1984 to December 1986, said Warrant Officer Fouche, and could not have used it.

Mr de Pontes said his own name and address had been used for the four cars and Palazzolo's furniture, because the Palazzolos did not want their end destination known.

The cars had been undervalued for tax reasons in Germany.

The Palazzolos had not known they had to pay sales tax on the vehicles, Mr de Pontes said in his statement.

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# MP in 'false name' bookings

EAST LONDON MP Mr Peet de Pontes told the Harms Commission yesterday that he booked a Department of Home Affairs official, Mr John Scheffer, into an East London hotel under a false name in January this year because of rumours in political circles on Vito Roberto Palazzolo's background.

Mr Scheffer was assisting him in obtaining permanent residence in South Africa for Palazzolo and his family.

Both Mr Scheffer and Palazzolo were arrested soon after the trip to East London.

Mr De Pontes said rumours started at the end of last year that Palazzolo was a drug and diamond smuggler and an illegal immigrant.

Aware that Mr Scheffer was going to Cape Town in January, he asked him to stop off and see him in East London. He said he told his secretary to book Mr Scheffer under another name because of inquiries being made in

Ciskei by a right-wing grouping.

Mr De Pontes said he asked him to bring the Home Affairs file on Palazzolo if he could, so that he could check that all the documentation was in legal order.

It was only when Mr Scheffer arrived that he told him that there was more than one file and that he could not remove them from the department.

Mr De Pontes said Mr Scheffer's evidence that he gave the files to him and that he changed certain information was "completely untrue".

Recounting his first contacts with Palazzolo while he was in a Swiss prison in 1986, Mr De Pontes said President Lennox Sebe of Ciskei agreed to grant Palazzolo and his family permanent residence.

Disinvestment was at a peak at the time, he said, and Palazzolo's proposed investment in the area was welcomed.

Meanwhile, Mr De Pontes applied through the South African Embassy in Berne for a

visa and initiated negotiations for South African permanent residence.

Palazzolo's furniture arrived by ship in East London in December. It was sent in Mr De Pontes's name because Palazzolo did not want it known that he intended to invest in Ciskei.

He denied any knowledge that Palazzolo entered the country using the passport of a business associate, Mr Stelio Frapoli, and denied a statement by Palazzolo that he was forced to use the passport after Mr De Pontes failed to meet him at the entry desk with his Italian passport as promised.

The mayor of East London, Mr Robert de Lange, met Palazzolo in East London and took him to the Osner Hotel. According to the hotel records, Mr De Pontes made the booking for Palazzolo and his family under the name of Frapoli.

Mr De Pontes denied doing this and said it was "totally incomprehensible". "It is possible that my name was used to get a booking

more easily," he told the commission.

Though President Sebe indicated in October that he would grant Palazzolo permanent residence, a temporary permit was only issued in March, followed by permanent residence.

Mr De Pontes said he and Palazzolo decided to become business partners and established a company called Papillon International in Ciskei, with Palazzolo handling the financial and transactions through Boland Bank.

Asked to comment further on an affidavit by Palazzolo, Mr De Pontes denied that he asked him to pay his fees into a numbered bank account in Switzerland. "The only account I have is in East London," he added.

He denied a payment of 20 000 Swiss francs. Mr De Pontes denied that he offered to smuggle Palazzolo out of prison with the use of a helicopter. Palazzolo, he said, "watched too much television". — Sapa

# 'I won't quit as MP,' says De Pontes

THE MP for East London City, Mr Peet de Pontes, said yesterday that he would not resign as MP until such time as his work for his constituency was hampered.

"I am entitled to stay on as MP until I can't fulfil my functions for my constituency, which I am still doing," he said.

Mr De Pontes was asked to respond to a call for his resignation at the weekend by the new mayor of East London, Mr Donald Card, because of his association with Vito Roberto Palazzolo, a convict with drug and Mafia links — currently the focus of the Harms Commission into allegations of cross-border irregularities.

Mr De Pontes said he resigned from the National Party because his membership became "a political football" and he was not prepared to expose the NP leadership to this.

He said Mr Card should stick to matters he knew best.

Commenting on the newly elected East London City Council and whether the Palazzolo link was a reason for the ousting of former councillors, he said he wanted to point out that some of the councillors who lost their seats were not representing the National Party.

A main reason for the changed council was that East London was "simply fed-up" with its antics and ineffectiveness. "East London saw political meddling as probably the main reason for this ineffectiveness," he said.

"The vote clearly confirmed their wish for a non-aligned council. In my own constituency, we decided to take a non-political stand in the municipal election and the calibre of the candidate was seen as more important.

"I am on record as stating this prior to the election. I believe that view was vindicated," he said.

Mr De Pontes told the Harms Commission yesterday that when rumours of Vito Palazzolo's background began circulating early this year, he did not go to the police to verify that all was in order because he was told that the police themselves were the source of some of the rumours.

He also feared that his telephone was bugged.

Cross-examined on his actions this year shortly before his client and business partner Palazzolo was arrested for illegal entry into South Africa, Mr De Pontes said he did not approach the Minister of Home Affairs either.

Asked why not, he replied that at that stage, there was no evidence of a real problem. He was concerned about the rumours and wanted to satisfy himself that all the documentation was in order.

He approached a junior Home Affairs clerk, Mr Johan Scheffer, who had helped him previously in filling in permanent residence forms for Palazzolo and his family.

He asked Mr Scheffer to fly to East London to discuss the rumours and to bring with him Palazzolo's immigration files if possible so that he could reassure himself that everything was legal. He also asked for a computer record of Palazzolo's entry into South Africa on December 26, 1986.

Asked why he did not clear things up with Mr Scheffer over the telephone, he replied that the matter was sensitive and there was a possibility that his telephone was bugged.

He had been told by an East London city councillor, Mr Philip Rohtbart, who had contacts with the police, that some of the "stories" were coming from them.

Another friend who was a roving ambassador for Ciskei at the time, Mr Douw Steyn, told him that the National Intelligence Service was making inquiries in the Ciskei.

There were also rumours about Mr De Pontes himself. — Sapa



EAST LONDON. — The chairman of Jalc Holdings, Mr Chris van Rensburg, has banked R7,2 million by swapping gambling rights on the Ciskei coast for shares in Sun Ciskei.

Mr Van Rensburg said in an interview here yesterday that he and his co-directors, Mr Laurie Painting and Mr Athos Poulos, had made an arrangement with the head of Sun International, Mr Sol Kerzner, which had put them "back in business".

The 7,5% option to buy shares in Sun Ciskei has been discounted for R7,2 million to Rand Merchant Bank. Sun International is building a hotel and casino complex near the Fish River mouth.

# Jalc in R7,2m 'arrangement' with Kerzner

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Asked what investment plans he had for the R7,2 million, Mr Van Rensburg said he had had to sell a good investment in Ciskei to finance a project in Transkei.

Jalc was refused payment of R11 million by the chairman of Transkei's military council, Major-General Bantu Holomisa, for two housing schemes which were regarded

as improperly done. Last week Jalc's lawyers filed papers in the Umtata Supreme Court suing the Transkei government for not paying for the houses. Mr Van Rensburg said the Ciskei deal would inject new life into Jalc.

A Sunday newspaper quoted the chairman of Sun International, Mr Ian Heron, as saying that a 20% share

option had been offered to a consortium, Lentin, to secure gambling rights for Sun Ciskei. He said those involved in Lentin included the managing director of the company which built Ciskei's international airport, Mr Gary Morgan; an American, Mr Archar Brownlee, and the Ciskei government represented by the Ciskei People's Development Bank.

Lentin's gambling rights stem from the R200 million Port Ciskei hotel and casino complex proposed for Hamburg.

The scheme, the brainchild of Mr Brownlee, collapsed in 1985, but Lentin retained the gambling rights. — Sapa



# Court told of assault by 'Hoza gangsters'

By REHANA ROSSOUW  
Supreme Court Reporter

ALLEGATIONS of intimidation and assault by self-styled "policemen" under control of newly-elected Khayelitsha leader Mr Mali Hoza have emerged in the Supreme Court.

Mr Hoza and his committee won last week's municipal election in Lindelethu West.

Khayelitsha student Mr Solomzi Mzamo applied for an interdict restraining Mr Hoza and three others from intimidating, assaulting or unlawfully interfering with him.

Mr Mzamo alleged that a group of men known as the "Hoza gangsters" assaulted him.

An interim interdict was granted on October 6 by Mr Justice C.T. Howie who ordered that Mr Hoza, Mr Jim Thyali, Mr Ngwenda Mbakaza and Miss Nomonde Mbakaza be interdicted and restrained from ordering, encouraging or authorising Mr Mzamo to be intimidated, assaulted or interfered with.

Yesterday, Mr Acting-Justice G.R. Comrie amended the interim interdict and extended it only against Mr Thyali, Mr Mbakaza and Miss Mbakaza. The return date is December 1.

Mr Mzamo, a scholar at Maliza Secondary School in Site B, said in papers that Mr Hoza controlled a large force of men who did not wear uniforms, but carried out functions similar to the South African Police in Site B and Site C.

"Members of this force are generally known as the 'Hoza gangsters' and they impose a strict curfew in Khayelitsha after 9pm," Mr Mzamo said.

"Persons found on the street after this time are beaten up by the Hoza gangsters who operate as vigilantes."

Mr Mzamo said Site B and Site C were subdivided into sections with deputy chiefs known as Isibonda in charge.

He said the Isibonda, who were under Mr Hoza's control, conducted the courts of law at their homes.

Mr Mzamo said he had been harassed, molested, assaulted and interfered with three times by people acting as policemen under the direction and control of Mr Hoza and Mr Thyali, allegedly an Isibonda.

On September 17 Miss Mbakaza, Mr Mbakaza and two relatives came to his home and accused him of making Miss Mbakaza pregnant, he said.

"I denied their accusation and told them that at the time she fell pregnant I was on holiday with my parents in Cradock."

Mr Mzamo said that early the next day he was awoken by two men armed with knobkieries and sjamboks, who said they were police from Site B.

"They informed me that I was due to appear at a hearing before the Isibonda in Site B."

When he refused they threatened him and forced him to accompany them.

Mr Mzamo said the Isibonda told him at the hearing that the charge against him was making Miss Mbakaza pregnant. He pleaded not guilty, was referred to a "lower court" in Site C and told to leave.

"On September 24 a group of six 'policemen' armed with sjamboks, knobkieries and pangas arrested me and forcibly bundled me into a bakkie," Mr Mzamo said.

"I was taken to Site C where I was brought before a lower court and told to appear the following morning at 10am."

Mr Thyali, the secretary of the court, sentenced him to three days in jail and ordered that he be handcuffed and paraded before a crowd of on-lookers.

Mr Hoza admitted in an affidavit that Site B and Site C were divided into sections headed by Isibonda and likened them to church elders whose function was to listen to people's troubles and complaints.

He said he had no knowledge of any of Mr Mzamo's allegations about the "Hoza Gangsters" or the "courts".

Attack: cops  
warn old not  
to walk alone

36 Crime Reporter

POLICE have issued a warning to elderly people not to walk alone following Monday's daylight mugging of a 77-year-old pensioner a couple of hundred metres from the busy Riverside Shopping Centre in Rondebosch.

A police liaison officer said Mrs Florence Brunett had just climbed up the flight of steps leading on to the Belmont Road bridge at 4pm when she was knocked to the ground by a man who grabbed her handbag.

A system existed in the Mowbray-Rondebosch area whereby groups of elderly people could arrange for a police escort to and from the shops, the liaison officer added.

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# Sodomy: City man guilty

Court Reporter

A CLINICALLY diagnosed paedophile was yesterday convicted on 10 counts of sodomy, indecent assault and assault on boys aged between seven and 17, which he committed over a period of 10 years.

Johannes Jacobus van Zyl, 34, of Louis Leipoldt Street, Goodwood, pleaded guilty to all 10 charges in Parow Regional Court yesterday.

Some of the victims and their parents waited outside the courtroom until a policeman of the Child Protection Unit told them that Van Zyl had been refused bail and the hearing had been adjourned to December 6. Van Zyl admitted sodomising five

boys aged seven, 10, 16, 13, and 17 between October 1986 and May this year.

He also admitted indecently assaulting four boys aged 16, 11, 10 and 11 between October 1978 and May this year. One of the boys was indecently assaulted at the Goodwood Drive-In.

In a report handed to the court after Van Zyl had undergone 30 days' mental observation at Valkenberg Hospital, Professor T Zabow said he was not mentally ill and was fit to stand trial. He diagnosed paedophilia and said there had been reports of abuse during Van Zyl's childhood.

Mr A L Laubscher was the magistrate. Mrs G Koelma appeared for Van Zyl.

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# Shebeens in Atlantis raided

## Crime Reporter

POLICE swooped on a number of shebeens in Atlantis yesterday morning in an attempt to bring down the high crime rate in the area.

Local police blame the hundreds of serious crimes reported each month on the 150 to 200 backyard shebeens which operate in the area.

"People get drunk in the shebeens and then go out and shoot, stab or rape other people," Lieutenant Arno Lamoer, station commander for Atlantis, said.

The operation started soon after 10.30am when about 50 detectives and members of the Peninsula Reaction Unit, using armoured personnel carriers, raided an alleged shebeen nearby the police station.

The owner of the alleged shebeen, Mr Andy Demas, told re-

porters that his home had been fired on early yesterday morning by members of a local gang.

"I have a charge of attempted murder against them and they want me to drop it," Mr Demas said. He added that although he was being attacked by members of a gang, he had never been a member.

A number of bottlenecks — a device used to smoke a combination of crushed mandrax and dagga — were found in the back of the shebeen. However, no drugs or illegal liquor was found.

The next alleged shebeen police swooped on was just around the corner from Mr Demas's home. Once again no liquor was found but a couple of pool tables and dartboards were found in the backyard.

The occupants, obviously glad that no liquor could be found, offered free games of pool to all

their unexpected visitors.

Police said the liquor would probably be smuggled into the shebeens later in the week, in time for the weekend rush.

Acting on information that guns were been sold at an address elsewhere in Atlantis, police raided a third alleged shebeen in Fernada Street, Saxon Sea. Men in the back of the premises were searched and questioned.

While armed policemen stood guard, a search through the house and in the cluttered backyard revealed a number of homemade weapons including a 2½-metre-long "sword".

Although no firearms were discovered, an 18-year-old youth was taken to the police station for questioning.

Police said the Ministry of Law and Order were monitoring the situation in Atlantis.



**POLICE SEARCH . . .** Police search a room inside one of the alleged shebeens in Atlantis yesterday. Shebeens are blamed for the high crime rate in Atlantis.

Picture: GLENN SHERRATT

# Shebeeners rat on each other as police move in

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By **STEPHEN WROTTESELEY**  
Crime Reporter

The raid followed a police decision that crime in the wind-swept West Coast town needed special attention.

SHEBEEN clients' worst enemies are not the police, but other shebeeners.

This became apparent yesterday when police swooped on Atlantis in an anti-crime operation aimed at securing the safety of residents in the run-up to Christmas.

"Why are you here? Why don't you go to John's (fictitious name) house? You'll find lots more stuff there," a self-confessed ex-convict in the backyard of one alleged shebeen said to police searching for illegal liquor, arms and drugs.

"What do you mean more? We haven't found anything here," retorted one of the reaction unit members. He had just come from John's house — where he had been given the present address.

Station commander Lieutenant Arno Lamoer said there were 400 serious crimes a month in Atlantis.

Police singled out shebeens as prime trouble-spots.

Occupants of a small house close to the police station suddenly found armed police on the front doorstep.

Protesting his innocence, Mr Andy Demas asked why he was being visited.

He said he was a victim — gangsters had shot up his house earlier in the day.

Neighbour Mr "Sailors" Crocket said he was standing outside Mr Demas's home when two cars sped up the road.

One stopped, a gunman leapt out, fired three shots, one of which went through a window, and the car sped off.

### WARNING SHOTS

One of the bullets narrowly missed his wife, Hazel, Mr Demas said.

The shooting was a warning because he had not dropped an earlier case against gangsters who had tried to kill him, he said.

Asked why gangsters would make an attempt on his life, he said he was a hawk and it was for "business reasons".

At another alleged shebeen, police clambered through a small door cut into a metal garage gate and they found two pool tables in a makeshift room in the backyard.

In Fernandes Street a tranquil street scene was transformed into chaos as the police vehicles moved in.

As sharpshooters took up positions, police moved in on suspect houses — only to find the most important one unoccupied.



**MOVING IN:** Members of the reaction unit force their way into an alleged shebeen.



**WEAPONS:** Lieutenant Arno Lamoer, station commander at Atlantis, holds a home-made axe and part of a set of garden shears — two weapons found in a kitchen during yesterday's raid.

# 70 cases of child abuse heard in M'Plain court

By DENNIS CRUYWAGEN  
Staff Reporter

MORE than 70 cases of child abuse, including 37 of rape, have come before the Mitchell's Plain Regional Court in the past four months.

Many more allegations of children being sexually abused are being investigated by police and social workers.

Fifteen of the rape cases were family-related.

Thirteen rape trials yet to be completed include that of a father and his son accused of raping his daughter.

## 19 CONVICTIONS

Nineteen rapists were convicted.

The court has sentenced three people for attempted rape, two for sodomy, four for assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, five for indecent assault and two for child neglect.

Cases of attempted rape, indecent assault, sodomy and child battery are proceeding.

Mr A M Weber of the Southern African Society for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect said child abuse in Mitchell's Plain was increasing at an alarming rate.

He called for the appointment of a district surgeon "who would be on 24-hour standby to deal with cases of child abuse".

He said: "Child abuse in Mitchell's Plain is quite serious. Many cases are not reported because of fear, apathy, ignorance and an attitude among adults of

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"it happened to me and it is just too bad if it happens to you."

He believed child abuse could be fought with a campaign to educate people. Teachers were often the first to hear of children being abused, he said.

"Their hands are tied by the Child Care Act and they can only report suspected cases. The law does not allow them to follow them up ... what a pity."

Mr Weber said several cases of alleged child abuse were being investigated by the society.

"We have seen cases where chaps have been beaten up because fathers have found them in bed with their daughters. Some fathers, who are often supported by their wives, believe they have the God-given right to initiate their daughters into sex."

Another of the ills of society was the one-parent family, he said.

## SHARES BED

"Inevitably the mother brings home a man who shares a bed with her and her children. The stepfather or lover often abuses the children when the mother is at work."

Referring to the recent exposure and conviction of paedophiles, Mr Weber said there were many such people in Mitchell's Plain.

"In one case a man who was out of work told his 12-year-old daughter to bring two friends home after school. She brought two different friends daily. He abused them before he was caught. It went on for months."

# PW to decide on Palazzolo report

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MR Justice Louis Harms said yesterday that he would produce a report on "The Palazzolo-De Pontes matter" for delivery to the State President, Mr P W Botha, before the end of the month.

The commission has adjourned its public hearing to November 28 after almost a month of evidence on how Vito Roberto Palazzolo illegally entered South Africa in 1986.

Mr Justice Harms said Mr Botha would decide whether to publish his report and what recommendations to accept.

He said the commission had covered a wider spectrum of mat-

ters than its original intention.

"I am concerned with cross-border irregularities and matters flowing therefrom," he said.

In a closing statement Mr P J de Bruyn, for Palazzolo, said his client, who was not there to defend himself, had been branded a Mafia member and heroin smuggler.

This evidence was hearsay, and the Swiss court which convicted him of laundering money did not find that he was linked to these activities.

Mr Harms said that when the commission resumed on November 28 the focus would switch back to the issue of gambling rights.

He said he got the impression

that the rulers of countries such as Ciskei believed that rights were negotiable.

Commenting after evidence given by Mr Douw Steyn, a former roving ambassador for Ciskei, Mr Harms said the rulers seemed to believe that one way of getting money into their country was by giving "immense so-called rights".

Asked by Mr Harms whether he believed that Ciskei government officials were easily bribed and that South Africans took advantage of this, Mr Steyn said "yes".

A reason for the irregularities was that the president had absolute powers. — Sapa

# Corrupt, Ciskei ripped off

By CHRIS CAIRNCROSS

ENDEMIC corruption and financial mismanagement in Ciskei allowed millions of rands to be siphoned off by South Africans and others who saw the territory as open to easy pickings, the Harms Commission heard yesterday.

There was a general perception, not without cause, that Ciskei government officials were open to bribes — and this had resulted in large amounts of money leaving the country, former Ciskeian Ambassador Plenipotentiary Mr Douw Steyn told the commission, which is investigating corruption and cross-border irregularities.

Mr Steyn said conditions within Ciskei, in which President Lennox Sebe had absolute power to circumvent regular channels and effectively change legislation at his own whim,

had created an atmosphere which encouraged cross-border irregularities.

Mr Steyn, who is a former Director-General of Agriculture in Ciskei, said he had brought the conditions to the attention to the South African government on numerous occasions, without any response.

Recounting his part in the Vito Palazzolo affair, Mr Steyn said it was necessary to take into account the deteriorating conditions in Ciskei to understand why efforts were made to help Palazzolo settle in the territory. "We had to clutch at straws," he declared.

As the person responsible for attracting foreign investment to the territory, Mr Steyn said he had received hundreds of offers, most of which were scams to siphon off money at the territory's expense.

Mr Palazzolo's offer to invest \$2 million in Ciskei in exchange for

citizenship was the first time a foreign investor had offered to put money into the country.

From testimony submitted to the commission, it became clear that territories like Ciskei and Transkei were considered easy areas from which to enter South Africa illegally and establish permanent residence.

Within two weeks of arriving in South Africa illegally, Palazzolo was granted Ciskeian citizenship with the help of Mr Sebe, who used his veto to circumvent existing legislation.

With these rights, it was a simple matter for Palazzolo to apply for permanent residence in South Africa, and apply for a South African passport as a Ciskeian citizen.

Mr Steyn said it was East London Nationalist MP Mr Peet de Pontes who had helped Mr Sebe to redraft legislation that enabled Palazzolo to obtain citizenship so rapidly.

It was Mr De Pontes, too, who had been instrumental in Mr Steyn visiting Palazzolo in a Swiss jail during 1986 to determine his bona fides.

Mr Steyn said he had been impressed by Palazzolo and his perceptions of what was needed to improve financial conditions in Ciskei.

Ciskei speedily granted Palazzolo citizenship after his arrival, but he spent only about R50 000 on a small townhouse in Bisho, in which he never lived, while spending millions on properties in South Africa.

The Harms Commission is to complete its initial hearings concerning the Palazzolo affair and the Ciskei connection today.

It is understood that the commission chairman, Mr Justice Louis Harms, may prepare an interim report on his initial findings later this month for submission to President P W Botha.



# 'MP held half Mafia man's gift to Ciskei'

Staff Reporter

MORE than half a \$26 200 (R65 000) gift to Ciskei by Italian Mafia man Vito Palazzolo was kept back by East London MP Mr Peet de Pontes, the Harms Commission has been told.

Former Ciskei roving ambassador Mr Douw Steyn said he and Mr de Pontes visited Palazzolo in Lugano, Switzerland, after a meeting in Austria about a possible investment in Ciskei.

Mr de Pontes sat in on the Austrian meeting to give legal advice. He also obtained a cheque for \$26 200 (R65 000) in his name from Palazzolo to be used for the negotiations.

The deal fell through and when they met Palazzolo, they gave him back the cheque, Mr Steyn said.

Palazzolo told Mr Steyn to keep half the money and give the other half to President Lennox Sebe.

Mr Steyn said he declined the offer but suggested Palazzolo give it to the President's Peoples Education Fund, Mr Steyn said.

The undertaking was that Mr de Pontes would have the the money changed into rands on his return to South Africa and hand it to Ciskei, Mr Steyn said.

Later Mr de Pontes told him he would hand over only R20 000 because Palazzolo had asked him to use the balance for his resettlement costs and other expenses, Mr Steyn said.

Palazzolo's counsel, Mr P J de Bruyn SC, said Palazzolo denied giving Mr de Pontes these instructions.

Mr Steyn said that as ambassador plenipotentiary his task was to encourage industrialists to invest in Ciskei.

When he met Palazzolo, he had been impressed by his understanding of the problems in the Third World.

"I explained the problems in various departments and the unbelievable situation in Ciskei.

"From our discussions it appeared that he was very generous. In his heart, he wanted to start a new life. He never took a cent from Ciskei or anybody else," Mr Steyn said.

"He wanted to show his gratitude. That's in his nature."

Palazzolo also denied involvement with drugs, Mr Steyn said.

"He told me his own sister was addicted to drugs and that he had contributed hundreds of thousands of dollars to drug rehabilitation. I transmitted this to President Sebe."

Mr Steyn confirmed that he claimed to have known the Palazzolo family for three years in a testimonial to the South African Department of the Interior supporting an application for permanent residence.

Mr Steyn said he thought that if he said he had known the family for only six months it would not have carried much weight.

(Proceeding)

## De Pontes to oppose application

Staff Reporter

EAST LONDON MP Mr Peet de Pontes is to oppose an application before the Supreme Court that the disciplinary committee of the Law Society should be ordered to set aside its 1986 decision not to take action against him.

The matter was set down last week on the court roll for March 6 next year, but voluminous papers have already been filed.

The applicant is East London attorney Mr Denis Kirk, and the defendants are Mr De Pontes and the Law Society of the Cape of Good Hope. The society has also given notice that it will oppose the application.

Mr Kirk also asked for an order that evidence submitted in connection with a complaint of "over-reaching" by Mr De Pontes in negotiating property sales mounted to "prima facie evidence of improper or disgraceful conduct".

## De Pontes knew Palazzolo was on the run—secretary

MISS Helene de Lange, former secretary to Vito Palazzolo, told the Harms Commission yesterday that she, her brother, Mr Robert de Lange, and East London MP Mr Peet de Pontes all knew that Palazzolo was on the run from a Swiss prison.

Both Mr De Lange and Mr De Pontes denied this in previous evidence.

Miss De Lange said she met Palazzolo two days after his arrival in East London in December 1986. He was introduced to her at her brother's home.

She described him as a "dynamic very nice person". She also got on well with his two sons and his girlfriend.

Palazzolo offered her a job as his secretary at a salary of R1 200 plus one or two overseas trips a year.

Miss De Lange said she went back to her home in Johannesburg to settle up and started work for him in February last year.

It was only then that Palazzolo told her of his background. He said he had been in jail in Switzerland for laundering of money. He explained that he was unfairly convicted, that he was a banker and some dirty money was channelled through his bank unknown to him.

He told Miss De Lange he could not take prison any longer and escaped.

"He told me he was on the run," she said.

Earlier yesterday, a former East London city councillor, Mr Philip Rohbart, changed his earlier evidence to the police which incriminated Mr De Pontes over the issue of whether he knew of Palazzolo's planned entry into SA in 1986. — Sapa

# Child Protection Unit's 30-hour action

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**Cape  
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by STEPHEN  
WROTTESELEY  
Weekend Argus  
Crime Reporter

**POLICE** have arrested four men in a major swoop on child prostitution in the city, and are today tracing the owners of cars seen "cruising the streets" looking for sex with child prostitutes.

The men were held during a 30-hour operation by the Child Protection Unit which ended early today, and a spokesman for the CPU said further arrests were possible when the car owners had been traced.

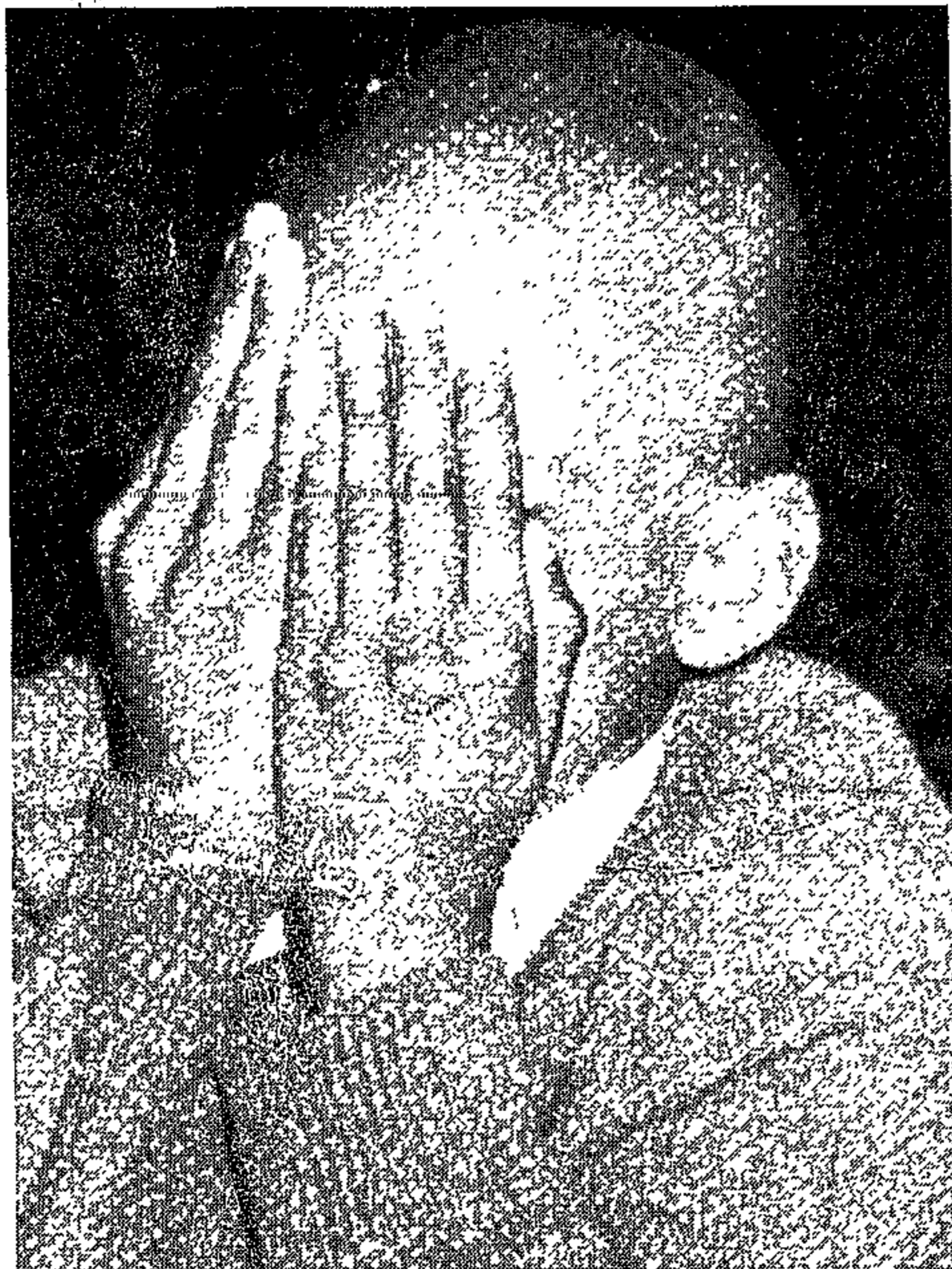
Police last night found children selling their bodies for food within metres of the Supreme Court, the highest court in the Cape.

A journalist monitoring the operation was offered "anything you want" for R10 by a 12-year-old boy when undercover police visited a pool hall in Keerom Street.

The CPU operation formed part of a larger crime-busting offensive aimed at warning Cape Town's hoodlums: Don't mess with the tourists during the festive season. More than 50 people were arrested.

During the operation a mini-bus used to take police and journalists to various target areas was broken into in Greenmarket Square in the 20 minutes it was left unwatched, and a journalists' cameras, worth thousands of rands, were stolen.

During the operation mounted by the CPU — a police branch formed earlier this year to combat child abuse — police spoke to two male prostitutes. Both said they had taken to the streets and sold their bodies after being sexually abused as children.



Pictures: LEON MULLER, Weekend Argus.

**TOP:** A 13-year-old boy, who told a journalist he would do anything for R10, hides his face after being confronted by the police. **ABOVE:** Street children sleeping in a city doorway. Many of the children sell their bodies for the price of a meal.

Police monitored the movements of vehicles in areas known to be pick-up spots for child prostitutes and registration numbers were noted.

Members of the unit were also approached by numerous "clients" asking for sex, but they sped off when they saw police back-up teams. Their numbers were also taken.

Children mixed freely with night-club visitors in the streets.

A 17-year-old male prostitute told police he had been sodomised at eight and since then had "just wanted to be a woman".

He said he had gone onto the streets shortly after his first sexual encounter and it was a situation "difficult to get out of". He said he could earn more in a night than most people in a month.

A 22-year-old man said he had been abused at 14 after being thrown out of home for being a problem child.

He said the clients of child prostitutes were often professional people including doctors, lawyers and clergymen. Some kept special flats in the city or Sea Point to continue their secret lives as paedophiles.

Both men and women solicited children on the streets. Children were chosen because they could easily be scared, seduced or manipulated. He thought there were about 100 of them.

During the raid at the pool hall, a reporter was approached as he played pool.

Police also arrested one man for indecent assault and a second for sodomy.

During one of the other operations which was conducted in Cape Town and its immediate suburbs 33 people were arrested. The arrests brought to more than 3 000 the number of people held during police anti-crime operations in the western Cape in less than five months.

by MARK STANSFIELD  
Weekend Argus Reporter

**LOOKING** for some illegal "fun"...? A pretty prostitute perhaps?... or a quiet drink when Cape Town's legitimate nightspots shut their doors at the legal hour?

Maybe you're in trouble financially and need to borrow some cash really fast, no questions asked, before they repossess the lounge furniture? How about drugs?... need some dope?

It's a cinch. Just hop into certain taxis and whisper "Sin City, please," to the driver. He'll understand what area you're after.

To regular folk, who think parking in a loading zone without getting a pink parking ticket an "adrenaline-moving experience," Brooklyn, Cape, is certainly a bit more risqué and racy.

Everything, it seems, is available there — at a price, of course.

But please don't get the totally wrong impression about Brooklyn. There are decent people living there too and many are sick and tired of the bad element who have moved into their neighbourhood and who are making it unsavoury.

The pensioners don't like it and their nominated City Councillor, Mr. Nicholas Basson is desperately trying to do something about the grave social problems in the area.

"We are well aware of the prostitution, illegal drug and liquor trades in Brooklyn and have informed the local police, the Minister of Police and the MP for the area, Mr. Kent Durr, about them.

"Hopefully something will be done in the near future. We will be extremely grateful if these practices could be stopped," he said.

**S**OMETHING has already been done: Major M. Haggard, head of the SAP's Peninsula-based Narcotics Bureau, told me that several arrests were recently made in the area over drug smuggling, illegal liquor dealing and prostitution, but, because of the nature of the investigation, no additional information could be released.

drunks, the unemployed (and unemployed, it seems) and other 'ne'er-do-wells' stood at the corner bottleshop. These are the antagonists. The muggers-in-vagrant-clothing. They wait and they watch for the right moment; for a poor defenceless pensioner to drop her/his guard.

A young policeman stood on the steps in his blue uniform with the pensioners. They collect around him in groups. He's polite. He said he's been stationed there for the day to protect the elderly from attack.

"But once they leave here there's nothing I can do," he said.

Sprightly Mrs Eth Kirsten, 78, came bouncing down the steps. Her face was a pretty picture. She's put on rouge and lipstick. Pension Day is a Big Outing in Brooklyn.

"Yes dear," she said, an arm on my shoulder, "there's lots of skollies and I'm nervous to come here so we come in groups for protection."

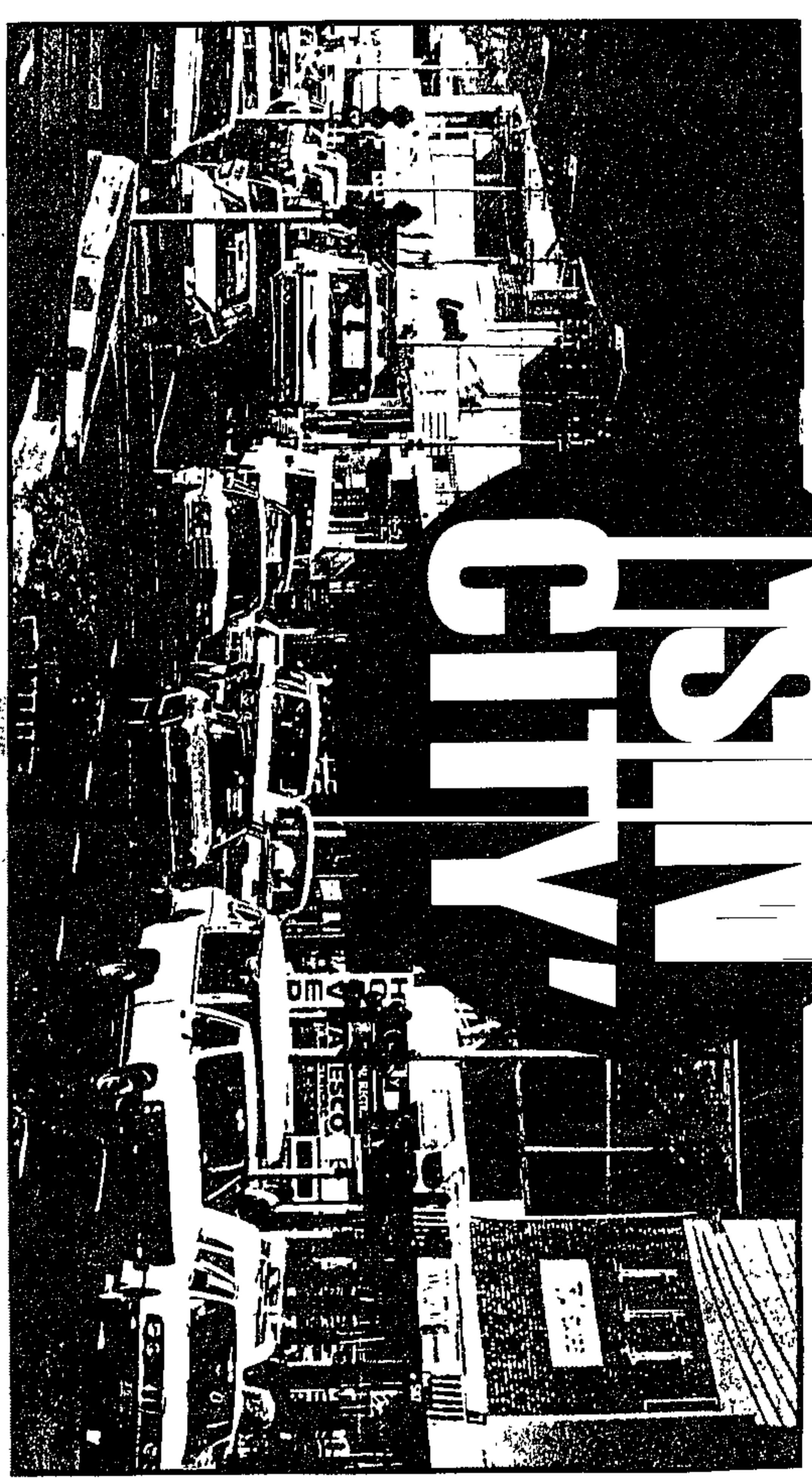
"Some of my friends have been robbed by them (a thumb over the back indicates the corner mob)... they ask for 50 cents as you pass and then they push you and run off with your handbag. There should be a police station near here (the nearest ones are at Milnerton or Matieland)... two of my friends were robbed right outside Shoprite once. In broad daylight! There are places we have been told by the police not to walk," she said.

She rushes off clutching her money in her friend's protective company, heading for homes with bars at the windows and steel gates at the doors.

You also notice that many of the elderly ladies have brought along their grandsons for protection.

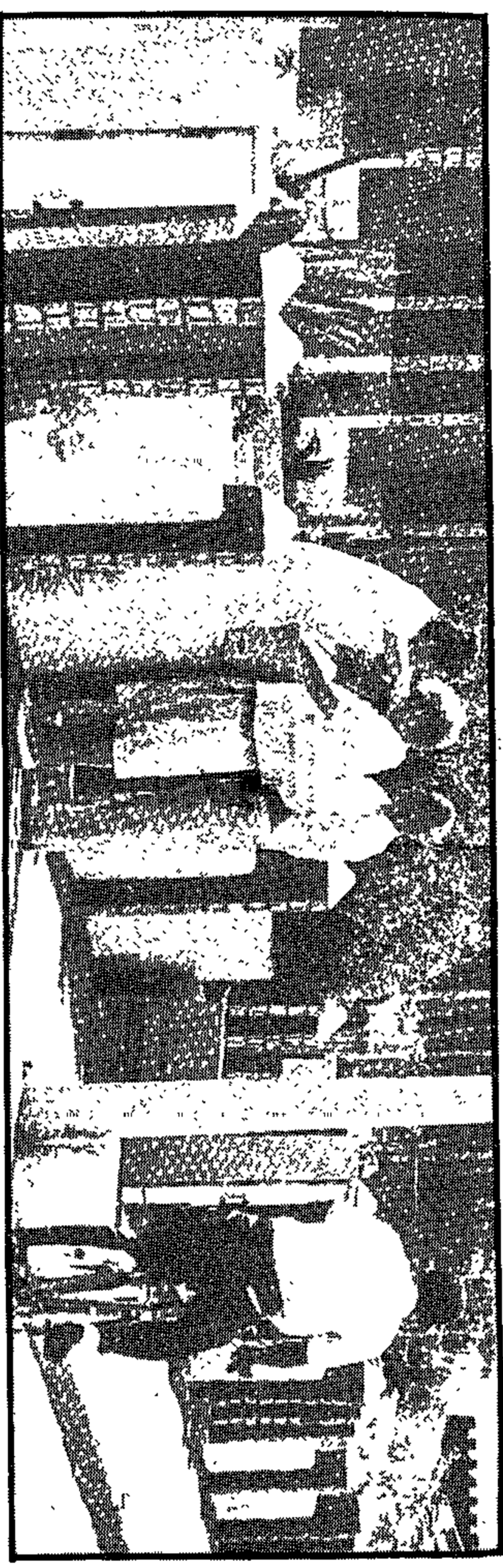
**G**RANNY Kirsten is brave. She allows us to use her name. Other pensioners glance about nervously and decline to be interviewed. Others give information, but ask not to be identified.

One says: "The skollies and the layabouts all know me so please don't use my name or they'll work out a way to get at me... I've only got one leg now... I used to be able to



# That's Brooklyn, New York, buddy — not Brooklyn, New York, buddy

**THERE** are decent elderly citizens living in Brooklyn. But they speak of prostitutes, liquor dealing and drugs — and fear muggers.



tackle six of 'em, but not any more... but I will say it's bad here now and you can forget about coloured skollies — these are whites!" he says with feeling.

"They've moved into the area because it's cheap and now they're ruining it. I've been here 30 years. Never seen it so bad and I tell you... and it's getting worse."

Inside the hall the Sunshine Ladies — a local club group who collect money to help those less fortunate than themselves — are dishing out tea, and cookies and sympathy (if needed) to those who have come to collect their

meagre pensions.

Are there prostitutes in Brooklyn; money-lenders who break legs for non-payment; shebeens and drug merchants and bad kids and druggs at schools?

The Sunshine Ladies laugh nervously and nod.

"Go down Kings Road for prostitutes and Dr Malan Crescent for money-lending and drugs," they say.

They decline to elaborate. "Let's just say that those things are common knowledge to Brooklynites. It's nothing new," they say and offer tea.

The Number One Sunshine Lady, Mrs Elfreda Hendrikse, says old people are robbed often.

"One was punched and fell over in the street over there" (pointing to the Main Road), she says.

Another Sunshine Lady, Mrs Susan Steenkamp agrees: "We've heard that the kids were caught with dagga at school... it's bad..." she shakes her head.

But among the doom and gloom the Sunshine Ladies continue to hold up a candle to those willing to come closer for some light and warmth. They are a voluntary group

who try to arrange activities for the underprivileged kids (Brooklyn is a sub-economic housing scheme for many who are living below the breadline). They hold cake sales and bazaars and dances to raise money and then take the children out for camping holidays and arrange workshops in the Martin Adams hall.

"We need recreational facilities for the children which will keep them off the streets. They're smoking and drinking and getting bad... and it's the direct influence of those people" (again the finger points to the corner bottleshop group).

There are two welfare groups operating in Brooklyn — the Afrikaanse Christelike Vroue Vereniging (ACVV) and the Housing League welfare office. Both agree that Brooklyn has serious social problems but they decline to talk about specific cases.

**THERE** are decent people living there too and many are sick and tired of the bad element who have moved into their neighbourhood...

It's the decent citizens of Brooklyn who are tired of the racketeers, the prostitution, drug-dealing and the sheeben-courousing mobs who have taken over their quiet little suburb. They are trying to do something about it.

Second Hand furniture dealer, Mr. Peter Hadjiakakis smiles ruefully when we tell him that we have information that children have been selling their parents' hi-fi's, lounge furniture and television sets for drug money.

"Yes, it happens, but now I'm clever and when I'm the least bit suspicious I take a name and go and ask the parents before I do business.

"The kids do it for drug money of simply for some money to go play the video games along the street," he says, in a "It's a joke/not a joke" kind of way.

It sounds funny: Mom and Dad walking into the house and finding the television gone and then having to beg the second-hand dealer to give it back, but it's not funny when one realises the implications...

"Let's say that Brooklyn is not the sort of place you volunteer to come and live in... you live here because there's nowhere else to go or you make sure you get out as soon as possible," Mr Hadjiakakis says.

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A spokeswoman for the ACVV group said they were concerned for the community but that openly disclosing cases could jeopardise their position of trust within the community.

The Housing League's welfare worker had taken a group of children out for a camping holiday and was unavailable this week.

**R**ESIDENTS, who declined to be named, but who have lived in the area for at least five years, told me:

Prostitution is rife in Brooklyn with blocks of flats completely taken over and some streets notorious for report girls as young as 15 plying their trade.

Many "clients" had been robbed after a visit to the red-light district, but had not reported the incidents to the police because of the circumstances.

Elderly residents were continually being mugged and robbed. Many are afraid to walk on the streets. A few have even been robbed outside the Day Clinic and their medicines stolen.

Money-lenders were operating out of the sub-economic housing area — at rates of up to 50 percent interest. People were hurt if unable to pay back in time.

Shebeens and drug dens operate out of the houses. Many residents believe the drug-runners are fishermen who bring the drugs in on fishing boats.

The list of social problems is endless.

# Gang leader dies after shooting

Crime Reporter *McGee* 9/12/88 (35)  
A GANG leader has been fatally wounded during a battle with rivals near the Hanover Park bus terminus.

Mr Ronald Anthony, 23, who was known as Slowback, was certified dead on arrival at hospital last night.

Police said he had been shot in the chest.

A police spokesman said Mr Anthony was a leader of the Americans gang.

According to information received later, there had been a battle involving the Americans and a rival group between 6pm and 7pm.

It was not known if there were any other casualties in the fighting.

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**Ciskei envoy held**

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EAST LONDON. — Ciskei's ambassador plenipotentiary and former Minister of Agriculture, Mr Vusani Mafani, has been arrested for "security reasons". He has been named in evidence at the Harms Commission of inquiry. — Sapa.

## Man stabbed, chased by gang, is home

Crime Reporter

**THE** injured Manenberg man who was chased through the streets of Woodstock by four men on Thursday morning while his wife was repeatedly raped by other members of a gang, has returned home.

Police said the man returned home late on Thursday night with two stab wounds in his back and one in his cheek.

The couple had left Woodstock station soon after 6am and were walking up Grey Street when they

were approached by eight men.

The men started "hustling" the couple and then stabbed the man in his face with a knife. While members of the gang raped the woman her husband fought with his attackers before escaping.

The woman last saw her husband being pursued by his assailants. The men left the woman after raping her.

The man is believed to have wandered round the streets for most of the day before making his way home.

# Gang rapes wife, husband feared killed

Case Times 2/12/88 (35)  
Crime Reporter

A 25-YEAR-OLD Manenberg woman was repeatedly raped by four men early yesterday morning while other members of the gang chased her injured husband through the streets of Woodstock.

Last night police were still searching for the woman's husband and they feared he might have been killed by his assailants.

A police liaison officer said the couple had left the Woodstock station soon after 6am and were walking up Grey Street when they were approached by eight men.

The men started "hustling" the couple and then stabbed the man in his face with a knife.

## Told to run away

The injured man told his wife to run away, but before she could escape she was caught by four of the gang members, who then repeatedly raped her.

The woman told police that while she was being raped, she saw the other members of the gang fighting with her husband. Her husband escaped and was last seen being pursued by the men.

The woman said three of her attackers had numerous tattoos on their bodies. One had a tattoo of a naked woman on his stomach, while another had tattoos on his face and behind his left ear.

The fourth man had no tattoos, but was wearing blue overalls.

Anyone with information is asked to telephone Detective Warrant Officer Al Slabbert at 417 4202.



# Child molester fined R3 000

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## Court Reporter

A SUNDAY school teacher, former student teacher and voluntary worker at a children's home was yesterday fined R3 000 (or two years) for indecently assaulting two boys — one at the home and the other at a Constanthia church.

Appearing in the Wynberg Regional Court yesterday, Patrick Andrew Venner, 22, of Basil Road, Plumstead, was also sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment, suspended for five years, on two counts of indecent assault.

He previously pleaded guilty to indecently assaulting an eight-year-old boy at the children's home between January and September this year.

Venner also pleaded guilty to indecently assaulting a six-year-old boy during a Constanthia church service on September 4.

The jail term was suspended on condition that he not engage in any occupation, hobby or activity involving children under the age of 18 and that he have intensive psychiatric or psychological therapy for two years.

It was specified that for six months he have weekly consultations, for the following six months fortnightly consultations and for the next year, monthly consultations.

Yesterday the mother of one of the boys cried as she told the court how her son, aged six, had changed. She said he "clings to us all the time and

his emotions see-saw — one minute he's happy, the next he's crying".

"He won't go to strangers and he does not want to be alone," the woman said. Asked what she felt for Venner, she said: "Complete compassion. I feel so sorry for him."

Venner told the court that when the offences were discovered he had been requested to withdraw from the teachers' training college where he was a student.

He said the "chances of me becoming a teacher are zero. I had a life-long goal to become a teacher, but now I know that's impossible."

He said he had thought of becoming a clinical psychologist.

Friends and family had supported him and forgiven him and he was "desperately remorseful and deeply ashamed for deeds I cannot condone".

Pride had prevented him from seeking help when he realised he had a problem after the assaults had recurred.

Earlier the court heard that Venner had ministered specifically to children, was a youth leader, camp director and a prominent figure in his church.

Passing sentence the magistrate, Mr A S McCarthy, said he was mindful that Venner's teaching career had been ruined. He said it was "shocking that an adult person should abuse a young child to that extent. Society abhors this type of conduct."

Mr P Botha prosecuted. Mr A Schippers appeared for Venner.



**PROTECTED** . . . Convicted child molester Patrick Venner leaving the Wynberg Magistrate's Court yesterday with his head covered. His attorney, Mr A Schippers, right, and friends and family tried to prevent him from being photographed.

Picture: ANNE LAING

# Child prostitute problem highlighted for reporters

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## Crime Reporter

THE nightclubs are starting to empty as Jamie tosses back his bleach-blond hair and leans up against a lamp pole, subtly flirting with passing motorists, waiting for one to stop.

Sodomised at eight, working the streets at 12, hoping for a better life, Jamie, 17, is one of the growing numbers of young male prostitutes who work the city's streets.

"I have stopped sleeping with them, I just rob the old bastards now," says Jamie.

"I did it for three years, now I just con them. They give my wages (money given upfront for sex) and then I run away."

More than anything else, Jamie feels it is the threat of Aids that has curtailed his sexual habits.

"Of course we are all worried, it's not safe to have sex with just anyone. There are still certain things that I will do, but I am careful."

Jamie's plight, like that of hundreds of children around the country, is nothing new, but has only just emerged, following the recent success of the police's

Child Protection Units in combating child abuse.

Although Jamie finds nothing wrong with prostitution, which he sees as a business contract between consenting adults, he has an open hatred for the paedophiles who prey on young boys.

"Men that molest young kids must be terrorised. Nearly all the people who work the streets agree with me."

"And it is not your down-and-outs who pick up the young boys, it is your rich lawyers, computer people and teachers. You know, the ones that no one is going to point a finger at."

His view is well justified, as journalists saw for themselves when they joined a recent Child Protection Unit raid and watched an alarming number of single men, or "steamers" as Jamie calls them, continually circling the city blocks in their big luxury German cars.

Jamie who, although just 17, gives the impression of one much older, does not see the problem as having started on the street or being contained there.

"People should be asking why

are there children on the streets. A child under 17 should be at home with his parents. Why aren't they there?"

While philosophising on the problem, Jamie tends to forget, or ignore, that it was his own traumatic childhood that probably forced him on the streets and changed his life forever.

Ever since he was sodomised, Jamie maintains that he has wanted to be a woman.

"When I turn 21, I am going to have the sex-change operation. At the moment I am a disguised person."

But the disguise is not just sexual — it is also one of lifestyle and ambition. During the day Jamie, who lives with friends in Woodstock, is a student with plans for the future.

But it is difficult for him to leave the streets where, in a couple of nights, he can make more money than most people make in a month.

No matter what the odds are, it is Jamie's dream that the streets are soon going to be behind him. "Everything is going to work out, it is going to be posh."



**STREET-WALKER**... A prostitute leans into a car in Burg Street to negotiate a price with a client. Prices vary from R2 up to R120 or more.

Picture: GLENN SHERATT

# Police mount op to 'clean up' city

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## Crime Reporter

**TWO MORE** suspected child molesters have been arrested by detectives, during a 30-hour crime-prevention operation which ended only a few hours ago.

The operation, which started at 10pm on Thursday, involved more than 100 policemen from the Child Protection Unit (CPU), Cape Town CID and members of the uniform branch.

A police liaison officer, Lieutenant Attie Laubscher, said the operation, led by Lieutenant-

Colonel Tony Dewhurst, deputy district CID, was aimed at "cleaning up" the city centre in preparation for the expected influx of holiday visitors.

"This operation can be seen as a warning to criminals that the police will not be slacking off during the festive season," Lt Laubscher said.

"We will be doing everything possible to make the city safe."

He added that the police will introduce more "bobbies on the beat" to help cope with the influx of visitors.

Provisional figures released yesterday afternoon showed 36

arrests on 34 charges, ranging from murder to possession of stolen property.

Among those arrested were one for murder, four for rape, one for sodomy, one for indecent assault on a male under 19, one for serious assault and seven for house-breaking.

Lt Laubscher said the figures could increase as detectives worked through the night.

The final stage of the operation got under way about 10.30 last night, when detectives of the CPU swooped on "known city" spots where young children were picked up by paedophiles.

# Bloody city weekend: 4 burnt to death

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Staff Reporter

FOUR people were burned to death and three — among them a four-year-old-child — were fatally wounded in shootings as Cape Town reeled under one of its bloodiest weekends in recent months.

Fourteen people were stabbed to death between Friday evening and late yesterday afternoon, police said.

A man was arrested in connection with a shack fire that killed three people in X222, Site B, Khayelitsha early yesterday morning.

The man had apparently tried to set the shack alight earlier in the night but had been chased away by the residents.

He allegedly returned later and torched the dwelling, killing Mr S Naqazo, 40, Mr K Naqazo, 37, and Mrs F Naqazo, 25.

The man is due to appear in court soon on charges of arson and murder.

In another burning, an unidentified man died in Elsie's River.

## Gang leader shot: Police fear fighting

POLICE were preparing for war in Hanover Park last night, following the Friday slaying of the leader of Cape Town's most powerful gang, Mr Ronald Anthony of the Young Americans.

Mr Anthony, 26, was allegedly murdered by members of a rival gang, the Loverboys.

According to the police, the two gangs have been waging a Chicago 1930s-style war for weeks.

The police said a number of vehicles had raced around the area on Friday evening, with dozens of shots fired.

Mr Anthony had been shot twice by gangsters in a passing Toyota Hi-Ace.

Mr Ronald Anthony, 26, was killed in a gangland slaying in Hanover Park on Friday.

The police are also investigating the shooting on Saturday night of one of their colleagues from Langa, Special Constable M Nxuseka, 48.

According to Peninsula police

spokesman Lieutenant Attie Laubscher, Constable Nxuseka became embroiled in an argument with one of his colleagues, who drew his service weapon and fired.

Const Nxuseka was taken to Conradie Hospital, where he was declared dead on arrival, and then driven to the police mortuary.

Early on Saturday morning the body of four-year-old Siyabulela Mfihlo was taken to the police station at Guguletu. He had been shot in the head by an unidentified person in KTC. No arrests have been made.

Five pedestrians were killed in four vehicle and one train accident at the weekend.

In the train accident, an unidentified man in his late 20s died when he was struck by a train while illegally crossing the Cape Flats line near Jan Smuts Drive in Pinelands.

One drowning was reported this weekend. A 77-year-old gardener, Mr T Sias, was apparently cleaning the swimming pool at Klipheuvel farm in Durbanville when he fell into the water.

# Langa gangs agree to halt township's bloody fighting

By EDWARD MOLOINYANE  
Staff Reporter

THE warring township gangs of Langa have agreed to stop fighting.

A meeting at the Bantu Hall in Langa last night, attended by about 600 people including parents, clergymen and youths, was told that the gangs had agreed to peace after talks between them and a committee of parents.

The appointment of the committee was a sequel to gang warfare in which a 12-year-old boy died and scores went into hiding in their homes.

The 13-member committee,

which met the various groups since it was formed last Friday, said in its report that there had been no problem in meeting the four gangs.

The groups had also agreed to stop using their gang names. They were apparently unaware of what had caused the recent outbreak of "war".

The committee said, however, that the gangs did not want to attend the mass meeting "because they were ashamed" but would instead be at the funeral of their fellow member "to show that we have stopped". They also undertook to abide by the "ceasefire".

Some mothers said that since the ceasefire their sons had moved back home. There had been no fighting since before Christmas.

Members said the committee should tell gangs from Guguletu and Nyanga of the Langa decision and persuade them to follow suit.

The meeting undertook to contribute towards the burial of the gang member who died in the fighting and whose body still lay in the mortuary.

The Langa Youth Movement, which had helped to convene the meeting, was asked to make a door-to-door collection and the funeral arrangements.

# Anti-gangster stand taken in townships

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By CHRIS STEYN

RESIDENTS in Langa and Guguletu have formed the strongest-ever community front to halt gangster killings in the townships this Christmas.

In Langa, a "Committee of 14" residents started work among the best-known gangs yesterday. The committee was appointed at a recent mass meeting of residents to discuss ways to stop gangsterism.

A spokesman for the Langa Youth Movement said yesterday that the committee visited several gangs yesterday to appeal to them to appear at the next mass meeting of residents on Wednesday.

He said the aim of the commit-

tee was to bring gangsters into contact with members of the community whose lives had been affected by gangsterism, and to help youngsters break free from violence-orientated lifestyles.

## 'Strong measures'

"The committee believes that imprisonment would just worsen the problem. It therefore plans to encourage gangsters to rehabilitate themselves and obtain some form of education," said the spokesman.

But he warned that the committee would adopt "strong measures" should the gangsters refuse to co-operate. He declined to elaborate on the measures at this stage.

Residents and gangsters will face each other at the Congrega-

tional Church in Bhunga Street, Langa, at 7pm on Wednesday. If the venue is not available, the meeting will be held at the Bantu Hall in Washington Street.

And in Guguletu, the Residents' Association yesterday appealed to shebeen owners to close their business earlier than usual to "prevent these horrible killings among the young children".

The association also disclosed that it had approached police to step up street patrols, and had asked them to search specifically young boys for knives.

The association also appealed to the Community Council to take an active role in the prevention of gangster killings by ensuring that "there is peace and order in the township".

# Langa, where home isn't safe for the mini-mobsters

By EDWARD MOLOINYANE  
Staff Reporter

GANG warfare in Langa has escalated to the point where some gangsters no longer stay at home because they fear attacks from rivals.

Several people, at least one of them a pre-teenager, have died in recent clashes between the gangs.

Families have been broken up because, in some cases, brother is fighting brother.

These were some of the claims made at a special meeting in the Congregational Church in Langa this week, when the gang problem was discussed.

The meeting, called by the Langa Youth Movement, was attended by 400 people, mostly parents.

## PEACEMAKERS

At the end of the meeting a committee of 13 was elected to speak to the leaders of the four gangs to try to persuade them to end the fighting.

The committee will report back to the residents next Thursday. If the gangs agree to lay down their arms, they will be asked to attend a meeting in Langa in an attempt to bring a permanent end to the bloodshed.

Mothers at the meeting, some on the verge of tears, said they were living in constant fear of their sons as they no longer had control over them.

What was more disturbing, they said, was that almost all the gangs consisted of youngsters ranging in age from 12 to 16.

Many of these boys, the meeting heard, had dropped out of school because problems at home, but others had respectable family backgrounds.

Four gangs operate in the township, the meeting was told. They are Black Wadada, Adlerley Boys, TSB and the Ntsaras.

Speakers said that although most of the fighting was confined to clashes between the gangs themselves, the violence inevitably spilled over and affected everybody.

If, for instance, a gangster was not at home when his house was raided by rivals, anyone in the area was liable to be attacked or the house burnt down.

# De Pontes tried Ciskei after SA found Palazzolo 'undesirable'

Staff Reporter

EAST London MP Mr Peet de Pontes turned to Ciskei after being told by Home Affairs Minister Mr Stoffel Botha that drug trafficker Vito Palazzolo would not be given permanent residence in South Africa until his application had been fully investigated.

Under cross-examination before the Harms Commission, Mr de Pontes said he met Mr Botha in the foyer of a hotel in Durban and was told that an application for permanent residence should be sent through the normal channels.

A visa application had been refused.

The commission is probing allegations of cross-border irregularities by South Africans following findings by two commissions of corruption in Transkei.

In a statement placed before the commission police told Mr Botha that they considered Palazzolo an undesirable person who was involved in drug-smuggling.

Replying to a question by Deputy Attorney-General, Mr Frank Kahn, Mr de Pontes said he had discouraged Ciskei authorities from contacting the South African authorities about Palazzolo because it would have been too "time-consuming".

"The Ciskei could have done their own investigation," he said.

Mr Justice Louis Harms said Ciskei had no international connections and would have had difficulty making inquiries in Switzerland and Italy.

He asked Mr de Pontes why, on June 29 1986, he told Palazzolo's brother that it "would not be a problem" for the family to come to Ciskei.

Mr de Pontes replied that he had made earlier inquiries and had contacts in Ciskei.

Asked why he wanted to get permanent residence for Palazzolo in such haste, Mr de Pontes said those were Palazzolo's instructions.

Earlier the commission heard that Palazzolo would not invest in South Africa or Ciskei unless he obtained permanent residence for himself and his family.

In reply to a question on Palazzolo's legal status in Europe, Mr de Pontes said Palazzolo told him on his arrival in East London that he had been set free after a review of his trial.

He admitted that he had never contacted the Swiss authorities for the documents concerning the review and had not given such documentation to the South African authorities.

The hearing continues.



# SOON AFTER

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## HORROR KILLING IN PICTURES



**DEATH AT THE STADIUM CONCERT . . .** A benefit concert turned into tragedy at the weekend when a security guard was stabbed to death in front of dozens of horrified spectators. These pictures were taken by a photographer, who does not wish to be identified. **PICTURE 1:** Trapped by gangsters, the security guard lies mortally wounded as a gang member lunges down for a final stabbing.



## Security guard knifed in city gang attack

**Staff Reporters**  
**A ROCK concert at Athlone stadium for the benefit of disabled children ended in bloodshed and chaos at the weekend when a security guard was knifed to death.**

According to an eyewitness the guard was cut off and surrounded by a score of gang members during a running battle between security personnel and the gang. He was brutally stabbed to death in front of several horrified witnesses.

The 30-strong gang had apparently forced their way in late on Saturday afternoon. The security guard was identified by police as Mr John Koesona of Johannesburg. Mr Koesona was in his mid-20s. A murder docket has been opened.

The concert, which featured some of the country's top names, including Brenda Fassie and Lucky Dube, drew a crowd of 13 000 fans.

The carnival atmosphere turned ugly after the stabbing and organisers cancelled the rest of the show. Riot police were called in to control the crowd and protect equipment. Stone-throwers smashed the windcreens of several cars outside the stadium. Police used teargas to disperse the crowd.

Organisers said they had hired a private security com-

pany, Tulani Security, to police crowds for the duration of the concert tour. Guards searched spectators for alcohol and checking tickets.

A witness said that about 5.30 there was trouble between security guards and "a group who seemed to have got in without tickets".

About 10 guards armed with slamboks gave chase to "20 or 30" gang members, he said. "Two or three guards caught one member and began beating him. Suddenly the others turned around and drew their knives. The guards scattered."

The gang then chased the guards and caught up with one. "He was stabbed repeatedly," the witness said. A crowd of concert-goers looked on in horror before running away.

The gang also scattered and left the stadium. By yesterday morning the show had already moved to its next venue, Bisho, in the Ciskei.

A string of Lion Lager Road Show concerts organised by SABC-run Radio Xhosa are scheduled countrywide for the benefit of disabled children.

The SAP unrest report said a number of vehicles were damaged in several incidents of stone-throwing. "After one such incident (in Athlone) a black youth was arrested. Police used tearsmoke to disperse a large group of blacks who had thrown stones at police vehicles. No injuries were reported."

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# Concert murder Victim a schoolboy

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By EDWARD MOLOINYANE,  
ARNOLD KIRKBY and  
SHARON SOROUR, Staff Reporters

THE guard who was stabbed to death in front of 13 000 people at a rock concert in Athlone at the weekend was a 19-year-old schoolboy who worked for a security firm at weekends to earn pocket money.

John Skosana of Zone 1, Diepkloof, Soweto had just passed his end-of-year examinations and would have been in Standard 9 at Sidedithas Secondary School in Soweto next year.

His grieving mother, Mrs Lydia Skosana, a Johannesburg domestic worker, said her son told her on Thursday he was going to Cape Town for the weekend. That was the last time she saw him.

"I leave home very early and return late so I didn't see him on Friday," she said.

Mrs Skosana said that her son and some of his schoolmates had weekend jobs with the private security firm, Thulani Guards, to earn pocket money.

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Mrs Skosana said that John, the fourth of her eight children, was a quiet youngster who was loved by all in the neighbourhood.

John had just received his Standard 8 school report and he had done well in his exams.

Friends neighbours and schoolmates, saddened by his death, gathered at the Skosana home today to share his family's grief.

Mrs Skosana said that funeral arrangements were being made. She understood that John's body was flown to Johannesburg yesterday but only Mr Nkosi had details at this stage.

Mr Nkosi was not available for comment today.

John was stabbed in front of about 13 000 spectators after a gang of between 20 and 30 entered the stadium on Saturday and started a fracas during a concert to raise money for disabled children.

Members of the Thulani Guards, who had been hired for a series of road rock shows, intercepted the gang and a running battle ensued.

One of the organisers, Mr Patrick Miller of Platform Promotions in Johannesburg, told police he heard screams and saw John Skosana being stabbed.

## Stone-throwing

Police arrived and the concert erupted into a series of stone-throwing incidents. Windcreens and windows of cars were broken and teargas was fired, a police spokesman said.

More than 30 people were killed in a weekend of violence in the Peninsula and Boland. At least 15 were stabbed to death, including John Skosana.

A member of the crew of the harbour tug WH Andrag died after a freak cable accident in the docks on Saturday. Two other crew were seriously injured.

Mr P P da Sil Rebelo of Gardens died in Groote Schuur Hospital yesterday of head injuries and Mr Cecil Mouton of Vasco and Mr C J Pietersen of Pinelands are in Somerset Hospital with multiple injuries. Both are in satisfactory condition.

According to a spokesman for the Port Captain the accident happened after the tug docked a container ship in Ben Schoeman dock.

At least five people died in  
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## Concert murder victim a schoolboy

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road-related accidents and another was killed crossing the Cape Flats railway line in Pinelands.

Strong winds may have been responsible for the death of Mr J H Snyders, 68, of Goya Road, Delarey, Bellville, whose car overturned on the Caledon/Napier road on Saturday.

Mr Snyders was on his way to his holiday house at Arniston with his wife Elise, grandson Nico, 12, and a friend, Jaco, when his car and trailer left the road.

Mrs Snyders was taken to Caledon Hospital with slight neck injuries. The boys were unhurt.

Three members of a Khayelitsha family were burnt to

death in their Site B shack after a man allegedly set it alight on Friday night.

A four-year-old boy, Siyabulela Mfihlo, was shot in the head by an unknown gunman in KTC on Friday night.

A special constable, Mr Matorela Nxuseka, died when a colleague allegedly blasted him at close range with a shotgun during an argument in Nyanga on Saturday.

# Concert security guards VICIOUS

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Staff Reporters

SECURITY arrangements at Saturday's ill-fated rock concert in Athlone, where a schoolboy security guard was knifed to death in front of horrified onlookers, have come under fire for being "deplorable and vicious".

"People who came to listen to the music were being ill-treated by the security personnel who sjambokked them," said a spectator who asked not to be identified.

"Women were also searched in public in front of the men and with no concern about their dignity," the spectator added.

Mr Morgan Nkosi, the owner of Thulani Guards, hired to provide security at the shows, denied the allegations.

"If you are being attacked by a man with a panga, you hit him with the sjambok," Mr Nkosi said.

Mr Nkosi said special screens were used to provide privacy when people were being searched, but he admitted that they might not have been used.

"The guards might have forgotten them," he said.

The concert ended in bloodshed and chaos when 19-year-old secur-

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## Rock concert

ity guard Mr John Skosana from Soweto was cut off and surrounded during a running battle between security personnel and between 20 and 30 gang members.

Mr Skosana, who had just passed his end-of-year examinations and was expected to enter Std 9 at Sidetitas Secondary School in Soweto next year, was stabbed to death in front of several horrified witnesses.

A number of vehicles were also damaged and police had to use teargas to disperse people.

The Athlone show was one of several Lion Lager Road Show concerts being run in conjunction with Radio Xhosa. It was staged to raise money for disabled children.

Concert organisers refused to comment.

# Toddler <sup>5</sup> shot dead

FOUR people were burned to death and three, including a four-year-old child, shot dead, as Cape Town reeled under one of its bloodiest weekends in recent months.

Fourteen people were stabbed to death between Friday evening and late on Sunday, police have reported.

A man was arrested in connection with a shack fire that killed three people in Khayelitsha.

The man had apparently tried to set the shack alight, but had been turned away by the residents.

He allegedly returned later and torched the dwelling, killing Mr S Naqazo (40), Mr K Naqazo (37) and Mrs F Naqazo 25.

In another burning, an unidentified man died in Elsies River.

Mr Ronald Anthony (27) was killed in a gangland slaying in Hanover Park last Friday.

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# Youth dies in street fight

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A 15-YEAR-OLD boy has been arrested following the death of another 15-year-old during a street battle between opposing gangs in Bonteheuwel at the weekend.

Police said Sai Essel, of Terblanche Street, Bonteheuwel, died in the battle, in the same road, at about 9.30pm on Friday between members of the Red Devils and the Naughty Boys.

Police said the dead boy, who was a member of the Red Devils, died after being shot during the battle.

The arrested youth is believed to be a member of the Naughty Boys and was expected to appear in court soon. Police also confiscated a firearm.

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By LINDA GALLOWAY  
Staff Reporter

POLICE have issued a strong warning against hitch-hiking "under any circumstances" after the latest in a series of attacks on young women and couples.

The warning comes after a 15-year-old girl was repeatedly raped while her companion, 21, was held at gunpoint at the weekend, and just days after two Gardens women were abducted, repeatedly raped and one killed in an ordeal of several hours while hitch-hiking home from a day at the beach.

Acting Criminal Investigation Division chief for the Western Cape, Colonel Joep Niehaus, said he could not state strongly enough the danger of accepting lifts from strangers.

"If you don't know the person, or if you don't feel comfortable, refuse the offer," he said.

Motorists are advised not to pick up hitch-hikers.

Colonel Niehaus also issued a strong warning to parents about keeping track of their children's whereabouts.

### Spot checks

"Parents should know at all times where their children are," he said.

"They should also make spot checks to be sure that they are where they said they would be going."

Parents also had a responsibility to make sure their children had transport to and from the place of entertainment.

Colonel Niehaus said anyone with a problem, or left alone without transport, should walk to or telephone the nearest police station, where help would be offered.

"Please take us up on this offer," he said.

"The argument that 'it won't happen to me' is an outdated one. It can happen to anyone, anywhere, anytime."

Police liaison officer Lieutenant Attie Laubscher said the latest attack happened when the couple were hitch-hiking in Loop Street about 5am yesterday.

### Forced into car

A cream-coloured Mercedes with three men drew up and the couple were threatened with a gun and forced into the car.

They were driven to a field near Mitchell's Plain where the girl was repeatedly raped while her companion was held at gunpoint.

They were then dumped by their assailants, who drove off.

The couple were given a lift by a Mitchell's Plain man on his way to work and dropped in Brooklyn, from where they made their way home.

The girl's mother had contacted the police to report that her daughter had not returned home.

The girl was taken to Woodstock Hospital where she was treated and discharged. The boyfriend was not injured.

### Abducted women

The abduction is the latest in a string of similar attacks on hitch-hikers in the Western Cape.

Last week's incident, in which the "screwdriver rapist" William van der Merwe abducted two women hitch-hiking from Muizenberg and took them on a terror-ride which lasted several hours, highlighted the dangers hitch-hikers face.

Van der Merwe repeatedly raped both girls and stabbed one to death before he was fatally shot by the other victim.

● A gang who allegedly abducted two 20-year-old girls in Cape Town and raped them repeatedly on the back seat of a minibus are to appear in the Cape Town Magistrate's Court today.

The girls were walking to a city nightclub about 11.30pm on August 1 last year when they were stopped by a gang of men in a minibus who leapt out and allegedly forced them into the vehicle.

In the last eight months:

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Strong police warning after abductions, rapes

# Don't hitchhike!

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# Gangs: Cops use Hill St Blues style

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by VUYO BAVUMA  
Weekend Argus Reporter  
Police are taking on township gangs face to face ... across a table.

In a new drive to rid townships of the "cancer" of gang warfare, police officers invited gangsters and their parents for talks.

The meeting on Thursday in Guguletu was postponed after one of the gangs claimed it was not properly represented, but police hope the process of dialogue will continue.

## "New broom"

In the spirit of *Hill Street Blues*, newly-appointed detective branch commander Major Johan Kleyn, a seasoned murder and robbery squad investigator, called the gangsters together with their parents in a bid to thrash out the problems.

Major Kleyn, whose assignment includes clamping down on the gangs, is aware of the epithet "new broom sweeps clean" — and, he hopes to do just that.

However, he knows, after

two weeks in the post, that the task is a tough one.

His plans? To organise a series of discussions between the various warring factions and their parents and jointly find a solution.

Major Kleyn said: "Our strategy is that we should talk first. I think it is important to find out what is the root cause of this violence."

Gang violence has left an unknown number of gangsters and residents dead and several gang-related court cases are pending.

Major Kleyn said: "I have assured the various gangs that police will not arrest them. In fact, they will be protected from being attacked."

Assessing last week's meeting — which was also attended by senior Athlone prosecutor Miss Yvonne Murray — Major Kleyn said he was satisfied with progress made so far.

He said: "I told the gangs that their presence (at the meeting) showed that they were interested in peace. I also told them it was not right for

brothers to fight against each other."

He was astonished that neither the parents nor the gangs could explain the cause of the violent conflicts.

The meeting ended after members of the Section Three-based Ama-Adderley gang said they were not properly represented.

Major Kleyn said another meeting was scheduled for tomorrow at 12 pm.

"I hope a lot of people interested in solving this problem will turn up. I am not over-optimistic, I am just hoping for the best."

## Mediators

In some areas, residents have decided to take action themselves.

In Langa, a 13-member committee was formed to mediate between warring factions and in New Crossroads, kierrie-wielding residents patrol the streets after 9pm.

# Harms: 'An unbelievable

"AN unbelievable tale of international intrigue, associations between South Africans and the Ciskei government, alleged abuse of power, alleged abuse of influence and alleged 'common' crimes."

This is how Mr Justice Louis Harms described events in the "De Pontes-Palazzolo Affair" his first report to the State President Botha, following a lengthy commission of inquiry into cross-border irregularities involving an Italian criminal and a National Party MP.

The first report of the Harms Commission, consisting of 100 pages, deals exclusively with the relationship of East London lawyer and MP Mr Peet de Pontes, and Italian-born criminal, Vito Palazzolo linked to the international "pizza connection" drug deal.

It also details an "intimate relationship" between Mr de Pontes and the Ciskeian government.

Mr de Pontes and Palazzolo, also known as Robert von Palace Kolbachenco, also known as Mr Frapolli, are the key characters.

Others involved are former Department of Home Affairs senior clerk, John David Scheffer, former East London mayor, Mr Robert de Lange, former South African ambassador to the Ciskei, Mr Douw Steyn, the Ciskei Government, former East London city councillor, Mr Phillip Rothbart, and two secretaries, Mrs J M Scholtz and Miss Helene de Lange.

In the report Mr Justice Harms stated he was of the opinion that the commission did not have to prove facts beyond all reasonable doubt — and therefore successful criminal charges may not result from the findings.

Mr Palazzolo was deported last year from South Africa and is presently serving a prison sentence for his part in funding drug deals.

He is at the same time suing Mr de Pontes "because he is apparently of the opinion that Mr de Pontes deceived him in business transactions".

Evidence heard by the commission indicates grounds for bribery and corruption on two levels:

- Payment to Scheffer by De Pontes and Palazzolo, and
- Payments to Ciskeian government officials by Palazzolo.

The commission could, however, not conduct a complete investigation into the cross-border allegations.

In his report, Mr Justice Harms emphasises that his findings are based on the balance of probabilities.

ferred to the Attorney-General for consideration for instituting criminal proceedings," the judge states.

Among the recommendations made are:

**PALAZZOLO:** There are indications that Palazzolo is possibly guilty of several crimes, including his illegal entry into the country, thereby committing fraud.

He also possibly committed corruption by giving gifts to Scheffer, while fraud was committed in the importation of luxury vehicles.

**MR SCHEFFER:** According to his own evidence, Scheffer is possibly guilty of the theft of departmental files, corruption, forgery, receiving gifts and fraud. The report recommends that the matter be referred to the Attorney-General for the consideration of instituting criminal steps against Scheffer.

**MR ROTHBART:** There are substantial indications that Rothbart has made himself guilty of statutory perjury because his evidence before the commission changed perpetually. This should also be referred to the Attorney-General for consideration of possible criminal steps.

**ROBERT de LANGE:** There is no complete evidence to reach a conclusion that De Lange is guilty of any crime.

**MRS SCHOLTZ:** No steps are recommended against her.

**DE PONTES:** Several crimes committed by the MP have been identified including, contravention of the Act on Immigrants, fraud (several charges), corruption (several charges), theft of trust money, the failure to pay trust money into a trust account and perjury (several charges).

**DOUW STEYN:** According to Steyn's evidence, he committed fraud by issuing a false testimonial.

THE sequence of events which led to the commission of inquiry reads like a novel.

#### ● Palazzolo's arrest:

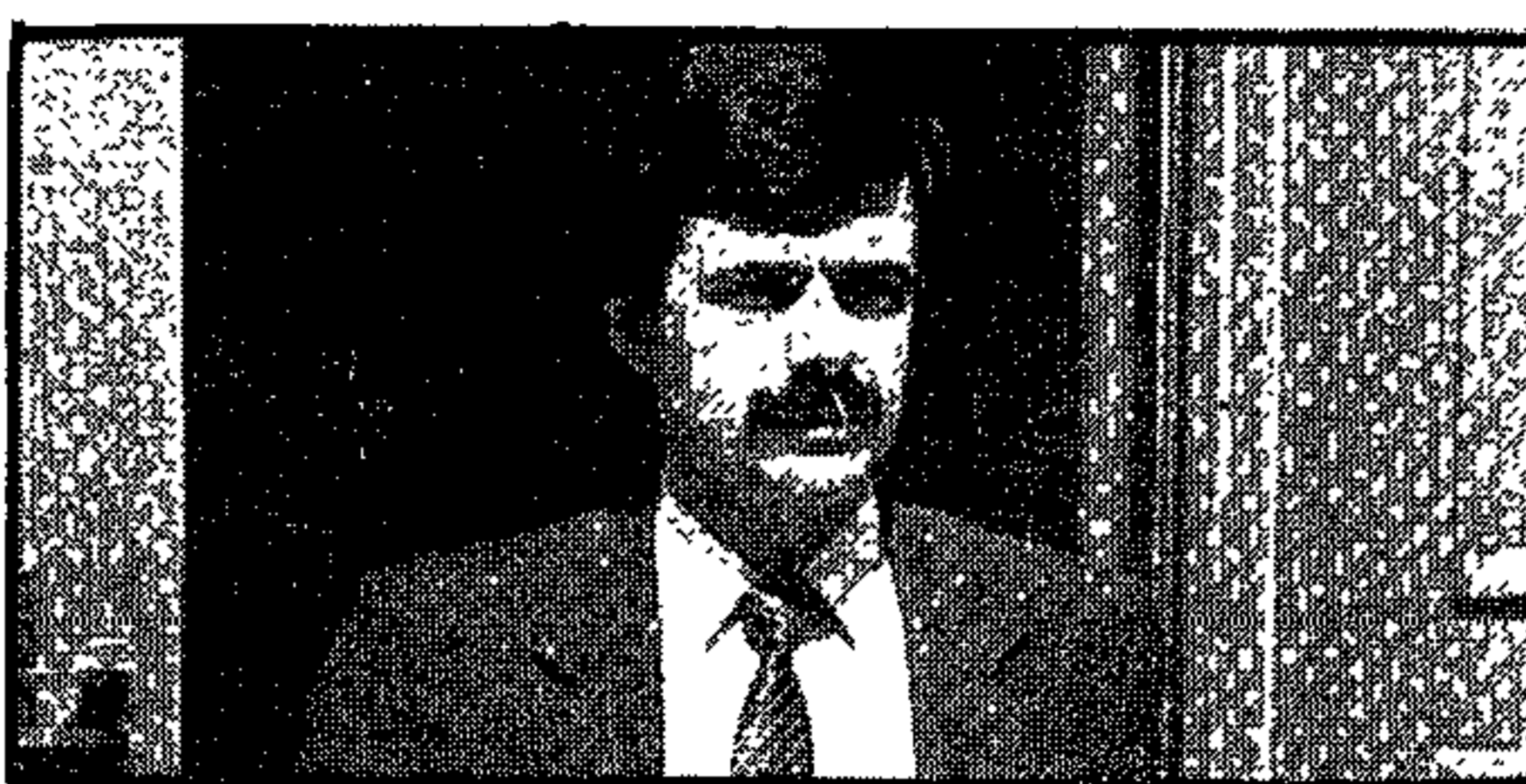
On April 20, 1984, Palazzolo was arrested in Switzerland. As an Italian citizen he would have been extradited to Italy, but made a confession to the Swiss police.

On September 26, 1985, he was found guilty of an "aggravated crime in violation of the federal law on drugs, for acting as a co-actor for financing, directly or as intermediary, an illegal traffic in drugs, for delivering to drug dealers \$6-million, partially converted into 200 kg of gold and funds destined to finance other drug trafficking."

● Palazzolo contacts Robert de Lange:

On November 8, 1985 a friend of Mr Palazzolo, a

After months of investigating alleged cross-border irregularities in the so-called Palazzolo-De Pontes affair, the first report of the Harms Commission was released today, making startling revelations. Report by ESTHER WAUGH AND LESLEY WROUGHTON in Pretoria



Mr Peet de Pontes leaves court

Lange, whom she had known since 1972.

In the letter she asked about permanent residence for an unidentified Italian friend who was prepared to invest \$500 000 in South Africa.

She informed De Lange the unidentified person could at that stage not leave Switzerland, since he had a legal problem — transferring money from Italy to Switzerland without permission.

Mr de Lange showed the letter to Mr de Pontes because he was an attorney and Member of Parliament.

Mr de Pontes advised that the person involved should submit the necessary application forms for permanent residence in Switzerland, relay the allotted number to him (Mr de Pontes) and he would then handle the case in South Africa.

On May 15, 1986, Miss Amborgini wrote to Mr de Lange: "Exist the extradition convention between SA and USA, Italy, Switzerland and Germany? If yes for which crime?"

After Mr de Pontes was shown the letter, he replied: "Extradition treaties do exist with USA, Italy, Switzerland but not with Germany. These cover normal serious crimes such as murder, theft, robbery, fraud, etc, but does not include exchange control contraventions."

"A further inquiry was what the quickest way would be to obtain permanent residence in South Africa.

"In reply, De Pontes explained the procedure and added if special circumstances existed 'as would appear to be,' special arrangement could be made.

"The only 'special circumstances' which existed according to De Pontes's knowledge was that the unknown Italian wanted to invest money in the country and he

could not leave Switzerland because he had committed crimes in Italy.

"What is special about it, is above one's way of thinking," the judge says.

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THE first meeting between De Pontes, De Lange and the Italian took place in Lugano in Switzerland on June 29, 1986.

De Pontes went in his capacity as an attorney, while De Lange enjoyed a free holiday for his trouble of introducing De Pontes to Palazzolo.

Although De Lange knew at that stage that the "unknown" Italian was in prison, De Pontes told the commission he was not informed of this.

The two South Africans visited Palazzolo in prison on several occasions.

De Pontes alleged that although De Lange wanted to force his way into the professional briefing which he (De Pontes) as a lawyer received, De Lange was asked to leave the room while De Pontes and Palazzolo discussed money.

According to De Lange's evidence before the commission, the most important question facing the South Africans was: Were there any drugs belonging to the Mafia involved in the crime?

Palazzolo denied this.

Mr Justice Harms found it inconceivable that if the person was guilty of contravening exchange control regulations, why De Pontes and De Lange would have suspected that Palazzolo had Mafia or drug connections.

The Harms Report states that the commission could not prove that Palazzolo was a member of the Mafia.

During De Pontes's stay in Switzerland, he went to the South African embassy in Bern, where he spoke to

charge d'affair, who told him the application for Palazzolo's permanent residence in South Africa could not be considered before the Italian served his prison term.

"Because of Mr de Pontes's persuasive ability and the fact that he is a member of Parliament, Palazzolo's name was not placed on the reserve list," Mr Justice Harms said. During consultations between the MP and the Italian, they discussed:

- The transfer and investment of funds in South Africa

- Obtaining housing and residence in South Africa

- An offer was made to De Pontes for payment in Switzerland. "De Pontes denied such an agreement was made."

- Extradition to the USA, Italy and Switzerland.

- A general power of attorney to De Pontes with a brief for De Lange to keep an eye on De Pontes"

Mr Justice Harms found it inexplicable how extradition was discussed in any other context other than an illegal departure from Switzerland.

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DURING this visit De Pontes was often in contact with the parliamentary representative of the Department of Home Affairs as well as bank officials in the Republic.

During the last meeting De Pontes was given unspecified orders to investigate the possibility of Palazzolo settling in the Ciskei. He was also ordered not to use Palazzolo's name in a telex message.

After the MP's return on July 8, 1986, De Pontes immediately contacted the parliamentary representative, a Mr van Wyngaard.

According to departmental records, dated July 23, 1986, Palazzolo's application for a visa was refused because of his criminal record.

During a telephone call with Palazzolo's son, De Pontes said "he would see the Minister on Monday and that permanent residence in South Africa had been clinched. The Minister told De Pontes that the visa had been turned down."

De Pontes also told the son that should South Africa pose a problem, the Ciskei would not, and the Palazzolo family should then go to the homeland and afterwards the position in South Africa could be rectified.

On August 11, 1986, De Pontes started his inquiries in the Ciskei.

Seven days later De Pontes and Mr Douw Steyn discussed the matter with the Ciskeian Minister of Justice who told the men that they should discuss the matter with President Sebe.

During August at the National Party congress in Durban, De Pontes once again

brought up the matter about Palazzolo for a second time with Minister Stoffel Botha.

The Minister was of the opinion that a visa could not be granted as Palazzolo intended to settle permanently in South Africa.

When the MP informed the Minister that Palazzolo would possibly go to the Ciskei, Mr Botha's attitude was that it was a Ciskeian matter.

A month later, Mr Steyn and De Pontes visited Palazzolo in jail where —

- De Pontes advised Palazzolo that he could come to the Ciskei, move freely in the RSA, and then fix up RSA inside.

- Steyn issued an absolute guarantee of citizenship from President Sebe.

- Palazzolo gave De Pontes a first cheque of \$26 200.

De Pontes had the choice of bringing the dollars into the country as financial or commercial rands — he chose commercial rands.

"Should the amount have been brought into the country as financial rands, it would have amounted to about R118 000. Should it have been brought into the country as commercial rands, it would produce R38 366," Mr Justice Harms said.

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THE judge pointed out that the cheque of \$26 200 was in fact trust money, which he received as an attorney.

In spite of this he did not pay the money into the trust account, he failed to inform his partners of the move. Before he made any payments from the money, he transferred the major proportion into his private bank account and, furthermore, he never informed his client, Palazzolo.

"When the implications of his behaviour became evident to him (De Pontes) during his testimony, he went back on his version that the money was trust funds," the judge says.

The commission found that De Pontes knew the Italian wanted to live permanently in South Africa. To overcome the residence problem, Palazzolo bought a Ciskei flat for R76 850.

The commission further found that he never even slept in the Ciskeian flat, which contained no clothing. Besides the East London house for R340 000, Palazzolo bought a Cape Town house for more than R500 000 as well as a Franschoek farm for R2,2-million.

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Staff Reporter <sup>35</sup>

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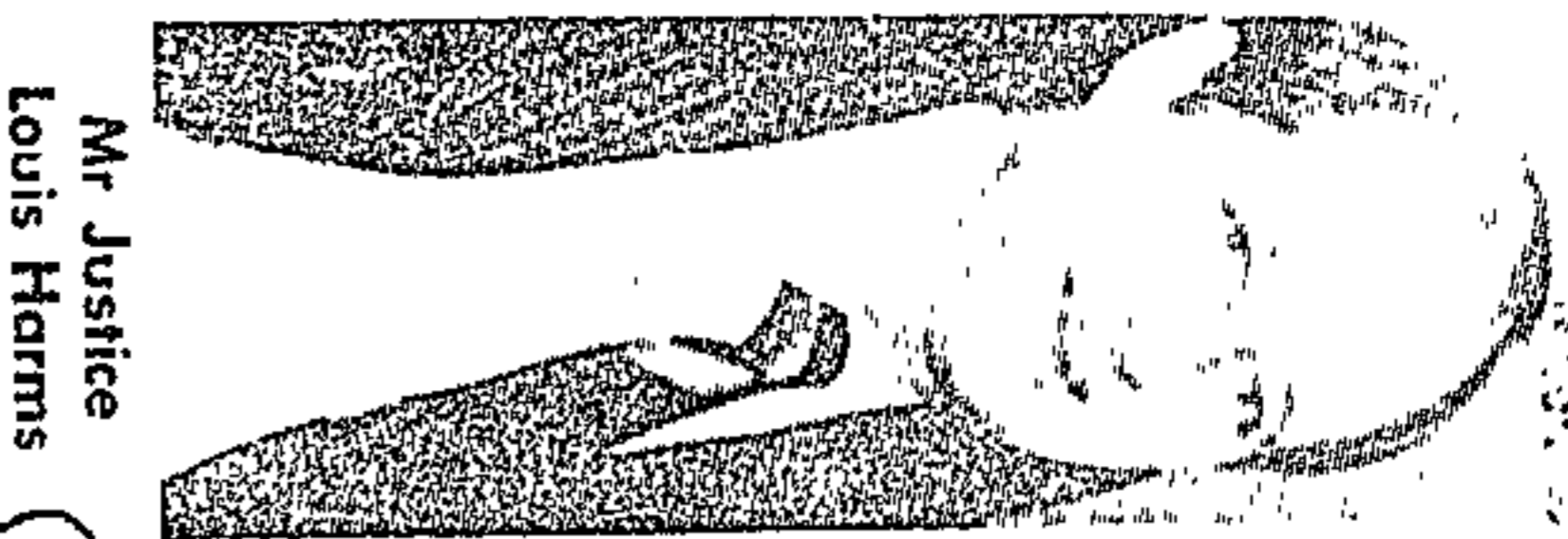
The new Guguletu detective branch commander, Major Johan Kleyn, adopted the *Hill Street Blues* approach to the gangster problem to find "the root cause of the violence" which has turned township streets into war zones and "no-go" areas for non-gangsters.

Major Kleyn said he was astonished after the first meeting, last week, to find that parents and gangsters could not explain the cause of the violence.

The gangs who met this weekend at the Guguletu police station — the Ntsaras and the Adderleys — gave each other "the hand" and agreed that they would stop fighting.

Major Kleyn said his motivation for trying to solve the gangster problem was that the fighting had severely disrupted township life in Guguletu.

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De Pontes later informed Palazzolo's sister that President Sebe had confirmed there would be no problems with her brother's citizenship.

On the same occasion De Pontes issued the woman with an address where Palazzolo's furniture could be sent in Bisho. He also gave him details of President Sebe's welfare fund known as the Ciskei President's and People's Education fund.

A letter of thanks for a "generous gift" of R20 000 was received by De Pontes from President Sebe on October 22.

It is suspected that the cheque made out by De Pontes, paid to the welfare fund, was on behalf of Palazzolo.

An unconfirmed allegation by Mr Steyn was that the money was never paid into the fund.

According to an undated letter by Mr Steyn, President Sebe was prepared to favourably consider Palazzolo's temporary residence permit if he was prepared to invest 2-million Swiss francs in the Ciskei — this Palazzolo has not done to this day.

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At the same time De Pontes used all of the \$26 200 by paying Mr Robert de Lange R3 000, R5 000 to a firm of attorneys and transferred R26 350 to his personal account.

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would issue it as soon as possible. The President noted further that Palazzolo's application for citizenship had been approved and the Minister involved had been requested to issue the necessary certificate and to help Palazzolo with his passport.

"The passport referred to is, of course, a South African passport. This letter was drafted by De Pontes on President Sebe's request," Mr Justice Harms notes.

"Evidence suggests to get something right in such a country a person should start working at the highest level and from there downward. An example of this is that Palazzolo's application for residence permits and citizenship was not handled according to law and regulations," Mr Justice Harms said



President Lennox Sebe

The judge noted "that a further perception which apparently existed is that high level permission was a negotiable commodity."

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"Such an MP cannot objectively serve the interests of his country."

It is recommended that these aspects of the report be referred to the Speaker of Parliament for the consideration of formulating a behaviour code and possibly making it law.

On January 27, 1987, De Pontes signed a Reserve Bank form indicating the reasons for transferring \$26 200 from the US to South Africa for professional services

On January 25, 1987, however, a concept agreement for a company, Papillon Internationals (Pty) Ltd was reached in terms of which De Pontes received R130 000 shares without paying for them. Palazzolo was the other shareholder.

The report continued: "De Pontes soon had visions of millions and the attorney-client relationship changed into a partnership relationship. Besides that, De Pontes negotiated with his political connections and used his political influence to negotiate better financial rewards for him and his client," the report said.

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"Purportedly, this is the reason for Palazzolo's immigration and has the full backing of the South African Government and is known to the State President Botha," the letter stated.

De Pontes denied before the commission that the words "secret" were used, but possibly "quiet"

The reference to the State President was explained by De Pontes that he could possibly have told the official involved that Mr Palazzolo had greeted the State President in the passages of Parliament.

"Why he referred to this has not been explained unless it is accepted that it was an attempt to pressurise the official," the report said.

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DE PONTES'S help to Palazzolo for importing the four cars resulted in a gain of R80 000 for Palazzolo and a loss of R80 000 for the South African Government in custom duties.

During April 1987 Palazzolo purchased a flat from Mr Douw Steyn.

On June 9, 1987, De Pontes transferred R50 000 from the Papillon account to his own bank account.

"He apparently needed the money to partly pay for his election costs.

"On the same day, Papillon deposited a cheque of R42 000 into the East London National Party's election account.

"At that stage the account showed a debit of R13 000," the report stated.

On June 30, 1987, Papillon purchased a Mercedes Benz for R61 000.

According to the report Palazzolo gave De Pontes the choice of registering the car in his own name but De Pontes chose for it to be registered in the company's name.

The car was given to De Pontes for his full-time use and is still being used by him.

Mr Steyn was given an interest-free loan of R29 000 by Palazzolo's trust on August 13, 1987.

Although the money had to be paid back by February last year, this has not been done and Mr Steyn was given an unspecified postponement.

On August 19, 1987, Palazzolo's surname was changed to Von Palace Kolbachenco in terms of a notice in the Ciskeian Government paper. He also changed his first names from Vito Roberto to Robert.

On August 24, De Pontes undertook, on behalf of the National Party, to pay back R42 000 with interest.

No date was decided on for the repayment of the money.

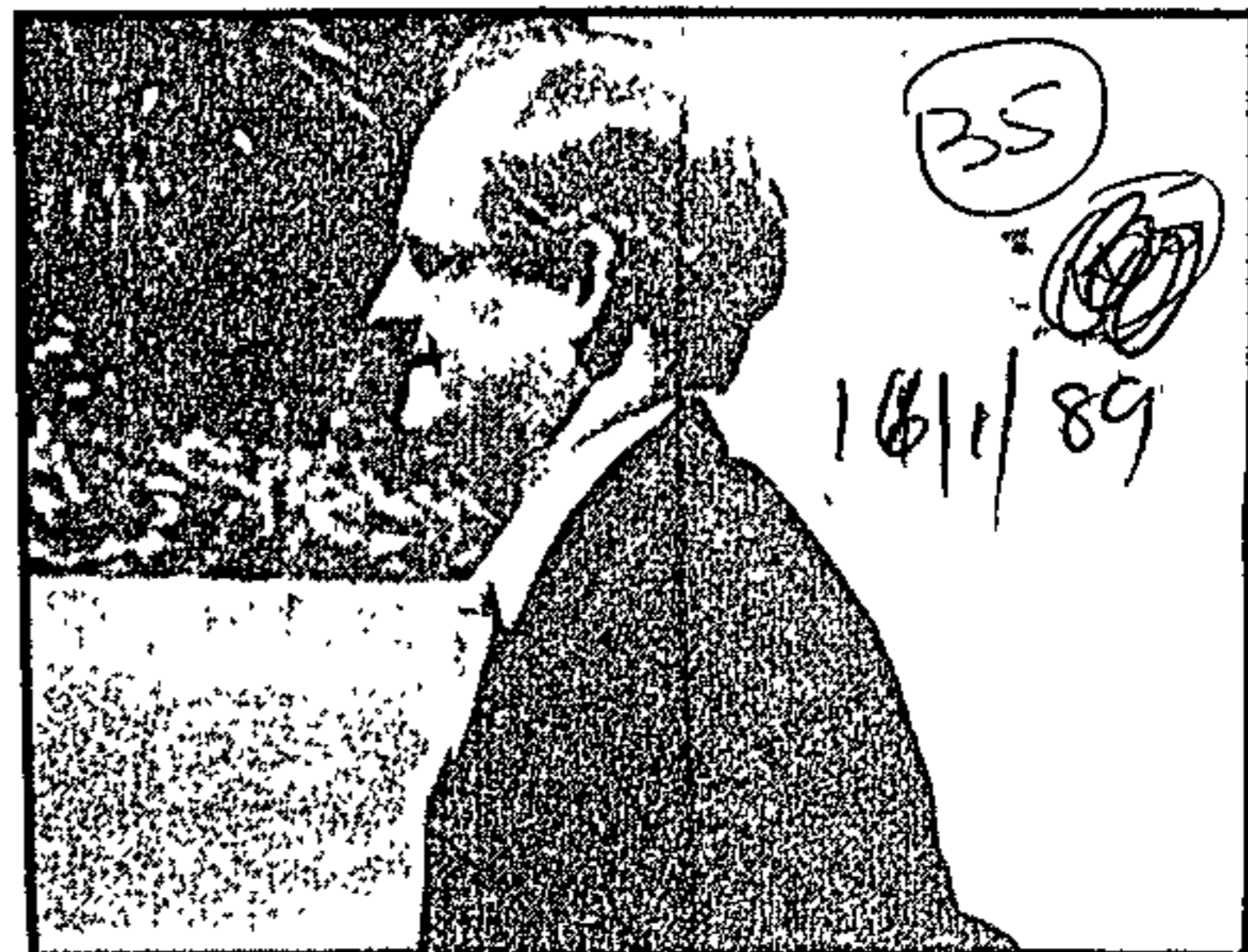
In his personal capacity Mr de Pontes signed a further debit order in terms of which he undertook to pay back R50 000 interest free at between R3 000 and R5 000 per month.

Such payments had not been made as an agreement between him and Papillon stipulated that he would be paid R5 000 per month director's fees.

During August 1987 De Pontes received R240 000 Papillon shares without the share transaction ever being registered.

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Promises made included "to help rebuild the esteem of President Sebe, Radio Amatola will quote all announcements made by the President in its news bulletins. Very important messages will be broadcast direct or recorded for transmission at a later stage."

The second recommendation involved the Ciskeian monetary authority and the Ciskei National Bank. The function of the Ciskei monetary authority was to take over the function of the SA Reserve Bank in the Transkei.

In terms of the agreement Papillon would start the bank and would provide the Ciskei with the necessary experts for the monetary authority.

The bank would act as bankers for the Ciskeian government as well as other government agencies controlled by the Ciskei government.

For facilitating this agreement Palazzolo would waive the R50 000 De Pontes still owed him. This agreement

between the two men is being contested by Palazzolo, who says his signature had been falsified

On November 9, 1987, the Ciskei issued identity and travel documents to Palazzolo in his new name. The one document stated that he was born in Burgersdorp in the Cpe, while the other indicated he was born in West Germany.

The judge remarked: "De Pontes noticed these mistakes, but sent certified copies of these pages of the document to the Director-General of Home Affairs without commenting on the mistakes." On December 21, 1987, Scheffer addressed a Department of Home Affairs immigration selection committee about Palazzolo's permanent residence application.

The application was granted by the committee.

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ALSO during December Palazzolo signed blank transfer forms according to which a Papillon share was to be transferred to De Pontes — this order was not obeyed.

January 1988 was dramatic. Rumours of an election were strong as well as rumours that Palazzolo entered the country illegally. This disturbed De Pontes particularly, said the judge.

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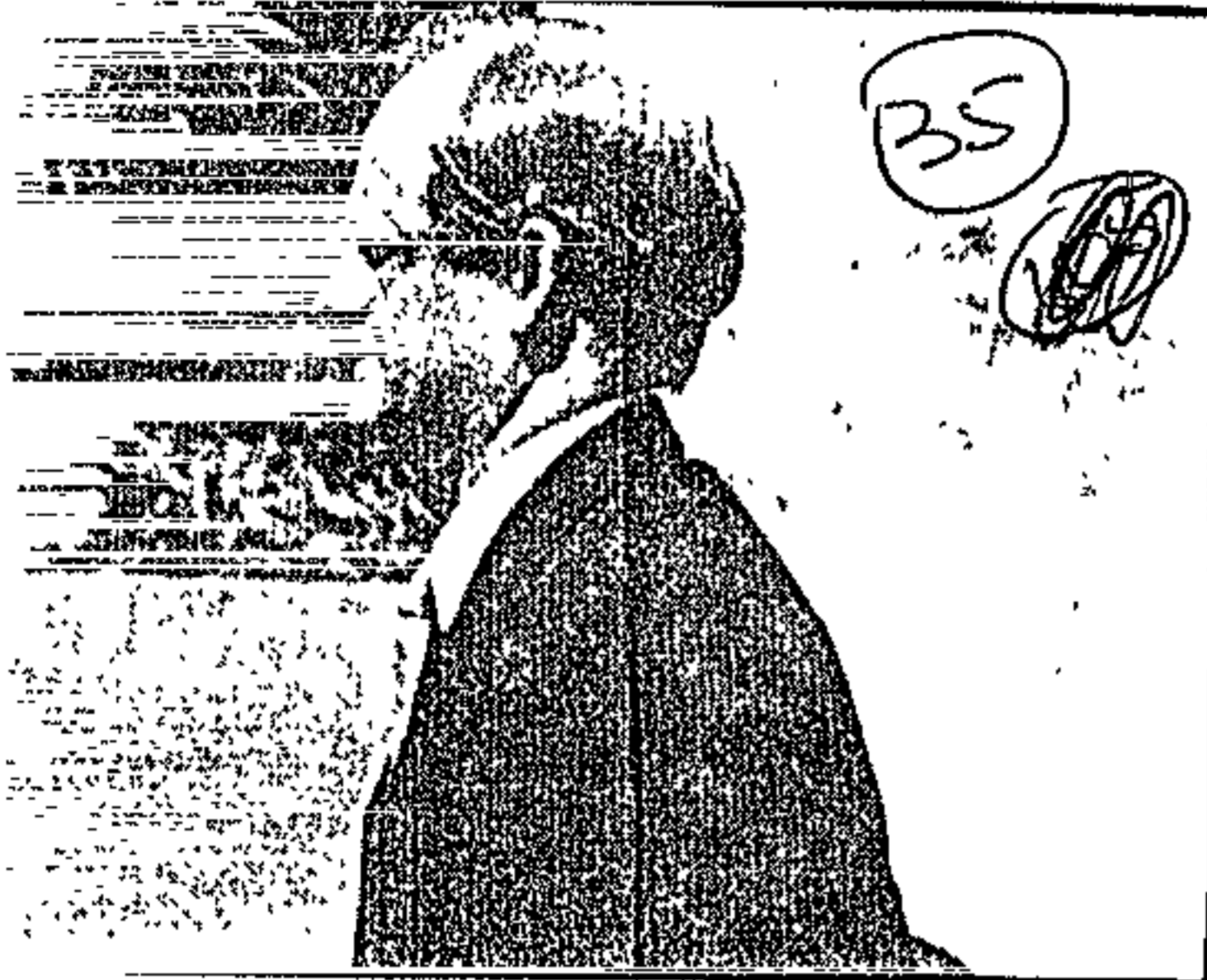
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RACE 3: 2-1 Bambucho; 3-1 Roland's Charter; 5-1 Bold Sistem, Dual Agent; 7-1 Crystal Counter, Red Rhythm; 8-1 Skipton Heights, Painter's Dream; 20-1 others.

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el to Cape Town. When De Pontes heard of this he telephoned Scheffer and asked him to fly via East London and De Pontes would pay for the adjustment to the ticket.

De Pontes also requested Scheffer to bring with him Palazzolo's departmental file.

"Since Scheffer stole the departmental files, the files are to date not available. It is impossible to establish what went on in the department ...

"I won't be told that an MP and an attorney does not know that a clerk is not allowed to remove departmental files, especially when the files are confidential," Mr Justice Harms observed.

According to the Harms report, De Pontes was concerned that alleged "rightist" elements would hear about Scheffer's visit to him and, therefore, requested his secretary to book the clerk into a hotel under a false name.

De Pontes was waiting for Scheffer in his hotel room, when the clerk arrived.

Scheffer testified that he handed the files to De Pontes, while De Pontes testified that Scheffer told him he could not bring the files with him.

The Harms Commission found that whatever the truth was, the two men had discussions including a request by De Pontes to determine whether Palazzolo had not entered the country on the passport of Frapolli.

Since this inquiry could only be made on the Monday, Scheffer spent the weekend in a luxury hotel, paid for by De Pontes, and drove a Mercedes, borrowed by the MP from Rothbart.

Before the two men flew to Cape Town, Scheffer testified that De Pontes adjusted his own file and both men falsified letters to produce a duplicate file.

This allegation was contested by De Pontes.

During Scheffer's visit to Palazzolo's Franschoek farm, he begged for clothes from the Italian.

As it later appeared, Scheffer himself made several misrepresentations to the Department of Home Affairs. Since Palazzolo did not testify it is not possible to make further findings against the clerk, Mr Justice Harms concluded.

AFTER Scheffer's return to Pretoria De Pontes ordered his secretary, Mrs Scholtz, to travel to the capital to obtain a computer print-out of the Italian's arrival in South Africa.

In the meantime, Scheffer provided the computer operators with information that Palazzolo entered the country on December 12, 1986, on his own passport. No other information was fed into the computer.

Mrs Scholtz handed a photocopy of the print-out to De Pontes on her return.

During his first consultation with De Pontes, the Italian told the MP of the existence of the an Italian warrant of arrest and an application for



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his extradition on grounds that he would have helped organised crime to conceal money.

De Pontes concealed this fact as he knew the Palazzolo would probably not have obtained RSA residence permits otherwise, the judge noted.

"De Pontes told the Department of Home Affairs and the Minister several times, that the contraventions of which Palazzolo was found guilty of in Switzerland were not contraventions in terms of South African law.

"This is an amazing statement as De Pontes could not meaningfully explain on which facts his opinion was based," the judge said.

On January 23, last year, De Pontes claimed that he and Palazzolo signed an agreement on September 21, 1987, for record purposes and also made a further agreement in terms of which De

Pontes took transfer of the Papillon shares worth R455 000.

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De Pontes disputed this allegation.

"According to an affidavit from a Captain Cloete, an expert on falsification, three of the four contested signatures were falsified while on the fourth one he could not reach a conclusion," the report said.

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On January 31, last year, Palazzolo was arrested on a charge of entering the country illegally. Six days later he voluntarily returned to Switzerland to serve the rest of his imprisonment.

During his detention, he allegedly signed certain documents, giving De Pontes full control of Papillon — these signatures are also in dispute.

On March 7, 1988, the Ciskeian government withdrew Palazzolo's citizenship on the basis that it had been obtained fraudulantly.

MR JUSTICE Harms in the report makes various references:

● Palazzolo did not pay correct customs on the import of his vehicles. These items must be referred to the controller for possible customs rights.

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Mr Justice Harms said that the Ciskei's involvement in the irregularities with regard to Palazzolo's entry into the homeland was graphically illustrated by the arrival stamp in Palazzolo's passport.

According to the commission, the passport was only stamped during March, 1987.

"It was done to mislead South African custom officials in order to persuade them that Palazzolo resided in the Ciskei since December 27, 1986, so that his luxury cars could enter the country custom-free," Mr Justice Harms further stated.

The commission could not, however, ascertain who was responsible for this, but stated "that Mr Douw Steyn had personal knowledge of the matter and could possibly have been involved."

While Palazzolo and his family visited the Ciskei's Amatola Sun for six days during January 1987, a luxury house for R340 000 was purchased for the Italian in East London.

While the contract was concluded on a later date, Palazzolo's furniture was already delivered on January 8, 1987, under the personal orders of De Pontes.

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"I deny in the strongest terms the commissioner's allegations as reported in the media."

In spite of the fact that the commission found seven possible avenues for prosecution against him, Mr de Pontes said he would not resign as MP.

He indicated he still had some hope that his name would be cleared in open court.

"I would welcome this opportunity to give the full facts unhindered and then to be judged on that," he said.

"There was obvious political pressure on either the commission or the people leading evidence before it," he said.

Mr de Pontes, who was clearly shaken by the findings, said what made the allegations "grossly unfair" was that the commission's findings were based on the opinion of the commissioner.

He said the findings of the commissioner were based on those facts which the commissioner himself decided to place before the commission.

There were no rules and procedures in a commission and much of the evidence led before it would be inadmissible in court. Much of it was hearsay, especially that of Vito Roberto Palazzolo, and the evidence was not tested in cross-examination, Mr de Pontes said.

He said he had first heard about the findings when a Natal newspaper contacted him for comment.

He then heard radio broadcasts of the findings, but in spite of repeated attempts his legal representatives were unable to obtain copies of the report. — Sapa.

# Politicians nailed for corruption

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Mr Justice Louis Harms has recommended the Cape attorney-general investigate allegations ranging from fraud to corruption, with a view to instigating criminal proceedings against NP MP Mr Peet de Pontes, former East London city councillor Mr Phillip Rothbart and former Ciskeian ambassador to South Africa Mr Douw Steyn.

In the first report from the Harms Commission, which completed its investigation on November 29 last year, Mr Justice Harms said the recommendations were based on the "balance of probabilities".

He said since the commission did not have to prove facts beyond all reasonable doubt, successful criminal charges may not result from the findings.

He made the following recommendations on the key players involved in the case:

● On alleged Mafia-boss Roberto Vita Palazzolo, Mr Justice Harms said there were indications Palazzolo was possibly guilty of several crimes, including his illegal entry into the country, thereby committing fraud. He also possibly committed corruption by giving gifts to home affairs senior clerk Mr John David Scheffer, while fraud was committed in the importation of luxury vehicles.

In many other cases, issues of corruption and fraud could not be proved because he did not testify.

"Unfortunately steps against him cannot be taken because he is currently serving a prison sentence in Switzerland. Extradition is probably also out of the question since the US and Italy also want to extradite him for crimes more serious than those committed in South Africa."

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customs controller investigate several instances where Palazzolo did not pay correct customs duties on the import of his luxury cars.

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Pontes abused his professional capacity as an attorney and it is recommended that this report be sent to the Law Society for possible steps."

● The judge found there was not enough evidence to conclude that former East London mayor Mr Robert de Lange was guilty of any crime. "However, his actions and behaviour for a man of his status and in his position as mayor were unacceptable. If he had not wanted to enrich himself in a morally wrong way he would never have become involved in the whole issue."

● There were prima facie indications that Mr Rothbart made himself guilty of statutory perjury, not only because his previous sworn statement and his testimony differed, but because his evidence before the commission changed perpetually.

"This should be referred to the attorney-general for consideration of possible criminal charges," Mr Justice Harms said.

● Home affairs senior clerk Mr Scheffer was possibly guilty of theft of departmental files, corruption, forgery, receiving gifts and fraud — by virtue of his own testimony.

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● Mr Steyn committed fraud by issuing a false testimonial.

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was valid until October 9, 1987.

De Pontes later informed Palazzo's sister that President Sebe had confirmed there would be no problems with her brother's citizenship.

On the same occasion De Pontes issued the woman with an address where Palazzo's furniture could be sent in Bisho. He also gave him details of President Sebe's welfare fund known as the Ciskei President's and People's Education fund.

A letter of thanks for a "generous gift" of R20 000 was received by De Pontes from President Sebe on October 22.

It is suspected that the cheque made out by De Pontes, paid to the welfare fund, was on behalf of Palazzo.

An unconfirmed allegation by Mr Steyn was that the money was never paid into the fund.

According to an undated letter by Mr Steyn, President Sebe was prepared to favourably consider Palazzo's temporary residence permit if he was prepared to invest 2-million Swiss francs in the Ciskei — this Palazzo has not done to this day.

At the same time De Pontes used all of the \$26 200 by paying Mr Robert de Lange R3 000, R5 000 to a firm of attorneys and transferred R26 350 to his personal account.

When Palazzo's girlfriend indicated she too wanted permanent residence in South Africa, De Pontes advised her to apply for a visa and said "he was able to organise permanent residence in the Ciskei, in approximately one day."

On December 24, 1986, Palazzo was given parole and used it on Christmas day to fly from Frankfurt to Johannesburg as Mr Frapohl.

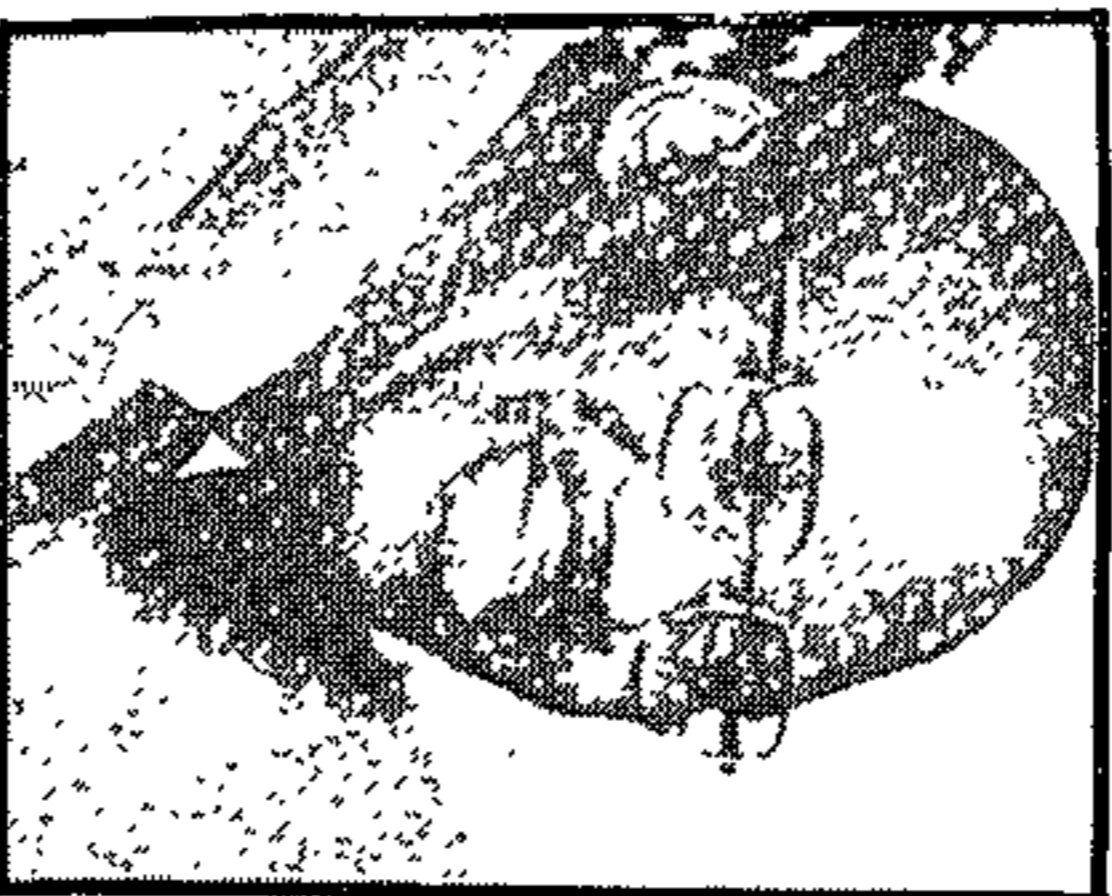
Palazzo told South African police in Switzerland that De Pontes knew of his planned escape from a Swiss jail.

The commission found it was unlikely that De Pontes knew of Palazzo's imminent arrival on December 26, because Palazzo first phoned De Lange on the day. He in turn contacted the MP.

would issue it as soon as possible. The President noted further that Palazzo's application for citizenship had been approved and the Minister involved had been requested to issue the necessary certificate and to help Palazzo with his passport.

"The passport referred to is, of course, a South African passport. This letter was drafted by De Pontes on President Sebe's request," Mr Justice Harms notes.

"Evidence suggests to get something right in such a country a person should start working at the highest level and from there downward. An example of this is that Palazzo's application for residence permits and citizenship was not handled according to law and regulations," Mr Justice Harms said.



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De Pontes denied before the commission that the words "secret" were used, but possibly "quiet".

The reference to the State President was explained by De Pontes that he could possibly have told the official involved that Mr Palazzo had greeted the State President in the passages of Parliament.

Why he referred to this has not been explained unless it is accepted that it was an attempt to pressurise the official, the report said.

De PONTES'S help to Palazzo for importing the four cars resulted in a gain of R80 000 for Palazzo and a loss of R80 000 for the South African Government in custom duties.

During April 1987 Palazzo purchased a flat from Mr Douw Steyn.

On June 9, 1987, De Pontes transferred R50 000 from the Papillon account to his own bank account.

"He apparently needed the money to partly pay for his election costs.

"On the same day, Papillon deposited a cheque of R42 000 into the East London National Party's election account.

"At that stage the account showed a debit of R13 000," the report stated.

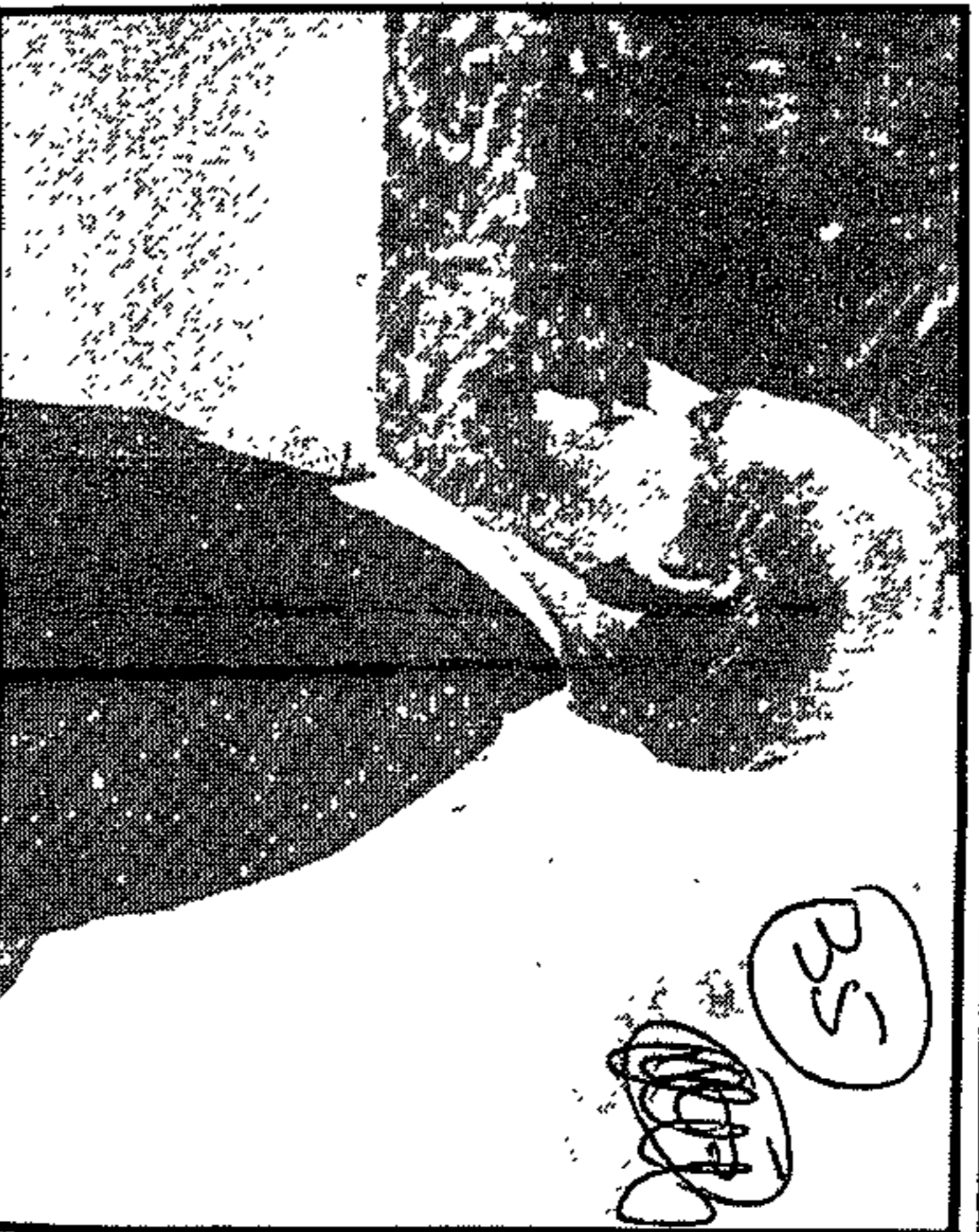
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De Pontes also requested Scheffer to bring with him Palazzo's departmental file.

"Since Scheffer stole the departmental files, the files are to date not available. It is impossible to establish what went on in the department..."

"I won't be told that an MP and an attorney does not know that a clerk is not allowed to remove departmental files, especially when the files are confidential," Mr Justice Harms observed.

According to the Harms report, De Pontes was concerned that alleged "rightist" elements would hear about Scheffer's visit to him and, therefore, requested his secretary to book the clerk into a hotel under a false name.

De Pontes was waiting for Scheffer in his hotel room, when the clerk arrived.

Scheffer testified that he handed the files to De Pontes, while De Pontes testified that Scheffer told him he could not bring the files with him.

The Harms Commission found that whatever the truth was, the two men had discussions including a request by De Pontes to determine whether Palazzo had not entered the country on the passport of Frapohl.

Since this inquiry could only be made on the Monday, Scheffer spent the weekend in a luxury hotel paid for by De Pontes, and drove a Mercedes, borrowed by the MP from Rothbart.

Before the two men flew to Cape Town, Scheffer testified that De Pontes adjusted his own file and both men falsified letters to produce a duplicate file.

This allegation was contested by De Pontes.

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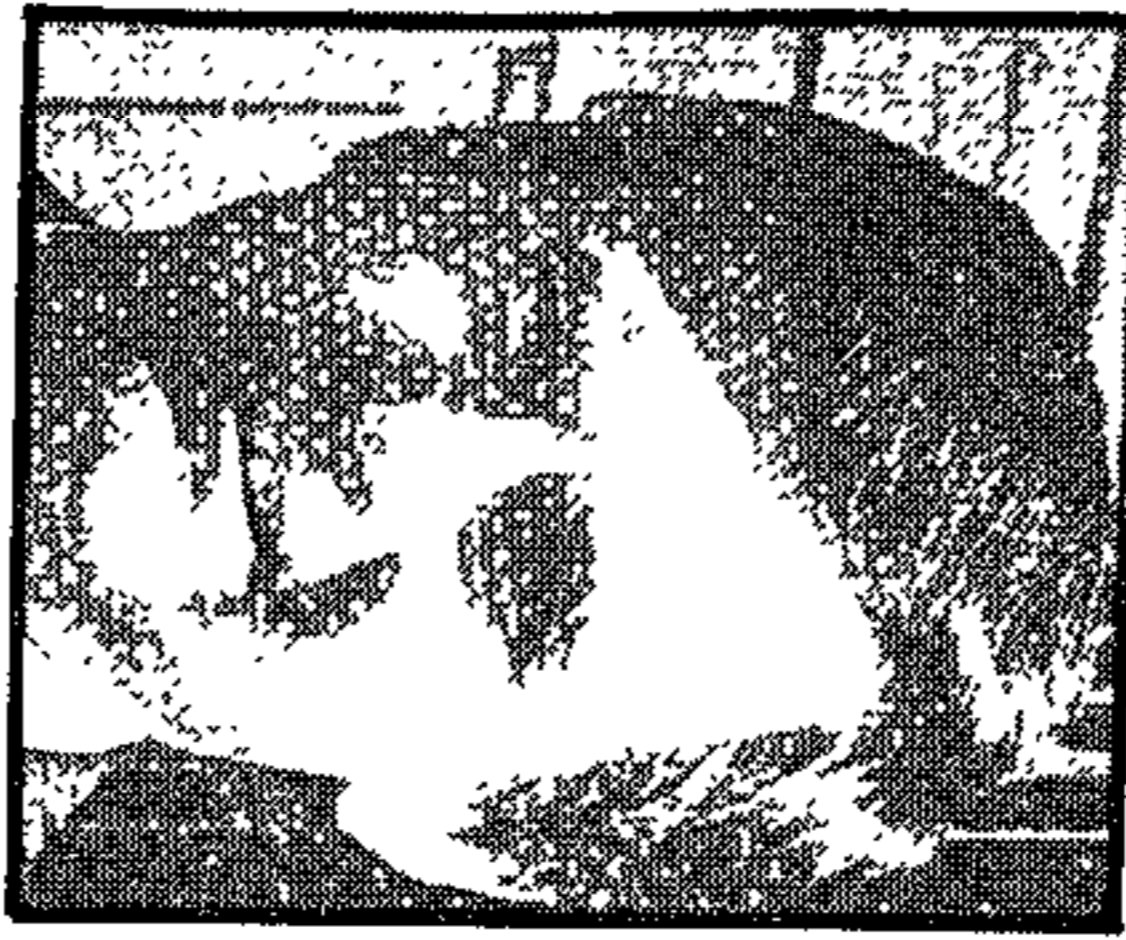
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AFTER Scheffer's return to Pretoria De Pontes ordered his secretary, Mrs Scholtz, to travel to the capital to obtain a computer print-out of the Italian's arrival in South Africa.

In the meantime, Scheffer provided the computer operators with information that Palazzo entered the country on December 12, 1986, on his own passport. No other information was fed into the computer.

Mrs Scholtz handed a photocopy of the print-out to De Pontes on her return.

During his first consultation with De Pontes, the Italian told the MP of the existence of the an Italian warrant of arrest and an application for



Mr Robert de Lange

his extradition on grounds that he would have helped or ganised crime to conceal money.

De Pontes concealed this fact as he knew the Palazzo would probably not have obtained RSA residence permits otherwise, the judge noted.

"De Pontes told the Department of Home Affairs and the Minister several times, that the contraventions of which Palazzo was found guilty of in Switzerland were not contraventions in terms of South African law.

"This is an amazing statement as De Pontes could not meaningfully explain on which facts his opinion was based," the judge said.

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On January 31, last year, Palazzo was arrested on a charge of entering the country illegally. Six days later he voluntarily returned to Switzerland to serve the rest of his imprisonment.

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"It was done to mislead South African custom officials in order to persuade them that Palazzolo resided in the Ciskei since December 27, 1986, so that his luxury cars could enter the country custom-free," Mr Justice Harms further stated.

The commission could not, however, ascertain who was responsible for this, but stated "that Mr Douw Steyn had personal knowledge of the matter and could possibly have been involved."

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# Teacher on 19 molesting raps

by GILL TURNBULL, Court Reporter

A PRIMARY school teacher has pleaded not guilty in Wynberg Regional Court to 19 counts of molesting young girls.

Mr Albert William Walters, 51, of Pehmina Road, Westridge, Mitchell's Plain, was charged with 18 counts involving indecent acts and one of attempted rape.

Investigating Officer Sergeant Christian Hunsinger of the Cape Town Child Protection Unit said a Mitchell's Plain primary school principal gave him reports and letters of complaints against Mr Walters concerning 30 girls.

He opened dockets for 12 girls.

Mr Vernon Africa said he had been Mr Walters's colleague since 1980 at two primary schools.

Last November, after reports in The Argus about child-abuse, he discussed the subject with his Standard 5 guidance class. Two days later a group of girls visited his office.

One was in tears as she told him that while helping Mr Walters tidy the art room he fondled her and touched her in a way that made her embarrassed. Others made similar allegations.

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## Bloombergs, Kerzner admit casino bribe

**Own Correspondent**  
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The two are not expected to be called to give further testimony before the commission.

The statement noted that at the time of the payoff (late 1986, early 1987) Transkei was governed by politicians with a strong tribal influence in a traditional system “which rendered it acceptable” to receive gifts and distribute favours among their followers.

“The circumstances under which the payment was

exacted by Chief George amounted to at least commercial extortion on the part of the then-corrupt regime in Transkei,” the statement said.

In the last quarter of 1986, Chief George let it be known he was considering the granting of casino rights in Umtata to a group headed by Ms Lexi Cezar and supported by South African financiers, the statement said.

The granting of such rights would have been in breach of the rights held by Wild Coast Sun (WCS) and Transgames and would have led to the fragmentation of the market to the detriment of both Transkei and WCS.

“In the circumstances — and in the face of a threat that the government would not respect its rights — WCS was forced as a defensive measure to protect its investment to put forward a competing application for casino rights in Umtata,” the statement said.

“In truth, if anyone were to obtain casino rights in Umtata, WCS was the only party lawfully entitled thereto. The award of the rights to WCS would also have been the only commercially sound decision in the interests of both Transkei and WCS.”



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He thereby managed to extort — if not legally then certainly commercially — undue payment to himself, the statement said.

In these circumstances, the payment may properly be regarded as having been made, not for obtaining benefits improperly, but rather — because of undue pressure — to protect rights which both WCS and Transgames already held.

“The payment was also to ensure that sound commercial policy was not overridden by the private ambitions of Chief George,” the statement said.

Late yesterday, in an implied threat to St. Transkei’s ruling military council head, Chief Bantu Holomisa, said the company had further prejudiced its gambling rights in Transkei by not admitting the R2-million bribe earlier.

He said the military council members would also be pleased to hear the “truth has finally been told”, as the question of 13 alleged “bribes” concerning gambling was one of the reasons the council had staged the coup.

September 1987, faces charges of siphoning millions of rand from the impoverished homeland.

In a statement submitted with affidavits by Mr Kerzner and Mr Bloomberg, Chief George is accused of abusing his “official and autocratic” position to threaten and extort R2 million from Sun International (St).

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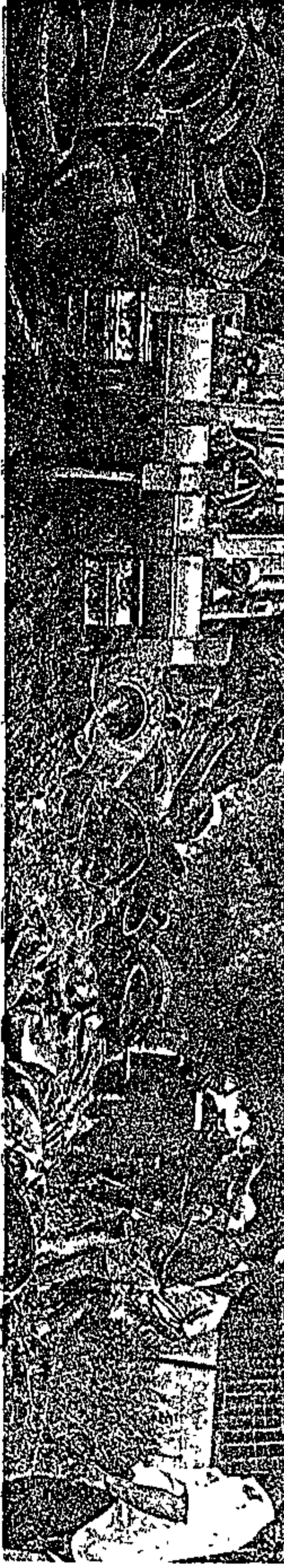
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**Mao’s grandson the top fatty**  
PEKING. — The late Mao Tse-tung’s only grandson admits to being the fattest student at a prominent Chinese university and says he looks forward to following his grandfather into politics.  
Mr Mao Xiu-zu, 19, who bears a striking resemblance to his grandfather, the man who founded Communist China, weighs a hefty 106kg. — UPJ

Picture: RICHARD BELL

# Payoff: Sun backs Kerzner

Sun International yesterday issued the following memorandum in connection with affidavits made to the Harms Commission by Mr Sol Kerzner and Mr David Bloomberg.



Mr David Bloomberg

THE boards, having been informed of all the relevant matters inquired into by the commissions under the chairmanship of Mr G A Alexander SC and Mr Justice Harms respectively, and the circumstances relating thereto, have unanimously resolved that Mr Sol Kerzner will continue to enjoy their confidence and support.

Memorandum for the commission of inquiry into certain alleged cross-border irregularities:

1. The commissioner, the Hon Mr Justice Harms, has acceded to a request to place before him a memorandum which may assist the commission in reporting on the payment made to Prime Minister George Matanzima in the perspective of the then prevailing circumstances in Transkei.

2. The international perspective:

2.1 Multi-national companies across the world have to deal with officials of foreign states. The writ of the law of their own states does not run in foreign states, and is not able to protect their nationals in those foreign states. Such companies are wholly reliant on the administrative and other practices prevailing in those states, although these may not be conducted according to the same principles maintained in their own states.

2.2 According to an article in a November 1988 issue of the Economist, the United Nations in 1975 began

work on a proposed international prohibition on payments to officials of foreign countries. When account is taken of differences in established administrative procedures, business principles, and even moral attitudes prevailing in different countries, it is apparent that the question is a vexed one.

With a single exception, no country has passed any legislation in this regard. The legislation passed in the United States of America in 1977 followed on a report from the Securities and Exchange Commission that more than 300 American companies had made payments to foreign officials.

Even in the United States business interests have repeatedly requested that the 1977 Legislation be repealed or diluted. These requests have been based on the grounds that such payments are a necessary part of doing business in the third world, that business managers should not impose their own scruples on increasingly international shareholders to whom such principles may be alien, and that such receipts may in foreign countries not be frowned upon, legally or even morally.

2.3 The question whether it is appropriate for a state, whose nationals do business in other states, to seek to govern such business dealings with the administration of other states where it exercises no control and offers no protection to its nationals, remains unresolved everywhere, except in the United States of America.

3. The South African position:

In keeping with the aforesaid international position the Republic of South Africa has also not sought to extend the writ of its legal system to controlling the conduct of its nationals in their relations with the administrations of foreign states.

The legal argument addressed to this Commission and the findings in the De Pontes Report demonstrates that South African law does not render it an offence for a South African national to make a payment to a foreign official.

This is not merely a legal technicality, but indicates that it is not the policy of our law to seek to regulate the affairs of a foreign state over whose administration it has no control and where it offers its nationals no protection.

4. The Transkei situation:

4.1 At the relevant time Transkei was governed by politicians who also exercised a strong tribal influence in a traditional system which rendered it acceptable to receive gifts and distribute favours among their followers.

This appears clearly from the various findings of the Alexander Commission.

The abuse of this tradition is reflected in the following finding of the Alexander Commission:

... it is fundamental, if responsible government is not to be reduced to a contemptible farce, that decisions involving the common weal should stand to be

made honestly and fairly, without thought of personal aggrandizement or reward.

Regrettably it has been my experience in both the present inquiry and that preceding it, that so often the very contrary has proved the case.

There has been a subservience of officialdom to the whims of those holding power over them, made only understandable by the fears of dismissal should they be of mind to demur. A cult of the individual has been allowed to predominate. (Volume 1 paragraph 47 and 48)

4.2 The erosion of the regular functioning of the Transkei administration existed at the highest level of government, namely that of Prime Minister Matanzima. The Alexander Commission referred to the interference of the Prime Minister, specifically in regard to the granting of gambling rights, in the following terms:

... judged by South African standards it may appear somewhat unusual to seek the blessing of the Head of Government where the application to be made is regulated by an Act of Parliament.

This however appears to have been the way official business was often conducted in Transkei at the time. I think this practice is to be deprecated especially where rival applications are pending" (Volume 1 at page 194)

4.3 In his evidence before this Commission a former managing director of the Transkei Development Corporation, Mr G P Tarr, described the persistent efforts by Matanzima and other officials over a period of several years to manipulate the affairs of that Corporation to their personal benefit.

These included instructions to sell shareholdings at par value where the real value was considerably higher, to dispose of properties below market value, and generally related to the acquisition of rights through intervention and abuse of their high executive offices.

He described how he sought to resist this and how such resistance led to the summary dismissal of himself and ten of his senior officials.

He also described his efforts to draw attention to the wide-scale corruption prevalent in the Transkei, and the almost daily level of extortion by senior officials.

4.4 It is against this background that the events of December 1986 concerning the Umtata casino project should be viewed.

5. The threat to the lawful interests of Wild Coast Sun Ltd (WCS):

5.1 The market for the gaming industry in Transkei was too small to admit of fragmentation on a viable basis. An investor, prepared to spend tens of millions of rands on major developments which could attract tourists, offer large-scale employment, and through levies, dividends and taxes make a major contribution to State revenues, could not risk such investment unless the exclusivity of his market was assured for a limited but



Mr Sol Kerzner

sufficient period.

5.2 Such protection was afforded to WCS by three categories of rights granted by the Transkei Government.

5.2.1 The first was the grant of exclusive gaming rights for a period extended to 1 December 1996 within a 100km radius from the Wild Coast development.

On the strength of these exclusive rights WCS, a Transkeian company owned as to approximately one-third by the Transkei Development Corporation and two-thirds by the Sun International Group, progressively invested about R130 million in a hotel/casino complex at the Wild Coast.

5.2.2 The second was a right of pre-emption on casino rights anywhere in Transkei granted to Holiday Inns and acquired by WCS.

5.2.3 The third was the exclusive right to operate slot machines anywhere in Transkei, outside the said 100-kilometre radius, granted to Transgames (Proprietary) Limited ("Transgames") in which latter company WCS held a 45 percent shareholding and a management contract, and had been offered the remaining 55 percent shareholding. (The installation of slot machines is an essential requisite for the viability of a hotel casino company).

5.3 The infringement of the aforesaid rights would not only severely and unlawfully have prejudiced WCS's investment and prospects in Transkei, but would also have set a serious precedent in re-are to the Sun

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## Boards support Sol

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The boards of three companies in which Sol Kerzner holds executive positions have unanimously resolved to continue to support him, the Harms Commission heard yesterday.

Safmarine and Rennies Holdings Limited, Kersaf Investments Limited and Sun International Incorporated (SI) were all told of Mr Kerzner's affidavit submitted to the Harms Commission in which Mr Kerzner and his business associate, Cape Town attorney Mr David Bloomberg, admitted that they had made a payoff of R2 million to Chief George Matanzima.

Mr Kerzner is on the board of SI, vice-chairman of Kersaf and an executive director of Safmarine Rennies.

The boards "resolved that Kerzner would continue to enjoy their confident support", Mr Kerzner's counsel said.

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5.3 The infringement of the aforesaid rights would not only severely and unlawfully have prejudiced WCS's investment and prospects in Transkei, but would also have set a serious precedent in regard to the Sun International Group's interests in other independent states adjacent to South Africa.

5.4 In the last quarter of 1986 Matanzima let it be known that he was considering the granting of casino rights in Umtata to a group headed by Lexi Ceza and supported by South African financiers.

The grant of such rights would have been in breach of the rights held by WCS and Transgames and would have led to the fragmentation of the market, to the detriment of both Transkei and WCS.

In the circumstances, and in the face of a threat that the government would not respect its rights, WCS was forced, as a defensive measure to protect its investment, to put forward a competing application for casino rights in Umtata.

5.5 In truth, if anyone were to obtain casino rights in Umtata, WCS was the only party lawfully entitled thereto. The award of the rights to WCS would also have been the only commercially sound decision in the interests of both Transkei and WCS: It would, while avoiding economic fragmentation of the market, have provided additional State income by way of levies, dividends and taxes and have created substantial employment opportunities with a company having an excellent trading record in Transkei.

In addition, the public listing of Transun would provide an occasion for Transkei citizens to obtain a shareholding in that company at issue price which was likely to be lower than market price once the shares were listed on The Johannesburg Stock Exchange.

5.6 Matanzima, requiring money to purchase a farm for himself, abused his official and autocratic position by threatening to override the legitimate rights and interests of WCS.

He thereby managed to extort (if not legally, then certainly commercially) an undue payment to himself.

5.7 In these circumstances, it is submitted that the payment to Matanzima may properly be regarded as having been made not for the improper obtaining of a benefit, but rather under undue pressure to protect rights which both WCS and Transgames already held, and to ensure that sound commercial policy was not overridden by the private ambitions of Matanzima.

5.8 Lastly, it should be added that the price paid by WCS for the 55 percent which it did not already hold in Transgames was calculated to be, and has proved to have been, a commercially sound price — as was confirmed by independent uncontroverted evidence be-

fore the Alexander Commission.

WCS therefore expended no monies for which its shareholders did not receive full value.

To the extent that the vendors of the Transgames shares in the end result received a lesser purchase price, it may be kept in mind that the granting of casino rights (which would include slot machine rights) in Umtata equally threatened the rights of Transgames and the prospective value of those shares.

### 6. Summary:

Should the Commissioner be in agreement with the above analysis of the circumstances surrounding the payment to Matanzima, it is respectfully suggested that the events investigated would be placed in perspective if it were concluded, that:

6.1 The payment made to Matanzima was not illegal under South African law;

6.2 The decision of WCS to apply for the rights for the Umtata project was in the best interests of both Transkei and WCS and the price paid by WCS for the Transgames shares was a commercially sound price;

6.3 The circumstances under which the payment was exacted by Matanzima amounted to at least commercial extortion on the part of the then corrupt regime in the Transkei.

● The Sun International statement ended with signed affidavit by Mr Rupert David Bloomberg and Mr Solomon Kerzner.



Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG.—Sun International had further prejudiced its gambling rights in Transkei by withholding for so long the information that R2m had been paid to former Transkei prime minister Chief George Matanzima, Transkei's ruling military council head, Chief Bantu Holomisa, said yesterday.

The fact that SI chairman Sol Kerzner authorised a R2m payment to Chief Matanzima to secure SI's gambling rights in Transkei was raised at the Alexander commission early last year but it was only admitted in documents before the Harms Commission in Pretoria yesterday.

Chief Holomisa said a special committee, set up to look into Alexander Commission recommendations, was still looking into the question of exclusive gambling rights in Transkei and Mr Kerzner's admission would make its work easier.

However, had the admission been made much sooner, it could have saved the Transkei government large amounts in legal fees and would have hastened the process of dealing with the gambling rights issue.

The question of exclusive gambling rights was not provided for in Transkei law and the present government upheld that law, he said.

He said the military council members would also be pleased to hear the "truth has finally been told" as the question of 13 alleged "bribes" concerning gambling was one reason the council had staged the coup.

Last year Bloomberg told the Alexander Commission the R2m was paid to Mr G J Gouws on Mr Kerzner's instructions.

Mr Kerzner had earlier testified the R2m was part of the payment for the acquisition by SI subsidiary Transun of

# Group 'put gambling rights in Transkei at stake'

an additional 55% shareholding in Transgames, the company which was held to have exclusive gambling rights in Transkei.

Referring to SI's statement the payment to Chief Matanzima was not illegal under SA law, Chief Holomisa challenged the SA government to look at amending a law he said could allow South Africans to encourage corruption in neighbouring states.

He added that SA was responsible for taking action on the matter as documents before the Alexander Commission showed the transaction, through an Eastern Cape hotelier, took place in SA and not Transkei.

While he did not want to pre-empt the Harms Commission's recommendations, he said: "If the South African law is silent, their authorities must look into amending it so we can live harmoniously as neighbours," he said.

If the SA government did not take action, it would be seen to be assisting in corruption, he said. South Africans had "purposefully and deliberately corrupted some of our leaders in the past," he added.

# Police injured in shebeen raid

RIOT police were called in to help three policemen who were attacked yesterday by a group of men during a dagga raid at a Woodstock shebeen.

The incident happened at 10.30am when members of the police mobile unit raided a house in Cornwall Street, Woodstock, a police spokesman said yesterday.

The three policemen confiscated 85 dagga cigarettes and on returning to their vehicle were attacked by six men.

In the ensuing struggle the policemen's uniforms were torn and two watches were stolen, the spokesman said.

Reinforcements from the riot squad were called in and order was restored.

Ten men were arrested and will appear in court today on charges ranging from assault to damaging police property.

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# Gang death threatens township peace talks

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Staff Reporter

CRUCIAL peace talks between rival gangs in Guguletu tomorrow are in danger of floundering over the killing of one alleged gang member and the wounding of two others by "elders" in the township's Section One earlier this week.

Police used teargas to disperse several hundred people after an NY6 man, identified as Mr Simon Modu Kanene, 21, was stabbed to death during a gangster "clean up" operation conducted by "elders and local organisation members".

Township sources claimed that

the three victims were all gang members.

They said that on Thursday night a group of some 200 people conducted a house-to-house search, using a list of alleged gangsters' names.

One source claimed to have seen the group, which included "some youngsters", ripping bedding and clothing from specific rooms in homes, throwing these into the street and setting the bundles alight.

Backyard shanties in which gangsters were alleged to live were burnt down, he said.

"They avoided damaging the

homes of other people or parents," he said.

The target gang seem to be the Mfelandawonyes (we who die in one place), one of four mainstream local gangs, he added.

Newly appointed Guguletu detective chief Major Johan Kleyn, who set up a much-welcomed meeting between the Ntsara and the Adderley gangs last Sunday, said yesterday that a follow-up meeting was set for tomorrow.

"We are trying to get all the gangs and their leaders here so we can thrash out a peace agreement. I want them to know that we don't take sides and that my office is open to them all."

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# War on the gangsters

by VUYO BAVUMA  
Weekend Argus Reporter

AN alleged gangster was stabbed to death and about four people were seriously injured when armed residents patrolled Guguletu this week "to make the neighbourhood safe".

At least four backyard shacks allegedly belonging to Amafelandownye — "those who will die in the same place" — members were set alight.

The patrol, which took place on Thursday, started at 7pm and was confined to Section 1.

The dead man was Simon Madukanene, 22, of NY 6, an alleged Amafelandownye member, who was attacked at 10.20pm after a group cornered him at a shack in NY 27.

## Locked in

Witnesses said he was pursued by 15 armed people. He ran into the backyard shack and locked himself in.

The chanting mob threatened to set the shack on fire. Later, Madukanene apparently opened the door and was killed as he tried to escape.

At two different houses at NY 43 several patrol members set two shacks on fire — believed to belong to members of Amafelandownye.

Shortly after 8pm near NY 5 a man who some patrol members thought was a gangster was attacked with

pangas and knobkerries.

The injured man was saved by a woman.

About 9.30pm the crowd converged at NY 6 shopping centre before moving to a house in NY 27. Shortly after that a shack was set alight and Madukanene was attacked.

At 10.15pm the crowd gathered at NY 7 sports field, where the police dispersed them with teargas.

The patrol was the latest move to end spiralling violence in the townships between the gangs and the public, which has left an unknown number of people dead.

It came in the wake of a series of meetings organised by residents to stamp out violence.

Last Sunday two rival gangs agreed to lay down their arms during a meeting organised by Guguletu detective branch commander Major Johan Kleyn.

● A police spokesman, Lieutenant Attie Laubscher, said the fighting on Thursday in Guguletu was between two groups who did not attend last Sunday's peace talks at the new Guguletu police headquarters.

He said they did not know the reasons for the fighting and viewed it as an isolated incident.

"Major Kleyn will hold another meeting tomorrow with parents and the two gangs in effort to sort out the problems," he said.

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# POLICE 'STOOD BY' DURING KNIFE FIGHT

by CLIVE SAWYER  
Mitchell's Plain Bureau

**POLICEMEN** stood by during a knife fight at the Mitchell's Plain Town Centre, claims a security guard.

Mr Graham Daries of Real Security said five "gangsters" started shouting at two jewellery store employees at a fruit stand.

A fight broke out and the two men were stabbed and chased into the jewellery store. One of the gangsters was stabbed by the men.

Still wearing his bloodstained clothing, Mr Daries said: "I asked the police to help, but they just stood by. There were five of them, but all they did was take one of the men from the jewellery store away."

### Store closed

"The gangsters got away. I don't know if the police arrested the man from the jewellery store or took him to hospital."

The jewellery store was closed and staff could not be reached for comment.

Mitchell's Plain police station commander Colonel J Manuel said he had not heard anything of the incident and referred inquiries to the duty officer, who referred me to Sergeant Jacob Scholtz.

He said he had not been involved, but had seen the man in the charge office.

"He was told to come back and lay a charge once he had been treated," said Sergeant Scholtz.

A Constable van Wyk said he was passing when he saw two men attacking another.

"I took a knife and a hammer away from one of the men, but I could not handle the situation and called for reinforcements."

### Head injuries

He said three policemen arrived and they helped the stabbed man to the charge office.

Fruitsellers said they had seen nothing. One, who refused to be named, said she had run into a shop when the fight started.

Policemen at the Mitchell's Plain charge office said the stabbed man had been taken to hospital and no charges had been laid. He had head injuries, they said.

A spokesman for the Cape Ambulance and Rescue Services said an ambulance went to the police station, but the stab victim refused treatment and refused to get in the ambulance.

"He said he would go home by himself. We don't know his name," said the spokesman.

# Rival gangs agree to end fighting

Crime Reporter

PEACE came a step nearer for the residents of Guguletu when the leaders of two warring gangs shook hands in front of about 300 people and promised to overcome their differences "around the table and not in the streets".

Yesterday's handshake between Mr Frank Manase of the Ntsara gang and Mr Moli Buti of the Adderley gang was a triumph for newly-appointed Guguletu detective chief Major Johan Kleyn who organised the truce between the two rival gangs.

For the past two years the Ntsaras and Adderleys have been involved in vicious fighting which has cost the lives of at least 20 people. Recently other gangs have been siding with the Adderleys in their war against the Ntsaras.

Yesterday's meeting, which was attended by the senior public prosecutor for Athlone, Miss Yvonne Murray, was a follow-up to the initial meeting held a week ago.

Earlier fears that the talks would founder over last week's murder of an alleged gang member proved to be unwarranted as members of both the Ntsaras and the Adderleys arrived at the venue in the old Murray and Roberts building.

The murdered man, Mr Simon Modu Kanene, 21, was stabbed to death during an alleged gangster clean-up operation conducted by "elders and local

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organisation members".  
The meeting was also attended by members of three other gangs as well as parents and girlfriends of the gang members.

Major Kleyn said that in the past week there had been no major incidents between the two gangs compared to the violence which had preceded the first meeting.

Although the gang leaders said there were still "minor problems" that had to be sorted out, they would "look to the future". Elders in the community also vowed to help in the maintenance of peace.

But nobody at the meeting believed the handshake would be a magic overnight solution to the problem.

"We are not going to solve the problem in a meeting or two, or even in a couple of weeks, but it is a start and we must start somewhere," Miss Murray said shortly before the meeting got under way.

Describing the situation as very delicate, Major Kleyn said the people involved in the peace negotiations were going to "take things step by step" but that yesterday's meeting had been a success.

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# Barend feared R150m 'scam'

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PRETORIA. — A senior Reserve Bank official told the Harms Commission yesterday that the Minister of Finance, Mr Barend du Plessis, asked him to see millionaire entrepreneur Mr Albert Vermaas because Mr Du Plessis "did not want the State President embarrassed".

Dr J van Greunen, of the Reserve Bank, said Mr P W Botha was to have met leaders from the independent black states on Monday November 27 last year, and Mr Du Plessis had asked him to see Mr Vermaas at Mr Vermaas's home on Sunday, the day before Mr Botha's meeting.

Dr Van Greunen said he believed Mr Du Ples-

PRETORIA. — An offer from a mysterious "foreign purchaser" to buy Chieftain Aviation's shares for R155 million was "not worth the paper it's written on", the Harms Commission's chief professional officer, advocate Mr Frank Kahn, remarked during yesterday's hearing here.

Creditors have pinned their hopes on this deal, in the belief that it could fund their reimbursement.

Mr Kahn said the Chieftain aircraft had been valued at as little as R10 million, and questioned the mystery buyer's "Santa Claus attitude". — Sapa

sis's discomfort stemmed from the fact that it appeared that Mr Vermaas's Ciskei-registered companies would be "dragged into an open commission hearing", and that it might involve "a R150-million scam".

Dr Van Greunen said Mr Du Plessis had telephoned him, saying he "had Mr Vermaas in his office".

Mr Du Plessis asked him to see Mr Vermaas

but "did not ask me to do anything".

The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Pik Botha, who along with the Minister of Defence, Gen Magnus Malan, had travelled in Mr Vermaas's aircraft, had earlier referred Mr Vermaas to Mr Du Plessis.

Mr Du Plessis mentioned to Dr Van Greunen Mr Botha's coming meeting with the independent states' leaders, and asked Dr

Van Greunen to see Mr Vermaas on Sunday because he did not want the president embarrassed, Dr Van Greunen said.

He had gone to Mr Vermaas's home accompanied by Reserve Bank colleagues because he had decided it would be better to have someone with him.

Mr Vermaas told them that he thought of selling the aircraft to cover a R150 million shortfall in his companies, and he thought the bankers could "influence" and "expedite" the Reserve Bank's forex control decision.

"We said we do not try to influence exchange control decisions, not even for personal friends," said Dr Van Greunen. — Sapa

# Gangland shooting spree Man held

Staff Reporter

THREE youths were shot and wounded in Lavender Hill yesterday in what police believe to be a gang-related shooting spree.

A 23-year-old man was last night held by police for questioning after the youths were gunned down in what police believe to be two "hits" by the same gunman.

At 5pm a 17-year-old Retreat youth was shot in the thigh at Stone Court and at 7.40pm a 16-year-old Retreat youth was shot in the leg and an 18-year-old man in the side.

The victims were taken to Victoria Hospital by ambulance where their conditions were last night described as "satisfactory" by a hospital spokesman.

Police are investigating charges of attempted murder and possible gangland links, they told the Cape Times.



# Harms: Police raid city legal firm

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Police this week raided the offices of top lawyers in Cape Town and King William's Town and handed seized files and documents relating to Ciskei gambling rights to the Harms Commission, it was reliably learnt yesterday. The commission is investigating cross-border irregularities in Ciskei and Transkei. It is to resume hearings in Cape Town on February 20. Police referred inquiries about the raids to the commission. When contacted, com-

mission chief investigating officer Mr Frank Kahn said he had no comment. The managing director of Kersal, Mr Ian Heron, confirmed yesterday that the two legal firms raided, Hutton & Cook in King William's Town and Anton Butirski and Associates in Cape Town, acted for a Ciskei-registered company, Lenton, which held Ciskei gambling rights until about two years ago when Kersal subsidiary Sun International bought the rights from it. Sun International is the only company operating a gambling licence in the Ciskei.

Hutton & Cook senior partner Mr Robert Stanford, who is also president of the Cape Law Society, declined to comment when contacted yesterday. But when asked whether the raid was in connection with Ciskei gambling rights, he said: "Client's privilege forbids me making any comment on any aspect concerning the Ciskei company. I am also on the board of directors so it is not appropriate to comment." Mr Anton Butirski, of Anton Butirski and Associates, also declined to comment.

The Ciskei Registrar of Companies said Lenton's directors were listed as Mr John Richard Allison (Sun International Ciskei financial director) and Mr Ken Rosevear (the MD of Sun International). Mr Rosevear said last night that it was possible he had been made a director of Lenton after Sun International had acquired the rights. In November last year, Jale Holdings chairman Mr Chris van Rensburg and his two co-directors, Mr Laurie Paining and Mr Abos Poulos, discounted in Rand Mer-

chant Bank a 7.5% in Sun International Ciskei shares, according to press reports. The leader of the PFP, Dr Zach de Beer, last night said that given the degree of corruption that had already been discovered in Transkei and Ciskei by two commissions of inquiry, steps should be taken to ensure that the same kind of corruption did not exist in Venda and Bophuthatswana. The corruption issue would be discussed at the PFP's federal council meeting to be held this weekend, he said.

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# De Pontes tells why he resigned

Own Correspondent

EAST LONDON. — The MP for East London City, Mr Peet de Pontes, has again rejected the allegations contained in the Harms Commission report and proclaimed his innocence in the Palazzolo affair.

Although his resignation appeared to be a change of heart, Mr De Pontes said the issue of his resignation was discussed days after drug dealer Vito Palazzolo's arrest, but he was told it was not necessary for him to resign until there had been full investigation.

Immediately after the release of the Harms Commission findings, in which seven possible avenues for charges against Mr De Pontes were found, he asked for an interview with President P W Botha to again discuss his resignation.

Mr Botha was taken ill before the interview could take place.

He had now, however, had the opportunity to discuss the matter with the acting State President, Mr Chris Heunis, and to make arrangements for someone to take care of his constituency.

"It is therefore possible for me to now, in what I believe to be the best traditions and the highest interests of

our parliamentary democracy, to step down as Member of Parliament," he said in a statement yesterday.

Mr De Pontes said there were still a few outstanding matters which required his attention and which he would finalise in the next few days.

"Satisfactory arrangements" had been made to take care of the interests of his constituency.

Asked about this, Mr De Pontes said he had requested that a member of the President's Council and former mayor of East London, Mrs Elsabe Kemp, to look after the affairs of East London City.

Political analyst Professor Willem Kleynhans, however, said there was no provision in South Africa for such a move.

Mr De Pontes said a final decision as to what he would do as far as a future career was concerned would have to stand over until the whole issue had been cleared up.

His legal career is also in the balance in the light of suggested action following the Harms Commission report.

In the meantime, Mr De Pontes said he would pursue business interests.

Reacting to Mr De Pontes' decision to resign, the MP for East London, Mr Calle Badenhorst, said he felt it was the right thing to do under the circumstances.

## Probe hears of DET anti-boycott moves

PRETORIA. — A commission of inquiry into alleged irregularities in the Department of Education and Training (DET) yesterday heard evidence of counter-revolutionary methods by the department — and missing tender documents.

A senior education adviser, Mr A P van Zyl, testified that he wrote a letter on October 15, 1985 to the procurement administration department, regarding the printing of 35 000 copies of a pamphlet entitled "Focus on Education".

The commission, chaired by Miss Justice L van den Heever, heard that the correct tendering procedure had not been followed in ordering the pamphlets.

Mr Van Zyl testified that the pamphlet was aimed at stopping the school boycott in Cradock.

He said the first he knew of the publication was when he was confronted by a bill for the printing by Cradock Koerante.

A second order for the purchasing of newspapers was discussed by a senior procurement official, Mr W Coetzee, who testified that the correct tendering procedure was followed, but the quotes either were missing or not on file. — Sapa

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# Police, SADF raid on New Crossroads

## Staff Reporter

FIFTEEN people were arrested in New Crossroads during a combined police and defence force crime prevention operation today.

About 5 000 pamphlets, printed in English and Xhosa, were handed to residents during the operation, which took place between 2 am and 6.30 am.

The pamphlet stated: "We are here to search for stolen property, unlicensed firearms and ammunition, identify suspects and arrest them.

"This is necessary to maintain law and order and to protect you from troublemakers. You have no reason to fear us."

The defence force cordoned off the area, while police carried out door-to-door searches.

### DAGGA DEALING

Four people were arrested for allegedly dealing in 50 kg of dagga. Five people were arrested for alleged possession of dagga.

A stolen Nissan bakkie was recovered. A man was arrested.

Two people were arrested for allegedly possessing a stolen computer.

Three people were arrested for allegedly dealing in 700 litres of liquor.

Colonel Frik Kellerman, divisional commander of the police riot unit, headed the operation.

The police contingent consisted of the riot unit, the dog squad, uniformed police, detectives and the narcotics squad.

# R2-m payoff: Sequel in SA unlikely

MRGUS  
8/2/89

By TOS WENTZEL  
Political Correspondent

THE Harms Commission of Inquiry into alleged cross-border irregularities has recommended that no prosecution should be instituted in South Africa in respect of bribery or corruption to do with Transkei gambling rights.

The second report of the one-man commission was issued yesterday.

It did not recommend that the involvement of Mr Sol Kerzner or Mr David Bloomberg be referred to the South African Attorney General for a possible prosecution of bribery and corruption.

Whether their payment in South Africa would amount to a crime in Transkei was not a matter for the commission to consider.

It also recommended that:

● The Law Society consider the action of Mr Bloomberg and take whatever steps it considered appropriate;

● The question whether perjury, bribery or corruption was committed in terms of the law of Transkei be left to the Transkei Attorney General, and

● The matter flowing from a prospectus for Transun, which was found to contain several false statements, be referred back to the Transkei government for a decision as to the appropriate action to be taken.

In affidavits to the commission, chairman of Sun International Mr Kerzner and his business associate, Cape Town attorney Mr Bloomberg, admitted having made a R2-million bribe to former Transkei Prime Minister Mr George Matanzima.

Mr Kerzner denied the payoff, to safeguard his casino rights, had been illegal.

The report pointed out that the bribing of a foreign official was not a crime in South Africa.

### LITTLE CONSEQUENCE

This legal conclusion, it said, made the identity of the briber of little consequence in terms of South African law.

The validity of the allocation of the gambling rights was also not affected by the identity of the briber.

Referring to the activities of Mr J Trickey, who tried to market a plan for an hotel and a casino in Umtata, the report said it did not appear as if he had committed an identifiable misdeed in South Africa.

The report pointed out that the affidavits presented to the Harms Commission were in accord with the evidence given before the Alexander Commission.

The report said the Transun prospectus, issued in January 1987, contained some false statements.

It said Transun held the exclusive gambling rights for the area within a 100 km radius of Umtata, including Butterworth.

Of the R5,5-million payable in cash and ordinary shares in Transun, it represented a consideration paid in respect of goodwill.

The vendors, it maintained, were the Etablissement Sports Et Loisirs (ESL), which would receive R1 667 000 in ordinary shares in Transun and R2 037 500 in cash.

These statements were false in the following respects:

● Transgames did not hold valid exclusive gambling rights;

● The R5,5-million did not represent payment in respect of goodwill but in part represented a bribe;

● The R2 037 500 was not intended for the ESL, but, in the main, for Mr Matanzima.

The report said that although the prospectus was issued primarily in Transkei, it was also registered at the Johannesburg Stock Exchange and at the Registrar of Companies in Pretoria.

The false representations were therefore not only of concern for Transkei, but also for South Africa.

Regard had to be paid to the situation then in Transkei. It was then being governed by politicians who abused their position.

Mr Matanzima, who needed money to buy a farm, abused his official and autocratic position by threatening to override the existing rights and interests of WCS.

It could also be asked to what extent Mr Kerzner and Mr Bloomberg were not consenting victims if it was assumed the other group who could have been offered casino rights could not pay.

The report stressed that its recommendations did not mean that it condoned what had happened, and that it was not making a finding on many submissions.

The report mentioned the possibility of supra-territorial commissions appointed by the two countries.

It also referred to evidence before the Alexander Commission which indicated that ESL was controlled by or a vehicle of Mr Bloomberg, his father and/or partners, and that funds were transmitted abroad in a way that may have transgressed the exchange control regulations.

This evidence was disputed before that commission by Mr David Bloomberg.

A "witness for the prosecution" — a Mr R Kurland, who lives in Australia — was scheduled to have appeared before the present commission but he disappeared at the crucial moment.

It had been decided not to proceed with this matter, not only because of this, but because the evidence available had been at the disposal of the Alexander Commission.

A finding by the commission on that material would add little and would be of no practical consequence.

It now appeared as if Mr Kurland could again be available.

## 'Too many politicians in SA'

Parliamentary Staff

SOUTH AFRICA had too many politicians, and not enough statesmen, parliamentarians have been told.

And all the politicians were interested in was the next election, said Rev E J Manikkam (Independent, Rylands).

Making a plea for a united approach to a united South Africa of which all citizens could be proud,

### In brief . . .

THE government should set a timetable for the orderly scrapping of the Group Areas Act, the Deputy Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture in the House of Delegates, Mr Samaroo Pachal, told the joint sitting.

He appealed to the Acting State President, Mr Chris Heunis, to order local authorities not to "police" the Act.

Mr Godfrey Leeuw (LP Southern Free State) said that for as long as blacks were excluded the LP would consider the constitution as "cosmetic." And for as long as they were excluded, South Africa would be considered the skunk of the world.

The Administration of the House of Delegates had been responsible for Group Areas evictions of about 30 coloured families in Cato Manor near Durban, said Mr Jac Rabie (UDP Reiger Park).

The Minister of Local Government and Agriculture in the House of Delegates, Mr S V Naicker, appealed to western industrialised countries not to apply sanctions against South Africa.

The time had come for the activities of the Advocate-General to take place in public, said Mr Casper Uys (CP Barberton).

(Reports by Sapa).

## MP insulted Zulu king — Dalling



King Goodwill  
Zwelethini



Colonel S G  
Bloomberg



Mr David  
Dalling

Parliamentary Staff

NATIONALIST MP for Bezuidenhout, Colonel S G Bloomberg, was accused in Parliament of making rude remarks about Zulu King Goodwill Zwelethini at a mayoral banquet in Johannesburg in November last year.

His conduct, Mr David Dalling (PFP, Sandton) said, was a reflection of the "low political standards" that had become the "norm" for the NP.

Mr Dalling said "In November last year the Mayor of Johannesburg held a formal banquet in honour of King Goodwill.

"At one of the tables there was an interesting combination of guests. One person, probably not knowing who his table companions were, had difficulty in disguising his animosity towards the guest of honour.

"When the King's praise-singer started up at the King's entry, this person said to his table companions: 'Have you noticed how peasants always make the most noise?'

"Later, referring to the Queen, who was with King Goodwill, he said: 'I wonder what a coon sees in a woman like that.'

Mr Dalling said: "This person who made these remarks is not a member of the AWB, nor even of the CP. He is none other than the mild-mannered, apparently tolerant honourable member for the constituency of Bezuidenhout (Colonel Bloomberg).

"We now realise what a massive task of correction and reconstruction awaits the new leader of the NP."

## 'Threshold of a new era'

Parliamentary Staff

SOUTHERN Africa is on the threshold of a new era that bodes well for a peaceful future of the region, Foreign Minister Mr Pik Botha told Parliament in a speech on the Namibian settlement.

And, through its firm negotiation, the South African government had secured a number of significant advantages.

He said that when Resolution 435 was first approved in 1978, the Cuban withdrawal was not linked to it.

"We have succeeded in negotiating that and it is an important advantage which has far-reaching implications for the peaceful development of South Africa."

Important constitutional safeguards for Namibia had been secured in negotiations, as well as the entrenchment of principles guaranteeing an independent judiciary, free and fair elections and the protection of human rights.

Mr Botha said he considered the settlement a "major victory of historic importance" which had earned South Africa "favourable publicity".

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# Tutu slams night raid on Crossroads

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By KAREN STANDER  
Religion Reporter

ARCHBISHOP Desmond Tutu has slammed as "absolutely disgraceful" a security force raid on the residents of New Crossroads in the early hours of yesterday morning.

In a hard-hitting and angry response today, he said he "shuddered to think of the consequences" if the authorities continued to "trample" over people's lives and feelings in this "scandalous" way.

"If soldiers cordoned off a white suburb at 2am and police — including the riot squad — spent more than four hours awakening thousands of ordinary people to search their homes, there would be a national outcry.

"If crime prevention was given as the reason for such callous treatment, angry calls would be made for the police to justify treating law-abiding

citizens as potential criminals.

"And if the result of such a raid was the recovery of some stolen property and a handful of arrests (15), demands would be made in Parliament for disciplinary action against the police and the resignation of the responsible Cabinet Minister.

"But the victims of this callous action are blacks without a vote or any other power, so nobody raises an eyebrow.

"I am waiting to hear the smallest squeak of a response from the self-appointed guardians of blacks' welfare who have shown so much concern for black suffering in recent years.

"If the authorities and the white electorate continue to trample over people's lives and feelings in this scandalous way, I shudder to think of the consequences," Archbishop Tutu said.

Crime operation  
nets 15 suspects

Crime Reporter

A MAJOR crime-prevention operation by the combined forces of the police and the Defence Force woke up residents of New Crossroads early yesterday morning, and netted 15 suspected criminals.

Police also distributed about 5 000 pamphlets to residents during the 4½-hour raid, which started at 2am.

The pamphlets stated in English and Xhosa that residents had "no reason to fear" the police, who were looking for stolen property, unlicensed firearms and ammunition, and suspected criminals.

The police contingent consisted of members of the Peninsula riot unit, uniformed policemen, detectives, members of the narcotics squad and the dog squad, and the police helicopter. Defence Force members were used only to cordon off the area.

Among those arrested were four people for allegedly dealing in 50kg of dagga, five for the possession of dagga, three for dealing in 700 litres of liquor, one for possession of a stolen vehicle and two for possession of a stolen computer.

# Off the track? Harms puts ball in Transkei court

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SUN CHIEFF ...  
Mr Sol Kerzner



FORMER MAYOR ...  
Mr David Bloomberg

**THE Harms Com-** mission into cross-border corruption yesterday recommended no South African prosecutions arising from the payment of R2 million in the Transkei gambling rights bribery affair.

But last night a question still hung over Sun International chief Mr Sol Kerzner and former Cape Town mayor Mr David Bloomberg with the commission's second report saying that "sufficient extradition proceedings exist if required by Transkei".

General Bantu Holomisa, chairman of the Transkei's ruling military council, said last night that the Transkeian government would expect South Africa to extradite the two men if the Transkeian attorney-general decided to prosecute them.

"We are prosecuting our former head of state. Who do these people think they are, that they will not be prosecuted just because they have a lot of money and are well known."

General Holomisa said the report would be referred to the Transkeian attorney-general for a decision on whether to prosecute.

"The South African government will be approached to extradite certain people if the attorney-general decides to prosecute. No one is immune from prosecution in our country."

Mr Justice Louis Harms's one-man

commission found that matters flowing from the commission related to the bribery and corruption investigation should be referred back to Transkei. That country's attorney-general could liaise with his counterpart in South Africa over any possible prosecutions, said the judge.

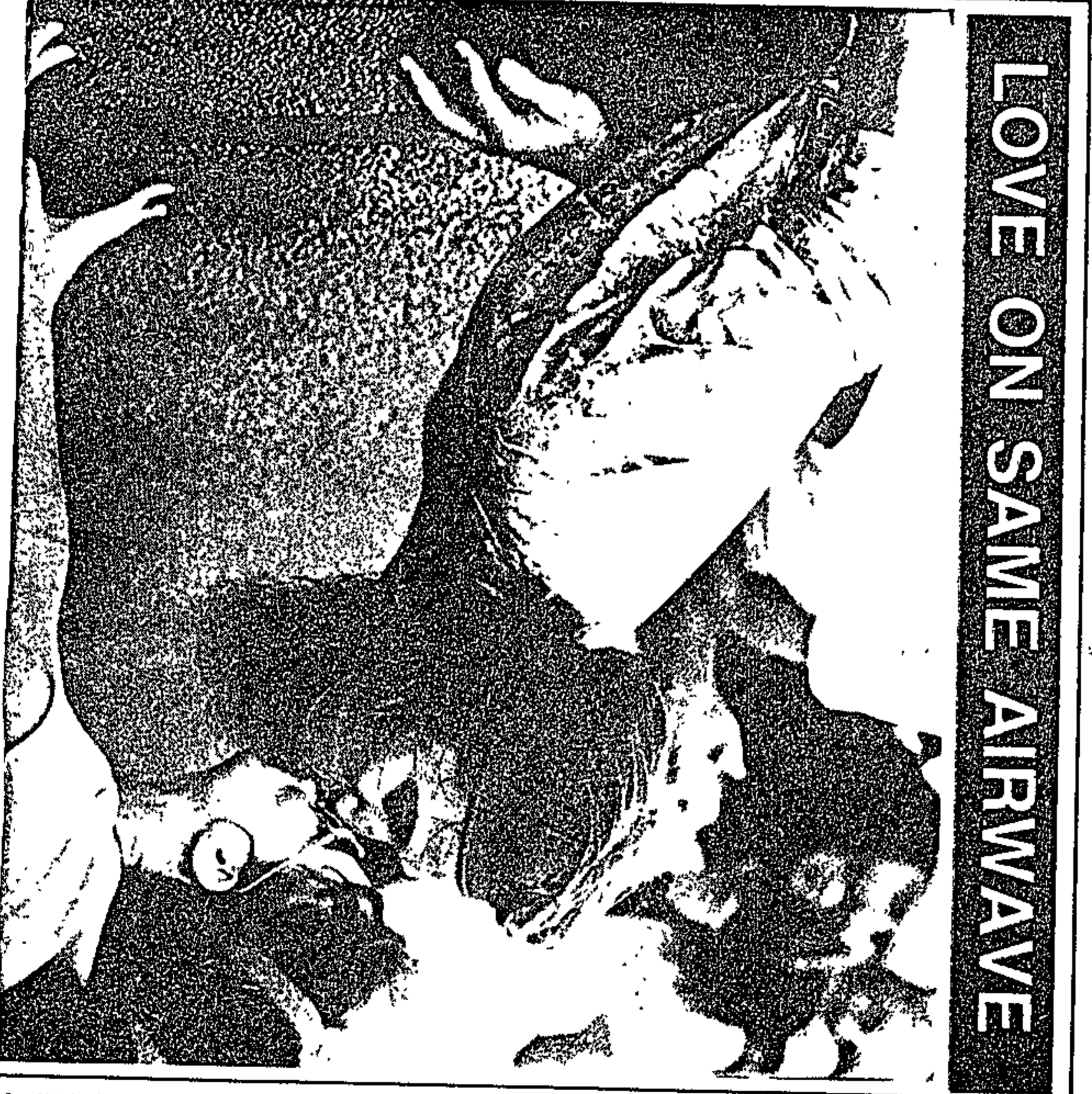
**False prospectus**

Mr Justice Harms also recommended that former Cape Town mayor Mr David Bloomberg's role as an attorney in the pay-off to Transkei's ex-prime minister, Chief George Matanzima, be referred to the Law Society for appropriate action.

The commission found that Sun International published a false prospectus for Transun in January 1987 before its listing on the JSE.

The commission said it was not disputed that Mr Bloomberg transferred an amount of R2 million to Mr G J Gouws, a hotel keeper and farmer in

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LOVE ON SAME AIRWAVE

## NP row brews on 'coloured' influx

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By BARRY STRECK  
Political Staff

CONFLICT within the National Party has emerged about the implementation of the Group Areas Act in the Maitland area of Cape Town — and the MP for the area, Mr Kent Durr, conceded yesterday that Nationalists were "upset" about influx of coloured people into the area.

The renewed tension manifested itself at a closed National Party meeting in Milnerton on Monday night when Mr Durr, who is also the Minister of the Budget in the House of Assembly, was strongly questioned about the number of coloured people in the white areas of Milnerton and Brooklyn.

One of the NP representatives at the meeting, Mr C N J Nicol, said that about half of the approximately 40 people at the meeting walked out at the end because they were so upset with Mr Durr's replies.

Mr Nicol also said a branch secretary told the meeting that a number of Nationalists in the area were refusing to pay their membership dues because the government had failed to enforce the Group Areas Act to prevent the influx of coloured people.



# Police clampdown on crime patrols

By CHRIS BATEMAN

TOWNSHIP "crime watch" patrols, a community response to two years of gangland violence in Guguletu, are almost certainly in line for a police clampdown — despite residents' pleas "not to interfere".

This emerged yesterday from extensive interviews with well-placed police sources and an official police comment that "we can't allow the public to take the law in to their own hands at any time".

The comment by Lieutenant Denise Benson, a Western Cape police liaison officer, was in reaction to at least one murder of an alleged gangster and the burning of the possessions of several others in the "Mau Mau" section of Nyanga last month. Members of a community night patrol were responsible.

Lt Benson said police were in the township to maintain law and order and "that is exactly what we plan to do".

On Monday the three main Greater Guguletu squatter groups lent their weight to a weekend call by central Guguletu residents to police not to interfere with township night street patrols.

# Police silent in face of Tutu outrage over raid

Staff Reporter

POLICE say they have no wish to enter into a debate with Archbishop Desmond Tutu through the media over a crime-prevention raid in New Crossroads.

Archbishop Tutu yesterday condemned a major crime-prevention operation by police and the SADF held in New Crossroads in the early hours of Tuesday. He said the raid was a matter of "trampling over people's lives and feelings in a scandalous way".

A police spokesman in Pretoria

said that if, in Archbishop Tutu's opinion, any member of the SAP had acted incorrectly, he was free to lodge a complaint through any of the existing channels. This would then be investigated.

New Crossroads was cordoned off from 2am and residents were woken up and houses searched. During the 4 1/2-hour raid, pamphlets were distributed telling residents they need not fear the police.

Fifteen arrests were made during the search for weapons, stolen goods and suspects.

"If soldiers cordoned off a

white suburb at 2am and police — including the riot squad — spent more than four hours awakening ordinary citizens to search their homes, there would be a national outcry," Archbishop Tutu said.

"But the victims of this callous action are blacks without a vote or any other power, so nobody raises an eyebrow.

"If the authorities and the white electorate continue to trample over people's lives and feelings in this scandalous way, I shudder to think of the consequences."

# SOL Kerzner

Cape Times 9/2/89

**HOTEL magnate Mr Sol Kerzner yesterday resigned his directorships in three major South African companies.**

He quit as chairman of Sun International, as deputy chairman of Kersaf and as a director of Safren.

Mr Kerzner came under fire in media and business circles in mid-January after he and Cape Town attorney Mr David Bloomberg conceded to the Harms Commission that they paid R2 million to former Transkei prime minister Chief George Matanzima to secure exclusive gambling rights in Transkei.

Sapa reports that Safren said in a statement that the boards had accepted Mr Kerzner's resignation realising that "he has come to this decision in what he regards as to the best interests of the companies concerned". Mr Kerzner gave no reasons for the resignation.

It was understood the resignations were made at an extraordinary board meeting in Johannesburg which had been planned "for about a week", sources said. The source said Mr Kerzner had been under "absolutely no pressure" to resign.

## 'Confidence and support'

Mr Kerzner made his admission of the bribe in camera to the commission in November last year, but the information was only made public in January because of concern by the companies of the effect of the information on share prices.

When the acknowledgement of the bribe was made public, the boards of the three companies said: "After being fully informed of all the relevant matters of the Harms and Alexander commissions we have unanimously resolved that Mr Kerzner will continue to enjoy our confidence and support."

Safren said last night: "The board's decision of support was based on the significant contribution that Mr Kerzner made, not only to the companies concerned but to the economies of Southern Africa as a whole."

This support in no way condoned the "unfortunate events which emerged at the Harms Commission of which we were previously unaware".

In a report released on Tuesday, Mr Justice Louis Harms recommended that neither Mr Kerzner nor Mr Bloomberg be prosecuted for bribery or corruption in South Africa. He said, however, that the Transun prospectus contained three false statements and referred that to the Transkei government.

Speculation last night was that Mr Kerzner would make his permanent base in London to oversee his foreign interests.

Mr Tony Norton, president of the Johannesburg Stock Exchange, said the commission's recommendation for investigation into false statements made in the prospectus of Transun, fell under the jurisdiction of the government.

The commission found that three statements made in the prospectus of Transun were false:

- That Transun held exclusive gambling rights within a radius of 100km around Umtata.

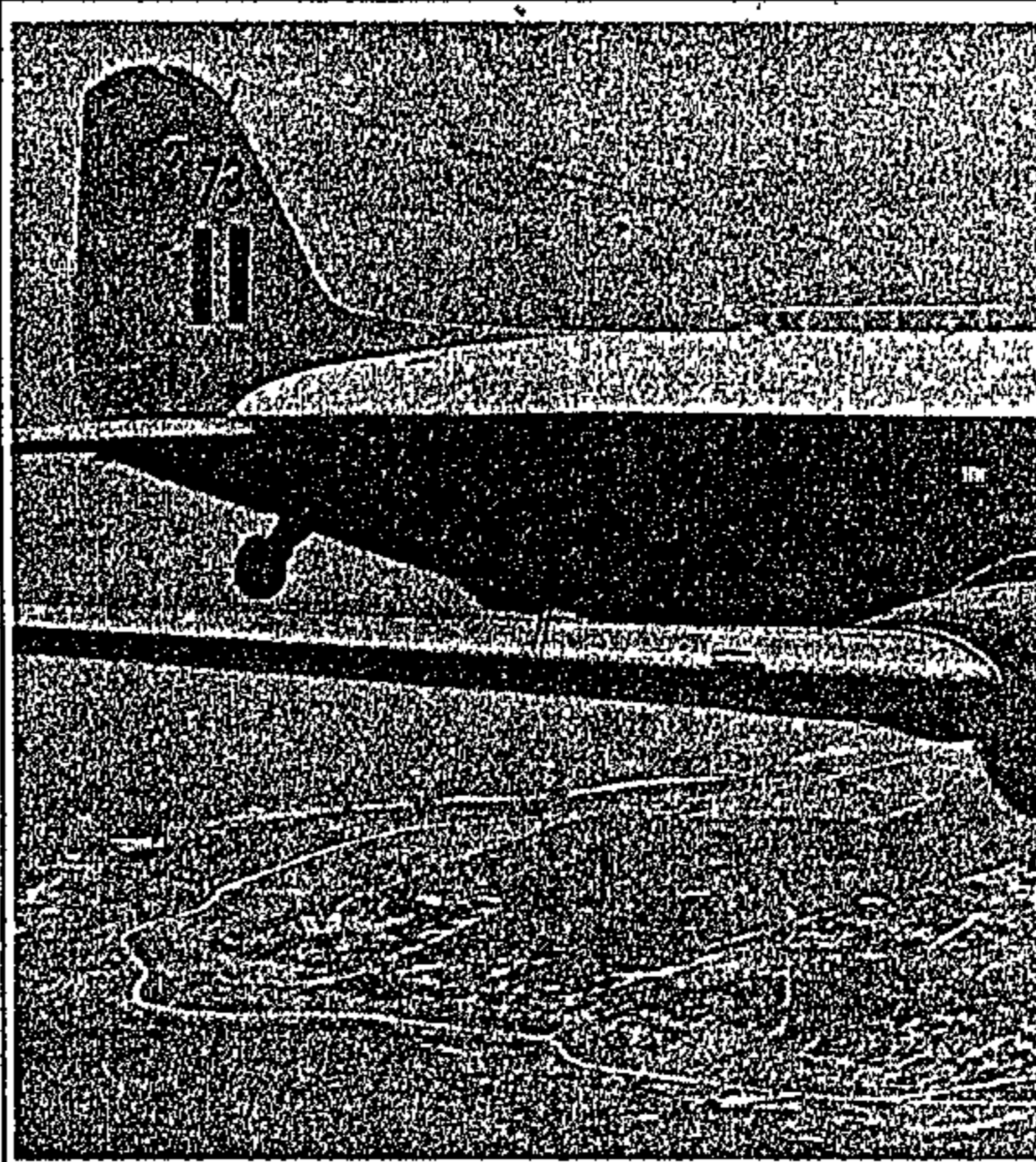
- That R5.2 million of the cash and ordinary shares of Transun had been "paid in respect of goodwill". This amount was in part a bribe, the commission found.

- That R2 037 500 of this amount was to go to a company called ESL for shares in Transun.

This amount was mainly intended as a bribe for Mr Matanzima.

The commission said that the Alexander Commission had not established whether the company ESL (Etablissement Sports and Loisirs) was a genuine foreign concern or "nothing but a sham concealing the personal interests of the Bloombergs."

Own Correspondent, Staff Reporter and Sapa



## 300 now on hunger

Cape Times 9/2/89

ALMOST 300 emergency detainees are now believed to be on hunger strike in two major prisons, saying they will starve themselves to death if necessary.

But Mr Adriaan Vlok, Minister of Law and Order, said last night that the state could not allow itself to be threatened by such protests.

He was replying to an invitation to meet lawyers and their hunger-striking clients today at the Johannesburg Prison after 105 detainees at St Alban's prison in Port Elizabeth issued a letter saying they were joining the hunger strike started by 20 Johannesburg prisoners 16 days ago.

Mr Vlok's reply came amid reports that at least seven of the group which initiated the protest had been taken to Hillbrow Hospital.

On Tuesday, 118 black prisoners in Johannesburg Prison published an open letter to the government saying they were refusing food. They joined 53 prisoners who started fasting more than a week ago.

The latest groups of strikers in Johannesburg and St Alban's prisons began refusing food on Monday.

Some of the prisoners have allegedly been held for up to 30 months under emergency detention.



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## Heunis made to wear Hani's hat



Mr Heunis

Political Staff

THE acting State President, Mr Chris Heunis, is a popular member of the ANC particularly among the radicals and the youth, because he is opposed to the "politics of compromise".

That is, according to the leading French-language African magazine Jeune Afrique.

In a classic misprint, Jeune Afrique mixed up Mr Chris Heunis, the Cape leader of the National Party and a key figure in the government's strategies of negotiation and compromise, with Mr Chris Hani, the deputy leader of the ANC's armed wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe.

Yesterday, Mr Heunis merely laughed when shown the Jeune Afrique boob.

## Boy hurts arm in tumble drier

DURBAN. — A 17-year-old boy badly hurt an arm when it became entangled in a tumble drier.

Nico Basson was admitted to hospital for surgery late on Monday night, with severe open fractures. A spokesman said Nico, who spent five hours in theatre, was still "quite ill and shocked".

He said that from what he understood, Nico had tried to dry his hand in the drier. — Sapa

## Driver survives car's 7-m plunge

Staff Reporter

AN elderly man survived a seven-metre plunge down an embankment on Constantia Nek Road last night, after the car was driving hit other car and left road.

Rescue workers said the man was driving Constantia Nek Road when his car swerved into the path of an oncoming car, glared off it and went down the embankment.

The man, said to have serious injuries, was removed from the car and taken to Military Hospital Wynberg.

The driver of the other car was uninjured.

# Transkei (35) vow to have Kerzner 10/2/89 extradited

## The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Major-General Bantu Holomisa, chairman of Transkei's Military Council, has vowed to have Sun king Sol Kerzner extradited.

General Holomisa said his government would make certain that Mr Kerzner and Mr David Bloomberg, a Cape Town attorney who was also allegedly involved in payment of a R2-million bribe, would be extradited.

"If we can prosecute our own country's leader, George Matanzima, for corruption, we can do the same with them," he said.

He said Mr Kerzner and Mr Bloomberg should not believe they were too rich or important to be extradited.

### WIPED OUT

"No one is immune. We have promised our citizens corruption is going to be wiped out and we must keep that promise," he said.

It was learnt this week that casino resorts tycoon Mr Kerzner had resigned from all directorships within the group, including 75 percent-owned Kersaf — the one that gave him control over the London-based and Bermuda-registered Royale Resorts International (RRI).

Mr Kerzner said he had quit the boards of Safren, Kersaf and Sun International. He left from Lanseria Airport in his corporate jet for his London base yesterday, not on Wednesday, as reported earlier, and could not be reached for comment.

### FOOD OUTLETS

He was understood by fellow-Sun International directors to have also resigned from Interleisure, the company controlling most cinemas and a large proportion of fast-food outlets.

Kersaf's managing director, Mr Ian Heron, said he understood that Mr Kerzner had resigned "basically from all boards", but there was "no question" that the founder of Sun International casino resorts was asked to leave.

Mr Kerzner, whose resignation came in the aftermath of an admission to the Harms Commission that he was responsible for a R2-million bribe to Chief George Matanzima in exchange for gambling rights in the Transkei, ironically played a diminishing role as his empire burgeoned.

# Probe hears of unauthorised DET spending

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The Van den Heever inquiry was told yesterday that Department of Education and Training (DET) officials had allegedly spent a further R800 000 without following correct procedures.

The inquiry since Monday has heard evidence that a total of R1 million was allegedly spent without authorisation or in disregard of DET procedures.

Of the R800 000, Mr Thinus Strydom, son of DET deputy director-general Mr Jaap Strydom, was paid R520 000 by the DET in February and March 1987 for posters his companies had produced, senior procurement official Mr Wynand Coetzee testified yesterday.

DET procedures had not been followed and no authorization had been obtained from the tender board.

The printing should have been done by the state printers because of the size of the order, Mr Coetzee said.

Inquiry advocate Mr Nollie Niehaus will call further DET officials to testify on posters bought from Mr Thinus Strydom.

The inquiry, chaired by Miss Justice Van den Heever, will continue to hear evidence on alleged irregularities in the DET during the next two weeks.

# Voluntary exile for Kerzner?

Cape Town  
10/2/89

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The board of Royale Resorts International (RRI), Kersaf's offshore partnership, was still considering hotel magnate Mr Sol Kerzner's offer of resignation, Kersaf managing director Mr Ian Heron said yesterday.

Mr Heron said Mr Kerzner would be available for comment in London today on the outcome of his resignation offer.

He said Mr Kerzner's resignation from the boards of Safren, Kersaf and Sun International would not create immediate problems.

Mr Kerzner resigned his directorships this week following the tabling in Parliament of the second Harms Commission report on cross-border irregularities.

Mr Kerzner arrived in Britain from South Africa yesterday, a spokeswoman for Sun International said.

She said Mr Kerzner had visited South Africa as part of a scheduled trip via Mauritius and had departed from Lanseria Airport as planned.

Meanwhile, it was speculated yesterday that Mr Kerzner may enter voluntary exile from South Africa if Transkei decides to prosecute him and Cape Town attorney Mr David Bloomberg for paying

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## Kerzner

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former Transkeian prime minister Chief George Matanzima a R2m bribe.

"As far as the Southern Africa and Mauritius businesses are concerned, Mr Kerzner had not been really involved for two years and we have built up our own management team which will now carry on," Mr Heron said.

The chairman of Transkei's ruling military council, General Bantu Holomisa, said yesterday his government would ensure that Mr Kerzner and Mr Bloomberg were extradited to face criminal charges in Transkei.

He said Mr Kerzner and Mr Bloomberg should not believe they were too rich or important to be extradited.

The attorney-general of Transkei, Mr Christo Nel, said he had called for, but had not yet received, the Harms report. He declined to comment when asked whether he had discussed the matter with General Holomisa.

Legal experts said yesterday that Transkei would have little difficulty starting extradition proceedings against Mr Kerzner and Mr Bloomberg, but that it was unlikely they would be delivered to Transkei if they were outside the republic.

# 'Attacks' led to raid in New Crossroads

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TUESDAY'S pre-dawn police raid in New Crossroads had been necessary because of the number of armed attacks on security force patrols in the township over the past year, the Ministry of Law and Order spokesman said today.

He was reacting to Archbishop Desmond Tutu's description of the raid as "absolutely disgraceful."

The spokesman said graffiti on the walls in New Crossroads had showed "certain radical el-

ements" were in the area. During the past year there had been a number of armed attacks on security force vehicles on the road between KTC and New Crossroads.

Fifteen people had been arrested during the raid, which lasted from 3am to 6.15am.

Arrests had been made for dealing in and possession of dagga, illegally dealing in liquor, and the possession of suspected stolen property, including a light delivery van.

Fifty kilograms of dagga and

suspected stolen property had been confiscated.

Police had tried to gain the cooperation of residents by distributing pamphlets detailing the reasons for the raid, and were well-received by residents. — Sapa.

### Squatter leaders held *35*

A PROMINENT squatter leader and a co-operative co-ordinator were this week detained under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act, lawyers confirmed yesterday. They are Mr Christopher Toise, leader of the squatter community at Brown's Farm in Philippi, and Ms Christina Tyulu, a co-ordinator of a co-operative in Philippi Industrial. Police last night confirmed the detentions.

### Man held for 7 deaths *35*

PORT ELIZABETH. — Police have arrested a man in connection with the bizarre slaying of seven women whose decomposed bodies were found in open veld at the outskirts of Queens-town late last month.

### Top Druze official shot

BEIRUT. — Unidentified gunmen yesterday as-



**Own Correspondent**  
**LONDON.** — Hotel tycoon Mr Sol Kerzner yesterday defended the operations of his Transkei Sun company, which has been accused by the Harms Commission of issuing a listing prospectus containing false information.

Speaking the day after his arrival here, he said the material issue in the whole affair was not the listing of the company, which operates the Wild Coast Sun resort in Transkei, but the fairness of the price paid for it.

"That price can be fully justified," he said. "I never did any deals that were commercially unsound."

A cautious and guarded Mr Kerzner reiterated his belief that the financial transactions which led to his resignation were not criminal either in SA or Transkei.

He was consequently unperturbed about suggestions made in certain quarters that his residence status in the UK might now come under scrutiny by immigration authorities.

Regarding his resignation from the board of Royale Resorts International, the UK-based partnership between Sun Hotels International and British & Commonwealth Shipping, Mr Kerzner said this had yet to be approved.

"The letter of resignation is on the table. The board will consider it. Meanwhile, I will finish off properly and responsibly any work with Royale."

He said this could take up to a month as he could not just walk in, clear his desk and leave.

# Kerzner: My deals were fair

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## Bloomberg 'very bitter'

By SYBRAND MOSTERT

MR David Bloomberg, the former mayor of Cape Town implicated with casino tycoon Mr Sol Kerzner in the Transkei corruption scandal, is "bitter" about the affair.

"He has been made the fall guy and is very bitter," a relative said.

"He was forced into the situation, and has never changed his evidence since the commission started. He has been made the whipping boy."

Mr Bloomberg, who has been overseas with his wife Toby since early December, will be returning to the city from London within two weeks.

Mr Kerzner, who has resigned three directorships since admitting to the Harms commission that he gave a R2m bribe to Chief George Matanzima for exclusive gambling rights, arrived in London on Thursday.

## Blast hits Jo'burg army building

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 Own Correspondent

**JOHANNESBURG.** — A limpet mine exploded outside an army HQ in Braamfontein yesterday, slightly injuring 12 people.

The blast outside the Witwatersrand Command medical headquarters during lunch hour damaged a shop and broke windows in the area.

The seven-storey building — which

is routinely patrolled by SADF troops and additionally protected with revolving exterior remote-controlled cameras — was the scene of this year's first bomb blast in Johannesburg.

Police said the limpet mine was placed on a ledge of the building on the corner of Melle and Ameshoff streets. Damage to the building was minimal.

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# PW, Mafia, Vermaas on quiz list

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by JOHN MacLENNAN, Political Staff

THE government is facing potentially explosive questions which attempt to expose links between President Botha and members of his Cabinet with an Italian Mafia man and Mr Albert Vermaas, an attorney at the centre of a R150-million Eurobank scandal.

The questions, set down by the Progressive Federal Party and the Conservative Party and which are due for reply on Tuesday, target President Botha, Foreign Minister Mr Pik Botha and Defence Minister General Magnus Malan.

The opposition wants to discover what benefit Mr Vermaas, especially, received through the largesse of his entertainment for Cabinet members.

The PFP's Mr Dave Dalling wants to know if President Botha or any of his senior officials had any contact with "a certain person" — in this case, Mr Vermaas, the nature of contacts and the dates.

The CP's Mr Clive Derby-Lewis's questions relate to Mr Vermaas, arrested on fraud charges, and Vito Palazzolo, a Mafia drug trafficker. Mr Botha has been asked whether he had contact with Mr Palazzolo, when and for what purpose.

Mr Derby-Lewis also wants to know why and how many times the Defence Minister met Mr Vermaas after November 10 last year, when the flamboyant Pretoria millionaire was refused a security clearance.

The PFP's Mr Jasper Walsh is asking General Malan why he flew to Mauritius last year as Mr Vermaas's guest aboard an aircraft owned by Mr Vermaas's Chieftain Airlines and who paid for the trip.

The PFP's Mr John Malcomess, in addition, has raised the spectre of wholesale corruption through under-the-counter oil purchases.

General Malan has hit back at what he termed the cross-examination he had faced over his "alleged involvement" with Mr Vermaas.

He said that, in principle, integrity and trust were essential for clean administration.

Mistakes could occur within the State's machinery and these had to be handled through existing mechanisms such as departmental inquiries, the courts and institutions such as the office of the Advocate-General.

# Detectives kick about peace plan for Cape Flats

Staff Reporter

DETECTIVES in Guguletu are trying to cement a shaky truce between rival gangs by organising a regular weekend soccer tournament between opposing teams.

The detective chief for the area, Major Johan Kleyn, said yesterday that he had spoken to members of the Adderley gang earlier this week. Individual members were "extremely positive" but he had yet to contact the leadership of allied gangs and their main opposition, the Ntsaras.

"The Ntsaras haven't got boots and jerseys, I'm told, so we'll have to see what we can rustle up," he said yesterday.

The newly-appointed Guguletu detective chief last month initiated two "peace pacts" between the groups, whose two-year war has claimed more than 20 lives.

The "gang watch" patrols have provoked a warning from police that they would not hesitate to charge all members of any group seen to be involved in any criminal activities. However, senior detectives stopped short of clamping down on all such patrols.

Major Kleyn said he was unaware of any civic patrols this week. He added that he had set up further meetings between both concerned parents and rival gangs.

"The soccer thing will hopefully provide them with something constructive to let their steam off."

# Gang fight leaves 4 injured

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Staff Reporter

FOUR people were injured in a battle between gang members of the Vultures and the Sewe Lewens in Hanover Park.

An open space between Soetwater Court and Solan Court in the township turned into a battlefield when fighting between the two groups started about 9pm yesterday, a police spokesman said.

Police were not called during the fighting, but were alerted by Metro Rescue Services personnel who were called to take the four injured to Grootte Schuur Hospital.

They are Mrs Gadia Dollie, 58, who has injuries to the left buttock, Miss Asa Hanslo, 21, who was injured in the calf. Both lived at Soetwater Court; Solyman Rahood, 19, of Downwood Road, whose right leg was hurt and Rushin Prinsloo, 17, of Caspion Place who was injured in the right arm.

The spokesman said none of the injured was in a serious condition.

Asked what the extent of gang warfare in the area was, the spokesman said such incidents were of a sporadic nature and police were doing their best to combat them.

"Police carry out continual crime prevention operations in the area and while an area might be quiet for a long time, an incident like this can suddenly happen," she said.

# Peninsula gambling rings smashed

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By PATRICK COLLINGS  
Crime Reporter

POLICE have smashed several private gambling rings in the Peninsula, including one which operated out of a plush Wynberg home and listed many prominent Capetonians among its patrons.

Narcotics detectives, under the command of Major Muller Haggard, have arrested at least 36 people since the middle of January and confiscated gambling equipment including roulette tables and mechanical horseracing tracks.

In their latest operation, which took place last Wednesday night, at least nine detectives swooped on the

expensive house in Wynberg Park and arrested 11 people for gambling.

Police yesterday confirmed the raid saying that the arrested people were expected to appear in Wynberg Magistrate's Court on Thursday.

It is understood that detectives removed quantities of cash from the house in small plastic bags. Detectives also retrieved a wallet from a dustbin after one of the patrons tried to conceal it.

Police said they confiscated a roulette wheel, playing chips, dice, playing cards and mechanical horseracing equipment from the house.

Police also confirmed that they were continuing with their investigations into gambling rings in the Peninsula.

Earlier crackdowns on gambling this year include:

● Narcotics detectives arrested a man in Bree Street on January 17. The man paid an admission of guilt fine.

● Twelve people were arrested when police raided a gambling den in Sea Point on January 23. Eleven of the people paid admission of guilt fines while the remaining man was convicted in court.

● On January 27 police arrested 12 people when the police raided another gambling operation in Sea Point. The people are expected to appear in court later today.

The CID chief for the Western Cape yesterday congratulated the narcotics detectives on their recent successes.

# Township peace plans boosted

By VUYO BAVUMA, Staff Reporter

PEACE initiatives by Guguletu residents to end two years of gang violence in the townships received a boost when 11 members of a notorious gang came forward to seek reconciliation with the community.

At a meeting yesterday some of the gangsters handed in their weapons to show they were interested in making peace with the people.

Others were told to bring their weapons to another meeting tonight to ensure they would not attack anyone again.

The "reformed" gangsters, who were accompanied by their parents, belong to the Amafelandowonye ("those who will die in the same place") from Section One.

Peace began to return to the townships after residents introduced street patrols at night aimed at ending the violence which has claimed more than 20 lives and left scores injured.

## CHECK ON HOMES

Two weeks ago residents decided to ask police not to interfere with their patrols.

Speakers at yesterday's meeting suggested patrol members visit the homes of reformed gangsters at night to check whether they were there.

Residents also resolved to intensify the patrols in a bid to make the neighbourhood safe.

Yesterday's breakthrough came after residents decided to forgive gangsters who renounced their membership and publicly handed in their weapons.

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# Allegations investigated

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**ALLEGATIONS** of malpractice involving among other things the use of job creation funds to build houses for councillors are still being investigated by the Commercial Crime Unit in Port Elizabeth.

The MP for Port Elizabeth Central, Mr John Malcomess, who revealed the alleged malpractice in Parliament in September 1987, said yesterday that he had been told by the Advocate-General, Mr Justice P J van der Walt, that the investigation was now in the hands of Port Elizabeth police.

Mr Malcomess disclosed in 1987 that a total of R268 000, earmarked for job creation, had been used to build nine houses for Ibhayi town councillors. He stated at the time that he had also sent documents relating to several allegations of malpractice in Ibhayi to the Advocate-General.

# Probe to examine extent of crime against elderly

By HENRI du PLESSIS  
Staff Reporter

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CRIME against the aged in the Peninsula is being investigated by the Human Sciences Research Council.

A survey is being conducted among 1 600 people in suburbs and homes for senior citizens.

The aim is to establish the extent to which people aged 60 and over are the victims of crimes ranging from theft to rape and aggravated assault, a major cause of concern in recent times.

The survey will focus on the social impact of crime, says criminologist Mrs Lorraine Glanz.

There is no reliable data because official crime statistics do not specifically reflect crime against the aged and are generally accepted to be an under-representation of the true picture, she says.

## INTERVIEWS

Aspects such as the extent to which people have changed their lifestyles because of fear of crime and preventive measures adopted by the elderly will be researched by questionnaires.

In-depth follow-up interviews with victims of serious crimes such as robbery, rape and assault will be conducted by Mrs Glanz.

The research findings will enable researchers to make recommendations to community leaders and policy-makers on strategies for reducing crime impact and minimising the likelihood of victimisation.



# Boys run sex ring, court told

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By GILL TURNBULL, Court Reporter  
YOUNG boys are running a child-sex ring in the Brooklyn area, it was claimed in Cape Town Regional Court today by the defence lawyer in a hearing before Mr J D Huggett.

Attorney Mr G Etsebeth was arguing in mitigation of sentence for George Watkins, 39, of Coronation Road, Maitland, who has been convicted on five charges of committing indecent or immoral acts with young boys and two alternative charges of attempting to molest two boys.

Watkins pleaded guilty.

Mr Etsebeth said that all the complainants' names in Watkins's case had appeared on the charge sheet of another man.

## PROCURING

"The children are running the circuit by procuring boys for money. I believe the ring was exposed only because of a police investigation, not because of complaints."

Mr Etsebeth argued that the court could not cure Watkins's homosexuality, only try to contain it so it did not affect the wrong people.

Earlier probation officer Miss M van Rensburg said Watkins claimed

to have been raped twice in childhood by his uncle and once in adolescence by another man.

Miss van Rensburg said Watkins was now married for the second time and the couple had four children.

Watkins was fond of children and had not intended molesting the boys.

"The offences and the subsequent court appearances seem to have strengthened relationships and enhanced communication between family members."

## LOCATIONS

She said the offences were committed at different locations and money was offered to "less fortunate and deprived male victims".

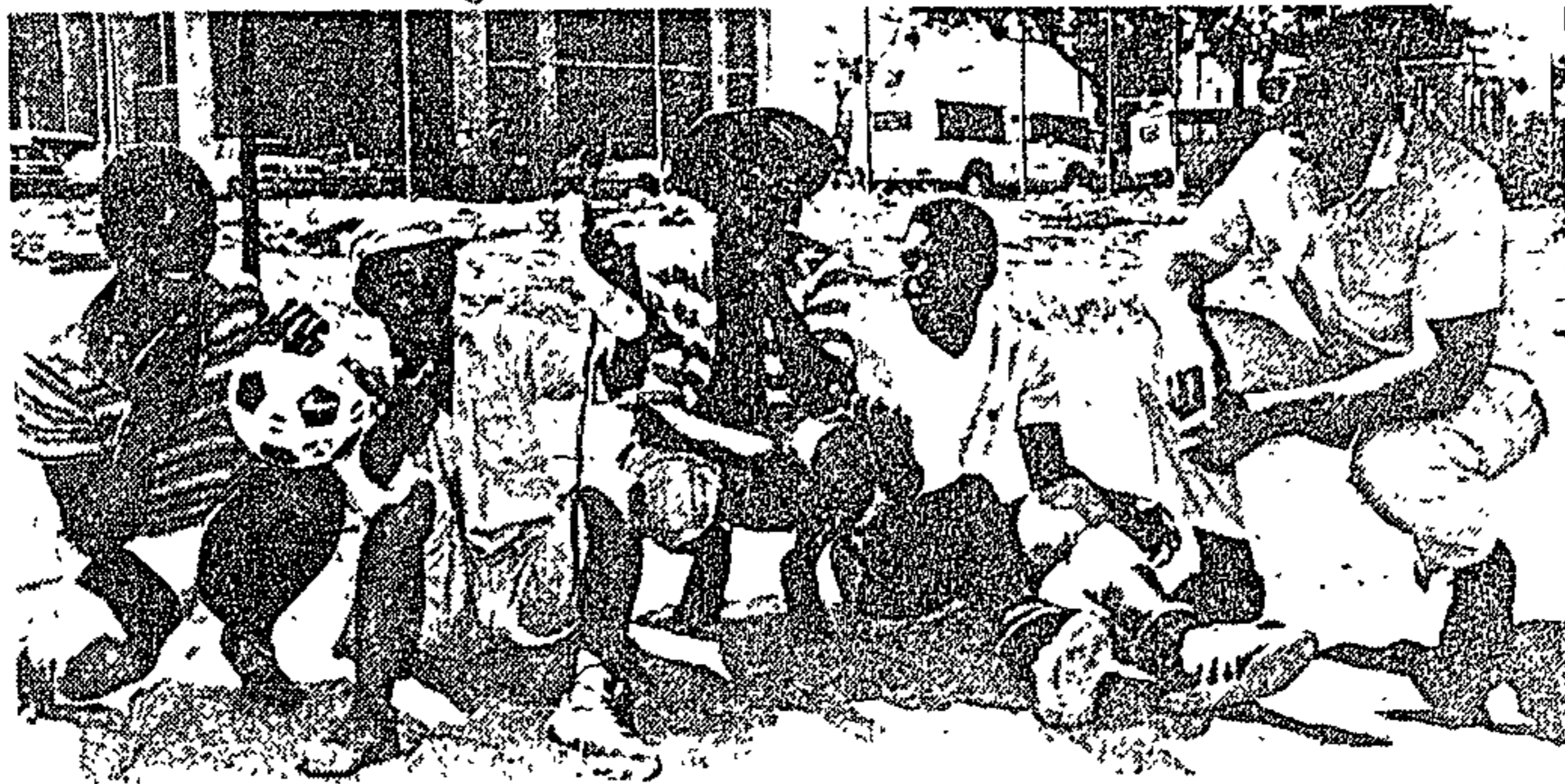
Watkins had shown remorse and his willingness to accept responsibility and to deal with his problem indicated a strong possibility of successful rehabilitation.

-Miss van Rensburg recommended a fine or community service.

Mr Huggett said he would like to hear evidence from the investigating officer and the victims.

(Proceeding)

Mr W Badenhorst appears for the State.



**NO KIT, NO GAME . . .** Members of the Adderley Gang display the scant equipment that prevents them from getting on to the soccer field with opposing gang members. With them is Major Johan Kleyn who is trying to get regular weekend soccer tournaments under way.

Picture: ALAN TAYLOR

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**Boots needed to settle score**

**Crime Reporter**

**DONATE** a pair of old soccer boots and help boot gang-fighting out of township life.

This is the appeal being made by Guguletu detectives, who are trying to start up regular weekend soccer tournaments between opposing township gangs.

The soccer matches are an attempt to cement a month-old truce between members of the Adderley and Ntsaras gangs, whose two-year war has claimed more than 20 lives.

"The problem at the moment is that not all the players have boots. We are also looking for two different sets of T-shirts or shirts for the players to wear as well as any old socks or pants," the Guguletu branch commander, Major Johan Kleyn, said.

He added that the tournament would also need some sort of trophy to offer the winning team.

"We must have something for the teams to play for."

Anyone who can help is asked to telephone Major Kleyn at 633-4463.

**Ex-sheriff sues movie makers for \$8m**

JACKSON. — A former Mississippi state sheriff. Mr

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Part of the crowd at a meeting called by community leaders. PICS: FANIE JASON

# Search for peace continues

**By DOC TSHABALALA**  
STREET patrols started by residents to counter the rise in crime and gangsterism in African townships in the Western Cape have had some success.

This was reported to a community meeting convened by progressive organisations at the weekend.

The number of volunteers had grown significantly since the patrols started two weeks ago, the meeting heard.

As a result, there had been fewer clashes between gangsters and most gangsters had left Section One, Guguletu, including the notorious Toffies gang, whose members range

in age from 13 to 18 years.

It was reported that students were now able to attend school without fear of gangsters and people were again going out at night.

Some of the gangsters accused of causing havoc in the townships are the Nisaras, Ama-Adderleys, Amafelandawonye, Amadodanaswesili, the Danger Boys and the Toffies.

The street patrols were not without problems, the meeting heard.

Some "skollie" elements had joined the patrols as a cover for their own activities.

The response to the call for volunteers has been weak in some areas, like Section 3, Guguletu.

Community leaders said they would continue to search for means to achieve peace in the townships.



A shack, believed to be a gangster stronghold, is razed

## Gangs linked to emergency

STREET gangs in Western Cape townships was a relatively recent phenomenon which coincided with the first state of emergency, according to UCT criminologist Wilfred Scharf.

"These gangs became common from the beginning of 1986," he said.

"I believe the main reason for its growth is the marginalisation of the youth as a result of the schools crisis and the role played by the youth in political upheavals since 1984.

"The youth were generally expected to play a leading role in the struggle, which tended to diminish the parents' power and control."

Scharf said the Nisaras identified with the Number 28 prison gang while the Amafelandawonye and Ama-Adderleys identified themselves with the Number 26 prison gang.

Mr Jan van Eck, independent MP for Claremont, said respectable leaders in the townships had either been banned, restricted or harassed by the authorities in the past three years, resulting in the youth taking the law into their own hands.

"The leaders have been prevented from channelling the peoples' frustrations about their political and social ills through acceptable, responsible action," he said.

"Meetings have been banned, making it impossible for the leadership to sort out the problems affecting the communities."

# Probe hears Jalc 'ripped off' taxman

By MANDY JEAN WOODS

THE Receivers of Revenue in Transkei and South Africa have been defrauded of hundreds of thousands of rands by the directors of Jalc Holdings, the Harms Commission heard yesterday.

Chartered accountant Mr Vincent Thompson told the commission that a brief investigation of Jalc's books for the period 1980-1988 showed that the companies and the individual directors were guilty of fraud and tax evasion, tax avoidance and misrepresentation in Bophuthatswana, South Africa and Transkei.

Jalc Holdings is an SA-registered company with interests in Nitor Construction and Jalc Construction (SA), Temba Construction (Transkei), Thata Construction (Bophuthatswana) and Matla Construction (Lesotho) among others.

Mr John Strong, Mr Athos Paulos, Mr Laurie Painting and Mr Chris van Rensburg are equal directors of Jalc Holdings and two or more of a combination of these serve with other directors in the subsidiary companies.

In most cases, the Receivers of Revenue were misled, Mr Thompson said.

He said false audited statements had been sent to the Receiver of Revenue and/or the banks and Jalc Holdings may not have complied with Reserve Bank foreign exchange regulations.

In complex evidence to the commis-

sion, Mr Thompson wove a pattern of creative accounting showing that:

- A sizeable number of questionable cash payments were made to directors and others;

- The origin of income — both for the directors and the companies — was often disguised so taxes on such were not paid;

- Various company directors' personal loan accounts were used to "disguise" income from foreign states;

- False statements were submitted to the Receivers of Revenue showing reduced gross income and expenses so as to deflect potential queries;

- "Blatant and false" entries were made in company books;

- With some expense claims, no indication is given whether or not they were incurred to generate income, thus being tax-deductible, and

- In the case of at least one director, Mr Laurie Painting, several sums shown in the books as being paid to him were never reflected in his personal income tax returns. Tax returns for the other directors were not available.

Mr Thompson said that in June last year the SA Receiver of Revenue had submitted a query regarding Jalc Holdings business dealings in Ciskei and Transkei for the period 1982-1986.

Mr Peter Barrett, representing the Transkei government, was present at the hearing yesterday.

The hearing continues today in Cape Town.

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City man tells of child sex

By ANDRE KOOPMAN

A 46-YEAR-OLD man, convicted of committing immoral acts or indecently assaulting 11 boys between the ages of 13 and 16 at his Zeekoevlei home, described in Wynberg Regional Court yesterday how he picked up the boys at their homes with their parents' knowledge.

Richard John Celento, of Gardens, had pleaded guilty and was convicted on seven counts of soliciting or enticing a boy under the age of 19 years to commit immoral acts and on four charges of "indecent and lascivious assault" by touching boys on their private parts. The acts took place between 1982 and 1988.

He had previously been convicted of indecent acts with boys in 1971.

Celento said he had lived with Mr Eric von Gericke, 59, in Zeekoevlei, and that they had both abused boys. Mr Von Gericke committed suicide while charges against him were being investigated.

He later lived with Mr Michael Birch, 44, in the city, and they also both abused boys who used to come to their home. Mr Birch was at present in Britain, Celento said.

Celento said that Mr Von Gericke had a swimming pool, a snooker table and video games at his home and the boys were entertained with these.

He sometimes fetched the boys at their homes and told their parents he was taking the boys on "an outing", or to watch videos and to swim. The parents sometimes visited his home.

He said he thought the boys knew well in advance that they would be approached for sex.

Celento said he had been a scoutmaster in Johannesburg and had also been an assistant cadet officer with St John Ambulance. He had also belonged to a model railway train society in Cape Town, but denied ever abusing any boys in these organisations.

He said he had seen several boys whom he had abused in prison and had realised that by abusing them he may have turned them to criminal activities.

Clinical psychologist Mr Johannes van Zyl said Celento still had fantasies about young boys but this could be inhibited with counselling and treatment.

The hearing continues today and Celento was remanded.

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# Child sex abuser jailed

By GILL TURNBULL, Court Reporter

A 47-year-old insurance broker has been jailed for two years by a Wynberg Regional Court for sexually molesting 11 teenage boys.

The court heard that Richard Celento, formerly of Zeekoevlei, had sexually abused boys aged between 13 and 18 for the past 25 years.

Celento was yesterday sentenced to four years in jail with two conditionally suspended for five years.

Earlier, Celento told the court he was a homosexual with a preference for young boys.

He admitted that while living with Mr Eric von Gericke, 59, in Zeekoevlei, they had enticed young boys to visit them.

Mr von Gericke had a swimming pool, snooker table and video machines and they would give the boys money for sex.

The court heard that Mr von Gericke committed suicide after being ar-

rested in connection with child abuse allegations.

Celento said he moved to Mr Michael Birch's flat in Skyways, Cape Town, where they both abused boys.

Detective Sergeant Leon Isaacson of the Cape Town Child Protection Unit told the court the unit had kept Celento's Zeekoevlei and city addresses under surveillance for a month, during which "a steady stream" of boys, mainly from deprived backgrounds, had come and gone.

Mr Francois van Zyl, counsel for Celento, argued that there was no evidence that the boys had been physically assaulted or psychologically damaged or that Celento had organised a child-sex ring.

Mr Ben Julius for the State said Celento had a previous conviction in 1971 for the same offence.

In sentencing Celento the magistrate, Mr M S Knox, said he was as "near a paedophile as 25 cents was to a half crown".

Mr van Zyl was instructed by Carse, Muller and Visser.

## Bloomberg 'quit Afrox board'

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MR David Bloomberg, who accepted joint responsibility with Mr Sol Kerzner for paying a R2-million bribe in Transkei and subsequently resigned from the board of Kersaf Investments, is believed to have resigned from the board of Afrox.

Finance Week quoted Afrox managing director Mr Peter Joubert as saying: "Bloomberg resigned because he said he was going to be spending a lot of time away and would not be able to give the same commitment to the company as he had previously."

Last year Mr Bloomberg was forced by Sanlam to resign from the board of Metropolitan Life after evidence to the Alexander Commission in Transkei that suggested he might be involved in bribery.

# Jalc: Gifts 'written off as expenses'

By MANDY JEAN WOODS

AN audit of Jalc Holdings and several of its subsidiary companies' books show a pattern of cash flowing out of one company into another and eventually finding its way into the pockets of the directors of Jalc Holdings, the Harms Commission heard yesterday.

In a second day of testimony, chartered accountant Mr Vincent Thompson told the Commission of a number of irregular and fraudulent book-keeping transactions made in the books of Transkei-based Temba Construction and SA-based Nitor Construction, both Jalc Holdings subsidiaries.

The Commission's senior investigating officer, Mr Frank Kahn, noted that senior Transkei government officials were being "favoured" by Jalc and such favours were written off as business expenses by the company.

These expenses amounted to tens of thousands of rands.

Mr Thompson's evidence was that the irregular and/or fraudulent book-keeping entries were known to one or more of Jalc's directors; in several instances, such entries were made at the request of directors.

Among the the irregular entries highlighted by Mr Thompson during

the hearing were:

● Donations of gifts and payment of goods and services to Transkeian government officials which were written off as "business expenses";

● Temba Construction, a Transkeian based Jalc Holdings subsidiary, paid nearly R5 000 in school fees for the daughter of Alexander Commission member Mr Jiyana Maqubela to attend school in Botswana;

● The Transkei government was defrauded into paying more than R4 700 for a Miss Pretorius, now wife of Jalc Holdings director Mr Chris van Rensburg, to travel to and in the US with Mr Van Rensburg and Temba Construction chairman Mr Vuli Mbotoli;

● In the 1985/86 tax year, the travelling and entertainment costs for Temba Construction (R419 732) were more than salaries and employment costs (R339 253);

● A R26 000 generator supplied to Mr Mbotoli's residence in Qamata was charged to the Umtata Housing Contract as window frames;

● Profits made at the group's Bophutatswana company, Thata Construction, were transferred to its Lesotho Company Interstate, which had a large assessed loss and which was also registered in SA as a taxpayer thereby reducing taxable profit in both SA and Bophuthatswana.



# TWO ANSWERS TO GANGSTERISM

In January this year two initiatives aimed at ending the activities of marauding gangsters were started in Guguletu. Major Johan Kleyn, the newly appointed detective chief, adopted a Hill Street Blues approach and persuaded two rival gangs, the Ntsaras and Ama-Adderley, to sign a truce. On a broader scale, residents introduced night street patrols. Weekend Argus Reporter VUYO BAVUMA looked at the results.

Two weeks ago the peace initiative was boosted when 11 members of Amafelandownye rescinded their membership and sought reconciliation with the community.

Some of them also handed in their weapons.

Residents interviewed said the patrols had enormous impact in restoring peace.

Madala agreed: "Our children can freely go the shop without fear of being robbed or attacked by the gangs."

Patrol members do not have any identifying uniform and members carry a stick and sjambok to "protect themselves if attacked by the gangsters".

Madala says: "We wear ordinary clothes. We don't have any distinct uniform. Obviously because it is a bit cold during the night, some of us put on coats and carry blankets."

"We are not like the right-wing vigilantes who killed lots of people in Crossroads in 1986 and in 1985. We are just concerned people who are tired of seeing our children killing each other in front of us."

### Victimised

On Sunday committees from various areas report back on progress and plan further action.

Madala said the gangsters sometimes victimised patrol members during the day.

"Some gangsters attacked two patrol members for taking part in the clean-up operation. They also burnt down two shacks of other patrol members."

"But we mobilised the residents and drove them off," he said.

In some areas parents side with children who are gangsters.

"Such parents tend to shield their children when we want to take action against them, but we generally deal with such cases successfully," he said.

In other areas, there are houses which served as gangster hide-outs.

Madala said: "We have compiled a list of about five houses which are a problem for the residents."

"We shall submit the list to the Cape Provincial Administration office so that the occupants can be evicted, as they are causing problems for the community."

### Fired teargas

Seen by most residents as a peace crusade, the patrols are viewed by police in a dim light.

Shortly after the patrols were introduced, a police spokesperson said people could not be allowed to take the law into their own hands.

In several incidents police have fired teargas to disperse the patrols.

About six members of the patrols were briefly detained.

Later residents appealed to the police not to interfere with the patrols as they were effective.

Residents claim the police had been unable to stop gangsterism.

Two alleged gangsters — one of them Simon Madukanene of Amafelandownye — have been killed during the "clean-up" operations.

ON weekdays, Madala of Guguletu returns from work at 6pm. But unlike most workers, he does not sit down, put his feet up and prepare for an evening in front of the "box".

He starts another job — patrolling the streets of Guguletu.

The patrols were introduced in January after residents discussed ways to end the two-year-old gangster violence which is said to have claimed more than 20 lives and left many injured.

The patrols operate throughout Guguletu except in Section Three, where a police-organised truce was signed between two rival gangs.

Madala is 57 years old, but looks strong. He has no qualms about leaving his eight-member family at home and patrolling the streets.

Having lived in the area since 1967, Madala speaks with authority when he says he has never seen such senseless violence in the townships as the recent attacks by the gangs.

### 30-strong "platoon"

He believes the patrols are the answer to the problem.

In his area the notorious Amafelandawonye and Ama-Toffy gangs operate.

At 6pm the 30-strong "platoon" meets to discuss reports from trouble spots in the townships.

"At these meetings residents are able to lay complaints about the gangsters. We then discuss the situation and decide what action to take."

"Sometimes parents come with complaints about their children who are misbehaving. We take down the addresses and investigate," he said.

At 9pm the patrol is divided into three units before they hit the streets.

Madala said the main aim of the patrols was to provide a safe, peaceful environment for residents.

"Our first step is to investigate all the complaints made at the meeting. We look for the culprits and sort out the matter."

### Rob workers

"We strongly discourage groups of youths hanging around street corners — they are the ones who rob workers returning home."

"We also escort women and elderly people coming back from work. And we question loitering strangers about what they are up to," he said.

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In the event of "emergency", the patrol members blow a whistle for reinforcements.

The patrol members have also asked shebeens to close, as they were a haven for the gangsters and potential "skollie" elements.

"Another task is to visit the homes of the reformed gangsters to check whether they are there," Madala added.

Patrol members normally went home about 11pm because they had to be at work the next day, Madala said.

Residents believe the patrols are having an effect.

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MAJOR Johan Kleyn, the newly appointed Guguletu detective branch commander who is out to end gangster violence in the townships, believes in the adage: "The devil finds work for idle hands."

The seasoned murder and robbery squad investigator has introduced the idea of turning the former panga-wielding villains into soccer stars.

Major Kleyn is canvassing for money to buy soccer kit for the gangsters' teams.

"We had some good response after we initially appealed in the media. But this has not been enough. We still need some boots and balls," he said.

This week the factions clashed for the first time on the soccer field at the NY 116 sportsground, before an enthusiastic crowd of more than 500.

Wearing blue sweaters, the Ama-Adderley gang members, playing more attractive soccer, trounced the unfit Ntsaras 4-0. Some of the players were bare-footed.

Major Kleyn said: "The idea of forming soccer teams is to keep the boys busy. They have been very bored and fighting has become part of their daily routine.

"I called their leaders and introduced the idea, which was wholeheartedly supported. But it is still at an early stage and we hope

later that things will build up into a successful project."

In early January, in the style of *Hill Street Blues* precinct chief Frank Furillo, Major Kleyn organised meetings with the rival Ntsara and Ama-Adderley gangs and their parents to iron out their differences.

After several meetings, the Ntsaras and Ama-Adderley signed an important truce, which brought peace to the trouble-torn streets.

Major Kleyn said he told the gangs that unnecessary bloodshed should stop.

For three weeks there was not a single murder case — very unusual in the area.

Prospects of a permanent peace nearly flew out of the window when a two-day fight started. Four gang members were hospitalised.

Major Kleyn said: "After we heard about the weekend's clashes, I called both factions to my office on Monday night. I asked whether this was the way they were thanking me after I had worked to bring peace between them.

"I also warned them that I would have to change my tactics. Such actions would give me no choice but to arrest all of them should the fighting break out again.

"I plan to organise soccer games on a weekly basis. This week Sergeant Winston van Bosch of Bishop Lavis College will organise training sessions for the boys.

# Law Society probing Bloomberg

THE Law Society of the Cape of Good Hope has begun investigations into Cape Town attorney Mr David Bloomberg's alleged involvement with corruption in Transkei.

The investigation stems from a recommendation by the Harms Commission that Mr Bloomberg's status as a lawyer should be scrutinised.

The Harms Commission found that Mr Bloomberg and Mr Sol Kerzner paid former Transkei prime minister Chief George Matanzima R2 million to secure gambling rights in the territory.

It is not clear yet whether Mr Bloomberg will be required to appear before the Law Society in person. According to the society's deputy director Mrs Susan McElvane a decision will be made in due course.

Mr Bloomberg is in London where he has been for the past two months.

Asked by the Cape Times yesterday whether he would be prepared to appear before the Law Society, he declined to comment.

Speaking from his London home, Mr Bloomberg also refused to comment

on "whether or when" he would be returning to Cape Town, citing what he described as "adverse publicity".

Mr Bloomberg said a month ago that he would definitely be returning to Cape Town.

Asked if the threat of extradition to Transkei was a reason for his being in London, he once again declined to comment.

Transkei's military ruler, Major-General Bantu Holomisa, has said in the past that he would definitely have Mr Bloomberg and Mr Kerzner extradited to Transkei to stand trial.

So far, however, no documents connected with an application to extradite the two men have arrived at the attorney-general's office in Cape Town, a spokesman for the attorney-general said yesterday.

The Law Society has given no indication as to how long the investigation will take, saying that there is a "tremendous amount" of documentation to be examined.

● Mr Bloomberg recently resigned his directorship of the South African company Afrox, saying that he would be too busy travelling to be able to perform his duties satisfactorily.

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# Jalc three spied for SA

By MANDY JEAN WOODS

THREE Jalc Holdings directors become involved in international undercover security work for the SA National Intelligence Service (NIS) after they had approached NIS, Jalc director Mr Lawrie Painting said yesterday.

During 1987 the three Jalc directors — Mr Painting, Mr Athos Poulos and Mr Chris van Rensburg — “became aware” of security matters in the neighbouring states, homelands and Mauritius where Jalc had business dealings, Mr Painting said.

“These security matters were of interest to SA so we made NIS aware of this and they agreed we could be of assistance to them.”

The three worked for NIS for about a year, but everything stopped with the Transkei/Sun International bribery allegations last year, he said.

“There was no highly classified cloak-and-dagger stuff. There was a contract but the projects we did were very simple, innocent things like security — cross-border raids for example.”

“When we came back we would speak to the Foreign Affairs Department or state security to pass on the information. We

informed authorities on both sides.”

Mr Painting said they really became involved because of Jalc’s business activities in Mauritius, Transkei, Ciskei, Bophuthatswana and Lesotho among others.

“We were in a position to develop dialogue and to convey a different point of view which is often difficult at official levels. Officials were more open to talking to private businessmen.”

● Mr Painting said Jalc director Mr Athos Poulos had been declared persona non grata in Mauritius in January because of his ties to NIS and his close friendship with “ostracized” Mauritian politician Mr Harish Boodhoo.



Pictures: PETER STANFORD, The Argus.

**SUPPORT:** The matches receive enthusiastic support from hundreds of spectators.

# Township gangs settle their differences on a soccer field

Staff Reporter

FORMER notorious Guguletu gangs found themselves in confrontation with the police — on a soccer field. And in the end, the police proved, yet again, that crime doesn't pay.

They beat the Ntsaras team 3-2 and afterwards the Ama-Adderleys 2-1 at the Bishop Lavis Police College grounds on Saturday.

The matches, part of a crusade to restore peace between the warring factions in the townships, were organised by Major Johan Kleyn, the Guguletu detective branch commander.

Major Kleyn said he wanted to keep the gangsters busy by organising the soccer games. "We are trying to obtain kits for the teams. This week we received 100 pairs of soccer boots from a shoe company, but we are still short of jerseys and socks."

So far, the games have not only been played in good spirits, but hundreds of enthusiastic fans fill the stadium.



**GOING FOR GOAL:** Closely watched by a rival, this player keeps his eye on the ball as he heads for the posts.



**NO SECRET:** The crowd makes no secret of their enjoyment. They spontaneously burst into song every time a goal is scored.

# Nicro boosts Mitchell's Plain crime fight

By CLIVE SAWYER  
Mitchell's Plain Bureau

NICRO is to expand its community awareness programme in Mitchell's Plain, starting a social club where people can "relax and share ideas" and build up a community spirit.

Co-ordinator Mr Norman Jantjes said the club would meet on Monday evenings, starting at 7.30 tonight.

"We are trying to get together those who are being forced

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out of their original communities by Group Areas Act removals."

Mitchell's Plain had an average age of about 22, he said, and young people were vulnerable to criminal involvement because of the lack of facilities.

Mr Jantjes said there was little parental supervision because often both parents worked and there were few extended families in Mitchell's Plain.

Nicro runs two holiday programmes a year involving games and entertainment, to help keep children occupied.

Nicro's prime objective was to reduce the crime rate, he said. "We need one umbrella body of all organisations to speak with one voice and tackle our problems together."

He said there were three working groups which Nicro invited people to join.

One is geared to opening a le-

gal advice centre, another a co-operative group run in co-ordination with social workers, and another which runs a resource centre which can be used by community organisations and students.

"Community House also needs many items for entertainment, administration and the kitchen — everything from a 16mm projector to photocopy machines, typewriters, a fridge and stove and volleyball and basketball nets.

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# Woman is hurled from train, dies

Staff Reporter

AN unidentified young woman was hurled to her death from a fast-moving train at the weekend in an incident in which a gang of 20 moved through carriages robbing and assaulting commuters.

Police have issued an urgent appeal to witnesses of the scene to come forward and help them in identifying members of the gang.

Meanwhile, Cape Town police spokesman Major Jan Calitz said that police presence on city trains was to be stepped up substantially although a manpower shortage prevented them from having policemen on all trains all of the time.

Police were already extremely active in this area and in February more than 2 600 people were charged with committing offences on trains and railway stations in the city.

The charges ranged from assault, robbery and theft to possession of dagga and stolen goods.

In the latest incident, around 9pm

on Saturday, a gang of about 20 men boarded a train from Cape Town bound for Mitchells Plain.

Between Bonteheuwel and Netreg stations they assaulted and robbed commuters.

Major Calitz said three of the men forced open a carriage door and two of them hurled a young woman to her death. She was believed to be in her early twenties. She has not yet been identified.

Police believe the woman, who was travelling with two or three young friends, died instantly.

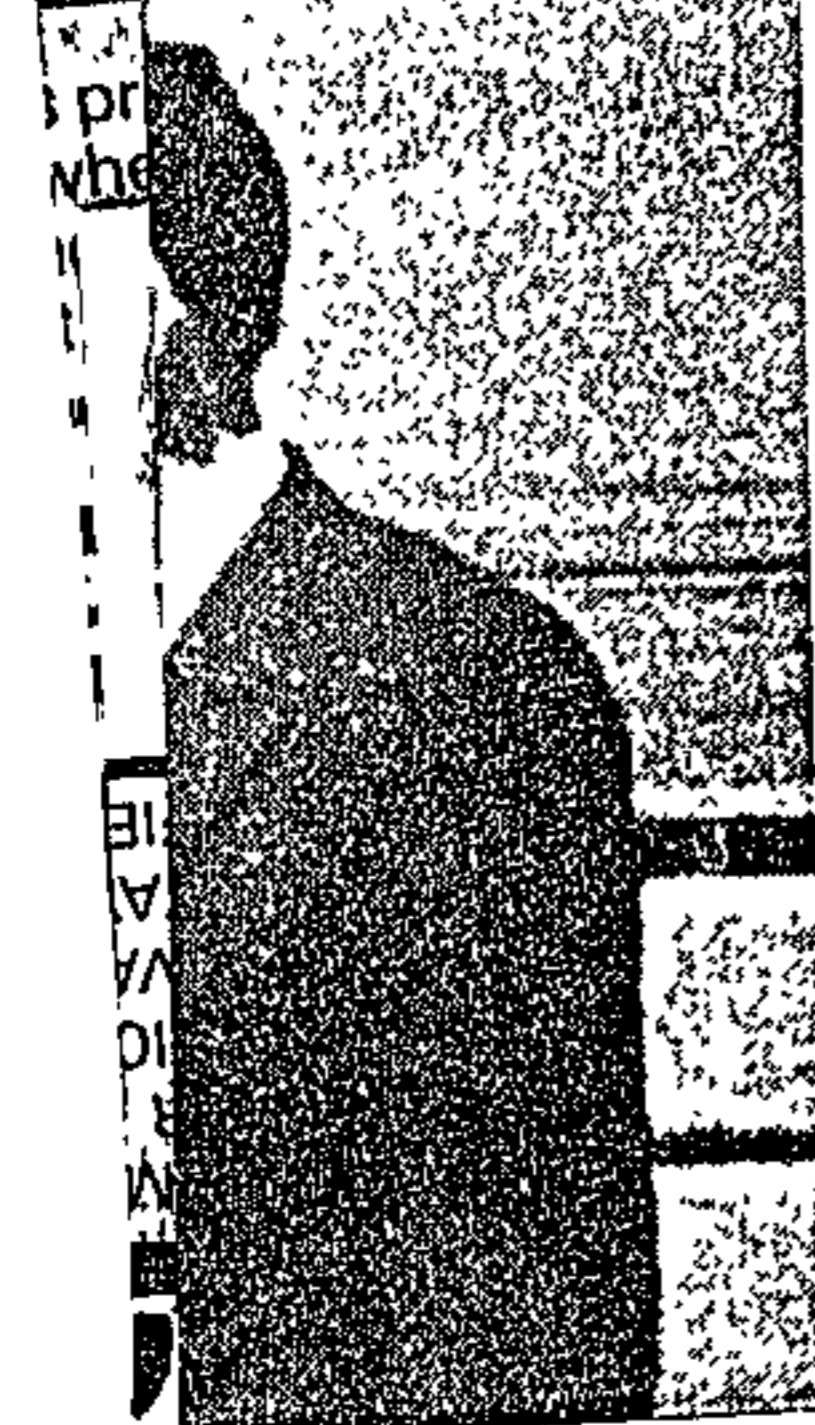
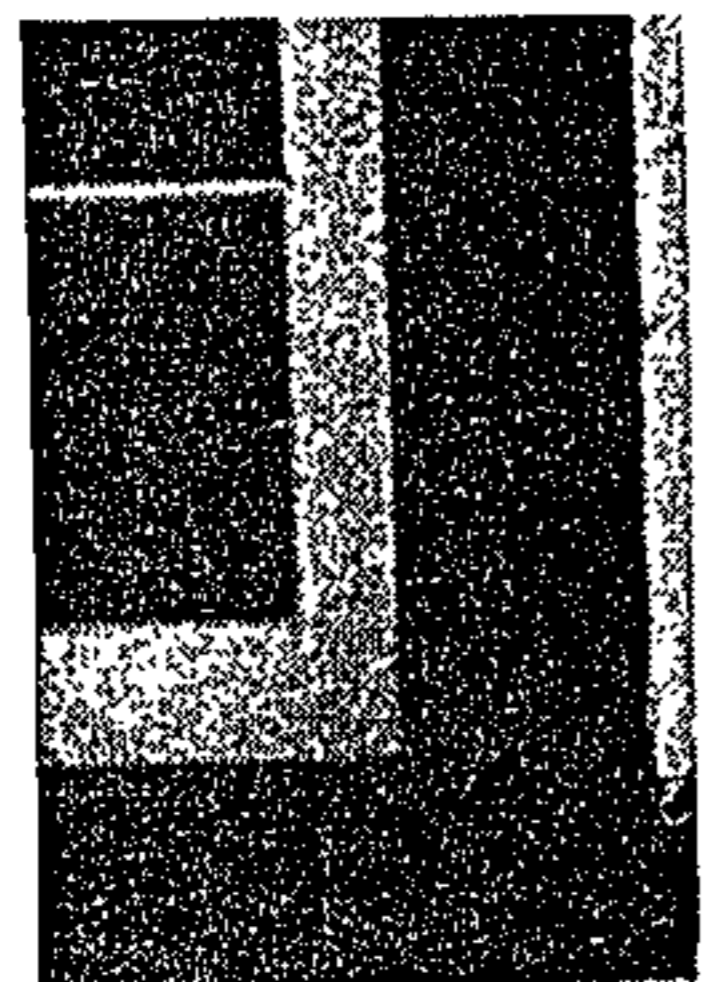
The gang disembarked at Netreg station and no arrests have yet been made.

Major Calitz said police needed complainants to report any incidents on trains to assist them in logging times and places where the majority of cases occurred.

Police have only one witness to the incident at this stage and anyone with further information should telephone Detective Warrant Officer Andre van Rensburg of the Bishop Lavis police station at 934-1007.

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# Trainer tells of affair with teenage girl

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By YVETTE VAN BREDA  
Court Reporter

A TABLE VIEW racehorse trainer, Mr James Godfrey Lightheart, 46, gave a 15-year-old girl he is alleged to have had sex with 13 times, a horse and a watch as gifts, Cape Town Regional Court heard yesterday.

Mr Lightheart, of Dunbar Street, pleaded not guilty to 13 counts of having intercourse with a girl under the age of 16 in Milnerton between December last year and February this year.

The state prosecutor, Mr J M Koen, handed a statement to the court which Mr Lightheart had made to a magistrate soon after his arrest on February 15.

In the statement, Mr Lightheart allegedly said he and the complainant's family were close. The girl came to his business after school and during the school holidays she spent the entire day there. "She's quite a big girl."

"The girl and I were very close. She

saw me all day. We were alone most of the time. We had sex. It was going on for a long time. She was always willing. I never forced her.

"The parents of the girl found out about the relationship," Mr Lightheart had allegedly stated.

The parents of the girl, who may not be named to protect the girl's identity, told the court that Mr Lightheart had given their daughter a horse which could not be registered in her name as she was under 16.

He also gave her a watch for her 15th birthday.

The girl is receiving psychological treatment with a clinical psychologist, her mother said.

Under cross-examination by defence advocate Mr D Uijs, the girl's father conceded that his daughter looked older than her years and had on occasion been present at racecourses where people under 18 were not allowed.

The hearing was adjourned to May 25 for further evidence.

Mr P J Putz was the magistrate. Mr J M Koen prosecuted. Mr Uijs was instructed by Mr J Kudo.

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# Girl's death on train: Friend tells of terror

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By MICHAEL DOMAN  
Staff Reporter

THE FIVE minutes of terror during which 17-year-old Elizabeth Matafin was flung to her death from a moving train near Bonteheuwel were described today by her friend, Florelle Abrahams, 16.

Elizabeth's mother, Mrs Audrey Matafin, has meanwhile appealed to witnesses to come forward and help in bringing her daughter's killers to justice.

Elizabeth, who lived at Olyfberg Road, Bishop Lavis, had enjoyed an evening of fun in Cape Town when she became yet another victim of the violence on Cape Flats trains.

She, her brother, Deon, 13, and Florelle had watched a film at the Roxy Cinema and had boarded the Mitchell's Plain-bound train at Cape Town station about 7pm last Saturday.

## TERRIFYING

A still-shaky Florelle said a gang of men got on to the train at Langa station and began terrorising passengers.

What followed was described by Florelle as the most terrifying five minutes of her life.

"The gang took a baton from a security guard and hit him over the head with it. They were hitting and stabbing people," she said.

"It was like a gang-fight as the train went from Langa to Bonteheuwel and then Netreg.

"Elizabeth, with Deon on her lap, was sitting next to me, but I didn't see them take her."

The police report on the incident this week said Elizabeth had been forced out of the train between Bonteheuwel and Netreg stations.

"Netreg was our stop, but when we got there, the gang members were blocking the doors," Florelle said. "The train had already started to move out of Netreg when I managed to jump through the window," Florelle said.

"Elizabeth didn't get out, so Deon and I came home."

## BODY NOT BACK

Elizabeth's mother said Florelle had mentioned that there had been dozens of people in their carriage.

"I sincerely appeal to them to come forward and help in bringing my daughter's killers to justice," she said.

Mrs Matafin, who has six other children — Elizabeth was the third eldest — said she had not yet got her daughter's body back from the police.

"We would like to bury her, but we may have to have her cremated because we don't have enough money."

● Anyone with information can contact Detective Warrant Officer André van Rensburg on 934 1007, or by calling the nearest police station.

# Pik's man quizzed on Kei dispute

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In both cases, the banks were concerned about Jalc's overdrafts. *CAM-Tank 18/3/89 35*  
Mr Painting told the Standard Bank manager in Queenstown that "the matter (of the disputed R10-million payment) is being dealt with on the highest level with Foreign Affairs Minister Mr Pik Botha and the deputy minister, and we expect their representation to the Transkei authorities that the matter should be settled out of court will be successful".

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He said the same thing in a letter to the Sandton Bergvlei Nedbank manager.  
Mr Van Heerden, clearly taken aback by this information, said he had no knowledge of any involvement by Mr Pik Botha, his deputy or the State President in the Jalc dispute.  
He said that the letters were a "direct contradiction" of his letter to Mr Painting.  
The commission also heard that several trips to Brazzaville were made by senior officials of the Department of Foreign Affairs last year in aircraft belonging to attorney and businessman Mr Albert Vermaas.  
Mr Van Heerden said his department had used one of Mr Vermaas' companies, Chieftain Air, for three of its 104 official trips into Africa since 1985.  
Mr Van Heerden said the department had not intended to do Mr Vermaas favours by using Chieftain Air.  
Mr Van Heerden said Mr Pik Botha did not give directives on which airline to use.

Staff Reporter  
THE director-general of Foreign Affairs, Mr Neil van Heerden, was closely questioned yesterday about his department's role in the dispute between the Transkei government and Jalc Holdings.

Mr Van Heerden was appearing before the Harms Commission in Cape Town.  
He said that diplomatic intervention on Jalc's behalf was a possibility once all legal recourse had been exhausted.  
Mr Van Heerden was commenting on his department's involvement in the dispute between Jalc and the Transkei government over a R10-million payment being withheld by the government because it claimed that Jalc did not satisfactorily complete a housing project at Ezibeleni.

**Unjustly treated**  
Mr Van Heerden later agreed with the commission's chief investigating officer, Mr Frank Kahn, that he had no reason to believe that Jalc had been unjustly treated by the Transkei government.  
Mr Gideon Richter, former head of the Foreign Affairs Department's economic development and co-operation division, said in testimony yesterday that if his department had been consulted at the time, he would have been in a position to give an opinion.  
He said the construction was faulty and that the Transkei government was justified in withholding the R10-million payment until the matter had been settled.

Mr Van Heerden told Jalc director Mr Lawrie Painting in a letter dated September 1988 that "any intervention by the department could follow after (Jalc) had exhausted all legal avenues".  
However, Mr Kahn read two letters sent to Standard Bank and Nedbank dated June and July 1988 by Mr Painting, which said that the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Pik Botha, and his deputy were already looking into the matter and that the dispute was being taken up with President P W Botha

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more people, police said.

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# Man fined R120 000

UMTATA. — Umtata businessman Christakis Andrea Vafiades was yesterday fined R120 000 (or two years) for unlawfully sending R700 000 out of Transkei.

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## 'Seducer of boys should be jailed'

JOHANNESBURG —  
The state argued in the Don Lamprecht case yesterday for an unsuspended jail term.

State prosecutor Mr G Thiart described Lamprecht as "a seducer" who "showed the boys pornographic videos to soften them up".

The 48-year-old actor was found guilty of committing indecent acts with four young boys, two counts of sodomy and possession of pornography after he pleaded guilty to the charges in Johannesburg Regional Court last week.

"The showing of the videos and the money the boys received from him played a significant role in the seduction process," Mr Thiart said.

He argued that Lamprecht could continue receiving therapy in jail.

Mr E Cameron, for the defence, argued that a jail sentence would not deter Lamprecht from committing similar offences.

The hearing was adjourned to April 7.

## Schoolgirls testify in teacher's case

Court Reporter

A MITCHELLS PLAIN primary school teacher who pleaded not guilty to 18 counts of indecently assaulting or committing indecent acts with girl pupils, had his trial heard in camera in Wynberg Regional Court yesterday while the children gave evidence.

Mr Albert William Walters, 51, of Westridge, Mitchells Plain, pleaded not guilty to 13 counts of indecently assaulting girls, five counts of committing indecent acts and one count of attempted rape involving 12 girls.

The girls were aged between 10 and 15 years and the offences were allegedly committed between 1985 and 1988.

The hearing was adjourned to April 20 for further trial.

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# Big brother Matanzima rushes to the rescue

**By PATRICK LAURENCE**  
Weekend Argus  
Correspondent

**UMTATA.** — A disdainful look on his face, Paramount Chief Kaiser Matanzima reached for the pen in his coat pocket. It was gold or gold-plated.

Almost simultaneously his cheque book was in his hand. His gestures were unmistakable. He was preparing to write a cheque there and then in the Transkei Supreme Court.

His younger brother, ex-Transkei Prime Minister George Matanzima, had been sentenced to jail for nine years after being convicted

on three counts of bribery. Bail had been set at R10 000. It was a fateful day for the Matanzima brothers.

Now grandfathers many times over, Chief Kaiser, 73, and Chief George, 70, had ruled Transkei with an iron rod for more than 25 years until their fall from power.

The judge had granted Chief George leave to appeal against sentence. Bail had been extended pending the appeal but raised from R5 000 to R10 000.

Mr Chief Justice C E L Beck had heard earlier that Chief George was broke, his estate sequestrated to pay his creditors and his pension di-

verted from his pocket to the coffers of the Receiver of Revenue.

But Chief Kaiser, Transkei's founding Prime Minister and its second president, was not going to let his brother go to jail for want of R10 000.

Born during World War 1, the Matanzima brothers were named after Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany and King George of Britain. They had, with the exception of a brief but intense public squabble in 1986-87, stood together in fraternal solidarity.

Brotherly love turned to hate in mid-1986, when Chief Kaiser, having resigned as president in February of that

year, led a rebellion against his younger brother who had stayed on as Prime Minister.

Accusing his younger brother of corruption, Chief Kaiser broke away from the ruling Transkei National Independence Party to found the Transkei National Party. Chief George hit back hard. He accused Chief Kaiser of trying to incite the army to rebel against him and banished him from Umtata.

The squabble was fatal to both.

It helped to open the way for the coup which overthrew Chief George in September 1987. The coup, led by the chief of the Transkei Defence Force, Major-General Bantu

Holomisa, was directed against corruption.

But it did not reinstall Chief Kaiser. The new military regime sidelined him more vigorously than his brother had.

Adversity drew the brothers together again. They came to court in tandem. Each was armed psychologically against pending disaster.

Chief Kaiser sat next to his brother in the Supreme Court almost as if he was a co-accused. He brandished his pen defensively as the trial ended. He did not want Chief George to spend his last days in Transkei's badly congested jails.

Those jails had been filled during the rule of the brothers Matanzima, Chief George himself having noted in 1987 that his brother detained people for making statements which he, Chief Kaiser, regarded as offensive.

It was a sobering thought for the brothers to ponder as they walked out of the Supreme Court.

So, too, was the knowledge that the March 22 bribery conviction concerned only Chief George's acceptance of R750 000 from a construction company and, consequently, that charges for accepting R2-million from Mr Sol Kerzner and Mr Abe Bloomberg might be in the pipeline.

# R5m Ciskei deal for ex-brigadier denied

OWN Correspondent

EAST LONDON. — Ciskei's deputy director-general of foreign affairs and information, Mr Headman Somtunzi, has denied that retired South African military officer Brigadier Marthinus Deyzel has applied for a lucrative fishing licence in Ciskei.

Mr Somtunzi, who was commenting on a report in a Sunday newspaper, said the report was based on speculation. "No fishing licences have been sold in Ciskei, though interest has been expressed in some quarters," he said.

According to the report, Brigadier Deyzel is the only director of Ciskei Fishing Corporation (Pty) Ltd and has applied for an offshore fishing licence said to be worth as much as R5 million.

The report said the company's registration came a year after Brigadier Deyzel left the SADF and coincided with a financial blow resulting from the investment of most of his pension gratuity in the ventures of Pretoria attorney Mr Albert Vermaas.

Brigadier Deyzel, a former intelligence officer, took early retirement from the SADF rather than face a court martial arising from favours he was alleged to have accepted.

It was alleged before the Harms Commission last week that he accepted free trips and a R149 000 house from Jalc Construction Company.

# Hunt goes on for killers of jazzman

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## Crime Reporter

POLICE are still searching for the assassins who burst into the Newfields home of jailed drug kingpin Nazier Kapdi and fatally stabbed his wife's lover in the early hours of Friday morning.

Police said they were investigating a number of possibilities but refused to speculate who was behind the murder of popular jazz musician Mr Mogamat Yusuf "Barrick" Rylands, 29.

Mrs Kashifa Kapdi has denied that her husband, whom she described as a "good friend", had anything to do with the murder of Mr Rylands, the father of her 18-month-old daughter and unborn child.

Mrs Kapdi said she knows who killed Mr Rylands but refused to identify them.

Mr Rylands had lived with Mrs

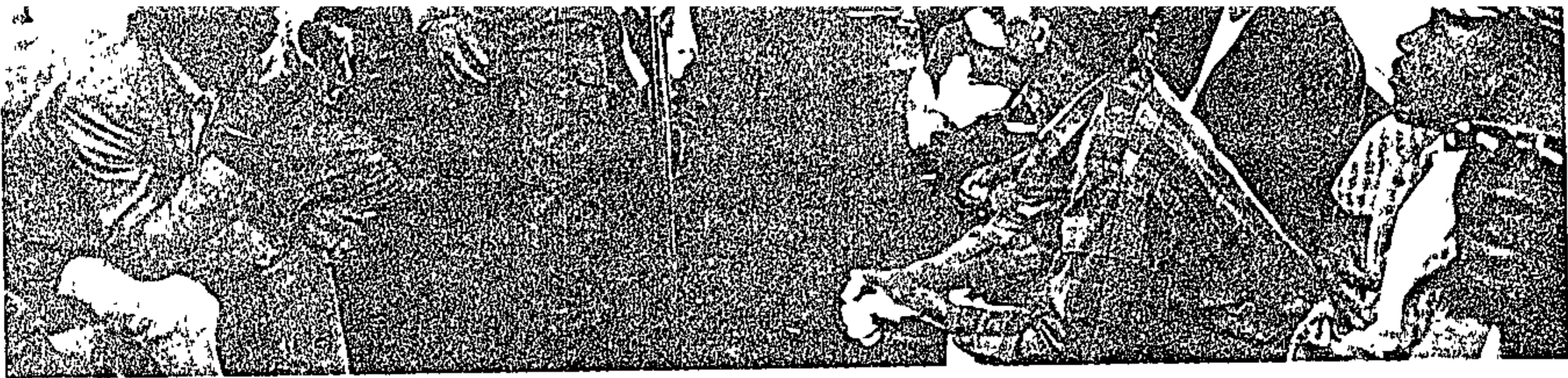
Kapdi for the past couple of years and planned to marry her as soon as the divorce between Mrs Kapdi and her gangster husband was finalised.

Mrs Kapdi said she and Mr Rylands were already married under Muslim rites and were living as man and wife.

Mr Rylands's mother, Mrs Dadija Rylands, described her son and Kapdi as "old friends" and said that when Kapdi was sentenced to 17 years' imprisonment in 1985 he asked Mr Rylands to look after his family.

Kapdi was jailed for the "sadistic" murder of a drug-pedlar who was beaten to death with wooden table legs and the attempted murder of another man over a mandrax deal.

The assassins broke into Mrs Kapdi's home about 3.15am on Friday and threw a duvet over Mr Rylands before stabbing him to death. No one else was injured but the men stole jewellery and R12 000 from a safe.



Picture: PETER STANFORD, Weekend Argus

Where some commuters fear to tread, members of the SAP Mobile Unit take over to make the Mitchells Plain line crime-free.

# Train ride turns into nightmare

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by TYRONE SEALE

Weekend Argus Reporter

"IT'S better to be stabbed than to jump out of the train."

Not much of a choice — but if you're one of the thousands travelling on the notorious Mitchell's Plain line, you're constantly torn between the devil and the deep blue sea as thugs turn a simple train ride into a nightmare.

Last weekend, 17-year-old Elizabeth Matafin was flung off a speeding train near Bonteheuwel as a gang terrorised passengers, including a security guard.

Talking about the gruesome choice is a train preacher who has already seen three gangsters turn on a cowering crowd of commuters who had wanted to help a man who had been robbed.

"They robbed the man and when they saw that people had noticed what they had done, they started stabbing at everyone. The passengers all crowded into one corner of the carriage. Some wanted to jump out of the window.

"At Bonteheuwel station, some managed to escape, but the thugs kept on stabbing the people."

## Work long and hard

The preacher could tell his story without fear, because among his fellow passengers were uniformed members of the South African Police Mobile Unit whose job it is to keep stations and trains crime-free.

They work long and hard hours among frightened commuters, defiant gangsters and graffiti proclaiming slogans like "Come to Vulture Town (a gang territory) and get (raped) by 20".

The unit, headed by Major Pieter Barnard, has been operating since January as an extension of the work previously done by the railway police.

"We don't have a big staff and the work is difficult and dangerous, but we are determined to get ride of crime in this area," says Warrant-Officer Chrisjan Verwant, head of a six-member team based at Philippi railway station.

Since January, his team working the Mitchell's Plain-Langa stretch has arrested between 800 and 1000 people a month for offences ranging from illegal track crossings to murder.

One of the Philippi team, Sergeant Hendry Robertson, has been walking around with a bullet in his back since the day a suspect shot him twice at Bonteheuwel station.

Doctors removed one of the bullets, but feared the removal of the other would paralyse Sergeant Robertson.

Finding a commuter who has not seen a mugging on the Mitchell's Plain line is a tough job.

In a random survey during the ride with the mobile unit the majority of passengers had seen criminal action on their way to or from work.

Third-class traveller Mr Manfred Titus, 24, of Lentegeur, knew what he was talking about — he had six stitches on his nose to prove it.

"Last Saturday afternoon, I was sitting here playing a portable radio/tape set. Two guys grabbed it from me and then I realised they had stabbed me as well."

Another passenger said: "One Saturday morning, an argument broke out after one man accidentally bumped into someone next to him. The man who did the bumping took out a knife, stabbed the other and an innocent man.

"People were so scared, they jumped out of the train when it was moving slowly."

At one stage on the ride, Warrant-Officer Verwant removed a bag from a luggage rack and asked who it belonged



These knives and pangas are among 150 dangerous weapons confiscated on trains by security guards hired by South African Transport Services to patrol northern suburbs trains.

to. A man standing near the door said it was his.

Warrant-Officer Verwant asked the man to empty the bag. He refused to have it searched, until a second policeman joined them. The man reluctantly allowed the search.

He said later: "I wasn't being difficult. The policeman had to ask nicely. He can't just go through my stuff. I know

they're doing their job. The trains are dangerous."

In spite of the growing fear and public outcry, Major Barnard believes his men and women are gradually winning the battle.

Incidents on trains and stations on the Mitchell's Plain line should be reported to ☎ 10111, or ☎ 34 6786.





Mr Mogamat Rylands

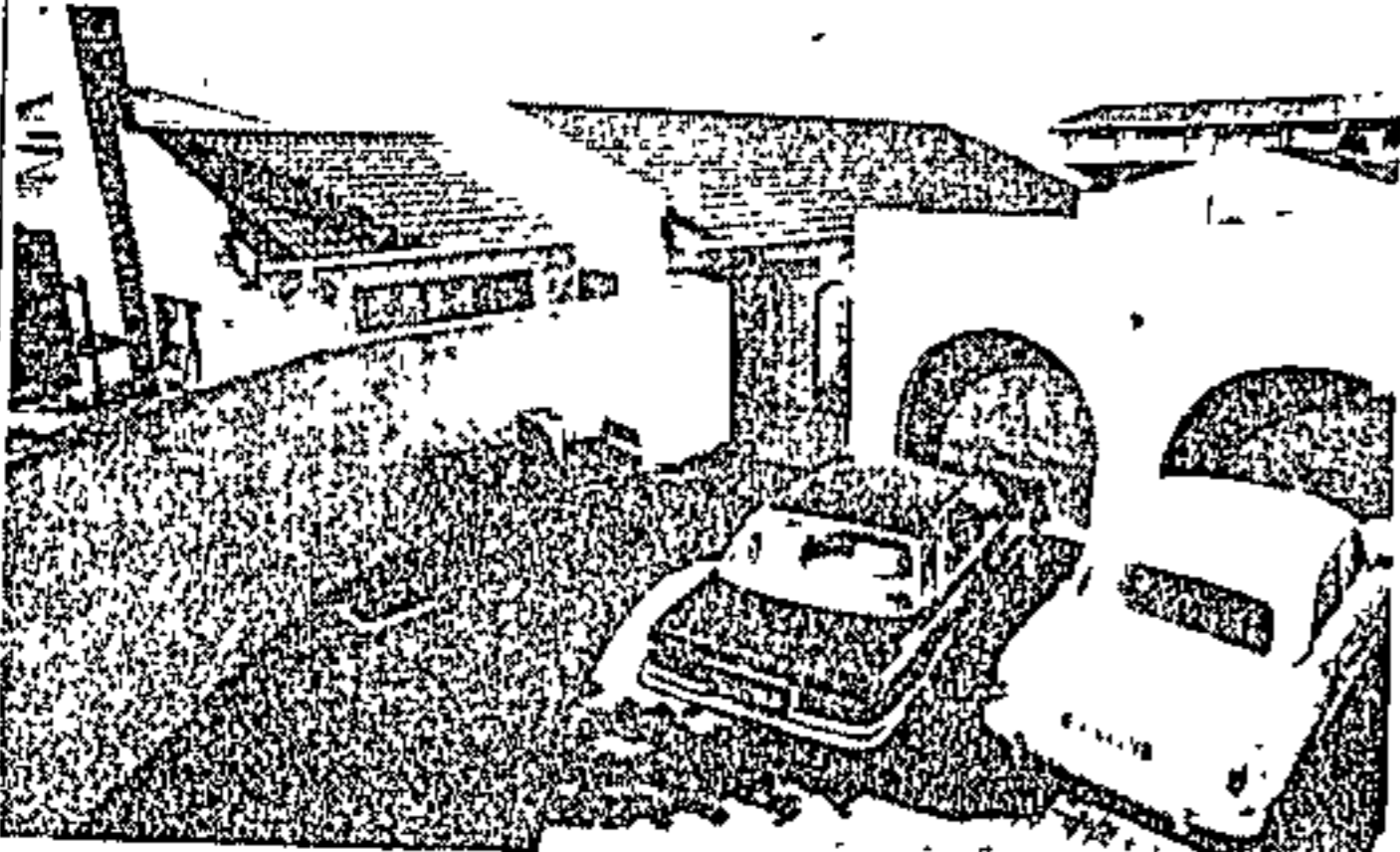
# Slain jazzman: Wife's horror tale

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**WIDOW AND CHILD:** Mrs Kashifa Rylands, with her daughter Iptisaan, in the lounge of the house where Mr Mogamat Yusuf Rylands kept a spare set of drums.



**MURDER HOUSE:** The house in Newfields Estate where Mr Mogamat Yusuf "Barrick" Rylands was stabbed to death on Good Friday. The bedroom where he was stabbed is at the back of the house.

By MICHAEL DOMAN  
Staff Reporter

**SLAIN** musician Yusuf "Barrick" Rylands had bought a farm in Strandfontein and planned to move there with his family.

Today, his wife, Mrs Kashifa Rylands, told how her percussionist husband recently went on a shopping spree in preparation for the move.

Mr Rylands, 29, was stabbed to death by four men in the early hours of Good Friday. He was well-known to Cape Town jazz-lovers as the percussionist of the group Heartthrob.

The attack took place as he slept at the house of jailed drug-lord Nazier Kapdi, now serving a 17-year jail term for murder, attempted murder and drug dealing.

Mrs Rylands is still legally married to Kapdi, but says she was in the process of getting a divorce from him.

She was married by Muslim rites to Mr Rylands. The couple had an 18-month-old daughter, Iptisaan, and Mrs Rylands is eight months pregnant with a second child.

Mrs Rylands denied that Kapdi, who was also a drummer in his young days, had anything to do with her husband's death.

She said "This was a cowardly attack. Barrick was a strong man and they knew they had to get him in his sleep."

### Jewellery

"The four men woke me and I shouted to wake Barrick, but they threw a duvet over him and stood on him, making it difficult to move.

"Then they stabbed him in the jugular so that blood spurted over me and Iptisaan, who was in the cot next to the bed."

Mrs Rylands said she was pushed into another bedroom while her husband was being assaulted.

"I thought if I told them about the jewellery and the money, they would spare him, so I told them about these. They took gold and diamonds worth thousands, as well as R12 000 in cash.

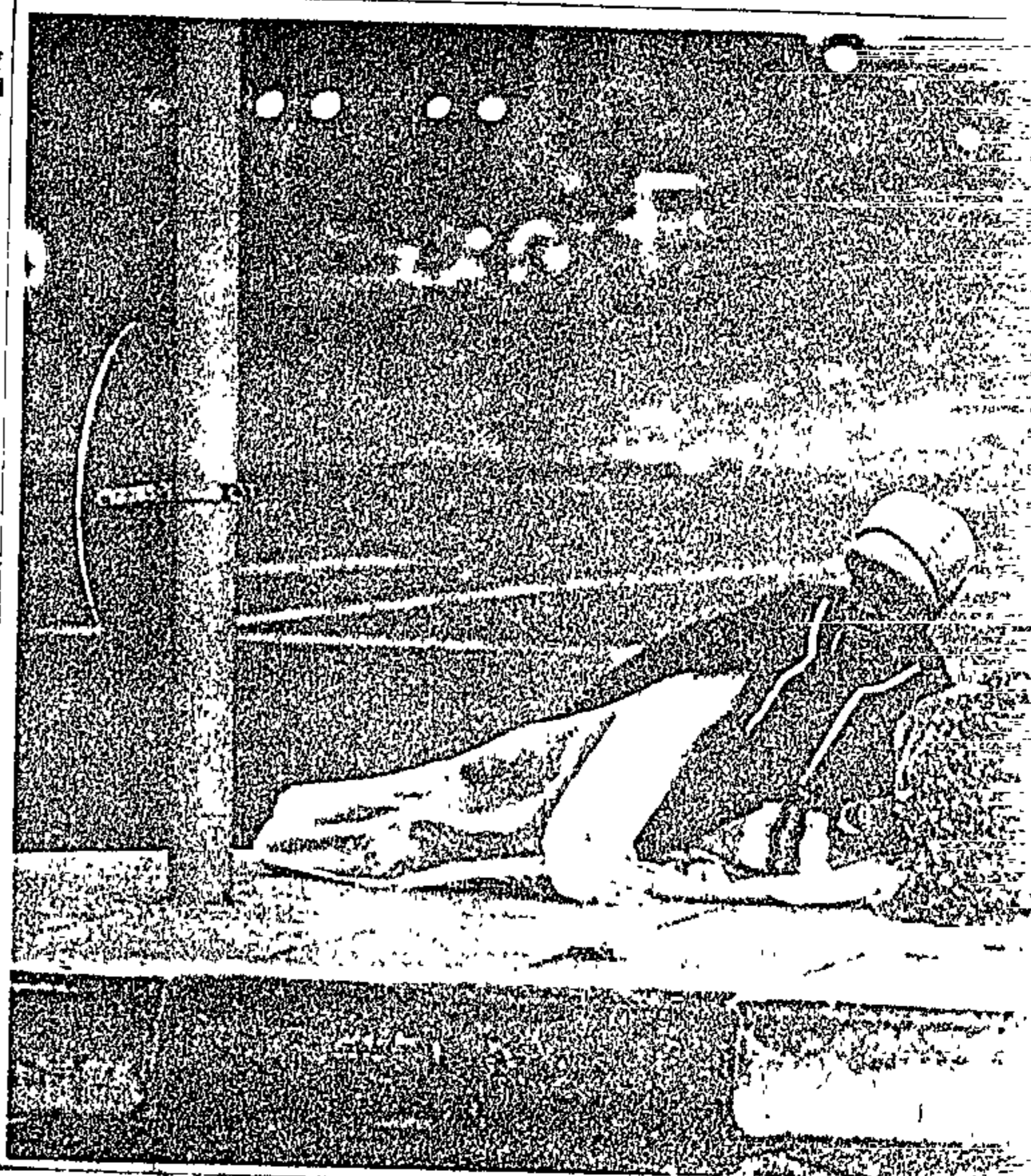
"They were in the house for 25 minutes and when I got back into the bedroom, Barrick was still alive. He was making gurgling noises.

"I went to call the police, but when I returned he was dead."

When The Argus visited the Kapdi house today there were still signs of blood on the shaggy carpet in the main bedroom.

"Yusuf had dreams for our children. Since we were going to move to the farm, he went on an antique furniture shopping spree recently. Now I'll have to trace that furniture myself."

● Mrs Rylands, 33, has five children by Kapdi, ranging in age from six to 16, who all live in the Newfields Estate house.



## One hospital to detain all SA hunger strikers

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The Argus Correspondent

**JOHANNESBURG.** — Detainees beginning a hunger strike anywhere in South Africa will in future be moved to a Bloemfontein hospital, which will be the only place where their relatives and lawyers will have access to them, sources confirmed today.

This move by the government was apparently a result of last week's escape from Hillbrow Hospital by four hunger-striking emergency detainees who took refuge at the West German Embassy in Pretoria.

In future, detainees who go on a hunger strike to protest against detention without trial will be moved to the Ponomi Hospital in Bloemfontein and their families and legal representatives will have to travel to the Free State capital to see them.

The move has also been seen as an attempt to tone down publicity generated by detainees on hunger strike, such as Mr Sandile Thusi, who suspended his hunger strike in Durban

taking both food and liquids in protest against their continued detention. This is believed to be the first total fast and could, if maintained, bring about a crisis within days.

Police were unable to confirm the strike.

Mr Thusi's release was one of the demands made by the four former detainees who took refuge at the West German Embassy last week.

### THUSI'S RELEASE

Meanwhile, Sapa reports that Ministry of Law and Order sources said today Mr Thusi's release could be "considered".

Department media liaison officer Brigadier Leon Mellett said the Minister, Mr Adriaan Vlok, had stated from the outset that no detainee's release would be considered while he was not eating.

Brigadier Mellett said Mr Thusi's release could now be considered but this did not imply that he would be released as a matter of course.

## Tom Cruise cancer reports denied

The Argus Foreign Service

**LOS ANGELES.** — Hollywood star Tom Cruise is at the centre of a cancer mystery.

Weekend newspaper reports said that the 27-year-old actor was being given radiation treatment for breast cancer at a Los Angeles hospital.

The mystery deepened when his mother, Mary Lee Mapother, was reported as saying her son was in a serious condition.

But a spokesman for the star of *Top Gun* and *Rain Man* is reported to have dismissed the claims as "the most stupid thing we have heard".

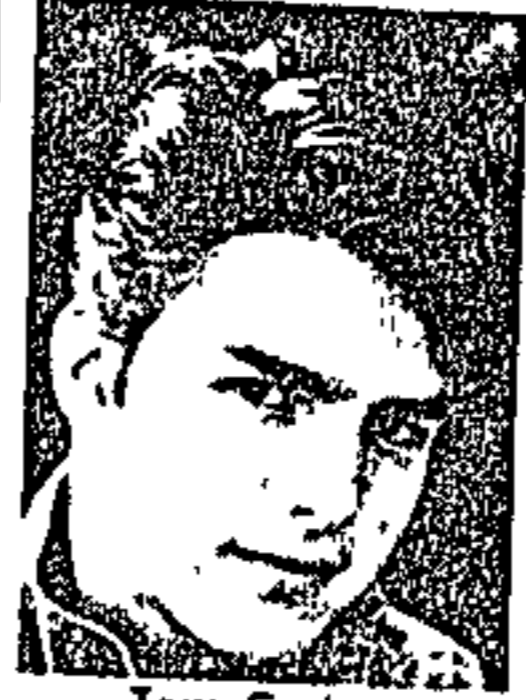
Other sources close to the actor said he was in good health and that stories that he was receiving chemotherapy treatment were "ridiculous".

No California hospital has admitted that Cruise is among its patients.

Rumours have been rife over the star's health since he fell ill after completing filming of his latest film, *Born on the Fourth of July*.

Three weeks ago his spokesman, Andria Jaffee, denied he had "a deadly tropical disease", as was reported by a London newspaper.

It was also claimed earlier this month that Cruise had taken an Aids test. But the actor denied the story and threatened to sue America's Star



Tom Cruise

## French may send 6 rugby players to South Africa

The Argus Foreign Service

**PARIS.** — Six French rugby players may play in South Africa to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the South African Rugby Board.

The news follows two recent unscheduled meetings between Mr Albert Ferrasse, president of the French Rugby Federation (FFR), and Sports Minister Mr Roger Bambuck.

They met for the first time at a reception at the British embassy — Ambassador Sir Ewen Ferguson is a former rugby man. Mr Bambuck, a former Olympic champion sprinter from Guadaloupe, was with his wife, Olympic high jump champion Ghislaine Barnay.

### RESTAURANT

Embassy officials said the three "got on famously", and they met again for lunch at the famous restaurant Lasserre.

The weekly *Mid-Olympique* reported "Mr Ferrasse told Mr Bambuck half-a-dozen

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# Drug killing: We're innocent — brothers

By MARK STANSFIELD  
Staff Reporter

THE MURDER of popular jazz drummer Mr Mogamat Rylands on Easter Friday while he lay sleeping in jailed Mandrax king Nazier Kapdi's well-protected home could lead to further violence in the Peninsula's gang and drug underworld.

Already gangsters have allegedly been told to eliminate two men suspected of stabbing Mr Rylands to death while he lay in the arms of his pregnant lover, Mrs Kashifa Kapdi, wife of Cape Town's jailed drug supremo Nazier Kapdi.

Both men were on the police investigating officers' list of prime suspects in the murder.

In an exclusive interview late yesterday — shortly before they went to the police to answer

questions — they said they were innocent and were willing to help in any way they could in the hope that the "contracts" out on them would be withdrawn.

Self-confessed "small-time drug dealers," Mr Shafek and Mr Abduragman Israel claim they have been "fingered" by people with ulterior motives.

The brothers approached The Argus for help in setting up a meeting between themselves and the police investigating team, hoping their names could be cleared before they or their families were harmed.

Mr Shafek Israel claimed instructions had been given to Peninsula gangsters to kill them because the brothers had recently had an argu-

ment with Mr Rylands and other drug-dealing associates over Mandrax points of sale.

"The argument we had was a small one over a Mandrax street-sale point to which Mr Rylands said he had exclusive control.

## "WE KNOW NOTHING"

"A merchant friend of ours was beaten up and his money and merchandise confiscated. That was all it was about. It did not involve us directly. It has been blown out of all proportion and we are afraid for ourselves and our families.

"We know nothing and had nothing to do with Mr Rylands's murder and want the people to know this before our families are harmed," the worried brothers said.

Sources within Cape Town's shady drug-dealing underworld claimed that Mr Rylands was himself a king-pin in the lucrative drug-dealing market and that instructions for his murder could have been given by several gang bosses in the Peninsula.

"Mr Rylands took over effective control of Nazier Kapdi's drug empire when he (Nazier Kapdi) was jailed.

"Mr Rylands made a lot of enemies in his dealings and two-thirds of the Peninsula's gangsters had some kind of grudge against him," the source said.

The police have appealed to anybody who has information about the killing to contact Detective Sergeant Johan Willense at 73 1697.

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Mr Yusuf Rylands

# Murdered musician 'ran empire'

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By PATRICK COLLINGS  
Crime Reporter

AN ex-gang member claimed yesterday that slain musician Mr Mogaamat Yusuf "Barrick" Rylands was a powerful drug dealer who ran jailed drug lord Nazier Kapdi's empire.

The man, who requested anonymity, said Mr Rylands had made a "lot of enemies" while trying to expand his sphere of influence in the Bo-Kaap and Woodstock areas.

"A month ago Mr Rylands and his bodyguards beat up a merchant in the Bo-Kaap and took all his money and merchandise," the ex-gangster said.

The man said that he and Mr

Rylands had been friends until a couple of years ago when they had an argument: "He was a lekker guy and I used to smoke with him, but now he is a big button (mandrax) merchant."

The murder of Mr Rylands, which took place in the early hours of Friday morning in the bedroom he shared with Kapdi's wife, Mrs Kashifa Kapdi, still remains a mystery.

Subsequent accusations about who was behind the killing have forced two self-confessed "small-time drug dealers" to contact the police in an attempt to clear their names of all involvement.

Police yesterday confirmed the approach by the two men — as

well as the claims made by the ex-gangster to the Cape Times — but would not speculate on who was behind the murder. They said they were investigating all possibilities.

Reacting to reports about Mr Rylands's involvement in the drug world, Mrs Kapdi said the accusations were made by people who "were ignorant".

"They are trying to cover up for something — trying to hide their dirty washing," she said.

"Barrick was never arrested for drugs, but I can't say what happened in the streets."

● Anyone with information is asked to telephone Detective Sergeant Johan Willemse at 73 1697.

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# And kingpin drug cops

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Weekend Argus Reporter

**C**ATCHING drug dealers is a clever cat and mouse game with very high stakes as far as the police are concerned.

Head of the Peninsula Narcotics Bureau, Major Muller Haggard, is an affable sort of man. He offers tea with a grin and chats easily about current events relating to police work; that's until we begin discussing drugs and the best bait to use for catching the traders. Then Major Haggard clams up and nothing in the world can pry him open.

These are Trade Secrets, you understand.

"But," he offers a titbit voluntarily, "the dealers have their own information networks, their own 'squealers', their own 'undercover' agents who spy just as much on South African Narcotics Bureau (Sanab) agents as our people do on the drugs network.

"We can sit and plan operations meticulously for three weeks and be successful only once with any 'game plan'. We cannot use the same methods twice because most of our tactics come out in open court in evidence and the dealers are clever enough to make sure they have men in the public gallery taking notes of any new tactics we use." Major Haggard offers tea again while he sits back and wipes his glasses.

"We spy on them ... they spy on us." He shrugs.

**H**E apologises for the long wait in the corridor and the high security measures for gaining entry to his sanctum.

Does he keep gold here?

"No ... not unless your speaking about Acapulco Gold," he laughs, pointing at the bars on a door behind which there's a load of drugs that would get any dealer twitching.

"I don't think we have the same problems as they have overseas ... talking strictly from a so-called 'gang war' and elimination point of view.

"In Europe and the Americas you hear about whole syndicates being wiped out in so-called 'wars' between the powerful syndicates.

"Here in South Africa there's also violence and our men constantly face great danger when working undercover but our dealers are not as ruthless, thank God," he says.

"Usually what happens is intelligence gatherers within syndicates themselves spy on their competition. When they hear of a large consignment coming down they hijack it for themselves.

"That's when you have the gang 'wars' but it's between themselves ... we just sit and wait, gather what information we can about their squabbles and use that information to our advantage." Major Haggard grins.

"In all my time within Sanab (10 years and three weeks: Major Haggard has a head for names, places and figures; remembering the vital or apparently trivial information in conver-

sation is just a part of any good narcotics agent's job) I've never had a case where a dealer was killed by means of firearms ... our dealers use violence but not to that extent.

"The big dealers, you must keep in mind, are businessmen, even though their stock is highly illegal. All they're interested in is getting their money out of a deal. Cross him, forget to pay him and he'll resort to violence to get what he claims is his. That's the sort of violent 'war' we are talking about."

**W**AITING in the corridor for the interview — the wait for which the Major apologised — many of the Narcotics agents came scurrying out of their various offices.

There were big ones, small ones, grey-haired ones, some in business suits, some looking like young Yuppies, women, teenagers. Expensive clothes. Greasy overalls ... the disguises are endless.

Major Haggard again: "Yes, we need different people to fit different profiles; different environments; different classes.

"If we need a dominee for a job, we'll find someone to fit the profile and disguise him so well he could preek like the best of them." The Major laughs.

And have television programmes like *Miami Vice* and *Hill Street Blues* influenced the attitudes of the agents to their jobs?

"Strangely enough ... no, I don't think so. Our agents are very well trained. In movies and books there's *always* a culprit, they *always* solve the case and there are *always* situations that cannot possibly exist in real life.

"No, our people know that movies and scripts are simply fantasies ... good police work takes initiative, perseverance and endurance.

"Before any policeman is selected for Sanab work he or she is interviewed by a panel of senior officers and Warrant Officers. They are dedicated because this type of work means 24-hour duty, over weekends mostly, when the family and kids want to go to the beach.

"They are always aware of the dangers involved because you don't know who you're dealing with. Fortunately, we've never had an agent seriously injured during a cover operation and I attribute it to the special way we operate ... never alone, always with back-up. They work in hand-picked teams and they learn to trust each other implicitly.

"*Hill Street Blues* is about the most realistic cop programme around. That's what daily police work is really like on a station. The others ... hah! pure fantasy!

"I always tell my men that they are the conscience of our youth and that you cannot kill a snake by chopping off its tail. The head is the thing ... and that's what we're aiming for — the heads of the drug trade. Get rid of them and we have a chance of stopping the senseless waste of our young people to drug addiction."

So next time you curse a *bergie* in the street — remember he could be a narcotics agent doing a vital bit of work ...



# Kapdi home killing: Two men in court

By YVETTE VAN BREDA and PATRICK COLLINGS

TWO MEN, arrested for the murder of popular musician and alleged drug dealer Mr. Mogamat Yusuf "Barrick" Rylands, appeared in Mitchells Plain Magistrate's Court late yesterday afternoon.

The appearance of Mr Faizel Orrie, 26, of Walmer Estate, and Mr John Arendse, 30, of Athlone, came a week after Mr Rylands was stabbed to death in the bedroom of the Newfields home he shared with the wife of jailed drug lord Nazier Kapdi.

The two, who appeared briefly just before 4pm, were not asked to plead and no evidence was led. The charge sheet indicates that they may be charged with murder and robbery.

Mr Rylands was murdered when four assassins burst into the bedroom on Friday last week and stabbed him.

After his murder, an ex-gang member claimed that Mr Rylands was a powerful drug leader who ran Kapdi's empire.

**T**HEY mark their territory like tomcats — except here they spray the walls with paint, not urine; to protect it they use knives and guns rather than claws and teeth.

But, as in the animal kingdom, the penalty for not respecting the territorial imperative — the BFK, JFK, or Cisco Yakkie graffiti on the walls of our city — sometimes leads to confrontation, sometimes even death.

The Easter weekend death of jazz drummer Mr Mogamat Rylands while he lay sleeping in jailed Mandrax king Nazier Kapdi's luxurious bed is a case in point.

Drug dealers (who wish to remain anonymous for obvious reasons) this week named Mr Rylands as a king in the Peninsula drug trade. He apparently tried to extend his kingdom, ignoring the bold territorial markings of his rivals. They speculate that he was eliminated for this very reason.

**P**ENINSULA policemen investigating his death have confirmed that he was a "powerful" drug dealer with an empire to protect. Two men have been arrested in connection with his killing but while they have appeared in court, no charge has been put against them and no evidence about a motive for the killing has been led.

It is not known whether anyone has come forward with information about the killing but what is certain is that there's a great deal of mutual hatred for "squealers" within the underworld of gangs and drugs.

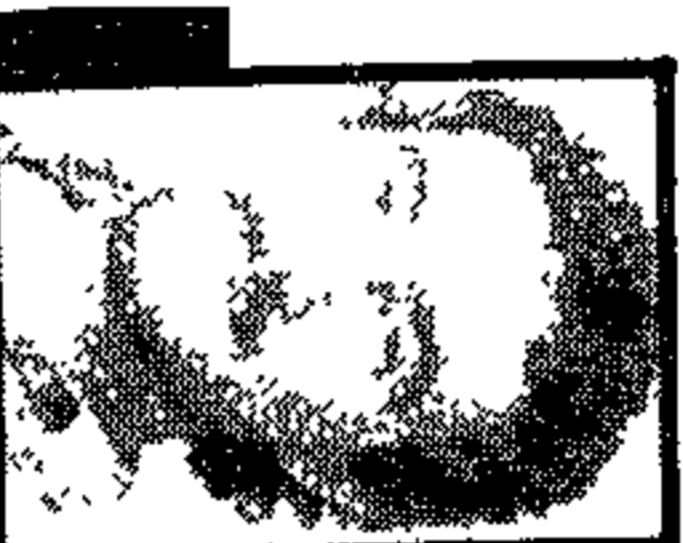
In the animal world, this territorial type of fighting and mutual protection is called an instinct. In humans it might be called Gang Syndrome and Murder.

The animal defines the boundaries of its exclusive territory and claims exclusive hunting rights within that area. Analogously, those who have arbitrarily marked off the city into gang-zones with a bold BFK, JFK, Cisco Yakkie, 26s or 27s, also claim exclusive hunting rights. Their prey, though, is human... those out looking for a "merchant", a "fix", some dope or maybe just a woman for the night.

Painted in red, black or crudely scratched into the paintwork of a doorway, a subway or an electrical meter box, these "animals" of the city mark off their turf and fight to the death to protect it... because there's Big Money in drugs here in the shadow of Table Mountain.



# STREET KINGS



by MARK STANSFIELD, Weekend Argus Reporter

**I**N 1987 Peninsula police confiscated a staggering drugs haul worth R10-million. Estimates of the amounts that escaped their attention in just that year and reached the open market — our streets, our kids — suggest a figure ten times higher.

Someone is making money, Big Money out there. But it's not the gang members, the "merchants" on the street running the greatest risk of detection and employed simply to sell and to protect their bosses' demarcated area.

The merchants get a meagre "cut" out of a sale; the bulk of the money filters through a series of handlers — each taking a "cut" — until a whopping amount ends up in the pocket of the Kings of Sex, Drugs and Rock 'n Roll.

Kings like Nazier Kapdi — jailed for 17 years for the brutal killing of one of his own serfs (for "disobedience" and not being quite true to his Master!) — and Mr Rylands, men who, coincidentally, both first made their names as musicians.

Cape Town's underworld came slightly unstuck following Mr Rylands's death because in this gang-orientated sub-culture you join a gang for life. *Chinz*, once marked and an insult to one is an insult to all.

Touch, harm, kill or steal another gang's women, territory, drug-trade or member and all rival gang members are to blame — even if you are so low-ranking you were not even told a hit was going down.

Belong to a gang which has been pinpointed as harming the interests of a rival clan and you have a war on your hands.

**S**OURCES this week said Mr Rylands grew up in the Bo-Kaap where, as a teenager, he became a *Junite Funkie Kid*, a street brother of the notorious 26 prison gang.

Recently, a rival gang member began selling dope on a street corner in the Bo-Kaap. The man was politely picked up, beaten silly and his drugs confiscated. This would have been the end of the story except for the gang clause about an injury to one is an injury...

Maybe, *just maybe*, say the gang members, Mr Rylands was taught a lesson in gang manners.

Some lesson. Proof of gang ferocity was revealed when two self-confessed small-time drug dealers — brothers Abdunagan and Shafek Israel — scuttled into The Argus offices this week with their story.

A remarkable tale it was giving some telling insights into what happens on our streets.

**T**HE brothers had heard through the gang grapevine that they were to be assassinated for being linked to the death of Mr Rylands. The police had been given the same information.

The brothers claim they are innocent. They have been questioned by the police and have not been arrested.

The Israel brothers said they were to be killed because of an argument they had with Mr Rylands about dope-selling points.

They claimed that not only were they to be killed but their families too. And this little bit of intrigue happened just up the road from the centre of our city... and happens frequently too.

"Hell!" said Shafek Israel (not smiling) in the safe confines of The Argus building. "The gangster movies are nothing compared to what is happening on our own streets!"

**P**RODUCTION: *Cape Town Vice*...

*Take One, Scene Three*... On patrol with a group of policemen in the notorious Lavender Hill area, Cape flats, a place well known for its seediness, poverty and gangster-orientated youth. The police van is yellow, sticks out like a bright daisy in a burnt-out field.

*Scene Four*... Stop outside a suspected shebeen. Enter. Open cupboard door and slide back false flooring. Stare down into a rabbit's warren of underground tunnels — an Aladdin's Cave of vice, drugs and illegal liquor, the headquarters of a King Pin drug dealer.

*Scene Five*...

This is not fiction, not a script written for some local *Miami Vice*. It happened. I was there, on a story assignment.

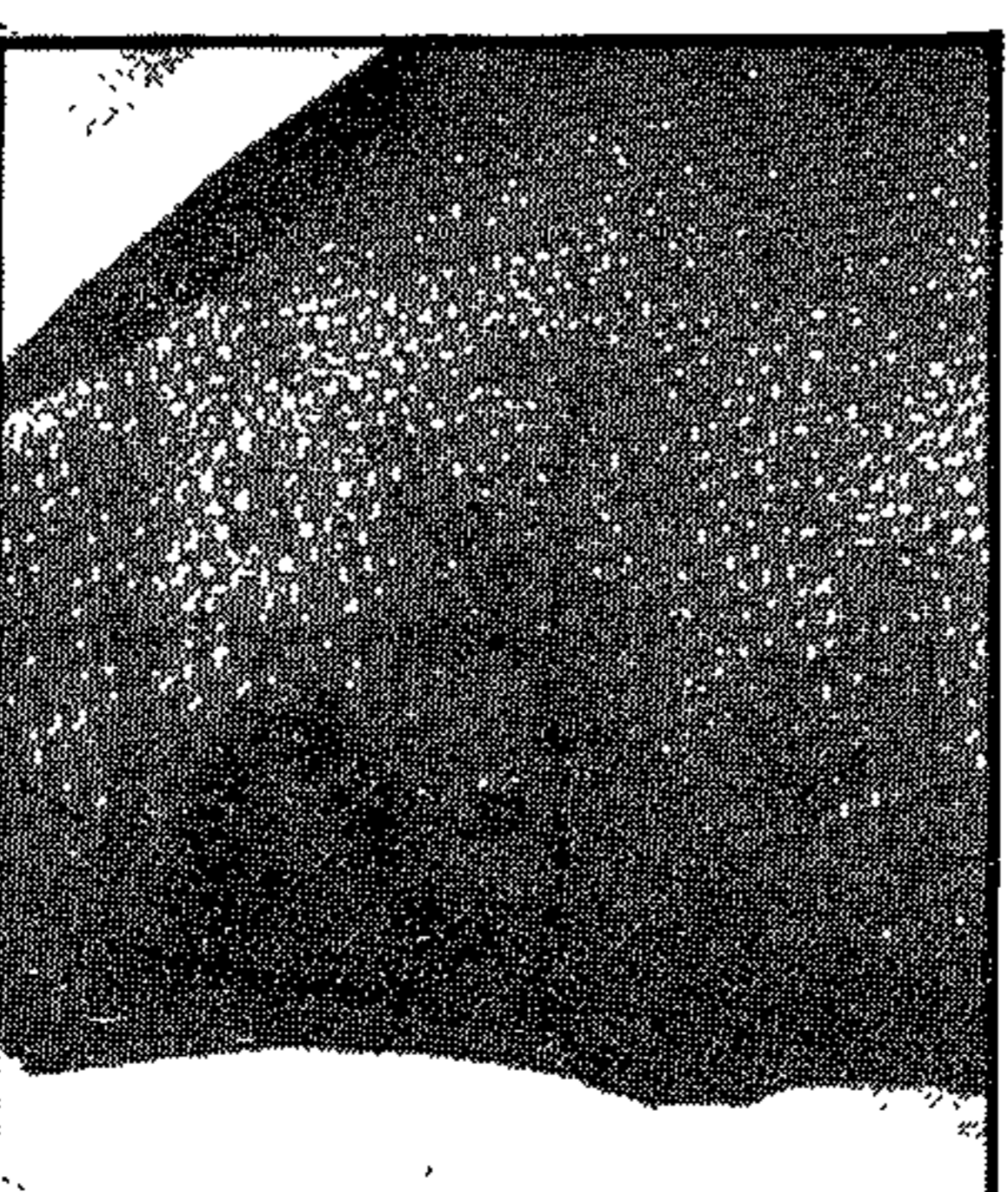
Sometimes in the pages of this newspaper, tiny articles appear about a shooting, killing or stabbing. The name of the victim means nothing and the barest bones of the incident are reported. Yet many of these cases are gang orientated and involve the lucrative drug trade. The price for scratching out more information on them could be injury or death. They are left alone because gang-related politics remains a sub-surface subject in which even the players are scared to say too much...

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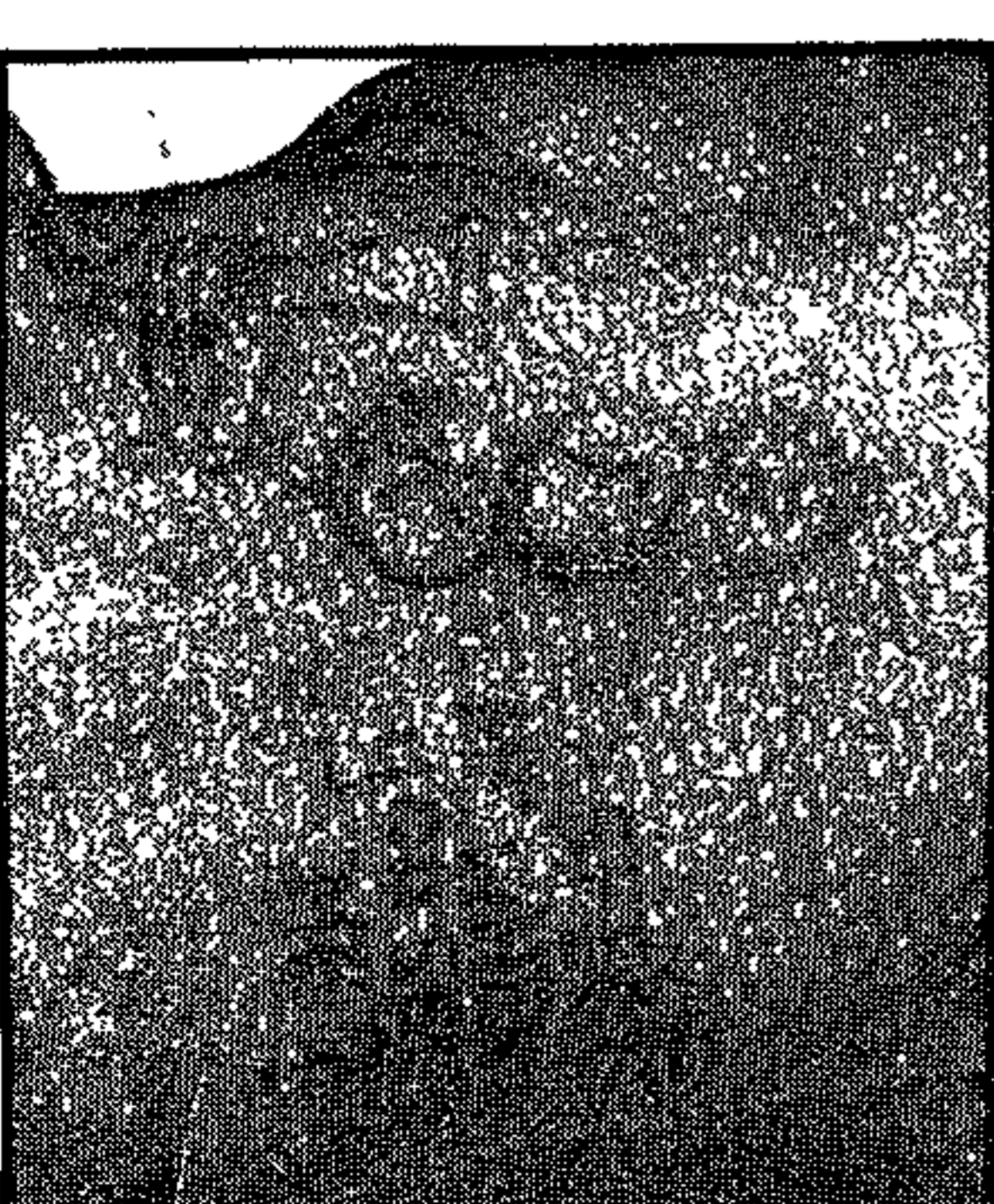
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Up front, merchants get meagre cuts... at the end of the line, Kings of Sex, Drugs and Rock 'n Roll live rich, richer than imagination



Gang members usually tattoo their gang allegiance on their bodies, after that there's no resigning.



# Bloodbath at railway station

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By PATRICK COLLINGS  
Crime Reporter

WOODSTOCK railway station was turned into a bloodbath last night when a gang of six or seven youths stormed the platform and stabbed waiting passengers, killing two men and injuring at least one other.

Police described the killings as a "senseless act" and vowed to hunt down the gangsters.

The dead men have been identified as Mr A B van Heerden, 36, of Steenberg and Mr Berbrum Sele of Heideveld. A relative of Mr Van Heerden, Mr Trevor van Heerden, received minor injuries.

## Stabbed in chest

Police said the gangsters, whom they described as youngsters, ran on to Platform 2 at 7.15pm and started attacking the passengers who were waiting for a 7.30pm train.

Mr A van Heerden was stabbed in the neck while Mr Sele was stabbed in the chest.

Police said the gangsters left the platform minutes after they started their bloody attack and that it appeared they did not steal anything.

Anyone with information is asked to telephone Detective Sergeant Anton Heyns at 417 4202.

...s book author Mrs Brenda Munitich shows off its duck-herding prowess at the Sea Point Book Expo, being held at artistic figures including illustrator Marjorie Wallace, ballerina Phyllis Spira and author Richard Rive spoke at the Ex

# Telecall director hypnotised boys

BY VETTE VAN BREDA  
Court Reporter

TELECALL director and former scoutmaster John Logan, convicted of molesting boys for almost 14 years, had hypnotised "junior" boys on an excursion in the Namib Desert and then indecently assaulted them, Wynberg Regional Court heard yesterday.

This was the evidence of a school-teacher at a well-known Cape Town school in the trial of Logan, 55, of Palmmyra Road, Newlands.

Logan, the director of Telecall, pleaded guilty to and was convicted of committing or attempting to commit immoral or indecent acts with seven boys aged between 11 and 16 from 1975 to June 1988.

Earlier a psychiatrist, Professor T Zambow, described Logan as a severe paedophile.

The teacher, who may not be named to protect the identity of the boys, said that in 1980 he, Logan and another teacher had

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accompanied a group of schoolboys to the Namib Desert.

After they returned, some of the boys asked to speak to him and said "I ought to know about certain incidents which took place on the trip".

"They claimed that certain junior boys had been hypnotised by Logan and then masturbated."

The teacher had tried to contact Logan telephonically but to no avail and he wrote him a letter expressing concern about the molestations. "Most of the boys were unhappy that we contact their parents and swore to us that they would do so themselves."

Later Logan responded by sending a letter. In the letter, read out to the court, he said his business, Telecall, was opening new branches in other parts of the country and the past three months of his life "had been in disarray". He ascribed his tardiness in responding to this.

He said there would be no reason in the future for anyone to doubt his "moral in-

tegrity". This section of the letter was met with loud grunts of disbelief from parents in the public gallery.

Logan wrote that he had longstanding friendships with some of the parents of the boys and business relationships with other parents.

There would be "disastrous consequences" if the allegations concerning his behaviour were disclosed, he wrote.

Addressing the court before sentence, defence advocate Mr R McDougall said that although parents had testified that they were bitter and angry at what Logan had done, Logan had a problem. He was taking drugs which had effectively chemically castrated him. He was also prepared to be physically castrated.

According to Mr Reynier van Zyl, a clinical psychologist, Logan was not a danger to children and "would not be, providing he continues to take the drugs and continues with counselling sessions".

The hearing was adjourned to April 14 for sentence.



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by TYRONE SEALE and MARK STANSFIELD  
Weekend Argus Reporters

A SENIOR criminal advocate has defended the sentence handed down in the case of paedophile John Logan as "fair and just under the circumstances".

His remarks, in contrast to other public calls for stiff jail terms for child abusers, were based on his assertion that there were no suitable treatment facilities in prisons for offenders.

Rondebosch paedophile Logan was fined R13 000 and given a totally suspended six-year jail term for molesting teenage boys.

This sentence has outraged the parents of some of his victims who felt he should be jailed.

There was evidence in Logan's trial that one of his victims suffered severe psychological damage as a result of Logan's molestation.

The visibly angry mother of the boy — magistrate Mr A P Kotze referred to him as the "sad case" among the boys Logan had abused over a 13-year period — said that "even a poor fisherman catching undersized crayfish would have received a heavier sentence.

"This man (Logan) has the money — R13 000 is nothing to him," said the mother.

Sentencing the divorced, 55-year-old father of two yesterday, Mr Kotze said there had been no evidence of severe psychological damage to the rest of Logan's victims.

Logan, owner of a successful radio communications company, pleaded guilty to seven counts of committing immoral or indecent acts with boys under 19 between 1975 and 1988. He did not sodomise any of the boys.

State psychiatrist Professor T Zabow described him as a severe paedophile.

Evidence in mitigation was that since his arrest Logan had taken a new drug to control his sex drive and had offered to be castrated.

His sentence was suspended on condition he is not convicted of the same crimes again and that he submits to treatment by clinical psychologist Mr Reyner van Zyl for five years and hands in six-monthly progress reports to the clerk of the court at Wynberg.

In an emotional interview, the mother and a family friend of the "sad case" boy said they would have liked to see Logan jailed.

"What on earth is the point of having

a child protection unit (in the police) if you're going to have a result like this?" the family friend said.

A Cape Town-based senior advocate said the sentence was appropriate "given the circumstances".

"Our prisons do not have the facilities to treat men such as John Logan, so if they are given heavy jail sentences all we would do is crush them, and, once they've served their time, will come out untreated and will probably molest again."

"It is best that they be treated outside prison where they have a better chance of complete rehabilitation," he said.

The mother said her 17-year-old son had left Cape Town since the police investigation for "a place in the country" where he is continuing his high school education and receiving psychiatric help.

"He will never live with us again, although we will see him regularly. He is better off where he is now. I've lost a son, and this man is basically free. That's not fair."

The woman, who has one other child, a 13-year-old girl, said Logan had met her son at the beginning of last year and had impressed the family as a gentleman.

She said her son had turned down an invitation to accompany Logan on an outing to the Fish River Canyon in June last year. Logan was arrested while camping with a number of youths.

On the day Logan left on the trip, Detective-Sergeant Leon Isaacson, of the Child Protection Unit, visited the family, acting on information from another Logan victim.

"My son had never told us about it until then. That night, all of us just sobbed and my son was in such a bad state. He said: 'Mommy, I feel like dirt. You don't know what a relief it is to expose this'.

The boy told police Logan had once hypnotised him and, to make sure he was "under", fed him a raw potato, saying it was an apple. Logan then abused the boy.

Mr Norman Osborne, area commissioner of the boy scouts movement in the Western Cape and the man who asked Logan to leave the scouts in 1975, said the organisation had a strict staff selection process.

"Conduct of the type giving rise to Mr Logan's type of conviction will not be tolerated under any circumstances."

# MOLESTERS OVER CHARGE

# Child molester fined R13 000

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BY YVETTE VAN BREDA  
Court Reporter

CONVICTED child molester and former scoutmaster John Logan was yesterday told by a Wynberg Regional magistrate: "Children are the adults of tomorrow and have to be protected against people like you."

Logan, 55, of Palmyra Road, who is the director of Telecall and was earlier described as a severe paedophile, was fined R13 000 (or five years).

He pleaded guilty to and was convicted of committing or attempting to commit immoral or indecent acts with seven boys aged between 11 and 16 from 1975 to June 1988.

Logan was fined R500 (or four months) on each of six counts. A further six months imprisonment on each count was suspended for five years. All these offences were committed "before the increase in the penalties", the magistrate, Mr A P Kotze, said.

Logan was fined R10 000 (or three years) on the remaining count and was further sentenced to three years' imprisonment suspended for five years.

Mr Kotze said the sentences would be suspended on condition that Logan submit himself to treatment with clinical psychologist Mr Reyner van Zyl, whom he had consulted on numerous occasions.

Logan would also have to submit a half-yearly report concerning his progress to the court.

Mr N Erasmus prosecuted. Mr R McDougall, instructed by S Reilly, appeared for Logan.

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Court Reporter

A KHAYELITSHA community councillor and ordained minister was yesterday jailed for seven years by a Cape Town Regional Court magistrate on 18 counts of fraud and theft involving R52 341.

Jeremy Moshoeshoe, 35, pleaded guilty to 17 counts of fraud and one count of theft.

The magistrate, Mr C P J Prinsloo, ordered that three years of the sentence run concurrently with a six-year suspended term which may become effective. He said Moshoeshoe had "the audacity to enrich yourself

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at the expense of a poor community".

Moshoeshoe admitted handing in fraudulent insurance policies involving R49 609 in his capacity as an insurance company representative. He also admitted committing cheque fraud, unlawfully pretending he was entitled to have his car serviced and repaired on credit and stealing a R500 cheque from the town council while employed as a councillor.

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# R1 000 fine for sex abuse of brothers

Court Reporter

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A VREDENBURG man has been fined R1 000 in the Cape Town Regional Court for sexually abusing two young brothers.

Philip Pieter Antonie van Loon, 35, of Beer Street, pleaded guilty to six charges — two of committing indecent or immoral acts with the boys aged 12 and 14, two of attempted sodomy on the 14-year-old and two of sodomy as a passive partner.

Van Loon was fined R1 000 (or two years) with a further two years' imprisonment, suspended for five years.

Proceedings were held in camera.

Mr J M Lemmer was on the Bench and Mr W S Badenhorst prosecuted.

# CAPE TOWN SEX RING 'SHARED' CHILDREN

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by REHANA ROSSOUW  
Weekend Argus Reporter

CAPE TOWN'S Child Protection Unit members believe they have uncovered a child sex ring in which children were allegedly "shared" among 15 men.

A 34-year-old man was arrested in a Sea Point restaurant on Thursday night and police expect to arrest the other alleged members of the syndicate soon.

Police spokesman Lieutenant Attie Laubscher said the Child Protection Unit began its investigation into the mens' activities in March this year.

Police suspected that young boys between the ages of 12 and 17 were sexually molested and charges of sodomy, indecent assault and indecent acts were being investigated.

A 42-year-old man was arrested at his workplace in March and a 41-year-old man

was arrested at his Claremont home on April 7.

Lieutenant Laubscher said police had already opened 16 cases against members of the sex ring and another 15 would be opened shortly.

He said one suspect had allegedly been involved in 300 counts over a 10-year period.

Police were unwilling to disclose details of how the sex ring operated but said the men were "known to each other".

● The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, said it was no use South Africa being prepared against communism, terrorism and all kinds of unholy ideologies while society ignored paedophilia, hoping it would magically disappear.

Opening a symposium at the University of Pretoria on child abuse, he said this type of crime had emerged in recent years as one of widespread proportions.

He was convinced though that a turning point had been reached with society acknowledging it had a problem.

The police's role in preventing child molestation was limited, because this was the responsibility of the family, where police interference would be irresponsible and unprofessional.

Mr Vlok said when he briefed the State President on the extent of the problem late last year, Mr Botha's concerned reaction was: "What is going on with our people?"

● Weekend Argus Correspondent in Johannesburg reports that Witbank's conservative community has been rocked by a police investigation into a possible sex ring allegedly organised by several of the town's prominent businessmen.

This follows the appearance in court this week of a businessman charged with the indecent assault of a 19-year-old.

Mr Bill Healley, a 62-year-old married man, was released on R5 000 bail after the State alleged that he indecently assaulted the teenager.

Police said at least four other prominent businessmen were being investigated for similar offences but charges against them had not been laid.

Mr. Yusuf Laker said in his claim against the Minister of Law and Order that he was unlawfully arrested near the Mus...

# City sex rings

## Hospital fees to rise

FEES at provincial hospitals in the Cape will go up on May 1.

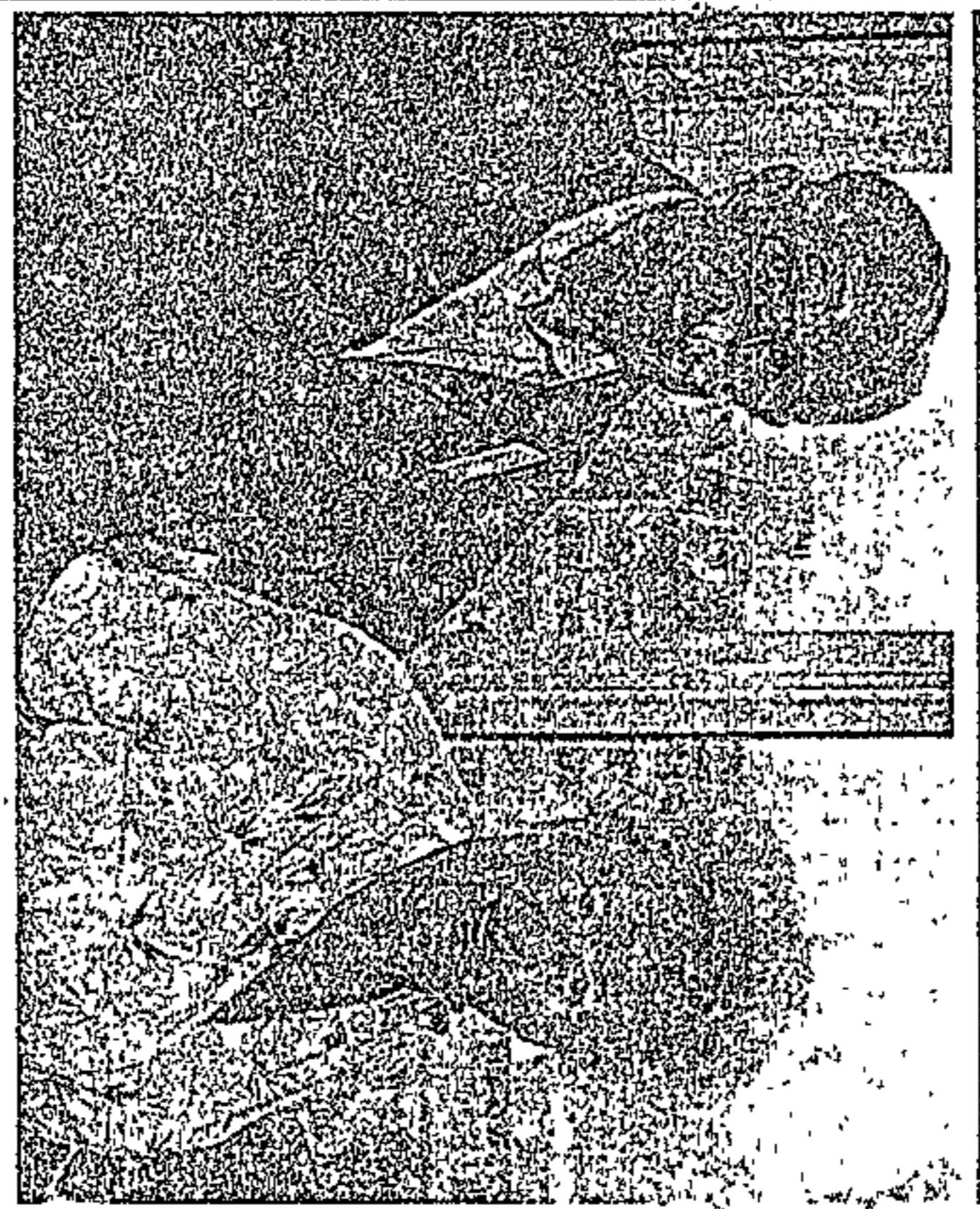
A statement from the office of the Administrator of the Cape yesterday said the maximum tariffs for the use of general wards, intensive-care and high-care units, private wards and theatre services would in future equal the medical fund benefit scales.

The statement emphasised that this applied to maximum tariffs, and that 90% of all patients would be assessed at a lower tariff.

The tariffs would be decreased on a sliding scale according to the income tax payable by the patient. People who do not pay income tax will pay a nominal tariff of R2 or R3 per in-patient day or out-patient visit. — Sapa

## US spy plane down

WASHINGTON. — One of America's SR-71 Blackbird spy planes crashed in the South China Sea and the two crewmen were rescued by helicopter, an Air Force spokeswoman said yesterday. The plane, based in Japan, was on a "routine mission" when it crashed.



UNHAPPY TRAVELLERS... Concorde passengers, American million-

## By PATRICK COLLINGS Crime Reporter CITY detectives have uncovered the largest child sex ring operating in the country.

Police confirmed yesterday that Peninsula Child Protection Unit detectives had positively identified 15 molesters in the ring and that three had already been arrested.

Police said they were confident that the others would be arrested shortly.

At least 25 children, aged between 12 and 17, were swopped among the ring's members, who operated throughout the Peninsula and subjected the youngsters to sodomy, indecent assault and indecent acts, police said.

One of the suspects, a 42-year-old man, has an estimated 300 counts against him which span a 10-year period.

Detectives from the Peninsula's

Child Protection Unit started investigating the ring in early March and had already opened 16 cases against members of the ring. Police said they expected to open another 15 cases in the next few days.

On March 27 police arrested the 42-year-old man and later arrested their second suspect, a 41-year-old man, on April 7. The third alleged child molester, a 34-year-old man, was arrested on Thursday night.

### Fled the country

Both the 42- and 41-year-old men have already appeared in court but were not asked to plead.

Colonel Chris Serfontein, attached to the staff of the CID and overall commander of the Child Protection Units, last night requested that the Cape Times not mention the occupations of the men or the suburbs they live in as it would hamper the police investigation.

Police could not confirm any link between the men and the

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original sex ring exposed in the Peninsula in August last year.

One member of the original sex ring has fled the country and is at present thought to be living in England. Another alleged member, Mr. Erick von Gericke, 60, was found dead in his Gardens flat at the beginning of December last year. He had apparently taken an overdose of sleeping tablets.

A third member, Richard Cefentio, 46, was sentenced in March this year to four years' imprisonment for committing immoral or indecent acts with 11 teenage boys.

The Minister of Law and Order, Mr. Adriaan Vlok, is expected to open a symposium on child abuse at the University of Pretoria later today as the problem of child abuse reaches widespread proportions.

The sentencing of convicted child molesters has also fallen under the spotlight with many people, especially families of the victims, being angered by what they regard as light sentences being handed down.

# School Sex Teacher fined

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**BLOEMFONTEIN.** — Marietje Vollgraaf, 24, the former Grey College teacher who was convicted on six counts of immorality with schoolboys, was sentenced to a fine of R3 000 and an 18-month jail sentence — suspended for five years — in the Regional Court here yesterday.

The magistrate, Mr C Kruger, said the suspended sentence would hang over her head 'like a sword' and prevent her from committing a similar crime ever again.

From the exchange of letters between her and the three boys with whom she had sex, it appeared she had made careful plans.

The incidents took place over a period of

three months, and had not happened only once.

Mr Kruger said Vollgraaf had not taken the court into her confidence, and appeared to be without emotion.

She had abused a position of trust, and her pleading guilty did not mean that she was necessarily sorry for her actions.

A clinical psychologist, Mr Vernon Steyn, said Vollgraaf was in love with one of the pupils.

She had told him that she would do anything for the children, if they would only love her. The boys wanted sex, and she wanted love.

The sexual aspect of her marriage had never been successful, and had been emotionally painful. She had asked a gynaecologist for advice, and he had told her that this was just one of the burdens a woman had to bear.

Vollgraaf's father, Mr J J Mulder, a Gordonia farmer, told the court he was very shocked by his daughter's activities.

Mr Vollgraaf paid his daughter's fine. Evidence led during the trial was that Vollgraaf had given a condom to a Sid 5 pupil for him to bring with him when he came to visit her. Another boy had a spare key to her car, so that they could leave letters there for each other. — Sapa

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# Day appeals against 'severe' prison term

Supreme Court Reporter

JAILED child molester Glynn Day yesterday appealed in the Supreme Court against his "excessively severe and inappropriate" sentence.

On June 16 last year Day was convicted on six counts of committing indecent acts with boys under the age of 19 and sentenced to an effective four-and-a-half years' imprisonment. On a seventh charge he was fined R250 (or three months) and a further 18 months was conditionally suspended for five years.

After hearing argument, the Judge-President, Mr Justice G G A Munnik, reserved judgment.

Mrs G M M Lategan, for Day, said he was a paedophile and his sexual urges could be controlled only through treatment but never cured.

The trial court had erred in finding that society could best be protected through a lengthy prison term. The court should instead have asked itself if prison was the best place to attempt rehabilitation.

The court should guard against setting a precedent of lengthy imprisonment, Mrs Lategan said.

Mr P Steyn, for the Attorney-General, said Day could never be cured and would always be a danger to children.

He had a de facto first offence when in 1981 he was found to have molested children. He was ordered to stop working with children and undergo therapy but six months later he again started teaching children and molesting boys.



5 more held in  
sex ring swoop

CITY detectives have arrested five more men allegedly linked to the massive child sex ring operating in the Peninsula.

The men, aged between 30 and 67, have appeared in court but were not asked to plead.

Before the recent arrests, detectives of the Peninsula's Child Protection Unit had already arrested three men allegedly involved in the ring, believed to be the largest sex ring operating in the Peninsula.

Detectives had identified 15 alleged molesters in the ring.

At least 25 boys, aged between 12 and 17, were swapped among the ring's members.

# Day's jail term cut to 18 months

BY RONNIE MORRIS  
Supreme Court Reporter

JAILED child molestor Glynn Day yesterday succeeded in getting his 4½-year sentence reduced to 18 months.

One of the conditions was that once released he may not teach males younger than 19 nor live in the same house for the next five years.

Judge President Mr G G A Munnik — with Mr Justice G Friedman concurring — set aside the previous sentences and substituted one of six years, of 4½ was suspended for five years.

During the period of suspension, Day, a self-confessed paedophile — may not:

- Commit any offence of a sexual nature involving a male person under 19;
- With or without remuneration engage in an occupation or profession involving teaching any male child under the age of 19;
- Live in the same dwelling as any male younger than 19.

Within one week of his release from prison after serving the unsuspended portion of his sentence, Day must report to Valkenberg Hospital for treatment.

Mr Justice Munnik said he did not think a completely suspended sentence was appropriate in the circumstances of the case.

"When dealing with this type of offender — a compulsive paedophile — the main object of sentence should be to strike a balance between his punishment and his possible rehabilitation, the latter being not only in his own interest, but in the interests of young people with whom he may come into contact," the judge said.

Mr P Steyn appeared for the attorney-general, Mrs G M M Letogon, instructed by Ince Wood and Reubenheimer, appeared for Day.

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## Teacher gets 4 years for molesting boys

A FORMER teacher, convicted of sexually molesting minor boys while under a suspended sentence for similar offences, was yesterday jailed for four years and one month by a Wynberg Regional Court.

Christopher Paul Wade, 42, of Queens Road, Rondebosch, pleaded guilty to and was convicted of five counts of indecently assaulting boys aged between 11 and 15 and sodomising a boy aged 15.

The offences took place between 1982 and March this year.

On each of the indecent assault counts Wade was sentenced to nine months, of which four months were suspended for five years. For committing sodomy he was jailed for two years.

Mr A S McCarthy was the magistrate, Miss E Baartman prosecuted, Miss F Anderson appeared for Wade.

# Two youths killed in weekend gang fights

*Cape Times 2/5/89*

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WEEKEND fighting in Manenberg between rival gangs has claimed the lives of two youths, residents said yesterday.

Police confirmed the deaths but said that there was no apparent link between the two.

The first incident took place soon after midday on Friday when 24-year-old Mr Ismail Fredericks was fatally shot in Beatrix Avenue, Manenberg.

Police identified Mr Fredericks as a known member of the Hard Living gang.

Residents said Mr Fredericks was shot by a member of the Naughty Boys gang after a number of the Hard Living gangsters cornered the gunman in his home in Sonderend Road.

The 20-year-old gunman fled the scene and is in hiding.

His mother told the Cape Times that rival gangsters have since broken into her home, smashed her door, fired shots into walls and broken furniture in an apparent retaliation for the shooting.

Police yesterday said they had no reports about damage to the house.

"Everyone in the neighbourhood is scared, the gangsters just drive around all over the place," the gunman's mother said.

In the second incident three men attacked and fatally stabbed 20-year-old Jerome Pietersen yesterday afternoon. Police said the attack took place at the Silverstream High School in Sonderend Road.

# 5 arrests end SA's largest child sex ring

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CITY detectives have arrested the remaining five men linked to the largest child sex ring operating in the country.

Police said yesterday that the latest arrests meant the end of the ring, but warned that detectives of the Child Protection Unit would not be "resting on their laurels". Eight other men have been arrested since the end of March.

All 13 men have appeared in court. Most of the alleged molesters are from the Sea Point area.

The CID chief for the Western Cape, Brigadier Nick Acker, congratulated the investigating team on their success and the sensitive manner in which the investigation was conducted.

● Police appealed to members of the public to contact them with any information about child abuse. People could phone detectives at the Child Protection Unit at 45 3697 or 461 5255. Anonymous calls can be made to 24 3780.

# Harms resumes probe into Jalc deals

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Jalc Holdings will be the focus of the Harms Commission hearing which resumes in Cape Town today.

The commission is to report on possible illegalities between Jalc and other companies, particularly activities that amount to fraud, theft, bribery, corruption, tax evasion, foreign exchange irregularities or any crime.

Jalc and its Transkei-registered subsidiary Temba Construction came under sharp criticism from the Van Reenen Commission last year which found that Temba used the Matanzima brothers to "approve" their deals and later block opposition to them through the issuing of "directives", 25 of which the commission found were "illegal".

The commission found that untendered contracts were drawn up in such a way that Jalc/Temba did not have to pay penalties for delays.

One government contract with Temba, originally priced at R17 mil-

lion, eventually cost the government more than R54m; a second which originally started at R9,1m ultimately cost R14,7m, the report said.

The commission found that none of the houses built by Jalc/Temba could be sold for what they cost to build and some houses built at Ezebeleni were defective.

As a result the Transkei ordered that an R11m payment due Jalc for the construction projects be withheld pending investigations into Jalc/Temba by the commissions of inquiry. This has subsequently become the focus of a civil action between the government and Jalc.

Because Jalc Holdings is registered in SA, and its directors — Mr Lawrie Painting, Mr Chris van Rensburg, Mr Athos Poulos and Mr John Strong — were based in South Africa, the two Transkei commissions recommended that a South African commission of inquiry be established to investigate Jalc and its directors.

The Harms Commission was subsequently established last year.

## Police gang-busters

*CAPC Times 10/5/89 (35)*  
A NEW police gang-busting unit has been formed and will swing into action today, Brigadier Nick Acker, chief of the CID for the Western Province, said yesterday.

He said the unit had been established after the Commissioner of Police, General Hennie de Witt, ordered that the gang problem should receive higher priority.

A group of detectives and uniformed policemen were chosen to deal with the problem and it soon became apparent that gangs were not area bound. As a result of this, the gang-busting unit, comprising 30 men, was formed.

People who wish to report gang complaints which require urgent attention should telephone police radio control at 10-111.

Members of the public who have confidential information about gangs and want to remain anonymous should call 45-3111 or 95-11911 after hours and their messages will be taped.

# NEWS

## Link to child sex rings in city

By  
**PATRICK  
COLLINGS**  
**A Cape  
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**exclusive**

**A MAN linked by police to a city child sex ring has died of Aids — with his young victims now facing the possibility of having contracted the fatal disease.**

The dead man was one of 15 alleged molesters who swopped at least 25 boys aged between 12 and 17, among themselves.

A Cape Town medical expert last night warned that anyone who had come into sexual contact with someone linked to the ring could have contracted the deadly virus.

Most of the alleged offenders have already appeared in court but have not yet been asked to plead.

Mr Kivits died of pneumonia with the contributing cause of death being listed as disorders involving the body's immune mechanism.

Police have been investigating the ring — the largest uncovered in South Africa — for two months and have arrested 13 members since late March.

Two people connected with the ring, including the Aids victim, died before the police began their investigations.

The expert said the number of boys and men who could have been infected could stretch into hundreds.

One suspect has an estimated 300 counts of sexual abuse against him spanning a 10-year period.

He lived in a luxury block of flats along the Sea Point beachfront. Neighbours told the Cape Times last night that he was not married and worked in the motor industry. Nothing further about his background could be ascertained.

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But by late last night it was not known how many of the child victims had been alerted and tested for the Aids virus.

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The Minister of Health, Dr Willie van Niekerk, could not be reached for comment last night.

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# Harms: Top cop 'in on gambling deal'

By MEG BRITS

BRIGADIER Marthinus Deyzel was the intermediary responsible for a deal on Ciskei gambling rights done between the Ciskei government, Sun-International and a Jale Holdings associate company, Lentin, the Harms Commission heard yesterday.

It was his role in pulling off the deal which prompted Jale director, Mr Chris van Rensburg, to offer him a gift of a beach house at Haga-Haga in the Eastern Cape, he told the commission.

Mr Van Rensburg had, at the time, calculated that the deal meant R27m to Jale, though he had told Brigadier Deyzel a month later that the contract

was not worth the paper it was written on.

Brigadier Deyzel was, at the time, working undercover in the Jale group for military intelligence. He was unpaid by MI, that he would not accept favours from Jale, nor compromise the SADF nor undertake unauthorised trips out of the country.

He told the commission that, for this reason, he had not considered being able to accept the house, although he had telephoned his wife to tell her of the offer.

On the evidence previously handed in to the Harms Commission by the

Minister of Defence, General Magnus Malan, Brigadier Deyzel was appointed to Jale in November 1986 to investigate an idea of his and Jale's, put to military intelligence chief of staff Vice-Admiral A P Putter in October.

He was monitored by Brigadier E H W Nieuwoudt and his appointment was terminated in February 1987, two months early.

It had been established that he had taken a trip to London paid for by Jale and had received other favours.

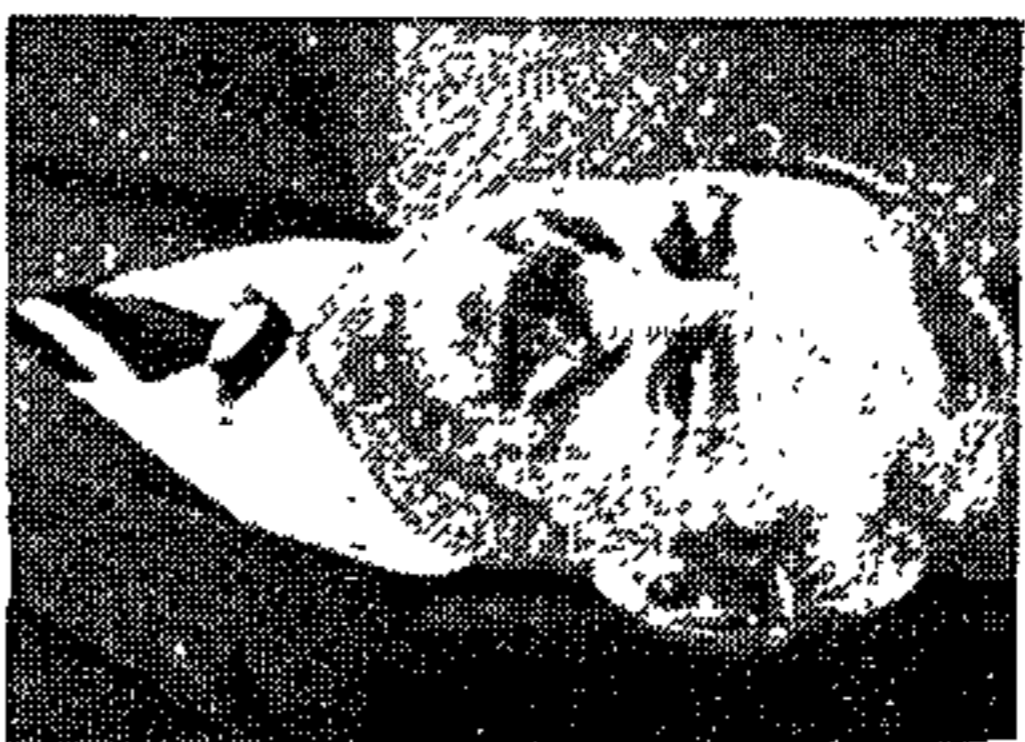
On February 23, 1987, he had phoned his wife from Mr Van Rensburg's home and said she should fly to Bisho for a party.

On February 24, he again telephoned her to say that Jale had just made R27m on a deal and that he had been given a beach house at Haga-Haga.

On February 27, he called her to say that they would be taking a seven-day holiday in Mauritius, for which he took five days' leave.

Admiral Putter's statement said that, on his return from Mauritius, Brigadier Deyzel's project had been cancelled and he had been withdrawn from Jale and instructed to have no further contact with the company.

He had been given the choice of a court martial or early retirement. He retired at the end of September 1987.



Brig Deyzel

# Harms told of tapped telephone calls

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By **ANDREA WEISS**, Staff Reporter

A DEFENCE Force brigadier who worked undercover as a businessman for military intelligence spent six months in an office doing "literally nothing" after his assignment was ended abruptly, the Harms Commission has heard.

Brigadier Marthinus Deyzel was placed with the Jalc Group from October 1986 to March 1987 and retired early in September.

Jalc, current focus of the commission, has interests in Ciskei, Botswana, Lesotho, Transkei and Mauritius.

The brigadier said he had been assigned to the Jalc group "to collect information and make contact at high levels" but his assignment was terminated after he travelled to Mauritius without SADF permission.

Confronted by his superior, Vice-Admiral Andries Putter, with information gleaned from tapped telephone calls, Brigadier Deyzel decided to take early retirement.

From mid-March to September 13 he was put in an office where he was given no assignments and did "literally nothing" until his request for early retirement was granted.

Shortly before the Mauritius trip which led to the termination of the project, Brigadier Deyzel was asked to sign a letter stipulating that he would not travel outside the country

without SADF permission or allow Jalc to pay his travelling costs.

He also agreed not to indebted the SADF to Jalc in any way.

Under cross-examination Brigadier Deyzel said he had seen these requirements as "laughable" as he would not have been able to continue his "project".

He admitted that he had disobeyed the letter.

Explaining the circumstances of the Mauritius trip, he said he had received a telephone call from London on a Friday afternoon telling him he would be able to meet "someone" who was on his way to the Middle East at the Mauritius airport to follow up "something" initiated in London.

Without making public the details, the brigadier said the two-hour airport meeting would have benefited Jalc and South Africa.

## Wife's birthday

Because it was his wife's birthday the following week he phoned her and asked her to accompany him, he said.

He paid her costs, but Jalc paid his.

To "circumvent" the ruling about foreign travel he requested a week's leave without stating his destination.

Questioned about an offer of a R150 000 beach house at Haga-Haga made to him by Jalc director Mr Chris van Rensburg, Brigadier Deyzel said he had never believed he would be given the house.

It had been offered to him for helping to settle a dispute about gambling rights in Ciskei, he said.

He had persuaded President Lennox Sebe to negotiate gambling rights between Sun International, Lentin (which shared directors with Jalc) and the Ciskeian government.



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# Alert out for child AIDS victims

By PATRICK COLLINGS and CHRIS BATEMAN

POLICE were late last night still tracing victims and members of the city child sex ring who have been exposed to the deadly AIDS virus which claimed the life of an alleged child molester.

City detectives, describing the matter as sensitive and delicate, refused to give the number of people contacted or whether they had undergone medical tests.

Yesterday it was apparent that city and health department officials had been caught unawares by the AIDS crisis after the Cape Times revealed in an exclusive report that a member of the country's largest sex ring, Mr Johannes Krivits, 41, had died of AIDS last October.

As the implications of the shock finding that hundreds of Capetonians have been exposed to the AIDS virus escalated, it emerged that no formal structure in Cape Town existed to inform the hundreds who may have been exposed to the deadly virus.

The Minister of National Health and Population Development, Dr Willie van Niekerk, has already instructed a top official in his department to stay in daily contact with Cape Town's Medical Officer of Health, Dr Michael Popkiss, over the affair.

Dr Van Niekerk said the responsibility for tracing those who may have come into contact with the deadly virus rested with the local authority.

However, Dr Popkiss — who yesterday discussed the debacle with Dr Lombard — told the Cape Times that the department was not going to trace other possible victims but would assist police in counselling known victims and members of the sex ring.

"You cannot get a list out of thin air," he said, adding that it was virtually impossible to get the names of victims outside the sex ring.

Detectives of the Child Protection Unit were "a specially trained group of policemen perfectly competent" to approach victims and members of the sex ring about the possibility of having contracted AIDS,

he said.

He admitted that Cape Town was not properly geared to combat the AIDS threat but hoped the introduction of the city's new R250 000 AIDS Training, Information and Counselling Centre in July would help solve the problem.

Medical experts warned that anyone who had come into sexual contact with someone linked to the ring could have contracted the AIDS virus.

Police have arrested 13 men — who are alleged to have swapped at least 25 boys among themselves — since the end of March. Two men connected to the ring, including the AIDS victim, died before police began their investigations.

Dr Frank Spracklen, a member of the AIDS advisory group, said last night that he strongly favoured a privately-founded AIDS foundation which would form a link between health authorities and the sensitive tracing of victims.

"This is very difficult in an official or hospital

setting where the patient feels very threatened," he said.

Dr Spracklen said AIDS patients were extremely reserved in naming their sexual contacts which made tracing very difficult unless handled with extreme sensitivity.

"I've said it before — an AIDS victim is often more scared of his sex partners getting to know of his disease than of death itself," he said.

Last night the task of notifying victims and members of the sex ring that they had come into contact with the AIDS virus was still entrusted to detectives from the Child Protection Unit.

Our political staff reports that the DP's health spokesman, Mr Pat Poovalingham, reacted to the crisis by calling for severe deterrent action against offenders.

He added that the fact that innocent youngsters subjected to the physical assault were further being exposed to AIDS was "horrendous in the extreme".

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# Harms told of diamonds used in Jalc deal

# Brigadier's 'influence' got gambling rights

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By MEG BRITS

ACTIVITIES of two Jalc Holdings subsidiaries came under the spotlight during the Harms Commission hearing yesterday.

The commission heard that there had been "much talk of diamonds" in 1980, when insurance company IGI was approached by brokers acting on behalf of Jalc Holdings and its subsidiary Temba Construction.

In April, in the course of other investigations, police Lieutenant N Pearson called on Mr M Lewis, chairman of IGI, to ask about a R200 000 cheque made out to IGI by Temba. He said that Mr Lewis had told him of a bag of uncut diamonds being offered to him by Jalc director Mr Chris van Rensburg as security for a performance guarantee required by Temba.

Mr Lewis said yesterday that it had been agreed to make a guarantee facility of R1,725 million available to Jalc-Temba on the basis of certain indemnities and securities offered by the directors, including Mr Van Rensburg.

Among the securities were cut diamonds and jewellery, and the assets of the Temba directors reflected diamond holdings of high value, he said.

LENTIN, a company associated with Jalc Holdings, obtained almost a third of the gambling rights in the Ciskei, although its contract with the Ciskei government did not give it "a hope in hell" of doing so.

The deal was estimated to have cost the Ciskei People's Development Bank more than R5 million.

Brigadier Marthinus Deyzel, a defence force officer involved in undercover operations in Jalc, told the Harms Commission yesterday that Lentin obtained its share of the rights after he had used his personal influence with Ciskei President Lennox Sebe to persuade the president to split the country's gambling rights in three.

They were to be divided between Lentin, Sun International and the Ciskei government.

He also told the commission that Jalc paid him more than R24 000 during the period of his undercover

operation. He said that the company had not claimed these expenses from the state because it had given an undertaking to bear them during the time he spent with the company.

The commission also heard that Brig Deyzel's involvement with the deal did not end after his project at Jalc was cancelled and he was recalled to head office — and ordered to have no further dealings with Jalc.

On March 20, 1987, a telephone conversation took place between him and Mr Chris van Rensburg in which Mr Van Rensburg expressed his dissatisfaction that President Sebe "was not following instructions" and had granted Lentin only 26,5% of the rights and not the 30% that had been agreed earlier.

However, he said, it was better than they would have done had President Sebe not been persuaded to their side. He said Lentin had not had "a hope in hell" and "would not even have been in the game" on the basis of its contract.

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# SADF blamed for attack on Sebe home, Harms told

By ANDREA WEISS  
Staff Reporter

CISKEI President Lennox Sebe believed the South African Defence Force was behind an attack on his home in February 1987, SADF undercover man Brigadier Marthinus Johan Deyzel told the Harms Commission.

In 1986 and early 1987, Brigadier Deyzel masqueraded as a businessman with the Jalc Group, which is the subject of the commission's inquiry into cross-border irregularities.

Under cross-examination, Brigadier Deyzel said President Sebe had alleged that he had information that the SADF was behind a planned attack on him. Brigadier Deyzel said he had told

the President he "couldn't believe the SADF would do that" and conveyed the information. However, the SADF did not respond to his information.

Brigadier Deyzel has alleged that the termination of his operation with the Jalc group and consequent early retirement were because of the Sebe incident.

Some time after the military-style attack on President Sebe's home on February 20, Brigadier Deyzel was forbidden to travel to the Ciskei and told by his immediate superior, Vice-Admiral Andries Putter, to keep his "nose" out of the affairs of others.

Answering Attorney-General Mr Frank Kahn's questions about his relationship with President Sebe, the brigadier said President Sebe was aware that he "had been" a senior of-

ficer in the SADF.

The commission also heard in evidence that large sums of money ostensibly paid out to "Dymax Management Services" and the National Party went into the private accounts of directors in the Jalc group of companies.

Lieutenant Neil Pearson of the South African Police, who was appointed to the commission to help in investigations, said in evidence that nine cheques made out to Dymax Management Services were paid into personal accounts of Jalc directors.

There was laughter when the managing director of an insurance company "seemed to recall" Jalc director Mr Chris van Rensburg showing him a bag of uncut diamonds.

The managing director of Incorporated General Insurance Limited, Mr Ivor Lewis, said in an affidavit that "some time after 1980" he met Mr van Rensburg at his home in East London.

"I do recall that at the meeting a great deal of talk about diamonds took place, and I seem to recall a bag of what could have been uncut diamonds was produced," Mr Lewis said in a statement to the commission.

A question by Mr Kahn whether Mr Lewis had ever been offered uncut diamonds as collateral was answered by general laughter.

He said he had never been offered uncut diamonds as security. The incident had taken place nine years before and he could not recall clearly what happened. The hearing continues today.

# Ex-spy chief grilled

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Adm Putter

THE chief of the navy and former SADF intelligence chief, Admiral Dries Putter, was grilled yesterday by Deputy Attorney-General Mr Frank Kahn over his handling of Brigadier Marthinus Deyzel's abortive undercover operation with Jalc Holdings.

Mr Khan said that instead of being punished for renegeing on an agreement not to accept funds from Jalc for military intelligence matters, and for travelling overseas without informing his superiors, Brig Deyzel was pensioned off and given an additional four-year pension payout.

"Is this how you punish people like Brigadier Deyzel? To give them four years extra pay?" Mr Khan asked.

He said the admiral should have demanded an urgent investigation into Brigadier Deyzel's connections with Jalc.

Admiral Putter replied that the fact that Brig Deyzel's term of office had been terminated was a "very strong sentence".

He said the "sensitive nature" of Brig Deyzel's task was the reason that no investigation had been launched into a Jalc offer of a R150 000 beach house in Hagga Hagga to Brig Deyzel for securing a R27-million casino rights deal between the four Jalc directors and President Lennox Sebe.

Mr Khan said one of the reasons the brigadier had

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been "kicked out" of the SADF was because of the beach house offer, yet "nobody bothered to find out about this".

He asked Admiral Putter why he had not been interested in a taped telephone conversation about the casino deal in which Brig Deyzel said of President Sebe: "Daai ou man het geval... hook, line and sinker."

Admiral Putter replied that the deal did not concern security and "did not grab my attention".

However, he said he saw the beach house offer in a serious light and admitted that the SADF had compromised itself through its involvement with Jalc.

Admiral Putter said he had not given the real reasons for pensioning off Brig Deyzel as sensitive issues were dealt with on a "must know basis".

It emerged during Admiral Putter's evidence that the placement of Brig Deyzel with Jalc as an undercover spy was the first such intelligence gathering project.

Admiral Putter said the project was initiated by George businessman Mr Tony Botha and Jalc director Mr Chris van Rensburg, who had come to see him in his capacity as chief of staff: intelligence, some time before October 1986.

He had considered their proposal and then chosen Brig Deyzel because of his experience in public relations during a previous appointment as a military attache (in Spain) and because he had previously run a business.

He said he told Brig Deyzel to contact Mr Botha and Mr Van Rensburg to conduct a feasibility study of the proposed operation whose purpose was to gather information and to make high-level contacts.

Admiral Putter said he believed that Jalc operations, which were spread over many countries in Southern Africa as well as Mauritius, would offer ideal cover for this type of operation.

Admiral Putter said he told Brig Deyzel that he would remain in the service of the SADF and that he was to ensure that neither he nor the state were put in a position of obligation to Jalc.

In a statement handed to the commission earlier, Admiral Putter said that on March 11, 1987, Brig Deyzel was given the choice of early retirement or an investigation which might lead to a court martial, after being confronted about disobeying orders regarding the acceptance of finance or favours from Jalc.

The confrontation arose from information handed to him by Brigadier E H Nieuwoudt, who had monitored Brig Deyzel and tapped his telephone calls from the outset of the project.

The admiral also said he had taken extremely seriously information passed on to him by Brig Deyzel that elements of the SADF were involved in a plan to attack President Sebe's home, and had taken action on it. — Staff Reporter and Sapa

# Brigadier warned of proposed coup in Ciskei

## Botha's department 'knew of Jalc actions'

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Staff Reporter

A DIRECTOR of Jalc Holdings, Mr Lawrie Painting, said he was aware of the proposed coup in Ciskei and an attack on former prime minister Chief Lennox Sebe, according to evidence to the Harms Commission.

He said he had heard of President Sebe's allegations that there was to be a coup from Brigadier Marthinus Deyzel, who had been placed with the company as a military intelligence operative.

Mr Painting also agreed with the attorney-general of the Cape, Mr Frank Kahn, that Brig Deyzel had volunteered to be President Sebe's "bodyguard", and added that the brigadier's security experience was used by the president.

He agreed that he was aware of this when he telephoned Brig Deyzel to ask him to represent Lentin, a company associated with Jalc through some of the same directors, in discussions with President Sebe over Ciskei gambling rights.

He said, though, that President Sebe had only been approached to rubber-stamp a deal already agreed between Sun International, Lentin and the People's Bank of Ciskei to split gambling rights among them.



Mr C van Rensburg



Mr Lawrie Painting

By MEG BRITS

THE Department of Foreign Affairs was aware of the activities of Jalc and its associate company Temba Construction in and around Transkei.

The Harms Commission also heard that Jalc had regarded the placement by Military Intelligence of Brigadier M Deyzel as an undercover operative with the company as a quid pro quo with the South African government.

Cross-examined by Cape attorney-general Mr Frank Kahn, Jalc financial director Mr Lawrie Painting said the company believed that Brig Deyzel would ensure that Jalc got "first shot" at construction contracts for new projects through his contacts with the SA government.

The group had employed him as "he was useful to promote co-operation between ministers of neighbouring states and the Department of Foreign Affairs".

Jalc director Mr Chris van Rensburg said in an affidavit that it had always been his opinion that the department should be informed of all projects and developments in Transkei.

He said that during 1984, he had fallen out with Chief George as he became aware of an increasing number of people and companies operating on a short-term basis for maximum profits.

"Projects were being forced on the Transkei government and millions of rands' worth of damage were done to that government. These included the El Hash transaction, the Colly Wobbles hydro-electrical scheme and the Koens Housing scheme."

Mr Van Rensburg said he had reported these schemes to Foreign Affairs. Mr Pik Botha was told about the Koens Executive Housing Scheme after it was found that government guarantees were given by the Bank of Transkei for a preliminary facility of R10 million.

**T**HE MINISTER of Law and Order, Adriaan Vlok, is not a man of whom people expect great things. Amiable, bumbling, he tries to sound fierce but sounds comical. A modest man with much to be modest about, he is putty in the hands of the police.

Even by these modest standards, however, Vlok falls short. He cannot perform his most elementary duty, which is to ensure enforcement of the law against murder.

Three years ago, in a display of unbridled savagery, *ton-ton ma-coutes* of the miners' union gathered 2 000 people to watch the slaughter — under floodlights in an arena — of four Basotho miners at Anglo American's Western Holdings gold mine.

The victims were team leaders accused of breaking a kitchen boycott organised by union shaft stewards; the killers are known. There were 2 000 witnesses, some of whom described at an inquiry conducted by an advocate, Dan Bregman SC, what happened.

**N**ewspaper reporters from Bushiness Day, reconstructing these dreadful events, last week went back to the mine and found, without trouble, people who had seen the victims dragged forward to be denounced as "informers" for management.

The witnesses saw a tyre — the evil "necklace" — put around a man's neck. They saw him and others put on a table, and clubbed, and run through with sharpened two-metre wooden spikes known as charging sticks. They know the names of the killers.

But Vlok's police, whether from lassitude, or idleness, or incompetence, or contempt for the law itself, have not been able to bring them to trial. Vlok, and his police, have failed the most elementary test of a government: whether or not it can uphold the common law.

They are not alone in their culpa-

# Simple crimes

## like murder

### defeat Vlok

KEN OWEN

SA is a society of Haitian depravity, where non-political murders are committed at a rate of about 1 000 a month. Nobody cares very much: life is cheap.

Political murders, such as the killings at Western Holdings, are judged not by the quality of the crime but by the identity of the victims. When one of the men identified as a ringleader took part, about a year later, in the killing of two white people, he was quickly arrested, tried and sent to jail. He is in prison now, for a lesser murder, and the police claim to be unable to find him for the greater crime.

Newspapers, affecting outrage at the restrictions on themselves, no longer report such things as the ritual slaughter at Western Holdings. They have their minds on nobler matters, like the freedom of the Press.

The "necklace" — the term has become one of those uniquely South African words, like *veld* or *kraal*, which mark us as different from the rest of mankind — was in use for a long time before it surfaced in print. The first mention I can recall was

by Patrick Laurence, in the Weekly Mail, and I pay a personal tribute to both of them for exposing a secret which the entire "progressive democratic" lobby, the people who tell us they "monitor" the violence in the townships, had managed to conceal from the rest of us.

Tribute is owed, too, to Archbishop Desmond Tutu who, when other moral leaders were silent, condemned the burning of Maki Skhosana, the young woman denounced as an informer. His reason — that it looked very bad for the just cause of liberation — did not compel universal admiration, but in a country bereft of moral leadership one is grateful for small mercies.

**N**ot all men of the cloth were as outraged by killings as Archbishop Tutu. The Kairros document, signed by 151 theologians, said: "The state and the media have chosen to call violence what some people are doing in the townships as they struggle for their liberation — ie, throwing stones, burning cars and buildings,

and sometimes killing collaborators."

Skhosana was killed in July, 1985, exactly a year before the miners. Three months later, in a broadcast from Addis Ababa on October 7, the ANC commented: "We have managed to inflict some casualties on the side of the enemy eliminating sell-outs and stooges . . ."

Selective morality, which rates some lives more highly than others, depending on their political allegiance, has become the norm rather than the exception. Assassination is ignored or deplored, depending on the identity of the victim or the killers. It required an order of the Supreme Court to compel the SA Medical and Dental Council to bring charges against the district surgeons who attended Steve Biko's death.

Nor is the judiciary consistent. Eminent lawyers, internationally respected for their humane concern for convicted killers, are silent when the victims are simple mineworkers, or township police, or town councillors. They are busy protecting the intricate, beautiful complexity of the law.

Who speaks for simple miners who are stood on a table and slaughtered? Not the churches, not even Archbishop Tutu unless it makes network television; not the Press, which is fighting for freedom; not the Black Sash; nor Lawyers for Human Rights; not the Parliamentary opposition; not even the MPs who monitor police brutality in the townships.

A few, desperately brave voices dare to tell the truth: Nomavenda Mathianeu of Frontline magazine — it is to close down soon for lack of support — and Aggrey Klaaste, Editor of the Sowetan, spoke out against the killing squads of the townships when they were roaming in search of victims. And even they fell silent for a while when some townships — Alexandra, for example — became too deadly for anybody to speak out.

**T**his is a country without a moral compass. Black and white, left and right, have been locked in combat so long that they have become mirror images of one another, a Tweedledum and Tweedledee of evil. SA cries for a man like Gandhi to say that morality cannot be conditional.

Nobody expects Adriaan Vlok to perform that role. He is just an ordinary man of modest talents, of whom nobody expects very much. But he is paid a salary of R158 000 a year to ensure that the police arrest identifiable murderers and bring them before the courts. He has a young Deputy Minister, Leon Wessels, also a decent if limited man, to help him.

He has a Commissioner of Police, and a budget that provides for salaries of more than R80 000 a year for 87 senior officers. If between them, these officers cannot send a detective to learn the identity of killers who were watched by 2 000 witnesses as they killed, then Vlok should fire them all.

And if he doesn't have the guts to fire them one by one, until they do something, he should resign from his highly paid position and go into the obscurity he deserves. It is not much to ask of a man like Adriaan Vlok.



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# 'Improve security' plea to city elderly

By DALE KNEEN, Crime Reporter

THE murder this week of a 73-year-old widow in Plumstead has led police to appeal to senior citizens to make use of State aid to improve their security.

Cape Town CID chief Brigadier Nic Acker said today that the elderly should not automatically trust strangers.

The safety of the elderly was the responsibility of the community and relatives and concerned organisations were urged to become more involved in combating crime against senior citizens, Brigadier Acker said.

"In 60,48 percent of all attacks on senior citizens, the assailant had no trouble entering his victim's home," he said.

Of the reported cases 26 percent of the attacks took place when the at-

tackers entered through unlocked or open doors, 10 percent through open windows, eight percent after answering a knock at the door and six percent by false stories told to the victim.

The brigadier urged senior citizens to register with the nearest police station so that their names and the circumstances under which they lived could be noted. Assistance could then be given for added security.

He referred to a scheme launched by the Department of Local Government and Planning in which senior citizens could under certain circumstances apply for financial aid to improve their security.

So far this year, police throughout the country had briefed 35 000 elderly people on security and had issued thousands of pamphlets on the subject.

# End of the 'sweet talk', police chief warns gangs

By VUYO BAVUMA, Staff Reporter

THE police commander who organised soccer matches for township gangs in an attempt to reconcile their differences, is changing his tactics with a promise of tough measures to curb gang violence.

"I have used sweet talk, sweet talk, sweet talk ... but that was helpful only for a few months," Major Johan Kleyn, the detective branch commander in Guguletu, said in an interview following the latest outbreaks of gang violence.

Major Kleyn's promise of tough measures has resulted in five youths appearing in the Athlone's Magistrate Court in connection with the death of a former I D Mkize pupil who was killed when gang warfare flared again in Section Three, Guguletu, recently.

The pupil, Walter Mtsiya, was buried in Guguletu last Saturday. The five youths cannot be named and no charges have yet been preferred against them.

Major Kleyn initially organised soccer matches and other sports in an attempt to bring members of rival gangs together and get them to reconcile their differences.

## "Once and for all"

"Now I will act like a guy coming out of a corner. I think even the community is expecting us to take action once and for all. In fact, that is what they have been asking for."

Walter Mtsiya was attacked while with friends at a house at NY 141 last Friday.

"Others ran away, but Walter did not because he knew he hadn't done anything wrong," his brother said.

Walter's friend, who cannot be named because he fears reprisals, was also attacked by the alleged Ntsaras, but survived. He spent about a week at Conradie Hospital.

Similar to the township gang violence of the past, the recent fighting has spread to schools and has disrupted classes.

● Last week a Standard Six Sizamile High school pupil was seriously injured after being stabbed by alleged members of the Ntsaras during the lunch hour.

## "Pupils arrived late"

● In Guguletu, at Intshinga Higher Primary school, several pupils arrived late after armed members of Ama-Adderley gang were seen near the school early in the morning.

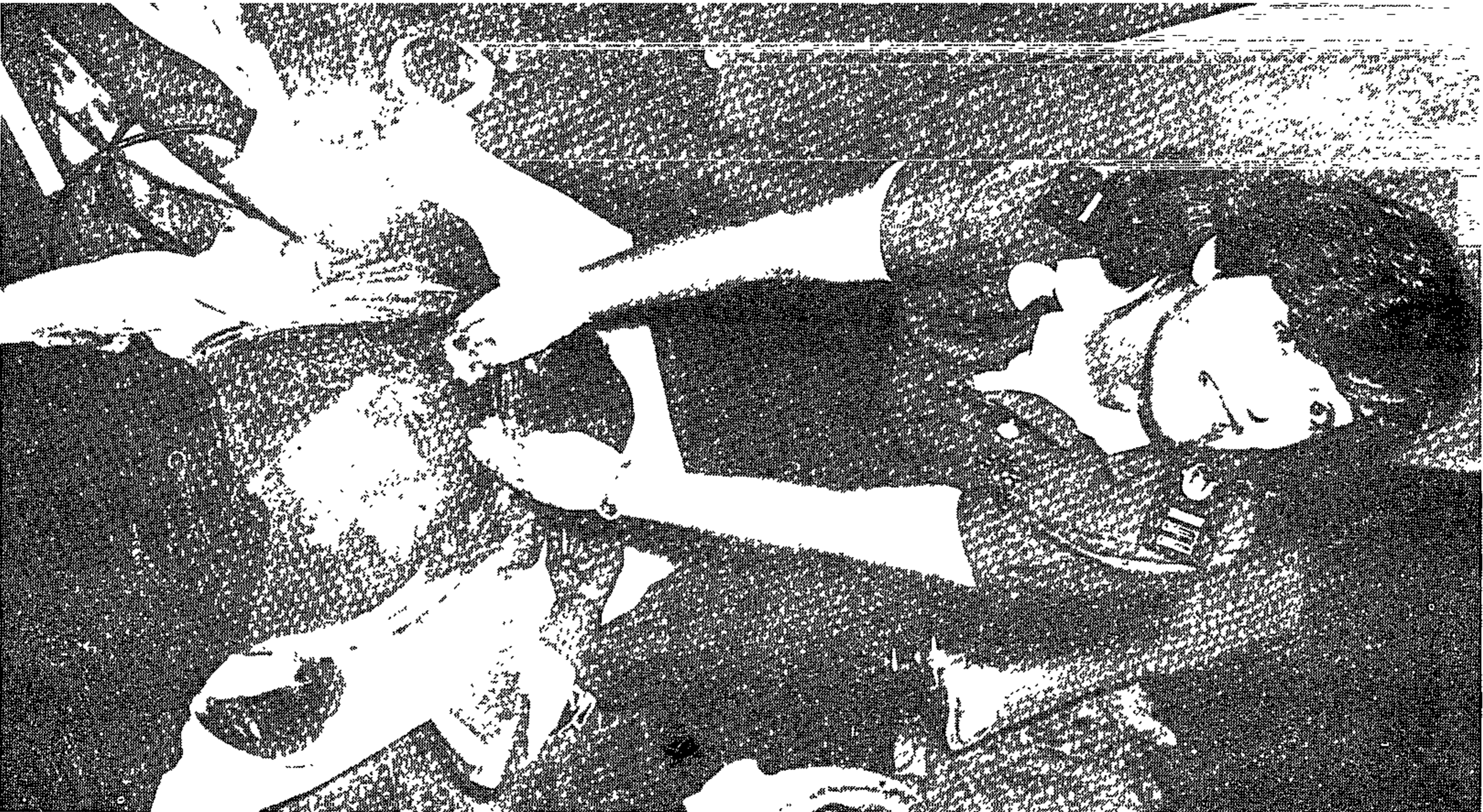
● Early this year a pupil was injured at Fezeka High after being stabbed by rival gangs on the school premises.

Meanwhile, the residents have vowed to continue with the night patrols aimed at ensuring safety for the community.

Other measures have been to ask shebeen owners in Section Three to close their businesses at 9pm; conduct door-to-door searches for gangsters and confiscate their weapons.

Last week the chairmen of the residents' street committees of Guguletu decided to ask volunteers from other areas to help end the gang fighting in the area.

A leader of Ama-Adderley, asked what had caused the latest fighting, said: "Some of our members went to Langa to assist their colleagues. When they returned home the local Ntsaras attacked them. The Ntsaras have a grudge against us because we help our friends," he said.



# Mobile unit

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# saving lives



# in a wasteland

"YOU are going to die, you're going to visit (the archangel) Gabriel," a young "skollie" shouts. A nursing sister chases him out of the makeshift trauma ward.

The target of his taunt — a 20-year-old man — gestures back defiantly, but then turns and grimaces with pain as he clutches the bleeding stab wound in his side.

He does not want to die — and the youth's prediction is not appreciated by him or the nursing sister who is doing her best to calm and stabilise him.

Less than two metres away, nursing sisters and medical personnel battle to save the life of a young gang member who has been stabbed in the heart.

Drips have been inserted in both arms, an oxygen mask is held firmly over the man's nose and mouth and his feet are held up to help contain his plummeting blood pressure.

## A makeshift ward

The fight for the man's life is not taking place in a white-tiled trauma ward of a provincial hospital but under a canvas tent on the brick driveway of a service station in Guguletu.

This is where Metro have been setting up their mobile treatment unit every Friday and Saturday night for the past five years.

Staffed by nursing sisters, ambulancemen and volunteers the unit has saved countless lives since its conception. Their function is not to make the final repairs to the wounds but rather to stabilise the patients before loading them into waiting ambulances and rushing them to hospital.

Last year only six people died at the unit.

"It is a bloody good thing this, in the past people would have to go to the police station and wait while they (the police) called the ambulance. Most times it is too late," says Mr July Tafeni, who has just brought an elderly woman in for treatment.

"She is not feeling well, so I bring her here. This is our hospital," he says.

A sentiment which Sister Elizabeth Crossley, who has been with the unit since the beginning, agrees with. "Yes, many people here regard us as their

hospital," she says with an unmistakable degree of pride.

The unit does not deal only with the violent wounds of gang fights and muggings, which make up 95% of their cases, but also the small things such as a grazed knee or cut finger.

The makeshift trauma ward revolves around a truck which contains the medical supplies and two rooms where the injured can be treated. Last year the unit acquired a canvas tent which when attached to the side of the truck allows the staff more room to work in.

Two ambulances serve the unit, ferrying the seriously injured to Groote Schuur Hospital and the less serious injuries to Woodstock Hospital.

The number of people who staff the unit usually fluctuates around five but not all are medical personnel.

As sisters and ambulancemen administer emergency treatment, Miss Mary Lamb moves swiftly around the small tent gathering the vital details that will accompany the patient to hospital.

"She's worth her weight in gold, I don't know what we would do without her," Sister Crossley remarks as she rushes between patients.

The unit arrives at the Eyethu Service Station about 6pm and immediately starts to set up the tent.

The casualties include a man with a deep stab wound in his arm, an elderly man who has just been knocked down by a minibus. Two men who have their heads stitched for stab wounds. A mugging victim with stab wounds in his chest and back awaits attention.

## Gang-fight casualties

"They are the worst," says Mr Stephen Williams, a fireman who has done volunteer work with the unit for the past three years.

Ambulanceman Mr Milton Nomngokwana reassures patients in their own language as he assists in the treating of them.

By 7.45pm the first wave of patients has been taken care of, including a pregnant woman who has gone into labour and is rushed to Wynberg Military Hospital. Time for a breather, cup of coffee and a chance to wash the blood off the stretchers and brick paving.

By 10pm the unit once again resembles a military field hospital with the Metro staff fighting to save the lives of victims of gang fights. Others with less serious stab wounds sit quietly and wait their turn.

At 10.45pm a woman rushes in holding an eight-month-old baby. The shack where the child was sleeping has just gone up in flames and the child is suffering from 3rd-degree burns over 95% of its body.

The child's wide eyes stare at you as it is handed over to Sister Crossley. "Oh no baba," she says as she rushes the baby into the unit.

Five minutes later it is on its way to the Red Cross War Memorial Children's Hospital. Not once did the child cry.

The infant died shortly after midnight.

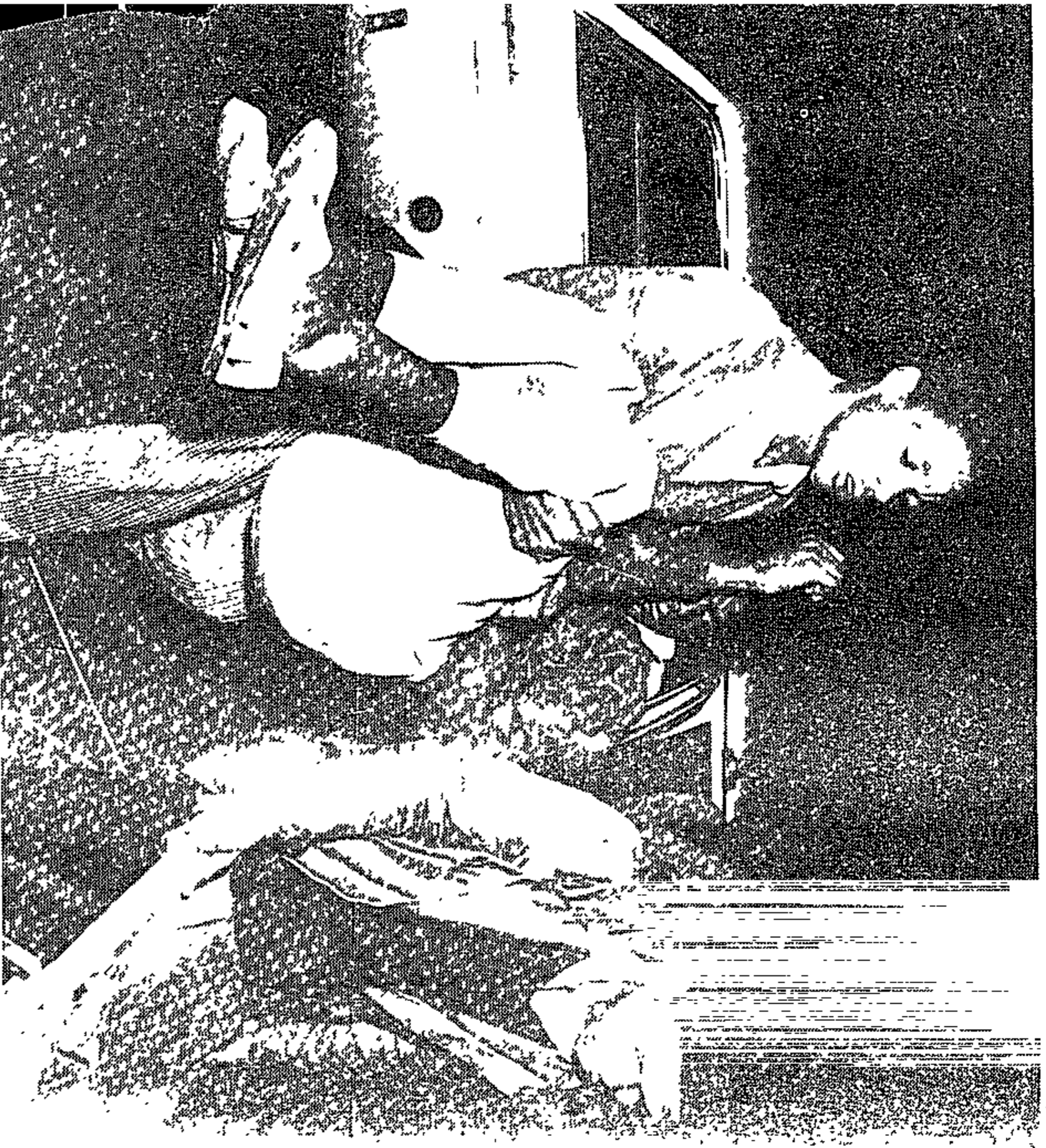
Asked whether her work ever "gets to her", Sister Crossley smiles and says yes.

"When it gets to you, you have to reason it out. As long as you know that you have done your best, you can work through it."



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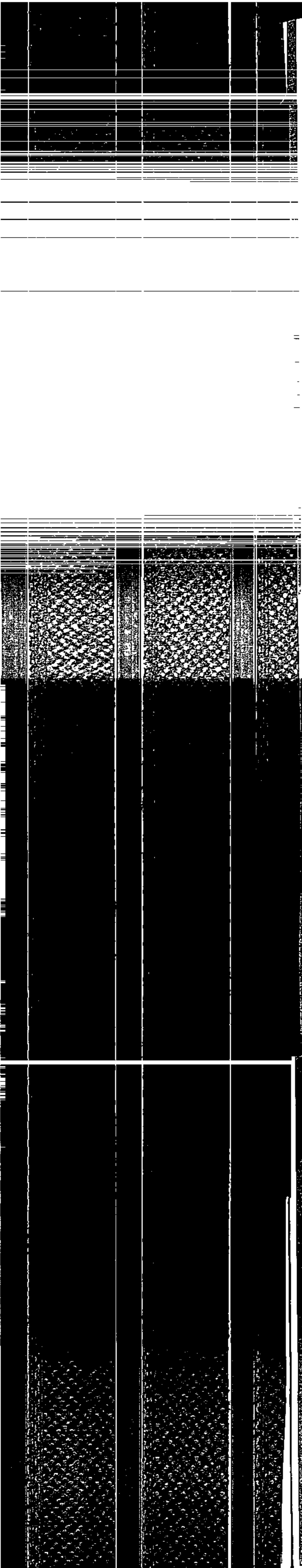
**FIGHTING FOR LIFE** . . . Sister Elizabeth Crossley carries a badly burnt eight-month-old baby to an ambulance after the shack the child was sleeping in caught fire. The infant died soon afterwards.



**TOP LEFT:** Sister Johanna Nel tends to a young man who was brought into the unit after being stabbed in the heart. His condition was stabilised before he was taken to Groote Schuur Hospital by a waiting ambulance.

**LEFT:** A stabbing victim is carried into the Metro mobile treatment unit by a friend. Most of the patients treated by the unit are victims of gang fights or muggings.

**RIGHT:** Staff of the unit give emergency treatment to stabbing victims in a makeshift ward on the driveway of a Guguletu service station.



# Mayor speaks out on city's soaring crime rate

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**EAR EAR!** United States Secretary of State James Baker cups his hand behind his ear as President Bush smiles during the Nato summit in Brussels.

## Missiles: Nato leaders want talks with Soviets

BRUSSELS. — Nato leaders today voted unanimously for negotiations with the Soviet Union to cut the number of European-based short-range nuclear missiles (SNF).

But they differed in their interpretations of a key phrase about negotiating "partial reductions" in US and Soviet SNF arsenals.

Nato sources said US President Bush and British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher believed the phrase meant SNF forces would not be eliminated. But a West German official said elimination was still an option.

The compromise was reached during a night of bargaining at Nato's 40th anniversary

summit here.

The 16 delegations are said to be desperate to patch up the damaging split over SNF.

When the heads of government began the second and final day of talks they endorsed the deal and approved two documents.

These were the summit's final political declaration and a long-awaited "comprehensive concept" on defence needs and arms control.

West Germany has pressed its allies for early East-West negotiations to limit the missiles, which have a range of less than 500km and are stationed mainly on its territory.

— Sapa-Reuter.

By DON HOLLIDAY, Staff Reporter

LONG-term upliftment of the general living conditions of the underprivileged was the only solution to Cape Town's soaring crime rate, the Mayor, Mr Peter Muller, said today.

Mr Muller was reacting to figures given in parliament by the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, which revealed that a serious crime was reported every 10 minutes in the greater Cape Town area.

Crime rates in poverty-stricken areas such as Guguletu, Khayelitsha and Crossroads were markedly higher than in higher-income regions.

"It could be said that the standard of living enjoyed by a community was inversely proportionate to the crime rate of the area.

### Civic patrol

"We are doing the best we can to contain the escalation but suffer from a lack of funds.

"Mr Vlok has ruled out the creation of a civic patrol run by the city council but we will continue to make representations to him in this regard.

"However, this would not have affected the worst-affected areas, the so-called townships, which fall beyond our jurisdiction.

"The City Council has a crime liaison committee which meets every two months with police and civic leaders to discuss ad hoc short and medium-term alternatives for combating crime and this has resulted in, for instance, traffic officers being required to perform functions normally left to police.

"But the crime problem will remain as long as there is such widespread poverty.

"A person starving in squalor would not find it hard to commit a violent crime.

"We are seeing a huge influx of people and a relatively low growth rate in job opportunities, housing and social services," he said.

## Europe go-ahead for new jumbo jet

The Argus Foreign Service

LONDON. — European aviation authorities have cleared the new long-range Boeing jumbo jet for commercial service while a programme of modifications is carried out.

The agreement has been reached following talks in Paris last week between Boeing and the aviation authorities of four countries — Britain, France, West Germany and the Netherlands — which have been pressing for improvements to the design of the 747-400.

The compromise means that the four European airlines which have ordered 747-400s, British Airways, Air France, Lufthansa and KLM, will now be able to introduce the new aircraft on scheduled services this summer.

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Boeing, the Seattle-based manufacturer, said that it had agreed to continue working with the European authorities to develop satisfactory design and testing solutions to meet their requirements.

The group of European aviation authorities warned Boeing some months ago that the 747-400 did not meet their latest safety standards and that airworthiness certificates might be withheld until changes were agreed.

# Crime is the

# Crime Capital

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By ANTHONY JOHNSON  
Political Correspondent

CAPE TOWN has confirmed its dubious status as crime capital of the world with the disclosure yesterday that a serious crime was reported every 10 minutes during 1988.

The Minister of Law and Order, Mr. Adriaan Vlok, said in a reply to a question tabled in Parliament that a violent crime was reported to the police in the greater Cape Town area every 25 minutes during 1988.

Cases of theft and damage to property were reported every 20 minutes in the city and environs.

On average each day last year police stations in the area received reports of 2,5 cases of murder (896 in total), 3,6 cases of rape (1376 in total) and 1,4 cases of culpable homicide (1376 in total).

Last year, 17 476 cases of assault were reported — one every 30 minutes — and almost half of these were cases of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm. In the area of property-related crime, there were 12 929 cases of housebreaking (one every 40 minutes), 3 895 cases of robbery (10,6 a day), 3 766 cases of theft of vehicles and cycles (11,6 a day), 7 522 cases of damage to property (20,6 a day).

Replying to written questions from Mr. Colin Eglin (DP, Sea Point), Mr Vlok said that only 285 cases of possession of drugs were reported in the greater Cape Town area in 1988.

## Murder every four hours

A PERSON was killed every four hours in the greater Johannesburg-Pretoria area last year, according to figures released by Mr Adriaan Vlok.

Replying to questions from Democratic Party MPs Mr Peter Soal, Mrs hannesburg, Germiston, Helen Suzman and Mr Randsburg, Pretoria, Wynand Malan, Mr Vlok Soweto East and Soweto said a total of 2 352 mur- West police districts.

Experts have linked the staggeringly high crime rate of the Cape Town area to acute poverty.

Statistics show that the murder rate on the Cape Flats is 48 times higher than in Britain and that the reported rape rate is 10 times higher than in West Germany.

Among the most violent areas in Cape Town are Guguletu, Khayelitsha, Mitchell's Plain and Bishop Lavis.

Last year Guguletu had 187 reported murders, 149 rapes, 2 206 assaults and 445 cases of robbery.

Khayelitsha had 170 reported cases of murder, 141 cases of rape, 1 620 cases of assault and 440 cases of housebreaking.

Mitchell's Plain had 57 reported cases of murder, 156 of rape, 2 661 of assault, 988 of property damage and 1 185 of housebreaking.

In Bishop Lavis, 68 cases of murder were reported, 124 of rape, 783 of assault, 844 of property damage and 443 of housebreaking.

There were 1 036 cases of housebreaking reported in Woodstock last year and 1 230 in the central city area.

Reacting to the shock crime statistics, Mr Vlok said yesterday: "Because the SAP are not satisfied with the crime situation in the RSA, crime tendencies are continuously monitored."

# S'bosch: 1 serious crime <sup>QNT Tmk</sup> per hour <sup>31/5/89</sup> <sup>35</sup>

Political Correspondent

A SERIOUS crime was reported roughly every hour last year to the 18 police stations falling within the Stellenbosch police district.

The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, said in reply to a question tabled in Parliament by Mr Jasper Walsh (DP Pinelands) that 5 027 crimes of violence were reported in the area in 1988 — one every two hours — as well as 8 596 cases of theft or damage to property.

The town with the highest crime figures in the area was Stellenbosch itself, which last year had 32 reported murders, 50 cases of culpable homicide, 940 cases of assault (about half with intent to do grievous bodily harm) and 68 reported rapes.

Stellenbosch also had 108 robbery cases, 100 concerning theft of vehicles and cycles, 334 of property damage, 188 of housebreaking and four of possession of drugs.

In Strand, 18 cases of murder were reported to the police, 50 cases of culpable homicide, 513 cases of assault, 16 cases of rape, 28 robberies, 39 thefts of vehicles and cycles, 148 of damage to property and 200 housebreakings.

The most housebreakings — 471 — in the police district took place in Somerset West.

# Night patrols for Guguletu again

By VUYO BAVUMA  
Staff Reporter

GUGULETU residents in Section 3 have decided to reintroduce night patrols after a fresh outbreak of gang violence in the area.

The decision was taken last night at a meeting of residents and chairmen of street committees.

Speakers said the patrols were aimed at keeping the neighbourhood safe.

## "Reared heads"

Two weeks ago, youths were injured when clashes between gangs broke out after a three-month lull.

In January, violence died down when residents patrolled the streets.

In another bid to curb violence, Major Johan Kleyn, a Guguletu station commander, organised soccer for two gangs.

Last night, speakers said there was an urgent need to revive the patrols and stamp out the gangs which had "reared their ugly heads once again".

The meeting resolved that patrol

members should confiscate weapons and remove gangs from their hide-outs.

Speakers will be asked to close at 9pm.

Speakers appealed to residents to monitor the situation at all times.

"Some gangsters take advantage during the day and attack people. We should also be prepared for such incidents," a speaker said.

A report-back meeting will be held on Sunday.



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# Unease over 'lenient' drug sentences

By MALCOLM FRIED

FINES and suspended sentences for convicted drug dealers are provoking unease among a range of drug counsellors, social workers and educationists, who want "the punishment seen to fit the crime".

No mandatory jail term is laid down in law for dealing in, using or possessing drugs. Courts have the discretion to fine dealers, imprison them or both.

Recent sentences which have been criticised include a Jeffreys Bay couple fined R12 000 each, or three years' jail, with three years

each suspended, for dealing in cocaine; a Cape Town man fined R1 000, or one year, with two years suspended, for dealing in LSD; and an Eastern Cape couple together fined R10 000, or three years, with one year suspended, for cocaine dealing.

Dr Terry Berelowitz, of the Cape Town Drug Counselling Centre, said yesterday that drug dealers should be punished "to the limits of the legal system".

In his view, there seemed to be some leniency in sentencing. "The law should be hitting offenders

with a ball and chain instead of a rap over the knuckles."

Dr Berelowitz said police were doing a "great job" in finding dealers, but the sentences handed down were "often not as severe as they should be".

A city social worker, who deals with "victims of drug dealers—the naive children who fall for their patter", said light sentences "horri-fied" her.

"Such a crime, dealing in drugs, must not end in a mere fine." The social worker said that the amount fined was sometimes no more than

a week's takings for the major operators.

She and "many colleagues and also teachers, who have to cope with drug dealers in schools" were concerned that courts were not always providing an adequate deterrent.

Said one counsellor: "The punishment must be seen to fit the crime."

Dealers who are first offenders are liable to a fine not exceeding R30 000 or jail for a period not exceeding 15 years or both.

Second or multiple offenders

face a fine not exceeding R50 000 or imprisonment for a period not exceeding 25 years or both.

The Attorney-General of the Cape, Mr Niel Rossouw, said apparent discrepancies in sentencing existed in all areas of the law. "This is a perennial problem.

"Many factors, such as possible rehabilitation of the accused and the deterrent effect, are first studied and one factor might be given more weight than another," said Mr Rossouw.

A city attorney said that defending clients accused of dealing and keeping them out of jail was "not always a very tough task".

### 3 Public Works men convicted of fraud

By STEPHEN WROTTESELEY

Weekend Argus News Editor  
**THREE** Public Works Department employees have been convicted of fraud.

According to court documents Edward Nortier, 52, of Simon's Town, and contractor Brian Frans, 42, of Lansdowne were convicted on 28 counts of fraud involving R19 426.

They were fined R2 000 (or 12 months in jail) and given four-year suspended jail terms.

The case involved false claims for payment for work which had not been done.

Frans said he had been approached by Nortier, who suggested the scam to pay back a loan of R3 500.

Frans was also convicted on a further 53 charges of fraud involving PWD employee Hans Jakob Willemse, 31, of Somerset West.

Both were fined R8 000 (or 200 days' jail) and given suspended jail terms of three years.

The offences involved R38 899. The circumstances were similar to those in the Nortier case.

"I was greedy. What I did was wrong," Frans told the court.

Public works department employee Cedric Howes, 27, of Ottery, was jailed for six months on each of two counts of fraud. He admitted previous offences involving dishonesty.

● Mr P C van Blommestein, director-general of the PWD, said: "Irregularities are not tolerated, as is seen by the initiatives taken by the department to bring the offenders to book."

He confirmed that the three convicted of fraud, all in Cape Town, were E G Nortier, H J Willemse and C M Howes.

According to Mr van Blommestein, the three employees had repaid various amounts lost by the department.

Asked about the convictions, a senior official said it had been an "unpleasant experience" but he had no reason to believe there were more corrupt employees and it was the department's vigilance that led to their arrest.

# Hospitals lose R726 500 to pilfering

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By MONICA GRAAFF

CAPE Provincial hospitals lost almost R750 000 to pilfering during the last budget year, the Department of Hospital and Health Services revealed yesterday.

This follows a recent security firm investigation into Transvaal hospitals which were found to be losing millions of rands to pilfering every year — a trend the firm thought to be nationwide.

But despite Cape losses of R650 000 worth of linen and R76 500 worth of actual theft cases reported to the police, the department has no intention of launching an outside investigation, Dr George Watermeyer, Director of Hospital and Health Services in the Cape, said yesterday.

"The CPA does not experience problems regarding losses to the same extent as certain other provinces — probably because so many of

'Many cases tried, sentenced'

our cases have been tried and sentenced," he said.

However, most of the thieves got away without being caught because they were hospital employees — a problem that would not be solved by stepping up security personnel at hospital entrances, he said.

"It is difficult to control when you are trying to keep up employee trust and motivation at the same time. We are nevertheless constantly looking at ways to improve in-job discipline and have plans to step up our controls," he said.

Mr A J Van Wyk, MEC in charge of hospitals, said that the nett losses were "not beyond unreasonable boundaries" given that a total R1,6 billion was spent on dealing with 9,5 million outpatients and 700 000 inpatients at 95 hospitals and their satellites during the year.

"However, as this is the taxpayer's money, we remain concerned," he said.

# Leading poet Richard Rive stabbed to death at home

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Own Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — Award-winning poet and author, Dr Richard Moore Rive (59), was murdered in his home in the elite suburb of Elfindale, Heathfield.

Dr Rive, who put up a tremendous struggle, had apparently been stabbed.

Police later found a knife outside the house where Dr Rive had lived alone. His white Toyota Cressida was missing

and so, it is believed, was his answering machine and a video recorder.

His body was found face-down in a pool of blood in the passage between the study and the lounge, showing he was trying to flee.

Dr Rive was discovered at about midday by Mr Christopher Mingo, who accompanied a teacher, Mrs Elaine Cloete, who had an appointment with Dr Rive, police

said.

She knocked on the front door of 31 Windsor Palace but there was no reply. She asked Mr Mingo to check the rear of the house. He looked through a window and saw Dr Rive's body, said police liaison officer Lieutenant Attie Laubscher.

A strong police contingent was on the scene of the crime for more than five hours yesterday.

# Rive Was 'near pinnacle', say writers

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By MALCOLM FRIED

AUTHORS and academics have been shocked at the death of Dr Richard Rive, a writer and educationist known in South Africa, Europe and the US.

Fellow writers noted that he had been approaching the pinnacle of his literary maturity.

Professor Richard van der Ross, a former rector of the University of the Western Cape, said yesterday that Dr Rive had been a talented writer who had made a unique contribution to literature in South Africa.

"His tragic death leaves us the poorer, but his life enriched all who appreciated literature, the arts and had a love of history and of scholarship, as he did."

Mr Edward Pratt, the rector of the Hewat Teachers' Training College, where Dr Rive was a lecturer, said the death was "a very, very serious loss".

Author Jan Rabie was "terribly saddened". He said Dr Rive had never been a bitter person but had always made a positive contribution and had been a bridge between communities.

To writer and academic Professor J M Coetzee, Dr Rive was a "distinguished writer and critic, although not adequately recognised in South Africa" and a "kind, gentle and generous man".

Mr Douglas Reid Skinner, speaking on behalf of the writers and readers of the literary magazine "Upstream", mourned "this tremendous loss at a time when Richard was becoming a figure of real relevance — he will be missed most of all as a writer".

Mr John Slemmon, the director of Dr Rive's play "Buckingham Palace — District 6", due to be put on at the Baxter Theatre, said the cast was "in a terrible state of shock".

But despite Dr Rive's death, said Mr Slemmon, the play would go on. "We're professionals and the cast will do it for him, as I'm sure he would have wanted." Dr Rive was born in 1931 in Cape Town, where he



RIVE'S HOME . . . Professor Jakes Gerwel (second from the left), rector of UWC, was at the scene of Dr Richard Rive's home yesterday.

spent most of his life after growing up in District Six.

He studied at the University of Cape Town, Columbia University in New York and Oxford University, which awarded him his doctorate in 1974.

A teenager when the family moved from District Six in the mid-1940s, Dr Rive had his first story published while he was in matric, at Trafalgar High.

He wrote many more short stories, of which the first volume, "African Songs", appeared in 1963. Asked about his work in an interview early this year,

Dr Rive said his generation "had to write fast to get things off our chests".

"We didn't have the luxury of time for the creation of novels."

His first novel, "Emergency", was initially banned but then republished.

Other published works include "Writing Black", "Advance Retreat" and "Buckingham Palace, District Six".

Dr Rive has been quoted as saying that his theme had always been racial discrimination in South Africa.

"I don't think I've written anything outside the parameters of the subject that's been the single most important thing in my life: Constitutional racism," he said.

Dr Rive's work has won a range of literary awards and one play, "Make Like Slaves", received the BBC African Theatre competition in 1972.

Dr Rive, who lived in Heathfield, also taught extensively abroad. In 1987, he was visiting professor in the English department at Harvard University. He was also a sports administrator and one-time champion hurdler.

Dr Rive was single and without immediate family. ● The stage production of "Buckingham Palace — District 6" is due to open at the Baxter Theatre on June 19 and a charity performance will take place next week, as scheduled.

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## Rive murdered

Detectives from the Peninsula Murder and Robbery Unit, as well as the forensic unit, arrived soon afterwards and started to dust the house for fingerprints.

Meanwhile friends of Dr Rive gathered outside the grey face-brick home as word of his murder spread.

Among those present was Professor Jakes Gerwel, rector of the University of the Western Cape, who described Dr Rive's death as a "terrible, terrible tragedy".

# Jalc director's plea on 'below the belt' blows

By ANDREA WEISS, Staff Reporter

JALC director Mr Chris van Rensburg said he had been dealt many "below the belt" blows during two years of inquiry.

He was giving evidence yesterday at a sitting in Cape Town of the Harms Commission into cross-border irregularities.

## Big chain stores bypassing markets

By ANTHONY DOMAN  
Municipal Reporter

BIG chain stores are increasingly taking business away from wholesale markets, buying directly from growers and farmers, according to Cape Town fresh-produce market director Mr Clarry Meeser.

Mr Meeser was commenting in his annual report for the year ending June 1988, presented to the City Council's utilities and works committee yesterday.

Income was up to more than R10-million, he said. In spite of increased expenditure a record surplus of R4 735 135 was recorded.

This surplus was due to "absolutely stringent control over expenditure", a job freeze, a productivity drive and extensive public relations work.

Having used reserves to redeem outstanding loans ahead of time, the market was now free of debt, Mr Meeser said.

Turnover of R180 388 520 was 25 percent up on the previous year and well above the estimate.

However, a "disturbing factor" was the ever-increasing volume of produce, especially better-quality, bypassing the market system.

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Large chain stores with buying power were likely to be big enough to buy direct from the larger growers, he said.

"They are thus unlikely to make great use of wholesale markets, save for 'top-up' quantities and for smaller volume items where bulk is too small to justify their buying direct."

However, this was not to say that wholesale markets would not continue to play an important role in distribution. One of the main roles of a market was to provide an efficient service to other clients who did not have the backing and power to buy direct.

Mr Meeser specifically mentioned the "vast volumes" of citrus fruit passing directly from co-operatives to the trade.

One major reason for bypassing the market — a lack of up-to-date business information — would be remedied by a switch to computers this year. Many buyers and suppliers, including the chain stores, were buying direct from farmers because the market could not provide the information they needed, Mr Meeser said.

### Howe cancels trip

LONDON. — British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe has cancelled a trip to Czechoslovakia next month because of Prague's tit-for-tat expulsion of our Britons, the Foreign Office said. — Sapa-Reuter.

A subsidiary of the Jalc group, Temba Construction, was investigated by the Van Reenen Commission in the Transkei last year.

Mr van Rensburg said there had been many sensational stories which had damaged him.

When Transkeian President Mr George Matanzima disappeared newsmen visited his house looking for the President.

Allegations concerning his involvement with uncut diamonds had been used on newspaper posters in East London, his home town, causing hurt to his children at school.

"I have been branded as a man who deals with uncut diamonds," he said.

Although many people respected him for creating thousands of jobs, he could not go back into Africa because he was being called a spy. He had also been accused of stealing money for the National Party.

Before the sitting began Mr van Rensburg's counsel, Mr Nic Treurnicht, SC, said a list of questions submitted to his client could not be answered.

In an earlier hearing Jalc directors refused to answer questions which could incriminate them in a tax investigation.

### Gambling rights

Yesterday Mr van Rensburg was called by the commission to explain his part in gambling rights obtained in Ciskei and Transkei.

Asked why President Sebe had decided to split gambling rights equally between Sun International, Lentin (which shares directors with Jalc) and the Ciskeian government, Mr van Rensburg said he believed it was because President Sebe valued his friendship and the protection offered to him by undercover agent Brigadier Marthinus Deyzel.

Days after a military-style attack on President Sebe's home in February 1987 Brigadier Deyzel and Mr Toni Botha, a George businessman with extensive security contacts in the South African government, visited President Sebe.

The president agreed to change an agreement giving Sun International a half-share in gambling rights with the Ciskeian government, according to Mr van Rensburg.

### Undercover plan

Mr Botha, who initiated the SADF undercover project, was also called to give evidence on the subject.

He said President Sebe feared a second attack on his life, the fears supported by "strong documentation".

In a statement handed in to the commission, Mr van Rensburg said his relationship with Mr Matanzima had been "estranged" for two years when the rights to profits made by Transgames were sold out to Sun International.

"I therefore deny any insinuation regarding involvement by myself or my group of companies in the irregularities perpetrated by Messrs Bloomberg and Kerzner," he stated.



POP WEDDING: Rock star Bill Wyman, 52, of the Rolling Stones, kisses his bride, Mandy Smith, 19, outside St John's Church, London. They were married in a secret civil ceremony on Friday and yesterday the marriage was blessed in church.

## Rolling Stone Bill Wyman weds Mandy

The Argus Foreign Service

LONDON — The bride looked like a million dollars. And Rolling Stone Bill Wyman's spending wasn't far short of that at the blessing of his marriage to Mandy Smith.

The couple made up for the austerity of their brief register office ceremony on Friday with a sumptuous service at the Church of St John the Evangelist in Hyde Park Crescent, West London, yesterday.

It was followed by an all-day celebration at

the Grosvenor House Hotel which was still going strong in the early hours today.

More than 500 guests, including fellow Stones, joined Wyman whose relationship with Mandy began when she was 13 and was once the subject of a police inquiry, for a musical celebration to remember.

For the church service, 19-year-old Mandy wore a stunning R40 000 sequinned lace gown with silk panels of pastel green, pink and lilac. It was a family affair, with Smiths and Wyman arriving from all over the country.

## Aids rumour led to factory strike threat

By KAREN STANDER  
Medical Reporter

A MISTAKEN belief that an employee had Aids led to the threat of a strike at a Cape Town clothing factory.

The problem was resolved last week by members of the Planned Parenthood Association (PPA) who gave a lecture on the disease and were able to show that the worker did not have Aids.

Mrs Erica Greathead, regional director of the PPA, said the woman had the hepatitis B (yellow jaundice) virus in her bloodstream and not the Aids virus.

Because she was illiterate the employee had asked a

neighbour to read her a letter notifying her of the condition. The neighbour had misunderstood and word had spread that the woman had Aids.

"The employers explained the position but the firm's employees were dubious. The employers consulted me and I suggested that we gave a lecture."

"We talked to the entire staff for an hour and explained all about Aids. The woman concerned got up and identified herself."

"People got a bit tearful and felt guilty, but they were satisfied."

The workers' fear and ignorance would have made the management's task difficult, if not impossible.

## Climate right for negotiation — De Klerk

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — The leader of the National Party, Mr FW de Klerk, said today that the climate was right for peaceful negotiation among all races in South Africa.

He said groups which remained uncommitted to the process could become "irrelevant".

Opening the Lebowa Legislative Assembly, Mr de Klerk said there was "a clearly perceptible readiness to look for solutions (to the country's problems) together".

He said that the negotiation of a new constitutional dispensation acceptable to all was

# Murdered poet's car found

CAPE TOWN — The car of South African poet and author Dr Richard Moore Rive (59), who was murdered in his Elfindale home outside Cape Town on Sunday, was found abandoned 10 km outside Kimberley yesterday, police said.

Modderivier detectives at the scene recovered some of the goods missing from Dr Rive's home. They found a video recorder and computer equipment in the boot of the car. *stew 6/6/81*

Dr Rive was stabbed about 10 times in the chest and was found lying in a pool of blood in the passage of his house. — Sapa.

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By PATRICK COLLINGS  
Crime Reporter

THE search for the killers of 59-year-old author Dr Richard Rive spread to the Northern Cape yesterday when Dr Rive's stolen car was found near Kimberley.

Late yesterday detectives were examining the car for clues. Initial reports said there was no damage to the car and some of Dr Rive's belongings were in the boot.

Police said the car, a white Toyota Cressida, was found 10km south of Kimberley at 3pm. A video recorder and computer stolen from Dr Rive's home where found in the boot.

Dr Rive was found murdered in his Elfindale home on Sunday. He had been stabbed many times in the chest.

Furniture was overturned in the study and there were bloodstains on the wall, indicating that Dr Rive had struggled with his killers. It is not known if Dr Rive was attacked by more than one assailant.

Police forensic experts yesterday searched Dr Rive's house for clues. Police said detectives were satisfied that the killer or killers' original motive was robbery.

# Rive killing: Car is found

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Dr Rive with Fred Abrahamse, who directs the Rive play "Buckingham Palace — District Six".  
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It is believed that Dr Rive was murdered sometime early on Sunday morning.

Neighbours reported hearing a scream and dogs bark about 1am on Sunday but did not think anything was wrong.

Dr Rive's body was discovered by a visiting friend at midday.

Publisher Mr David Philip said yesterday that shortly before his death Dr Rive "presented us with a new novel", a continuation of his previous work "Emergen-

cy" which covered the 1960 state of emergency.

Some of the same characters re-appear in the new novel, which will be entitled "Emergency 85".

• An attorney for Dr Rive's family said the author will be cremated at a private ceremony on Saturday, as he had wished. However, a "narration" or memorial service or event, open to all, will be held on Monday or Tuesday evening next week at Hewat Training College. Final details will be published later this week.



Author's death —  
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2 sought by SAP

Own Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — Police are searching for two people in connection with the killing of Cape Town author and poet Dr Richard Rive.

They are Mr Donald Aplon (22), formerly of Bonteheuwel, and Suleiman Turner (17) of Mitchell's Plain, a police spokesman said.

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It is alleged they were seen with Dr Rive's car before it was found broken down near Kimberley on Tuesday.

Officers investigating the killing of Dr Rive this week extended their search to the northern Cape.

Police now believe the two are on their way to Johannesburg where Mr Aplon is understood to have family.

## Hunt for Rive's killer in N Cape

THE search for the killer of author and academic Richard Rive moved to the Northern Cape this week after his car was found near Kimberley. Police have issued a description of the man suspected of his murder.

Rive, 59, was found lying face down in a blood-spattered passageway of his home last Sunday. Overturned furniture indicated he struggled with his attacker. He was stabbed repeatedly in the chest.

His car, a video recorder, a computer and clothing were missing and police came to the conclusion the motive was robbery.

His car was found on Monday abandoned 10km outside Kimberley.

Northern Cape police representative Major GJG Genis said yesterday police were following up a number of leads but had no new information since receiving a description of the suspected killer.

He is believed to be in his early 20s, of slender build, with a stitched 3cm gash above his hairline, possibly covered by a bandage. The small finger on his left hand is broken.

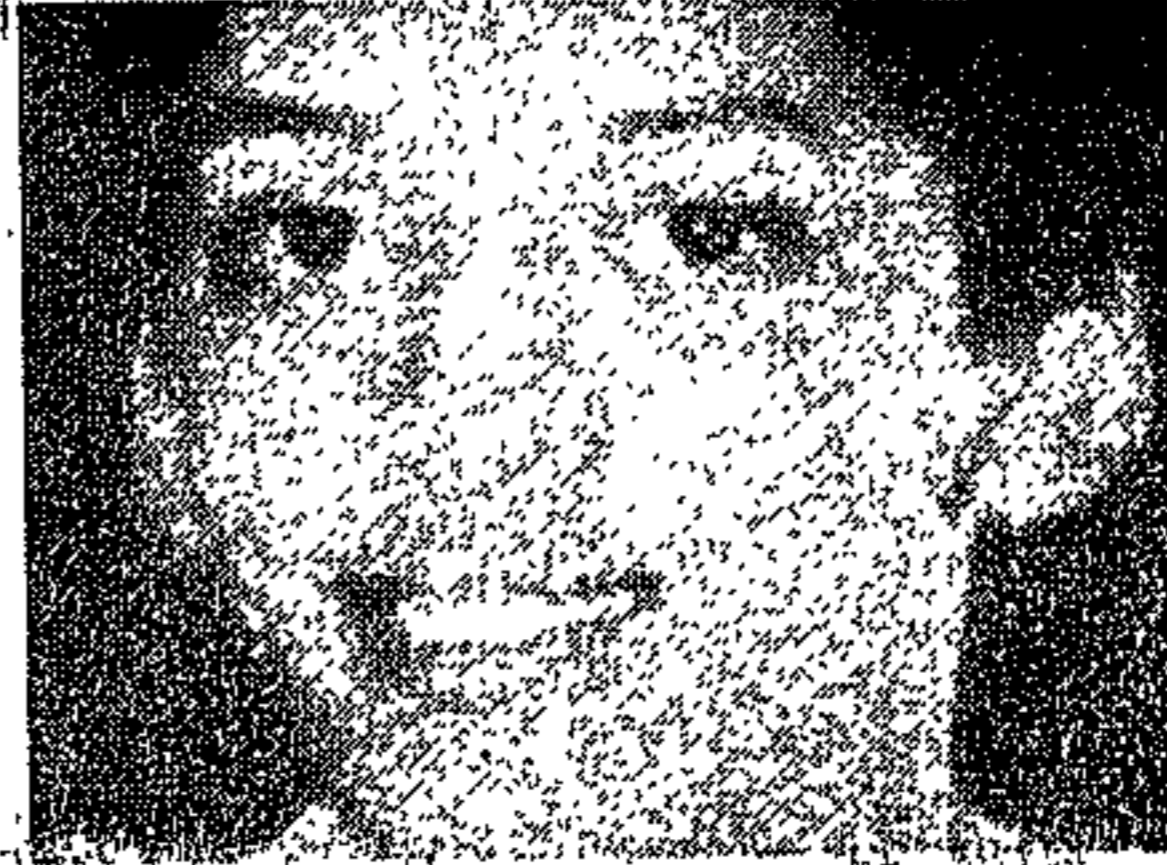
Meanwhile, two memorial services have been planned to honour Rive, who will be cremated during a private ceremony on Saturday.

Staff and students of Hewat College, where Rive lectured for 14 years and was head of the English department at the time of his death, will hold a service at 2pm today. Next week on Tuesday at 8pm friends and colleagues will pay homage to him.

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WANTED ... Suleiman Turner, 17  
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Mr Vincent Donald Aploon, 22

# Rive murder: 2 wanted

Crime Reporter

**POLICE** have issued warrants of arrest for a 22-year-old man and a 17-year-old youth who are believed to be connected to the weekend murder of author Dr Richard Rive, 59.

The pair are thought to be heading towards the Witwatersrand after abandoning Dr Rive's stolen car 10km south of Kimberley on Monday.

They are Mr Vincent Donald Aploon, of Bonteheuwel, and Suleiman Turner of Mitchells Plain.

Detectives believe Mr Aploon needs urgent medical attention for a deep gash which has almost severed the

little finger of his left hand. He also has a three-centimetre cut above the hairline on the right of his head. Turner has minor cuts on his hands.

Mr Aploon has had the wound in his head stitched and may be wearing a white bandage around his head. He is 1,7m tall, of slender build and has curly black hair. He normally wears one or more earrings in his left ear.

Turner has a small mark or scar in the middle of his forehead and walks with a slight limp.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Warrant-Officer Michael Barkhuizen at 951 6665/6/7/8.

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# Mum appeals to suspect in Rive murder

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Crime Reporter

THE mother of one of the men linked by detectives to the murder of author Dr Richard Rive has issued an urgent plea to her 22-year-old son, Mr Donald Aploon, to surrender to the police.

"He must give himself up before anything happens to him," Mrs Maureen Aploon said yesterday.

Police have issued warrants of arrest for Mr Aploon of Bonteheuwel and his 17-year-old companion Mr Suleiman Turner of Mitchells Plain.

The pair are thought to be heading towards the Witwatersrand, possibly Johannesburg, after abandoning Dr Rive's stolen car 10km south of Kimberley on Monday.

Dr Rive's body was discovered in his Elfindale home on Sunday. He had been stabbed several times in the chest.

An upset Mrs Aploon said that her son had never been involved in "anything like this before".

Mrs Aploon could not say whether her son had known Dr Rive.

Detectives believe Mr Aploon needs urgent medical attention for a deep gash which almost severed the little finger of his left hand. He also has a 3cm cut above the hairline on the right side of his head.

State of emergency censorship

# New lead in hunt for Rive killers

By HAMISH McINDOE

TWO men wanted for questioning in connection with the violent killing of celebrated South African writer Richard Rive in Cape Town have been spotted in Johannesburg.

And a friend of Dr Rive has offered a R5 000 reward for information that may lead to the arrest of his murderers.

Detectives in Cape Town working on the case confirmed yesterday that the two suspects — 22-year-old Vincent Aploon and Suleiman Turner, 17 — had been seen in central Johannesburg yesterday. *S. Times 11/6/89*

Meanwhile Mr Aploon's distraught mother has



SULEIMAN TURNER

begged her son, who was allegedly injured in a fight that ended in Dr Rive's death, to give himself up to the police. (35)

"He needs urgent medical attention ... I pray Vincent turns himself in before anything big happens to him," said Mrs Maureen Aploon.

Dr Rive's blood-spattered body was found in his Cape Town home last Sunday.

Police are working on a robbery motive as they search for Dr Rive's killers after arrest warrants were issued for Mr Aploon, who is unemployed, and his alleged accomplice, Mr Turner from Mitchells Plain.

The murder suspects were both believed to have been



VINCENT APLOON

injured during a fierce struggle that left Dr Rive's study with bloodstained walls and overturned furniture.

Mr Aploon has a gash on his forehead and his younger accomplice sustained a deep cut to his little finger.

Anyone with any information is asked to contact the Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad at 011-839-3322.

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# RIVE KILLS:

# TWO SUMMERS

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Staff Reporters

**TWO Cape Town men suspected of having murdered author Dr Richard Rive gave themselves up to police on the East Rand yesterday afternoon.**

Police said arrangements were being made for the pair, a 22-year-old Bonteheuwel man and a 17-year-old Mitchell's Plain youth, to be returned to Cape Town to stand trial.

The men surrendered themselves to members of the East Rand Murder and Robbery Squad in Springs, police said.

The investigating officer in the case is expected to travel to Springs today to bring the men back to Cape Town, but police could not say last night when the pair was expected to arrive.

Dr Rive, 59, was found murdered in his home nine days ago. His body was found in a blood-splattered passage and his home was in a shambles. He had been stabbed repeatedly in the chest and his face beaten with a blunt object.

Dr Rive's car and several items from his home were missing. Police believed that the men who had attacked Dr Rive were known to him as there were no signs of a forced entry to the home.

Dr Rive was a prominent literary figure in the Western Cape. His work — which includes several novels and plays — has appeared in 28 countries and has been translated into 16 languages.

On Monday last week, the car was found abandoned outside Kimberley with some of the stolen items inside.

On Friday police released descriptions of two Cape Town men who they said could help them with the investigation.

The two were seen in Johannesburg at the weekend, while in Cape Town the mother of one of them appealed for him to give himself up.

# Banking unions react to spate of robberies

By Kevin Udemans

Bank robberies must be accepted as one of the occupational hazards of working in a banking mall because it is impossible to eradicate this "universal problem" completely, says Mr Leon Burger, general secretary of the Ned-bank Staff Society.

But this trade union, along with the two others operating in the banking industry in South Africa, the South African Society of Bank Officials (Sasbo) and the Volkskas Amptenare Vakbond (Vav), all expressed concern over the recent robberies because of the increased threat they posed to the safety of their members.

The trade unions were reacting to the sudden increase in bank robberies on the central Witwatersrand which have, since the beginning of the year, netted nearly R23 million.

## AFFECTS SAFETY

Mr Burger, who heads the 6 000-member union for employees of Ned-bank and its affiliates, said that the issue had been raised with management because it affected safety in the workplace.

He said some of the details which were discussed with management would have to remain "secret" but they had decided that "as a matter of procedure more guards would be employed and less cash would be carried".

"The employer has also indicated that a full-time psychologist was available to subsequently assist members in distress and that staff was being

trained how to react in the event of a robbery."

He added that banks could not be fortified beyond the service industry norm.

On Tuesday, Vav, which represents 9 000 employees of Volkskas Bank, held a meeting with management to deal with the issue. General secretary Mr Herman Breedt said that both the company and the union recognised their mutual interest in the safety of the employees.

Mr Breedt said that while provision of safety standards and appropriate protective equipment and the development of safe operating procedures were a management responsibility, the union recognised that safety was also a responsibility of the employee.

"The union will therefore assist management wherever possible to raise safety consciousness and to this end ensure compliance with safety practices and procedures," he said.

Mr Graeme Rowan, the assistant general secretary of Sasbo, said that as the largest trade union involved with banking in the country, Sasbo was very concerned about the recent spate of bank robberies.

Sasbo represented about 20 000 employees of First National Bank, Standard Bank and Republic Bank.

"We will be holding Sasbo's quarterly national council meeting in Johannesburg this weekend and the bank robberies are on the agenda," he added.

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# 1 crime every 8 minutes in Cape Town

By ANTHONY JOHNSON  
Political Correspondent

CAPE TOWN's status as crime city was underlined yesterday by the disclosure of a fresh batch of 17 667 serious crimes in the Bellville police district last year.

The latest figures push the daily rate of reported crimes in the greater Cape Town area to one every eight minutes in 1988.

The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, said in reply to a question tabled in Parliament yesterday that 7 064 crimes of violence had been reported to the 10 police stations in the Bellville police district last year.

A total of 10 568 cases of theft and damage to property, as well as 35 cases of possession of drugs, were reported in the area during this period.

This brings to 66 615 the cases of serious crime reported in the greater Cape Town area during the past year.

Last year there were 271 reported cases of murder, 199 of culpable homicide, 6 109 cases of assault (3 636 cases with intent to do grievous bodily harm) and 485 reported cases of rape.

During the same period there were 1 225 reported cases of robbery, 2 214 cases of theft of vehicles and cycles, 2 509 of dam-

age to property and 4 620 of housebreaking.

The worst hit area in the Bellville police district was Elsie's River, which last year had 109 reported cases of murder, 2 246 cases of assault, 186 of rape, 526 robberies, 266 thefts of vehicles, 1 027 cases of damage to property and 839 cases of housebreaking.

In Ravensmead there were 44 murders, 1 034 cases of assault and 299 cases of housebreaking.

Kraaifontein had 36 murders, 56 rapes and 470 cases of housebreaking.

Kuils River had 25 murders, 76 rapes and 670 cases of housebreaking.



Soweto figure almost doubles — but police hit back hard at thugs

## Violent crimes rocket

Soweto violent crime up 100 pc

# Businessmen <sup>(38)</sup> want action to curb violence

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By Stan Hlophe

Soweto businessmen agree that the recent spate of violent crime and hijacking of vehicles at gunpoint in the townships is a cause for grave concern and needs to be stopped urgently.

The businessmen were responding to statistics that reveal the rate of violent crime has escalated by 94 percent since the start of the year.

The leading businessmen, who did not want to be identified for fear of reprisals by armed gangs, said the business sector and the community at large had to combine forces to cut the rampant crime rate.

According to statistics released by Soweto Police recently, up to 185 armed robberies are reported in the sprawling townships every month and vehicle hijackings have more than doubled.

This was attributed to "relatively free access" to firearms — mainly, stolen or lost — and economic factors.

Although police made 69 arrests between March and May, the businessmen canvassed expressed reservations about the protection provided, calling

for more patrols and prompter reaction.

Said one top entrepreneur: "Our businesses have suffered a great deal as a result of the recent crime wave, which is happening on our very doorstep.

"It has caused a definite drop in our turnover.

"People feel more strongly than ever that it is no longer safe to drive around Soweto, or be near shopping centres — be it day or night.

"These thugs pounce at you like vultures and before you realise what is happening, you are being robbed or forced out of the vehicle.

"Being armed does not help because there are usually too many of them — and they catch you by surprise. Carry one, and you may end up dying by your own gun," he said.

Said another businessman: "Many cases have been reported to the police, to whom the danger spots were made known.

"But they do not always respond in time.

"For example, a taxi driver was shot and had his car stolen by thugs.

"The police were summoned immediately but they arrived three hours later."

# Meetings aim to stop crime wave

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Sowetan 15/6/89

By ALI MPHAKI

WORRIED Soweto businessmen will meet student organisations, taxi people and trade unions in a bid to stamp out escalating crime in the township.

This was one of the resolutions adopted at a Soweto Chamber of Commerce and Industries meeting held in Jabulani yesterday.

The meeting is a sequel to the latest crime wave in the township, where several businessmen and professionals have had their cars forcefully taken from them at gunpoint.

The meeting heard from various businessmen how they escaped death when youths

hijacked their cars at gunpoint. In some cases, the businessmen said, some of their workers were killed.

The meeting resolved to hold discussions with

community organisations, trade unions and student organisations, with a view to working together in issues that affect the welfare of the black businessman and of the black community in general.

Court Reporter

A TEENAGER and a 22-year-old man left the Wynberg Magistrate's Court yesterday handcuffed together after appearing briefly in connection with the murder of poet and author Dr Richard Rive.

# Youths in COURT OVER author Rive's murder

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about five minutes while their son appeared.

A 17-year-old Mitchell's Plain youth, who may not be identified, appeared with Mr Vincent Donald Aploon, 22, of Saffraan Street, Bonteheuvel.

They were not asked to plead during a brief appearance in the juvenile court. However, the charge sheet indicates that they may be charged with murder.

No members of the public or press were permitted to attend the in-camera hearing.

However, Mr Aploon's parents, who stood in the corridor anxiously waiting to be allowed into the courtroom, were let in for

As press cameras clicked, the teenager gestured obscenely to the press before the two were whisked away by murder and robbery unit detectives.

They will be held at the Bellville police cells until their appearance on Thursday.

Dr Rive, 59, whose works have appeared in 28 countries and have been translated into 16 lan-

guages, was found dead in his Elandale home on June 4. He had been stabbed in the chest several times.

His latest play — "Buckingham Palace — District Six" opened at the Baxter Theatre last night. Dr Rive was also the head of the English department at Hewat Teacher's Training College.

The two accused gave themselves up to East Rand police on June 12 soon after Mrs Maureen Aploon appealed to her son to do so.

Mr P Engelbrecht was the magistrate. Mrs A Gerick prosecuted. Mr Keith Hamblin appeared for Mr Aploon and Mr Darryl Roelf for the youth.



**SUSPECTS' PARENTS** . . . Mr James Aploon and his wife Maureen, the parents of Mr Vincent Aploon, leave the Wynberg Magistrate's Court yesterday after their son appeared in connection with the murder of Dr Richard Rive.

Picture: GLENN SHERBATT

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# Poverty and crime plague Manenberg

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Staff Reporter

NEARLY a third of the people of Manenberg are unemployed, a survey by the Manenberg Research Group (MRG) shows.

And 46% of households live on less than R345, the poverty datum line for 1985. The average household size is six to seven people.

The figures were released by the MRG — which comprises representatives from Manenberg's community and religious organisations, and from UWC and UCT — at a press conference yesterday.

A Manenberg People's Centre (MPC) is to be built in the township's flat-land on a plot donated by the Manenberg-Heideveld United Church, to provide a base for the work of community organisations.

The year-long survey found that poverty, unemployment, high rents and electricity costs and crime were the main problems facing the community.

## Rive death: 2 given R500 bail 35

CAPE TOWN — A man and a youth who appeared in the Wynberg Magistrate's Court in connection with the murder of author and lecturer Dr Richard Rive, were each granted bail of R500 yesterday. *Star 23/6/89*

Mr Vincent Aploon (22), of 63 Safram Street, Bonteheuwel, and a youth (17), of Westridge, Mitchells Plain, were not

asked to plead.

Their appearance follows the death on June 4 of Dr Rive (59), in his Windsor Park home, Heathfield. He had been stabbed several times.

A condition of their bail is that they report to their nearest police station every Wednesday and Saturday night. The case was postponed to July 19.

# 'Gangsters must be stopped'

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THE "scourge of gangsterism" that is sweeping through Soweto and other townships has to be stopped, according to a spokesman of the Soweto Civic Association.

Gangsters become the cutting edge of vigilante forces which can then be used against progressive organisations, the spokesman said in a Press release issued in Johannesburg yesterday.

He said the Soweto community had seen and read of the

numerous deeds of these gangsters, like rapes, robberies and burglaries.

"We feel that now is the time to take the necessary steps to eliminate this evil".

Mosunkutu called on students to reorganise and strengthen their structures and organisations "to better tackle this problem". Parents' meetings also had to be held throughout Soweto to discuss the issue, he said.

"In the end it is only better organisation that will finally eliminate this problem".

# Police guards on city banks to beat the robbers

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## Crime Reporter

POLICE are to tighten security at Peninsula banks and building societies in an attempt to prevent a possible spate of armed robberies similar to those which have hit financial institutions on the Witwatersrand in recent months.

Since the beginning of the year more than R23-million has been stolen from banks and building societies in Johannesburg, Midrand, Randburg and Sandton.

Police liaison officer Major Jan Calitz said that from Monday morning special constables would be stationed at various banks and building societies in the Peninsula.

He added that the policemen would be rotated to other branches in coming weeks.

The special constables would be backed up by plainclothes policemen who would visit the

banking halls and by regular police patrols in the vicinity of banks and building societies.

Describing the measures as preventative, Major Calitz said they would be in force "until further notice".

Major Calitz refused to disclose how many policemen would be involved in the operation or at which banks they would be stationed.

And in another warning, the chairman of a major security company, Major John Bishop, said that the present waves of bank robberies would continue until security in South African banks was improved.

● Sapa reports that in Malvern, Johannesburg, a bank robbery went wrong for a gang when a member of the public opened fire on its six members as they were escaping. One of the robbers was wounded and dropped most of the stolen cash.

The suspected robber is thought to have been seriously

hurt and police have appealed to hospitals and doctors to report to the nearest police station any black man requiring treatment for a gunshot wound.

A police spokesman said the six armed men entered the First National Bank in Malvern at 12.50pm yesterday, took R25 000 and fled to a waiting white BMW car.

A member of the public opened fire as they were entering the car. He hit one of the gang members, who dropped a bank bag containing R21 000.

His colleagues left the BMW and helped the wounded man into a back-up vehicle, a Ford truck with a canopy, which sped off.

The police spokesman said it had been decided not to release the name of the member of the public who intervened in the robbery at this stage, in the interests of his own safety. However, his name may be released later.

**FOUR** people have been killed in a community backlash against gang activity and crime in Cape Town's African townships.

They burnt to death when their shack was allegedly firebombed in a clash between Nyanga residents and the Fireboys gang.

The dead men, Loli Diba, 18; Totman Goba, 18; Oscar Sibotoboto, 17; and Twana Zwide, 19; all of Zwelitsha, are believed to have been members of the gang.

Police spokesman Lieutenant Attie Laubscher on Wednesday confirmed two arrests saying "more arrests were expected".

The two would appear in court soon, he said.

### Forced to flee

The attack follows an incident earlier this month in which a family were forced to flee to Crossroads after their home was allegedly alight by residents who claimed they harboured "hooligans".

A resident, who declined to be named, said the violence erupted when the Fireboys allegedly attacked and killed an Old Crossroads resident returning from a rugby match in Nyanga.

In the ensuing violence gangsters chased residents in Nyanga with pangas, burnt two shacks and looted several others — almost sparking off a renewal of hostilities between Nyanga and Old Crossroads residents.

The torching last Friday was the outcome of seething community anger towards the gang, said the resident.

"A series of meetings were convened where these boys together with their parents were invited, but in

most cases the parents of gang members sympathised with their sons," he said.

This led to "resentment and mistrust in the community resulting in residents being reluctant to participate in meetings," he said.

"Street patrols formed led to the gangsters victimising patrol leaders".

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# Firebombed

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Four men burnt to death as

community hits back at gangs

BY ANDILE XAYIYA



# Teenagers fall prey to City's night vultures

By DALE KNEEN and  
BRONWYN DAVIDS  
Weekend Argus Reporters  
MUGGERS, rapists and  
drug dealers appear to  
have targeted the Penin-  
sula's avid nightclubbing  
fraternity as easy prey  
and crime is on the in-  
crease.

And, say victims, they ap-  
pear to work in gangs.

Two fights, a shooting and a  
fatal stabbing have occurred at  
nightclubs in the past two  
weeks and three men appeared  
in the Cape Town Regional  
Court last week in connection  
with the mugging and robbing  
of six motorists outside a city  
club.

Weekend Argus spoke to  
nightclub hosts, patrons and  
gangsters, and discovered a  
pattern of crime established  
that was unlikely to change un-  
less police cracked down on of-  
fenders.

A Hanover Park gang mem-  
ber who has been in prison, Mr  
Joe Taylor, 36, said schoolboys  
joined gangs.

"They start smoking ciga-  
rettes and drinking beer, but  
soon they move on to dagga  
and other drugs," he said.

"In no time they need to turn  
to a life of crime in order to  
support their habits."

The centre of their activities  
was usually nightclubs, and  
fighting and muggings took  
place there, he said.

Nightclub hosts however  
claim gang fights almost never  
occur at their clubs and that  
the strictest security measures  
and checks on alcohol were en-  
forced.

Situated in the middle of  
gang-infested Manenberg is  
Club Montreal, where nightclub  
patrons said assaults and rob-  
bery often occurred.

## Weapons

But club manager Mr Sonnel  
Scheepers said the club did not  
search patrons for weapons  
and crime had not taken place  
there for the past five years.

He said the club did not em-  
ploy "bouncers" or security  
guards inside the club. Man-  
agement was responsible for  
security.

"We have no problems here.  
This club is probably safer  
than any in Sea Point."

Other clubs employed  
"bouncers" who tried to pre-  
vent fights and patrons selling  
liquor inside the club.

One such night spot is the  
Galaxy Disco Restaurant in  
Athlone, which has 12 security  
guards operating on two levels  
in the nightclub.

Four watchmen patrolled  
with dogs outside to prevent  
damage to vehicles and to dis-  
perse crowds.

According to employee Mr  
Gordon Smith men and women  
were body-searched regularly.

However Mr Donovan de  
Klerk, 20, of Wetton, claimed  
many clubs hand-searched  
male patrons, while women  
were allowed in unchecked.

"The women carry in the

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weapons for their boyfriends  
who are members of gangs,"  
said Mr de Klerk, a regular  
visitor to clubs since the age of  
13.

If clubs had good security in-  
side, they often lacked security  
outside and some of these clubs  
were situated in violent areas  
infested with "scurramonke"  
(gangsters).

## Martial arts

Mr de Klerk said the securi-  
ty at clubs such as The Groove  
and Galaxy was good because  
the "bouncers" often carried  
weapons and were martial arts  
specialists.

Parents, fearful their chil-  
dren might get harmed at  
nightclubs, believe there is lit-  
tle that can be done to improve  
the situation.

"We don't know what goes on  
at the clubs," said a mother of  
two teenage daughters, Mrs  
Nancy Jacobs.

"Our children are out there  
in a crowd with all sorts of  
people and nobody knows what  
they get up to."

She said she feared her chil-  
dren might be exposed to drugs  
or raped, even though they as-  
sured her they only went to  
night spots with adequate secu-  
rity.

"How effective can the secu-  
rity be if people get stabbed,  
assaulted and raped there?"  
Mrs Jacobs asked.

A 17-year-old calling herself  
Toni said she went to the Space  
Odyssey in Salt River "very of-  
ten".

Revellers at the Space Ody-  
ssey had to run a gauntlet re-  
cently when several shots were  
fired at them.

Toni, who lives in Wynberg,  
said she was not perturbed by  
the violence at clubs because  
she was "very careful" in  
choosing the people she went  
with.

"I am a regular at many of  
these clubs and the bouncers  
and managers know who I am  
and thus I feel quite safe," she  
said.

The situation is unlikely to  
change for as Mr Taylor puts  
it: "In the sixties we went to  
'hops', in the seventies to  
'scenes' and in the eighties to  
discos, but the pattern of crime  
never changes."

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# Child molestation suspect in court

Court Reporter

AN alleged member of the Peninsula child sex ring appeared in Cape Town Regional Court yesterday in connection with the molesting of eight boys between the ages of 15 and 18 and sodomising of a 15-year-old.

The 41-year-old Gardens man, who may not yet be named, was not asked to plead.

However, the charge sheet indicates that he will be charged in terms of the Immorality Act with eight counts of committing, or attempting to commit, immoral and indecent acts with boys under the ages of 19, alternatively eight counts of indecent assault.

He is also likely to be charged with sodomising a 15-year-old boy and indecently assaulting a 17-year-old youth.

All the offences are alleged to have occurred at or near the Gardens Centre in Gardens between 1982 and this year.

The man's bail of R500 was extended and the trial was postponed until July 12, when he will be asked to plead.

Mr J D Huggett was the magistrate. Mr I Yuill prosecuted and Mr W Booth appeared for the man.

# Alleged pedophile found gassed in car

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Staff Reporters

A FORMER Defence Force captain and alleged member of the country's largest child sex ring has been found dead in a gas-filled car.

Mr Phillip Roy Ballentine, 36, of York Road, Green Point, was expected to appear in Cape Town Magistrate's Court yesterday morning in connection with charges of committing indecent acts with boys under the age of 19 during 1987.

Police said similar charges had also been put to Mr Ballentine in Pretoria.

The state withdrew the charges in absentia after the public prosecutor, Mrs A van den Berghshe, informed the court that Mr Ballentine had been found dead the previous day.

Police said Mr Ballentine's body was found in his car on the Melkbos road near Philadelphia on the West Coast about 5.30am.

Police liaison officer Lieutenant Attie Laubscher yesterday confirmed that Mr Ballentine was connected to the sex ring uncovered by detectives of the Peninsula Child Protection Unit in early March.

Detectives linked 15 alleged molest-



GASSED IN CAR ...  
Mr Phillip Roy Ballentine, 36.

ers to the ring. They had subjected at least 25 boys, aged between 12 and 17, to sodomy, indecent assault and indecent acts.

Mr Ballentine is the third member of the ring to have died.

A 41-year-old Sea Point Aids victim, Mr Johannes Kivits, who died in Somerset Hospital in October last year, was positively identified in affi-

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davits as having been a member of the sex ring. CAPE TIMES 6/7/89

It was also learnt that another man connected to the ring had died before police began their investigations. He has not yet been positively identified.

Residents at the block of flats where Mr Ballentine lived yesterday said he had associated with a "lot of youngsters" and also ran a nearby pool hall which was popular with schoolboys.

Mrs Vicky Lear, wife of the superintendent of the block of flats, told the

Cape Times that two boys were sleeping in Mr Ballentine's flat yesterday morning.

"The boys told me they knew about Mr Ballentine's death and that his brother would be travelling down from Namibia to clear things up," she said.

Mrs Lear said the youths later left the flat.

The dead man's flat was sparsely furnished; a photographic album containing pictures of young boys lay on a table in the lounge.



**FLASHBACK.** Nyanga East resident Mrs Anna Maduna in the ruins of the torched backyard shack where four alleged gangsters died recently

## 23 in court

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**TWENTY-THREE** Nyanga men have appeared in the Athlone magistrates court in connection with the deaths of four men torched in a Nyanga shack last month.

Mr Mose Mongezi and 22 others, including eight youths aged between 15 and 17, were not asked to plead to four accounts of murder, alternatively culpable homicide.

The dead men were all alleged members of the Fireboys gang.

The charge sheet also indicates that the 22 face charges of attempting to murder three other men in the shack.

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# The community that looked into its

**MANENBERG.** The name of a haunting melody, made famous by jazz pianist Abdullah Ebrahim. Also the name of the township he lived in, rather less well known than the song

But that could change now. The township behind the song has taken the initiative to launch a pioneering survey in which residents look into their own hearts.

The Manenberg Ministers' Fraternal, an interdenominational body of clergymen, decided recently to do something about the township's many problems, including poverty, homelessness and crime.

They began discussions with local community organisations, and together came up the idea of a centre sited in the heart of

By GAYE DAVIS in Cape Town

Manenberg's flatland, offering advice and counselling to individuals, and a place where groups could explore ways of tackling their problems.

But what did the people of Manenberg themselves want the centre to be? It was decided there was only one way to find out: by carrying out a survey. But it was not to be an ordinary survey.

Heather Petersen, co-ordinator of the Manenberg Research Group, explains: "The community was involved in every stage of the process and residents carried out the actual survey themselves."

The research collective — made up of academics from the universities of Cape Town, Western Cape and the Organisation for Appropriate Social Services in South Africa — ran a series of workshops, aimed not only at training interviewers but also in determining the shape of the survey itself.

"There was initially a great deal of suspicion, although we had a clear mandate to do the research," Petersen says.

"Researchers usually go into a community, ask questions, raise expectations and then are never seen again. They get their PhD or write a book, and the people are left with their problems. We agreed no-one would get a degree out of the research, no students would be used and residents would do the survey themselves."

## Panic in the Roux house as the wit pampier arrives

By GAYE DAVIS  
Cape Town

LICE, mice and cockroaches, the house is full of them. One of her children has tuberculosis and she cannot keep his bedding dry. In the Cape winter, the damp seeps in through the walls.

In a tiny backyard in Manenberg, Michelle le Roux pauses for breath under a sodden grey blanket of a sky. It is bitterly cold. The children milling about are skimpily clad, some bare-foot.

There is no money for food today, says Le Roux, not even bread. She took R100 to the rent office to pay off arrears, panicked by an eviction notice. When the white envelope arrived by registered mail, she thought it was perhaps money from a relative in Cape Town.

But it was a *wit pampier* (white paper) — the dreaded warning from the Cape Town City Council that if the arrears weren't paid, the family would lose their house.

In Manenberg, a working-class township just outside Cape Town



Easy prey to the lure of Manenberg's gangs ... there's no way you can protect your kids from the gangs

Pictures by ZUBEIDA VALLIE

designated for people classified "coloured", evictions are virtually an every-day occurrence, although the city council maintains it evicts no-one who, through no fault of their own, doesn't pay their rent.

In 1987, the township's rent bill was 114 percent in arrears and more than half the estimated 41 000 people living there were behind with their payments.

When you are evicted, council officials move your furniture into the street; then they seal the doors and windows.

If you act in time, you visit the rent

office and "make an arrangement". This entails promising to pay off the arrears at a monthly rate. If you don't, or can't, you're on the street.

But not only the council is responsible for evictions.

Kathleen Pretorius, a widow, used to rent a room from the tenants of a house nearby. But then they found someone else and she and her four children had to move.

For the past two years, the family has been living in a tiny box of a corrugated iron shack in the Le Roux family's backyard.

The children — the youngest is

nine months old, the eldest 14 — are eating a lunch of mashed potatoes cooked on a paraffin stove. Kathleen shows the scars on her two-year-old daughter's legs, testimony to a fire which nearly destroyed the shack.

They survive on her monthly welfare cheque of R184. She pays the Le Roux family R10 a month for water.

Pretorius points at the holes in the corrugated iron through which the wind whistles and rain filters and says: "This is the house of the heroes — you have to be brave to live here."

Staying with her is Lynette Jacobs, 21, mother of a four-year-old and

pregnant with a second child. She is unemployed and lives on what the four-year-old's father gives her.

"It is cold in the *hok* (hut) But I've got no other place to stay."

By comparison, the conditions under which 39-year-old Gaironesa de Vries and her family live are palatial.

Their home has a tiny front room with a lounge suite and pictures on the wall, a small kitchen and two bedrooms.

But it houses five adults and 13 children: Gaironesa, her husband and their seven children; her brother-in-law, his wife and their six children.

## BATTLE NUMBER ONE: FURNITURE ON THE MP'S LAWN

"EERS die kos, dan die rent (first the food, then the rent)" is the slogan of the Manenberg Civic Association.

Launched in 1987, it was born out of a perceived need "to address problems affecting the entire community collectively, rather than individually".

The survey, in which the civic was centrally involved, has provided important leverage.

"The results can now be used to prove to the city council that people in Manenberg can't afford high rents, and also to draw their attention to the real poverty which prevails in the area," said chairman Faldiel de Vries.

The civic's demands are straightforward: rent arrears should be scrapped and rents pegged at affordable levels.

"The civic believes people's rent should be calculated on what they can afford after they've paid for the basics — hence the slogan," said a steering committee member.

Steering committee members include two housewives, the vice-principal of a school, an assistant in Cape Town's Trade Union library and a Bachelor of Arts graduate.

They told how it was soon realised that "mobilising people and holding meetings" wouldn't halt evictions.

A change in tactics resulted in some notable victories.



Manenberg ... a desolate township of poverty, homelessness, evictions and crime

One involved arranging the furniture of an evicted tenant on the lawn in the garden of the home of the Labour Party MP for Heideveld.

"He got very excited and there were lots of calls to the city council. Finally he threatened to call the police."

"We moved the furniture back to a church where the tenant had been staying temporarily — but he got a house."

Another involved moving an evicted tenant's furniture and dumping it — fridges, beds, cupboards and chairs — in the rent office itself.

"High school students helped carry. They gathered outside, there was a lot of noise."

"We said we want a house for this person and we want it now. They told us there were no houses."

"We found a house standing empty,

and said we were going to give it to this person. The council gave in.

"The tenant didn't even know. She was phoned at work and told she'd been put out but that a new house had been found for her. On her way home on the bus she saw people carrying furniture, but she didn't even realise it was hers."

The ploy's success encouraged an evicted tenant to move his furniture and his family into the rent office.

"When he was told there were no houses, he said OK, he'd sleep in the office. They were wanting to close up for the day."

"One of the civic people drove around and found an empty house. The man got it — he didn't even have to pay his advance."

Victories such as these gained the civic valuable support.

These days the civic, weakened by the continuing State of Emergency, like many other community organisations, is struggling with another problem: that of gangs.

"Gang fights are crippling. People are afraid to come out at night and attendance at meetings has dropped as a result."

Steering committee members say that because they've worked in the community for a long time most of the gangs know them.

But one night in February one of them was stabbed in the stomach after being attacked from behind.

Negotiations are underway in a bid to forge an agreement that civic members won't be harmed.

"We can't stop the fighting or put an end to the gangs, but we want our members to be safe on the streets. They're helping the state by preventing us from operating, and that's why we're talking to them."

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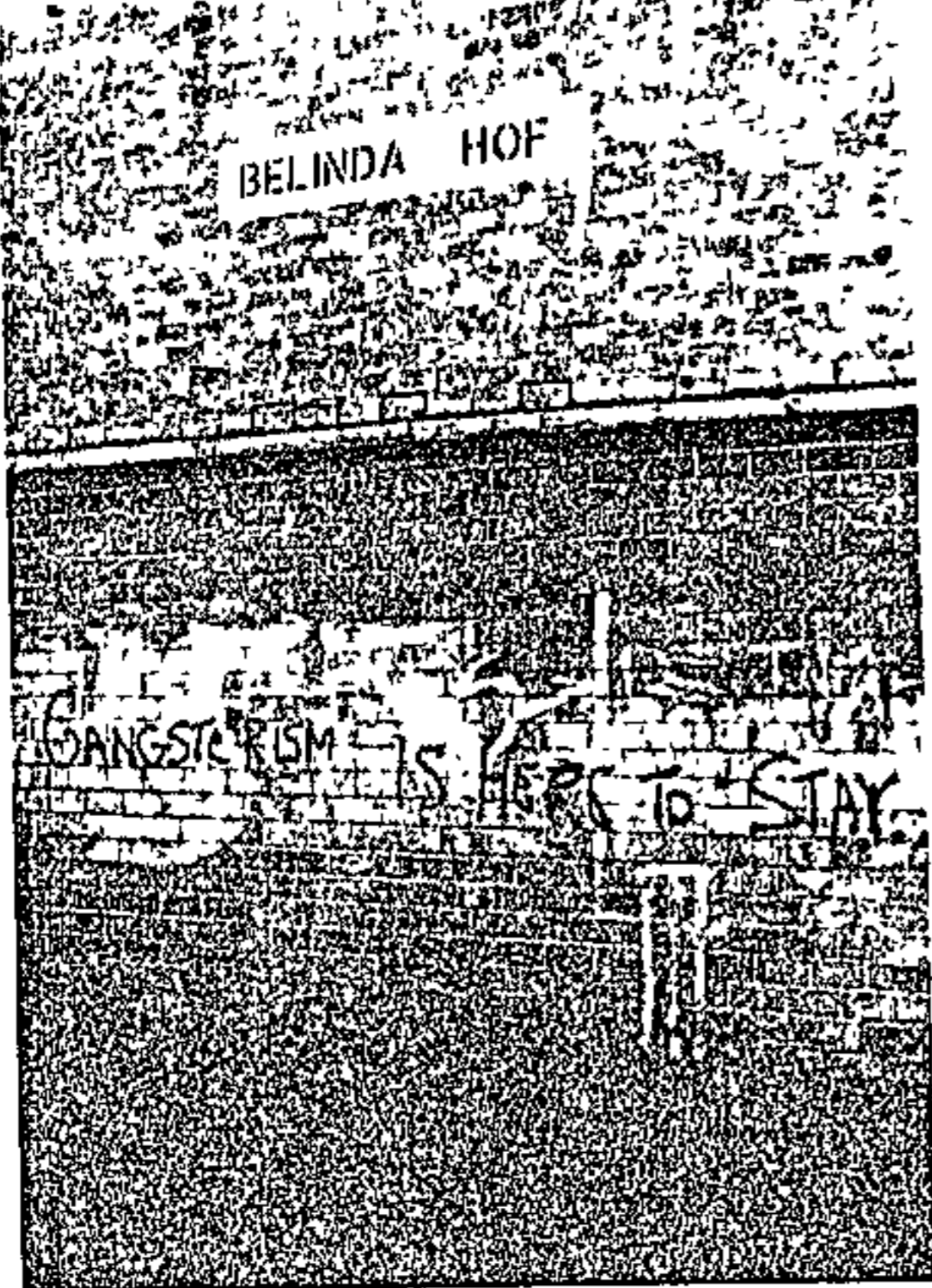
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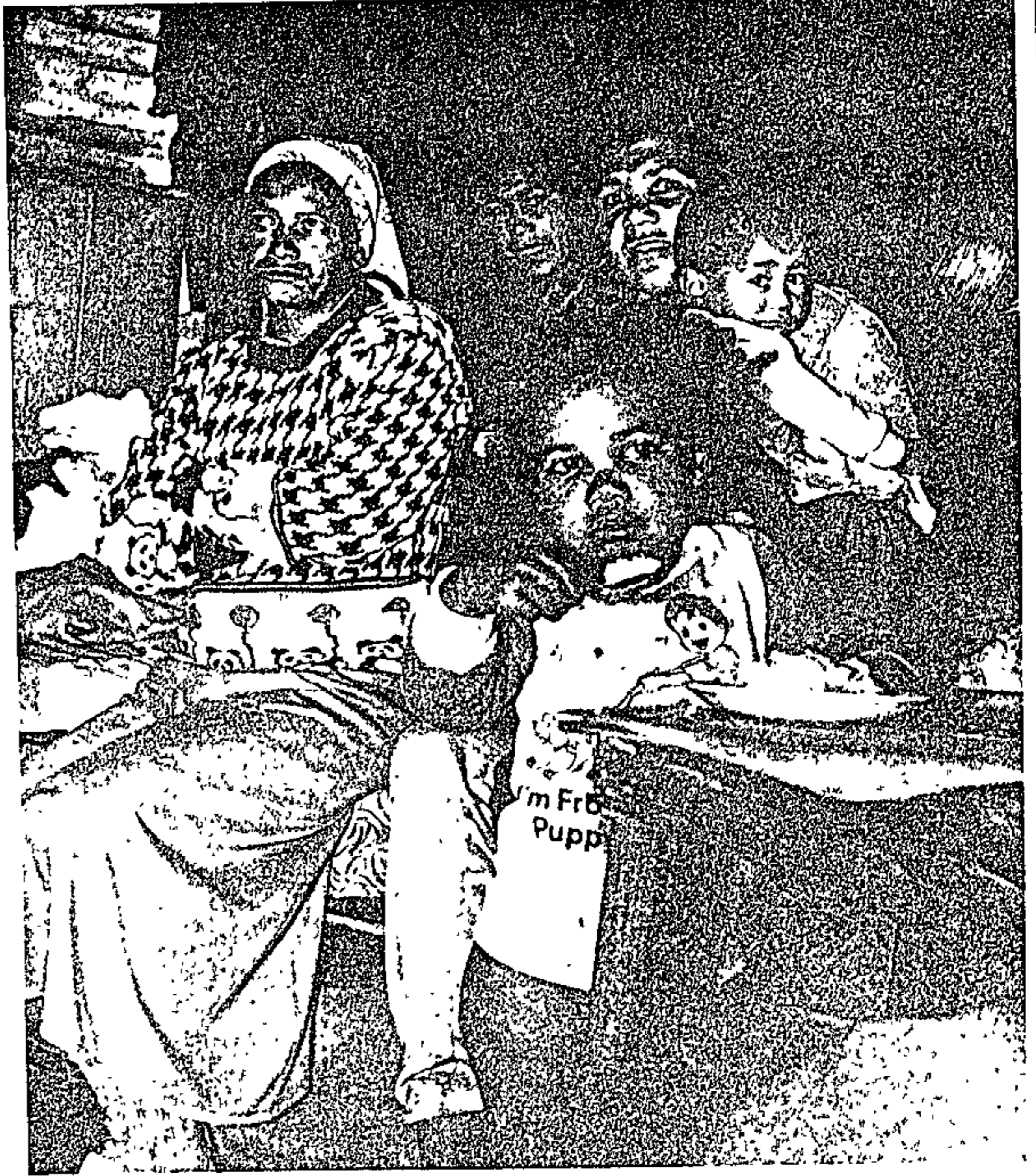
"We'd stopped and re-negotiated the research design. We workshopped how the questionnaire should look, what should be asked, how to word it so it would be accessible.

In a series of what came to be known as *die rooi pamphlette* (the red pamphlets), the community was informed about the survey and later, its findings.

"The survey has proved invaluable as a voice of the people of Manenberg," said Petersen. "The information will be used to build a centre that will address people's real concerns, rather than those postulated by social scientists and welfare workers. It won't be seen as something imposed on the community. The need for it was defined by the people."



Graffiti-smearred walls mark the gang's territory



Two years in a tiny corrugated iron shack ... "this is the house of the heroes, you have to be brave to live here"

De Vries' two eldest children, boys aged 16 and 17, sleep in a van parked outside at night. The rest pack into the bedroom, its space consumed by a double bed and a wardrobe.

She rises early to make coffee and sandwiches, first for those who must go to work, then for those who go to school. At night they eat in shifts in the cramped bedroom, the youngest children first, the others later.

There is no bathroom. Water is heated on the stove and poured into a plastic tub. De Vries' youngest child, Abduragman, 4, was burned by boiling water five months ago.

De Vries and her husband have been renting the room from her brother-in-law for the past five years.

The lack of space and privacy, the

bickering and squabbling among the children, the difficulty in making a small income stretch to feed, clothe and educate everyone stretches nerves to breaking point.

For De Vries, her hair hidden under a white headscarf, a pink overall over her cardigan, it is essential relations with her brother-in-law be maintained: without his goodwill, they would have nowhere to live.

But she has other fears. Her 16-year-old left school this year. "He got Standard Nine and wanted to go further. But it was impossible for him to study here. There is no space."

She is thankful he has already found a job, rather than hanging around on street corners, easy prey to the lure of Manenberg's many gangs.

Graffiti-smearred walls shout their names, marking the gang's territory or violating that of another: the Ugly Americans, the Naughty Angels, the Hard Livings, the Schoolboys, the Scorpions.

For the past month, the township has been riven by furious gang fights, said to have been sparked by the killing of a member of the Hard Livings.

Some residents are reluctant to talk about the gangs. "Jy kyk net voor jou (you just look straight ahead)," said Mayo Bosman, who lives near a badly lit section dubbed "the ghettos", said to be Scorpions' territory.

"I hear things at night, but no-one's ever interfered with me and I don't interfere with them."

Others will talk, on condition they aren't identified. They tell of an unofficial curfew: how by 8pm people are inside their homes and won't stir outside until morning.

"There's no way you can protect your kids from the gangs," said one woman. "There's nowhere for the kids except the street. So your boy stands on the street corner. OK, so he may be a good boy, but they gather round him, he sees them every day, and eventually he joins them."

Manenberg's amenities are listed in city council records: one swimming pool, one library, six netball courts, eight sports fields, eight children's playgrounds.

The gangs offer easy money, camaraderie, status in a community where

unemployment is rife — where, in a diminished economy, even a matric certificate is no guarantee of a job.

Not surprisingly, Manenberg's crime rate is high.

Department of Justice figures show that between 1980 and 1985, the number of murder cases jumped by 31 percent, those of burglaries by 18 percent.

During the same period the number of prisoners sentenced to two years' or more jail (usually implying a previous conviction and an offence involving violence) rose by 17 percent.

By far the biggest problems, however, are poverty and unemployment, with their usual spin-offs of drug and alcohol abuse, family violence, depression and other psychological ills.

## What the survey found out about the town

MANENBERG was built during the mid-1960s on 21 hectares covering the sandy wastes of the Cape Flats. The first families moved in during 1968, forced by Group Areas Act removals out of their homes in District Six, Diep River and other suburbs.

At the time, housing authorities estimated that 50 percent of the population consisted of displaced families.

Between 1979 and 1980, the population increased by 110 percent.

It now stands at about 41 000 people housed in 6 020 dwellings, most of them state-owned double- and triple-storey flats. Manenberg has the highest percentage of sub-economic housing of all the municipal housing schemes in the greater Cape Town area.

Almost half of Manenberg's households — the average family size is between six and seven people — live on incomes below the 1985 poverty datum level of R345 a month.

This is one of the findings of a survey carried out by the residents themselves with the help of a research collective made up of academics from the universities of Cape Town and the

Western Cape and members of the Organisation for Appropriate Social Services in South Africa (OASSSA).

Based on a sample of 701 residents canvassed door-to-door, the survey established that:

●96 percent of residents agreed that poverty, combined with unemployment and the high cost of rent and electricity comprised the main problems faced by the community

●29 percent of residents were unemployed, while 57 percent of people over the age of 14 (including students and pensioners) were not wage earners. (This figure is made more significant by the fact that about 30 percent of Manenberg's population is under the age of 14)

●Even among those who are employed, 46 percent of average-sized households (six and seven people) lived on incomes below the 1985 poverty datum level of R345 a month

●10 percent of households are totally dependent on minuscule state pensions and grants

●Only 13 percent of breadwinners earned salaries of more than R801 a month.

A generally low level of education decreases people's chances of getting jobs paying a living wage. The survey found that, on average, 51 percent of residents had only a primary school education and only two percent a tertiary education, while nine percent were illiterate.

Another major problem identified by 88 percent of residents was the dangerous environment: high levels of crime, gangsterism and violence.

Illegal sale and abuse of drugs and alcohol was rated the third biggest problem (68 percent of residents), followed by inadequate community facilities (27 percent) such as poor roads and lighting and the lack of medical and child care facilities.

Most serious problems facing families were familial and marital conflict (33 percent) and the housing shortage (16 percent). An average of two to three people occupy each room in a household.

Alongside the poverty is pride: "I like Manenberg," said Mayo Bosman. "My children grew up here, they went to school here, the people have never interfered with me."

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**GANGSTERISM** in Cape Town's African townships is out of hand.

Community anger over the activities of the gangs in Nyanga, Guguletu, Khayelitsha and Langa has reached boiling point and residents are now taking the "law into their own hands".

The petrol-bombing of a shack in Old Location, Nyanga East, in which four alleged gang members of the Fire Boys died last Saturday, is believed to be a community revenge action following a spate of attacks on residents in recent weeks.

Members of the Fire Boys were allegedly involved in the killing of an Old Crossroads resident on June 11.

The deaths of the four members of the "Fire Boys" is the latest in several incidents of "revenge" by residents on gang members.

In January this year Simon Madukanene, an alleged member of the Amafelandawonye, was stabbed to death after being cornered.

Several shacks and known hide-outs of gangs have been set alight by irate residents.

Residents and community leaders now fear that the violence in the townships will escalate with possible political ramifications.

Gangsterism in the townships of Cape Town is widespread and the latest clashes can be traced to fights between the corner-boys and students and pupils in 1987. Gangs apparently emerged after the youths formed groups to defend themselves.

Today a variety of gangs operate in all parts of the townships with differing membership.

Many gang members are



Nyanga East resident Mrs Anna Maduna in the ruins of the torched backyard shack in which four alleged gang members died last week

## Gang activities sparks reprisals

grey-flannelled schoolboys by day and marauding robbers and killers at night.

New gangs are formed almost overnight with muggings, robberies and inter-gang warfare as their main activities.

One of the gangs, Ama-Adderley operate in Section Three, Nyanga East. Their fierce rivals are the Ntsaras — one of the most feared and largest gangs.

The Ntsaras seem to dominate all areas. Their "headquarters" is in Nyanga. Lately, they have also established themselves in an area known as the K...kyard in Guguletu.

Ama-Felandawonye, which is Xhosa for "those who die in the same place", are the main group operating in Section Three, Guguletu. Smaller gangs, the Ama-Toffy, Ama-Young Deserts and the

Guilty Boys, are "offspring" of the Ntsaras.

Like the Ntsaras, the Black Wadada, TSB and the Adderley Boys have Langa and Nyanga East as their stronghold

The Bad Boys, Dangerous Boys and Born Free Kids operate in New Crossroads.

The Ntsaras, Ama-Adderleys and Ama-Deserters are known to operate also in Khayelitsha.

Some of the worst excesses of the gangs in recent times were:

- Gang invasions of schoolgrounds and knife fights with pupils;

- The killing of two men with pangas in front of horrified mourners at Guguletu's cemetery;

- The killing of a security guard at a pop concert at Athlone stadium;

- The deaths of several people in inter-gang

"wars";

- Daily muggings, robberies and rapes which has given townships like Guguletu one of the worst crime rates in the country.

The communities have been involved in several efforts over the past year to address the problem which has forced many residents to virtually change their lifestyles.

Committees and street patrols have been formed in a number of areas. Some of the organisations involved in these efforts were Cayco, Western Cape Civic Association, United Women's Congress and several student organisations.

They have been hampered, however, by the state of emergency and the imposition of restrictions on community leaders and organisations such as Cayco.

# EX-NP executive fined for sex with girl, 11

Own Correspondent

**PORT ELIZABETH.** — A former Uitenhage National Party executive secretary who was fined R6 000 (or six months) yesterday for committing immoral and indecent acts with a girl aged 11, will have to sell his house to pay the fine.

This was said by Mr A Kilian, the defence advocate, in the case of Gideon Jacobus "Berrie" van Wyk, 52, of Alwyn Street, Uitenhage, who was sentenced to a further 12 months' imprisonment, conditionally suspended

for five years.

Van Wyk was apparently close friends with the girl's parents. The parents were so shocked when they heard about the offences that they could not believe the reports.

Van Wyk, who was an unsuccessful independent candidate in the municipal elections in October last year, pleaded guilty to committing immoral and indecent acts with a girl aged 11 in Uitenhage between 1983 and October 1988. According to the state, Van Wyk

had committed the offences by putting his finger in the girl's private parts, forcing her to put his private parts in her mouth and attempting to put his private parts in hers.

Detective Warrant-Officer E Kolesky told the court that during his investigation, it had emerged that on two occasions the girl had telephoned her sister in the Transvaal and reported the incidents to her.

He said he had gathered information from the girl's parents and sister. No action was taken after the girl's

sister had told the parents what she knew.

After the girl had telephoned her sister for the second time and made another report to her, her sister contacted the girl's headmaster in Uitenhage. Talks were subsequently held and the question of sexual acts with young girls was discussed.

W-O Kolesky said that because of the long-standing friendship between the girl's parents and Van Wyk, her parents were so shocked they could not believe what they had been told.

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# 19 killed in violence

## Crime Reporter

AT least 19 people were killed in a weekend of violence in the Peninsula — most of them were stabbed to death.

A spokesman for the ambulance services said one vehicle had carried at least seven victims to the police mortuary, which had been "inundated" with bodies ready for post mortems.

A 21-year-old Manenberg man was shot and killed yesterday in what appeared to be a gang-related incident.

Mr Shuyb Allies, of 34G Thames Way, Manenberg, died soon after 1.30am when he was shot in the head while walking outside Erica Court, police said.

Police today arrested a 28-year-old man and confiscated a revolver and ammunition.

One fatal stabbing took place in Kuils River, two in Bellville, one in Parow, one in Kraaifontein, one in Athlone, two in Elsie's River, two in Guguletu, one in Manenberg, two in Atlantis, one in Mitchell's Plain, one in Kensington and three in Khayelitsha.

The family of a Lenteguur man, Mr Arthur Volkswyn, 36, are due to leave for Hopetown to identify his body after he died mysteriously while travelling to Johannesburg.

According to his sister, Mrs Roseline Davids, Mr Volkswyn was on his way with friends to Secunda, where he was employed.

"Arthur left by train for Johannesburg on Wednesday. That was the last time he was seen by his family," Mrs Davids said.

"His friends reported him missing when the train got to Johannesburg. The next day his body was said to be in the Hopetown mortuary."

A Parow car-repair firm employee was found strangled in Jean Simmonds Avenue on Friday evening.

The employee, Mr Willem van Heerden, 52, was found dead in a room at the firm's premises at midnight.

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An Elsie's River policeman, Constable R Oosterwyk, was shot in the leg by a man who fled from Kashmiri Cafe, Halt Road, on Friday evening when he was about to be searched for acting suspiciously.

A Hopefield man, Mr Benjamin Louw, 45, died in a police cell after he was arrested for drunkenness.

A man was threatened with a gun and robbed of R280 when he stopped at a petrol station in Bishop Lavis on Saturday at 7am.

Mr Zandile Tokwe was approached by five men at Key Auto Centre. One of the five took out a gun and threatened Mr Tokwe before stealing the money, a police spokesman said.

A debt collector, Mrs Mary Pedro, was held up and robbed of R550 by a gunman in Donkin Street, Belhar, about 8pm on Friday.

The Argus Bureau in Port Elizabeth reports that a Uitenhage man was stabbed 12 times when he was robbed of his watch and jacket at the weekend.

Mr Mark Hurter, 29, of Cuyler, was in town on Saturday night when a man approached him and asked for a match. Mr Hurter said he did not have a match. The man drew a knife, forced him to a vacant lot and demanded that Mr Hurter remove his jacket. A fight started and Mr Hurter was left unconscious. He was found by a passerby who took him to hospital.

● An anti-crime operation headed by Lieutenant-Colonel Adam Blauw, criminal investigations chief for Mitchell's Plain, involving 20 detectives and 13 uniformed policemen, led to the arrest of 92 people on Friday night.

Fifteen people were held in connection with two murders. Others were arrested for robbery, car theft, rape, housebreaking, assault with intent, public violence and possession of suspected stolen property.

# 12 stabbed to death in weekend violence: 5 suspects arrested

Staff Reporter

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POLICE have arrested suspects in five of 12 cases in which people were stabbed to death in a weekend of violence in the Peninsula.

A 26-year-old man has been arrested in connection with the stabbing of Ms Susan Wright, 26, in Bellville on Saturday, while a 24-year-old man was arrested after Mr Phillip Willemse, 23, was stabbed in Atlantis on Sunday.

A 22-year-old man and two youths were arrested after the deaths of Mr Fezile Buwa, 20, Mr Elliott Mtundezi, 35, and Mr Mzamo Ngcambu, 25. No arrests had yet been made in these cases:

- Mr Abraham April, 20, who was stabbed yesterday behind a petrol station in Atlantis.
- Mr Barry Malgas, 26, who was stabbed on Saturday at Epping Forest.
- Two unidentified men who were stabbed to death on Saturday, one in Kraaifontein and the second at Old Crossroads.
- Ms Norma Bentley, whose body was discovered on Saturday morning in an unfinished house in Silverton.
- An unidentified youth who was found stabbed to death in Kuils River on Sunday.
- Mfundu Gahni, 18, who died from stab wounds on Sunday morning in Khayelitsha.

# City directors on exchange control charges

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THREE Cape Town company directors pleaded not guilty in Cape Town Regional Court yesterday to fraud and contraventions of the exchange control act involving millions of rands. They are all directors of Electra Sea Products in Station Road, Woodstock: Mr Frederick Ronald "Pat" Chambers, 35, of Killarney Road, Oranjezicht, Mr Malcolm Stanley, 40, of Corbrooke Avenue, Claremont, and Mr Russel

Lancaster Penny 35, of Garfield Road, Claremont. They are charged with 53 counts of contravening the exchange control regulations to the extent of about R2,7m by allegedly making incorrect statements about transaction values. They are also charged with defrauding SATS to the order of about R30 000, contravening the Sea Fisheries Act to the order of about R128 000, and with illegally exporting perlemoen, failing

to declare the true value of goods exported, and making a false statement. All the alleged offences took place between 1986 and 1988. Giving evidence yesterday, Sea Fisheries control officer Mr Herman de Waal said he found documents relating to illegal exports in the company's Station Road office. The directors allegedly unlawfully exported about 21 000kg of perlemoen. They also allegedly made a false state-

ment by declaring that they were exporting frozen kingklip when they knew the container also contained squid and perlemoen. The alleged contraventions of the Sea Fisheries Act involved allegedly possessing 21 000kg of perlemoen without proof of purchase. The hearing continues today. Mr M J Langenhoven was the magistrate. Mr F Silber prosecuted. Mr G D van Schalkwyk SC and Mr R D Mc Dougal instructed by Norman, Wink and Stephens appeared for the accused.

# Terror drug crack hits Cape Town

By CHRIS BATEMAN

CRACK — the highly addictive cocaine-based drug which has spread like wildfire across the United States — has made its appearance in the city, sparking concern among drug rehabilitation workers and police.

Three of the top drug rehabilitation centres in the Peninsula yesterday cited multi-drug users as having reported experimenting with the drug. One psychiatrist, Dr Don Wilson, of the Observatory Drug Counselling Centre, expressed doubt as to whether sufficient medical facilities existed to handle the acute withdrawal symptoms of the drug as it "inevitably" became more popular.

Psychiatrists and psychologists working full-time with drug problems at Groote Schuur, Stikland and Lentegeur hospitals and at the Observatory and northern areas drug counselling centres all cited reports of crack abuse.

All said the reports had surfaced within the past six months.

Dr Wilson said it appeared that supplies of the drug were insufficient for anyone to acquire sufficient quantities to deal extensively. Abuse reported to him had generally been in fairly

affluent circles and on a "one off" basis.

Dr Wilson said "four to five" people at the Observatory Centre had reported having used crack in the "past few months".

Dr Colin Bower, regional chairman of Sanca and head of the Northern Areas Drug Action Committee, said crack sold at between R200 and R300 for 28g.

While nobody had been presented to his clinics with acute crack withdrawal symptoms, the drug had "come to the fore" in the past six to eight months with a "handful" of reports of its use.

Major Jasper Coetzee, of the police Narcotics Bureau, said his detectives had not come across the drug in the Western Cape or the Boland.

The white crystalline powder is cheaper than cocaine, is smoked and gives users an instant powerful "rush". Withdrawal from addiction usually involves urgent sedation, up to five days' detoxification and then up to six months of counselling to overcome psychological dependence.

● In the United States, crack has spread from three cities eight years ago to every state in the nation and has become "the fast food of drugs", Drug Enforcement Administration officials said.

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# City sex ring clerk says he molested boys

By MONICA GRAAFF  
Court Reporter

ROBERT LYNCH, an alleged member of the country's largest sex ring, pleaded guilty in Cape Town Regional Court yesterday to molesting eight boys, now aged between 16 and 18, over a period of four years.

The 41-year-old City Council clerk was found guilty on all eight of the charges against him in that in terms of the Immorality Act he committed, or attempted to commit, immoral and indecent acts with eight boys under the ages of 19.

All the offences occurred in his Gardens Centre flat between 1985 and this year.

Lynch is believed to be one of 15 men connected by detectives of the police Child Protection Unit to the country's largest sex ring which operated mostly in Sea Point and the City Bowl area.

Three members of the ring have died, one, 41-year-old Johannes Kivitz of Sea Point, of Aids-related pneumonia last October.

## Gassed to death

Another alleged member, 36-year-old former Defence Force captain Phillip Roy Ballentine, also of Sea Point, was found dead in a gas-filled car this month.

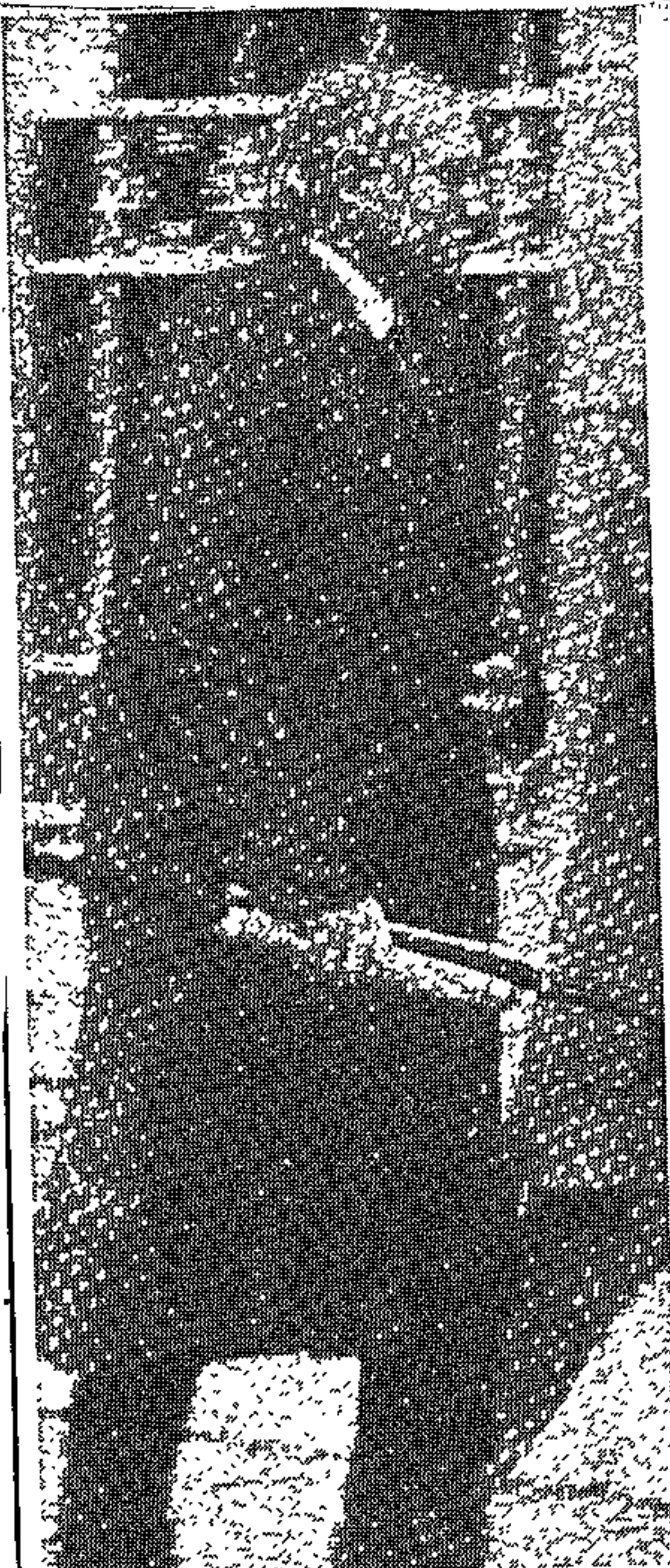
Aged between 30 and 67, the men are suspected of swopping at least 25 children aged between 12 and 18 and subjecting them to indecent assault, sodomy and acts of indecency.

According to police, the children were not abducted by the men, but first became friends with one alleged molester before being introduced to the rest of the ring.

Lynch's bail of R500 was extended and the trial was adjourned till September 5 for sentence.

He was seen leaving the court dressed in a black rain coat with an umbrella and newspaper tucked under his right arm. A man, understood to be his father, was with him.

Mr J M Lemmer was the magistrate Mr B L Bantjes prosecuted. Mr W Booth appeared for Lynch.



**MOLESTER ...** Wearing a black raincoat, Robert Lynch, first alleged member of the child sex ring to be convicted, leaves Cape Town Regional Court yesterday after pleading guilty to committing indecent acts with eight boys under the age of 19 over a period of four years.

Picture: ALAN TAYLOR

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# Rive 'made porn offer'

## He fondled and kissed my chest, says murder accused, aged 22

By YVETTE VAN BREDA

POET and author Dr Richard Rive told his two alleged killers they could "make a lot of money overseas making blue movies" and promised one a job at the Baxter Theatre and the other a part in the play "Buckingham Palace — District Six".

This was said yesterday in a statement by Mr Vincent Donald Aploon, 22, of Sa-fraan Street, Bonteheuwel, in Wynberg Magistrate's Court. Mr Aploon and a 17-year-old Mitchells Plain youth appeared on charges of murder and robbery.

Mr Aploon pleaded not guilty to murdering Dr Rive by stabbing him with a sharp object at his Heathfield home on June 4, and not guilty to culpable homicide.

He also pleaded not guilty to robbing Dr Rive but admitted that after he noticed that Dr Rive was lying still, and he and the youth had decided to flee, they had stolen Dr Rive's car, computer, microwave oven, video recorder, answering machine and tape recorder.



Dr Rive



Mr Aploon

He also pleaded guilty to five counts of fraud, admitting that he and the youth falsely used Dr Rive's credit card to buy petrol at five stations on their way to the East Rand where they were arrested.

The youth pleaded not guilty to charges of murder, alternatively culpable homicide, robbery and five counts of fraud.

In a statement disclosing the basis of his defence and handed to court by attorney Mr Keith Hamblin, Mr Aploon said he had been hitch-hiking in April and was offered a lift by Dr Rive.

They went to Dr Rive's house where they drank liquor and Dr Rive told Mr Aploon he would soon be staging a play. Mr Aploon said he told Dr Rive he was unemployed and after the drinks Dr Rive took him home and gave him R10.

At Dr Rive's request they met the following Friday. That day they again drank alcohol at Dr Rive's house and Dr Rive promised Mr Aploon a job at the Baxter Theatre. When Mr Aploon told Dr Rive he could sing, Dr Rive asked him to unbutton and later remove his shirt to sing.

Dr Rive said he would "work on Mr Aploon's body" and subsequently touched and rubbed his chest. He then offered him

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## Rive murder

a role in "Buckingham Palace", Mr Aploon said. After eating, they watched a video recording in Dr Rive's bedroom where Dr Rive suggested Mr Aploon join him on the bed. There he (Dr Rive) played with Mr Aploon's chest and kissed it. Dr Rive again gave Mr Aploon R10.

A similar meeting took place two weeks later and on two other occasions in May when Mr Aploon was told he should bring a friend and that he could "make a lot of money overseas making blue movies".

On June 3, Mr Aploon took his co-accused (the youth) to Dr Rive's home where Dr Rive also promised the youth a job at the Baxter Theatre and repeated that money could be made making "blue movies".

When Dr Rive asked the youth if he had been involved in any accidents and he replied that he had injured his leg, Dr Rive asked to see it and remarked "lovely".

They continued drinking and when they were all under the influence of liquor, Dr Rive refused to take them home and an argument ensued. Mr Aploon pushed Dr Rive against a bookshelf and Dr Rive hit him on the head with a whisky bottle, rupturing his scalp, the statement said.

Mr Aploon saw that Dr Rive was angry and ran to the kitchen for a knife. Dr Rive followed him and cut Mr Aploon's hand with the bottle and Mr Aploon and the youth, who had also fetched a knife, continued to defend themselves. Mr Aploon then stabbed Dr Rive in self-defence, the statement said.

The youth's attorney, Mr A Wilkinson, said he had been unable to consult with the boy's father who was in hospital in Johannesburg and he would hand in a plea explanation after he had spoken to the father.

Only the accuseds' parents were allowed to attend the hearing in camera.

The prosecution was stopped after the pleas were noted and the hearing was adjourned to August 30 for the Attorney-General's decision. Both accused had bail of R500 extended.

Mr P Engelbrecht was the magistrate Mrs A Gencke prosecuted

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Staff Reporter

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# Strand driver warns of stoning peril on the N2

By LINDA GALLOWAY  
Staff Reporter

CARS have been damaged in stonings on the N2 between Somerset West and Cape Town.

At the weekend a concrete block was hurled through the windscreen of a car driven by a Strand dentist, Dr Yusuf Patel. He said he was told by police that several similar incidents had been reported.

However, police in Cape Town refused to give details and referred The Argus to Pretoria for comment.

### Unrest report

A police spokesman there declined to say how many cases of vehicle stonings had been reported and referred The Argus to the daily unrest report.

When it was pointed out that The Argus had information that at least three such incidents had occurred at the weekend and only one had been recorded in the unrest report, the spokesman said the official report did not always contain all the incidents reported, even though they might be classified as unrest.

The daily report is the only access newspapers have to "unrest" information.

Dr Patel said he "could have been killed or badly injured"



Picture: DOUG PITHEY, The Argus.

**STONED:** Dr Patel's damaged car and shattered windscreen shown here by his cousin, Farharna Hassiem of the Strand.

while driving home about 11.20 on Saturday night on the N2 between Montana and DF Malan Airport.

"A man crossed the road in front of me. I braked and flashed my lights at him. Then I saw him throw something with both hands," he said.

"It was a heavy concrete slab which first hit the bonnet, and then the windscreen wiper panel, before smashing the windscreen.

"Fortunately, much of the impact of the missile was absorbed by the wiper panel."

Dr Patel said he turned off the freeway at the airport to report the incident to the police and met two other drivers whose cars had been stoned.

"The police didn't seem surprised at all and said several incidents had been reported last week."

# Pupils die as school gangs clash

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By CHRIS BATEMAN

TWO pupils were stabbed to death and three others seriously injured at the weekend when two gangs apparently clashed over recruitment of members at a new school in Langa.

Mr Donie Phala, 17, and Mr Velile Matolengue, 20, both of Mqhaqi Street, Langa, and members of the "Israels" gang died after being brutally hacked and stabbed with pangas by members of the "Mawadadis", a local police liaison officer said.

The pupils died in separate incidents in Church Street and a home in Zone 2, Langa, both at about 7pm, Lieutenant Attie Laubscher said.

The injured, who suffered head and body stab wounds, were not identified.

According to sources close to the police investigation, the gangs had agreed on a cessation of hostilities on

Saturday. The Sunday killings were in retaliation for an alleged contravention of this.

Lt Laubscher said the murders were an "ongoing demonstration of power between these gangs, especially with the pupils involved".

He confirmed that gang recruitment at the recently opened school had played a part in the clashes.

Black high schools are still closed for the July vacation, although many were deserted before the term ended. The stayaway was in support of calls for student representative councils and against detentions of pupils and teachers.

● Police confirmed that the gang incident was incorrectly included in their overnight unrest report for yesterday, which read:

"Two youths were killed and three injured when two mobs of black youths armed with knives and pangas clashed at Langa, Cape Town".

# Harbour chief abused boys

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By MONICA GRAAFF

THE Port Nolloth Harbour Master was yesterday convicted in Cape Town Regional Court on charges under the Immorality Act involving eight formerly "poverty-stricken" boys between the ages of 12 and 19.

British-born Donald Michael Bridge, 48, further pleaded guilty to another charge of possessing about 400 pornographic photographs and negatives of pubescent boys, 24 pornographic magazines and eight pornographic video tapes.

Charged with nine counts under the Immorality Act of committing indecent acts — including nude photography — with boys under 19, Bridge was acquitted on one count because the age of one boy could not be proved.

Giving evidence in mitigation of sentence, clinical psychologist Mr W van Zyl told the court that Bridge's deviant sexual preference for pubescent boys had been moulded by his own childhood.

The son of a British soldier, he grew up in India, Egypt and Cyprus, and was molested by a man

in a forest at the age of nine, the court heard.

After that he was often sexually abused by his father and other men at the various army barracks where they lived.

He was a "committed homosexual" by the age of 13 and had an affair with a Roman Catholic priest at 19, Mr Van Zyl said, adding that Bridge had once had "unsatisfactory" intercourse with a woman.

Sentence will be passed today.

Mr M J Lemmer was the magistrate. Mr Piet Steyn prosecuted, with Mr B L Bantjes. Mr N J Treurnicht, instructed by B Biebuyck, appeared for Bridge.

**Court Reporter**

THE Port Nolloth Harbour Master, who committed indecent acts with eight boys, had benefited the community by putting three of the boys through diving school and holding film shows for children, a Cape Town regional magistrate said yesterday.

Mr J M Lemmer said this in sentencing British-born Donald Michael Bridge, 48, to a fine of R3 000 (or 18 months), with a further three-year

# Molester 'benefited community'

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sentence suspended for three years, under the Immorality Act.

He was also sentenced to a fine of R1 000 (or six months) for possessing pornographic material, including 400 photographs and negatives of pubescent boys, 24 magazines depicting naked boys and eight pornographic video tapes.

Bridge had a previous conviction in 1985, when he was fined for possessing pornographic material.

Conditions imposed by yesterday's suspended sentence are that he does not commit indecent acts with, or reside at the same dwelling as, boys under 19 for three years.

Bridge had pleaded to indulging in sexual acts and nude photography

with boys between the ages of 12 and 19, and one count of possessing pornography.

Mr Lemmer said yesterday that the boys, some of whom had lived at Bridge's home, had suffered "no real damage" as a result of their encounters with him.

Mr Steyn was assisted by Mr B L Bantjes. Mr N J Traurnicht, instructed by B Biebuyck, appeared for Bridge.

# Zipgun gangs rule the schools

## CRIME

**A** CLOAK of secrecy surrounds the gang sub-culture in some Cape Flats schools and teachers say they are only able to identify gang members when victims who had been "beaten up, robbed or terrorised" have pointed them out.

During the past two weeks, three pupils have been stabbed to death and two others injured at a Langa school.

At a Mitchell's Plain primary school, weapons were confiscated by teachers from two rival gangs, with members aged about 10 years old, who were preparing to "rumble" (street fight).

Stabbings, assaults, house-breaking, street fights and drug abuse occurred on a large scale, according to sources.

Lieutenant Gregory Rockman, a crime prevention officer at Mitchell's Plain police station, said not many arrests have been made. Victims are "afraid to lay charges against gangs".

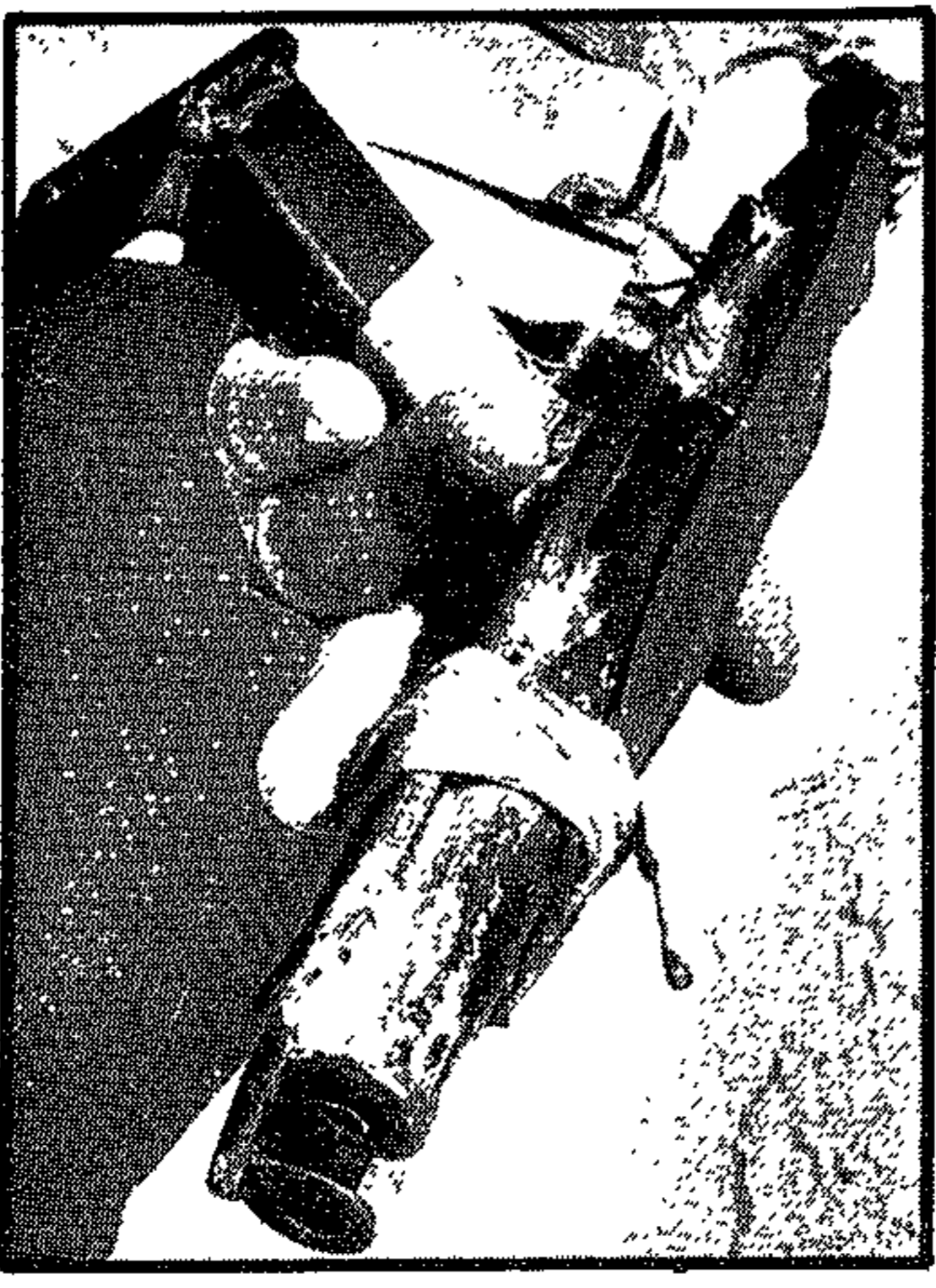
He said one night recently he had seen a gang in their mid-teens, armed with pan-gas and knives, attack a group of boys sitting in a park.

While he phoned for police back-up, he heard windows being smashed and people shouting.

The attackers fled the scene and were later picked up by the police near the Westridge shopping complex. Lt Rockman said he returned to the neighbourhood to take statements from the

**TEENAGE** gangs armed with weapons including zipguns are intimidating teachers and pupils at many Cape Flats schools — to a level where "it is impossible for teachers to control the violence".

And new "more violent and dangerous" gangs which lack the hierarchy of the older gangs are being formed "nearly every day", according to a Nicro social worker involved in work with gang members. **BRONWYN DAVIDS** reports



An example of the many home-made zipguns which teenage gangsters use. This double-barrelled zipgun was confiscated by police in a raid recently. Right: A teenager is searched for weapons after gang activity was reported.

people but "nobody was prepared to speak".

"The members of the public are not prepared to give evidence in court.

"This is senseless because we can't combat crime 100 percent if the public is not willing to speak out and lay complaints," he said.

A Mitchell's Plain court of-ficial confirmed that not many gangs were prosecuted. However, members of the Dixies and Young Americans

are to appear in court soon, on charges of public violence.

From Retreat to Mitchell's Plain, groups of pupils playing video games and loitering at corner shops, refused to answer any questions on school gangs.

One reluctant Mondale Senior Secondary School pupil muttered that there were not many gangs at his school this year because "quite a lot of them have dropped out".

The Nicro social worker explained: "Essentially we live in a violent and militaristic society where we learn every day that violence is being recognised as a way of getting what you want and gaining control.



are exciting, dynamic and provide a group identity, a support base and is usually a place to get some income.

"As one youth said to me, if you can't beat them, join them. The gangs offer protection to youths, many of whom are coerced to join with threats such as 'we'll rob your aunty or rape your sister'. In gang psychology life means so little."

Besides economic prob-

lems, poor living conditions and a lack of facilities — the banning of youth groups since the beginning of the state of emergency has left the youth with no outlets, she said.

## 'Growth of violence enormous problem'

**THE** increase in school gangs is an "enormous problem" which could only be fought with a concerted effort by community organisations, education and crime prevention agencies and the public.

The Nicro Youth Crime Team has been running preventative workshops on gangsterism for church youth groups, seniors' clubs and community organisations.

The workshop consists of two parts — a gang awareness programme dealing with the causes and what to do when faced with a member or potential gang member.

Participants are taught how to talk gangs members into being "more constructive than destructive".

The second part is a problem solving session where life skills are taught with an emphasis on assertiveness training and the awareness of sexism in the various gangs.

Lieutenant Gregory Rockman of the Mitchell's Plain Police crime prevention team said they were using preventative measures to combat gang activities.

Educating the public in crime prevention and working closely with taxi drivers and neighbourhood watches formed the basis of the area's crime prevention campaign.

He said many gang members were victims of broken homes and poor living conditions and that it was "important" to get to the root of the problem because the had to be "a reason why they are venting their anger this way".

The police also have a gang busting unit based at Philippi.

An Athlone teacher said a "severe blow could be dealt to gangsterism" is teachers were prepared to stay behind after school to run extra-mural activities.

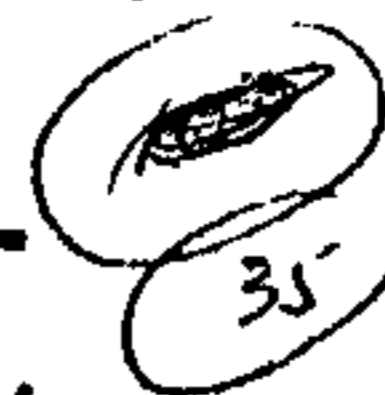
"I found that teachers warned each other who the gang members were but they did not go out of their way to do anything about it.

"They believe that as long as pupils do their schoolwork, they do not have to worry about it," she said.

A Woodlands teacher said the only evidence of gang activity at her school was the graffiti on the walls.

# Businessmen in on plot — Holomisa

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Transkei military ruler Major-General Bantu Holomisa yesterday said certain white SA businessmen were part of a "disgruntled group" of people who planned a second attempt on his life which was foiled last month.

On July 21, Transkei security police uncovered the plot when they arrested six heavily armed men, believed to be from Johannesburg, in Umtata.

The men were arrested after defence force members shot at them during a car chase in the capital. Two of the men are in hospital under police guard.

General Holomisa said information at his disposal indicated that the white businessmen, who used to conduct business in Transkei, were working "hand in hand" with disgruntled exiled Transkeians wanted by his

military government for corruption or outstanding debts.

"We know who these people are. We asked the SA government to hand them over a while ago. The people behind the plot are either wanted for corruption or owe Transkei money."

He said his government's ongoing attempts to bring former corrupt government officials now living in SA to justice appeared to be the reason for the plots against his life.

General Holomisa said a plot against his life, which was planned in Queenstown about two months ago, was foiled after a tip-off.

He said he hoped the SA government would act "quickly" with regards to Transkei's requests as the ongoing situation could sour relations between the two countries.

General Holomisa added that Transkei and SA had an agreement whereby neither country would use its territory as a springboard for acts of aggression.

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## 'Drastic drop' in gang crimes, claims SAP

**THE SAP Public Relations Division in Pretoria said in a statement last night: "The problem of gangsterism emerged in the Guguletu area during February 1988 when two gang members were murdered, allegedly by members of another gang operating in the area.**

**"From that time to January 1989, there were 28 murders involving members of gangs. Other, less serious, crimes were also attributed to gangs.**

**"Although police investigations were severely hampered by the lack of information and unwillingness of residents to co-operate with the police, because of fear of intimidation, seven of the murder investigations have resulted in court appearances.**

**"In another 12 cases, the attorney-general's decision is pending or the trial date has not been set.**

**"In 18 cases of public violence, housebreaking, robbery, theft and possession of petrol bombs, 98 gang members were arrested and, in most cases, the trials have been finalised. A number of cases were withdrawn at the request of the complainants.**

**"The local police, perturbed at the incidence of such crimes, implemented a number of measures to curb gang-related offences.**

**"On three occasions, discussions were held with gang members and their parents, in an attempt to establish the cause of the animosity and find a solution to the problem.**

**"At the last of these discussions, on 22 January 1989, there were more than 300 gang members and their parents present.**

**"It became clear, during these discussions, that no one really knew what the fighting was about.**

**"The gangs made peace at this meeting and, according to all accounts, are maintaining this peace.**

**"There has, since these discussions, been a drastic decrease in gang-related crimes."**

(Report by A Johnson, 122 St George's Street, Cape Town).

# Gangsterism in townships at 'all-time high'

By ANTHONY JOHNSON  
and CHRIS BATEMAN

A NUMBER of township leaders support the claim by Claremont MP Mr Jan van Eck that gangsterism has reached an all-time high in their areas.

Mr Van Eck has claimed that gangsters have obtained a stranglehold on township community life and ascribed this to the crumbling of credible civic leadership structures through police arrests and detentions since 1985.

According to him this leadership vacuum had been systematically filled by gangs who were successfully channelling the frustrations and anger caused by the political system into crime and gangsterism.

Police were now almost totally lacking in local black townships, Mr Van Eck said, and gangs were running free "attacking and robbing anyone who crosses their path".

The police last night said Mr Van Eck's allegations appeared "untested and unsubstantiated" and claimed that there had in fact been a drastic decrease in gang-related crimes.

But the chairman of the Phumlani Old Age Association, Mr Sonny Tya Tyam, said township folk had "certain norms which are severely restricted — these youngsters have realised we are powerless and take full advantage".

Mr Tya Tyam said that unlike white politicians, black local authority officials had no power-base or credibility because of the system they were asked to administer.

"Also, just compare police response to township complaints of assault and noisy neighbours with that when the word ANC is whispered," he said.

## Closer liaison

Mr Johnson Mpukumpa, chairman of the Western Cape Hostel Dwellers' Association, said anyone who mobilised themselves into forming a united body to fight gangsterism would find themselves "more prosecuted than any criminal".

The Mayor of Lingeletu West Town Council (Khayelitsha Sites C and B), Mr Mali Hoza, agreed "wholeheartedly" with this, saying he and his council bore testimony to

prosecution for trying to enforce social and traditional norms.

Expressing his concern at "rising" gangsterism, Mr Hoza called for closer liaison between law-enforcement agencies and "the traditions of the Xhosa people".

Mr Van Eck said many parents who wanted their children to attend school were keeping them at home because of gangsterism.

The community was unable to mobilise a united approach to eliminate gangsterism because people's organisations were unable to meet to decide on a common strategy, he said.

The lack of policemen to fight gangsterism was in sharp contrast to the "literally hundreds" of police who always seemed available to hound political opponents.

Mr Van Eck said the government should immediately unban all the political organisations and cancel all restrictions on political leadership so that the community could reassert its control — a control it had immediately prior to the declaration of the 1986 State of Emergency.

(Report by A Johnson and C Bateman, 122 St George's Street, Cape Town)



IN 1988 more than 30 tons of dagga destined for the Peninsula were seized by narcotics detectives. It is estimated that 80% of the shipments, which would fetch about R30 million on the city streets originated from plantations in the Transkei. Cape Times reporter PATRICK COLLINGS and photographer GLENN SHERATT recently travelled to the homeland and located the dagga fields in the hills of the Transkei.

# City's dagga pipeline



LEFT: The dagga plant grows easily in the clement Transkei climate for at least nine months of the year.



ILLEGAL drug plantations in the Transkei are estimated to supply 80% of Cape Town's lucrative dagga industry, a Cape Times investigation has revealed.

It was also discovered that:

- The plantations take the form of home industries providing a vital cash crop for subsistence farmers;
- Agents acting for syndicates of drug merchants visit the plantations, purchasing sack loads of dagga before transporting them to the Cape; and
- Local drug merchants sell dagga to Cape Townians at 30 times the original purchase price in the Transkei.

## 30 tons confiscated

Last year more than 30 tons of the drug were confiscated by South African narcotics detectives monitoring the main smuggling routes to the Cape.

Although this represents a street value of more than R30 million in seized dagga, it is not known how much more of the drug was successfully smuggled.

Detectives able to pinpoint the main growing areas in the Lusitiki and Libode Magisterial Districts and to a lesser extent in the hills surrounding Coffee Bay admit it is difficult to determine how many plantations exist in the Transkei.

A police liaison officer for the Transkei police, Lieutenant L. Nkivane, said the police were "not aware" of any dagga plantations in the Coffee Bay area.

The plantations are compact fields under 30 square metres cultivated next to maize and potato crops.

The growers make no effort to conceal their dagga crops, which are normally cultivated adjacent to kraals.

"Sometimes the police come and look but then they don't do anything, just look," one of the growers says as he divides his harvested dagga crop into bundles which will be later sold to whoever wants to buy the drug.

stores in the villages to bring the buyers to them.

Any new tourists in the coastal village are immediately identified as potential buyers and are soon swamped by the children who offer to take them to "the best ganga (dagga) in the Transkei, mom."

The children then act as guides and take potential buyers to a plantation where negotiations concerning the amount of dagga and the prices are discussed.

The Cape Times identified four plantations and in each case the expedition involved leaving the vehicle at the side of a dirt road and walking for between 15 and 20 minutes over hills to where the plantations were situated.

The children rely on the buyer and not the grower to financially reward them for setting up the meeting, although in certain cases the grower will give the children a small amount of dagga.

## Fields 'eradicated'

Lieutenant Nkivane disagreed, saying a police unit dealing with the problem of dagga in the Transkei had staged operations in Lusitiki and Libode areas where dagga fields "were eradicated".

He said there had been numerous operations but did not give specific numbers.

Looking more like a benign granddaddy than a grower of one of the century's most popular drugs, the grower seemed blissfully unaware that his crop and those from similar plantations in neighbouring hills are feeding a multi-million-rand drug industry in the Peninsula.

For him it is simply a cash crop which is likely to provide him with most of his income for the year. The dagga plant grows easily in the favourable Transkei climate for at least nine months a year.

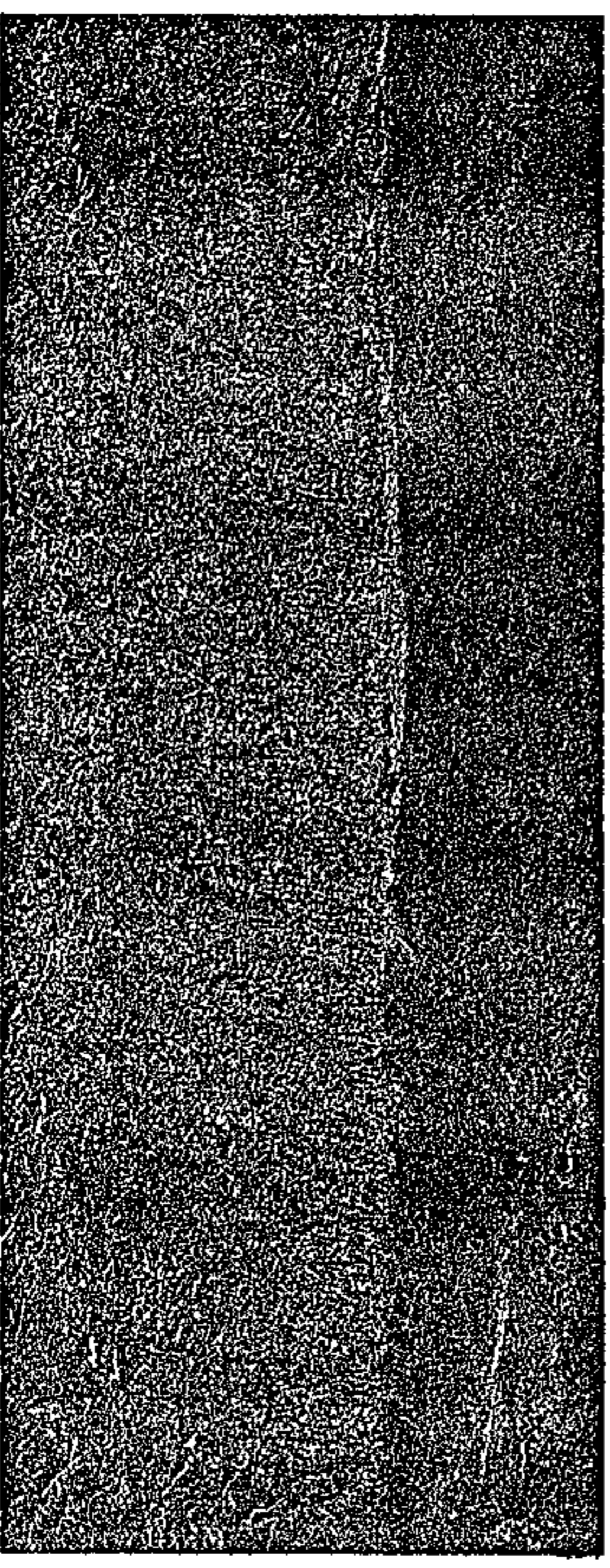
The growers rely on the children who hang around the camp sites and trading

## Go betweens

"They (the growers) say that the buyers are the ones with the money and that they must give us money for taking them there," says a 14-year-old boy, whose ambition is to become his area's biggest grower.

Once agents for the Peninsula drug syndicates have established where the plantations are, the children are by-passed, and the agents then deal directly with the grower.

The fact that dagga — unlike heroin and cocaine — does not have to be chemically



processed before it can be consumed means that dagga can be purchased almost immediately after it is harvested.

The agent will normally buy a number of sacks from each grower and accumulate them at a central point where they will be marked with each individual dealer's code.

The sacks, usually maize bags, normally weigh about 18 kg but last year narcotic detectives discovered sacks weighing as much as 35 kg. With the present street

price for dagga at R1 a gram each bag has a value of between R18 000 and R35 000.

Once the agent has gathered the required number of dagga sacks at a collection point, arrangements are made for the sacks to be loaded on trucks which will transport the drugs to the Peninsula.

In the Cape, the local dealers collect their marked sacks and distribute the dagga in their own internal network, which is then sold on the city's streets.

**TOP:** A dagga grower, assisted by children, sorts through a harvested crop before packing the drug into bundles. The children also act as guides for the buyers.

**ABOVE:** The dagga plantations are smallish fields no bigger than 20 or 30 square metres. This plantation was cultivated in front of the grower's kraal.

# Detentions blamed for wave of gangsterism

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By DALE KNEEN  
Crime Reporter

THE detention of community leaders in Guguletu contributed to the "horrifying" wave of gangsterism in the Cape township which has disrupted almost every form of community life.

And, according to the Cape Town branch of Nicro — the National Institute of Crime Prevention and Rehabilitation of Offenders — this situation is unlikely to improve unless problems such as poverty, unemployment and the lack of recreational facilities and parental control are addressed.

Residents fear leaving their homes at night, almost no trafficking of people between the township's four sections takes place and attacks on mourners at funerals have become commonplace, a Nicro spokesman said.

Police, community leaders and social workers appear to be powerless in their efforts to stop the violence which many euphemistically call the "state of emergency" in the township.

Nicro said many people believed gangsterism began five years ago when police swooped on community leaders in the township and detained the people who controlled community life there.

"The township had an historical street-committee structure in which leaders attempted to control community life. With the implementation of the emergency, the street committees became almost totally powerless," the spokesman said.

"Student representative councils were banned, council members were detained and pupils began to act recklessly."

Boys aged between 10 and 21 from predominantly poor backgrounds formed gangs because of the lack of recreational facilities. Peer group pressure and other sociological factors also led to the loosening of parental control, the spokesman said.

"There is only one sports ground, three poorly-equipped community centres, two stadiums and two public swimming pools for Guguletu's 20 000 residents."

Rebellious children left school and joined gangs and soon the four sections of the township had been divided between the Ntsara Boys, Guilty Boys, Ama-Adderley Boys and Mafela Boys gangs.

"There are deaths almost daily and elderly people and parents are also being attacked. People do not leave their homes after 8pm and no one dares move from section to

section at night because they know they are likely to be attacked."

Parents joined the violence when their children were punished by citizens who began patrolling the streets at night.

"The parents would come across gangsters and beat them with kierries and sjamboks, but this merely resulted in the parents of the gangsters retaliating.

"Policemen living in the township also fear acting against the gangsters because they know they will be singled out and attacked."

Nicro believes the only way the violence can be ended is by getting the entire community and the police involved.

"Recreational facilities will have to be improved and unemployment and extreme economic deprivation will have to be addressed in order to better the situation."

in black... Eskom

# Guguletu call for unity against gangs

By VUYO BAVUMA  
Staff Reporter

GUGULETU residents have appealed to people who laid charges against civilian patrols aimed at curbing gang violence in the townships to withdraw their actions.

The residents also vowed to intensify the patrols, aimed at securing the neighbourhood until the two-year gang violence had ended.

These decisions were taken at an emotional meeting attended by about 400 people at St Gabriel Church, Guguletu, yesterday.

## RUNNING BATTLES

The meeting followed a surge in gang violence in Sections One and Three. Last month pupils were injured on school premises during running battles between rival gangs.

At yesterday's meeting it was also resolved that anyone who aligned himself with the gangsters would be evicted from the township.

Parents who harboured gangsters in their homes would also be asked to get out.

Some speakers said the gangs should disband and their members should return to their homes as civilised citizens.

Others claimed parents showed opposition to any peace initiatives by laying charges against patrol members after action had been taken against their children.

## PROTECT GANGSTERS

"This is because such parents benefit from such children and therefore protect them even though they can see what damage they are doing to society," a speaker said.

Dr Z Mboya, a UCT lecturer, said gangsterism was "disturbing the wheel of the struggle".

"At this stage of our life, we shouldn't be talking about an issue like senseless gang violence. We should be addressing much more important things such as the current 'defiance campaign' against apartheid."

"Gangsters in our community are creating divisions among us and are pushing us backwards. We call upon them to be part and parcel of our community organisations and contribute in a meaningful way."

An I D Mkize High School teacher said teachers supported the move to curb gang violence. He said gangs were also to be found at some township primary schools.

# Man lynched after teacher killed

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By EDWARD MOLOINYANE  
Staff Reporter

ONE of the men allegedly involved in the murder of a Guguletu teacher on Saturday morning was killed by a mob less than 24 hours afterwards, according to neighbours.

Mrs Nondumiso Mejeni, 26, a teacher at Vuzamanzi Lower Primary School in Khayelitsha, died when she was stabbed in the chest after she had allegedly been abducted from her home, No 16 NY 30, Guguletu.

A neighbour of Mrs Mejeni, who wishes to remain anonymous, said one of the alleged killers, known only as Martin and believed to be a member of a gang in the township, was spotted by children about 7pm on Saturday about five houses from the scene of the murder.

## OVERPOWERED

Mrs Mejeni's mourners, who had gathered at her home, surrounded the house and called to the man to come out. He tried to burst through them but he was overpowered and in "less than 10 minutes" was dead, the neighbour said.

Police liaison officer Major Jan Calitz confirmed that a 19-year-old man had been assaulted and killed by a group of men at No 13 NY 30 on Saturday.

He said police were investigating the possibility that the man was a suspect in Mrs Mejeni's killing.

Major Calitz said Mrs Mejeni's husband, Mr Exile Mejeni, 33, who had been away at the time of the killing, returned home about 4am last Saturday. He found a bedroom window smashed and the couple's six-month-old baby crying.

There was no sign of his wife, but there were blood stains in the room and a video machine and a hi-fi system were missing. Mr Mejeni immediately alerted neighbours.

After a search, his wife's body was found outside No 15 NY 30.

Major Calitz said events that followed led to a man known as Martin being identified as one of the alleged killers. After a day-long search, Martin, well known in the area, was seen alighting from a minibus taxi and going into a house.

Mourners, who were attending a night vigil, were alerted and the man was killed while trying to run away. A witness said he had been stabbed numerous times and had been lynched in a gruesome manner.

● An 18-year-old man, Mr Domisani Ndanoyi, yesterday appeared in the Athlone Magistrate's Court in connection with the death of Mrs Mejeni. A second man arrested after the stabbing was released.



Picture: LEON MULLER, The Argus

**BEREAVED:** Mr Mzikayise Exile Mejeni, whose schoolteacher wife Nondemiso was killed outside their home in Guguletu, comforts their six-month-old baby, Kuma-Fika, who was in the house when her mother was killed.

# 9 charged with public violence

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Court Reporter

NINE alleged members of a Kensington gang, known as the Scorpions, appeared in Cape Town Regional Court yesterday on charges of public violence.

They are Deon Williams, 21, and Peter Roberts, 20, both of Glider Crescent, Jonathan van Wyk, 18, of Acre Road, Kariem Damons, 18, of Lugna Lane, and six youths who may not be named because they are minors.

Five of them admitted that they went on the rampage in Factreton on April 29, smashing car windows, buildings and private property with pangas, knives and garden tools.

However, the magistrate, Mr F Botes, changed their pleas to not guilty after questioning. Their co-accused pleaded not guilty.

The hearing continues today.

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# Fragile truce by warring Flats gangs

Staff Reporters

**WARRING** Guguletu gangs took a tentative step towards peace on Sunday when leaders from the Ntsara and Adderley gangs agreed to a truce.

However, while welcoming the development, senior police officers are sceptical about whether the fragile truce will last.

"There is a big hatred between the gangs at the moment, one day they are at peace and the next day they are fighting again," Guguletu detective chief Major Johan Kleyn said yesterday.

Since the original truce between the gangs ended its 4½-month-old existence in June, there have been at least 18 gang-related murders — the most recent slaying taking place at the weekend when an 18-year-old youth was stabbed to death in a gang fight between Ntsaras and Adderleys in Mvambo Street behind the Langa Post Office on Saturday.

Police confirmed the death yesterday, but said they could not name the

youth before his next of kin had positively identified him.

Mr Batembu Lugulwana, a member of a committee in Langa which is trying to stop gang fights, said he had heard of another youth with the surname Joyi, also aged about 18, who had been stabbed in the same gang fight, but not fatally.

"Joyi belongs to the Ntsara group. He was stabbed by the Adderleys," he said. Gang fights took place regularly in Langa, sometimes virtually every afternoon. Every month or so someone died.

"We are managing to contain gangsterism at schools," Mr Lugulwana said. "But many of the youths do not attend school, and they do nothing all day except occasionally fight."

Major Kleyn, who was instrumental in setting up the original peace talks in January, said about 150 members from the two gangs attended Sunday's meeting.

"I don't know how long the truce will last but we will take everything one step at a time," Major Kleyn said.

# Gang warfare takes ugly turn in townships

By EDWARD MOLOINYANE  
Staff Reporter

GANG warfare in Cape Town's black townships, the causes of which have been blamed on political, social and economic factors by a number of organisations and individuals, has now taken a uglier turn by spreading to schools.

Although the exact casualty figures as a result are not known, concerned township residents fear the townships are a "Maritzburg-in-the-making".

In Langa, Gugulethu, Nyanga and Khayelitsha the number of gang fights have risen at an alarming rate and residents claim have spread to schools where fighting has occurred on school premises.

Although police say there has been a "drastic drop" in gang activity, especially since Major Johan Klein of the Gugulethu police managed to cement a truce between the Ntsaras and the Adderleys early this year, residents maintain that the shaky truce was never observed and in fact the situation has worsened instead.

## Night patrols

The communities have in most cases responded by forming their own night patrols to stamp out the menace because it is felt the authorities do not provide enough protection.

But no sooner are these instituted than police begin clamping down on them because members of the public "cannot be allowed to take the law into their own hands".

The apartheid system, detention of community leaders, poverty, unemployment, and lack of recreational facilities are some of the factors blamed for the soaring gang activity by the Cape Town branch of Nicro (National Institute of Crime Prevention and Rehabilitation of Offenders).

In Langa, where parents and youth leaders called for a truce between various gangs last year, violence resumed less than a month after the ceasefire.

Mr Mbulelo Mavata of the Langa Youth Movement, says "a very ugly scenario" in the township has developed. Small children become excited by the fighting and they like saying they are "going to watch M-Net" whenever a fight is on.

"When you walk down a street you come across a group of children imitating one of the fights they saw the other day and describing how so and so did a good job on his opponent.

"So we have a situation where children from a very young age are exposed to violence. In fact, gangsters themselves are very young, ranging in age from 15 to 18," he said.

School careers have been disrupted because it is no longer safe for pupils from one part of the township to go to school in another because they are likely to be attacked.

Consequently, Mr Mavata said, the ranks of loafers have been swelled.

At one school, Langa Comprehensive, classes had to be suspended for two days last month after "pupils fought running bat-

ties" on school premises. Five pupils were seriously hurt in the fighting.

Mr Mavata, who said his movement had "now run out ideas" in bringing about a solution to the gang problem, claimed that some parents, especially mothers, were also to blame as they sometimes took sides resulting in splitting the residents committee.

He told the story of a mother who was an active member of the committee but whose son was an alleged gangster. When patrol members went to the house after a tip-off that members of a gang were using her backyard shack as a hideout, gang members in the shack refused to open the door and locked themselves in.

The door was broken down and a large quantity of weapons was found and confiscated. Boiling with rage, the mother went to the police station to lay a charge.

"This further divided the community because some mothers even ululate when these youngsters cut one another to pieces. Some elders even claim an evil spirit has descended upon us to torment the community because even girls have now become gangsters. They are the ones who carry weapons for the boys to schools," he says.

## The government ignores problem: MP

By DALE KNEEN  
Crime Reporter

THE government appeared to be ignoring the problem of gangsterism because it was taking place in black and coloured areas.

This is the view of MP for Hanover Park and Labour party candidate, Mr Ken Lategan, who said this apparent lack of government interest had led to people losing faith in the value of parliament.

Representations to government and pleasts to parliament have gone unanswered and "one tends to feel as if Minister (Adriaan) Vlok is ignoring the gang problem because it is taking place in so-called coloured areas," said Mr Lategan.

Government disinterest was providing impetus for the arguments of extra-parliamentary politicians, who said participation in the system would not bring results, he said.

### FEELING HELPLESS

The gang problem had come about as a result of apartheid legislation and impoverished conditions in the townships and had resulted in people feeling helpless in the face of the "onslaught" of gangsterism.

"There are huge housing shortages, gross overcrowding with two to three families living in single bedroom houses; large-scale unemployment and many young people walking the streets.

"As a result of this very depressing situation, a vast breeding ground for discontent, uprising, dreaded crime and violence and drug dealing was created," said Mr Lategan.

Gangs in Langa include the Ntsaras, Wadada, Adderlys and the Israelis.

In Gugulethu, where the situation is no better, a community organisation formed specifically to deal with the problem has also had no success.

Mr S D Kwaza of the Masakhane Residents Association, says "as a last resort" residents decided to draw up a petition to ask the government to intervene.

### More confusion

His organisation was very concerned because unlike before, when the gangs were fighting among themselves, they were now robbing, raping and terrorising everybody in the township.

He said at least "five to six" people were killed in Gugulethu every weekend. Apart from the gangs mentioned, in Gugulethu there are the A Team, Guilty Boys, Mafelandawonye and Jakarandas.

In Khayelitsha, where there had always been night patrols by the "Masolumzi Guards", who were the "law enforcement wings" of various committees controlling large parts of the township and enjoying official recognition, there was even more confusion as gang activity thrives in any event.

"One of the reasons the Day Hospital in Hanover Park wanted to close down was the lack of security there. Gangs were fighting in the hospital," he said.

There were hundreds of gangs in the townships. Some of them had a membership of up to 500.

"These gangs have virtually taken over control of almost every aspect of township life. They have carte blanche to virtually everything that operates in the townships, that is, the minibus taxi services, drug houses, she-beens and also protection rackets."

There were two police stations serving the township of Hanover Park and Mr Lategan managed to establish a temporary police office at the corner of Lonston and Rystone Roads.

The temporary office, however, was ill equipped and the policemen there did not have even a vehicle.

Residents were not reporting crimes as they did not have telephones and feared walking to the police station, said Mr Lategan.

To solve the gang problem, the police needed to consult with other state departments, local authorities and members of parliament to improve the day-to-day living conditions of the township community.

Mr Lategan particularly referred to the Group Areas Act, equal job opportunities and the freedom of education as factors which would contribute to improving community life and thus address the gangster problem.

(News by D R Kneen, 122 St George's St, Cape Town.)

# Top city cop in extortion probe

THE top policeman transferred suddenly from his position as head of the Peninsula murder and robbery unit is under investigation on charges of abduction and extortion.

A docket containing statements taken during the investigation has already been completed and is in the possession of the Attorney General of the Cape, Mr Niel Rossouw.

Mr Rossouw is to make his decision known soon as to whether he will prosecute Lieutenant-Colonel Steve Brits — and possibly at least one of his men — or not.

However, it is known that, on the basis of what he read in the docket, he met with certain senior policemen recently. It is understood that the question of a transfer for Colonel Brits was discussed.

## Post taken over

This week, police announced that Colonel Brits would be transferred and that his post would be taken over by Lieutenant-Colonel Bakkies Pool, formerly head of the Peninsula's diamond and gold branch.

Local police headquarters would not confirm this week that Colonel Brits's transfer had anything to do with the investigation which was authorised by the office of the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, and the Commissioner of Police, General Hennie de Witt, after certain alleged irregularities were drawn to their attention following a Weekend Argus probe.

The charges being investigated against the colonel relate to a series of incidents in 1987 when alleged shebeen

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By STEPHEN WROTTELEY  
Weekend Argus News Editor

owners in Khayelitsha were taken into custody after they failed to pay for thousands of rands of liquor bought from a major liquor chain on credit.

In an affidavit given to the police, one of the shebeen owners, Mr Farrel Koza Vokozela, alleged he had been tortured by police.

Weekend Argus launched its investigations into the activities of the policemen over a year ago after receiving information that a number of tortoisés kept in a yard at the former offices of the Murder and Robbery unit in Bishop Lavis had been shot.

It was claimed that three tortoisés had been shot and one had been killed instantly. A second was apparently later put out of its misery by a member of the unit.

While the shootings were common knowledge in the police force and were drawn to the attention of a senior local police officer, no official action was apparently taken against the people involved.

## Saw a lawyer

In the course of the investigation, Weekend Argus learnt of the allegedly unlawful arrest of Mr Vokozela, who was subsequently traced. He saw a lawyer and an affidavit was sent to the Commissioner of Police, General Hennie de Witt.

In an accompanying letter, Mr Vokozela's lawyer, Mr Lawrence Rabbets, said that while Mr Vokozela had forfeited a potential claim against the police,

he asked that the matter be investigated at the highest possible level.

Mr Rabbets said that Mr Vokozela's affidavit indicated that the police had:

- Assisted a private company or institution in taking the law into its own hands in order to obtain payment of an alleged debt;

- Allegedly unlawfully arrested, tortured and harassed Mr Vokozela in order to settle an alleged private debt to a third party;

- Used police transport to go to Queenstown to take a Transkeian citizen into custody after presumably obtaining an unlawful extradition from Transkei; and

- Conducted an unlawful search without a warrant.

In his affidavit, Mr Vokozela said he ran a shebeen and that in December 1987 he had been visited by an employee of the liquor company who questioned him about the whereabouts of his brothers, saying they owed him money.

Mr Vokozela told him his brothers were in Transkei.

The man left, returning a few days later to take away Mr Vokozela's empty bottles.

On January 6 1988, two policemen came to his house and asked where his brother was.

On being told his brother was in Transkei, Mr Vokozela was taken to Bishop Lavis police station where he was questioned, stripped and tied with a leather belt.

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A bank bag was put over his head and water was poured on it. During questioning, he lost consciousness on several occasions.

He was released later the same day without any charges being put to him.

About four weeks later, he was detained again and found his brother also in the cells at the police station.

His brother told him he had been arrested in Transkei and handed over to the SA police in Queenstown.

His brother said he had not been charged, but had been questioned about money owed to the liquor company.

They were later told they had to "pay something" before they could be released.

When Mr Vokozela told police he had some money at home, the liquor company representative was called and together with the police, had gone to his house.

## Money handed over

Mr Vokozela gave them several thousand rands, but the men then searched his house, finding more money hidden away.

The money was taken to the police station, counted and handed over to the liquor company representative. No receipt was given.

At the beginning of this year, the tortoise incident — and later the case of Mr Vokozela — were drawn to the attention of the Press officers of the Minister of Law and Order, Brigadier Leon Mellet and Colonel Steve van Rooyen.

Mr Vokozela's affidavit was handed to Colonel Nic Snyman, a senior city detective, who launched an investigation into the allegations.

It is understood that in the course of the investigation, a number of guns were confiscated from members of the murder and robbery unit for ballistics tests. Numerous policemen were questioned.

Since the alleged irregularities first came to light, there have been a number of transfers from the unit, including some involving policemen who are believed to have given statements about the activities of the officers involved.



# Abduction, robbery <sup>ARCW</sup> charges <sup>22/8/89</sup> against <sup>35</sup> policemen

By STEPHEN WROTTESELEY  
Staff Reporter

THE former head of the Peninsula Murder and Robbery Squad, Lieutenant-Colonel Steve Brits, and one of his officers, Lieutenant Peter Lister, are to be prosecuted on charges of abduction and robbery.

This was confirmed today by the Attorney-General of the Cape, Mr Niel Rossouw.

The charges relate to incidents last year involving shebeen owners in Khayelitsha.

The decision to prosecute follows a year-long investigation, first by The Argus and then by the police.

Mr Rossouw said today that both policemen had been told of his decision to prosecute them. They will be tried in the Regional Court on a date to be set.

Mr Rossouw said the men would face three charges of abduction and one of robbery, alternatively extortion.

Mr Rossouw will not institute proceedings in connection with the alleged shooting of three tortoisers at the former offices of the squad in Bishop Lavis.

## NOT STATED

The possibility of charges against the two men was first disclosed in Weekend Argus last Saturday.

Earlier police had confirmed that Colonel Brits had been suddenly transferred from his post as head of the squad but declined to say whether there was any connection between the transfer and the investigation.

In an affidavit sent to the police by Mr Lawrence Rabbets, the lawyer representing one of the shebeen owners, Mr Farrell Vokozela, Mr Vokozela alleged he had been detained and tortured to disclose the whereabouts of a brother who had allegedly not paid for liquor bought on credit from a major liquor chain.

He was later forced to hand over thousands of rands in cash. However, no charge was put to him.

2 top cops  
appear  
in court

Cape Times 25/8/89  
Court Reporter

THE former Peninsula Murder and Robbery chief and one of his senior officers appeared briefly in Cape Town Regional Court yesterday in connection with charges of abduction and extortion.

Lieutenant-Colonel Stefanus Jacobus Johannes Brits, 42, of Birschlot Street, Bellville, and Lieutenant Peter Lister, 46, of Steynrus Road, Heldervue, Somerset West, were not asked to plead and no charges were put to them.

Their appearance follows the attorney-general's decision to prosecute them following certain allegations by Khayelitsha shebeen owners.

One of the shebeen owners alleged that he was tortured at Bishop Lavis police station — the former headquarters of the Peninsula Murder and Robbery unit. The hearing was postponed until September 22.

Mr M J Langenhoven was the magistrate. Mr F Silbert prosecuted. The policemen were not represented.

# Bobbies on beat to combat city centre crime

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By ANTHONY DOMAN, Municipal Reporter

CITY-centre "bobbies on the beat" are to be introduced in Cape Town in support of a Business Watch programme from September 15. The scheme may also be extended to other business areas as part of a planned nationwide system of business watches.

A Cape Town Business Watch liaison committee, comprising senior police officers and businessmen, has been formed. This appears to be run along similar lines to neighbourhood watch organisations.

Cape Town Chamber of Commerce director Mr Alan Lighton said two designated areas would each be patrolled by a pair of policemen.

Elaborating on the system, in the chamber's weekly bulletin, Mr Lighton quoted a National Business Watch spokesman as saying that familiarity provided the system's strength. The same policemen patrolled specific areas and developed close ties and mutual trust with businessmen there, according to Mr Gerald Heine, chairman of the Association of Chambers of Commerce (Assocom) business watch liaison committee.

## MEMBERSHIP FREE

Explaining the workings of the system, Mr Lighton said that membership of the watch was free. Once the watch area had been determined businesses were invited to register. The watch body provided information, posters and decals.

During normal business hours policemen on patrol would call regularly on each business in the watch area to exchange advice, hints and points of concern.

"The chamber has campaigned over some considerable time for regular police foot patrols in the central business district," he said. "Accordingly we warmly welcome this decision."

Strong support had been found among businessmen, he said.

# City crime 'declining' — safe <sup>AKG</sup> for tourists <sup>30/8/89</sup>

Municipal Reporter <sup>31/8/89</sup>

CRIME in Cape Town is declining, the City Council has been told in response to a claim that the city had "an international reputation as a haven for muggers".

Heated argument followed this claim, made during a speech by Mr Clive Keegan.

He was commenting on Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok's refusal to sanction the 16-man civic patrol proposed by the council. A business watch involving two pairs of policemen is to be offered instead.

Sea Point's Mr Chris Joubert said the city had by-laws it could not police.

"I believe this council is morally bound to get this patrol off the ground."

## TRAFFIC OFFICERS

Rondebosch councillor Mr Arthur Wienburg said that with increased powers for traffic officers a patrol could still be formed.

Mr Keegan said the civic patrol had been debated in the council for years. It would be "unwise and insensitive", after all the previous efforts, to allow the matter to rest.

The 1980 Bloomberg report spoke of the Peninsula's "alarming incidence of crime".

## TOURISM VITAL

Tourism was vital to Cape Town, but the city had to establish a reputation for safety. He quoted a recent Argus report describing the flower-sellers' area at Trafalgar Place as a haunt of muggers and pick-pockets.

Amenities and health committee chairman Mr Louis Kreiner said: "I am deeply disappointed ... councillor Keegan has done a disservice to our tourism. It is simply not true that the crime rate is rising."

"Statistics prove crime is on the decrease." The city was "a safe haven for tourists".

Dr John Sonnenberg said the police appeared to be blaming staff shortages for not being able to combat crime properly. But police were sent in "hundreds" to the Strand and Blouberg "because of pollution of the beach by people who are not white".

City-centre councillor Leon Markovitz said he did not believe Cape Town had an international reputation as a centre of crime. Petty crime in the central area was "not a major matter".

His city-centre colleague, Mrs Patricia Sulcas, said she saw the crime reports every month and was satisfied there was a decrease.

Crime in Cape Town was carefully monitored, said Executive Committee chairman Mr Dick Friedlander, who heads a crime liaison committee consisting of the council, Captour, police and commercial representatives.

A civic patrol of 16 men would mean only about five or six on duty at any one time. By comparison, the Bloomberg report called for a further 100.

## **Crime capitals**

MITCHELLS PLAIN and Soweto are rivals in becoming the crime capital of South Africa.

The gruesome killing of a young Mitchells Plain man in his home last weekend has sparked community anger at the growing crime rate in Cape Town's largest dormitory township.

Faizel Unthank was battered to death with a spade and an iron bar when a gang forced their way into his house.

His killing has outraged residents who say they are "fed up" with the daily rapes, robberies and other serious crime.

In Soweto, the country's other major crime centre where 37 murders were committed over the past two weekends, the community, under the auspices of the South African Council of Churches, has established an Anti-Crime Committee to co-ordinate efforts to stamp out crime.

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# TEACHER'S NIGHTMARE

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By DOCTORSON TSHABALALA

WHEN 26-year-old teacher, Mrs Nodumiso Mejeni, pictured on right, tucked her baby into bed beside her last Saturday night, she little realised the nightmare that lay ahead.

As the wife of prosperous Guguletu businessman Mr Mzikayise "Exile" Mejeni and the mother of a bonny seven-month-old baby, Mejeni had as much happiness as she could wish for.

But in the early hours of last Saturday morning, gangsters broke into her home in NY 30, tore her from the arms of her child, and pulled her through her bedroom window.

She was dragged to a nearby yard where she was allegedly raped and then stabbed eight times in the chest.

Her brutal murder sparked off outrage in her community, which has long battled to curb the growing wave of township gangsterism.

Hours after Mejeni's body was found in a pool of blood, angry residents cornered a 19-year-old gangster and hacked him to death with pangas as he tried to escape.

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# Residents 'fed up' as rapes, robberies increase

By MARK BOWMAN

THE crime rate in Mitchells Plain, aided by rising unemployment and the spiralling cost of living, is featuring serious crimes such as rape and robbery on a daily basis.

And residents are now fed up. The ever-present shadow of violence and fear has prompted the Mitchells Plain Co-ordinating Committee (MPCC), an umbrella organisation of civic bodies, to call a public meeting this week, at which the problem will be discussed.

MPCC assistant secretary, Mr Willie Simmers, said the political and socio-economic climate had sparked a tremendous increase in the number of complaints about crime that civic associations were receiving.

## Beaten to death

He added: "As the MPCC we have to deal with these problems, not those who claim to represent the interests of the people."

"It's really worrying. Before there used to be murders once a month, maybe. Now it's every week."

Statistics in the last 10 days back this up. In this period a young taxi-driver was shot dead in his vehicle in Lentegeur and a Woodlands man was beaten to death with a spade and a metal bar.

Murders catch the headlines, but other serious crimes are also rampant in Mitchells Plain.

SOUTH was told that the police

# Shadow of fear haunts the Plain

station at the Town Centre handles at least one rape case every weekday, and more at weekends.

Court figures support this and one legal source said there were 30 new rape cases in court in July.

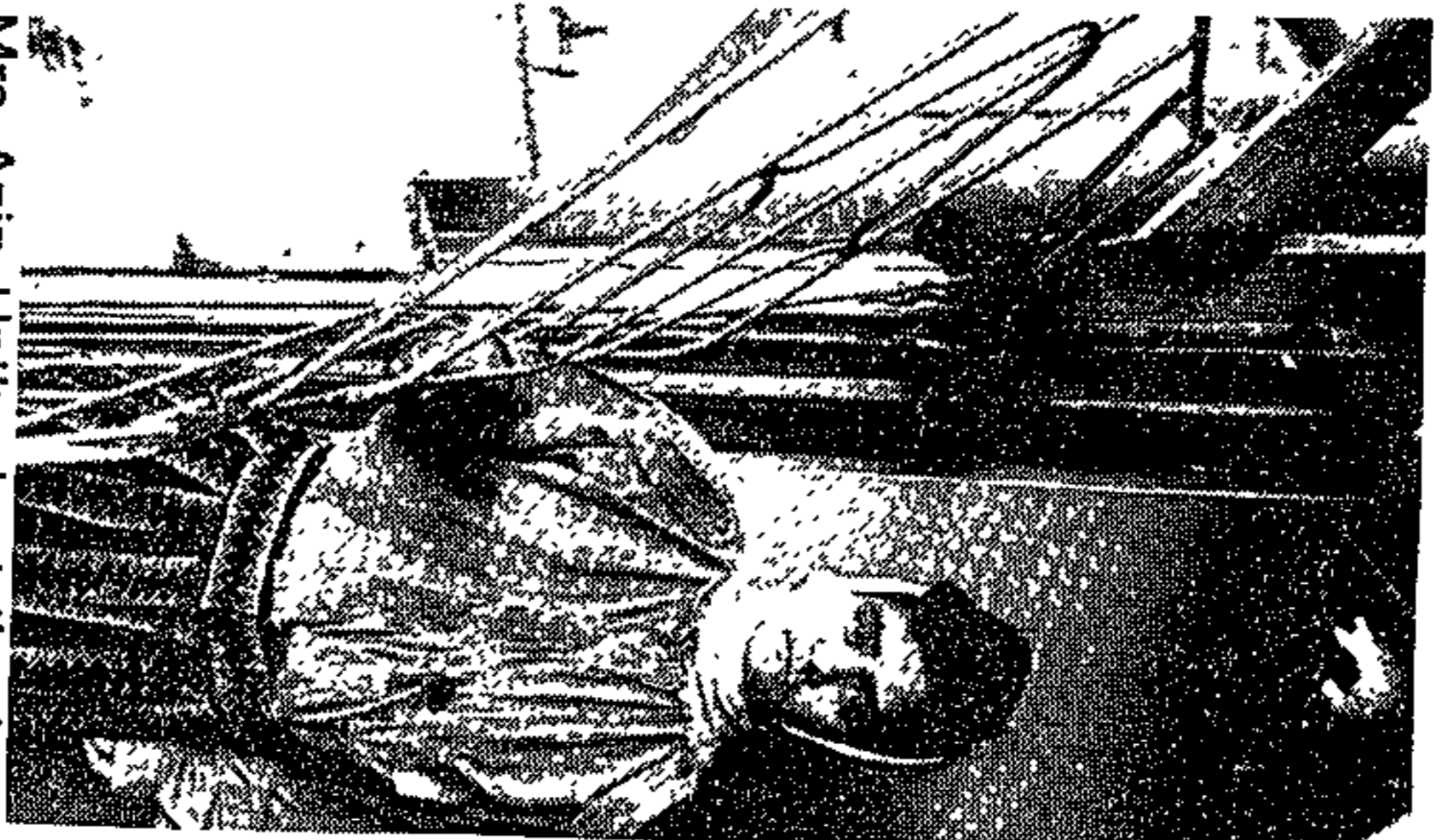
Although not all of these cases result in convictions, it is a good indicator of what is going on.

And when one takes into account the fear factor, which prevents many victims from reporting violations for

fear of reprisals, the picture looks gloomier.

Perhaps the best indicator of the socio-economic factors tied up with the growing crime rate is the fact that "crimes of dishonesty" — shoplifting, housebreaking and robbery — are showing the greatest increase.

At least one major supermarket is believed to have taken a decision not to bother to prosecute shoplifters because, since there are so many, their



Mrs Aziz Unthank at the iron gate smashed by a group of men who bludgeoned her husband to death

security staff would be spending most of their time in court waiting to be called as witnesses.

Housebreaking and robbery usually take place near the area's business centres and railway stations, and they are being committed more often now by gangs up to 20 in number.

Peak-hour travel has become a nightmare for commuters as groups of youths run through carriages molesting and thieving. Police have attempted to control this type of crime,

but it is so widespread that many more policemen would be required. Tafesig and Eastridge especially seem to be ruled by gangs, with names such as the Americans, the Mongrels, the Dixies, the HLS and the Yakkies.

Although there may have been a recent decrease in gang activity, the flood of complaints to courts and welfare agencies has not waned.

For several years, there have been reports of gang-members' activity in high schools and one recent report stated that even primary school children who were alleged gang members, were found carrying weapons.

## 15-year-old stabbed

In the fracas, a 15-year-old boy was fatally stabbed and a young girl seriously injured as they scrambled to get away.

According to an informed court source, much of the growth of the gangs can be attributed to socially-related problems.

He said: "While parents are away at work, children roam the streets and link up with gangs. Sometimes parents order their children out of the home onto the streets, where their only salvation lies in gangs."

"If we had more social workers in the local welfare society, families could talk their problems out and we would be stopping lots of criminal activity."

● The MPCC meeting is being held at the Rocklands Civic Centre on Thursday night.

# 15 cops held for murder, robbery

AT LEAST 15 young policemen have been arrested in the past few weeks in connection with crimes ranging from murder to armed robbery — setting alarm bells ringing over the extent of crime in the force.

This week alone, 11 policemen — all constables in their 20s — were arrested by the East Rand Murder and Robbery Unit on charges of armed robbery of black shebeen owners on the Witwatersrand involving about R100 000.

A prominent West Rand shebeen owner said numerous robberies had taken place during the past four or five weeks.

## Swore

One case, two weeks ago in Munzville, Krugersdorp, allegedly involved four policemen. They allegedly:

- Arrived in uniform in the early hours of the morning;

- Gained entry to the licenced shebeen under the pretext of looking for stolen goods and firearms;

- Swore at and slapped the middle-aged shebeen owner, her husband and children while searching the home;

- Fired teargas into the house.

When they left, the woman said, R4 500 was missing from a plastic bag in her cupboard.

She reported the matter to the police in Krugersdorp.

The suspects were pointed out by about 30 shebeen owners during an identification parade held by the East Rand Murder and Robbery Unit early this week.

Four policemen were arrested on Wednesday and a further seven later in the week.

The suspended men include eight from the Yeoville police station and one each from Linden, Jan Smuts Airport and Tembisa.

By HAMISH McINDOE  
and HERMAN JANSEN

They are in custody and will appear in the Kempton Park Magistrate's Court tomorrow.

Also this week:

- A police spokesman in Johannesburg confirmed a charge of murder was being investigated against four Sandton and Roodepoort constables who allegedly assaulted and threw a black detainee off a bridge near Pretoria on July 19.

Lieutenant Eugene Opperman said the men had appeared in court and the charges against the men — "youngsters fresh out of college" — had been referred to the Attorney-General.

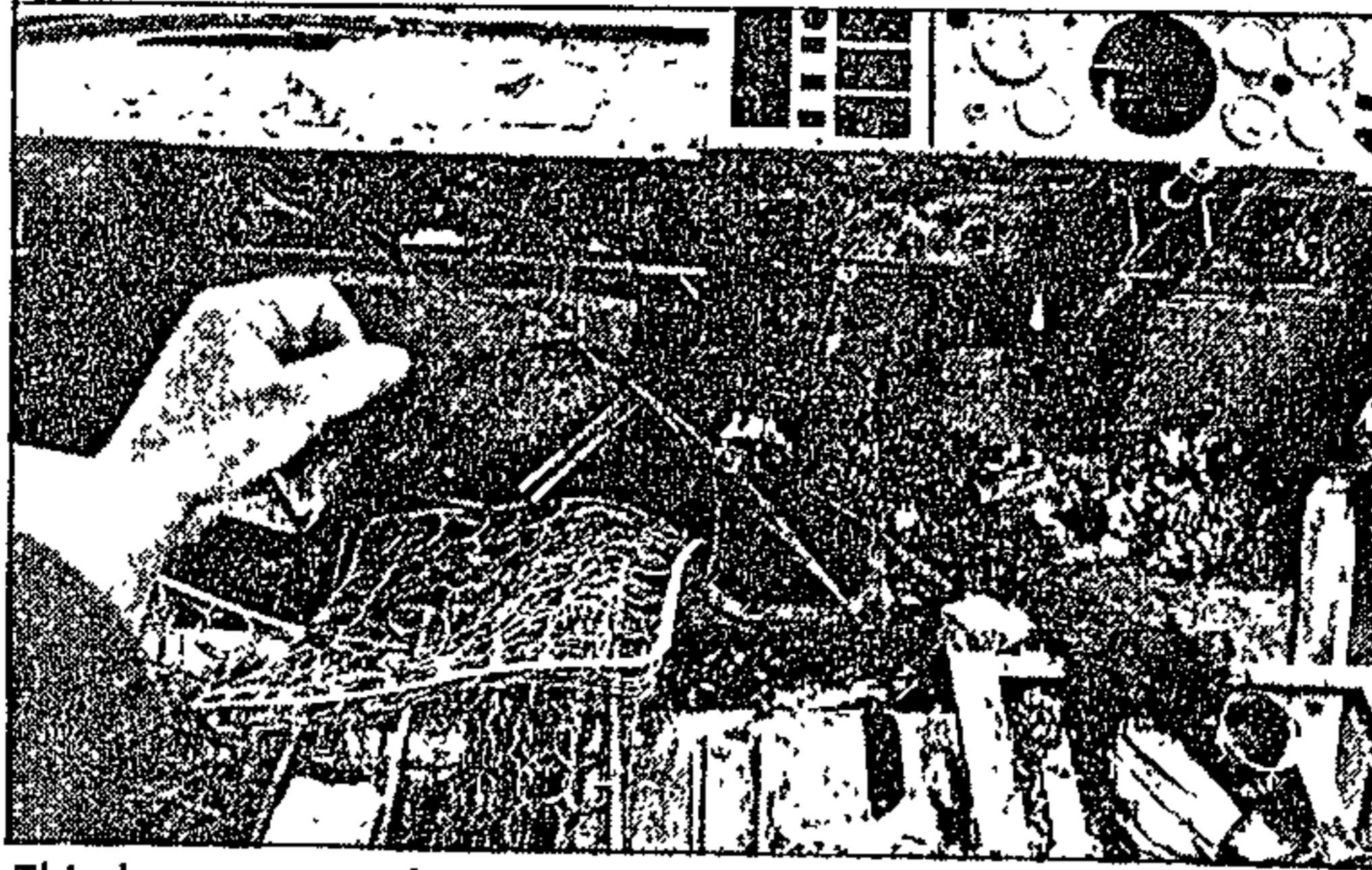
## Fraud

- Parents of two Parys schoolchildren — a boy and a girl whose ages have not been disclosed — are suing Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok for R72 000 after two policemen allegedly forced them to perform sexual acts;

- The SAP Public Relations Directorate in Pretoria said in a statement that police were investigating "a member or members of a vehicle theft unit" in connection with allegations of fraud and corruption involving the recovery and return of suspected stolen vehicles to their owners.



# Appeal to Tutu on violence



This burnt-out truck was one of the losses suffered by a Reef haulier. The driver was doused in petrol preparatory to being set alight but he managed to escape into the crowd. **35**

By Craig Kotze, Crime Reporter

One of South Africa's leading hauliers has suffered damage amounting to more than R200 000 in the Western Cape and has urged Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Dr Allan Boesak to condemn the arbitrary violence of rampaging mobs.

"The Western Cape is reaching a state of total anarchy and something must be done to stop it. We can't safely go on the roads in the area any more because of these mobs," said the angry Reef-based businessman, who did not want to be identified for fear of reprisal.

"One of my trucks has already been set alight in Ravensmead — the driver was doused in petrol but managed to escape — and about another eight have been extensively damaged by stone-throwers."

He said one of his drivers was stopped in Ravensmead by machinegun-carrying activists yes-

terday. He claimed the activists even chased away police when they arrived at the scene. They left only when a police helicopter was sent to the scene.

Stone-throwers pelted the vehicle and tried to set it alight, causing damage estimated at R20 000 to the body of the mechanical horse.

"I'm just one of the silent majority. We service the whole country; Eastern Cape, Soweto, and Natal. Nowhere have we yet seen violence this bad.

"It's only happening in the Cape." *star 13/9/89*

The businessman said that last Tuesday a mob of pupils wearing balaclavas threw a brick through the windscreen of one of his trucks.

"The driver was terrified. The coloured youths doused him with petrol but he managed to slam the door in their faces, jump out the other side and lose himself in a crowd," the businessman said.

# Crime on children increasing

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6 000 may be victims, police chief warns

The general said there should be "an essential link" between police and the teaching profession. Parents, schools, communities, the church and the police should co-operate to prevent the evils of child abuse, drug and alcohol abuse, moral decline and youth falling into crime.

He said schools and teachers were in an ideal position to identify latent abuse of children by adults.

General De Witt said young people who visited nightclubs and similar places of entertainment were "clearly rebellious of authority, rules, and acceptable norms and values".

"The rebellion against authority and authoritative structures often results in crime."

He added that "strange cults and other factors" were "stripping our children of their sense of value".

Children should be made aware of the dangers of "free love, bad literature and alcohol and drug abuse".

Staff Reporter

**MORE THAN 6 000 children may be murdered, assaulted, raped or sodomised within six months if crimes against children continue to soar as they have in recent months, according to the Commissioner of Police, General Henrie de Witt.**

"Many cases are not reported to the police and the real figure might therefore be shocking," General De Witt said in a speech at Fish Hoek's Paul Greyling Primary School yesterday.

The school has adopted the police of the newly established Fish Hoek police station and are to invite the officers to future school events.

## 'Shocking'

"Recent statistics show that there is a growing tendency to crimes against children of 14 years and younger," General De Witt said.

"In the first six months of 1989 there was an increase of 16,25% in these crimes compared to the same period in 1988.

"Available figures also show that there was an increase of 30,6% in these crimes in the second half of 1988, compared to the first six months of that year.

"If that pattern continues this year it will mean that more than 6 000 children will be murdered, assaulted, raped, sodomised or be made the victims of other kinds of crime in the last six months of this year."

# City to have 'bobby on the beat' patrols

Crime Reporter 30

POLICE are to introduce special "bobby on the beat" patrols in the city centre from Monday in an attempt to reduce the crime rate, police said last night.

The project will be known as Business Watch and follows a year after a similar project was launched on the Witwatersrand.

Speaking at a cocktail party attended by the Mayor of Cape Town, Mr Gordon Oliver, senior police officers and city businessmen, the deputy regional commissioner of police, Brigadier Nick Acker, said a combined effort between police and the business sector would reduce the crime rate.

## Close liaison

The chairman of the Business Watch co-ordinating committee, Mr Michael Moore, said that by having "bobbies on the beat" police would develop a close liaison and trust with businessmen who would act as their "eyes and ears" in combatting crime.

"If a businessmen witnessed a crime in progress or spotted a suspicious person they can contact the Business Watch control room who would then radio the policemen on patrol," Mr Moore said.

The project will start with four policemen patrolling a central city area between Adderley and Long Streets and will expand to other areas within four to six weeks.

The Business Watch control room number is 23 6385.

# Ex-EP centre's indecent acts

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PORT ELIZABETH. — A former Eastern Province rugby centre has been convicted of two counts of committing indecent and immoral acts with boys aged 16.

Johan (Nonnie) Benade, 41, of Newton Park, who is also a former Eastern Province under-20 coach and selector, was fined R1 500 (or six months) in the Regional Court here.

## EX-SPORTS REPORTER

Benade, a former sports reporter for an Afrikaans daily newspaper, was also convicted of soliciting a 16-year-old boy to commit an indecent act.

According to a probation officer's report, Benade had a sexual relationship with an older woman when he was 16.

After this Benade and a friend were involved in a homosexual relationship and this had a definite effect on him. He married when he was 32 and the marriage broke up two years later. There were no children.

Benade had a strong desire to be exclusively heterosexual but had relatively weak heterosexual impulses.

The magistrate, Mr J Meiring, said people who committed these of-

fences brought a "cancerous virus" to the entire country. His appalling childhood was no excuse.

There were people who sought excuses and some who had found excuses for committing these offences.

He would not accept that Benade, who was normal and had a normal marriage relationship with his wife, would suddenly turn to homosexuality.

Innocent children had become victims of people who did not want to conduct themselves according to norms.

The court took into account that Benade was a first offender and was unemployed. — Sapa.

# Van der Walt free after 20 months' jail



Mr Hennie van der Walt

The Argus Correspondent

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JOHANNESBURG. — Mr Hennie van der Walt, 53, former deputy Minister of Constitutional Development, has been released from jail on parole after serving 20 months of an effective five-year jail term.

Mr Van der Walt was sentenced to 10 years' jail by a Potchefstroom magistrate on 15 charges of theft involving more than R800 000. Five years of the prison term was conditionally suspended. He was jailed in January last year.

He was the first South African deputy

minister to be imprisoned.

At the beginning of his political career he was described as "the golden boy of the Western Transvaal, born to be a leader".

He had been head boy of the prestige Potchefstroom Gymnasium, chairman of the students' council at the University of Potchefstroom and president of the Afrikaanse Studentebond before he entered politics.

Mr Van der Walt could not be reached for an interview but is understood to be at his Potchefstroom home with his wife, Rita, considering his future.

# Police crackdown on city child molesters

*CML Times 22/9/89* Crime Reporter *(35)*

IN a city crackdown on child molesters, detectives have arrested seven men — including a medical doctor and two fathers who allegedly abused their daughters.

Detectives of the Peninsula Child Protection Unit yesterday also searched the offices and home of a senior educationist and confiscated an estimated 200 video tapes believed to contain pornographic material.

Although the 52-year-old man has not yet been charged, it is believed an arrest will follow once police have studied the confiscated tapes.

The crackdown started 10 days ago when detec-

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tives arrested a 26-year-old man for allegedly indecently assaulting a 16-year-old girl.

The arrest of suspects has continued on an almost daily basis with the most recent being yesterday's arrest of a 44-year-old doctor alleged to have indecently assaulted a 13-year-old boy.

The doctor appeared in Wynberg Regional Court soon after his arrest.

Among those arrested were two fathers who allegedly abused their young daughters.

A 30-year-old Elsie's River father was arrested for abusing his nine-year-old daughter and a 35-year-old Manenberg father was arrested for indecently assaulting his 13-year-old daughter.

● Others arrested were a 19-year-old man for the alleged rape of an eight-year-old Belhar girl, a 34-year-old Bishop Lavis man for the alleged rape of a seven-year-old girl and a Bellville South man for the alleged rape of a 13-year-old girl.



# Rule of the gun taking hold in Khayelitsha

Staff Reporter

THE rule of the gun is taking hold in Khayelitsha where at least 15 people have been shot dead and scores wounded this month in what many residents believe is a continuing political power struggle inside the township.

Those who have died in the violence include:

- Eight people, some still unidentified, whose bodies were found on a vacant piece of ground in Site C on election night, September 6. Police claim they were victims of a faction fight. Many residents believe the killings were not tribal but politically motivated.

## Masked men

- A 69-year-old woman, a six-year-old and a 14-year-old who died when a home in Green Point, Khayelitsha, was attacked and set alight by 20 masked men armed with guns on September 6.

- Celiwe Plaatjies, 16, and Thembinkosi Tekana, 21, both of Site C, who died in a hail of gunfire when four men in a minibus, armed with shotguns, opened fire on mourners attending a vigil for one of the victims of the violence on September 6, five-year-old Nomthunzi Matshebelele.

A Western Province Council

of Churches worker, attached to the advice office in the township, who cannot be named for fear of reprisals, says the trouble in Khayelitsha started on September 5 — the first day of the stayaway preceding the general election.

On that day stoning by dissidents stopped virtually all taxis in the area from operating.

One of the "strongmen" of the township, who is also one of the big taxi operators, toured the streets in a combi, accompanied by kitskonstabels, and accused youths of interfering with his taxis. After that there were numerous incidents of violence involving gunfire.

"By early morning, September 6," said the worker, "there were bodies with gunshot wounds in several areas — notably Green Point, Zola Budd and M Section.

"Some lay there for more than 24 hours as kitskonstabels guarding over them threatened anyone trying to remove or go near them, apparently to intimidate people," he said.

The bitter political rivalry among groups in Khayelitsha dates back to the days of influx control when joining the rush to the cities was a crime punishable by law.

Hardest hit in this political game countrywide were blacks from Ciskei and Transkei who flocked to the Peninsula in

droves to escape the poverty of the homelands after they were granted independence.

Because Cape Town had officially been declared a "coloured preference" area, these "undesirables" settled mostly in squatter camps where, in desperation, anyone who promised better living conditions was recognised as a leader.

However, these self-appointed leaders were in reality nothing more than landlords of one kind or another, who charged newcomers a certain amount of money for permission to erect a shack.

As the stream of urban work-seekers became a flood, the pockets of these landlords began to bulge and they became very powerful.

Although most squatter camp residents were still very rural in their outlook, frequent official harassment and the subsequent formation of the United Democratic Front brought about a radical change in the political perceptions of residents.

The leaders of the squatter communities — many of them very conservative in their outlook — had, meanwhile, formed themselves into committees.

The conflict in the squatter camps culminated in the well-known "Witdoeke" activity of 1985-86, when conservative ele-

ments in the settlements were used to crush the radicals, then known as the "Comrades".

Although the conservative elements were brought together by their common desire to crush the Comrades, they had never really seen eye to eye.

Once the status quo was restored, they clashed over control of the squatter settlements because control meant money in terms of rent demanded for housing.

When Khayelitsha was established, the 15-member Linglethu Committee, headed by squatter leader (now mayor of Khayelitsha) Mr Mali Hoza, settled in Site C, which is still its stronghold.

## Own courts

Even before the October municipal elections last year, the mere mention of this committee's name sent shivers down many people's spines in the two settlements.

They had their "police" to patrol the streets at night and even their own "courts" to handle cases.

Another powerful committee in the area is the Joint Action Committee, headed by Mr Thomas Ngwane, who recently spent some months in hospital after an unsuccessful assassination attempt by unknown gunmen.

# Crossroads 'mayor' in 'housing funds' probe

Cape Times  
29/9/87

BY CHRIS BATEMAN

POLICE are investigating allegations about the collection of funds from residents by the Old Crossroads committee chairman, Mr Johnson Ngxobongwana.

The allegations have been made by a break-away group of 14 headmen from Old Crossroads.

The investigation has been under way for a week. Detectives have already inspected records kept by Mr Ngxobongwana and interviewed some of the 14 "rebels" among the total of 19 headmen.

## 'Millions'

Police liaison officer Lt Denise Benson confirmed yesterday that police were investigating "allegations concerning the collection of funds" by Mr Ngxobongwana and his committee.

Some of the rebel headmen claim in affidavits that millions of rand are involved.

Mr Jeffrey Nongwe, a spokesman for the breakaway group, said that at a 1986 meeting of council elders it was agreed that each Old Crossroads family should pay between R4 and R20 towards a housing fund.

He claimed that the understanding was that this money would be paid into an SA Perm building society account.

Mr Nongwe alleges that when he recently saw Mr Ngxobongwana about the funds he was told he had nothing to do with the whole affair.



TITHES COLLECTED ... Old Crossroads "mayor" Mr Johnson Ngxobongwana photographed earlier this month. Picture: OBED ZILWA

He said residents were infuriated by "outsiders" with money now buying up available houses.

In another affidavit, resident and former trader Mr Klaas Jengna claimed he was assaulted after inquiring about the money.

Mr Ricky Schelhase, a CPA deputy director of local government seconded to establish local government in Old Crossroads, yesterday denied that the money had ever been collected for houses.

"The minutes of that meeting show that it was R4 per month that was to be paid by each household on a purely voluntary basis for

things like emergency legal fees, medical bills, destitute people and so on," he said.

Mr Schelhase said there were about 9 000 households in Old Crossroads.

While he did not administer the fund, he estimated it to be about R150 000.

"What the rumour-mongers don't understand is that some months nobody pays, while other months about 100 households pay," he said.

He said that detectives had visited Old Crossroads and had wanted to know if any force had been used to obtain the funds or if any promises had been made about the money's use.

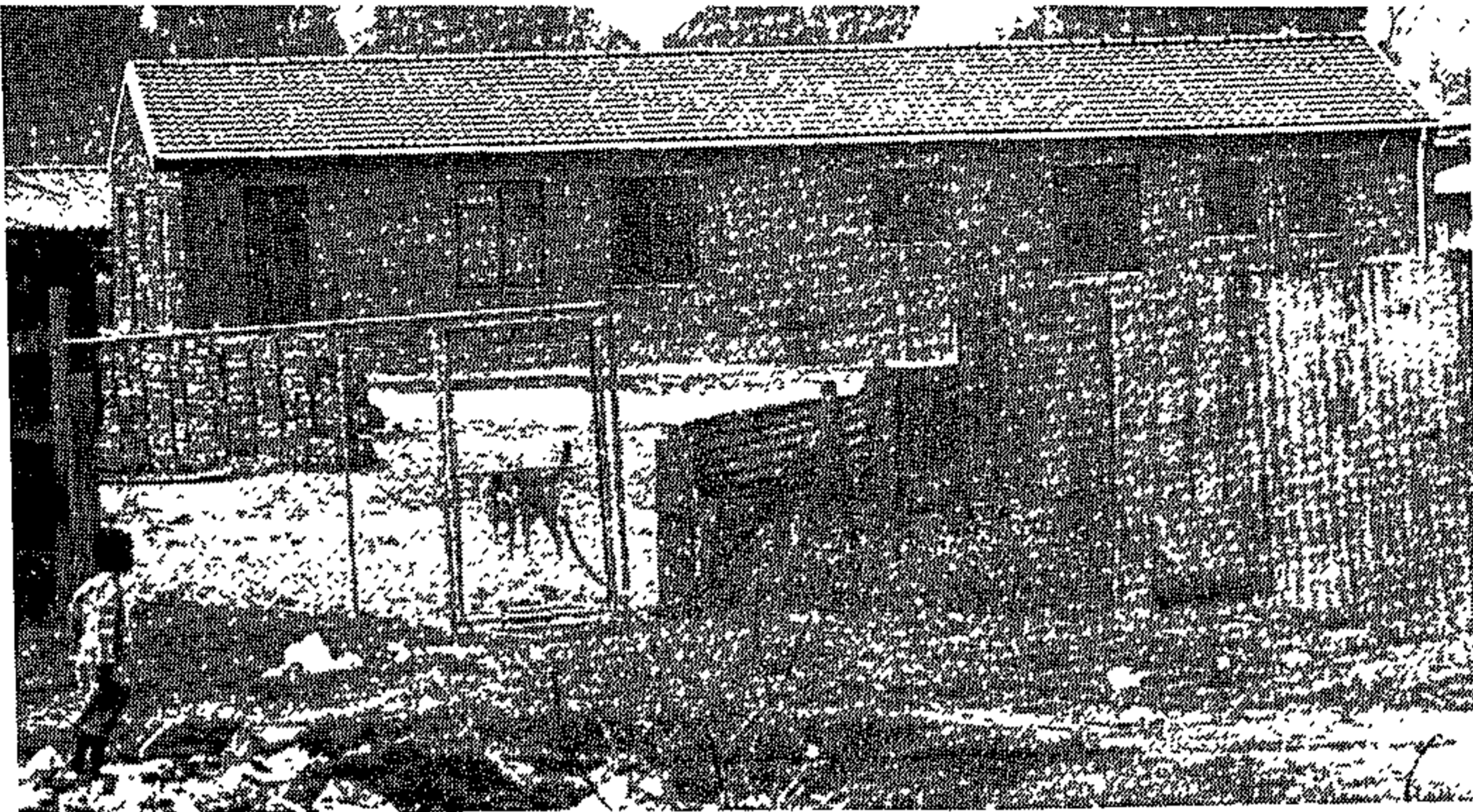


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... The home of Old Crossroads mayor Mr Johnson Ngxobongwana, built for him at no cost by Bester Homes, among the shanties and tents of the controversial township.

Picture: OBED ZILWA



## Probe: Ngxobongwana lawyer talks

By CHRIS BATEMAN

WHILE police are still probing the use of community funds — conservatively estimated at R150 000 — by Crossroads mayor Mr Johnson Ngxobongwana, his lawyer has disclosed how most of this was spent.

The police probe was sparked by a palace revolt among headmen in Old Crossroads who have accused Mr Ngxobongwana of the misuse of tithes collected from Crossroads families since 1986.

Fourteen "rebel" headmen out of a total of 19 have claimed that the money collected was earmarked for housing — and that Crossroads residents are now "infuriated" as outsiders buy up available houses.

Mr Jan van Eck, DP spokesman for black affairs in the Western Cape, said the disappearance of the funds had led to "tremendous

tensions within the community" and has called for Mr Ngxobongwana's suspension till the probe is over.

The controversial Crossroads leader lives in a comfortable three-bedroomed brick home built at no charge for the "incumbent mayor" by Bester Homes about two years ago, a director of the company, Dr Julian Evenwell, confirmed.

Most Crossroads residents are still housed in either shacks or tents.

Dr Evenwell said the donated home was "nothing unusual" and that his company had donated creches to communities in Belhar and Mitchells Plain and an administrative office to Khayelitsha residents.

It was also reliably learnt that since 1978 Mr Ngxobongwana has bought three cars with funds ob-

tained from his community.

Yesterday Mr Ngxobongwana's lawyer, Mr Werner Welgemoed, told the Cape Times that from an estimated R150 000 collected since 1986, large amounts had been spent on supplementing monthly CPA salaries of R300 each for Old Crossroads committee members; funeral fees for two committee members; receptions for visiting VIPs; blankets for the "destitute"; Christmas parties for the aged over the past two years, and donations to local schools.

Mr Welgemoed declined to comment on figures and reliable information that only 2% of the R150 000 was now left (R3 000).

● In October last year Mr Ngxobongwana's appointment as mayor of Crossroads by the Cape Provincial Administration was overturned by the Supreme Court. He was re-inaugurated as mayor two weeks ago.

# 7 plead <sup>not</sup> guilty to robbery on train

By CLIVE SAWYER  
Tygerberg Bureau

SEVEN men who allegedly robbed a group of teenagers on a Cape Flats train, have each pleaded not guilty in Parow Regional Court to four counts of robbery.

Mr. Clive Johnson, 22, Mr. Lionel Beyers, 25, Mr. Rozario Cupido, 18, all of Gioxinia Street, Kalksteentfontein, Mr. Ebrahim Makeer, 35, of Boekenhout Street, Bonteheuwel, and Mr Achmat Daniels, 21, and Mr Ebrahim Brown, 23,

both of Sabie Wakk, Manenberg, were arrested by four plain-clothes policemen while allegedly robbing the group, the court heard.

Evidence was that the men, each armed with a knife, intimidated one of the complainants into handing over a bottle of soft-drink and then seized a bag containing food and drink.

A knife was held at the throat of another passenger while his pockets were searched. Mr Johnson, giving evidence,

denied there had been any incident on the train.

He had accompanied a group of friends from a dance in Cape Town and they had boarded a train to Netreg, he said.

He had not seen Mr Makeer, but eaten anyone with a knife and as far as he knew none of the group had been armed.

Questioned by the magistrate, Mr P M A Louw, he denied he had opened a complainant's bag and shouted: "Here is the beer!" and that Mr Beyers had replied: "Never mind the

beer, take the whole bag."

He denied he had been positively identified at an identification parade as one of the robbers.

Mr Lionel Beyers said he had a knife, but used it only to open a door between two carriages.

Asked why he had waved the knife above one of the complainant's heads, he said he had been tapping out the rhythm of a song from the dance to which he had been.

He told the court that when he was identified at the parade, one of the complainants said: "There is the Rasta."

Mr Louw asked: "What is a Rasta?"

Mr Beyers replied: "Someone who has no use for the Western lifestyle."

Mr Cupido and Mr Makeer were remanded, and the other accused were released on R100 bail each.

(Proceeding.)

# 72 robbed on SATS property

## Commuters tell of gang terror on trains

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### Staff Reporters

AT least 72 people were robbed on South African Transport Services property during the past two months — and commuters have warned that the unofficial figure is much higher.

Police said that during the same period they received reports of one murder, four rapes and nine thefts, but cautioned that the figures must be seen alongside the fact that SATS had transported an estimated 20 million people during the same period.

“One must take into consideration the number of people they (SATS) transport,” police said.

A spokeswoman for the Heideveld Residents’ Association disputed the figures, saying there were many more cases. But she said she realised that many attacks were never reported.

“At the moment we are working on a project on gangsterism which will include attacks on trains. We need people to come forward and give us details so that we can compile some sort of record,” she said.

Police said their Mobile Unit, which travels on the trains and patrols SATS property, arrested 14 people for robbery, one for murder and one for rape during the past two months.

The unit, which is based at Cape Town station, uses uniformed and plainclothes policemen to patrol SATS property.

SATS officials and police refused to disclose the size of the unit, saying the unit was deployed where problems were encountered.

Police said there were “no major problem areas” and that reported crime was spread throughout the Peninsula.

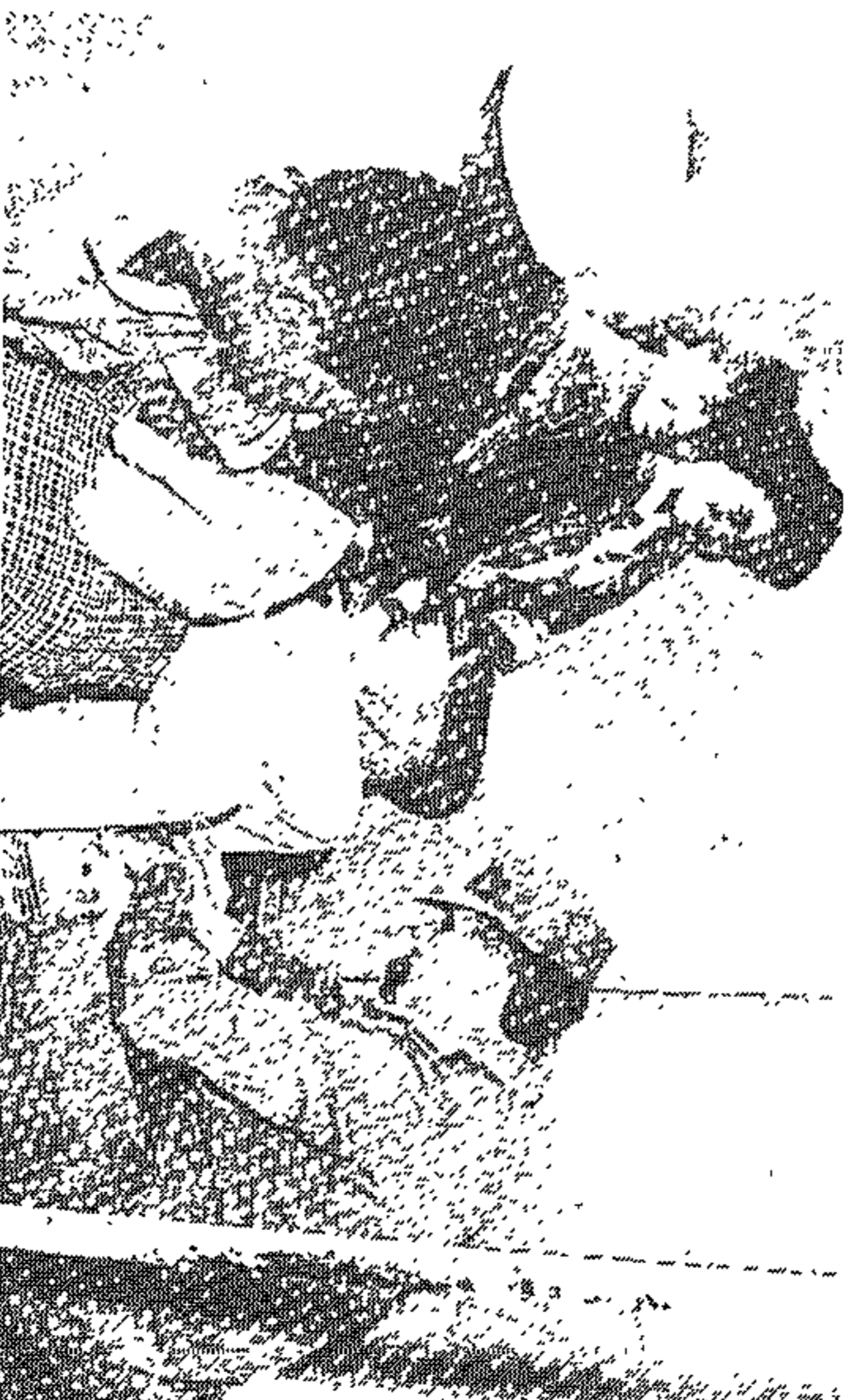
Commuters interviewed by the Cape Times blamed a lot of attacks on gangs which travelled on the trains.

Last Wednesday two 17-year-old youths claimed they narrowly escaped injury after being threatened by knife-wielding thugs while travelling in a third class coach near Kalk Bay.

Milos Mazalek of Kenilworth and Ashley McKenzie of Gardens said they managed to elude their assailants — and help a young boy and an elderly woman to safety — after being surrounded.

Milos said they had spent Wednesday at Fish Hoek and did not have enough money for a first class ticket home.

“We got on a third class coach and at Kalk Bay a gangster jumped onto the train and immediately broke a bottle to make a weapon of the bottle neck.



**PATROLLING THE TRAINS . . .** A member of the police’s Mobile Unit searches a train commuter’s bags for weapons. During the last two months the police have received 72 reports of robbery on trains.

He was followed by four friends who also had bottles and knives. I was threatened with the broken bottle and asked for money.

“I told him I didn’t have any money and the rest of his friends gathered around us and stared at my neck chain.”

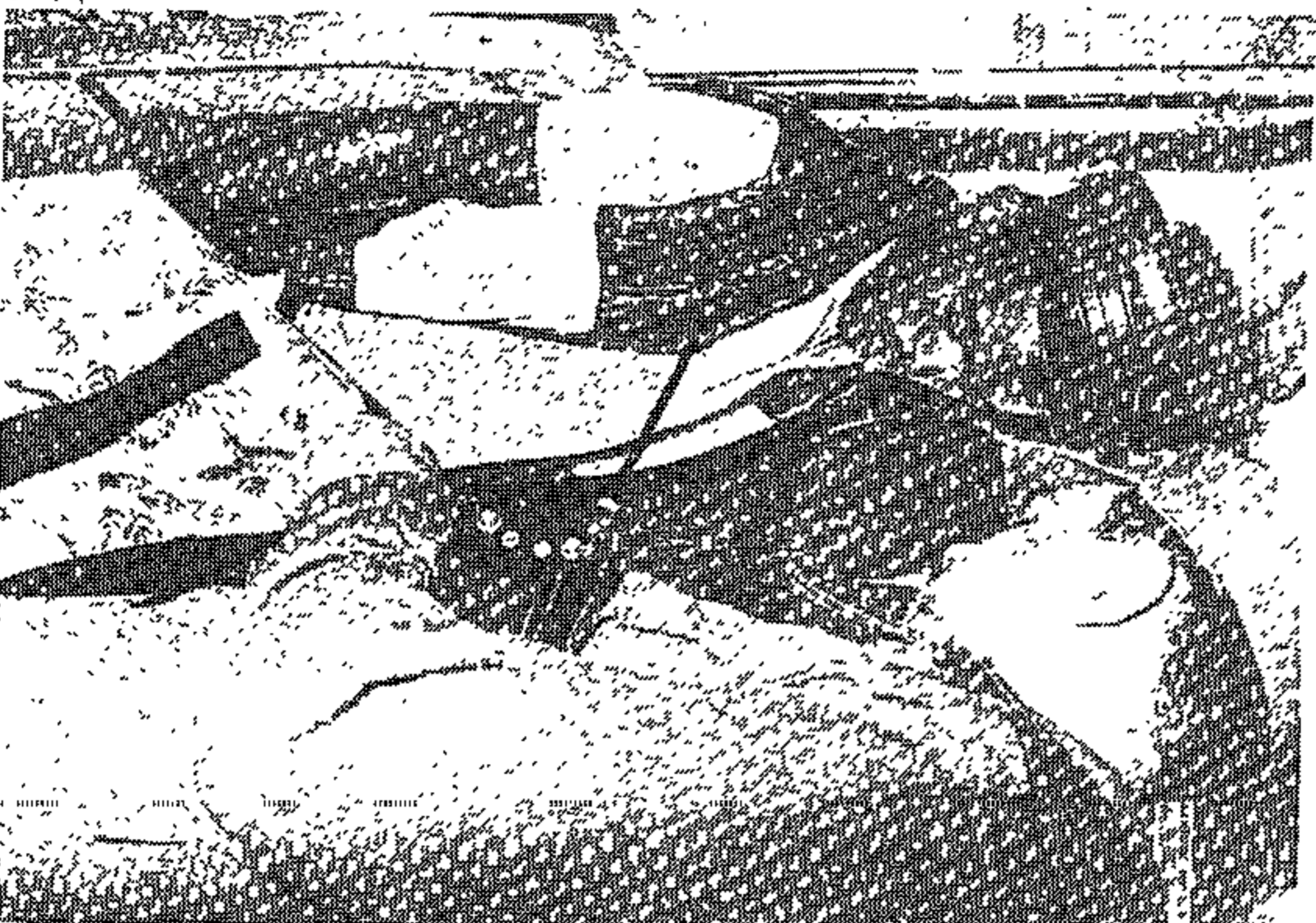
As they approached St James Milos “pretended to take it off” and the two then “pushed past the gangsters and ran to opposite sides of the coach” when the train approached the platform.

He said he helped a “scared little boy” jump out of the window before jumping out himself.

Ashley had meanwhile managed to push open the sliding doors and escape and “managed to help an old lady out”. They then jumped into a first class coach.

Ashley said at Muizenberg station other passengers who had boarded the third class coach after their escape “came running from the carriage”.

He said a woman had told him that on Monday 1st last week a gang of thieves had mugged passengers on the train.



**POLICE INSPECTION . . .** A policeman from the Mobile Unit checks a commuter’s bag for concealed weapons. The unit, based at Cape Town station, uses uniformed and plainclothes policemen to patrol trains and railway stations.

Picture: GLENN SHERBATT

Picture: GLENN SHERBATT

10 months after Harms . . .

# Still no action on De Pontes

EAST LONDON — Ten months after the Harms Commission recommended that possible criminal charges be investigated against the former Nat MP for East London, Mr Peet de Pontes, the office of the Attorney-General for the Eastern Cape this week declined to comment on the matter.

A recommendation by Mr Justice Louis Harms that the Cape Law Society investigate Mr de Pontes for theft of trust funds and unprofessional behaviour also was "still under consideration", the Law Society's deputy director, Mrs S McElvaine said.

## Corruption

The interim report of the Harms Commission of Inquiry into the Palazzolo affair released in January recommended a number of charges be investigated against Mr de Pontes.

These included:

- Contravention of the Immigration Act in that Mr de Pontes illegally helped Mr Vito Palazzolo to enter the country.
- Corruption in that he paid hotel and

travel costs for a Home Affairs clerk, Mr Johan Scheffer, to obtain advantages for Mr Palazzolo.

- Fraud, in that he gave false information to bring Mr Palazzolo's cars into the country, falsified documents for the company, Papillon, and gave false information to the Department of Home Affairs.

- Theft of trust funds and failure to pay trust money into a trust account.

- Perjury.

In his report, Mr Harms said: "There is substantial evidence that Mr de Pontes abused his professional capacity as an attorney and it is recommended that this report be sent to the Law Society for possible steps."

Mrs McElvaine said this week investigations into Mr de Pontes were "still under consideration". She could give no indication of how long it would take.

Asked what aspects were still being considered, Mrs McElvaine said she could not say, as it was "very difficult to split up the matter".

A spokesman for the Attorney-General, Dr J A van S D'Oliveira, said: "This office is not available for comment about De Pontes." — Sapa.

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# C Flats trains <sup>CMT Tint</sup> delayed <sup>12/10/89</sup> by stolen cable <sup>31</sup>

Staff Reporter

TENS of thousands of train commuters were late for work yesterday morning and then delayed on the way home again in the evening because a 40m section of cable had been stolen from Philippi station.

Mr Brian Lotter, a public relations officer for SATS, said that all trains from Mitchells Plain, Kapteinsklip, Philippi and Khayelitsha had been affected.

He said the delays had ranged between 12 and 36 minutes, but one irritated commuter told the Cape Times he had waited from 8.20am to 9.35am at Heideveld station, and had then given up and taken a bus instead.

The missing cable was a portion of signalling and electrical cable, Mr Lotter said. Eventually a dual solution was found: A by-pass electrical line was brought into operation, and trains were allowed through without the signal.

Trains from both directions were affected.

Some commuters thought "the system" might have deliberately stopped the trains so that fewer people went to the Athlone or Vygieskraal stadiums to celebrate the release of Mr Oscar Mpetha and the Rivonia trialists.

But Mr Lotter said the missing cable had been the cause.

# Vicious rape attack left woman retarded

PORT ELIZABETH — For a Chinese family in Kabega Park life will never be the same again after a brutal attack on a woman which left her brain damaged and unable to care for her children.

This week a Regional Court sentenced Banzyl Baadjies, of Hanover Park, Cape Town, to 20 years' imprisonment for rape, robbery and attempted murder.

The magistrate, Mr C H Fouche, said Baadjies's vicious and brutal attack had "wreaked total havoc on a family in a single afternoon".

During the trial, with tears running down his cheeks, her husband described how he found his naked, bloodstained and badly injured wife sitting in a state of shock.

Her husband described how he was met at the door by his little son begging him to

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"come and look at mummy". He found his wife sitting alone on the bed naked, her body covered in blood. He rushed to embrace her but she could not speak.

Later, beyond saying that somebody had tried to choke her, she could not remember anything. After the attack she was not able to work and could no longer care for either her children or herself.

A psychologist, Mrs G A Smale, said the woman had been left with the verbal intelligence of a mildly retarded person. She was unable to read or do simple arithmetic. Baadjies pleaded guilty to attempted murder. He said he had stabbed her several times and admitted that he had had intercourse with her that day.

But he said that they had been lovers. He claimed she had seduced him and he had become upset when she told him later to get out of her life because he was too young for her. He said he was in love with her but she had insisted she was going to tell her husband.

The court found that Baadjies had gone to the house with the planned intention of stealing a pistol. He had gone armed with a flick knife and the declared intention of killing anybody who opposed him.

The court found that he had raped her and stabbed her 15 times in the back, neck and chest before trying to strangle her with a bath towel, causing brain damage.

Mr Fouche said he found her husband an impressive witness who had still not come to terms with the tragedy 18 months later.

# Terror to end as net closes

By SOPHIE TEMAI (15)

POLICE have launched an anti-gang drive and are about to close the net around a gang operating in Western Coloured Township.

Already members of two big gangs that have been terrorising residents have been arrested.

The gangs consist of youths aged between 15 and 17.

The gangs, known as the "Viela's Cobras" and the "Getaways", have spread terror around Coronationville, Westbury, Bosmont, Newclare and Western Township.

A police spokesman said gang members are being held on charges of rape, robbery, theft of motor vehicles, drug and alcohol abuse and assault.

The "Viela's Cobras" pounce on motorists at a certain point near traffic lights in Bosmont, and rob them of their vehicles and money.

Police said gangs in Western Coloured Township like the "Loejen Kids" - who are involved in gun smuggling and the hard-drugs trade - are closely observed.

It is believed this group was formed by older ex-convicts who arm the youngsters with weapons smuggled into South Africa.

Residents as far away as the Noorgesig Coloured area near Soweto, are also living in fear of a gang called "The Untouchables".

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# Scorpions found guilty of violence

## Court Reporter

EIGHT members of a Factreton gang, the "Scorpions", were yesterday convicted in Cape Town Magistrate's Court of public violence.

Mr F.F. Botes convicted four men and four youths, aged 16 and 17, for going on the rampage in Abercore Street—the turf of a rival gang known as the "Americans" in the same suburb.

One 16-year-old "Scorpion" was acquitted during the in-camera hearing.

The men are Deon Williams, 21, Jonathan van Wyk, 18, Karriem Damons, 18, and Peter Roberts, 20.

On April 29, with garden tools, pangas and knives, the gang damaged cars and public property belonging to the families of "Americans". Gang members also attacked a man and two women.

The hearing was adjourned.

Mr E. Grobbelaar prosecuted. The gang members were not represented.



# Violent crime main cause of spinal injuries — doctor

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By ANDREA WEISS  
Staff Reporter

THE majority of admissions to the Conradie Hospital spinal unit are a direct result of violent crime, according to the head of the unit, Dr Alf Kettles.

Dr Kettles was giving a lecture to volunteers of St John Ambulance who are campaigning for the prevention of spinal injury in sport.

In a sample of 1 076 people admitted to the unit from January 1985 to December 1988, Dr Kettles showed that nearly 40 percent of patients at Conradie were there as a direct result of violent crime.

These injuries included stabbings, gunshots and assaults.

Thirty-four percent of inju-

ries came from motor vehicle accidents.

By contrast, rugby made up a relatively low 2,5 percent of patients in the sample.

Dr Kettles showed that 35,1 percent of people admitted to the unit came from Guguletu, Elsies River, Mitchell's Plain, Nyanga and Khayelitsha. The majority were young men between the ages of 15 and 24.

"It is a sad commentary on the difference in social standing and structure of our areas," Dr Kettles said.

Rehabilitation of patients was hampered because more 51 percent of the patients were not educated beyond Standard 5 while 68 percent fell into the unskilled labour group.

"We want to get the people back into the situation where they are earning a living," he said. "But what are we going to do for these people who used to be labourers?"

● Dr Kettles said a campaign against spinal injuries caused by diving and motor vehicle accidents was being launched following the awareness created by the publicity given to rugby accidents.

## Salmonella hits 300

MOSCOW. — More than 300 Moscow University students are ill with salmonella food poisoning after eating liver at a university cafeteria, a youth daily reported. — Sapa-Reuter.

# Meeting held to quell gang war

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By MARIUS BOSCH

OUTSHOORN community leaders yesterday met youth gangs in the area to put an end to a "revenge war" raging between youth gangs in the Bongoletu township.

The gang fights were sparked off by the murder of a youth about three weeks ago, community workers said yesterday.

In retaliation, a 16-year-old youth was stabbed to death last week and since then fights between rival gangs had been taking place almost daily.

An Oudtshoorn police spokesman said yesterday that police had no

knowledge of any gangs in the area.

But community workers said one of the eight gangs, the Corner Boys, had up to 300 members — many of whom were still at school.

A meeting of church, school and community leaders was held on Wednesday to discuss the situation which a community worker described as "a bloody revenge war".

Last night a spokesman for the Oudtshoorn Advice and Resource Centre said that a "ceasefire" between the gangs had been arranged.

The gangs would meet early next week for peace talks.

# Bringing the stone throwers to book

By CAROLYN McGIBBON

YOU catch a blur of activity through the windscreen, figures form on the edge of the tarmac and a menacing missile is hurled in your direction.

You have just experienced Road Roulette, where stone throwers take pot shots at passing motorists.

## VIOLENCE

The N2 in Cape Town has become so hazardous that police helicopters now cover the route and big rewards are offered to those who bring the stone throwers to book. This has had some success.

The family of Hout Bay woman Cecile Bigara, whose skull was fractured by a rock, offered R2 000 to bring in the culprits. Two men have now been arrested and are due to appear in court to face charges of attempted murder.

In the last two months more than four people have died after rocks and half bricks were thrown at vehicles and more than 120 cars have been badly damaged.

Stellenbosch student Wouter Theron, 24, was killed days before the general election after rocks smashed his windscreen near Kraaifontein.

His grief stricken father, Kowie Pienaar, said: "The person who threw the stone did not know what he was doing."

For local engineer Peter Boyd, death came slowly. Despite numerous attempts at surgery, he died a week after he was stoned.

His daughter, Jane Underwood, said: "We understand that the stone throwers have no other means of protest, but you can't condone the methods they've chosen."

"They throw stones without realising that the target could be somebody's grandfather, husband or son."

Wilfried Scharf of the Institute of Criminology at the University of Cape Town said stones have historically been the weapon of people at the bottom of the pile.

"It is one of the oldest forms of poor people's responses. In biblical times people were stoned to death by people who did not have any other form of weapon or any



A stone thrower caught in action on the Cape flats

other form of expressing themselves politically."

He said stone throwing was often used to express anger against a symbol of oppression.

"When a youngster throws a stone at a Casspir, he has no real expectation of damaging or injuring people in the Casspir. It is a symbolic gesture as much as an attempt to injure.

"One of the most tragic aspects is that when the focus is against symbols, innocent people get hurt.

"In early 1986 delivery trucks were targets because they represented capitalism. That was the policy regardless of whether the driver of the vehicle was black."

A similar tragedy was played out in Cape Town this week when a delivery vehicle was stoned. It ploughed into a group of people in Guguletu, killing two schoolchildren, Nozuko Mpande, 13, and Sibongile Gantana, 12.

Mr Scharf said the effect of a mob at the roadside was for its members to act unquestioningly.

"In the street buzz, the mood can turn, and absolute decisions are made. There is no middle ground. It's an instant assessment of whether the vehicle represents a symbol of what the people are fighting against or not."

Gang dynamics take over, and after the first stone has been thrown, it can rapidly grow to a hail of missiles. Stones are a misnomer — often the weapons are bricks or half bricks or even concrete slabs, dropped from a bridge.

Mr Scharf said the state of emergency had contributed to increasing incidences of stone throwing

"With the state of emergen-

cy came the clampdown on political organisations which had the effect of breaking down organisational cohesiveness and causing a lack of discipline."

He said stone throwing had not been sanctioned by the Mass Democratic Movement and was not intended to form part of the defiance campaign which was characterised by non violence.

He said after 1986 gangs started developing in African townships.

"This does not mean hooliganism and organised crime were not prevalent before. But prior to that, there were no real street gangs. A salient feature of the gangs is their relative youth, they can be as young as 11. The prevalent age is 11 to 17."

He said there probably was about 3 000 of the gang members in Cape Town.

These gangsters were "Politically opportunistic", he said, and quick to latch on to a scheme which might prove profitable to them.

"When they see the development of barricades and political action, they often join in and exploit the uncertainty of the situation."

Mr Scharf could not say whether the groups responsible for stonings on the N2 were activists or gangsters.

He expected that the call from Nelson Mandela and Oscar Mpetha would filter through to grassroots and stone throwers would be castigated by their communities

"News spreads fast and members of the community who consider themselves responsible for maintaining order will deal with the perpetrators. There has always been a very intensive informal policing in the townships," he said.

# Bloody gang 'war' claims third victim

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By SHARKEY ISAACS, Staff Reporter

A 23-YEAR-old man who was gunned-down is believed to be the third victim of a "war" between rival Jester and Born Free Kids (BFK) gangs in Lotus River, Grassy Park, in an almost carbon-copy killing of two fatal shootings in the area in the past fortnight.

The latest victim was taken to hospital by ambulance after being shot on the corner of Kudu and Fifth Avenue, Lotus River, yesterday afternoon. He was dead on arrival and has not been identified.

Police said the alleged killer opened fire at close range after his victim slipped and fell on the tarmac while fleeing from the approaching gunman, who was wearing a balaclava. More than one bullet hit him as he lay helpless. The gunman fled.

Police are looking for a dark complexioned suspect known as only by his alias "Nag". He is slightly built, about 1,74m tall and is frequently seen wearing a balaclava. He is known at frequent haunts in Lotus River and Parkwood Estate and anyone with information on his whereabouts is asked to telephone Lieutenant Riaan Booysen or Sergeant Weideman Kleyn at 795 2740 or 795 2722.

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# Convicted molester: 'Boys were willing participants'

By MONICA GRAAFF

EIGHT boys "willingly partook in sexual acts" with convicted child molester Robert Lynch — who was himself molested as a child, Cape Town Regional Court heard yesterday.

They had "all had previous sexual experiences with other older men or with one another when they met him", were "all from disrupted homes" and "on many occasions telephoned him late at night for a sleeping place".

Probation officer Mrs M Theart said this as psycho-sociological evidence before the first convicted alleged member of the country's largest sex ring was sentenced.

After hearing her report, the state made a successful appeal to have sentencing postponed till December so that the boys, now aged between 16 and 18, could be called to give evidence.

Lynch, a 41-year-old city council clerk, pleaded guilty in terms of the Immorality Act to molesting the boys over a period of four years at his Gardens Centre flat.

"The boys are all from disrupted

family backgrounds and involved with either dagga or alcohol or both. Lynch is a teetotaler," she said.

"He sheltered one of the boys — who has subsequently been committed to a children's home — for six months. This boy was sexually molested at the age of five."

Mrs Theart said Lynch was a "sensitive, honest but emotionally immature person" with a probably incurable tendency to be attracted to pubescent and post-pubescent boys.

Imprisonment would have a destructive effect as it was doubtful whether he would be able to reconstruct his life to his present level of functioning, she said.

Lynch is believed to be one of 15 men connected by detectives of the police Child Protection Unit to the country's largest sex ring which operated mostly in Sea Point and the city bowl area. Three members of the ring have died, one, 41-year-old Johannes Kivitz of Sea Point, of Aids-related pneumonia last October.

Bail of R500 was extended.

Mr J M Lemmer was the magistrate. Miss A Peckham prosecuted. Mr W Booth appeared for Lynch.

# Flats gang death is third in a week

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A FATAL shooting on Monday brought the number of gang-related murders in Grassy Park and Lotus River over the past week to three.

There have also been two attempted murders over the same period.

Detectives said Carel Ashley Forster, 18, of Lotus River was repeatedly shot after slipping while fleeing with fellow Jesters gang members from the Born Free Kids about 3pm on Monday.

Police have arrested three people, who appeared in the Wynberg Magistrate's Court yesterday, and are still searching for a tall, slender, dark-complexioned man nicknamed "Nag" in connection with Monday's killing.

The killer fired several shots into the prone victim on the corner of Kudu Street and Fifth Avenue in Lotus River before fleeing, they added.

The battles are to gain territorial possession of lucrative street corners, where dagga and mandrax are traded on behalf of older ex-convicts operating shebeens in the area, according to police sources.

Anyone with information on the latest killing is urged to contact Detective Sergeant Weiderman at tel. 25-2722.

# No bail for fraud accused

By ALAN DUGGAN

A MAN who allegedly tried to donate R1-million to the Rhino and Elephant Foundation with a stolen gold-class cheque has been refused bail.

Mr Theunis Sauerman, 34, an unemployed

man of no fixed address, told a Cape Town magistrate this week that he did it "just for fun".

The State opposed bail on the grounds that there was already a warrant out for his arrest in connection with charges of fraud and theft in Pretoria.

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**Dear  
Sir**



WRITE TO:  
The Editor, The Argus,

## Workmanship, not blocks, at issue

I REFER to your article headed "Block homes doomed" (Weekend Argus, October 28). While I am not in a position to dispute the factual content of the report, I must point out that your choice of headline is extremely misleading. The main issues raised in the report are those of workmanship and supervision.

The fact that the houses happen to be built with concrete masonry units is incidental.

There are many examples of durable concrete masonry structures in the Western Cape, our own building, which is 25 years old, being one of them. The necessary standards and codes of practice for the manufacture and use of concrete masonry units have been available for a number of years.

The roots of the problem are, as pointed out in the body of the article, a severe shortage of skilled labour, inadequate supervision, and attempts to cut costs — not the use of concrete masonry units.

It is my personal opinion that the purchasers of new houses are not adequately protected.

The system of inspection by local authorities and financial institutions leaves something to be desired and the ultimate responsibility for ensuring that the building conforms to the approved plans, and hence complies with the national building regulations, rests on the shoulders of the owner — most often the person least qualified to do so.

S F CROSSWELL

Regional Director, Portland Cement Institute  
Vrijzee

## Shoddy building rife

AT long last someone has confirmed what the silent sufferers have been saying all along, that shoddy building is rife, especially in the township houses erected so speedily and, of course, shoddily.

Home-buyers in the coloured townships are having to contend with poor workmanship with the result that their investment of a lifetime turns into a maintenance nightmare.

It is utterly disgraceful the way contractors get away with this, resulting in the desperate owner being ripped off.

I sit with the problem of knowing that damp will render my home valueless within the next couple of years.

Also, my carpets have virtually folded with creases, and the building inspector from the prominent building society who built these houses tells me that it is a factory problem and that I have no claim under their insurance.

They are the final arbiters in the matter (it is their insurance, they were the developers and they collect the mortgage payments). So one has nowhere to turn for help in such cases.

There are other faults which I maintain no self-respecting builder would have allowed. Where are the building inspectors?

nor surface cracks may be expected to appear, particularly under windows and above door frames.

Such cracks are considered normal, have no structural significance and generally do not result in rainwater penetration of the walls. Regular maintenance and painting of exterior walls at normal intervals (four to five years) should ensure that such minor cracks do not become unsightly."

The distinction must be drawn between cracking and water penetration. The latter does not necessarily follow the former, especially if reasonable maintenance attention is given to each case.

Reputable — and usually the larger — home builders provide after-occupation maintenance services and also written structural guarantees for periods up to 10 years.

The most reputable ones give this undertaking contractually in writing and it can therefore be enforced in law.

The building societies and banks lend against mortgage bonds which stretch over 20, 25 or 30 years! They therefore also inspect the construction processes carefully.

Finally numerous older concrete block developments are still in existence and can readily be inspected. Whatever their faults, we do not know of too many that have fallen down!

G B ENGLISH

Managing Director, Schachat Homebuilders  
Mowbray

## Large developers

WITH reference to your various reports on concrete block housing, it was amusing to read BIFSA's Mr Neil Fraser's comments concerning the above construction problems (Weekend Argus, November 4).

Surely he is aware of the fact that these large developers and contractors are responsible for these block housing schemes and not the "man in the street employing a reputable contractor" as he quotes.

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Cape Town has a long and an enviable reputation for providing the best building workers in the country, artisans of the calibre of the Muslim brothers in Bo-Kaap, for example. One wishes fervently that there were again genuine artisans who could perform the kind of work for which they are paid — that is, if the companies out to make a fast buck would make use of them.

RIPPED-OFF

Atlantis

## Cracking differs

**A**S home builders who have used both clay and concrete brick and block construction over very many years, we believe it would be irresponsible of us not to respond to your report headed "Block homes doomed" (Weekend Argus, October 28).

Despite the fact that our company was apparently not part of the study conducted by Mr Bjorn Barth, we would like to try to apply some perspective to what appears to be a highly melodramatic report.

Your report did not define the purpose of Mr Bjorn Barth's study and its very vagueness regarding the 10 developments involved was most unfortunate in that it left the impression that all home builders are at fault.

There is a universe of difference between structural cracking affecting the basic fabric of the construction and settlement/shrinkage cracking, which is a normal process in the early months of the life of a new construction.

The Agreement Board of South Africa in its Certificate No 86/146 states:

"A common factor of all walls that are built with hollow concrete masonry units is that mic

THE EVALUATION OF UNIT TRUST PERFORMANCE

A SENIOR magistrate's comments during a child sex trial this week branded as "racist" by the chairman of the Cape Bar Council — are to be investigated by the Department of Justice.

During evidence, magistrate Mr M S Knox told the accused — an Indian businessman and former priest whom he later acquitted of charges of sexually abusing his two children — that he had "listened to you people in Natal for 20 years and you all try to jump around (when you tell a story)."

The remark, made in the Wynberg Magistrate's Court in Cape Town, has caused a furor in legal circles and drawn a strong rebuke from the Bar Council.

Mr Peter Hodès, chairman of the Cape Bar Council, said:

# Storm over 'racism' in child abuse trial

"It was a racist remark aimed at Indians and totally uncalled for."

"People who say things like that should not be allowed to sit on the bench."

The Department of Justice has requested a transcript of the trial and the issue is to be raised at a Cape Bar Council meeting later this month. A complaint may be made to Minister of Justice Kobie

Coetsee. Mr Knox, who has been at the Wynberg bench at least since 1972, when he was a senior prosecutor, declined to comment.

He is well known in legal circles for his "unusual facial mannerisms".

The acquitted man, who may not be named to protect the identity of his children, told the Sunday Times that Mr Knox stared at him with a

"mocking look as if he didn't believe a word I was saying".

"His whole facial expression had disgust written all over it, but," he claimed, "he treated a white witness with the utmost respect."

On Mr Knox's alleged attitude towards an Indian defence witness, the accused remarked: "Even a skollie would have shown him more respect." The 40-year-old ac-

cusd pleaded not guilty under the Sexual Offences Act to indecently assaulting his 16-year-old daughter over the past five years and his 11-year-old son when the boy was eight.

He was arrested on July 25 this year and released on bail on condition he did not see his children, who were placed in the custody of their mother. In finding him not guilty,

the magistrate said the State had failed to prove its case against the accused beyond reasonable doubt.

A defence witness, the Rev Victor Pillay, a Presbyterian minister in the Cape Town suburb of Retreat, afterwards complained about the "humiliating treatment" he allegedly received from the magistrate.

"He treated me as if I was

a liar and could scarcely believe that I'm an ordained minister, although I've been one for 19 years."

Defence council Mr Craig Webster and his instructing attorney Mr Gerald Shnaps confirmed that Mr Knox had made the remarks that have given offence.

While they declined to comment, Mr Pillay said both men had "apologised" to him "because they were very embarrassed" by Mr Knox's conduct during the trial.

Human rights lawyer Prof Denis Davis said numerous examples of magistrates behaving in a similar fashion have occurred.

"It's just one of the many problems associated with the fact that magistrates are civil servants who fall under the Department of Justice," Prof Davis said. The depart-

## Report by HAMISH MCINDOE and SHARON CHETTY

ment's director-general, Mr Jasper Noeth, said he attached "great value" to the independence of all judicial officers.

Mr Noeth declined to comment on Magistrate Knox's remarks, but said the allegations had been drawn to the attention of the president of the Cape Town Regional Court.

Lawyers in Durban recalled a similar incident in the Chatsworth Magistrate's Court in the past.

Mr Ash Haripersad, then president of the Chatsworth Law Circle, said an uproar was caused by a magistrate who said Indian people be-

came violent when they ate curry.

"Even Natal Supreme Court judges commented on that magistrate's unacceptable attitude."

"After protests, a memorandum was sent to the Minister of Justice highlighting the problem."

"The magistrate was transferred from Chatsworth to Durban, but whether or not it was as a result of the memo, we are not sure," Mr Haripersad said.

The president of the Natal Law Society, Mr David Asherson, said he helped draw up the memo to the Minister of Justice.

Commenting on the Wynberg magistrate, Mr Asherson said: "It is quite clear that even in the judiciary, there is prejudice."

# Five thrown from train, 2 die

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Staff Reporter

TWO MEN died after being stabbed and pushed from a suburban train during a vicious brawl at the weekend.

Three other men who were also stabbed and shoved from the moving train in the same incident on Saturday afternoon were taken to hospital after what police said may have been a gang fight.

The "huge fight" took place between Stikland and Bellville stations, according to police spokesman Captain Danie Deyzel.

One man was stabbed in the heart and the other in the neck before being shoved. Their bodies were found on the track, but they have not been identified.

Three other men, who were also stabbed before being pushed, were taken to Tygerberg Hospital. They are Mr Willem Moby, Mr Mourne Kleinsmith and Mr Alfred Beukes. All five were aged between 20 and 30.

A hospital spokesperson said Mr Kleinsmith had been discharged but that the other two injured were "in an unsatisfactory condition".

Captain Deyzel said: "We had problems tracing witnesses because we had to trace the train first."

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# Two stabbed to death in 'gang fight' on train

By DON HOLLIDAY  
Staff Reporter

MAG 13/1/89

POLICE have appealed for information on an apparent gang fight on a Bellville-bound train on Saturday afternoon in which two men were stabbed to death and three were seriously wounded.

The two were among 24 people killed in assaults in the Western Cape at the weekend.

A police spokesman said a group of men apparently boarded the train at Kraaifontein.

## "HELLUVA FIGHT"

About 1pm "a helluva fight" broke out in one of the carriages.

One man was stabbed twice in the heart and another was stabbed in the neck. Both died.

Three were wounded and were thrown off the train with the bodies between Stikland and Bellville.

The dead men have not been identified. The wounded, Mr Willem Moby, Mr Martin Kleinsmith and Mr Alfred Beukes, all in their 20s, were taken to Tygerberg Hospital. Mr Beukes was discharged and the others were in a "serious" condition.

"At this stage we do not know what the reason for the fight was but are investigating all possibilities. It looks as if it could have been a gang fight, but we are not sure," the police spokesman said.

He called on anyone who might have witnessed the fight to contact Lieutenant Perry at Bellville police station, ☎ 9483756.

# Buildings industry boost

By AUDREY D'ANGELO  
Financial Editor

A HUGE low-cost housing scheme by the Urban Foundation, due to start next March, should give a boost to the building industry early in 1990, the Stellenbosch Bureau for Economic Research predicts.

But apart from that its latest report on the building and construction industry suggests that the property market is entering "a slow to no growth phase in line with a cooling economy."

It expects office rents to fall, house and flat rents to remain static or come down and upper income house prices to fall.

"Home developers will have a hard time selling speculation houses and margins will be thinner, given the continual rise in input costs."

The report says architects and quantity surveyors found a very slight improvement during the third quarter of this year. "But both groups are expecting poorer conditions to prevail during the fourth quarter of 1989."

**Property market SLOWS — BER**

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The report continues: "Regarding the results from the contractors and subcontractors, indications are that there has been a further slight improvement in the residential building sector since the previous survey."

"This is illustrated by the fact that tending competition decreased slightly among both contractors and subcontractors."

Discussing the state of the property market, the report says that during the second quarter "the property market was giving all the confusing signals of a market toppling out. Whereas some sectors were still

roaring ahead, others had already screamed to a halt or started to reverse. "The recent 1% rise in interest rates virtually ensures that the property market will now be entering a slow to no growth phase in line with a cooling economy."

Discussing office rents, the report says: "The fizz is out of grades B and C space. The exception is Port Elizabeth, where grade B, its top grade, performed exceptionally well."

Discussing flat rents, the report says: "Cape Town flat rentals performed relatively well. However, for the rest it looks like flat rentals are stalling. This is quite possibly an indication that disposable incomes are coming under pressure."

It suggests that house prices are likely to follow the same pattern as in 1984. "We now expect upper class house prices to be hit relatively harder by a cooling economy."

It continues: "As before, we forecast that the growth of house prices and flat rentals over the next 12 months will be close to zero — and most probably on the negative side of zero."

# Walking a tightrope

By CHIARA CARTER

IT CAN best be described as "walking the tightrope".

And what it entails is getting the gangsters who strike fear into the hearts of townships residents around the same table with their victims.

For the past year the National Institute for Crime Prevention and the Rehabilitation of Offenders (Nicro) has attempted to step inbetween with its Gang Awareness and Action Group (GAAG).

The organisation's increasing focus on gangsterism has come as a result of the "enormous problem" gangs have come to represent in society.

More than 80 000 people in Cape Town describe themselves as gangsters and their activities mean that whole communities are caught in a vice like grip of fear and violence.

Nicro's aim is to empower the community to intervene in gangsterism.

Its starting point is to accept gangs without using value judgments.

"Gangsterism exists. We can't wish it away. There is not much point in saying it is a bad thing. One has to facilitate the community in dealing with the issue," a spokesperson for the GAAG said.

She said that Nicro saw gangsterism as the result of many factors including structural poverty, the suppression of community organisations, lack of facilities, the crisis in the schools, generational dynamics and sexism.

"Gangsters have an economic base - gangsterism. Given the rate of poverty and unemployment, it is not much use to have a moral view on dagga-dealing for example," the spokesperson said.

## Direct engagement

Nicro's attempts to deal with gangsterism have included meeting directly with the gangsters themselves.

But this direct engagement threw up several problems.

The changing nature of the gang leadership made it difficult to build consistent relationships.

In Parkwood, a suburb 20 kilometres south of Cape Town, negotiations with gangsters broke down when people tried to persuade the gangsters to donate shebeen-takings to a soup kitchen.

One of the major problems which Nicro encountered was fear and ignorance on the part of the community.

This made it very difficult to involve people in the issue.

The GAAG spokesperson said an earlier initiative by community organisations appeared to have floundered.

She said Nicro thought it was vital that community organisations come to grips with gangsterism.

Nicro is now planning to produce a booklet in conjunction with the Department of Criminology at the University of Cape Town to provide community organisations with information about the gangs.

"This will help people to understand the issue and remove some of the fear and mystery surrounding the gangs. We hope it will also encourage organisations to work on the problem," the spokesperson said.

## Different dynamics

The booklet will include the causes of gangsterism, gangster activities, the importance of the community response and approaches to the issue. It will deal with gangs in African townships separately from those in "coloured" areas because of the different dynamics in the gangs.

It is being produced in consultation with organisations and will be backed by workshops.

"Once people know about the problem, then we can assess and decide on the most appropriate intervention strategy," the spokesperson said.

"Many of the youths who are gangsters have invaluable skills which could be used to strengthen our grassroots community structures.

"Their recruitment into more positive community engagement is of the utmost importance.

"One of the reasons youth join gangs is because there are few alternatives for them to join other structures.

"The state of emergency and the repressive state apparatus have made this all the more difficult. The community needs to become more creative in finding solutions to the problem.

"There is no single formula for success. We believe that organisations with a vision of a non-racial, non-sexist, democratic South Africa would be best equipped to respond to the gang issue".

Gangsterism in Cape Town's townships has become chronic. When it reared its head again last weekend, three people were left dead and scores injured.

But what is the killing and maiming all about? SOUTH examines the "issues" and profiles a typical Cape Flats gang and their strange fixation with the American "stars and stripes" flag:

'Stars and Stripes' and guns and knives

# 'American' nightmare

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By WAGHIED MISBACH

"YOUNG AMERICAN" gangster Shaun Hendricks was standing outside a library in Cape Town's Hanover Park two weeks ago when three bullets fired from a moving taxi blew his face off.

His fellow "Americans", who buried him last week in Grassy Park's Die Klip cemetery, are "fingering" their rival gang, "The Mongrels".

Who shot Hendricks is unclear, but revenge is certain in this escalating turf war that has seen 15 gangsters shot in the past year.

"The Mongrels" control most of the shebeens and drug trade in Hanover Park and see the "Americans" as an economic threat.

The taxi rank in the area, formerly a "Mongrel" stronghold, has been taken over by the younger gang, and the Mongrels fear further encroachment.

The Americans claim the area is now safer for its citizens, with fewer robberies and stabbings.

"Ons issie gangsters nie. Ons is 'unity-gent — ons is gentlemen", says Spoek, a 19-year-old American with gold fillings and hard eyes, one of Hendricks' mourners.

"We don't rob people," he says. "The Mongrels' motto is 'Pay or Die', he says contemptuously."

Residents may be walking the streets more easily, but gang members are still gunning for each other.

At Hendricks' funeral, where several hundred Americans gathered to pay their last respects, revenge was in the air. Americans Roland "Sloppek" Anthony and Ashley "Tolla" Gevelaar, brutally murdered last year, are still to be avenged.

At the cemetery, the "Americans" draped the United States "Stars and Stripes" over the graves of their fallen "brothers".

These baby-faced youngsters are a far cry from the older battle-scarred and tattooed gangsters.

One was left with a strange feeling in watching these smartly dressed youngsters burying their dead.

In their American-style clothing — baseball jackets, sharply pressed Nevada trousers and Pringle shirts — they looked like the boys next door.

## Revenge

Only when speaking did one one get any sort of indication they were gangsters.

They were talking of revenge in the cemetery.

"It will be terrible," said a youth who lives in the area.

But these gangsters are caught in a vicious cycle of violence. As they were leaving the cemetery, six gunmen, from a rival gang, "ambushed" them, wounding two gangsters.

The Americans — in 15 taxis and two luxury coaches — then jumped out of their vehicles, ready to start the battle. But the drivers, in fear of being shot, decided to take flight.

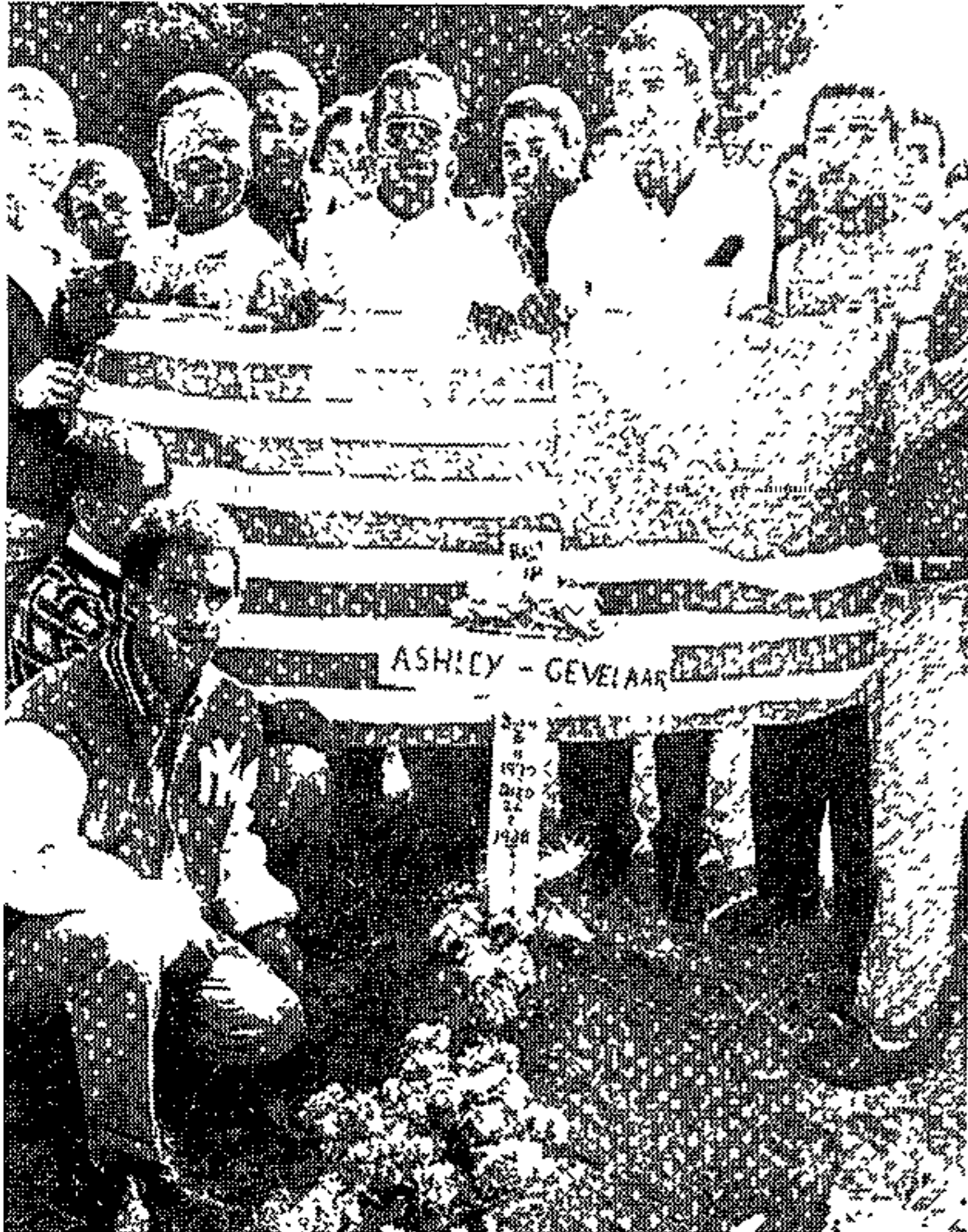
"If the drivers had stayed, there really would have been a war," he said.

"Ek het my amper vuil gemaak toe hulle begin skiet het," he laughed.

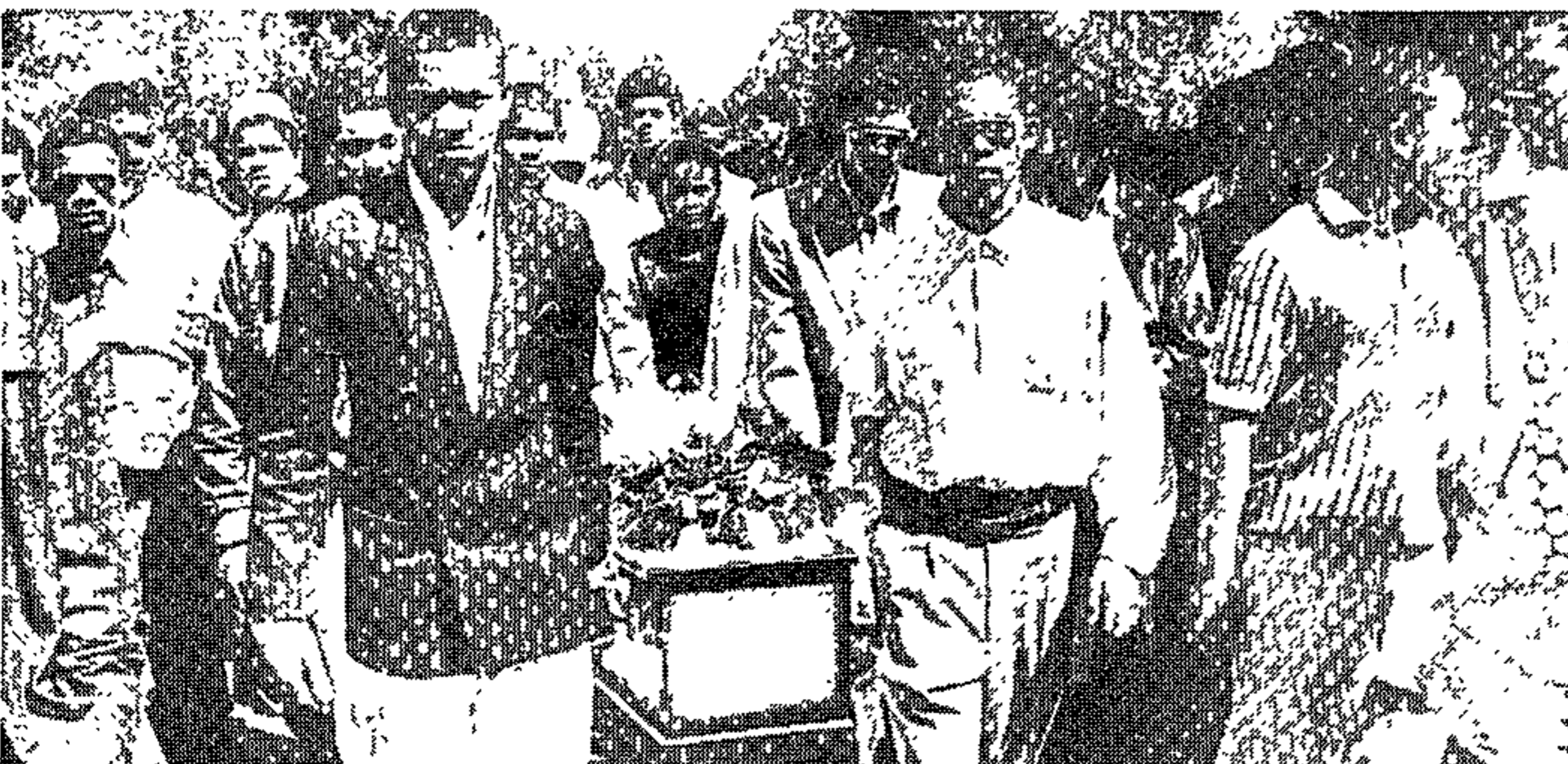
They were lucky this time. It could so easily have meant another funeral.

The remark of one of the gangsters leaving the cemetery was ominous.

"Ons sal jou weer sien my broer (We'll see you again)", he said, as he walked away from Sloppek's grave.



FINAL TRIBUTE: Mourners at the graveside (top) and funeral (below) of slain gang members



# Principal in court for indecent assault

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By MONICA GRAAFF  
Court Reporter

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PRESS reporters were yesterday barred from attending the court hearing of an indecent assault charge against a Stellenbosch headmaster, who allegedly molested a 13-year-old pupil.

The magistrate, Mr D J van Niekerk, ruled that the proceedings would be held in camera irre-

spective of whether the witnesses were adults or minors.

Mr Luther van der Westhuizen, of A F Louw Junior School, pleaded not guilty this week to indecently assaulting the boy.

He also pleaded not guilty to an alternative charge in terms of the Immorality Act for allegedly committing an indecent and lascivious act with a boy under 19.

However, in his statement before the court, he admitted to seeing the boy about a discipline problem on September 6.

The boy alleges that Mr Van der Westhuizen asked him to accompany him to Cape Town to see a psychologist. They allegedly went into the headmaster's office and from there into a smaller room where the incident occurred.

Mr F E Nel prosecuted. Mr R S van der Riet appeared for Mr Van der Westhuizen.



# Missing school caretaker: police arrest 3

## Crime Reporter

Durban police have arrested three young men in connection with the disappearance of the caretaker of King Edward VII High School in Houghton, Johannesburg, police said.

Two 19-year-olds and one man aged 21 were allegedly found in possession of Mr Sydney Robson's car. Mr Robson's Houghton home was found in a shambles on Monday.

Mr Robson (52) has not yet been found.

The deputy commander of the Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad, Lieutenant-Colonel Chris Earle, left for Durban yesterday to question the suspects. Durban police have launched a search in the area for Mr Robson.

A Durban police spokesman said Durban and Robbery Squad detectives received information at about 9.30 am yesterday and the arrests were made shortly afterwards. Mr Robson's car had been examined but no bloodstains or stolen goods were found.

Johannesburg police have opened an abduction docket. It

is believed the suspects, two from Johannesburg and one from Carletonville, claimed they did not know where Mr Robson was and that they had left him in Johannesburg before leaving for Natal.

Mr Robson lived alone on the school premises in Fir Road, Houghton. Friends contacted police when he missed several weekend appointments.

## RANSACKED

Detectives found his flat was ransacked and the contents of his drawers were strewn over the floor. A wall safe, concealed behind a built-in cupboard, was broken loose.

Mr Robson is 1,75 m tall, has reddish hair and is always well-dressed. He was last seen on Friday afternoon.

Sources at the school are baffled at Mr Robson's disappearance. "We are desolate at his disappearance. He is a good man, a good friend and excellent at his job," said one colleague.

Mr Robson's small ivy-covered flat has a security gate at



Missing . . . Mr Sydney Robson, caretaker of King Edward VII High School.

the front door.

He lived alone and kept to himself. He had worked for the school for 2½ years. When he was last seen he was dressed in a yellow shirt and beige trousers.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad at (011) 839-3322.

## 4 men in court over train deaths

*Cape Times 21/11/87* Court Reporter *35'*

FOUR Khayelitsha men appeared in the Bellville Magistrate's Court yesterday in connection with the death of two men who were thrown off a train last week.

Mr Archibald Moetie, 28, Mr Valapi Blain, 38, Mr Malam Moetie, 25, and Mr Abidenego Sidlali, 34, were not asked to plead.

Mr Deon Hess and Mr Johnny Malgas, both Elsies River men, were thrown out of a train travelling between Bellville and Stikland on November 11 after allegedly being involved in a fight.

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## Shebeen owners allege R6 000 theft

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# Police face charges of kidnapping, extortion

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CAPE TOWN — One of the alleged victims in a hearing in which two Cape Town Murder and Robbery Unit officers have been charged with kidnapping and extortion has described how he was arrested in Transkei and brought to Cape Town where he was interrogated by one of the accused, Lieutenant Peter Lister.

The two senior officers, who have pleaded not guilty in the Cape Town Regional Court to charges of kidnapping, robbery, attempted robbery and extortion, are Lieutenant-Colonel Stefanus Jacobus Johannes Brits (42) of Birchlot Street, Bellville, and Lieutenant Lister (46) of Steynsrust Road, Heldervue, Somerset West.

The allegations were made by two Khayelitsha shebeen owners, Mr Farrel Koza Vokozela and Mr Eric Vokozela. Mr Eric Vokozela said that to escape a debt he fled to Transkei.

The accused are charged with kidnapping Mr Eric

Vokozela on January 31 1988 by arresting him at Tsomo, Transkei, and transporting him to Bishop Lavis police station and holding him there on February 6, 7 and 8.

The two policemen are alleged to have kidnapped Mr Farrel Vokozela on January 6 1988 from Khayelitsha by arresting him and holding him at the Bishop Lavis offices of the Murder and Robbery Squad for about 12 hours.

The State alleged they attempted to rob Mr Vokozela of an unspecified sum of cash by threatening him with assault and leading him to believe he would be detained, stripped, handcuffed and suffocated with a sack over his head.

They are also charged with kidnapping Mr Farrel Vokozela on February 8 1988 at Khayelitsha and holding him at Bishop Lavis for 15 hours.

The policemen are also accused of robbing both men of R6 742.

The hearing continues. — Sapa.

# Sea Point watch taking steps to deter muggings

Crime Reporter

MEMBERS of Sea Point's neighbourhood watch are considering starting a special walking group because of the fear of being mugged.

A panic-button system of security, which would link three neighbours, also possibly would be made available to neighbourhood watch members.

These were among suggestions made by the man who launched the neighbourhood watch in Sea Point 3½ years ago, Mr Chris Joubert, at a meeting at the civic centre last night.

## PROVED SUCCESSFUL

Addressing some of Sea Point's 5 000 neighbourhood-watch members, Mr Joubert said the first walking club was started recently in Greenside, Johannesburg, and proved very successful.

"Sea Point has a similar mugging problem and people have become scared to take a walk at night," he said.

The club would allow members to walk in groups for safety and to "foster good neighbourliness".

People who took part in the club would not be patrolling the streets, as he did not believe neighbourhood-watch members should take over the police's role, Mr Joubert said.

The panic-button system linked three houses and had been approved by Eskom and the Johannesburg municipality.

This would mean people linked to the system could respond if their neighbour was in trouble.

The system would cost about R600, but could be leased at R20 a month. Most likely it would be available only to members of the neighbourhood watch.

The commander of the Sea Point police station, Major Winston Heunis, told the meeting that the police had arrested 2 385 people in the Sea Point area between January and October for minor offences such as drunkenness and loitering.

Five men were arrested recently for breaking into cars in Sea Point and Camps Bay.

Theft of vehicles was one of the most serious problems in Sea Point, brought about primarily by a lack of garage parking in the area.

Flats also were burgled in cases where people forgot to close windows, balcony doors and garages.

Fresnay was practically crime-free and the police were not experiencing problems there.

Sea Point's business community was warned to prepare for the holiday season influx and it was suggested they consider employing extra security personnel.

"The business community must not handle large amounts of money over the counter and they must be specially aware of groups of people who enter the shop together," said Major Heunis.

# Gangsters gather in park to end 'war'

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By DALE KNEEN  
Crime Reporter

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**WARRING** gangsters in Bishop Lavis have vowed to end the violence which has left the suburb "paralysed with fear".

The first unarmed meeting between members of the Junky Funky Kids and Flat Boys gangs took place in a park in Heilbot Street at 3pm yesterday.

## Zip guns

It was the culmination of several months' work by the commander of the police gang unit, Lieutenant Hein Smit, who got the 40 Flat Boys and 20 Junky Funky Kids and their parents together.

At least three gangsters have been killed and scores injured

in the protracted "war" which began in 1983.

Gang fights with zip guns, pangas, kerries and knives were often seen in the streets of Nooitgedacht and Bishop Lavis.

Police spokesman Captain Hendrik Opperman said after the meeting: "At last, peace appears to have returned to Bishop Lavis and hopefully the bitter fighting will be a thing of the past."

Under the watchful eye of six gang unit members, the 60 gangsters spoke for just under an hour about the causes of the rivalry.

Each gang accused the other of "terrorising" the neighbourhood. Many of the gangsters had laid charges of assault and malicious damage to property against each other.

For the first 30 minutes, tension was obvious between the warring groups.

Captain Smit then urged them to "forget about the past" and strive for peace.

## Parents' role

"You have all had bitter experiences. I ask you to put them behind you and stand together."

The gangsters' parents promised they would talk to their sons and urge them to disband the gangs.

When the meeting ended there appeared to be hope that the "war" was over and that peace would return to the suburb.

Captain Opperman said: "We are crossing our fingers and hoping for the best."

# Lingeletu councillors charged with murder

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Court Reporter

EIGHT Lingeletu town councillors and five Khayelitsha residents appeared in the Wynberg Magistrate's Court yesterday in connection with seven charges of murder and three charges of attempted murder.

The men, arrested in connection with incidents which occurred on and around election day, September 6, were released on bail of R200 each without being asked to plead.

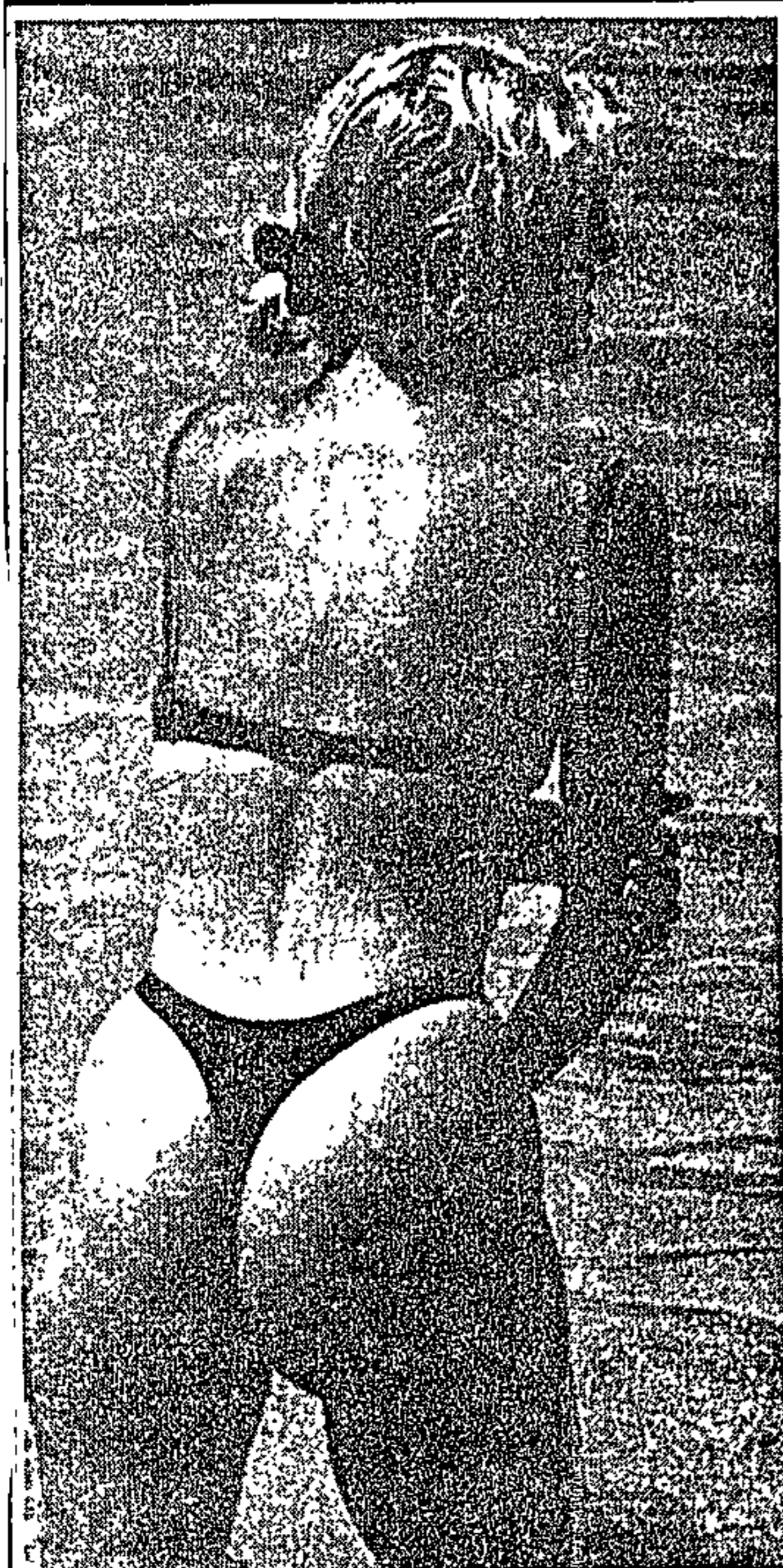
They are Mr John Warrington, 40, and Mr Jan van Wyngaardt, 37, of Goodwood; Mr Magolola Zomo, 46, Mr Ezekile Jezile, 37, Mr Gxowa Morris, 63, Mr Charlie Banti, 55, Mr Vakatshiwo Goenie, 47, Mr Livingston Booie, 38, Mr Charles Mnikina, 32, Mr Alfred Mpetsheni, 41, Mr Peter Mathole, 39, Mr George Magquazu, 44, and Mr Million Goniwe, 44, of Khayelitsha. The case continues on February 28.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL Mr Neil Rossouw appealed to members of the public yesterday to come forward with information relating to incidents of violence in Khayelitsha on September 6 and 7.

In a statement issued yesterday he referred to a court case involving "certain members of the Lingeletu Town Council on various charges".

"There are a number of indications that persons who may give material evidence on these and related offences have not come forward with information," he said, adding that the successful prosecution of offenders always depended on witnesses.

He also invited people to contact himself or state advocate Mr WC Viljoen at 23-3000.



**KEEPING COOL:** A beauty takes a dip in the icy Atlantic at Clifton.

# Gang battle mars festive weekend

*W/Lt ARGUS 27/12/89 35*

Staff Reporters **GRAEME NICOLSON**  
**MARK STANSFIELD** and **GILL TURNBULL**

A **PITCHED** battle at Muizenberg Pavilion between two stick-wielding and beer-bottle-throwing groups — who were eventually dispersed by police — marred an otherwise perfect holiday weekend on the Peninsula.

While well-behaved crowds — like the record-breaking 4 000 who descended on Llandudno beach — enjoyed near-perfect holiday weather, police had to use rubber truncheons and teargas to disperse the two gang factions who attacked each other in a parking lot at Muizenberg.

Police liaison officer Captain Gys Boonzaaier said the fight had broken out about 3.30pm yesterday. Municipal beach constables tried to disarm the two gangs but were chased away and a police riot unit called in.

### Throwing stones

The fight apparently broke out when a group of about 15 men began throwing stones and beer bottles at parked cars. A second group, about 20 strong, attacked the first as about 400 people watched, Captain Boonzaaier said.

After dispersing the fighters, police remained in the area until about 7pm to monitor the situation.

A spokesman for Muizenberg Pavilion said no property or cars had been damaged and it appeared no one had been seriously injured.

Beaches on both sides of the Peninsula, from Strandfontein to Tableview, were packed as Christmas and Family Day crowds soaked up the sun.

Most people converged on the Atlantic beaches with Llandudno drawing a record crowd of about 4 000 on Christmas Day.

In spite of tricky, dangerous seas with a large

swell, which later dropped, there were no accidents at Llandudno beach.

A moderate south-easter on the False Bay did not deter beachgoers from covering the pavilion of Muizenberg and Strandfontein beaches today. Even the usually less populated beachfront tidal pools between St James and Kalkbakkies four hours were packed.

The sea, a refreshing 17 deg C, was with bathers even though bluebottles were at high-water mark. Lifesavers reported up to 50 people a day for bluebottle stings.

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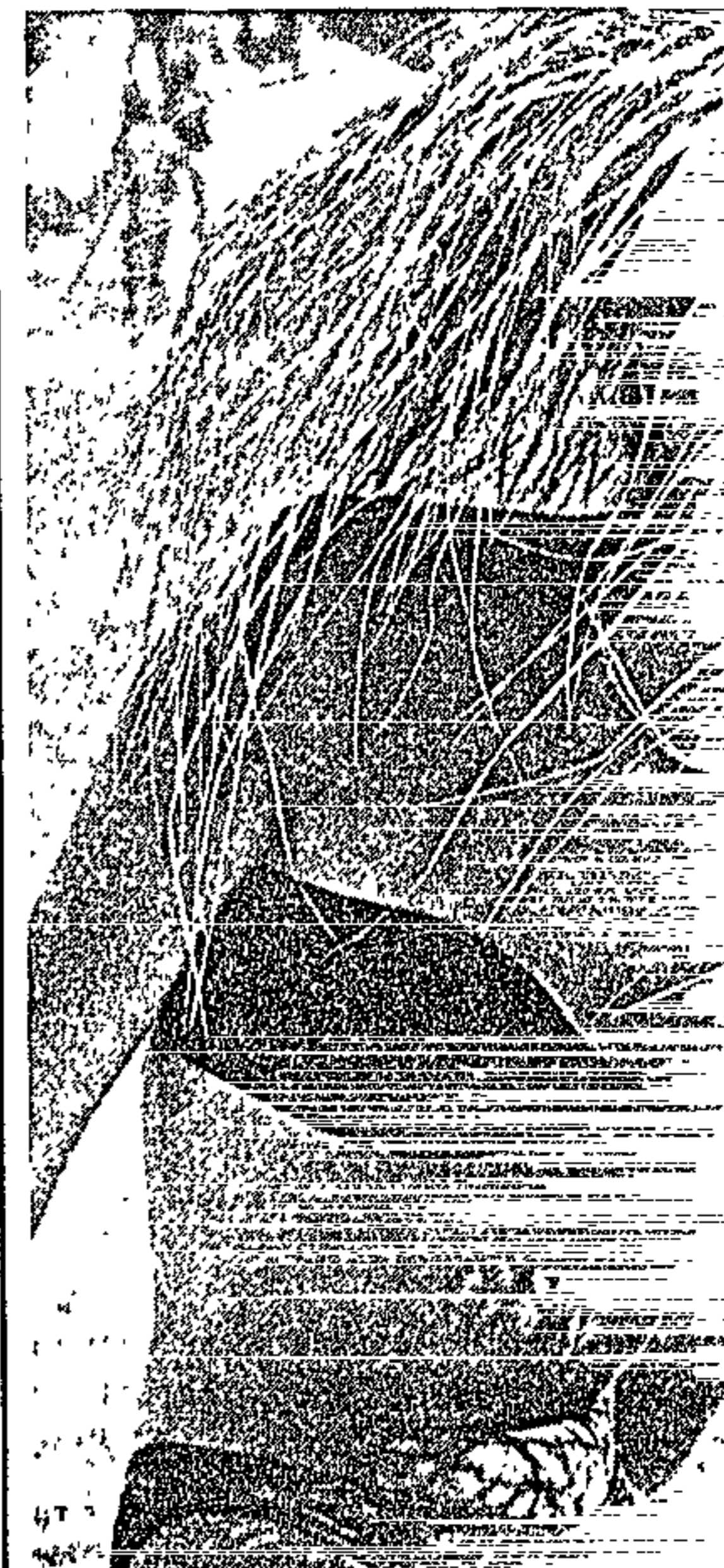
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Camps Bay's Glen Beach took on a festive atmosphere as the crowds watched some surfing in the WWW Nite Classic, held in the face of one-metre waves.

At Blouberg, lifesavers were kept busy with large numbers of mainly upcountry bathers who got into difficulties in the gusty sea.

Two men were rescued off Blouberg by lifesavers in an inflatable boat when they got into difficulties while swimming from a boat yesterday afternoon.



**ON THE FRINGE:** Vicky Wensch sunburned by ...



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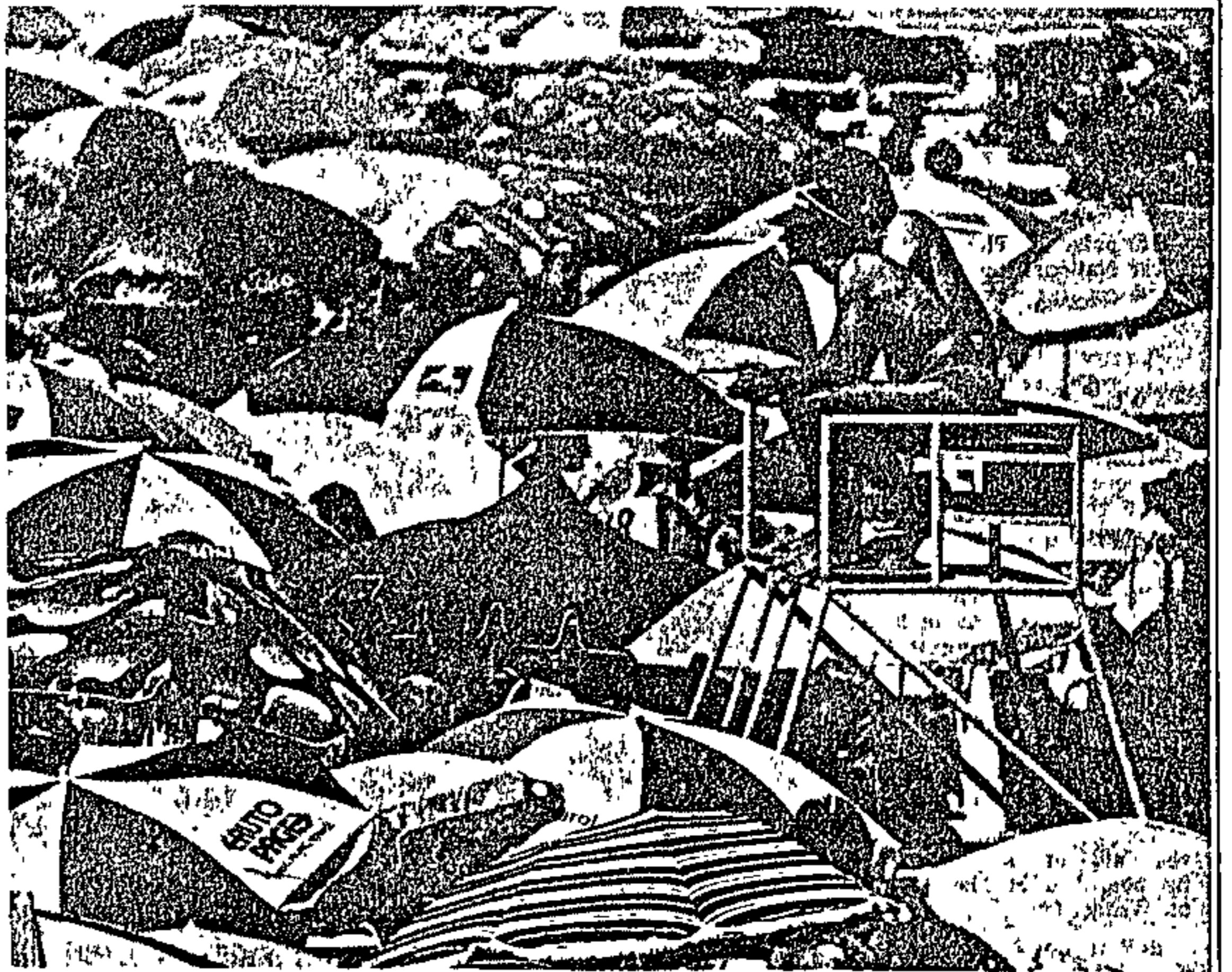
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Pictures: ANDREW INGRAM, The Argus.

**LIFE WATCH:** Bronzed lifesavers keep watch as beachgoers swelter under brightly-coloured beach umbrellas at Clifton's Fourth Beach yesterday.



**ON THE FRINGE:** Vicky Wensch, 16, made sure she didn't get sunburned by wearing this hat.



**MR SANDMAN:** Richard Spradbury, 16, from Perth, Australia, surprised a group of Muizenberg beachgoers who thought he might be burrowing home.



**BEACH RIDERS:** Beach constables Gavin Thomas and Mark Ward trotted the length of Sunrise Beach to ensure the safety of bathers.



# 'Gangster' battle at Muizenberg

Cape Times 27/12/89

Staff Reporter

POLICE used teargas and rubber truncheons to disperse a group of about 40 "gangsters" armed with baseball bats and sticks who fought a pitched battle on the parking lot near Muizenberg Pavilion yesterday.

Municipal beach constables tried to stop the fighting but were chased away by some of the gangsters, police liaison officer for the Western Cape Captain Gys Bonzaaier said last night.

He said the battle started about 3.30pm, "when a group of about 15 blacks started throwing stones and beer bottles at parked cars".

"Another group of about 20 blacks started fighting with the first group while a crowd of about 400 people gathered to watch," he said.

The police riot squad was called in and used teargas and rubber truncheons to disperse the fighting groups.

"The police remained in the area until 7pm to maintain law and order."

Capt Bonzaaier could not say whether any people had been injured or vehicles damaged.

Meanwhile new attendance records were set at Peninsula beaches over the Christmas weekend.

According to Mr Eddy Cassar, spokesman for the Western Province Surf Lifesaving Association, "thousands upon thousands of people" crowded the beaches. Most coastal roads were heavily congested with bumper-to-bumper traffic.

A record 4 000 people crowded onto Llandudno beach, despite the shortage of parking there, Mr Cassar said.

Bluebottles stung scores of swimmers at Muizenberg and Fish Hoek. Mr Cassar said the False Bay and Fish Hoek Lifesaving Clubs between them treated 30 to 50 stings a day.

At Bloubergstrand an NSRI team was called out yesterday to rescue two struggling windsurfers.

The John Rolfe helicopter was called out to assist some men whose dinghy had overturned between Milnerton and Table View and a helicopter was called out from Ysterplaat air force base to Bain's Kloof to rescue a man who had broken his right leg.

The fully-clothed body of a young man was pulled from the sea in front of the Hard Rock Café in Sea Point shortly before 9pm on Christmas Eve. Capt Boonzaaier confirmed yesterday.

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# Violence: Call for more police on beaches

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MUIZENBERG residents and businessmen have called for a stronger police presence on the beach after violence broke out near the Pavilion on Family Day.

Municipal beach constables were unable to stop two groups from fighting. They were finally dispersed by members of the riot squad, who used teargas and rubber truncheons.

"This is very frightening," said one of Muizenberg's councillors, Mrs Joye Gibbs.

She suggested greater protective measures, including police roadblocks on Muizenberg access roads, to eliminate the number of weapons brought onto the beaches.

"Masses of taxis descended on Muizenberg on the 26th. A solution may be to divert traffic to Sunrise Beach in future. We need R5 million before next season in order to develop the area between Sandvlei and Sunrise Beach to avoid this intense congestion on Muizenberg beach."

She said the beach carried 50% of all False Bay "recreational traffic".

However, police have described the incident as "isolated" and said their numbers on the beach would not be increased.

Mr Dale Ramage, a resident and flea market stallholder who witnessed the incident, said a heavy police presence was needed as "nothing can be done once these factions get together".

Author and local businessman Mr TV Bulpin said the incident was "unfortunate" and that the problem should be confronted through "straightforward law enforcement".

Several people interviewed complained about the amount of alcohol consumed openly on the beach.