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# Mother threatens to take indecency case to parliament

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**Crime Reporter**  
AN outraged Cape Town mother has threatened to go to parliament following the dropping of charges against a 26-year-old playwright whom she alleges indecently assaulted her 13-year-old son.

The man, a member of a prominent South African family, was to have appeared in the Cape Town Magistrate's Court today. He was arrested on December 12.

The charge was "very, very minor" and the possibility of a conviction "very slim", the Attorney-General of the Cape, Mr Niel Rossouw, said today.

He also doubted whether the assault had actually taken place and this contributed to his decision to drop the charge.

Mr Rossouw told the mother of the 13-year-old boy that the charges were being dropped because her son would be traumatised during the court case, the character of the accused had already been damaged and her son was the only witness.

The woman, visibly upset by Mr Rossouw's decision, said her son was psychologically prepared to appear in court. In similar cases of alleged abuse, the child was often the only witness.

She said she now intended approaching members of parliament to urge them to launch an investigation into the case.

## ACTION NOT TAKEN

The boy was one of six children who appeared, two at a time, in Marthinus Basson's production of Heiner Müller's *Shakespeare Macbeth* last July. He had also appeared in several other Capab productions.

A charge against the author and playwright was investigated by the child protection unit when Capab failed to take action against the 26-year-old after promising to do so.

The alleged assault took place at the Nico Malan theatre while *Shakespeare Macbeth* was in production, the boy's mother said.

"For three months after the incident, my son continually threatened to commit suicide, stayed away from school and rebelled against authority.

"He was too afraid to go to the theatre and it is possible that he may never act again."

The Attorney-General said: "When there is only one witness it is a problem for the state to prove guilt beyond reasonable doubt. In this case the dice was loaded against the state."

It is understood that the 26-year-old playwright was admitted to the Kenilworth Clinic recently after an apparent "breakdown".

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# Author 'badly<sup>35</sup> affected' by sex charges

Staff Reporter

A PROMINENT author and playwright suffered a nervous breakdown just days before charges against his involvement in a child sex case were withdrawn at the instruction of the Attorney-General.

"The accused in this case has been through a harrowing experience which he took very hard and which resulted in the breakdown," Attorney-General Mr Niel Rossouw told the Cape Times yesterday.

Explaining his decision to withdraw a charge of indecent assault against the man, Mr Rossouw said: "He has been exposed to extensive publicity already and the stigma attached to cases of this nature is affecting him badly — apparently he has no work at present."

The man, aged 26 and the son of an advocate and grandson of a former Appeal Court judge, was to have appeared in Cape Town Magistrate's Court yesterday. Charges were withdrawn in absentia on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, the mother of the 13-year-old boy involved in the case, has threatened to go to Parliament to "get some action". She wants to urge members of Parliament to launch an investigation into the case.

She alleges the playwright indecently assaulted her son at the Nico Malan theatre while Shakespeare's "Macbeth" was in production.

Mr Rossouw said the charge was "very, very minor" and the possibility of a conviction "very slim". There was a possibility the assault had not taken place.

But the mother said yesterday that the assault had certainly taken place: "If Mr Rossouw believes my son was never assaulted, then why is he scared to let us prove our case in court," she said angrily.



**SPORTING RIVALRY** ... Batsman Edward Williams gets some helpful cricketing hints from Valhalla Park community worker Mr George Rosenberg. Looking on are some of the "regulars" who turn out each day to play cricket on the very sportsfield that just a few months ago was a battleground for rival gangs. Picture: RICHARD BELL

# Gangs learn that fighting isn't cricket

*CARL THOMAS 13/1/90*

By DI CAELERS

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A VALHALLA PARK sportsfield, previously a weekend battleground for rival gangs, now sees these same youngsters pitted against one another in a sporting fashion — playing cricket.

Rivals, who before the popular cricket matches met only in an atmosphere of violence and hatred, now even find themselves playing on the same

side, thereby slowly creating a unified community.

The man behind the idea is Valhalla Park community worker Mr George Rosenberg, who is making a determined effort to unite the area's two rival gangs, the Americans and the Hard Livings.

"It's not an easy task. Not only are there attitudes that have to be broken down — which obviously takes time —

but there's the added problem of providing equipment to make sure the scheme doesn't just fall flat," he told the Cape Times yesterday.

About 15 youngsters, aged between 14 and 26, are the "regulars" who always turn up for games and practices, but Mr Rosenberg said that figure was constantly on the increase.

The youngsters involved were not all gangsters. "Obvi-

ously the idea is to get to the children before they even become involved with the gangs," Mr Rosenberg said.

He is also in the process of organising soccer practices and matches on the same basis.

Anyone who can help Mr Rosenberg out with equipment, either new or used, can contact him at the Valhalla Community Centre on 934-1049.

# Casings in their youth

## SOME of the holiday bargains on offer in Cape Town this season weren't publicised in tourist brochures . . . but that didn't mean trade wasn't taking place.

### Spotlight on city's prostitute problem

When the Christmas lights in the city were turned on, a few holidaymakers and residents went shopping at a brisk pace.

The "goods" on offer were the pick of the city's child prostitutes, some advertised for a price that would buy a cheap pair of shoes.

The Argus was taken on a tour of the city's "red-light districts" to highlight the extent of the problem facing the police child protection unit.

What was found was that boys and girls were offering themselves for sex to whoever waved a red banknote from a car window.

Members of the "junior league" reclined languidly in shop entrances as cars crept slowly down Long Street.

Three boys stared back as the cars passed by . . . Fords, a BMW without number plates, a diplomat's car.



By DALE KNEEN, Crime Reporter

One of the cars drew up alongside a well-built youth. He walked up to the window, had a brief chat with the driver and got in.

The youth had described himself as a bisexual. He had said he had a pregnant girlfriend and a three-year-old child. He had been working the streets since he was 14.

He was one of about 50 who offer their bodies for sale to passing motorists.

Employed during the day for a salary of R700 a month,

the youth said most of his clients were married men.

The services for the "slightly expensive" R50 he was usually paid were performed in the clients' cars.

The area closer to the harbour is the preserve of worn-out prostitutes who work the nightclubs and restaurants. The prostitutes are territorial and do not take kindly to boys encroaching on their ground.

Unlike their male counterparts, the girls charge R80 on average.

"Most of the young girls can be found in the suburbs of Woodstock and Observatory," a jovial 20-year-old prostitute said. "All types of people want the young girls — doctors, teachers, mechanics . . ."

Not all of these people are paedophiles, says Sergeant Hunsinger.

"A paedophile is an adult with a sexual interest only in children."

According to Sergeant Chris Hunsinger of the Child

Protection Unit, there are three types of people who pick up prostitutes.

"The first is the opportunist. This is the businessman or sailor who is visiting Cape Town and wants to go on an adventure trip through the city's red light district.

"Others are married men — often with happy family backgrounds — who are conservative during the day and want to do sexual things not available to them at home. They ask women to perform 'kinky' acts or pick up boys."

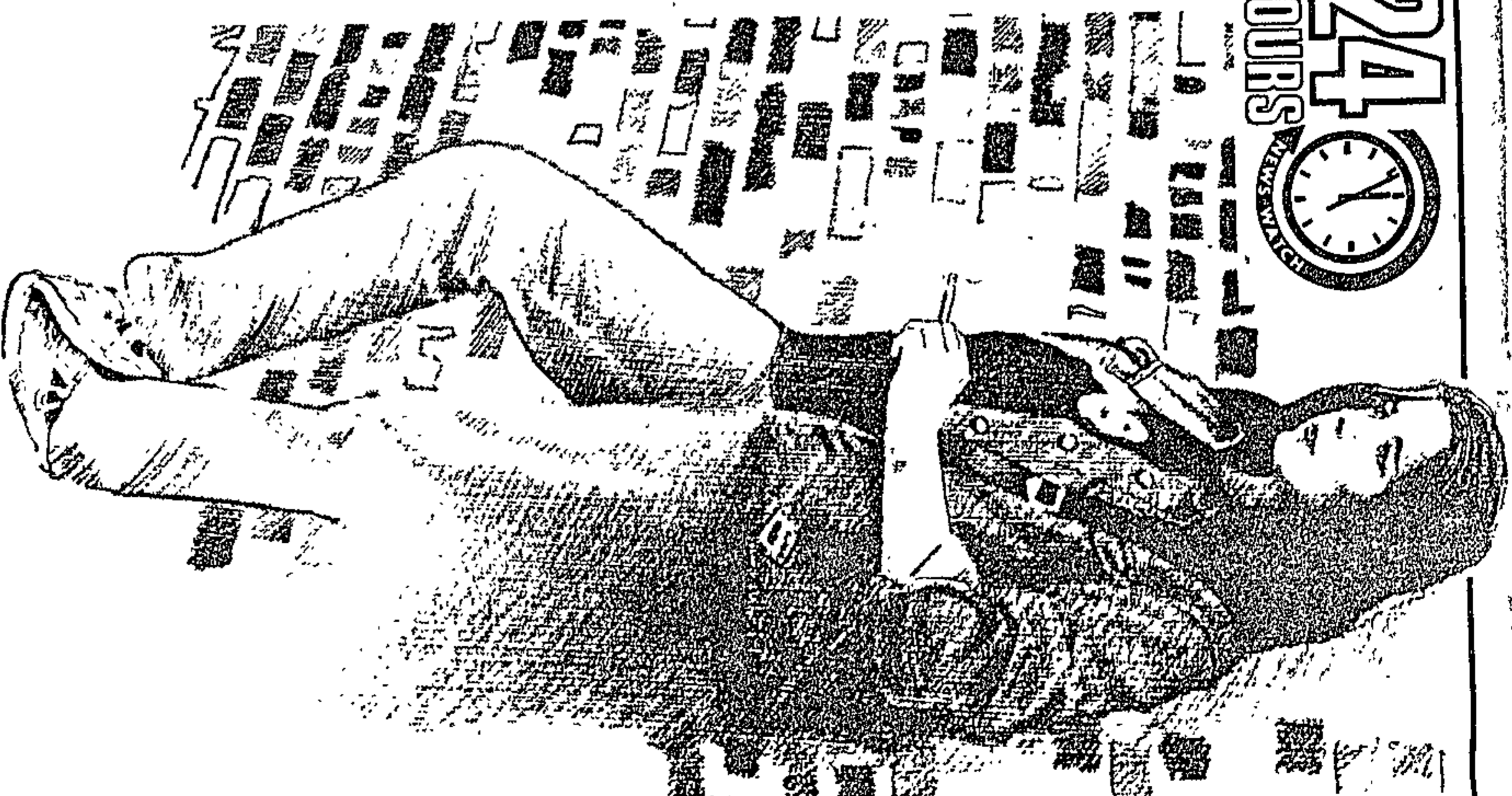
#### Molesters

The third type have personality problems. For them, sex in itself is not the source of pleasure, but the number of encounters in one night.

"The person displaying this type of behaviour can develop into a psychopath. These people are a danger to the prostitutes," said Sergeant Hunsinger.

Other people who pick up children can be defined as child molesters.

The third type is the person who commits incest, usually at home, and is unlikely to pick up child prostitutes on the street.



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# Big decline in number of child <sup>AKG us</sup> prostitutes <sup>15/1/90</sup>

By DALE KNEEN  
Crime Reporter

AIDS and a police rehabilitation programme have led to a dramatic decline in the number of child prostitutes in Cape Town.

Police and prostitutes say the number of boys and girls selling their bodies at night on the streets has dropped from "a few hundred" three years ago to about 50.

The decline began when police launched the child protection unit to tackle the problem sociologically rather than by prosecution, says one of the unit's detectives, Sergeant Chris Hünsinger.

In addition, several young male prostitutes have said fewer men and women are buying sex because they are afraid of contracting Aids.

## COUNSELLING

Once police have identified child prostitutes they contact the parents and encourage the children to attend counselling, says Sergeant Hünsinger.

"One of our main objectives is to get the children to go back to school or to be placed in training programmes."

The protection unit's long-term objective is to help the children find employment.

"We try to get the children off the streets as soon as possible to prevent them from being conditioned into a prostitution lifestyle."

"They are exposed to severe and often abnormal sexual acts which can affect them psychologically and behaviourally."

The unit's task was simplified in March 1988 by the introduction of the first legislation governing homosexual relationships between adults and minors.

It is illegal for two people of the same gender to have sexual relations before both are aged 19.

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# 'Party Kids' held after youth dies

Crime Reporter

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SEVEN members of a youth group called the "Party Kids" have been arrested following the death of a 16-year-old youth from Bellville South.

The seven were arrested on Wednesday after the youth, Bernard Agullus, died in Tygerberg Hospital.

He was assaulted at his home in Jules Street on Saturday, police said.

He was admitted to Tygerberg Hospital with multiple injuries after being stabbed and hit with a pickaxe handle.

The seven are 16 and 17 and belong to a group called the "Party Kids", which does not appear on the police gang register.

They are expected to appear in court on Monday.

# Police foot patrol first step towards a safer Sea Point

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By TOSH  
LEVETT-HARDING

THE bobby on the beat is coming back to Sea Point!

Local traders and senior police officers recently decided at a meeting that four uniformed police would be put on foot patrol in Regent Road during business hours.

This area is possibly the worst in Sea Point for muggings and other forms of street crime.

About 50 traders attended the evening meeting at the Regency Hotel in a joint effort between themselves and police to crush crime.

Some owners of restaurants and night chemists in the area objected to the police patrol just operating during business hours, saying most of their trade was done outside normal business hours.

They felt they were not getting full protection but Colonel Philip Delpont, District Commissioner for the Cape Town area, pointed out that foot patrols were just the first phase of a plan to make Sea Point a safer place.

Col Delpont also said police would man a small office on the second floor of a build-

ing in Regent Road from where they would have radio contact with the uniformed men on patrol.

He asked that the local traders provide the funds to run the small office and also supply equipment such as a phone and refrigerator.

## Committee

City Councillor Mr Chris Joubert said: "A special trust account will be opened for the purpose of providing funds for the running of the office and traders will be asked to contribute R10 monthly.

He added that a com-

mittee of traders would be selected to monitor the situation with senior police officer Major Kevin Cooke, who has initiated the Business Watch.

The committee will liaise with Major Cooke.

Mr Joubert also pointed out that the Sea Point Security Service — an armed response unit that has been doing excellent work — would work with Business Watch.

Col Delpont told traders that he was strongly supportive of those who engaged security firms.

He emphasised that traders should not see the Business Watch as a replacement for those firms but as additional security.

## Worst area

Some traders in areas other than Regent Road felt they were being left out of the scheme but Col Delpont assured them that these were preliminary moves only.

"We are merely starting at the very top of Regent Road which is regarded as the very worst part of Sea Point."

Backing for Business Watch has come from Mr Colin Eglin, MP for Sea Point, in the form of a letter to Mr Joubert.

It read: "My congratulations to those who have been the driving force behind the setting up of Business Watch in Sea Point.

"I wish Business Watch every success in its valuable crime prevention function of helping to make Sea Point a safe place for all who live, work or visit here.

"Please do not hesitate to contact me should I be able to assist Business Watch in any way."



# Township ban on Crossroads adviser

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By CHRIS BATEMAN

THE Province's chief adviser to the Old Crossroads Town Committee, Mr Ricky Schelhase, has been barred from entering any black townships following his court appearance this week in connection with the murder of a township man.

Mr Schelhase appeared before Mr S Liebenberg in the Athlone court on Monday and was released on warning on condition he stay out of all Peninsula black townships till his next appearance on March 2 this year. No charge was put to him and he

was not represented.

His appearance relates to a murder which allegedly took place on February 8 in Old Crossroads.

Mr L. Lother appeared for the state.

Police yesterday confirmed that a separate four-month-old fraud investigation into the collection of tithes from Old Crossroads residents by Mayor Mr Johnson Ngxobongwana and his committee would reach the attorney-general "within a week".

The investigation follows claims by a breakaway group of 14 of Mr

Ngxobongwana's 19 headmen, under the leadership of Mr Geoffrey Nongwe, that "millions" of rands were involved.

On December 20 last year a Supreme Court interim interdict forbidding the Crossroads Town Committee and Mr Ngxobongwana from destroying or damaging shacks in the area was extended till February 22.

At the weekend a blaze destroyed 210 shacks in Old Crossroads hours after shots were allegedly fired by town committee members, supporters at a large group of Mr Nongwe's

followers taking US civil-rights activist the Rev Jesse Jackson on a township tour.

A town committee spokesman said yesterday that Mr Schelhase was on leave till March 2. Mr Ngxobongwana was "away in the Ciskei".

A spokesman for the CPA said Mr Schelhase's court case, the Supreme Court interim interdict and the fraud investigation were sub judice.

However, allegations of long periods of absence by Mr Ngxobongwana from his mayoral duties would be investigated, he said.

He confirmed that police were investigating allegations of shots being fired by Mr Ngxobongwana's town committee members at the weekend.

Responding to community calls for the dismissal of the committee and for open elections, the spokesman said a response would be "pre-mature in the light of the present investigations".

Mr Jan van Eck, DP spokesman for Black Affairs in the Western Cape, called for the immediate removal of Mr Ngxobongwana and his committee and a "thorough investigation into the whole situation".



Mr Schelhase warned by court.

# Gangsters turn on Rockman



**MONGRELS ALL . . .** The Mitchells Plain members of the Mongrels gang claim that Lieutenant Gregory Rockman has reneged on a "deal" he allegedly made with them.

## Book proceeds 'are mine'

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**Staff Reporter**  
**REBEL** policeman Lieutenant Gregory Rockman has denied claims by Mitchells Plain gang members that he has reneged on promises they say he made concerning money from the proceeds of his book.

The leader of the Mongrels gang, Mr Edmund Daniels, told the Cape Times this week that Lieut Rockman had promised the gangs they would get some of the proceeds of the book, ti-

led "Rockman", which was published last year.

But Lieut Rockman yesterday said he had made no such promise and described the claims as "somebody spreading stories about me".

He said the last time he had contact with the gangs was before he had decided to write the book and that he had no contact with them since.

But Mr Daniels said most of the gangs in the area were "very angry"

with Lieut Rockman and had tried to contact him several times.

"He said he had no time for 'patat-koppe'," Mr Daniels claimed.

One gang member — who declined to be identified — said "we will take him", but Lieut Rockman said he did not fear anybody and invited a Cape Times reporter to accompany him to meet the gang members.

"It will be a different story if I am in their (the gang members') presence."

# Crime on increase in city centre — claim

Staff Reporter

DESPITE police reports that crime is on the decrease in the city centre the chairman of the Cape Town Business Watch liaison committee, Mr Mike Moore, says it "has risen badly".

Approached for comment following the latest mugging in the city on Thursday, when tourist Mr Richard Ellis, 29, lost R5 000 in jewellery, cash and a camera in Strand Street, he said: "Although the introduction of bobbies on the beat has helped alleviate the situation, they are only on duty during the day and not at night, when most of the tourists are mugged."

Metropole Hotel general manager Mr Alan Masters said he believed the crime rate in the city centre had been given so much publicity that visitors were going elsewhere for their holidays.

"The police do not provide a strong enough presence in the city centre — we need more foot patrols and possibly even police on horseback," he said.

He said that although everybody was doing the best they could with the limited resources available to them, it was unacceptable that the foot patrols went off duty at 5pm, "when all the crooks come out".

## 'Tourist police'

"It is imperative that tourists are protected and feel safe when visiting Cape Town," he said.

He suggested that the City Council employ "tourism police" who would assist tourists in particular, but have the right to make arrests.

The chairman of Captour, Alderman Louis Krynauw, said that reported crime in the city centre had shown a marked decrease and compared favourably with most metropolitan cities in the world.

He appealed to tourists not to carry vast amounts of money, but rather to leave valuables in a security box in the hotel where they are staying.

A spokesman for the police said it was pointless for the "bobbies on the beat" to stay on duty later than 5pm, as town becomes "quiet" after that time.

He also said that many tourist muggings were not reported to the police and it was therefore difficult for the police to know in which areas to concentrate.

People must realise that the city centre is dangerous as far as mugging goes and that as the police cannot be everywhere at the same time they should "take their own precautions", he said.

Mr Ted Doman, spokesman for the municipality, said the "bobbies on the beat" had been effective and that the municipality had asked the police to extend the times that the patrol was on duty.

# Girl, 16, shot dead in gang battle

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**GANG WAR VICTIM . . . Candy Isaacs, 16, a bystander who died**

## Crime Reporter

A TEENAGE girl holding a two-year-old baby was shot dead during a gang war between the Americans and Backstreets in Hanover Park on Monday afternoon.

She was 16-year-old Candy Isaacs, a bystander.

Police said yesterday the fight was the latest in a series of battles believed to be over a firearm which the Backstreets took from the Americans in a recent clash.

Three other bystanders were wounded. Priscilla Pieters, 14, and Shaun La More, 18, were treated at Groote Schuur Hospital and discharged. Mr Denver America, 24, was shot in the chest and is still in the hospital.

A witness, Mr Abdhul "Porky" Isaacs, said the battle began when a man ran towards a block of flats near Athwood Road, holding a shotgun and firing into the air.

## Running

"More gangsters began to arrive from all over and people who had been standing around innocently were darting off in all directions.

"The girl, Candy, was running just in front of me with a baby.

"We both dashed towards Raewood Court. I ran under the stairs and she ran up to a friend who lives in the block.

"She was shot through the head before she even got to the fourth stair," he said.

Mr Isaacs said he took the baby, Melicia Phillips, from Candy as she fell to the ground in front of him.

"I saw that Candy had been shot and grabbed Melicia."

The baby was not injured, he said.

According to Hanover Park residents, who refer to their neighbourhood as "Chicago", the gang fights have begun to break out even during the day.

A body hoping to end gang activities in Hanover Park, the Committee Against Crime in Hanover Park, was launched by the township's community leaders and police at Caledon Square on Friday.

It consists of police, educationists, politicians and clerics, and intends to lobby for more police in Hanover Park. The group also hopes to establish a municipal police force to patrol the streets and keep gang activity to a minimum.

## 2 more garage attendants mugged in wave of heists

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ANOTHER two petrol pump attendants were mugged early yesterday morning, bringing to six the number of Peninsula pump attendants attacked by armed robbers since Sunday.

Mr Eugene Basson, 17, of Firgrove Service Station, and Mr William Qumga, 27, of Hansman Service Station, Firgrove, were robbed yesterday of a total of R800 in separate incidents. The alleged robber was an armed passenger in a black sedan.

This follows armed attacks on petrol pump attendants at a rate of well over one a week since the beginning of the year. One was killed, two were critically wounded and another narrowly missed being killed when he took refuge behind bullet-proof glass.

# Violent gangs terrorise stallholders

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**PISTOL PACKING . . .** An armed stall-holder on the Grand Parade

Staff Reporter

**VIOLENCE** among gambling gangs on the Parade has caused market stallholders in the area to feel their lives are at risk when they sell their wares on Wednesday and Saturday mornings.

Several long-time stallholders in the area said they had been stabbed or injured because of fights which arose when the gangs set up their game near the stalls.

"If there's an argument about the outcome of the game, a fight breaks out, knives come out and they don't care who gets involved," said one man, who did not want to be named.

He added that stallholders who had warned visitors to the Parade against participating in the gambling, or to watch out for the many pickpockets, had been threatened by knife-wielding gang members.

Stallholders carry loaded guns with

them or keep them in their vans to protect themselves. One elderly man, who said he disliked guns, keeps a small hammer in his belt, while another has a toy gun in his pocket.

"It's no good asking them not to gamble near you, you just get a torrent of verbal abuse," a stallholder said.

The gambling game in question, which is called "finder", involves three bottle tops which are swopped around at speed. Participants, who can bet no less than R20, have to guess which top has a bead hidden under it. A correct guess allegedly wins R40. According to police, when money changes hands, such a game is illegal.

The stallholders claim they have asked the police to patrol the area regularly, but while there is no trouble on Wednesdays when the police are usually in evidence, they have had little success in getting regular police patrols on Saturdays.

Police spokesman Lt Attie Laubscher

said there were probably more police there than the stallholders realised because most were in plainclothes.

"We have many people there, although I am not allowed to quote numbers. We send police, detectives and reservists. There have been many arrests recently, and going on statistics, we are actually satisfied with the situation.

"We have received only a few complaints over the past few months," he said.

City councillor for the area Mr Leon Markovitz said he was trying to get some commitment from the Mayor's office on what was to be done about the problem. He said police in the CBD were just "spread too thin".

● A large demonstration, expected to attract thousands of followers, is due to take place at the Parade tomorrow, in support of the hunger strikers on Robben Island.

## Ex-MP claimed to act for PW in arms deal, court told

From PAT CANDIDO  
The Argus Bureau

PORT ELIZABETH. — Former National Party MP for East London, Mr Peet de Pontes, had told him he was acting personally for the then president, Mr P W Botha, on "certain sensitive issues", Italian financier, Mr Vito Palazzolo, said here today.

He was giving evidence at the trial of Mr De Pontes, 39.

Mr De Pontes has pleaded not guilty on multiple counts of fraud, theft, bribery, forgery and uttering arising out of his association with Mr Palazzolo.

### 'SENSITIVE ITEMS'

In answer to cross-examination by Mr F van Zyl (for Mr De Pontes) Mr Palazzolo said he had discussions with Mr De Pontes in a Swiss jail on obtaining certain sensitive items for South Africa, which he had earlier described as armaments.

He said Mr De Pontes had assured him he was acting on President Botha's behalf and that he would be more than welcome in South Africa.

Asked why then he had applied for citizenship of Ciskei, for which a special act of parliament had to be passed to accommodate him, he said it was agreed between President Sebe and the South African authorities that this was the best way to do it, as it would be "less embarrassing" under the circumstances.

Mr Palazzolo said he could elaborate on certain issues but to protect certain people he would not unless obliged.

Referring to his change of name to Mr Von Palace Kolbatshenko, he said he could not recall signing any specific documents requesting the name change.

He needed to change his name because he wanted to travel overseas to conduct business on these sensitive issues.

Cross-examined by Mr Van Zyl on a project to store toxic waste in Ciskei, Mr Palazzolo said Mr De Pontes stood to make about R10 million from the deal.

He said a company was to have been established in Lichtenstein and Mr De Pontes would have 45 percent of the shares, which would have been paid in dollars.

When the first shipment of waste arrived in East London the company would have received a one-off payment of \$5 million (about R12,5-million), from which Mr De Pontes would have received 45 percent, and 45 percent of all future earnings.

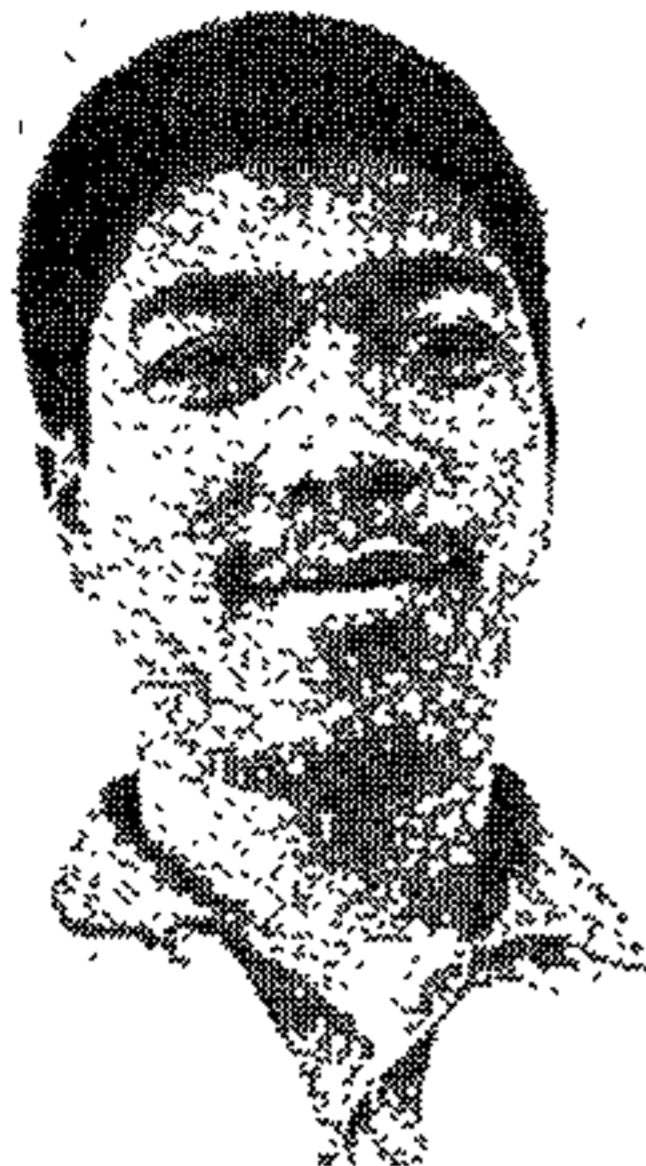
Out of these Mr De Pontes would have paid him R1 million for the money he had put in to the company Pappillon and \$150 000 (about R375 000) for the house and car in East London, which were worth R455 000.

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# Judge slams ID procedure in rape cases



**RAPE ACCUSED:** Mr Steven Smith



**RAPE ACCUSED:** Mr Jerome Pienaar

**By RONNIE MORRIS**  
Supreme Court Reporter  
A SUPREME COURT judge yesterday criticised as "completely unreasonable" a requirement that rape victims identify their attackers at a police identity parade by touching them on the shoulder.

Mr Justice DM Williamson said this during the trial of Mr Jerome Pienaar, Mr Roderick Bock, a 16-year-old youth and Mr Steven Smith, who are facing 15 charges including kidnapping, rape, sodomy, and robbery with aggravating circumstances.

One woman had previously testified how she had been repeatedly raped, her friend indecently assaulted and she and her male friend sodomised and robbed at

## Supreme Court Reporter

A MAN accused of having been one of four people who kidnapped two women and a man and raped and robbed their victims at knifepoint, yesterday denied in the Supreme Court that he had voluntarily made a confession to a magistrate.

Mr Steven Smith, who with Mr Jerome Pienaar, Mr Roderick Bock and a 16-year-old youth, is charged with 15 offences, alleged a police captain had first promised him money if he made a confession and later threatened to shoot him.

The men and the youth have pleaded guilty to some of the 15 charges against them. The charges include kidnapping, rape, attempted rape, sodomy, indecent assault, assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm and attempted robbery with aggravating circumstances.

The offences were allegedly committed in November 1988 in the city.

In a trial-within-a trial, Mr Smith said while he was alone with investigating officer Captain Andre Campher he was promised money if he made a statement to a magistrate and later told he would be set free and shot if he refused.

knifepoint.

Yesterday, Captain Desmond Segal of the

Pensinsula Murder and Robbery unit testified he had taken both wom-

en into a room where the identity parade — attended by about 20 suspects — was held.

The rape victim had become hysterical when she entered the room while the other woman had walked up and down and said she could not identify the attackers.

Asked by Mr Justice Williamson why rape victims could not identify their attackers from behind a one-way glass partition, Capt Segal said: "We have for some time tried to see that through the courts. It is acceptable in the United States because we see it in films, but our courts apparently do not accept that."

Mr Justice Williamson said: "This method of holding an identity parade is a completely unreasonable practice ... to expect a woman to touch someone who has raped her."

Captain Segal said he agreed with the judge, but it was unfortunately the practice of the police and orders were orders. He would bring the remarks of the judge to the attention of his superiors because he believed the system could be changed, he said.

Mr Justice Williamson said he may say something about the matter later.



# Hout Bay crime on increase — police

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CRIME figures for Hout Bay and Llandudno last year have shown a sharp increase of 45% for serious crime, says Warrant Officer Dolf de Villiers, station commander, Hout Bay police.

"Though the figures seem high, I can assure you that Hout Bay still has a reasonably low crime rate, compared to other areas in the Peninsula," he said.

W/O De Villiers has submitted statistics for the benefit of residents.

In 1988 there were burglaries at 54 shops and 157 houses and last year this figure increased to 67 shops and 174 houses.

There were 133 cases of common theft in 1988 and 144 cases of theft from cars.

Last year the figure rose to 153 for common

theft and 264 car thefts.

W/O De Villiers said: "We have recently had a drive against car thieves who were particularly active in the Empire Road area.

"For four nights a week we had six men on foot patrol until 4am and the crime rate has now dropped by about 50%."

He said that last month there were 24 thefts from cars, but the month before there were 44.

## Ignorance

The station commander said the big increase in visitors this season had also contributed to a higher crime rate.

"Too many crimes are being committed due to a lack of security or to ignorance."

"For instance, people leave bags and valuables on the beaches.

"People should help the police combat crime by getting themselves burglar alarms and burglar proofing, or a good watchdog."

W/O De Villiers then referred to squatters and said there were about 700 in the Hout Bay area.

"We do not have the power to evict unless we have a Supreme Court order. It is up to the landowner to look after his own ground and to lay charges if he feels it necessary.

"At present all cases of illegal squatting are submitted to the Attorney-General and only on his decision can the police take action

against the squatter or landowner."

W/O De Villiers emphasised that people who employed others to work in their garden or house should not only supply work, but also accommodation.

"People think the government should supply housing for these people but it is impossible for them to house them all."

The number of squatters in Hout Bay has increased by almost 100% over the past three years, said W/O De Villiers.

## Prevented

He also pointed out that residents often leave for holidays without informing the police and in many cases they return to find that they have had a burglary.

"Had we known they were on holiday we could have prevented it."

"It would also be helpful if residents marked their valuable items for identification.

"We often retrieve cameras, TV sets, and videos but if they are not marked how can we possibly trace the owner?"

The station commander then made this plea.

"I appeal to you all to combat crime by joining the SA Police Reservist Force."

He said that under the leadership of Harold Becker, the reservist force was performing an invaluable service to Hout Bay. His phone number is (021) 790-2643.

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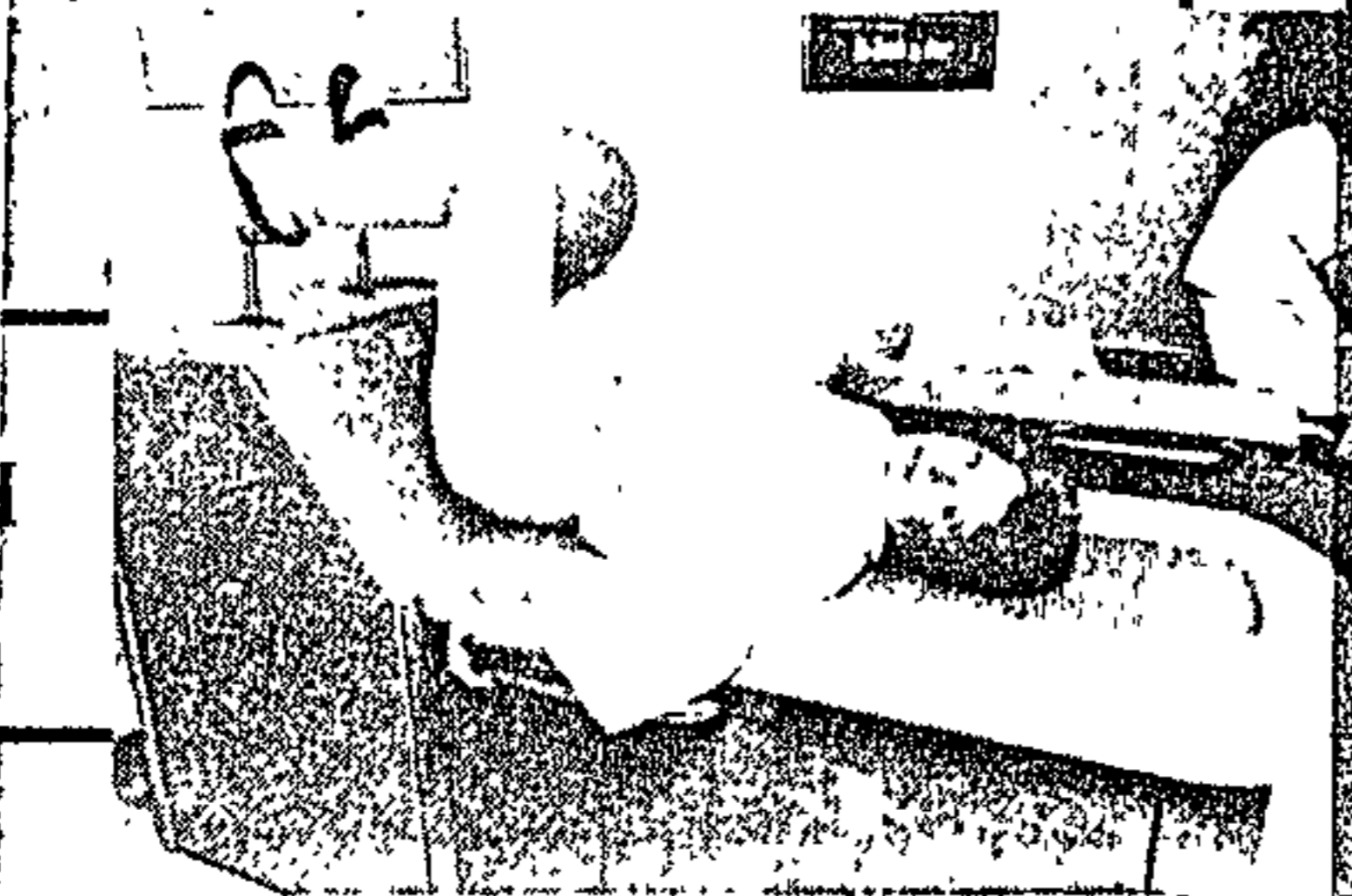
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# Stayaway sequel to shooting

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A WEEK-long work stayaway started in Messina yesterday following the shooting on Saturday night of a 15-year-old boy.

The decision was taken at a public meeting at the Nancefield township hall attended by more than 1 000 residents.

The residents also decided on a boycott of all white-owned businesses in the town and the township.

Shops remained closed in Messina yesterday with only one garage operating.

Customers were served by the white owner.

A white-owned shop near Nancefield was looted yesterday morning after the owner was lured to answer the telephone which is situated at the back of the shop, residents said.

Police later arrived and dispersed the crowd. Meanwhile six people

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By MATHATHA  
TSEDU

arrested on Friday night for allegedly burning a car and stoning a policeman's house made a brief appearance in the Messina Magistrate's Court yesterday.

A scuffle broke out between some of the accused and the police when the former were loaded into a police van after the hearing ended.

The case was postponed to March 23 but they will appear in court again today for a bail application, according to their attorney, Mr Saad Cachalia.

## Rubbish

The funeral of the youth who died on Saturday night, Wilson Nedambale, will be held on Saturday morning, according to Messina Action Committee chaplain, Reverend Lesiba Matsaung.

\* In Gazankulu, the stayaway by government employees continued for the second week running yesterday. The stayaway, called by several youth congresses in the area, is in support for a demand for the resignation of the Chief Minister, Professor Hudson Ntsanwisi.

Meanwhile, as the rubbish accumulated in various parts of the homeland due to the stayaway, the Nkowa-Nkowa branch of Azapo last week launched a clean-up campaign in the township.

Branch chairman, Mr Phosakuwa Machele, said several business people had assigned their trucks to assist in the campaign.

He said similar action was to be initiated in other areas, including the capital, Giyani.

## Prisoners may be freed soon

A SIGNIFICANT number of political prisoners are to be freed from Robben Island soon, according to Mr Dullah Omar.

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Omar, Western Cape president of the National Association of Democratic Lawyers and vice-president of the United Democratic Front, said on Monday the general understanding in the "democratic movement" was that the government "has no other alternative but to release a significant number of political prisoners and to end all political trials".

# British officials visit school after protest march

By MICHAEL DOMAN  
Staff Reporter

Argus 14/3/90

BRITISH government representatives have visited controversial Crystal Senior Secondary School where about 1 000 pupils staged a march through Hanover Park to protest at the terrible conditions in the school building.

Students from Crystal, Mountview and Groenvlei high schools participated in the march.

The three embassy representatives, accompanied by pressmen, saw several classrooms with broken or non-existent ceilings and light fittings.

In one classroom only two out of 21 window panes facing outside were whole.

A hand-railing running the length of an upstairs section about 80m long, was loose.

Graffiti, most of it gang-related, covered the walls of many classrooms.

After the tour Mr Michael Frost, vice consul (information), of the British Consulate, commented that the building was in a very dilapidated state.

He said the British government did not normally assist state schools, but that he would possibly "approach the Department (of Education and Culture)".

A banner at the student rally read: "MPs got a 25 percent increase, give us our share now".

Others read: "House of Reps — You are stealing our youth, health, tax and future" and "Replace Crystal now — we won't back off".

## Gangsterism

A speaker from the Hanover Park Youth Congress said the poor conditions at the school, added to the lack of facilities for young people, contributed to gangsterism.

"Who feels like sitting in classrooms with no windows in winter?" he asked.

"There are no facilities for the youth, so they stand around on street corners."

The speaker said gang-members put ordinary teenagers under tremendous pressure to join gangs, and people were often deemed supporters of a gang merely because they lived in a certain area.

Teachers Miss Angie Kleynhans and Mr Shadley Mohamed, who accompanied the British delegation, said much of the damage to the school buildings was caused by gangsters.

The situation had improved since last year after the DEC had appointed security guards to patrol the grounds, they said.

Standing in a classroom which had pink insulation material hanging from the ceiling almost to the floor, Miss Kleynhans said outsiders sometimes slept in classrooms.

"Because so many window panes were broken, pupils' attention used to drift to gangsters outside who would sometimes even put their heads through the classroom windows," she added.

"In one case there is no separation above ceiling level between two classes, so that pupils can hear two teachers doing different subjects at once. That is not conducive to education.

"Also, because of the exposure of these ceiling insulation materials to the elements, the health of teachers has been affected."

## "Palace"

A teacher from a neighbouring school commented to the delegation that her school was "a palace" compared to Crystal.

Mr Enver Petersen, another teacher, said the school still managed to get good results despite the conditions.

"But we don't have enough electricity or equipment to teach properly," he added.

"We have found that we have a high failure rate in Standards 6 and 7, the classes which use the worst part of the building.

"We can't create the proper atmosphere for teaching, with wind and rain blowing into classrooms because of the lack of windows.

"We can't afford to stop examinations even though nobody can concentrate properly with the wind blowing exam papers off desks and so on."

In a press release teachers said a group of politicians and educationists visited the school in August last year, and later presented plans for a new school to be built.

However, they were later told "state coffers had run dry".

Teachers had decided to launch a campaign of protest on solely educational grounds until there was affirmative action from the DEC.

Pupils have staged placard protests and a petition, to be handed to the DEC later, is due to be circulated in Hanover Park.

A DEC spokesman said Crystal was high on the list of priorities for this year, but teachers said the principal had heard things would be improved "within two years".

A team of workmen started to replace broken windows at the school on Thursday last week.

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# Pik's requests on Sol raise Holomisa's ire

By MERVYN REES

UMTATA. — General Bantu Holomisa, chairman of Transkei's military council, has sent a message to the South African government to get its Foreign Minister, Mr Pik Botha, "off his back".

Sources close to Transkei's young military leader say he has complained to Pretoria that Mr Botha has, on two occasions, taken him aside and asked him not to pursue corruption allegations against casino boss Mr Sol Kerzner.

General Holomisa believes that it is his refusal to heed these demands that led Mr Botha to advise President F W de Klerk to issue his "return to civilian rule" speech which soured relations between the homeland and South Africa.

General Holomisa also blames Mr Botha for not acting on his advice of three weeks ago to urgently call a summit of homeland leaders to avoid the violence and civil unrest that has erupted in the wake of Mr De Klerk's dramatic reforms.

Mr Botha yesterday declined to comment.

The South African Defence Force-trained General Holomisa has warned that some homeland leaders are lagging far behind the State President's initiatives and are still cracking down on ANC and PAC activities.

One of the key issues to be resolved was that of the return to South Africa of ANC and PAC exiles — many of whom could



General Holomisa



Mr Pik Botha

find themselves facing harassment and arrest in some of the homelands.

General Holomisa, who led the bloodless coup that ended the Matanzima reign in the Transkei in 1987, claims that Foreign Af-

fairs have been "playing their cards too close to their chest" — instead of offering early warning guidelines to some homeland leaders still operating under Verwoerdian principles.

Transkei, which lifted the bans on ANC and PAC before similar action by Mr De Klerk, is one of South Africa's few trouble-free homelands.

General Holomisa also recently initiated investigations into the legalising of trade unions for the first time in Transkei. The country is set to adopt the recommendations of the Wiehan Commission, which were tabled in Umtata last week.

He has also called for a referendum on Transkei's re-incorporation into South Africa. This will be debated by political and military leaders this week.

Following his pledge to wipe out corruption in Transkei, and awaiting the findings of the Harms inquiry into corruption in the homeland, General Holomisa is dismayed at the recent announcement that Mr Sol Kerzner will again be a key player in Bophuthatswana's leisure development programme — at a time when the Transkei corruption issue remains unresolved.

He has warned that this could spark off heightened tensions in Bophuthatswana among factions who were against the homeland system.

It is understood that he has reiterated his call on the South African government to urgently hold a homeland leaders' summit.

# Call to extend Business

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# Watch

CAPE TOWN restaurant owners, determined to ensure that local patrons as well as tourists are safeguarded against muggings and assaults, are soon to form themselves into a guild of restaurateurs — with security as its top priority.

James Vivier, Cape Western regional director of Fedhasa, says 420 restaurateurs are being invited to a meeting on April 9 at the Granger Bay catering school, to establish a guild under Fedhasa's auspices, similar to guilds operating in Johannesburg and overseas.

"Then we would like to arrange a meeting with the SA Police and other authorities with a view to getting the existing Business Watch extended, to

**A marked drop in daylight crime in Cape Town's CBD has been noted since the SAP's Business Watch came into operation. ROGER WILLIAMS reports that restaurateurs, worried about the safety of their patrons at night, want this service extended to other areas and after dark.**

help make the city a safer place, around the clock.

"We want to ensure that our visitors as well as our local clientele can dine out without fear of being molested."

## 'Bobby'

A marked drop in the crime rate in central Cape Town has been noted by Cape Town Chamber of Commerce since it was instrumental in getting a special SAP "bobby on the beat" Business Watch established, last September. This unit has been operating successfully, with a three-to-four-minute response time, in daylight business hours in the CBD, between Riebeeck Street and Wale Street.

Now, restaurateurs and hoteliers are wanting the Business Watch operation to be extended to the Foreshore area, after dark as well in daylight.

Albin Kilzer, proprietor of the Europa restaurant in Sea Point and consultant to the recently opened Waldorf restaurant on Thibault Square, says with restaurants functioning on and around the square, "there

is an urgent need for security, particularly at night, in the lower CBD and Foreshore area.

"This area will be a vital link between the city and the redeveloped waterfront tourist area in Table Bay harbour."

## Dependent

Michael Moore, chairman of the Cape Town Business Watch Liaison Committee, says: "We work closely with the SAP, who are well aware of the problem, but whose manpower resources are limited.

"We would like to see Business Watch extended, both in area and in hours, but we are wholly dependent on the police to bring this about."

Major Kevin Cooke, designated Business Watch police officer for the Cape Town district, says: "We started with 120 businesses in our Business Watch area, which have since doubled in number. We would like to extend our patrols to take in the entire CBD, but only if we can keep to the quick response times as undertaken."

# Hunt for killer

By DALE KNEEN  
Weekend Argus Reporter

A TEENAGER who jumped on a train to save his girlfriend from gangsters died after being pushed out of the coach door.

Police have appealed to anyone who saw the incident at 9.20pm on December 2 to help trace the man who pushed Zaid Salie, 18, of Pam Court, Manenberg, to his death.

Zaid and his 16-year-old friend, Radiyah Cassiem, of Manenberg Avenue, were travelling on a third-class coach from Lentegour to Manenberg when they were approached by two men who said they were from the Americans gang.

They quarrelled with Zaid before assaulting him and stealing his jacket which had "NY" printed on it, said police liaison officer Lieutenant Denise Brand.

"After climbing off the train at Nyanga, Zaid noticed the two gang-

sters and another man were holding Radiya back.

"The train had started moving and Zaid managed to scramble on another third-class coach, helped by a man who held the door open for him," said Lieutenant Brand.

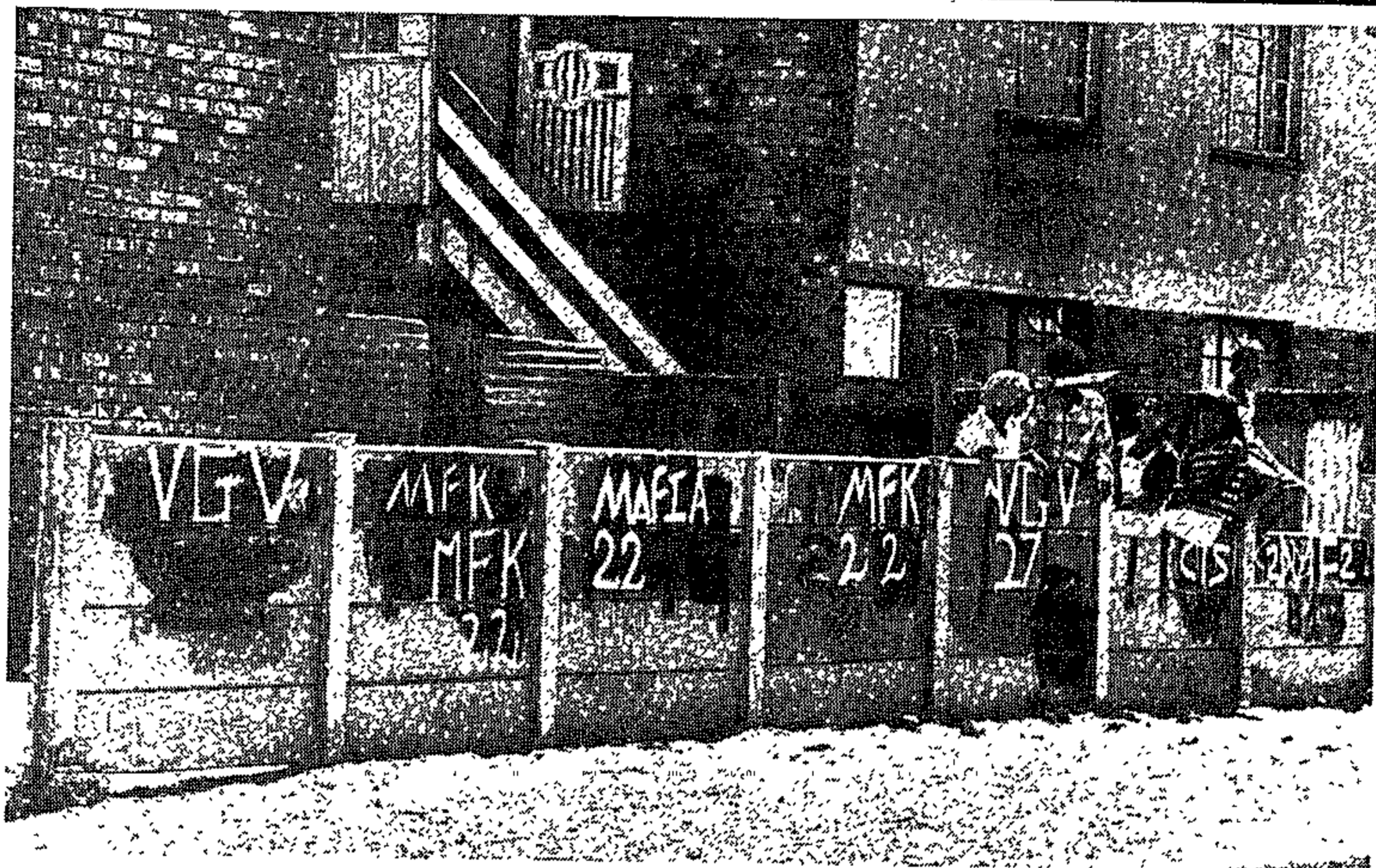
Suddenly, the man holding the door for Zaid pushed him back out. Zaid died later of multiple injuries.

Anyone with information is asked to telephone Detective-Sergeant Thomas Borchards at ☎ 637-3356 or 637-6224 during office hours or ☎ 905-3321 after hours.

● Police are searching for a music enthusiast whose taste ranges from Mozart to Michael Franks, Jethro Tull and Enya, after a collection of tape recordings was confiscated at a house in Woodstock yesterday. A KIC radio-cassette player was also confiscated.

Anyone who has had such equipment stolen recently can contact Detective-Sergeant K Engelbrecht at ☎ 45-1742.

# A suburb under siege



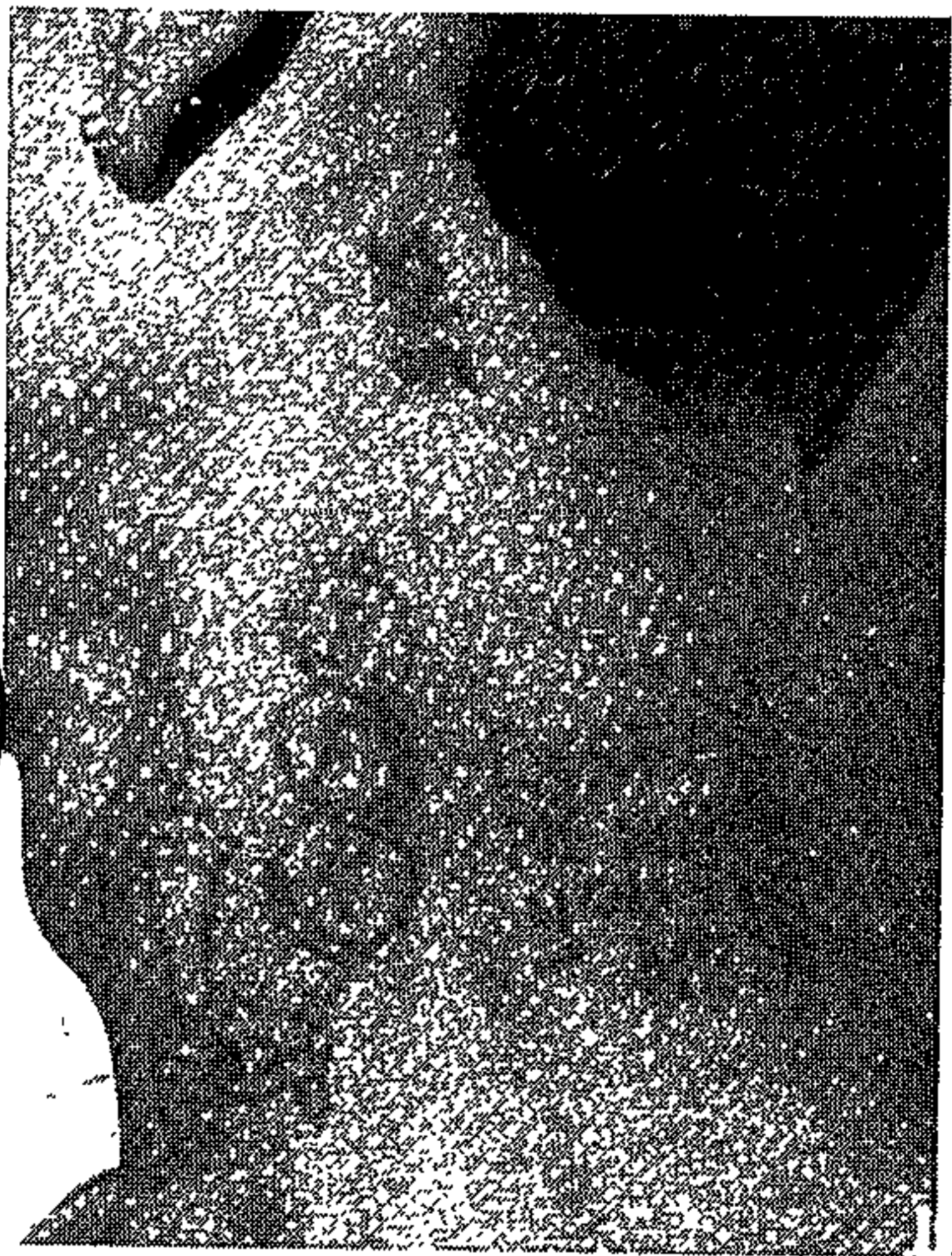
Graffiti on walls in Hanover Park show which gang dominates the area. Other examples of graffiti include elaborate pictures of American national symbols like the statue of liberty or stars and stripes.

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# Hoodlums and hell in Hanover Park

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Gang members are easily identified by the tattoos on their bodies. This young man is a member of the Born Free Kids.

AT dusk every Sunday, the people of Hanover Park go into hiding. They gather their children, lock their doors and wait for the gangsters to bring out their guns, pangas, axes and knives and start fighting.

Hiding has become a way of life for those in the cheek-by-jowl blocks of flats in the run-down ghetto.

The gang problem has been around for as long as the residents can remember, but never before has the community been so directly affected nor have so many innocent people been killed.

Last month, 16-year-old Cindy Isaacs was shot dead when she was caught in the crossfire of a street gunfight between rival gangs. The baby she was carrying in her arms survived unhurt.

In January Mr Lionel van der Lilly, 20, was killed and four people were injured in another gang fight.

About 60 000 young men belong to gangs in the Peninsula. Membership of the largest gang, the Americans, is between 7 000 and 10 000. Other gangs in the Western Cape today are the Laughing Boys, the Hard Living Kids, the Dixie Boys, the Junky Funky Kids, the Flat Boys, the Terrible School Boys, the Mongrels, the Born Free Kids, the Overall, Ma Se Kind and the Genuine TV Kids.

Many have members in Hanover Park, where they exert as much influence on the community as the police.

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Policemen working for the Gang Unit have opened many murder and attempted murder dockets after shots were fired in skirmishes in Hanover Park. Zip-guns and various other firearms have been confiscated.

### Lack of control

Deprivation, overcrowding and lack of parental control have led to a burgeoning drug trade and huge increases in the number of boys joining gangs.

Few people voluntarily leave their overcrowded homes after sunset or before sunrise, taxi drivers refuse to operate in the ghetto at night, classrooms in schools are protected by ironbars and the day hospital emergency ward was closed for more than three months after gangsters began fighting in the wards.

According to the head of the Gang Unit, Captain Hein Smit, Hanover Park is run on a "protection racket" basis.

Young men often join gangs in the area where they live merely because it offers them some protection from gangsters who live in adjoining areas.

Parents are aware that their children belong to gangs but understand that survival is dependent on alliances made.

The territories of the Peninsula's estimated 63 gangs are divided through bloodshed and are fiercely protected.

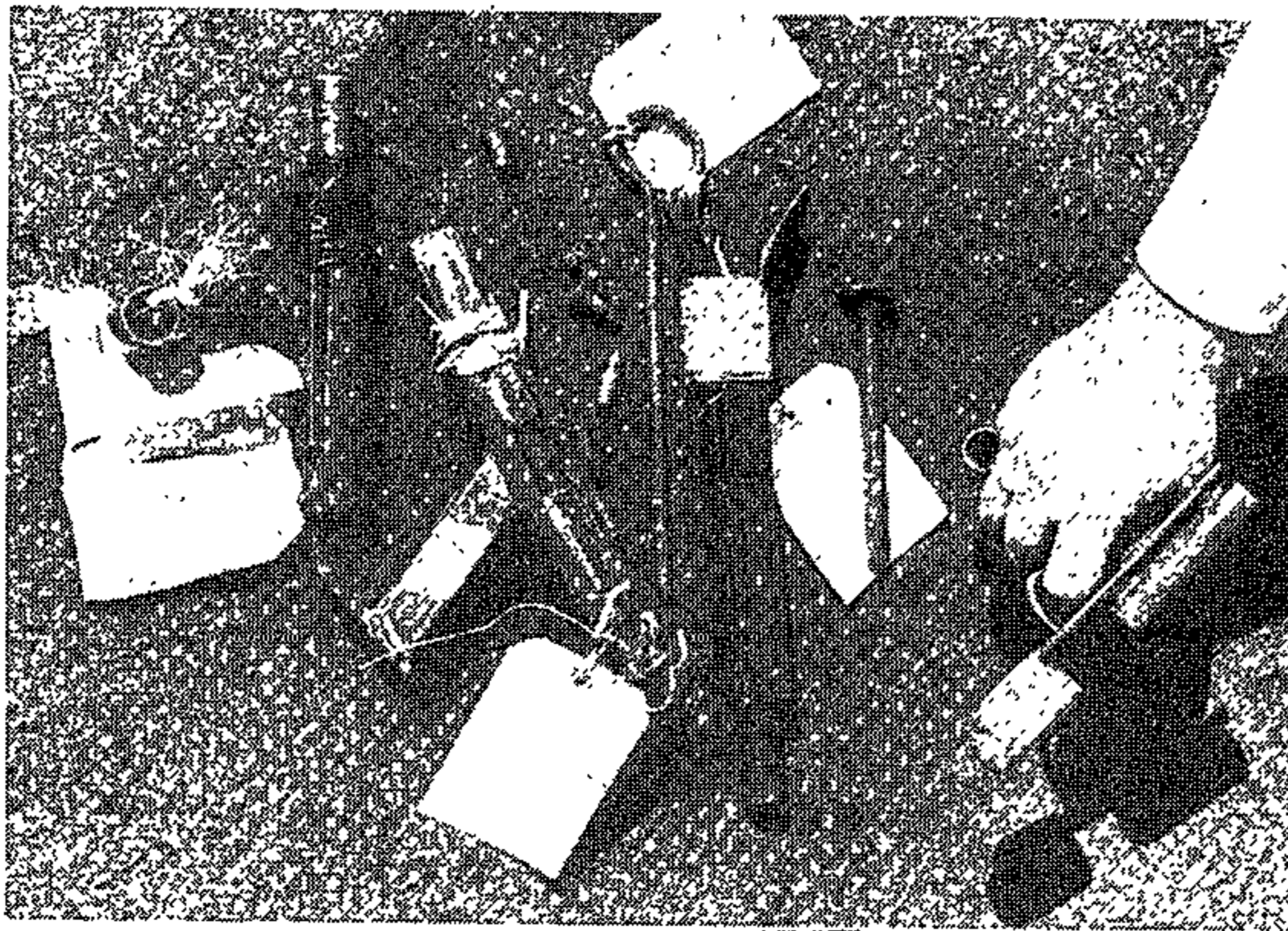
Anyone who enters an area is instantly aware of which gang operates there — the Americans, the Hard Living Kids, the Dixie Boys ...

### Flamboyant graffiti

Like tom cats, the gangsters decorate their "turf" with flamboyant graffiti — the statue of liberty, a hangman's noose, an eagle or the British flag.

"Gang members try to emulate American gangster behaviour as depicted in books and movies," says Captain Smit.

"Other methods of identification are tattoos of dollar signs or letters on the inside of their wrists or on their chests."



### A front for criminals

The first gangs began in District Six as social or political groupings but by the 1950s had evolved into little more than fronts for criminal activity.

Boys join when they are about 11 or 12 years old and many remain members for life. Activity in Hanover Park is concentrated in "valleys" — open areas between the blocks of flats.

"Drugs are a major problem," says Captain Smit. "The dealers know gangs are instant markets and drug-taking, in turn, perpetuates gangsterism."

Drugs often cause a false sense of bravado which leads to battles, the victimisation of teachers as well as doctors and nurses who may be forced at knifepoint to treat gangsters.

Nurses were also regularly mugged by gangsters as they returned home after work, hospital staffers said.

Security at the hospital has been upgraded and the emergency ward was re-opened this week.

### Rally through streets

Members of the Catholic church youth group are taking part in a rally at the Hanover Park Civic Centre tomorrow and will march through the streets to highlight the need for solutions.

Although police would not say how many policemen were attached to the Gang Unit, most Hanover Park residents believe there are too few to make the area safe.

This view was echoed by the MP for Hanover Park, Mr Kenny Lategan, who believes the city council ought to launch a municipal police force with constant patrols.

Mr Lategan is a member of the new Committee Against Crime in Hanover Park (CACHP), a group comprising police, teachers, politicians and clerics.

Political differences between CACHP members and left-wing politicians and the community advice office prevent a joint approach to solving the problem.

"Although gangsterism appears to be a universal phenomenon, we believe apartheid contributed to the problem here," said a spokeswoman for the Hanover Park Advice Office.

For now, residents will continue to fear leaving their homes, strangers will be viewed with suspicion and guns will be fired. The siege continues.

**Zip-guns and bullets confiscated by police. Gangsters use home-made weapons as well as pangas, axes, knives and other sharp objects when they fight each other.**



# Five gangs promise to end violence

## Crime Reporter

FIVE Hanover Park gangs promised to end violence in the township at an emotional gathering attended by about 600 members of the community at the local Civic Centre at the weekend.

This would be followed by the signing of a "peace treaty" later this week, the organiser of the peace initiative, UDF executive member Mr Willie Thomas, said last night.

After the meeting on Sunday about 500 gangsters and residents had marched peacefully to the Philippi police station where they had delivered a petition to the police gangster unit, he said.

This listed complaints that the unit took sides with certain gangs, some-

times tortured gang members and often detained and harassed innocent bystanders.

The petition also said the unit was not large enough adequately to control gang warfare and had a negative attitude towards the community.

Police liaison officer Major Jan Calitz said last night that he would treat the allegations against the gang unit with the contempt they deserved.

Mr Thomas also said the petition asked the police to convey the community's demands for recreational facilities, better housing, lower rents, and better school facilities to the appropriate authorities.

Gangs involved on Sunday were The Americans, the Backstreets, Laughing Boys and Mongrels.

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For written reply: *Laursen*  
General Affairs: 21/3/90

Hillbrow police station: estimated numbers

7. Mr L FUCHS asked the Minister of Law and Order:

- (1) What is the estimated population served by the Hillbrow police station over the latest specified period of five years for which information is available;
- (2) whether he will furnish details on the staff and vehicle complement at the Hillbrow police station; if not, why not; if so, (a) what was the (i) staff and (ii) vehicle complement at this police station as at the latest specified date for which information is available, (b) (i) how many of these policemen were (aa) White, (bb) Coloured, (cc) Indian and (dd) Black and (ii) what were their ranks in each case and (c) how many policemen are on foot patrol in Hillbrow (i) by day and (ii) at night;
- (3) what specified tasks are policemen stationed at this police station expected to perform?

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

- (1) 1985 — 146 251
- 1986 — 138 080
- 1987 — 136 974
- 1988 — 138 482
- 1989 — 140 020

During 1986 and 1987, at the time of rezoning of police areas, sections of this police area were allocated to Parkview and Yeoville police areas respectively.

- (2) and (3) I do not consider it to be in the public interest or in the interest of policing of the areas concerned to divulge this information. However, I am prepared to provide the honourable member with the

information on a personal and confidential basis, should be approached me for that purpose.

Hillbrow police station area: offences

8. Mr L FUCHS asked the Minister of Law and Order:

How many (a) males and (b) females of each race group were arrested in the Hillbrow police station area in 1989 for (i) vagrancy, (ii) drunkenness, (iii) prostitution and (iv) dealing in drugs?

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

- (i) (ii) (iii) (iv)
- (a) None 309 45 119
- (b) None 37 95 10

Note

- (1) Local by-laws regarding vagrancy have fallen into disuse as a result of the fact that they are not enforceable.
- (2) The South African Police does not keep records of the race of persons charged with these offences, therefore the total number of persons that were arrested, is supplied.

Point police station: offences

37. Mr P H P GASTROW 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) burglary of business premises, (g) burglary of residential premises, (h) robbery with aggravating circumstances, (i) robbery, (j) common theft, (k) theft from motor vehicles, (l) theft of vehicles and cycles, (m) possession of drugs and (n) dealing in drugs were reported at the Point police station in the Durban police district of the Port Natal Division in 1989?

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

- (a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) (g) (h) (i) (j) (k) (l) (m) (n)
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Note: Because the South African Police is not satisfied with the crime situation in the

RSA, crime tendencies are continuously monitored. I wish to assure the honourable member that everything possible is being done to prevent crime. When it is apparent that there is an increase in crime, active steps are taken to counteract this tendency.

C R Swart police station: offences

38. Mr P H P GASTROW 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) burglary of business premises, (g) burglary of residential premises, (h) robbery with aggravating circumstances, (i) robbery, (j) common theft, (k) theft from motor vehicles, (l) theft of vehicles and cycles, (m) possession of drugs and (n) dealing in drugs were reported at the C R Swart police station in the Durban police district of the Port Natal Division in 1989?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

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Berea police station: offences

38. Mr P H P GASTROW 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) (k) (l) (m) (n)
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SAP: policemen employed

65. Mr F J LE ROUX asked the Minister of Law and Order:

- (1) Whether he will furnish any information on the number of policemen employed by the South African Police as at 31 January 1990; if not, why not; if so, how many of them were (a) Whites, (b) Coloureds, (c) Indians and (d) Blacks;
- (2) how many policemen of each population group resigned from the Police from 1 February 1989 up to and including 31 January 1990?

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

- (1) Yes
- (a) 35 254
- (b) 5 879
- (c) 2 824
- (d) 37 625 of which 5 908 are special constables.
- (2) (a) 2 215
- (b) 164
- (c) 36
- (d) 731

Cape Town police district: offences

77. 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 Cape Town police district in 1989?

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
Cape Town	20	21	243	346	39	503	701	352	1215	12
Camps Bay	—	—	12	26	7	5	45	27	152	0
Maitland	14	14	97	83	17	79	123	75	318	3
Milnerton	6	9	59	108	19	28	92	97	336	—
Pinelands	7	0	8	40	2	29	101	44	328	—
Sea Point	2	6	45	155	8	34	208	97	734	4
Kensington	12	2	166	148	26	42	49	136	129	2
Woodstock	17	7	118	216	18	111	294	243	824	48
Tableview	3	10	34	26	12	2	67	64	237	—
Melkbosstrand	—	9	6	7	0	0	0	0	35	0
Atlantis	61	14	452	531	89	147	74	744	436	14
Table Bay	11	0	72	23	2	8	9	35	70	4

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*Hansard* 21/3/90 Wynberg police district: offences

78. Mr C W EGLIN asked the Minister of Law and Order: **35**  
 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 Wynberg police district in 1989? B198E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
Wynberg	10	8	48	141	14	81	170	120	378	2
Fish Hoek	20	8	144	146	12	23	65	154	392	—
Simonstown	—	5	22	34	2	7	9	16	53	—
Rondebosch	—	2	26	40	3	27	260	44	424	—
Muizenberg	2	7	147	111	22	49	116	78	372	6
Mowbray	—	14	12	51	2	34	137	32	290	2
Hout Bay	14	4	125	96	20	23	31	72	234	—
Deertryer	2	10	38	102	9	41	182	60	539	—
Claremont	3	9	58	137	5	33	511	135	767	2
Steenberg	30	2	424	394	63	184	165	418	414	—
Kirstenhof	2	12	137	75	9	30	133	104	410	2

Note: Because the South African Police is not satisfied with the crime situation in the RSA, crime tendencies are continuously monitored. I wish to assure the honourable member that everything possible is being done to prevent crime. When it is apparent that there is an increase in crime, active steps are taken to counteract this tendency.

Vaal Triangle/Eastern Transvaal Highveld: pollutants

148. Mr C B SCHOEMAN asked the Minister of National Health and Population Development:†

- (1) (a) What pollutants occur in the air of the Vaal Triangle and the Eastern Transvaal Highveld and (b) in what concentrations do these pollutants occur;
- (2) whether, with a view to the protection of human health and plant life: scientifically based levels of pollutants that may not be exceeded have been determined; if not, why not; if so, what levels;
- (3) whether the present levels of these pollutants in the atmosphere in the Vaal Triangle and Eastern Transvaal are lower than the maximum permissible concentrations that have been so determined;
- (4) whether her Department has inspectors that monitor industries in order to ensure that the conditions in respect of the release of pollutants are complied with; if not, why not; if so, what mechanisms are there in this regard?

B362E  
 The MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND POPULATION DEVELOPMENT:

- (1) (a) Mainly oxides of sulphur and nitrogen, hydrocarbons, smoke, metal-oxide dust and many lesser pollutants;
- (b) not all concentrations are measured at all stations. It is impossible to supply all concentrations for all measuring sites, due to the large amount of data available.

As an example sulphur dioxide concentrations are quoted as ranging between 3.4 and 15.9 parts per billion as annual mean.

- (2) yes, a list of maximum allowable concentrations are available. Some more important ones are listed below.  
*Annual mean:*  
 — Sulphur dioxide: 30 parts per billion  
 — Nitrogen oxides: 200 parts per billion  
 — Ozone: 10 parts per billion

— Suspended particulates: 150 microgram per cubic metre  
 — Smoke: 100 microgram per cubic metre.  
*Monthly mean:*  
 — Lead: 2.5 microgram per cubic metre  
 (3) yes, for about 99% of the time;  
 (4) yes, regular inspections and measuring of emission and ambient concentration levels.

Persons: HIV positive

156. Mr M J ELLIS asked the Minister of National Health and Population Development:  
 How many (a) White, (b) Black, (c) Coloured and (d) Indian persons tested HIV positive in 1987, 1988 and 1989, respectively? B375E

The latest available information as at 30 October 1989. Information is not available regarding the respective years.

(a) Whites	956
(b) Blacks	907
(c) Coloureds	91
(d) Indians	10

Unknown population group 432.

157. Mr M J ELLIS asked the Minister of National Health and Population Development:

- (a) How many cases of tuberculosis were reported in each province in 1989 and (b) how many (i) cases of tuberculosis were hospitalized, and (ii) tuberculosis patients died, in each province in that year?

*Hansard* 21/3/90 B376E  
 The MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND POPULATION DEVELOPMENT:  
 (a) Notifications for the reporting period during January to December 1989. It should be noted that "cases" of tuberculosis refer to notified instances of contact, not patients or people. Repeat notification of individuals per annum is thus possible. The following information is furnished as at 5 March 1990.

# Murder capital

CAT Tink 22/3/90

By BARRY STREEK  
Political Staff

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CAPE TOWN'S reputation as the crime capital of South Africa was reaffirmed yesterday when it was disclosed that there were 244 murders last year — a 58,4% increase — in the Cape Town and Wynberg police districts.

There were also 201 culpable homicides — a 16,9% increase — in the two police districts.

These grim figures were given in Parliament yesterday by the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, when he replied to a question tabled by the Democratic Party MP for Sea Point, Mr Colin Eglin.

In the Cape Town police district, 153 murders were committed last year compared with 118 in 1988, while in the Wynberg police district 91 murders occurred compared with 56 in 1988.

## More murders

Police stations where significant increases in murders occurred include Maitland (from six to 14), Atlantis (from 38 to 61), Wynberg (from two to 10), Fish Hoek (from 12 to 20), Hout Bay (from seven to 14) and Steenberg (from 21 to 30).

Mr Vlok's figures yesterday excluded the densely populated police districts of Athlone, Bellville and Goodwood, where much higher crime rates have been reported in the past.

They show that in the Cape Town and Wynberg districts 3 320 vehicles — an average of nine a day — and 7 748 cases of housebreaking — an average of 21,2 a day — were reported.

In the area served by Claremont and Rondebosch police 771 car thefts — an average of 2,1 a day — and 1 191 cases of housebreaking — an average of 3,3 a day — were reported.

## Car thefts

In the area served by the Cape Town police station, 701 car thefts — an average of 1,9 a day — and 1 215 cases of housebreaking — an average of 3,3 a day — were reported.

Mr Vlok's statistics for the Cape Town police district reflect a slightly lower rate for other crimes in most categories last year, but a significantly higher rate for the Wynberg police district.

In the Cape Town district 1 312 cases of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm were reported compared with 1 442 in

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1988, 1 709 common assaults (1 961), 239 rapes (271), 988 robberies (1 039), 1 763 thefts of vehicles and cycles (1 389), 1 924 damage to property (2 081), 4 014 housebreaking and theft (4 885) and 87 cases of possession of drugs (64).

The Cape Town police station handled the highest number of crimes in the district, but there were also 734 cases of housebreaking in Sea Point, 824 in Woodstock, 328 in Pinelands and 436 in Atlantis.

In the Wynberg district, 1 245 cases of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm were reported last year compared with 1 100 in 1988, 1 234 common assaults (966), 193 rapes (148), 633 robberies (464), 1 657 thefts of vehicles and cycles (1 389), 1 712 cases of damage to property (934), 3 734 cases of housebreaking and theft (3 733) and 14 cases of possession of drugs (64).

The Steenberg police station, where 424 assaults with intent to do grievous bodily harm and 414 cases of housebreaking were reported, generally had the most crime to deal with, but there were also 767 cases of housebreaking and 511 vehicle thefts reported in Claremont, 424 cases of housebreaking and 260 vehicle thefts reported in Rondebosch, 378 vehicle thefts in Wynberg and 392 in Fish Hoek.

# 'Horrificing terror'

## 4 guilty of rape, robbery

By RONNIE MORRIS  
Supreme Court Reporter

THREE men and a youth who kidnapped and then raped, sodomised and indecently assaulted two women and a man in a four-hour "horrifying reign of terror" were yesterday convicted on some of 15 charges.

The convictions of Mr Jerome Pienaar, Mr Roderick Bock, a 16-year-old youth and Mr Steven Smith resulted from the kidnapping on November 1, 1988, of two women and a man who had gone to take a college home to Belhar.

When they stopped at a stop sign, the men forced their way into the car and during a four-hour ordeal and at knife-point one woman was repeatedly raped, sodomised and indecently assaulted, the other woman indecently assaulted and the man sodomised. All three people were also robbed of money, jewellery and other possessions.

The men also threatened to kill their victims and referred to locking them in the boot and setting the car alight during the "degrading and harrowing experience"

they had been subjected to.

Delivering judgment, Mr Justice D M Williamson said he was satisfied that the women were honest witnesses who did not overstate or rub in what had been done to them. The man, though he had been forgetful and vague, was also a good witness.

The judge described the women as "outstanding witnesses of high intelligence and good observers".

The court had no hesitation in branding the accused as liars where their evidence conflicted with that of state witnesses. The accused who had testified — Mr Pienaar, the youth and Mr Smith — had played down their role and could only be characterised as "appalling witnesses", the judge said.

For his role in events that night Mr Pienaar was convicted of kidnapping,

three charges of theft (in terms of the common purpose doctrine), rape, sodomy of the woman, indecent assault, the sodomy of the man and robbery.

He was found not guilty of indecent assault, attempted rape, assault on the second woman, assault, attempted robbery and driving a car without the owner's permission.

The use of the car was an integral part of the kidnapping charge and had no independent merit, Mr Justice Williamson said.

Mr Bock was convicted of kidnapping, theft, rape, attempted rape and robbery, and found not guilty of the remaining charges.

The youth was convicted of kidnapping, theft, rape, two counts of indecent assault, sodomy of the woman and robbery.

Mr Smith was found guilty of kidnapping, theft, rape, sodomy, attempted rape, indecent assault, sodomy of the man and robbery.

The trial continues on Tuesday. The accused Mr CH van Gard and Mr AH de Villiers were all represented by pro Deo counsel, Mr Craig Webster appeared for Mr Pienaar, Mr Michael Sher for Mr Bock, Mr Phillip Higgo for the youth and Mr Peter Bornman for Mr Smith.

Jerome Pienaar

Roderick Bock

Steven Smith

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# 5 robbed after soccer crowds storm train

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By ANDRE KOOPMAN

AT least five people were robbed by knife-wielding thugs among a "horde of spectators" who stormed on to a city-bound train at Observatory station yesterday after a soccer match at Hartleyvale Stadium.

Mr George Frost of Plumstead said he had boarded the train at Plumstead station. When the train pulled up at Observatory about 5pm, it was stormed by soccer fans who packed the train.

He said he was accosted by a knife-wielding man who demanded his money.

"He took my wallet, book of life, gas pistol and ripped off my gold watch," Mr Frost said.

Mr Frost said a nursing sister was assaulted and robbed and he knew of at least three other people who were robbed.

A local police spokesman last night confirmed that four people had been robbed on the train and that they knew of the nursing sister, who had not as yet laid a charge.

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## 30 a day prosecuted for rape

Mr. Timp 28/3/88 Political Staff (35)

NEARLY 30 people a day were prosecuted for rape in South Africa but only about half were convicted, the Minister of Justice, Mr Kobie Coetsee, revealed yesterday.

He said that between July 1987 and June 1988, 10 364 people were prosecuted for rape and 5 243 convicted.

The figures for those 12 months were the highest for five years he said, in reply to a question tabled in the House of Assembly by Mrs. Carole Charlewood (DP, Umbilo).

Staff Reporter

FOUR rapists who terrorised two women and a man by kidnapping, raping, sodomising, indecently assaulting and robbing them, should not pay for their crimes with the death penalty, a psychologist told the Supreme Court yesterday.

Jerome Pienaar, Roderrick Bock, a 16-year-old youth and Steven Smith have been convicted on some of 15 charges committed on November 1, 1988, when the victims were kidnapped after they had dropped off a colleague in Belhar.

Giving evidence in mitigation, consultant psychologist Mr Chris Giles said the evidence before court should be looked at from a broad viewpoint which included the social, family and individual circumstances of the rapists.

## Rapists 'showed no signs of remorse'

In the sub-economic environment where there were gangs and drug and alcohol abuse, intrusive sexual behaviour and chronic violence, young children learnt to view this kind of behaviour as normal.

On another level, a history of forced removals, disenfranchisement, unemployment, broken homes and overcrowding added to the rapists dropping out of school at an early age without the necessary skills and their turning to a life of gangs and abuse, said Mr Giles.

Together with these factors and the rapists' intellectual and emotional immaturity, the death sentence was not "justified", he said.

Pienaar, Bock and Smith's probation officer, Mr George Uithelar, said they had all dropped out of primary school, were from poor backgrounds and lived in an environment where there was a high incidence of gang activity.

When he interviewed the men, he found they showed no signs of remorse. He suggested that they be removed from society.

The youth's probation officer, Mrs M Smith, said he had been brought up in an aggressive environment and often fought with his abusive stepfather.

The case continues today.



# Crossroads residents in court appearance

By PETER DENNEHY

FOUR members of the Crossroads Town Committee were among 31 Crossroads residents who appeared in Athlone Magistrate's Court yesterday in connection with possible charges ranging from murder through arson to possession of arms and ammunition and theft.

The four committee members were Mr Nelson de Witt, 52, Mr Alfred Pupu, 46, Mr Alfred Geli, 52, and Mr Eric Ndzungu, 40.

They are all members of the group led by Mr Johnson Ngxobongwana, the Mayor of Crossroads. Mr Jeffrey Nongwe, 63, leader of a rival group, also appeared in court yesterday. No incidents occurred, other than shouting in the crowd outside.

No charges were put to any of the 31, and they were not asked to plead.

However, the charge sheets indicated that charges of attempted murder were being investigated against Mr De Witt and Mr Ndzungu, arson and attempted murder against Mr Geli and arson against Mr Nongwe.

It was not clear from papers before the court which charges were being investigated against Mr Pupu.

Mr De Witt said outside the court

that 29 of the Old Crossroads people who appeared in court yesterday were from Mr Ngxobongwana's group.

One of them was his son, Mr Vincent Ngxobongwana, 26, who was arrested on January 4 and subsequently released on bail of R500. He faces possible charges of possession of arms and ammunition, according to his docket. His case was postponed to April 26 for plea and trial.

The arrests occurred after alleged incidents which took place in December, January and February.

Only one of the 31, Mr Mandla Sihlali, was kept in custody. He had previously been out on R500 bail and he had gone to Transkei, where he was rearrested.

A spokesman for the Cape Provincial Administration said yesterday that the CPA's attitude was that the law must take its course.

Those who appeared were: Mr Alfred Geli, Mr Eric Ndzungu, Mr Stanford Mayongo, 45, Mr Vincent Ngxobongwana, 26, Mr Rodger Mnyameli, 41, Mr Mandlenkosi Memeza, 43, Mr Benedick Metho, 46, Mr Budeli Mzumbutu, 27, Mr Thobele Ngwandi, 28, Mr Mandla Sihlali, 33, Mr Muzinye Makatzi, 37, Mr Alfred Pupu, Mr William Nogilana, 60, Mr Airport Singqotho, 48, Mr Michael Gxokwe, 35, Mr Zintale Ndwaryana, 57, Mr Muzinyane Makatzi, 37, Mr Allison Gxokwe, 37, Mr Vuyisile Jonas, 51, Mr Nomsisi Mthumbuzi, 52, Mr Mzwabantu Nyhila, 50, Mr Alfred Momo, 43, Mr Siphwe Dukasha, 22, Mr Siphelo Dukasha, 22, Mr Vamsinye Hobe, 23, Mr Makheula Khalil, 45, Mr Madoda Dyani, 25, Ms Nomavenge Ngolo, 49, Ms Nomahamba Ngolweni, 34, Mr Nelson de Witt and Mr Jeffrey Nongwe.

The magistrate was Mr J Loots. Mr M Wakefield appeared for the state.

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**Staff Reporter**

SATS is to introduce a new emergency phone number which passengers can use to report acts of violence and vandalism.

A spokesman said stickers bearing a toll-free number would be attached to train windows to enable passengers to report acts of vandalism and violence.

SATS authorities will then contact police or security guards patrolling

# Violence can be reported

the lines.

Last week at least five people were robbed by spectators who stormed a city-bound train at Observatory station after a soccer match at Hartleyvale Stadium.

SATS said it was not always possible to provide special trains for soccer and rugby spectators because it was not economically viable.

"Spectator numbers have decreased in the last few years — we need at least 2 000 passengers before we can provide a special train," he said.

Meanwhile, police and security officers hired by SATS will continue to patrol the trains, a police spokesman said.



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Cape Times, Tuesday

# Lennox Sebe's son appears in court

**BISHO.** — General Kwane Sebe, son of deposed Ciskei president Mr Lennox Sebe, made a brief appearance in Zwelitsha Magistrate's Court yesterday with five co-accused who face various charges.

Gen Sebe, former head of the disbanded Ciskei Elite Unit, appeared with two members of his squad and three officers of the Ciskei Defence Force.

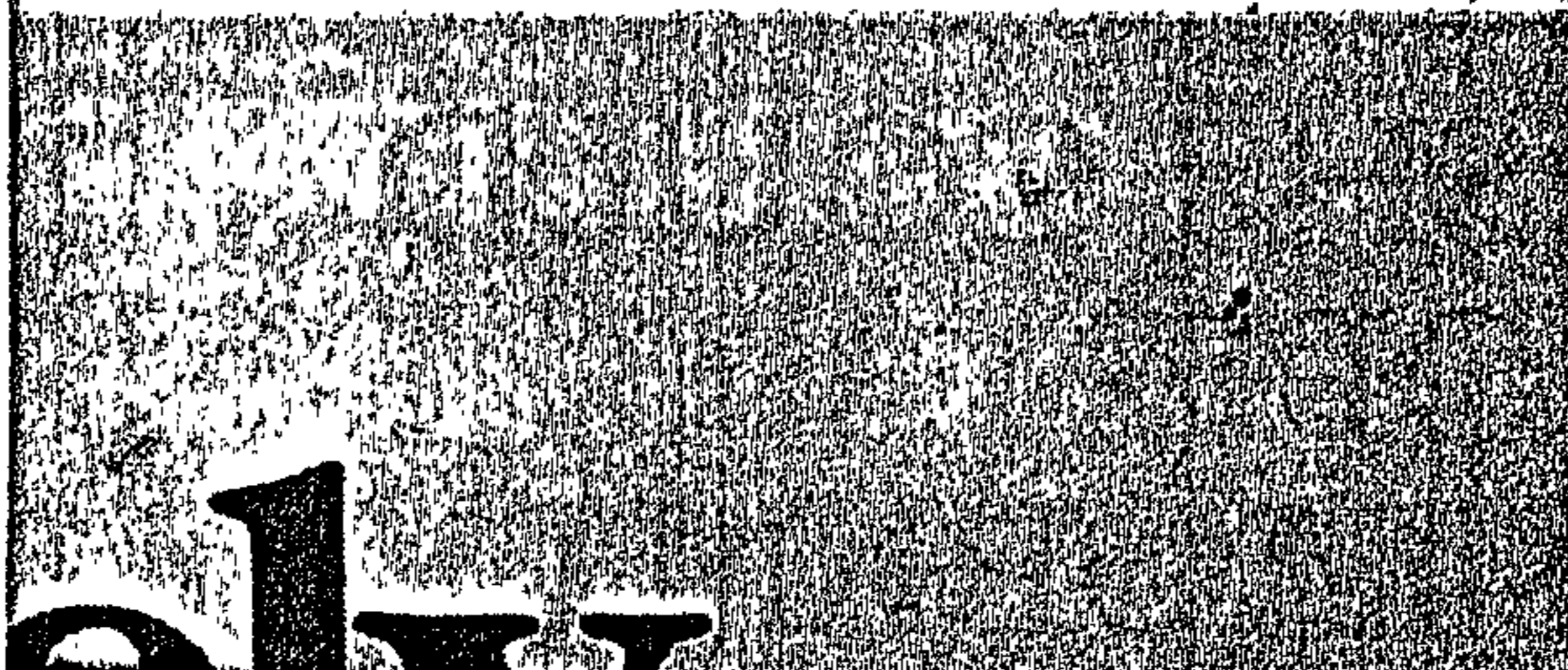
Before the packed court, where tight security was maintained, were Gen Sebe, second-in-command of the unit Major-General M W Tantsi, the head of the Defence Force, Brigadier N Zwelendaba, and Brigadier V Sixishe.

Others from the Elite Unit were Colonel M X Noyila and Lieutenant K W Makom.

The accused were not asked to plead and no evidence was led. Bail was not granted and the hearing was postponed to April 27.

According to the summary of facts before the court, the Ciskei attorney-general had decided to charge the accused with contravening the Explosives Act, four counts of attempted murder and two charges of malicious damage to property and arson.

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# 'Reign of terror' rapists get death

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## Staff Reporters

HOURS after the three young Belhar "reign of terror" rapists were given the death penalty yesterday — a unique sentence because of their youthfulness, according to legal sources — they smiled and waved to family members as they were taken away in police cars.

A fourth member of the gang, a 16-year-old youth, was sentenced in the Supreme Court to 20 years imprisonment for rape and an effective 16 years to run concurrently for the related crimes.

The youth's imprisonment and the death sentences on Jerome Pienaar, 20, Roderick Bock, 20, and Steven Smith, 22, resulted from the "horrifying" four-hour "reign of terror" when they kidnapped, raped, robbed, sodomised and indecently assaulted two women and a man on November 1, 1988.

Besides handing down the death penalty for rape, Mr Justice D M Williamson sentenced Pienaar to an effective 24 years, Bock to 16 years and Smith to 23 years for kidnapping, robbery, sodomy and indecent assault.

Mr Justice Williamson said the seriousness of the rape overshadowed the mitigating factors which included "disadvantageous" social backgrounds,

"relative youthfulness" and that Smith did not have any previous convictions.

"I don't think that any remorse you may feel is genuine but rather at the predicament that you may now find yourself," he said.

Mr Justice Williamson found that the mentioned use of drink and drugs had only a minimal effect on the events of that night.

Sentencing the youth, he said: "I don't think your remorse is genuine. You are a member of a prison gang. You have impressed as an evil young man. You are a menace. I have grave doubts that you will reform. I would not be fulfilling my duty to society if a lengthy sentence is not imposed."

Mr Justice Williams said he sympathised with the stress placed on the rapists' families.

The one woman who had been raped 11 times had strength of character and appeared to have recovered, yet she "retains emotional scars of the horror of the experience which will stay with her a long time".

When the sentences were passed piercing cries rang through the packed court while the rapists' sat stony-faced in the dock.

Pienaar's mother, Mrs Getruida Pienaar, sat on the pavement outside court and wailed: "It's not so, it's not so."

The two women victims, who had been in court,

were comforted by family members. The mother of one victim briefly comforted the mother of one of the rapists.

About 50 people waited more than four hours for the rapists to be taken back to Pollsmoor. When they were brought, they waved and smiled as family members swarmed around the police cars to see them.

Mr C H van Gend and Mr A H de Villiers were the assessors. Mr C Gilliers appeared for the state. The accused were all represented by pro Deo counsel. Mr Craig Webster appeared for Pienaar, Mr Michael Sher for Bock, Mr Philip Higgo for the youth and Mr Pieter Borman for Smith.

● A spokeswoman for the attorney general's office said the sentences were "exceptional". She said she could not remember that three people had been sentenced to death simultaneously for rape.

Rape Crisis spokeswoman Ms Pat Anderson said although the organisation did not approve of the death penalty for any offence they welcomed the conviction but could not endorse "judicial killing".

She suggested life imprisonment in lieu of a conviction "serious enough to warrant the death sentence".

Ms Anderson pointed out that rape was not a sexual crime but a crime of violence.

A young woman was raped 11 times by four Belhar men in an ordeal that lasted four hours. The men have been sentenced, three of them to death, but nothing can erase from the woman's mind the terror and horror of the assault two years ago that changed her personality and her life. She spoke to Weekend Argus Reporter VIVIEN HORLER about the continuing nightmare.

**YOUNG woman who was abducted and repeatedly raped by a gang of four Belhar men during a four-hour reign of terror says the attack was only part of the horror of the experience.**

In an interview this week the woman, a 21-year-old student, said the identification parade after the men had been arrested and their sentencing this week were among the worst aspects of her ordeal.

The student is bright, attractive and articulate and she speaks coolly of the terror of the night in November 1988 when her life was turned upside-down.

She told her story for two reasons.

"I want people to realise horrible things can happen to anyone. Before this happened I used to be very casual about locking doors and personal safety because this sort of thing didn't happen to me and the people I knew. Now I know it can — and I'm extremely cautious."

She also believes that the calm that she and her companions displayed during the four-hour ordeal probably saved their lives.

When their victims were calm, the men were fairly calm. But if they became panicky, the men became more aggressive. "The more we did what they said, the less violence there was."

She says the experience has left her "cautious and edgy, tense and neurotic", yet she speaks with extraordinarily little anger against three of the four men and even believes that one of the three sentenced to death should not hang.

This week Mr Justice Williamson sentenced Jerome Pienaar, 20, Roderick Bock, 20 and Steven Smith, 22, to death and an under-age youth to 20 years' imprisonment for rape.

The four men also received long jail sentences for the other crimes.

The judge said the youth, who is still only 17, had already committed two rapes before the night in Belhar — when he was just 15 years and three months old.

Sitting on the edge of her chair and smoking nervously, the student said she believed Bock's sentence had been "harsh".

"I think it's harsh that his penalty is the same as the other two men. Right in the beginning he raped me but after that he was just interested in robbing us."

At one point he stopped the other guys from raping me in the back of the car. He said: 'You've had your sex, you don't need any more.' The youth, he was the worst, he raped me seven or eight times and was a million times worse than Bock.

"When the others wanted to kill us, Bock was the one who talked them out of it, who said we

An American mother has thrown off her anonymity and shaken her society with her revelation that rape victims are raped a second time — by the legal system.

GEORGE GORDON of the Daily Mail writes from New York of her experiences.

# RAPE

## The victim of the beasts of Belhar tells all

### Breaking the conspiracy of silence ...

had parents who'd be worried about us. And he was the one who, in the end, persuaded them all to get out of the car and leave us."

She said her views on the death penalty were somewhat confused.

"I never believed in the death sentence and I still don't agree with taking other people's lives. But quite frankly I don't care what happens to those men. I realise that sounds hypocritical.

"Others can harp on about the barbarism of the death penalty, but when people have been so barbaric to you it's difficult to say you don't mind if they're out on the streets — even if the thought of people being hanged is terrifying."

**T**HE month-long trial brought back to all three victims the horror of the night of the attack.

"It made me edgy again. If I go out at night I'm always on the alert for suspicious-looking people and I get very edgy if a group of males walks across the street in front of my car. Everything has to be planned, nothing is spontaneous."

"It's been difficult for my family.

"There were also several nasty little incidents while the court case was on which might have had nothing to do with it. For instance, one day there was a knock at the door and I saw through the glass someone standing with his back to me.

"Normally I wouldn't open the door unless I knew who it was, but the dog was going for this man and I just wanted to get the dog off him. So I opened the door and he turned towards me and pulled a gun out of his pocket."

**"I** DIDN'T wait to find out why he was there. I just slammed the door and raced upstairs and didn't move until the police came.

"The day after the attack I'd just had a bath after getting home from the police station when the phone rang — and it was a heavy-breather.

I was terrified. I knew they had our telephone numbers and addresses because they'd been through our handbags — and there was a telephone booth near my house.

"I hung up and then tried to phone the police — but he was still there. Every time I picked it up he was there. Eventually I left the receiver on the floor and ran next door to my neighbour."

**T**HE 18 months since the rape has been hard on many of the student's personal relationships. "I think the trial was a shock for my family, because although they knew what had happened I'd never told them all the details, and they came out in court."

"I think it was particularly difficult for my father and brother.

"I met my boyfriend after it happened, so he's always known about it, although again I think the trial has made more of the details clear and it's upset him as well. It makes life more difficult because I think he feels responsible for my safety."

"We're very, very close, but it was a long time before our relationship was anything more than platonic."

The four rapists were arrested within two days of the attack.

**"A** PART from the attack and the sentencing, the identification parade was probably the worst," said the student.

"An armed policeman and a police photographer took me into a corridor about two metres wide. A barred door was locked behind us. Twenty men were lined up against one wall, all hunched up.

"Then they make you take the oath and tell you that if you see anyone you recognise you must put your hand on his left shoulder and say this is what he did to me."

"I saw all four the minute I walked in. "I started walking up the line and the first guy was about two from the beginning. I looked at him, caught his eye and immediately looked away and kept walking. I couldn't."

"Then I saw the youth — he did the worst things to me and I had to identify him.

**"M**Y whole body started shaking. I couldn't stand up, I had to lean against the wall. The policeman asked if I recognised anyone and said I had to put my hand on his shoulder. I said, I can't."

"I said it was the man in the yellow shirt and he was made to step forward, but I could not touch him. I felt awful, claustrophobic, and had to get out of there."

Sentencing was also an ordeal.

"I felt so much for the families. It wasn't their fault. I don't have children but I know that whatever your child does you love them and have to be there for them."

**"W**HEN the judge pronounced the death sentence on the first man I felt a physical jolt. His mother was sitting just two

away from me and I could see her whole body go, it was horrifying.

"It wasn't my fault and I didn't sentence them, but I did testify against them and it felt as though I'd indirectly murdered them."

The entire ordeal began after work one night about 11.30pm. The student then worked for a company which sold study aids for students. Most of their work was in the evenings and the student would drive her sales team home.

They were later than usual that night because one of the saleswomen had just moved to Belhar and had difficulty giving directions.

"We finally dropped her at home, which left me driving, the other woman sitting in the passenger seat and the man, who had just finished his first night working with us, in the back."

"My window was partly open. We stopped at a stop street and I was turned away, talking to the other woman, when suddenly she said: 'Your keys!' I'd heard nothing, but she'd seen a man, it was Pienaar, put his hand through the window and grab the keys. Then he opened the door, made me move over and climbed in. The others got in the back."

**"E**VERY soon the three victims realised they were almost certain to be killed. "I think we accepted it. The four men discussed how they were going to do it.

"It also felt quite unreal. During the rapes, despite the pain, it felt as if it were all happening to someone else."

The student was raped and sodomised 11 times. The other woman was having her period and was not raped. The man was sodomised.

"We had odd, unreal conversations with the men. At one stage the other woman, who was sitting on one of the men's laps, began picking burrs off her jersey. It irritated him, but she told him they were there because he'd thrown her on to the ground and he could pick them off himself. And he did."

**"E**VENTUALLY dawn approached.

"They were still talking about killing us, but they didn't know where to do it."

"By now there were quite a few buses and cars around and the men were very edgy. Then Bock saw a bus stop and just said to Pienaar 'pull over'. They all got out.

"I dived into the front seat and started the car. They came back and started banging on the windows, but I put my foot flat."

"I was about 4am when they found their way to Goodwood police station.

"We walked into the charge office and this constable looked up politely and said: 'Can I help you?' We all packed up laughing. We'd all accepted we were going to die and suddenly we realised we were still alive and we were safe.

"I said we wanted to lay a charge, and he said, 'Oh what?', and I said I didn't know where to start and we all burst into tears."

# The American woman who refused to remain silent

**N**ANCY Ziegenmeyer shook with emotion as she watched a uniformed court officer handcuff the man who had raped her and lead him down a long, empty corridor to begin a life sentence.

Two days later she went back to the Polk County Courthouse in Des Moines, Iowa, to write a statement that would be attached to the records of 30-year-old Bobby Lee Smith until the day he died.

It read: "A statement that has been made about rape, that it is just short of murder, is in fact an understatement. The person that I was on the morning of November 19, 1988, was taken from me and my family. I will never be the same for the rest of my life."

The 30-year-old mother of three then did something else. She threw off the cloak of anonymity granted to rape victims in America and told her story in stark, vivid detail, even returning to the car park where it had begun.

**N**ANCY had responded to an article by editor Geneval Overholser in the Des Moines Register arguing that media silence contributed to the stigma and "enormously unfair onus" endured by women who are victims of rape. "It is time for those victims to speak and time for society to listen," he said.

Nancy Ziegenmeyer not only wanted to speak up, she also wanted to disclose the second agony of rape: the mental anguish, the nightmares, the terror of walking alone and the long, long road to justice.

She bitterly reflected: "The first rape took half an hour. I was raped again by the legal system — it took 14 months."

Nancy's story provoked an astonishing response. Judges, politicians and television talk shows took it up. Women began talking about their own rapes. Details they had hidden for years were poured out.

**M**EN responded by saying that they had not had any real idea of the enormity of the crime.

Suddenly America found itself asking whether, for some rape victims, anonymity had become yet another stigma associated with this crime.

Nancy's ordeal began when she drove from her home to the car park of Grand View College in Des Moines to sit for an estate agent's examination.

Suddenly the car door was yanked open and a black man got in. He grabbed her by the neck and told her to move over. He drove the car to an empty street, raped her and pulled her wedding band and engagement rings off her fingers.

"You'll be okay," he told her. "You're white and you can go home to your hus-

## DANGERS OF GOING PUBLIC

Under British law, rape victims may disclose their identities once their attackers have been convicted. Yet going public could lay the victim open to fresh risks, psychologists have told ANNE BARROWCLOUGH.

**A** RAPE victim in Britain who wishes to throw off the anonymity provided by the law may do so — as long as the trial of her attacker has come to an end and he has been convicted.

Although identifying herself might add more potency to her story of suffering, psychologists believe rape victims who go public are also putting themselves in danger of public vilification and further attacks.

"It is a very brave woman who chooses to decline anonymity after a rape," says psychologist Tony Black.

"A lot of people will say 'well done', but a lot will send hate mail and make abusive telephone calls.

"If you feel you have a crusade to wage, there's a great deal more glory and honour about being identified than remaining anonymous.

**"T**HE victim will arouse sympathy and admiration and may be seen

to be moving things forward — and this might well offset the psychological effects of the rape which have left her feeling sullied and demeaned."

However, he warns, if a woman identifies herself as a victim, she might still find the label "rape victim" is a stigma.

"Some people will believe she has brought it on herself. This brings the additional fear that she might end up being raped again or victimised in some other way."

**P**ETER Dalrymple, of the National Association for Victims' Support Schemes, agrees with this.

"I don't understand why Nancy Ziegenmeyer thinks it is better for her to disclose her identity," he says.

"The full horror of a rape may be told whether the victim is identified or not.

"The laws of anonymity are there to protect women from being identified permanently as victims."

■ Daily Mail, London.

band and you can afford to get a counsellor. You'll get through this and you'll just be fine."

**T**HE rapist had taken not only her rings, but also her bag, in which she had books and personal possessions. For days Nancy lived in terror because he also had her address.

Two weeks later the rings turned up in a pawn shop. Detectives traced them to Bobby Lee Smith, a man with convictions who was out on parole after serving two years of a 10-year term for robbery. Nancy identified him and he was charged and held in custody.

She was told the trial would take place within 90 days. What Nancy didn't know was that the crucial evidence was the DNA results from the FBI laboratory — hers was one of the first cases using the British genetic testing method.

It was 14 months from the time of the rape that the conviction was secured.

**D**URING those months Nancy, her anonymity maintained by the unwritten rule of the American media that rape victims should not be identified, had doubts, depression, a period of self-recrimination and trauma that seemed to age her.

There were endless trips to court as the defence fought the technical evidence and the trial was adjourned repeatedly.

"The whole system was concerned with the accused's rights, but what about the victim's rights?" she asked.

Like any other rape case in America, the court proceedings were reported without mention of Nancy's name. When the full story was run, it had an impact that resounded across America.

Bobby Lee Smith went to jail for life because the charges included kidnapping and in Iowa there is no parole for this conviction.

**I**N printing Nancy's story, the Des Moines newspaper had another problem — a racial stereotype, black man raping white woman. The editor dug out the statistics to show that in more than 92 000 cases of rape, only four percent had been committed by blacks on white women.

Although Nancy Ziegenmeyer acknowledges that her going public has dragged rape out of the closet, she still believes rape victims should not be named without their consent.

"Rape victims need a great deal of healing before they can talk about a crime," she said.

What she has achieved is the opening of a public debate which should guarantee that the next rape will not wind up as a quickly-forgotten statistic.

# Death sentence for rapists queried by support group

W/1 11665 By VIVIEN HORLER 35  
7/4/90 Weekend Argus Reporter

RAPE Crisis has hit out at death sentences for rapists, saying they may increase a victim's chance of being murdered.

"The only way a rapist can be brought to justice is if his victim recognises him," said a spokeswoman. "So with the death sentence for rape, a rapist is more likely to kill his victim — he's got everything to gain and nothing to lose."

Ms Mikki van Zyl, community organiser for Rape Crisis, the rape victims' support organisation, was commenting on the principle involving death sentences for rape.

She made it clear she was not criticising the judge, but the legal system in which he had to operate.

## Abducted, sodomised

This week three death sentences were handed down in the Supreme Court on three Belhar men who, with a 17-year-old youth, abducted, robbed, raped and sodomised three young people during a four-hour reign of terror.

One of the victims, now a 21-year-old student, was raped and sodomised 11 times.

In an interview this week she said she worried about what would happen when the youth, sentenced to 20 years in jail, was released.

"Even if he serves the whole 20 years he'll still be in the prime of his life. Before he raped me he had raped twice before.

"And this case must have shown him that if you rape and don't kill your victims, they're alive to testify against you in court. He's seen his fellow rapists sentenced to death on our evidence — how will he react in future?"

Ms Van Zyl said while Rape Crisis was opposed to the death sentence in principle, the organisation was opposed to it for rapists also because the fact it was a capital crime made judges far more cautious about convicting.

"A judge will tend to feel he must be 100 percent sure that the rapist is guilty before he convicts, and in rape cases this is difficult because it usually boils down to the victim's word against the rapist's."

Also, during the trial, Mr Justice D M Williamson slammed as "completely unreasonable" the requirement that rape victims identify their attackers by touching them on the shoulder.

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# Youth shot dead in fight

Staff Reporter

AN 18-year-old Valhalla Park youth was fatally shot in the head during an apparent gang fight in Hilda Street on Friday evening.

A police spokeswoman said yesterday that Vivian Brink was shot in the street where he lived during an apparent gang fight, and taken to Tygerberg Hospital where he died a few hours later.

She could not confirm whether or not the youth was a gang member.



# Man killed as gang goes on rampage

By DALE KNEEN  
Crime Reporter

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A MAN has died after being slashed in the face with a pangas by a member of Paarl East's T Birds gang.

Mr John Davids, of Hibiscus Street, Paarl East, died just before midnight on Saturday when gangsters went on the rampage outside his home.

About 20 gangsters terrorised residents of Hibiscus Street by throwing petrol

bombs at three houses and hacking bystanders with pangas.

When police arrived at 11.40pm the gangsters ran away, said police liaison officer Lieutenant Denise Brand.

"As the gang ran down the street they were jabbing their pangas at bystanders."

Police fired one shot at the gangsters, who ran behind a block of flats. No one was hit.

After police arrested a man

they found Mr Davids' dead in the road.

● Japanese tourist Mr Tapazm Hideshina, 46, was robbed of R12 924 by four men who threatened him with a knife in the lift at the BP Centre in Thibault Square at 9.30am on Saturday.

Seven men stole a Ford Sierra from Mr Bernard Strydom, 30, of Paris Street, Blue Downs, after threatening him with a firearm at Unimphileni, near Kuils River.

# Row after teargas at march

*W/LF NEWS  
14/4/90*

By SHARON SOROUR  
Weekend Argus Reporter

SALT River religious leaders have slammed police for firing teargas into a peaceful crowd — including women and children — who were marching through the suburb to highlight the area's drug problem.

They also accuse police of being "in cahoots with drug merchants".

Police say the marchers were warned to disperse and they reject the allegation of siding with drug dealers.

Sheik Mogamadcorr Moerat of the Tennyson Street mosque said he could not condone the action of the police.

"It was uncalled for and unnecessary to fire teargas. We were marching peacefully to present a petition to the police," he said.

Although permission for the march had not been granted by a Cape Town magistrate, hundreds of Muslims gathered outside the Tennyson Street

mosque at 2.30pm yesterday. Many police were in the area.

After a show of hands the crowd decided to go ahead and march to Malta Road where members of the Salt River Coordinating Council, with the support of the Cape Town Drug Counselling Centre, hoped to present an anti-drug petition to the Commissioner of Police.

Police warned the marchers as they set out that the gathering was illegal and asked them to disperse but the crowd of about 500 carried on, chanting "Allah is the greatest."

Some exchanged angry words with 10 men said to be drug dealers.

## 10 minutes

The police fired teargas into the crowd as it reached the corner of Tennyson and Addison streets. The march had lasted 10 minutes.

The crowd dispersed and hundreds went into the Tennyson Street mosque.

A service was conducted by Sheik Moerat in the street outside — where about 100 people

prayed — because the mosque was full.

Imam Rashed Omar said they were "treated like dogs" and accused the police of being "in cahoots" with the drug pedlars.

It was decided not to hand the petition to the police but to send it to a higher authority.

The petition, signed by nearly 3 000 Salt River residents, claims that drugs sold by 11 merchants contribute to prostitution and crime in the area.

Police spokesman Major Jan Gallitz said the crowd was warned that the gathering was illegal and given five minutes to disperse.

"They did not adhere to the warning and police used minimum force to disperse the crowd," Major Gallitz said.

He said it was not true that the police were siding with drug dealers and were in cahoots with them.

"I reject that allegation with the contempt it deserves," he added.



Salt River residents set out on an anti-drugs march.

Pictures: DANA le ROUX, Weekend Argus.



After the abortive march Muslim marchers pray in Tennyson Street because the mosque was crowded.

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# 4 killed in mystery shootings at weekend

## Crime Reporter

**THREE** young men and a woman were shot dead in mystery attacks at the weekend, police confirmed.

Two Kewtown men were shot dead on Easter Sunday when one of them opened the back door of his Eland Avenue home to investigate a noise outside.

They were Mr Clive Newman, 23, and Mr Stanley Williams, 18, of Kudu Street. Both were shot in the chest at 10.15pm.

Police said the men heard people stoning the house from a neighbouring

plot and opened the door to investigate.

Four people were arrested for questioning.

A 15-year-old boy from Valhalla Park died after being shot in the chest near his home on Saturday afternoon. He was Moegamat Isaacs of Lucas Street.

An unidentified 27-year-old woman died after being shot in the chest in bushes near Site B, Kayelitsha, on Saturday afternoon.

Police said they did not know what had motivated the murders.

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**Athlone police district: offences reported**

137. 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 Athlone police district in 1989?

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**The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:**

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
Athlone	38	16	263	362	36	279	301	293	730	23
Bishop Lavis	78	60	882	987	126	514	163	1010	684	31
Nyanga	109	22	720	385	66	146	61	212	163	1
Grassy Park	35	24	358	492	101	174	255	291	911	51
Gugulethu	151	39	1377	631	109	367	86	460	375	2
Langa	48	6	477	304	46	204	19	130	222	2
Langdowne	12	10	93	255	38	114	249	196	576	8
Philippi	47	55	390	399	84	255	159	383	513	21
Mannenberg	50	26	592	398	61	369	159	594	618	28
Mitchells Plain	84	32	593	2073	214	774	1097	2045	36	36
Khayelasha	252	80	1517	887	191	330	97	431	616	-

**Note:**

Because the South African Police is not satisfied with the crime situation in the RSA, crime tendencies are continuously monitored. I wish to assure the honourable member that everything possible is being done to prevent crime. When it is apparent that there is an increase in crime, active steps are taken to counteract this tendency.

**Bellville police district: offences reported**

138. 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 Bellville police district in 1989?

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**The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:**

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
Bellville	20	16	161	279	23	119	350	152	799	7
Brackenfell	14	20	154	69	18	26	149	69	238	0

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**Workers striking illegally**

207. Mr P H P GASTROW asked the Minister of Law and Order:

How many workers were arrested for striking illegally in 1989?

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

**Illegal strikes**

220. Mr P H P GASTROW asked the Minister of Justice:

How many workers in each race group were (a) charged with and (b) convicted of illegal strikes and related conduct in 1989?

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**The MINISTER OF JUSTICE:**

The required information is not readily available in the Department. In an effort to be of assistance to the Honourable Member, the following information was obtained from the Central Statistical Service for the period 1 July 1987 to 30 June 1988:

	(a)	(b)
Whites	0	0
Coloureds	4	0
Asiatics	0	0
Blacks	921	925
Total	925	925
Whites	0	0
Coloureds	3	0
Asiatics	0	0
Blacks	819	822
Total	822	822

**Functional/legal training courses**

225. Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Justice:

How many (a) White, (b) Coloured, (c) Indian and (d) Black persons (i) attended and (ii) successfully completed courses in (aa) functional and (bb) legal training provided by the legal training branch of his Department in 1989?

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**The MINISTER OF JUSTICE:**

(aa) Functional Training

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
White	1	133		
Coloured	1	133		
Indian	1	133		
Black	1	133		

(b) Coloured

(i) 19

(ii) 19

(c) Indian

(i) 5

(ii) 5

(d) Black

(i) 366

(ii) 366

(b) Legal Training

(a) White

(i) 229

(ii) 144

(b) Coloured

(i) 4

(ii) 4

(c) Indian

(i) 4

(ii) 3

(d) Black

(i) 28

(ii) 6

**Non-White acting judges/judges**

226. Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Justice:

Whether any persons who are not White were appointed as (a) acting judges and (b) judges within the Republic in 1989; if not, why not; if so, (i) who were so appointed and (ii)(aa) when and (bb) where was each such person appointed?

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**The MINISTER OF JUSTICE:**

(a) and (b) No.

The State President may in terms of section 10(1)(a) of the Supreme Court Act, 1959 (Act 59 of 1959) appoint fit and proper persons as judges of the Supreme Court of South Africa. It is policy to appoint only advocates with the distinction of *Senior Counsel* as judges. At present only one Black advocate, namely T L Skweyaya and two Indian advocates, namely

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I Mahomed and H E Mall, hold the distinction of Senior Consular. *Handwritten: 18/4/90*

Legal training courses

227. Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Justice:

- (a) How many persons participated in legal training courses organized by his Department in 1989, (b) how many such persons were (i) White, (ii) Black, (iii) Coloured and (iv) Indian and (c) in which courses did these (i) Black, (ii) Coloured and (iii) Indian persons participate?

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The MINISTER OF JUSTICE:

- (a) 1 788  
 (b) (i) 1 362  
 (ii) 394  
 (iii) 23  
 (iv) 9  
 (c) (i) Course for Deeds Office Staff (Investigators Course) 6  
 Diploma in Registration of Deeds 8  
 Traffic Officers 197  
 Magistrate Criminal Court 42  
 Magistrate Civil Court 27  
 State Prosecutors 56  
 Clerk of the Court 30  
 B. Iuris 17  
 Diploma Iuris 11  
 (ii) Diploma in Registration of Deeds 3  
 Magistrate Criminal Court 1  
 State Prosecutors 12  
 Estate Controllers 3  
 B. Iuris 3  
 Diploma Iuris 1  
 (iii) State Prosecutors 5  
 B. Iuris 4

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER: *35*

	(a)	(ii)	(i)	(b)	(ii)
(aa)	(i)	5	1 097	8	517
(bb)	(i)	19	1 429	10	1 197
(cc)	(i)	1 153	185	0	1

Brits/Rustenburg road: collisions

236. Mr A GERBER asked the Minister of Law and Order:

Whether any motor-car collisions that have taken place at the junction of road 344 and road N18 between Brits and Rustenburg have been reported at police stations since 1 February 1989; if so, (a) how many collisions have been reported, (b) how many persons have been (i) killed and (ii) injured in these collisions and (c) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

- Yes.  
 (a) 8  
 (b) (i) 10  
 (ii) 17  
 (c) 30 March 1990.

Johannesburg police district: offences

240. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Law and Order: *Handwritten: 18/4/90*

How many cases of (a) murder, (b) culpable homicide, (c) assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, (d) common assault, (e) rape, (f) robbery, (g) theft of vehicles and cycles, (h) damage to property, (i) housebreaking with intent to steal and theft and (j) possession of drugs were reported at each specified police station in the Johannesburg police district in 1989?

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
Square	78	44	388	857	91	1986	327	590	230	3
Langlaage	30	13	83	238	36	192	234	173	325	1
Mondeor	23	71	99	222	33	136	319	165	1003	-
Jeppe	90	53	352	479	84	609	992	349	1413	-
Booyens	41	63	156	809	54	434	216	480	1952	1
Cleveland	25	14	71	215	19	211	575	145	884	-

Brixton	6	13	65	305	19	74	667	270	701	3
Park Station	14	-	57	121	23	133	59	36	38	1
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Coetzee	60	21	291	1123	48	272	531	573	1079	8

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Because the South African Police is not satisfied with the crime situation in the RSA, crime tendencies are continuously monitored. I wish to assure the honourable member that everything possible is being done to prevent crime. When it is apparent that there is an increase in crime, active steps are taken to counteract this tendency.

Police stations: distance from city centres

245. Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Law and Order: *Handwritten: 18/4/90*

Whether there are any police stations within a radius of five kilometres of the centre of (a) Johannesburg, (b) Cape Town, (c) Durban and (d) Port Elizabeth; if so, which police stations?

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

Yes.

- (a) Park Station  
 John Vorster Square  
 Jeppe  
 Hillbrow  
 Yeoville  
 Brixton  
 Booyens

- (b) Cape Town Central  
 Table Bay  
 Woodstock  
 Sea Point

- (c) C R Swart Square  
 Umbilo  
 Berea  
 Maydon Wharf  
 Point  
 Berea satellite station

- (d) Louis Le Grange Square  
 Setlaar  
 Boats serving Robben Island

246. Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Justice:

- (1) Whether there are any boats owned by the State that serve Robben Island for purposes related to the Prisons Service; if so, (a) which boats and (b) which Government Department (i) owns and (ii) operates each boat;

- (2) (a) what is each such boat used for, (b) when was it purchased, (c) how much did it cost, (d) who built it and (e) how many persons constitute the crew of each boat;
- (3) (a) how many single journeys did each such boat make to and from Robben Island in 1989 and (b) what was the operating cost of each boat in that year;

- (4) whether any more boats are on order or are to be purchased for such purposes; if so, (a) what boats, (b) why, (c) when and (d) how much will each of them cost?

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The MINISTER OF JUSTICE:

(1) Yes.

- (a) Susan Kruger

- Dias  
 Blouberg  
 Penguin  
 Proteus  
 P P I  
 P P H

- (b) (i) and (ii) The South African Prisons Service owns and runs all the above-mentioned boats.

- (2) (a) Susan Kruger— Transport of passengers and small quantity cargo/supplies.

- Dias — Transport of passengers and small quantity cargo/supplies.

- Blouberg — Transport of mass cargo and fresh water.

- Penguin — Transport of passengers and small quantity cargo/supplies.

- Proteus — Transport of passengers and small quantity cargo/supplies.

- P P I — Patrol and emergency services.

- P P II — Patrol and emergency services.

- (b) Susan Kruger— November 1977  
 Dias — April 1961

- (2) The possibility of the inclusion is still being investigated in conjunction with the Surveyor-General, Natal.
- (3) No. Due to a lack of funds the building of a magistrate's court is not being considered. The Department of Public Works and Land Affairs has however in the meantime, been requested to lease suitable accommodation for a periodical court at Newlands East.
- (4) Falls away. *Hansard 18/4/90*

Mr L T LANDERS: Mr Chairman, arising from the hon the Deputy Minister's reply, I would like to ask him whether he is aware that, in order to get to the Verulam Magistrate's Court, the people of Newlands East must travel to Durban where they have to catch a train at the station which is right next door to the Durban Magistrate's Court. Therefore it makes absolutely no sense to have Newlands East included in the Inanda magisterial district, when the people have to travel all the way to the Durban Magistrate's Court just to take a train from there to the Verulam Magistrate's Court.

The DEPUTY MINISTER: Mr Chairman, I thank the hon member for that information. The matter is being given serious consideration. I may just add that a previous MP was of the opinion that it should still remain in the Inanda district. However, we are giving the matter serious consideration.

Mr L T LANDERS: Mr Chairman, further arising from the hon the Deputy Minister's reply, I would like to ask him if he can tell the House what that MP's reasons were for wanting Newlands East to remain in the Inanda magisterial district?

The DEPUTY MINISTER: Mr Chairman, unfortunately I do not have that information.

Johannesburg City Council: transport services

\*4. Mr T R GEORGE asked the Minister of Transport: *Hansard 18/4/90*

- (1) To what extent are transport services provided by the Johannesburg City Council subsidized by his Department;
- (2) whether he will furnish the routes involved; if not, why not; if so, what are these routes;

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- (3) whether he will make a statement on the matter? *Hansard 18/4/90* C50E

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT:

- (1) The Department of Transport does not subsidize transport services provided by the City Council of Johannesburg;
- (2) Falls away;
- (3) It can be mentioned for the honourable member's information that the Indian, Coloured and Black commuters residing in townships such as Ennerdale, Coronation, Eldorado Park, Lenasia, Soweto, Evaton, Alexandra and who are employed in the municipal areas of Johannesburg, Sandton and Roodepoort are subsidised by the Department.

During the 1989/90 financial year Lenasia Bus Service transported the Indian commuters between Lenasia and their places of employment in Fordsburg, Bramfontein, Wynberg and Doornfontein who were subsidised to the amount of R384 827,80.

During the same financial year the Coloured commuters were transported by the following bus companies and were subsidised as follows:

Putco Ltd	R3 449 647,20
Putco Operating	R767 796,31
Davids Bus Service	R393 542,03

The Black commuters were transported by Putco Ltd and during the same financial year received a subsidy from the Department to the amount of R29 365 845,52.

It must be pointed out that these commuters (workers) are subsidised because they are living substantially far away from their places of employment.

As the Johannesburg City Council operates a bus service within the boundaries of the municipal area of Johannesburg, distances travelled by commuters making use of their services do not warrant a state subsidy.

Newlands East, Durban: police station

\*5. Mr L T LANDERS asked the Minister of Law and Order: *Hansard 18/4/90*  
Whether it is the intention to establish a police station area in the Newlands East area of Durban; if not, why not; if so, (a) where will

the police station building be sited and (b) when is it anticipated that building operations will be (i) commenced and (ii) completed?

*Hansard 18/4/90* C55E  
The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

Yes.

(a) and (b).

The building of a police station in the area has been approved in principle. Up until now a suitable site could not be identified. Due to lack of funds, the project has also not been included in the present five year building programme.

Mr L T LANDERS: Mr Chairman, arising from the hon the Minister's reply, I would like to ask him whether he and the brigadiers within the police force visited the area in the past five or eight years in order to investigate possible sites.

The MINISTER: Mr Chairman, I personally have not been there, but the people from my Department actually visited the area and they are at present looking for a site. If the hon member has any suggestions that would assist us to locate a site, I would appreciate it.

Third-tier government: replacing of current legislation

\*6. Mr T ABRAHAM asked the Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs:

- (1) Whether consideration is being given to replacing current legislation controlling third-tier government; if not, why not; if so, (a) what is being envisaged in this regard and (b) when will the necessary steps be taken;

(2) whether he will make a statement on the matter? *Hansard 18/4/90* C63E

The MINISTER OF PLANNING AND PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS:

(1) Yes.

(a) and (b) An investigation by a task group of the Council for the Co-ordination of Local Government Affairs to determine options for a new local authority structure, has already been in progress for a considerable time. The report of the task group will soon be presented to the relevant

Council. Legislation regarding a new structure can only be submitted after the structure has been decided on through negotiation. *Hansard 18/4/90*

(2) No, not at this stage.

†Mr J A RABIE: Mr Chairman, arising out of the reply of the hon the Minister I should like to ask whether a due date for submitting the report can be determined.

†The MINISTER: Mr Chairman, a due date cannot be determined as the task force is still doing the investigation. The hon member has also been a member of the co-ordinating council concerned and that issue will still come before the council this year in terms of its decision. Thereafter the options will be referred to the Government who will then make decisions on the negotiations for a totally new constitutional dispensation in respect of third level government.

For written reply:

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5. The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION 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 and (d) rape were reported at each specified police station in (i) Retreat, (ii) Langa, (iii) Eisies River, (iv) Bishop Lavis, (v) Mitchell's Plain and (vi) Manenberg in 1989? *Hansard 18/4/90* C13E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
(i) Kirstenhof	2	12	137	9
(ii) Langa	48	6	477	46
(iii) Eisies River	87	37	1315	117
(iv) Bishop Lavis	78	60	882	126
(v) Mitchell's Plain	84	32	593	214
(vi) Manenberg	50	26	592	61

Note:

- (1) Retreat police station's name has changed to Kirstenhof.
- (2) Because the South African Police is not satisfied with the crime situation in the

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 RSA, crime tendencies are continuously monitored. I wish to assure the honourable member that everything possible is being done to prevent crime. When it is apparent that there is an increase in crime, active steps are taken to counteract this tendency.  
 Hansford 18/4/90  
 Own Affairs:

#### Riverlea: housing projects

1. Mr T R GEORGE asked the Minister of Housing: Hansford 18/4/90

- (1) Whether the South Western Management Committee has applied to his Department for funds to develop housing projects in certain areas of Riverlea in 1990; if so, (a) what (i) amounts and (ii) areas of Riverlea are involved and (b) for what projects in each area are these amounts intended;
- (2) whether he will make a statement on the matter? ~~Mr T R George~~ C49E

#### The MINISTER OF HOUSING:

- (1) Yes.
- (a) (i) R2 000 000.00.  
 (ii) Riverlea Extension 1.
- (b) Housing for the aged consisting of 17 double and 50 single units.
- (2) No.

#### South Western Management Committee: Riverlea Extension

2. Mr T R GEORGE asked the Minister of Housing: Hansford 18/4/90

- (1) Whether the South Western Management Committee has made any recommendations to his Department in connection with approximately 21 houses envisaged for Riverlea Extension 1; if so, what recommendations;
- (2) whether his Department has taken a decision on these recommendations; if not, why not; if so, (a) what decision and (b) what were the reasons for this decision? ~~Mr T R George~~ C58E

#### The MINISTER OF HOUSING:

- (1) Yes. The Johannesburg City Council submitted recommendations to the Housing Board for the financing of 21 assisted housing units.
- (2) Yes.
- (a) The Housing Board recommended that an assisted selfhelp project be considered or the project be considered for privatisation;
- (b) the estimated building costs for the erection of the dwellings by conventional building methods would be above the limit determined to be affordable by the lower income group.

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\*Precedence given to interpellations on general affairs on this day pursuant to the resolution adopted by the House on Tuesday, 27 March 1990.

#### INTERPELLATION

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#### General Affairs:

Persons of colour: employment ~~Mr K Chetty~~

Mr K CHETTY asked the Minister of Mineral and Energy Affairs and Public Enterprises:

- (1) What is the policy of the Department of Posts and Telecommunications in regard to the employment of persons of colour in the Republic in general and its Durban regional office known as Commercial City in particular;
- (2) whether he will make a statement on the matter? D105E.INT

THE MINISTER OF MINERAL AND ENERGY AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES: Mr Chairman, the policy of the department regarding the employment of persons of colour was dealt with during the various discussions of the Post Office Budget. At this stage I have nothing to add to the statement on the matter that I made at the time. For the benefit of hon members I shall briefly repeat the essence of what I said.

I acknowledged during that debate that regardless of meaningful progress in respect of the employment of persons of colour in the department, undisputed disparities still existed. I also accepted the fact that the quota system applicable to the employment of technicians, telecom electricians and technical assistants restricted the employment of persons of colour. I furthermore said that I was aware that the resistance to change among White personnel had retarded the efforts of the department to employ more persons of colour.

Against this background I announced a new policy approach based on the principle of the best man for the job. The announcement contained the following statements.

The department now fully applies the principle of equality in the field of employment and all measures that might still have had a discriminatory connotation have been eliminated.

Post Office personnel of all population groups will in future participate in the establishment and maintenance of adequate postal and telecommunications facilities and the provision of effective services to all communities.

Educational qualifications, the results of aptitude tests, experience, age, language proficiency and personal qualities will henceforth be the only criteria for the employment of people. The principle of the best person for the post without considering the population group to which a candidate belongs, has therefore been fully accepted and will be implemented.

Concerning promotions, joint merit lists will be drawn up with the result that candidates of all population groups will compete on an equal footing for promotion. When effecting promotions, local circumstances, such as cultural and language considerations, will be considered in particular cases to ensure that decisions are taken in the best interest of clients, the officer and the community in question. As far as supervision is concerned, all restrictions have been eliminated and the policy of the best person for the post is also being applied.

Mr K CHETTY: Mr Chairman, I fully agree with the hon the Minister when he talks about merit and criteria. We believe that the policy of the best man for the job is the best policy.

I have been furnished with statistics by the Ministry of Mineral and Energy Affairs and Public Enterprises. From these statistics it is obvious that the policy of discrimination has been followed and people of colour have been disadvantaged deliberately.

Of the 679 people employed in the various posts at Commercial City, 592 are White. How does the hon the Minister account for that? Only 11 Blacks and 76 Indians are employed. Moreover, all senior positions are held by Whites. Are our people so underqualified that they cannot hold any of these positions? I think this is certainly not the case. A survey among our graduates will indicate that more than enough of our people are qualified, but they are not given the opportunity to fill these posts because of their colour. This is gross discrimination and if the Government's policy of reform is to have any meaning, the Department of Posts and Telecommunications

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## General Affairs:

## Gang warfare: special measures

The Leader of the Official Opposition asked the Minister of Law and Order:

Whether he has taken any special measures to curb gang warfare; if so, (a) what measures and (b) when; if not, why not?

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\*THE MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER: Mr Chairman, the problem of gangs is an extremely serious problem which justifies in-depth attention. The formation of gangs is the result of deeply rooted socio-psychological, socio-economic and social problems over which the police inevitably have no control. In addition the predisposition to crime can only be transformed by parental education and community institutions such as the school and the church.

The SA Police have been making a detailed study of the prevalence of gang formation and gang activities in general for some time. Information obtained in this way is then utilised in order to take special proactive and reactive steps in an attempt to combat gang-related crimes.

The proactive steps comprise among others the following: The establishment of good communications and police-community relations in the areas afflicted by gangs. Social projects are arranged in co-operation with community leaders and gangs are invited to participate in them. Peace talks between fighting gangs are arranged, at which problems that give rise to conflict are discussed. With reference to information received with regard to alleged gang activities, crime prevention patrols are arranged and in this way the areas concerned are dominated by police presence.

The reactive steps that are taken include *inter alia* the following: Positive identification by means of fingerprints and photographs and the apprehension of gang members, as well as the

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searching of homes and meeting places for firearms, drugs etc.

As an example I should like to refer to the activities of the gang unit of the Cape Peninsula which was established on 10 May 1989. Since then they have achieved the following successes: Weapons and ammunition which have been confiscated: Firearms, 28; home-made firearms (so-called zip-guns), 33; ammunition, 378 rounds of differing calibre were found; arsenals, 22 were seized. Explosives which were seized: Signal-flares, 3; and even one 81 mm mortar. Drugs which were seized: Mandrax tablets, 1 043; dagga, 2 782 pipehals of 1 g each and 486 packets of 60 g each. Arrests: Murder, 47; attempted murder, 60; rape, 24; armed robbery, 18; robbery, 67; public violence, 83; theft from a car, 10; theft, 28; bribery, 2; possession of explosives, 3; arson, 16; sodomy, 1; malicious injury to property, 35; escape from custody, 8; possession of dangerous weapons, 156; possession of drugs, 417; dealing in drugs, 65; dealing in liquor, 6; possession of stolen property, 92; assault with the intent to do grievous bodily harm, 85. [Time expired.]

\*THE LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Mr Chairman, the number of people involved in gangs has increased to such an extent that according to the latest survey, approximately 80 000 people are involved. That makes up approximately 5% of the population. There are numerous reasons—as the hon the Minister mentioned—which can be advanced for the emergence of gangs.

From a political point of view, we may not lose sight of the fact that the Group Areas Act was the reason for thousands of families being uprooted and moved to other areas. This led to overcrowding. It is a fact that thousands of matriculants and other people are unemployed. On the other hand we have alcohol abuse and the use of drugs which may be the consequence of the youths' trying to suppress their frustrations.

As a result of overcrowding and the problem of inadequate housing, the divorce rate has increased dramatically. There are people who exploit this situation. They establish gangs to protect their interests. They exploit the people who come from prison. Liquor and drugs are offered to them free of charge. In this way the gang units grow.

In some cases they themselves have to steal to get clothes and money. We therefore find that there is always a rendezvous for these people and that is where the gangs start growing. There are gang fights in the townships every weekend. Valhalla Park has approximately five gang groups. At one stage there were 30 gangs in Bonteheuwel; in Nootgedacht there are three. There are gangs in Hanover Park and Manenberg. One can continue in this way. Some of the gangs have a membership of more than 200. I understand that there are approximately 150 gangs in the Peninsula whereas the police has a task force of only 30 men.

I should like to put the following to the hon the Minister. Is it not true that the situation has got out of hand to such an extent that the police are almost at their wits' end and in some cases can only look on when things happen? Is it not true that when an arrest takes place, the onus of proof rests more heavily on the police than on the criminal? Is it not true that there is no legislation prohibiting a person from becoming a member of a criminal gang? It is true that there is sufficient security legislation which applies to riotous crowds, whereas there is no legislation to prevent gangs from meeting in the streets with the objective of committing a crime or of assaulting or robbing an innocent person. [Time expired.]

Mr K H LATEGAN: Mr Chairman, while I welcome the steps the hon the Minister announced to combat gangsterism, I am still disturbed by the fact that there has been virtually no response to the pleas I made last year during the police debate about problems relating to gangsterism and gang warfare. In his reply to the debate the hon the Minister acknowledged the fact that there was a problem in my constituency of Hanover Park especially, that it was a serious one and that they were not simply going to leave it there, but take steps to investigate and combat these problems.

However, typical of the situation we find ourselves in, matters must first come to a head, the community rise up and marches be planned, and then the police act against the community instead of against the gangsters! The time has come to seriously address the problems within our particular situation. The problems are well-known to all of us who have experienced township life; unemployment, housing problems, over-crowding and poverty in an equally impoverished

environment are the reasons for the formation of gangsterism.

These root causes must be addressed urgently by setting up inter-departmental State committees as I requested last year. I seem to remember that during the debate last year the hon the Minister also said that they would look at Harsard and come back and address the problems we raised there. This has not happened. We have not been called in. I have seen nothing happening in the particular area and matters have gone from bad to worse.

Although on the one hand I want to call for stronger legislation to bring the many gangsters and gangs to book . . . [Time expired.]

\*Mr C B HERANDIEN: Mr Chairman, it is clear that we in South Africa have different units in the police force, including the murder and robbery unit for each division, the vehicle theft unit and a child protection unit. The time has come for us in South Africa to get a gang destruction unit in every region!

This matter is very serious in that people are injured on a daily basis. One does not even mention those who disappear. The assaults are serious, especially on the trains where it has become common practice for people simply to cry out and throw their hard-earned wages on the floor of the train, because if they offer any resistance, they are thrown out of the train.

I have a proposal for the hon the Minister. In the first place he must ensure that the procedure with regard to laying a charge is simplified, because that is an impossible situation. When one brings a group of gangs to the charge office and there are seven different books to fill in, one needs the entire police force to keep those gangs there.

I also suggest that the hon the Minister use the car with the fat tail—the knows who I am talking about—and appoint him as head of the gang destruction unit in order to wipe these gangs from the face of the earth as soon as possible, because we cannot permit people to carry on with this carnage. In addition, when a person eventually appears in the magistrate's court, he professes to have been under the influence of alcohol or drugs, appeals for mitigating circumstances, and nothing can be done about the matter.

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The hon the Minister has been warned about this state of affairs repeatedly, and the Coloured community in particular is looking to him expectantly to take action. One is no longer safe in the streets. It is no longer safe to attend church services. Innocent people are robbed and raped and ultimately the hon the Minister will have to accept full responsibility for this.

Mr P CMCKENZIE: Mr Chairman, I would like to address this issue a bit more positively. I want to make three suggestions quickly. The solution is not to lock up every gangster. We tried that once.

\* I was left with only a quarter of the town's people!

Perhaps one could consider the possibility of special constables once again. [Interjections.] Hon members must keep quiet and listen. Can one not train a group and use them to patrol in the community? They must not become special constables, but something similar.

Secondly there is something that helped us a great deal in Bonteheuwel. Hon members know that there are problems with gangs in my constituency every day. While I am talking, a gang war is taking place in Bonteheuwel. Someone is killed by shooting almost every week. [Time expired.]

\*The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Mr Chairman, I merely want to ask the hon the Minister please to tell me whether there is sufficient legislation with reference to the arrest of gang members. At present there is nothing. The only thing that happens to these people is that they are arrested. If there are ten stab wounds, ten cases have to be opened. Consequently there is no legislation, even if he runs along with them, which prohibits anyone from congregating with others or hanging around with them.

I want to come back to the legislation with regard to vagrancy. That legislation applies only in White areas at present. I think the matter with regard to the arrest of gangs and the prevention of gangs was addressed years ago. I see the hon the Deputy Minister of Justice is sitting there too. I hope he will keep this in mind, and that we shall do something about this.

†Lastly, is it not time to look at legislation whereby one could perhaps appoint prominent

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people from the community who could assist the magistrate in the cross-examination in order to get to the core of the problem? For instance, one finds oneself with a magistrate who for instance lives in Plattekloof and has no idea of the living conditions of people who live in Bishop Lavis, Bonteheuwel and other places. He cannot put himself in their situation. Let us have people—prominent members of the community—taking part in the cross-examination and assist the magistrate so that the appropriate penalty or a severe penalty can be brought about in order to serve as a deterrent for those people who are still intent on being members of a gang.

\*The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER: Mr Chairman, I should like to thank hon members for bringing this very important matter to hon members' attention once again this afternoon. Gang activities are an iniquity. I should like to give hon members the assurance that the Police and I are devoting the most serious attention to this matter. The hon member said we should appoint a gang destruction unit. The gang unit which we established in the Cape Peninsula on 10 May 1989 last year was the result of the discussion of the Police Vote last year. I want to say that to the hon member for Hanover Park as well. We established this gang unit after the discussion here in Parliament last year, with the specific objective of trying to eradicate these gangs. I am sorry, but we have not succeeded in doing so to the extent we should have liked. Nevertheless we have made a beginning. The hon member for Hanover Park is angry with me because I have ostensibly done nothing as yet. I should like to give him a comprehensive answer—I do not have sufficient time to do so today, however.

†I will, however, have a look at last year's Hansard. I would also like to tell the hon member that the Police cannot solve the root causes of these problems.

\*It is not . . .

Mr A E REEVES: [Inaudible.]

\*The MINISTER: Mr Chairman, the hon member is tempting me to say something I should not say. [Interjections.] We shall do what we can, but the root causes are not the responsibility of the Police. The hon member put an important question. He asked whether our legislation was adequate. If someone is stabbed during gang

action, that is the offence. One cannot prohibit someone from belonging to a gang, unless it is an illegal organisation, and we do not have such organisations. [Interjections.] We shall see, however, whether we cannot make this easier to deal with. I should like to give the hon member the undertaking that we shall consider the matter.

The hon member said we had too few policemen. That is true. I have too few policemen to have people available on the streets to look into this properly. [Interjections.]

\*The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE: Order! I regret that the hon the Minister's time has expired. I do think, however, that the hon the Minister is partly to blame for the fact that time has caught up with him. [Interjections.]

(4) The concept of toll roads has been found to be advantageous in the development of the country's national road network. Future developments will, however, indicate the desirability of introducing toll roads in the region in question. Therefore no statement appears to be necessary at this stage.

Death of member: police investigation

\*2. Mr W J DIETRICH asked the Minister of Law and Order:

- (1) Whether, since his reply to Question No 1 on 15 June 1988, any progress has been made in regard to the police investigation into the death of the late member for Alfra Park; if not, why not; if so, what progress;
- (2) whether any persons have been apprehended and charged in connection with this person's death; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

\*The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) to (3)  
The docket is at present with the Attorney-General for his decision.

Newlands East: magisterial district

\*3. Mr L T LANDERS asked the Minister of Justice:

- (1) In which magisterial district does the township of Newlands East fall;
- (2) whether it is the intention to include Newlands East in the magisterial district of Durban; if not, why not; if so, when will this take place;
- (3) whether it is the intention to build a magistrate's court in Newlands East; if not, why not; if so,
- (4) whether approval for this project has been granted; if so, when is it anticipated that construction will begin?

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF JUSTICE:

- (1) Inanda.

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# Drug death threat: Imam under guard

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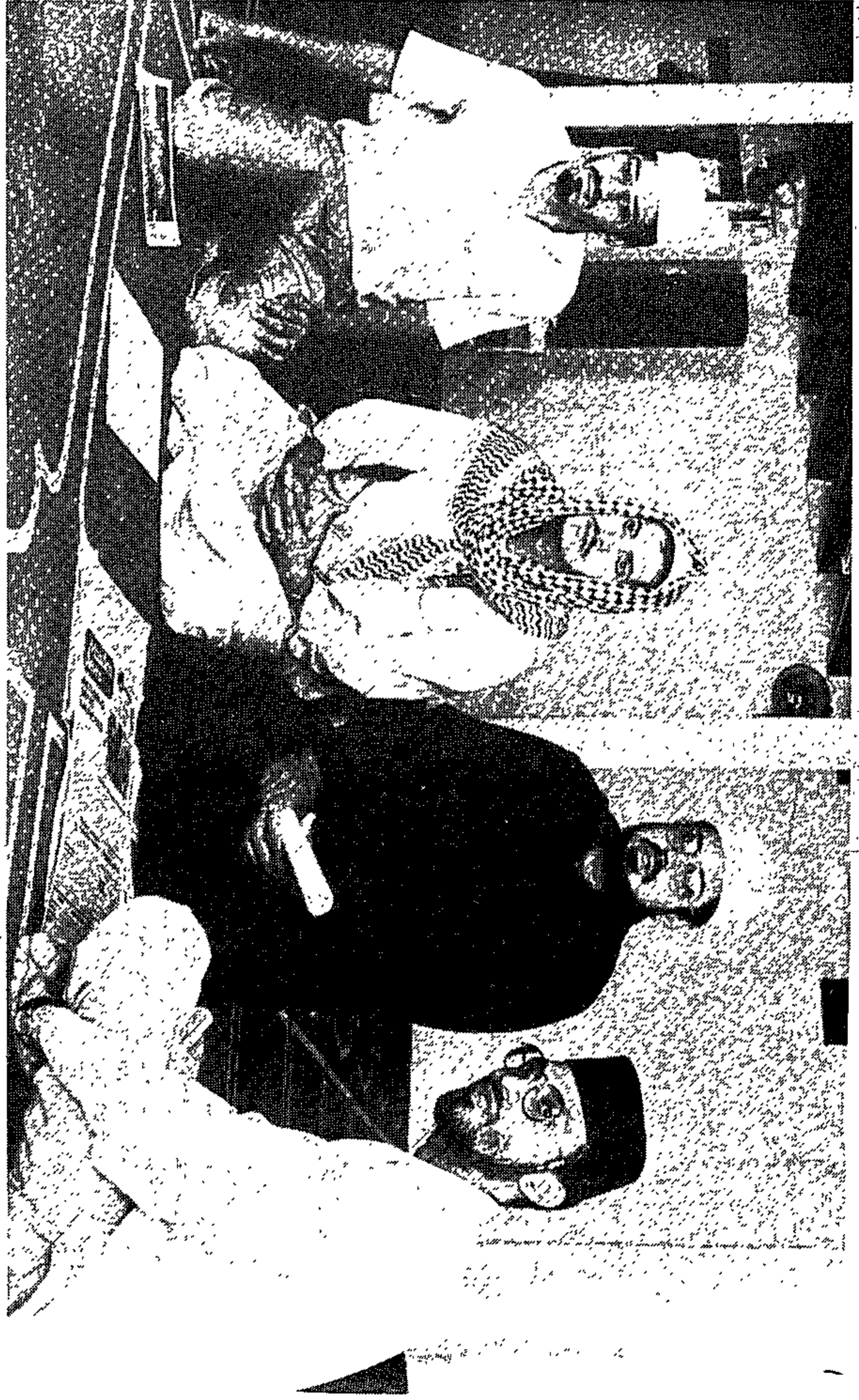
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Picture: RICHARD BELL

# Police battle with raging gang crimes

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By BARRY STREEK  
Political Staff

SHOCK facts about the activities of Cape Town's notorious gangs last year were disclosed yesterday by the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok.

Large quantities of arms and ammunition, including a mortar, had been confiscated from gangs in the Cape Peninsula.

Police arrested 47 gang members for murder, 60 for attempted murder, 24 for rape, 18 for armed robbery, 67 for robbery, 83 for public violence, 156 for possession of dangerous weapons and 417 for possession of drugs.

Mr Vlok gave some of these details when he spoke during an interpellation in the House of Representatives by Mr Nic Isaacs, the DRP MP for Bishop Lavis, and released more facts afterwards.

Mr Isaacs said about 80 000 people were involved in the gangs and this represented more than 5% of the population.

The Labour Party MP for Bonteheuwel, Mr Patrick McKenzie, asked whether a group of kitskonstabels could not be trained and used to patrol the communities affected by gangs.

The DRP MP for Macassar, Mr Cecil Herandien, called for the establishment of a gang-destroying unit.

There were daily occurrences of serious assaults and rapes, and people catching a train or walking home from church were not safe any more, Mr Herandien said.

Mr Vlok said gangs were an evil and the police were paying serious attention to the issue.

"I am sorry we have not been as successful in eradicating the gangs as we would have liked, but we are trying our best.

"The gang problem is extremely serious but is the result of circumstances like deep-seated socio-economic problems over which the police have no control.

"The police cannot solve all these problems but we will do the best we can."

The police gang unit, which was formed last year, had confiscated 28 firearms, 33 homemade zip guns, 378 rounds of different calibre ammunition and 22 magazines in the Cape Peninsula.

It had also taken possession of three flares, one 81mm mortar, 1 043 mandrax tablets, 2 782 dagga packets of one gram each and 486 packets of 60 grams each.

By BARRY STREEK  
Political Staff

THE police arrested 5 621 men and women last year for drunkenness and vagrancy — more than 15 a day — in the Milnerton, Maitland and Pinelands police station areas, the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, said yesterday.

Mr Vlok, who was replying to a question tabled in the House of Assembly by Mr Jasper Walsh (DP, Pinelands), said 1 195 men and women were arrested for vagrancy in the three areas and 4 426 for drunkenness.

In Milnerton, 13 people were arrested for vagrancy and 1 612 for drunkenness; in Maitland, 29 people were arrested for vagrancy and 2 626 for drunkenness and in Pinelands, 1 153 people were arrested for vagrancy and 186 people for drunkenness, Mr Vlok said.

The police had charged 92 gang members with possession of stolen property, 85 with assault with intent to seriously injure, 65 with dealing in drugs, six with dealing in liquor, three with possession of explosives and 16 with arson.

Although the police had instituted prosecutions, not all the cases had been handled in the courts and therefore information about successful prosecutions could not be given.

However, the information he had provided showed that the gang unit was doing very good work, Mr Vlok said.

Replying to a question from Mr Colin Eglin (DP Sea Point), Mr Vlok said the highest number of murders in the Athlone police district during 1989 occurred in Khayelitsha with a total of 252.

He said there had been 151 murders in Guguletu and 109 in Nyanga. A total of 904 murders had been reported to the 11 police stations in the district.

A total of 7 262 cases of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm and 7 453 cases of housebreaking had been reported.

There were no cases of possession of drugs at either Guguletu or Khayelitsha, while the highest incidence of drug possession was at Grassy Park with 51 cases reported.

● The drug problem in Salt River, which was highlighted in the Cape Times yesterday, is to be discussed at a meeting at 2pm on Sunday in the Bo-Kaap Civic Centre. The meeting has been organised by members of the Muslim community campaigning against drugs.



# Khayelitsha most dangerous suburb

By MICHAEL MORRIS, Political Correspondent

VIOLENT crime has turned Cape Town's sprawling black township, Khayelitsha, into the Peninsula's most dangerous residential area.

Altogether 252 people were murdered there last year, there were 80 culpable homicides, 1 517 assaults with intent to do grievous bodily harm, 887 common assaults, 191 rapes and 330 robberies.

The next highest murder figures were for Guguletu (151) and Nyanga (109).

These were among statistics for the Athlone and Bellville police districts, covering the Cape Flats and the northern areas, which were presented to parliament yesterday by the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, in reply to a question from the Democratic Party MP for Sea Point, Mr Colin Eglin.

The murder rate is high elsewhere too: 87 in Elsies River, 84 in Mitchell's Plain, 78 in Bishop Lavis and 50 and above in Manenberg, Kraaifontein, Ravensmead and Kuils River.

Women are most at risk in Mitchell's Plain, the figures suggest. There were 214 reported rapes there last year. The next highest figure was 191 in Khayelitsha, 126 in Bishop Lavis and 117 in Elsies River.

Mitchell's Plain is also the robbery and theft centre of the Peninsula with 717 robberies, 774 car and cycle thefts, 1 097 cases of damage to property and 2 045 cases of housebreaking. In this last cate-

gory, Kuils River is the next highest with 1 138 cases of housebreaking last year.

The most drugs-related cases in these areas last year was in Grassy Park (51) followed by Mitchell's Plain (36) and Bishop Lavis (31).

## Housebreaking

Housebreaking appears to be the most prevalent crime in the northern areas, with 799 cases reported in Bellville, 768 in Parow, 1 138 in Kuils River, 722 in Elsies River, 497 in Kraaifontein, 462 in Goodwood, 420 in Ravensmead, 449 in Bellville South, 363 in Durbanville and 238 in Brackenfell.

Durbanville is among the safest of the northern areas. There were six murders last year, 11 culpable homicides, 61 serious assaults, 31 common assaults and 11 rapes.

Mr Vlok said everything possible was being done to prevent crime and "when it is apparent that there is an increase, active steps are taken to counteract this tendency".

Mr Vlok told the House of Representatives during a mini debate yesterday that the special police unit formed in Cape Town last year to tackle gang crime had made more than 1 200 arrests and seized scores of firearms and ammunition in the past 11 months.

The unit has also confiscated more than a third of a ton of Mandrax and dagga.

Weapons seized by the special unit included 28 firearms, 33 home-made "zip guns", three signal flares and an 81mm mortar bomb.

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# Just six arrests in three-hour squatter camp crime sweep

By CHRIS BATEMAN

A THREE-HOUR police and army crime prevention sweep in the squatter camps of strife-torn Old Crossroads yesterday resulted in just six arrests — for dealing in dagga and liquor and for the theft of a bicycle.

The squatter camps have been the scene of shootings, burnings and several deaths in recent months as opposing factions under mayor Mr Johnson Ngxobongwana and under breakaway headman Mr Geoffrey Nongwe clashed.

A police spokesman said the army cordoned off the area while police searched for stolen property, firearms and "suspicious persons".

The purpose of the operation was explained to residents in their own language and pamphlets were also distributed for this purpose, he added.

## Van Eck claim attacked

Meanwhile, DP spokesman for local black affairs Mr Jan van Eck was angrily attacked yesterday in an open letter by Old Crossroads administrator Mr "Ricky" Schelhase over his recent claim in Parliament that only Mr Ngxobongwana's followers were allowed to buy new houses in Old Crossroads.

Mr Schelhase invited Mr Van Eck to inspect all documents at his offices to verify that his administration allowed anyone who could afford it to buy homes.

This "open sales" policy was in fact the cause of much of the strife as residents were against outsiders buying the homes, Mr Schelhase added.

Mr Van Eck replied that at one stage developers had flown up to Mr Ngxobongwana's Ciskei home to have applicants for homes "cleared". He added that this practice had stopped since he had raised the matter in Parliament.

Mr Schelhase questioned Mr Van Eck's objectivity, saying he had "not once" in the past three years contacted his officials for their version of controversial events.

# City drug scourge: Community acts

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## Daily tragedy but what can 'Mama' do?

IN a small backyard surrounded by high walls, the old woman known as "Mama" to the dealers and addicts of Salt River watches them as they go about their life-destroying business.

Her small flat overlooks this "safe" courtyard and day and night she sees them selling and smoking their deadly mix of dagga and Mandrax.

"They stand at the bottom of the steps which lead up to my flat," said Mama. "Locking the door into the area does not help because they climb over the wall. I speak to them. I know many of them. They are the children of families who live in Salt River. I have seen some of them grow up before my eyes."

"Many are as young as 15. On a few occasions there have been those who are younger. There are also the outsiders who join them. Young white boys, often men."

"I have seen two boys drop to the ground after smoking a 'pipe' of dagga and Mandrax. They break bottles to use the neck to smoke through. Sometimes they hide them away for the next time."

"Fathers come to buy with their small children and I have also seen young girls who are involved."

### "Asked me to pray"

"Mama" said she spoke to a young man this week and asked him why he was destroying his life.

"He said he was 19 and that his father was away at sea. His mother was having an affair and he could not handle what was happening in his home."

"I once shouted out to a group of them: 'Gee vir my ook 'n skulpe'."

"They refused me, saying that it was no good for me. I asked them if it was no good for me why were they doing it. They could not reply to this but did ask me please to pray for them."

She said she did not know how to approach the parents of the children she had seen taking drugs. She did not know what their reaction would be.

"Family pride is one of the biggest problems that one has to deal with in Salt River. I could also never phone the police. How could I get these children jailed?"

"During the Salt River anti-drug march last Friday there were many mothers whose children are involved in drugs who joined. They cried. They need help and the community is now going to give it to them."

IN an all-out effort to wipe out the booming drug problem in Salt River, the community has rallied to fight the scourge on its own.

In spite of police teargassing their anti-drug march last Friday, and the verbal abuse and threats which residents face daily from drug peddlers, they are determined to clean up the suburb.

As a spin-off from the Salt River march, residents from five other Cape Town suburbs have also taken a stand against the drug problems in their areas.

They are each forming committees and a rally to launch the Bo-Kaap Anti-Drug Campaign will be held tomorrow at the Schotsche Kloof Civic Centre. A group of about 10 Salt River mothers, some whose sons are drug-abusers, will meet the director of the Drug Counselling Centre in Observatory next week to discuss ways of informing the community of the dangers of drugs.

They will also be taking a course on how to counsel families and users. Since the march the Salt River Co-ordinating Council has re-elected the Salt River Anti-Drug Action Committee, which will hold open discussions to get the campaign off the ground.

### Support and expertise

A meeting has been set up with the Drug Rehabilitation Action Group and the Tough Love group, which has offered its support and expertise.

Imam Rashid Omar, founder member of the Salt River Co-ordinating Council, said he was amazed at the response since the march.

"We will liaise with the anti-drug committees which are being formed by residents from Bo-Kaap, Surrey Estate, Kensington, Hanover Park and Rocklands. "The drug problem does not only exist in these areas, it is widespread, but I think many people have now had enough of the destruction of our youth. We have to protect our young generation from what has happened to so many of their older brothers and sisters."

"Since the march there has been an openness among the Salt River community which has never been experienced before. The uncalled for action taken by police at the march has brought us even closer as a community."

"Over the years, because of the many political upheavals experienced in Salt River and the confrontations with the police, our community does not see them as protectors."

"It is a complex problem. We have been told by the police that they do not have the manpower to deal with the drug dealers on the streets."

"They should be working for the community but, after the teargassing of the march which included women and children, there is a strong feeling against them now."

Mr Omar said the Salt River community did not want a vendetta to develop between them and the drug merchants.

"Many of the drug merchants are part of our community. We will have to reach out to them as well but this will be a major problem as drug dealing is a lucrative business."



Deal! Drugs change hands often and freely outside houses and on the street corners of Salt River. People from all walks of life, from all over the Peninsula come to the area to buy their supplies.

## Few families untouched

FEW families have been untouched by the scourge of Salt River which has plagued the small community for years.

Drug addiction has claimed the lives of many, while a number of people are being cared for in psychiatric wards and at home by parents who are battling to cope.

One family has lost almost an entire generation of sons to Mandrax and dagga addiction and the hell their parents, wives and children are going through is taking its toll.

In a neat upper middle class home in one of the narrow streets of Salt River, the parents of two sons who are addicts spoke openly for the first time about the nightmare they have been through since their boys were teenagers.

Grandparents of 19 grandchildren, they were both born in the area and have never lived anywhere else. It is their community, and although they are close-knit they still feel the shame of what their sons have done.

"I have two sisters. Between the



Imam Rashid Omar — helping to fight abuse.

## WOMAN SEES STEPSON TURN ADDICT

FIVE times a day an elderly Salt River mother prays for the stepson whose drug addiction robbed her of her home and security.

His R25 000 debt with a drug merchant who supplied him with his daily intake of Mandrax and dagga had to be paid.

She met the dealer who was partly to blame for the destruction of her small family and a decision was reached.

To repay the dealer a second bond had to be taken on one of the two houses which were left to both of them by her husband, who died more than 10 years ago.

But six months ago the secret arrangement to pay the dealer backfired.

Her son received the cheque from the bank and disappeared back into the dark underworld of drugs. His craving drove him to spend almost every cent to feed his addiction.

Eventually, to pay the dealer, she had to sell both houses.

"My son is 27 and recently got divorced. During his marriage his wife had two miscarriages. I was told the babies were deformed and his addiction was the reason for this."

"I live with a child who is a drug addict is very hard. His mother died two months after he was born. Just over a year later I married his father."

"I loved him as if he was my own. I sent him to school and cared for him. He was our only child. I do not know what went wrong."

**Eyes always red**

"He changed when he reached his teens. When he was about 18 I knew he was taking drugs. His eyes were always red and he slurred when he spoke."

"I fought with him. I searched his cupboards and clothing and often followed him, without him knowing, to find out if he was selling the stuff."

"But I could never catch him doing it. I begged and pleaded with him to stop but he could not."

"Our lives fell apart and when his father died he became more deeply involved with other addicts in Salt River."

"When both houses were sold he told me he would give me my share. But he never did and now I have to live with relatives. I miss my big house and am still paying for the flooring I put down."

"I pray for my stepson because I know he has gone astray."

"If he knocked on my door and asked me to feed him I would — but never would I give him a roof over his head. How could I? He robbed me of mine."

Countdown

Stories: JOCELYN MAKER  
Photographs: LEON MULLER, Weekend Argus

## The shady world of dealers and 'freelancers'

FOR two days this week the drug merchants in Salt River were without a supply of Mandrax.

The busy Easter weekend trade had depleted their stocks and according to a former addict who still has contact with the network, a new consignment was expected by late Wednesday.

By Thursday trafficking began to pick up and yesterday morning deals were being made openly on street corners and at many houses.

A former drug abuser who is involved in the anti-drug campaign, he said in an interview the time had come to clean up the suburb and turn it into a decent healthy place for children.

### Festive season

"The drug trade does not only survive on users who live in the area. People from all races and all walks of life on the Peninsula buy their drugs in Salt River.

"During the festive season and over public holidays more users come into the area. This is also when the prices rise. Usually one Mandrax tablet or "button", as they are called by users and dealers, can be bought for R15. But over holiday periods the prices go up to R25 each.

"I was deeply involved in drugs and can only say I am pleased to be out of it and alive.

"It is not only the youngsters in the community who are involved. There are many older men who smoke dagga as well.

"Most of the merchants operate from houses. Users usually go through the back door and at many of these places the stuff can be smoked in the back yard. Merchants have people who work for them on the streets. They are called 'freelancers'.

"When a car pulls up outside a merchant's house or on the corner nearby the 'freelancer' will approach the vehicle. He will not have drugs on him. He finds out what the buyer wants, takes the money and either goes into the house to get the stuff or will take it from a stash which he has hidden in a tin in one of the drains.

"Things have changed in Salt River over the years. Now the merchants work like big companies, arranging drugs for other dealers.

"Many dealers are men who have grown up in the community. Some are well educated; others have no education at all.

"Dealers are also now using youngsters who are living in Salt River as 'freelancers'. They earn good money and many of them are between the ages of 12 and 14.

"In some cases merchants take in 'freelancers' to live in their homes. They provided them with food and

some clothing and a place to sleep. They also give them a free supply of Mandrax for their own use.

"They also use the children of relatives to sell for them. Often they are barely in their teens.

"Freelancers can earn up to R11 000 a week, which is a lot of money. I was taking up to 10 Mandrax a day. It's an expensive addiction and I almost lost everything I owned."



# AG near decision after inquiry into Xroads fraud

By CHRIS BATEMAN

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A FINAL decision on whether anyone will be prosecuted in the seven-month fraud investigation into the activities of Old Crossroads Mayor Mr Johnson Ngxobongwana and his committee will probably be made within a fortnight.

This was said at the weekend by the attorney-general of the Cape, Mr Neil Rossouw, who added that recent additional information had come to light which had prompted an extension of the investigation.

While Mr Rossouw would not divulge the nature of the "recent information" it is believed to centre on two bank account numbers forwarded to his office by the DP spokesman for black local affairs, Mr Jan van Eck.

Mr Van Eck said recently in Parliament that money deposited in one account was secretly transferred to another bank account controlled by Mr Ngxobongwana and then spent in an "entirely different way" from what was intended.

## Monthly tithes

The fraud docket involves the alleged charging of R7 monthly tithes to the estimated 9 000 Old Crossroads households over several years by the Old Crossroads committee. Estimates of the money involved vary between R150 000 and several million rands.

Squatter opponents of the committee claim the money was intended for a housing fund while the committee says it was used for supplementing CPA salaries, receptions for VIPs, blankets for the destitute and donations to local schools.

The controversy resulted in 15 of the committee's 19 headmen splitting under the leadership of Mr Geoffrey Nongwe and brutal blood-letting ever since.

Several homes in a Phase 2 Old Crossroads development have recently been petrol-bombed and occupants shot, some fatally.

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# 1 000 vow to take up fight on drugs

AN estimated 1 000 people crammed into the Schotschekloof Civic Centre yesterday and vowed to take up the fight against drug abuse and establish as many drug counselling centres as there were shebeens.

Speaker after speaker condemned the incidence of drug abuse and defiantly said they would eradicate the drug scourge which one man said "turns people into zombies".

Dr Rafiq Khan said some drug dealers who are serving prison sentences were running a lucrative trade from inside prison. Dagga was smuggled into hospitals strewn over food and mandrax tablets were smuggled in inside koeksisters.

His appeal for ten young men and ten young women to volunteer for training as drug counsellors was met by about 50 enthusiastic young people who received thunderous applause.

Sheik Mogammad Moerat, of the Tennyson Street mosque and who has been in the forefront of the anti-drugs drive, said he had been so active that he was a wanted man in the eyes of drug pedlars.

Referring to an incident on April 13 in which anti-drugs marchers were teargassed, Sheikh Moerat said the community "could not call the police part of our force".

Mr Taahier Levy, who runs social welfare community clinics in Claremont, Woodstock and Lansdowne, said between three and four new drug-abuse cases were reported every day.

● A police liaison officer, Captain Gys Boonzaaier, last night said the march was illegal and this had forced police to act. Regarding the incidence of drug abuse, police had drug squads countrywide to combat the problem and had already scored major victories.



**WRITING ON THE WALL ...** Part of the crowd which yesterday afternoon crammed into the Schotschekloof Civic Centre where an anti-drugs meeting was held.

Picture: BENNY GOOL

"We can only improve if we have full co-operation of the public and all information will be treated confidentially. The police yearly pay thousands of rands to informers to combat this problem and show its seriousness in the matter.

"The drug squad work hundreds of hours overtime for days on end and anyone who claims police are too weak to deal with drug dealing clearly does not know what he is talking about."

● The march had been banned by the chief magistrate "due to a lack of policemen" at the weekend.

# Muslim drive to wipe out drugs

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THE Muslim community wants to more drug-counselling centres in the Peninsula.

The move — the latest in an anti-drug drive — was proposed at a meeting held by the community at the Schotsche Kloof Civic Centre yesterday. About 1 000 people attended.

Speakers condemned drug abuse in the community, especially in the Salt River-Woodstock areas, and urged the establishment of as many counselling centres in the Peninsula as there are shebeens.

## WANTED MAN

Nearly 50 people offered to train as drug counsellors in response to a call for 10 young men and women to volunteer for the task of fighting the drug scourge and eradicating it within the community.

Sheik Moegammad Moerat of the Tennyssen Street Mosque, Salt River, who helped to initiate the campaign, said he was a wanted man in the eyes of the drug pedlars because he had become so active.

Referring to an incident on April 13 when police tear-gassed marchers in an anti-drug protest from his mosque, he said the community "could not call the police part of our force".

Community worker Mr Taahier Levy, who runs welfare bureaux in Woodstock, Claremont and Lansdowne, said between three and four new drug-abuse cases were reported daily.

## POLICE SQUADS

● Police public relations officer Captain Gys Boonzaaier said there were police anti-drug squads all over the country and they had been successful in combating the sale and use of drugs.

"These policemen work long hours and they pay many people informal fees for information in order to combat the drug problem.

"If Sheik Moerat says the police are neglecting their duties he does not know what he is talking about."

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## Clampdown: 5 381 arrests

Crime Reporter

OPERATION Watchdog, a crime-prevention drive which relies heavily on public help, has led to the arrest of 5 381 people in the Western Cape in its first week.

Police launched the month-long crime swoop last week shortly after it was announced in Parliament by the Minister of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok.

Since then 3 212 people have also been warned by police in the Western Cape.

Liaison officer Lieutenant Denise Brand said yesterday that Operation Watchdog was "proving to be a big success thanks to the enthusiastic participation of the public".

- (c) (i) Request for a statement of policy in respect of the importation of fireworks with a view to banning them.
- (ii) I responded in the negative for cultural and religious reasons.
- (2) No, because I consider that such a ban will interfere with the cultural and religious freedom of people.

**Decentralisation/deconcentration**

\*21. Mr H H SCHWARZ asked the Minister of Trade and Industry and Tourism:

What was the total amount paid out in respect of decentralisation or deconcentration benefits in 1989?

Answer: \$15190 B922E

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY AND TOURISM:

R786 655 000.

**Decentralisation/deconcentration: tax lost**

\*22. Mr H H SCHWARZ asked the Minister of Finance:

What is the total amount of tax lost or expected to be lost as a result of tax concessions granted to decentralised or deconcentrated industries in respect of the year ended 31 March 1989?

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The MINISTER OF FINANCE:

It is estimated that the loss of tax as a result of the granting of concessions to industries in decentralised or deconcentrated areas will amount to approximately R1 million for the financial year ended on 31 March 1989. Final figures are not available as many assessments, especially in respect of companies, have yet to be processed.

With effect from 1 April 1982 the allowances have been phased out of the Income Tax Act and replaced by direct subsidisation by the Department of Trade and Industry and Tourism. This is why the loss of tax is much smaller than in previous years.

Teachers not paid

\*23. Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Education:

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Whether any teachers employed by his Department on or before January 1990 had not been paid by 15 March 1990; if so, (a) how many; (b) why and (c) what steps (i) have been taken in this regard and (ii) are being taken to prevent a recurrence of such delays in the payment of salaries?

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The MINISTER OF EDUCATION:

Yes

(a) 1 217

(b) In most cases the documents required for payment of salaries were not received in time. The unrest in some schools apparently largely contributed to this state of affairs.

(c) (i) Area officers were instructed to assist in receiving and completing application forms for employment of teachers.

(ii) Principals have been instructed to report to regional officers cases of teachers in any of their schools whose salaries are not paid at the end of each month.

(iii) Regional offices must report monthly to head office on outstanding salary enquiries.

**Job creation scheme**

\*24. Mr J VAN ECK asked the Minister of Manpower:

With reference to the job creation scheme, (a) what amount was made available for the (i) 1989-90 and (ii) 1990-91 financial years, (b) how are allocations to provinces, organisations, other Government Departments and individual companies determined and (c) (i) according to what rules and (ii) under what conditions are moneys so earmarked for job creation allocated to those who make use of the scheme?

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The MINISTER OF MANPOWER:

(a) (i) 1989/90 - R60 million

(ii) 1990/91 - R75 million

(b) An inter-departmental committee is responsible for the distribution of funds between Departments and Administra-

tions. Thereafter each department and administration allocates funds according to applications received for funds to be made available. As far as is known only the Department of Manpower allocates funds to private companies and organisations.

are stationed on a daily basis at the (aa) Sandton, (bb) Bramley, (cc) Wynburg/Alexandra and (dd) Lombardy East police stations and (b) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(a)

(aa) (i) 19 vehicles

(ii) 12 vehicles

(bb) (i) 4 vehicles

(ii) none

(cc) (i) 6 vehicles

(ii) none

(dd) (i) 3 vehicles

(ii) 5 vehicles

(b) 30 April 1990

Members on duty using vehicles which are not equipped with radios, are issued with portable radios.

**INTERPELLATIONS**

The sign \* indicates a translation. The sign †, used subsequently in the same interpellation, indicates the original language.

**Own Affairs:**

**White schools: mandate from parent community**

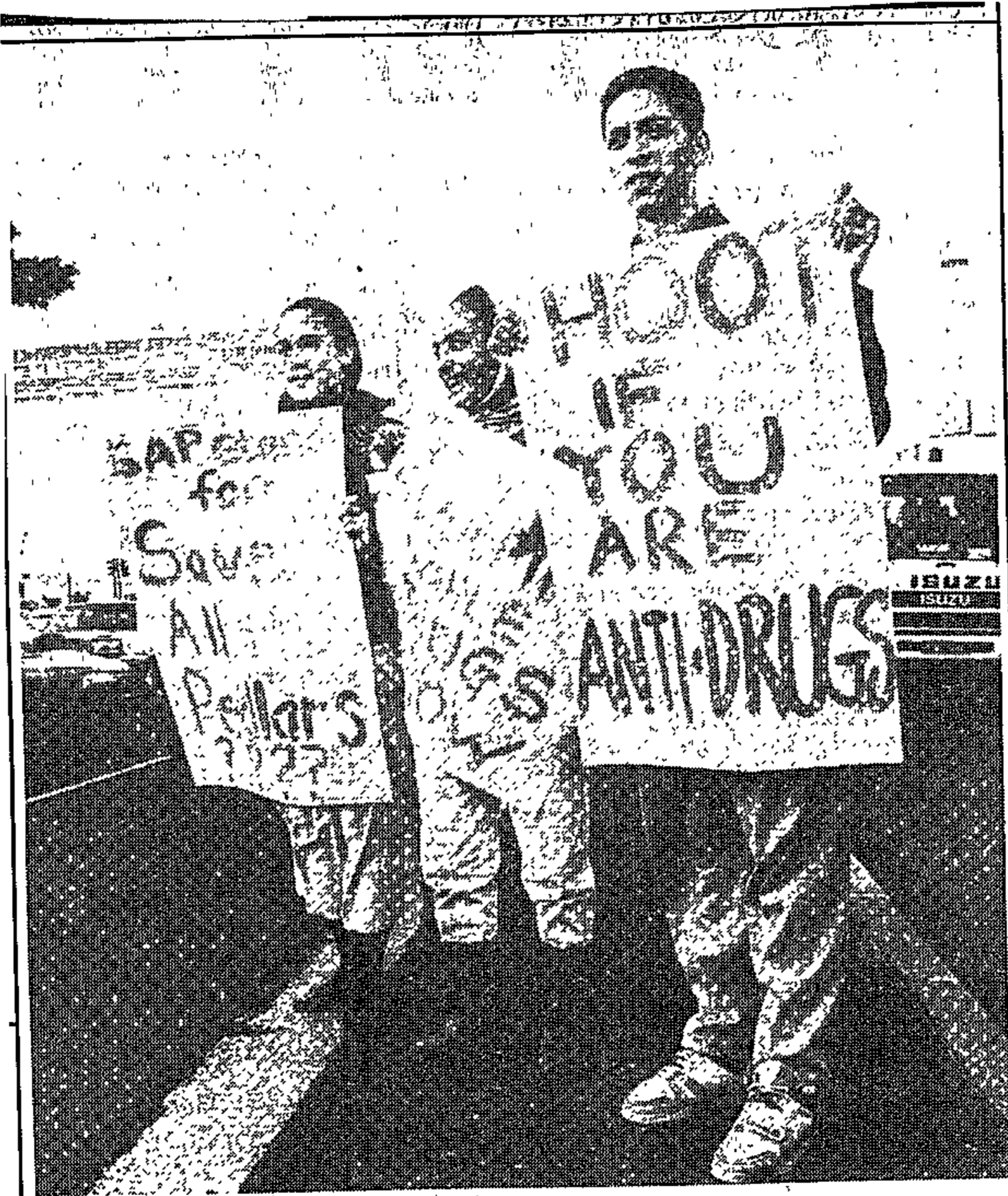
Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Education and Culture:

Whether, in the light of the proposed abolition of the Group Areas Act, he intends to require schools wishing to remain open to White pupils exclusively, to obtain an overwhelming mandate to this effect from the parent community concerned; if not, why not?

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The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE: Mr Chairman, on 19 April 1990, the hon the State President referred to the proposed scrapping of the Group Areas Act and the Government's mandate to put in its place a general pattern of residential areas which will be generally acceptable. He also stated that, *inter alia*, generally acceptable means a system which

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY



**ANTI-DRUGS PROTEST . . .** About 20 anti-drug campaigners from Bo-Kaap held a placard demonstration in Buitengracht Street at peak hour this week. The protest is part of a hard-hitting campaign against drug pedlars and drug abusers in the community. Campaigners (from left to right) were Ms Fa-eeza Brown, Ms Fayroz Moerat and Mr Nur Ziervogel.

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Picture: GLENN SHERRATT

postponed to May 18.

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### 3 500 held in crime swoop

POLICE arrested almost 3 500 suspects during an Operation Watchdog swoop in the Peninsula at the weekend. About 2 000 police and reservists arrested 1 446 people between 6am on Friday and 6am on Saturday, and about 2 300 police and reservists arrested about 2 053 people between 6am on Saturday and 6am on Sunday. Charges included murder, rape, robbery, serious assault, theft and housebreaking.

# Man murdered in son's business

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By MONICA GRAAFF  
Crime Reporter

A 55-YEAR-OLD businessman has been stabbed to death in his son's Kuils River shop, the second such murder this month.

Murder and Robbery detectives think Mr Sayed Allie lay dead behind the blood-smeared counter for several hours before a client discovered his mutilated body about 1.30pm yesterday.

Police said he had been stabbed several times.

Mr Allie, of Glenhaven, had been manning the Wild West Men's Shop in Van Riebeeck Street, described by friends as a "quiet business", alone.

Detectives have not pinpointed a motive for the murder but Mr Allie's car, which he parked in front of the shop, was missing.

Police were using a helicopter and detectives on the ground to hunt for the car and "a couple of suspects".

Shocked friends, who described Mr Allie as "a very nice chap", said he had been manning the shop for his son, Mr Rashid

Allie, who attends classes at the University of the Western Cape every morning.

"His wife usually worked with him in the mornings. Too bad he was alone this time," they said.

His son, who is studying for a physical education degree, was too distraught to talk to the press.

Mr Allie leaves his wife, another son and two daughters.

● The other murder was that of Loop Street café owner Mr Anibal Macedo, 57, on May 1.

Police are looking for a blue Toyota Corolla, CA 502541, with bodyfiller on the left-front mudguard. Anyone with information should contact Detective Sergeant Johann Eisebeth at 951-6665 (w) or 903-6371 (h)



# 2 847 held as anti-crime blitz continues

Crime Reporter **35**  
POLICEMEN in the crime-busting drive, Operation Watchdog, made 2 847 arrests in the Western Cape this week.

This brings to more than 15 000 the number of arrests in the Western Cape since the launch of the crime crackdown this month.

Operation Watchdog is aimed at reducing the soaring South African crime rate. Western Cape policemen hope to end the region's dubious status as the country's crime capital.

There were 63 arrests for murder and 28 for rape between 6am on Sunday and 6am yesterday, said police liaison officer Major Gys Boonzaaier.

There were a further 193 arrests for theft, 166 for house-breaking and 63 for robbery, he said.

Nearly 3 500 arrests were made in the districts of Wynberg, Cape Town, Athlone and Bellville last weekend.

# Salt River anti-drug leader arrested

By BRONWYN DAVIDS

THE battle against drug abuse in Salt River took a twist yesterday when a Muslim religious leader involved in a hard-hitting anti-drug campaign in the area was arrested on a charge relating to an illegal gathering.

The man, who works for the Salt River Co-ordinating Council for Drug Abuse (SRCC), appeared briefly in Cape Town Magistrate's Court, where he was released on R100 bail.

Mr Rashied Omar, a member of the SRCC, said the man was arrested about 9.30am and was told by police that they believed he was one of the leaders of the "illegal" anti-drug march on April 13, which was aborted when police teargassed about 1 000 protesters near the Tennyson Street Mosque.

The marchers allegedly defied an order from the chief magistrate of Cape Town barring the march.

Several organisations have criticised the arrest. Mr Michael Duffett, clinical administrator of the Cape Town Drug Counselling Centre, commended the "concern and enthusiasm" shown by the Salt River community in their campaign to rid the community of drug abuse and peddling.

He said: "It is ironical that they arrested the man. I wonder if the community is not left thinking that the police really do not care."

Mr Anwar January, secretary of the SRCC, said the committee "strongly condemned" the arrest.

The Cape director of the Muslim Youth Movement, Mr N Hendricks, said the arrest was an attempt to intimidate the entire community from participating in mass action against drug abuse.

# Shock report on city satanism

# DEVIL CULT

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## Whites back miners to talk

# miners to talk

WELKOM. — Black and white miners here are to sit down to discuss common security grievances. This is the outcome of a four-hour meeting last night between Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok and representatives of a wide range of labour unions, the Chamber of Mines and Anglo American. The SAP, SADF and mine security were also represented.

Meanwhile, during the talks, a white assistant mine manager was stoned while driving past Anglo's President Steyn gold mine. Mr Daniel Jacobus Jacobs was admitted to Welkom Provincial Hospital with a gash in his head. He received four stitches. The meeting follows rising racial tensions in the town after two white mine officials were killed, four injured and 14 black miners injured. Both Mr Vlok and National Union of Mineworkers general secretary Mr

### Crime Reporter

#### A POLICE captain and head of a city police unit has made sensational claims about satanism in communities in the city and Western Cape towns.

Captain Leonard Solms of the Child Protection Unit alleged at a press conference yesterday that:

- Eleven babies had been "special-bred for sacrifice to the devil" and were ritually murdered over the past five years by having their throats slit and their hearts torn out and eaten.
- Cells of teenaged satan worshippers were active at at least 10 Peninsula schools and in the rural areas.
- Devil-worshipping parents initiated their children by allowing other adults to sodomise and rape them at regular secret meetings.
- Children were forced to perform sexual acts with dogs and goats while adult cell members chanted incantations to the devil.
- Animals, especially black cats, chickens and goats, were regularly slaughtered and their blood drunk.
- Professional people and community leaders were involved in these cells, usually as high priests and witches.
- Interlinked satanist cells existed

in many parts of the city and numerous towns in the Western Cape.

- Outdoor sexual orgies formed a key part of ritual practices.
- Cell members were threatened with death if they tried to quit or expose the cult.

Captain Solms said his information came from interviews with 10 former satanists.

"I definitely believe that these allegations are true," he said, but added that no murder dockets had been opened nor arrests made.

This was due to the "extreme difficulty" experienced by police forces worldwide in collecting material evidence relating to satanic crimes.

Investigations were hampered by a "fanatical cover of secrecy" and the "extremely dangerous nature of infiltration".

He made an urgent appeal to the public to help in investigations by supplying as much information to the police as possible.

While satanism was legal in that it fell within the ambit of religious freedom in South Africa, police could "not turn a blind eye to serious allegations of criminal practices", he said.

Crimes being investigated were murder, child sexual abuse, sodomy, rape, bestiality and cruelty to animals.

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miners are to sit down to discuss common security grievances.

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Captain Solms said investigations into satanism began in August last year when a Peninsula teenager broke down and confessed that she had been ordered by "witches" to murder her mother after being found in possession of a firearm.

At the same time the Cape Times agreed not to go to press with reports from a headmaster about cult activities at his False Bay school so as not to hamper police investigations.

But yesterday Captain Solms said investigations were floundering and police urgently needed the help of the public to make new breakthroughs.

Thus far he knew of various outdoor meeting places in the Peninsula with Table Mountain being a favoured spot as rituals were traditionally held on "high ground". Cells were kept small and compact to make discovery more difficult.

A recent cell meeting at a Peninsula school had been broken up when a man taking his dog for a walk at midnight had surprised participants, he said.

They had left a cloth behind with occult and satanistic inscriptions and it appeared as if they had been playing a game called "anarchy" when they were surprised.

Children who revolted against society were natural targets and were also easily drawn into playing "anarchy", he said. These games often progressed to children being sworn in as satanists.

A 16-year-old boy told police he was paid R400 a week to perform sexual acts with a satanic cell. Part of his duties was also to clean up after every orgy. The boy told police he was introduced into satanism when he was 11 years old.

● Anyone with information should contact Captain Solms at 45-3697 during office hours. Identities of callers will be confidential.

# Cop: How to crack satanism

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By MONICA GRAAFF  
Crime Reporter

ONLY a special police satanism task force could ensure arrests in connection with recently released chilling details of bizarre, sexual satanic rituals in which children were sacrificed and the blood of animals drunk.

This was said yesterday by the police captain who released the details, Captain Leonard Solms, head of the city's Child Protection Unit.

So far he has made no arrests and has not opened a single murder docket despite allegations that 11 babies, specially bred for sacrifice, have been ritually murdered in the Western Cape.

Other crimes allegedly committed during satanic rituals are child sexual abuse, sodomy, bestiality, rape and cruelty to animals.

While satanism is protected by religious freedom, Captain Solms feels that police "cannot turn a blind eye to serious allegations of criminal practices".

"But all we have done so far is prove to ourselves

that these things are happening," he said. "My unit is doing its best, but we are not going to make any headway unless a special task force with properly trained men is established."

He added that apart from one of his 11 men, all were "too scared to touch it".

Captain Solms, who has been investigating satanism for 12 years, said he had gained his information from 10 satanists who spoke to him on condition that he promise them indemnity from prosecution.

"We have been told about murders, but to prove a murder you need a body."

Captain Solms denied reports in a Sunday newspaper that he would be questioning suspects in connection with satanism, but said he had the names of certain people who would be kept under surveillance as effectively as possible.

A spokesman for the Ministry of Law and Order, Brigadier Leon Mellet, said that the Minister, Mr Adriaan Vlok, had taken "a special interest" in reports about satanism. However, he declined to comment on the possibility of a special task force.

# Serious crime up 15,44% in city

By BARRY STREEK  
Political Staff


SERIOUS crimes in central Cape Town increased by 15,44% between 1985 and 1989, while police achieved an average success rate of 45,8% in the solving of these crimes, the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, said yesterday.

But there was a 99,1% success rate for the solution of less serious crimes, and intensified police action prevented a more drastic increase in serious crime in the area.

He said less serious crimes included drunkenness and drinking in public.

Between 1980 and 1989, the number of policemen stationed at the Cape Town police station increased from 184 to 277, he said in reply to a question, which was tabled by Mr Ken Andrew (DP, Gardens).

# Police swoop on city trains: 177 arrested

Staff Reporter *AKG* 24/5/80 (35) 

POLICE arrested 177 people in a widespread eight-hour crime prevention swoop on trains in the Peninsula.

Major Gys Boonzaaier said 27 people were arrested for serious crimes and 150 on lesser charges.

About 300 policemen, including detectives and members of the mobile unit took part in the crime prevention drive between 2pm and 10pm yesterday under the command of Colonel Philip Delport.

Suspects arrested for serious crimes were booked on charges of possession of dagga, mandrax, stolen property, dangerous weapons, theft and possession of property stolen from motor vehicles.

# Shoplifting is big business

By JANIS FRASER

Weekend Argus Reporter

SHOPLIFTING has come a long, slick way from its furtive snatch and grab or impulse-stealing image of the past.

That kind of petty theft still goes on, but shoplifting in the 1990s has risen to a professional, big-business level, say security men.

It has become a profession which is costing retailers — and consequently the man in the street — about R600-million a year as mobile gangs sweep in to coolly snatch whole rails of clothing or even heavy furniture.

## Retail security

Mr Michael Moore owns Sabre Security, Cape Town's biggest retail security business, with a large, "figures are confidential", force of plainclothes detectives who operate in most big stores and shopping centres in the city and suburbs.

The former professional soldier says that when he established the

## Gangs make a living from daily pickings

firm he realised the draining economic implications of shoplifting and decided to specialise in retail security.

He believes the only way to fight the rampant shoplifting, which is becoming increasingly professional, is with a professional counter-offensive. The little man who is hungry isn't the problem any more, it's the teams out to make big money who have become the headache.

From a fully-equipped, central "ops" room, staff are controlled and directed 24 hours a day. Those in the field are impossible to identify among a shopping crowd. It's only after making a series of arrests, sometimes six a day in large stores, that their cover is blown and they are moved to new locations.

The same applies to the shoplifting gangs, who work from area to area, moving on when they realise they have been identified.

Mr Moore says: "Now they are working as professional people. Gangs are organised and run purely for shoplifting on a daily basis. They have mobility, they often travel in minibuses and will pick a target area or a shopping centre and plan a campaign.

"First, they keep watch, maybe for several days, and identify the places which are easy to hit, the shops which have little or no security or the areas in a store which are vulnerable.

"Then, they move in. A couple will divert the assistant by asking for a garment on a top shelf or on the other side of the store. While the assistant is distracted they

make their snatch, maybe a whole rail of garments which they will fold over and calmly walk out with.

So what can be done? Most central stores are ideal targets, he points out, built as thoroughfares with good escape routes and little access control.

Private detectives can keep a check on what's happening inside, but their job ends at the door. It's there that another operation, in which he is involved purely in a voluntary capacity, takes over.

As chairman of the Haisson group of the South African Police's new Business Watch patrols, he is full of enthusiasm for the concept of bringing the "Bobby" back on the beat.

In September, the patrols were introduced in the city centre during business hours and they are having a strong deterrent effect, says Mr Moore.

He believes the psychological impact on the community is important as well. The city policeman can be seen as a high profile person, approachable when trouble arises.

## When crime is there for the taking

Weekend Argus Reporter

JESSICA Krieswetter flashes a model smile and says she doesn't mind if her name and picture appear in print — now

It wasn't the same in her days as a store detective, she adds. Then she would have been too scared. She often risked attack on her trips to and from work. "People I'd arrested said they'd kill me. I had to run for it a couple of times."

Promoted now to marketing and branch executive with Sabre Security, she says the detective days had their lighter moments.

"I still remember one woman who'd managed to hold four pairs of size seven shoes between her legs, she walked up 16 stairs with me and didn't drop one.

"Then there were the women who would pretend they were pregnant, padding themselves with clothes they'd stolen. There was one woman who had a wire around her waist with a long hook attached to it. She used it to pick up an electric iron."

Under hats and inside undies were popular hiding places, and one man was positively clanking by the time Jessica detained him. He was wearing a track suit under his trousers and just dropping jars and bottles of cosmetics into them. The track suit was full to knee level.

Duvet covers and even microwave ovens, she has seen them all vanish into bags and under clothing, leaving no alternative but a tap on the shoulder at the shop door and a discreet request to "please come with me," and hope the person comes without a fuss.

"If not it can be difficult. I've had to fight with people sometimes and it's very seldom that bystanders offer any help."

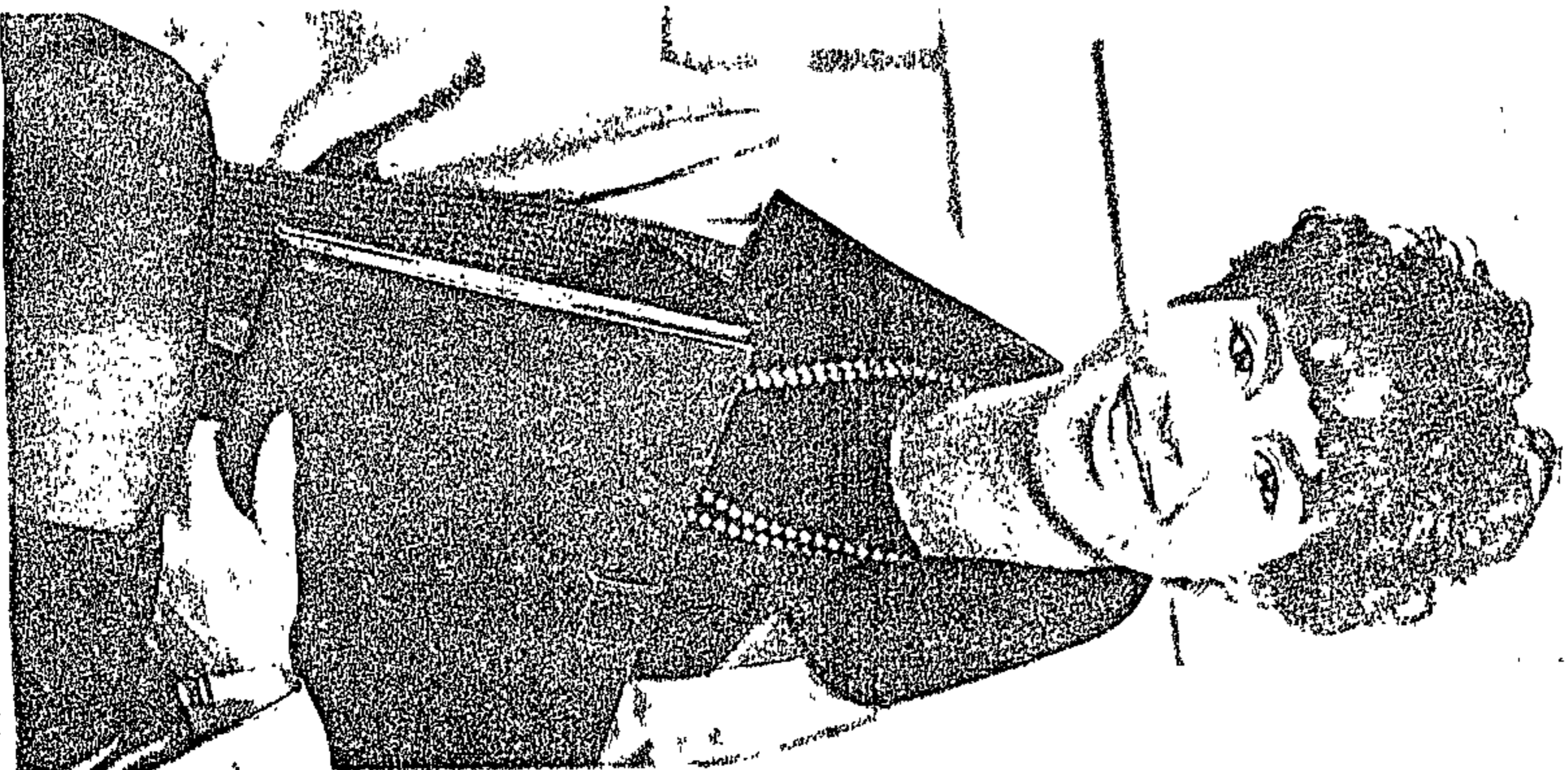
A woman colleague — unidentified because she's still operating in the field — who says she loves her job as a detective, looks more like a well-dressed student. She says the cover has given some shoplifters a nasty surprise, but didn't fool one notorious gang.

"We call them the 'deekie' gang because of the scarves the women wear on their heads. They operate by distracting the sales ladies and walk off with rails of clothes. I once chased them and blew my whistle for help — and they threatened me with a huge knife."

There's an element of cheek there too, she says. "I watched a woman loading clothes from a supermarket basket into a bag she had with her. When she realised we had seen her she calmly took all the things out of the basket, dumped them on the counter and walked out."

"Then there are the ones who've caught and who have been prosecuted, but they still have the nerve to come back to the shop. I often see them, although the minute they see me they move off."

She agrees that organised shoplifting is on the increase. "I sometimes catch five or six people a day. It is a real problem which isn't going to go away."



Picture: LEON MULLER, Weekend Argus  
Security executive Jessica Krieswetter... out to cut the mounting wave of shoplifting.



# Neighbourhood watch takes off in Newlands

By JILYAN PITMAN

THE Vineyard Neighbourhood Watch programme, started in Newlands in February, now includes 32 homes in Lothian, Buchan, Stirling and Bucksburn roads, according to the chairman of the programme, Mr Barry Berkovitch.

He said a watch was "an essential part of security in the 1990s and if all people could get together to form one giant neighbourhood watch we might not have the crime that we have today".

Each watch in the Vineyard programme was divided into about five sections with five or six homes in each.

Signs had been placed outside each house advising passers-by that the area is a neighbourhood watch area.

All members of the watch had been given a folder with a map of the area, all phone numbers (business and home) of neighbours, and emergency numbers.

## Strange workmen

Mr Berkovitch said: "People living in the area have been asked to take note of strange vehicles in the vicinity — the number, make, colour and time.

"If there are strange workmen at a neighbour's home, phone the neighbour or your section leader and ask if they are authorised. If work is to be done at your home advise your neighbour."

Other suggestions made by Mr Berkowitz included:

Phone the police if strangers are hanging around. When you phone mention your address. Get a good look

so that the stranger can be described to the police.

Advise your neighbours if you are going away, moving furniture etc.

Be more neighbourly.

He also gave advice on how to start a neighbourhood watch:

Send a notice to people in the area around you, taking in about 30 to 40 homes. More than this would be difficult to run.

Advise neighbours that a watch will be starting in the area and ask them to attend a meeting.

Elect a chairman, secretary, section leaders and safe houses. (A safe house is a place where someone is home most of the time and can report on activity in the area). The police can be phoned from a safe house.

Take orders for signs, decals etc.

Draw up maps of the area, with all residents' phone numbers. Distribute the map and lists of telephone numbers to the residents in the neighbourhood.

The chairman must send out newsletters periodically and give regular reminders of what the watch is all about.

## Administrative costs

Mr Berkowitz said the R4 it cost to join his neighbourhood watch programme went towards administrative costs. Signs cost about R2 each, depending on how many are needed.

There were six or seven neighbourhood watch programmes in the Claremont area.

For more information call Warrant Officer de Klerk of the Claremont Police on (021) 61-0611.

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**AT THE MARCH . . .** The first row of an estimated 3 500 people, including Mrs Adele Searll, Mr Dullah Omar, Sheikh Mohammed Moerat and Mr Anwah Nagiah, who yesterday marched through the streets of Salt River to show their opposition to drug abuse. Picture: RICHARD BELL

## 3 500 in Salt River anti-drug march

### Staff Reporter

A MARCH through Salt River streets yesterday afternoon was an indication that parents cared for their children, their future and a better drug-free society, an estimated 3 500 people, including community leaders, were told at an anti-drug march meeting yesterday.

The march, organised by the Salt River Co-ordinating Committee, was preceded by short talks by several speakers, including Imam Rashid Omar, anti-drug activist Mrs Adele Searll and advocate Mr Dullah Omar.

The anti-drug message was also conveyed in song, poetry, a short play and an anti-drug rap song.

Police in cars monitored the rally while riot police in two vans drove around the suburb.

Sheikh Mohammed Moerat said the march indicated that people cared for their children, their future and a better and drug-free society and it was important to translate efforts into a campaign and generate preventive education.

"The fact that the march is taking place is an indication that people wanted to change their

own condition. No pedlar is going to stand in our way," he said.

Mrs Searll said prevention and education was the only way to stave off drug problems. The anti-drug lobby would fight to have drug education introduced in schools, she said.

Mr Anwah Nagia of the New Unity Movement said drugs knew no colour, sex, religion or creed.

Mr Omar said the march was important because people were saying to the world the answer to the drug problem was in their own hands and not in the hands of the government or the police.



Picture: DION TROMP, The Argus.

**NO TO DRUGS:** Part of the crowd of more than 3 000 who marched against drugs and drug peddling in Salt River.

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# Down with drugs, say 3 000 at Salt River rally

By **DAVID YUTAR**  
Staff Reporter

THE narrow streets of Salt River were filled with cries of "down with drugs" and "we say no to drugs" when more than 3 000 people of all ages took part in a march against drugs and drug abuse.

Yesterday's march went off peacefully — unlike a march on April 13 which was tear-gassed by police.

Among the crowd were several people in wheelchairs, babies in carry-cots and many elderly residents.

The anti-drugs march, organised by the Salt River Co-ordi-

nating Council, started at the Shelley Street sportsfield about 3pm.

It was preceded by a variety show which included an anti-drugs play presented by the Muslim Students Association and music by the African Hip-Hop Movement.

The campaigners claimed that until 1983, when the Muslim Youth Movement had started its anti-drugs campaign, Salt River had justifiably earned the title of "drug city". Drug pedlars had been able to promote their trade with ease.

Veteran anti-drug campaign-

er Mrs Adele Searll and UDF vice-chairman Mr Dullah Omar were among the speakers.

Several speakers emphasised the importance of preventative education and action on an individual level, rather than merely dealing with addiction after the problem had arisen.

Mr Omar said the solution to addiction was in the hands of the people themselves, and not with the authorities.

He reminded the audience that at this point in South Africa's history, "not only political liberation but also human liberation is at stake".

# Unions warn Post Office of major, crippling strike

Staff Reporter

South Africa might experience a crippling Post Office strike in the next two weeks, the Post and Telecommunications Workers' Association (Potwa) and the South African Post and Telecommunications Employees Association (Saptea) warned yesterday.

At a press briefing in Johannesburg, Potwa president Kgaps Masonkutu said because of the Post Office's failure to meet workers' demands for a R1 100 minimum "living wage" and a R400 across-the-board wage increase, the current go-slows and sit-ins at post offices were likely to be transformed into a full-scale strike.

A decision was expected to be taken after a secret ballot by Potwa's central executive com-

mittee in the next two weeks.

Saptea president Rabi Gobind said his union fully endorsed Potwa's position and would also conduct a ballot to determine the form of industrial action to be taken.

Both unions, with the "coloured" Post Office Employees Association of SA (Peasa), have been engaged in wage talks with the Department of Posts and Telecommunications since last October.

Mr Masonkutu said Peasa was also in full agreement with the two unions.

The three unions also demand an end to the privatisation of postal services, six months' maternity leave, and an end to the temporary status of some employees.

# Gangland in City Schools

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**By BRONWYN DAVIDS**  
**CAPE FLATS high schools are becoming "blackboard jungles" where gangs are rife and teachers fear for their lives.**

Shock revelations on gang activities at the schools were made yesterday when a group of teachers spoke of a volatile climate in which pupils treat teachers "with contempt and often verbally abuse them".  
The group, representing 45 Manenberg Senior Seco-

dary School teachers, told the Cape Times of battles which they "risked their lives" to stop.  
The teachers said they feared a total breakdown in discipline because they "have no say on matters such as expulsion".  
Mr Thinus Dempsey, spokesman for the coloured Department of Education confirmed that school gangs were "a big problem".  
And Captain Hein Smit, head of the police gang busting unit said the huge gang problem on the Cape Flats had spread to the schools.

Captain Smit said key problem areas were in Bishop Lavis, Valhalla Park, Hanover Park and Manenberg. Teachers showed a variety of knives which had been confiscated when they intervened in the fights or when they searched the boys.  
They spoke of a boy who had been shot on the school premises at the beginning of this quarter and said there had been two attempted rapes in the classrooms during break. A woman teacher said she had once been threatened with a zipgun and had also been pushed around by one of the boys.

They also said that:  
● Teachers intervene in at least three to four gang fights every month and confiscate dangerous weapons;  
● Security at the school is inadequate, leaving teachers' lives at risk;  
● There is the threat of adult gangsters coming into the school in search of schoolboy gangsters; and  
● Fears are that by next quarter physical attacks on teachers would be the norm.

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# Gangsterism: Let's make <sup>ARCS</sup> <sub>3/6/70</sub> peace group

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A COMMITTEE of seven volunteers in Rocklands, Mitchell's Plain, has been formed to look at ways of combating gangsterism.

The "Let's Make Peace Committee" has called a public meeting at 7.30pm on Tuesday, June 26, at the Anglican Church, in Park Avenue (opposite the Rocklands Civic Centre).

Committee spokesman Mr Randall Jackson said it was hoped to give information talks on the problem of gangs at high schools, as well as meet gangsters and attempt to discuss and solve their problems.

Mr Jackson can be contacted at 32 1921 or 34 3111 ext 2205.

# Spade attack on pensioners

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Staff Reporter

A MAN attacked a 70-year-old pensioner and his 69-year-old wife with a spade at their home in Simon's Town on Saturday.

Mr Denys Mosel is in a stable condition at Groote Schuur Hospital's intensive care unit. Early yesterday he underwent a five-hour operation.

His wife, Mrs Peggy Mosel, is recovering in False Bay Hospital, Fish Hoek.

Mrs Mosel told yesterday of how the attacker had repeatedly bludgeoned her husband with the spade before turning on her.

She has a broken arm, multiple bruises and head injuries. She said if it had not been for some "quick thinking" she could have suffered a similar fate to that of her husband — or worse.

Mrs Mosel said the incident occurred soon after 9am on Saturday when a young gardener recommended to them by a friend was helping her husband in the backyard of their hillside Dorries Drive home at Froggy Farm near Simon's Town.

"I was in the house and looked through a window to see Denys lying face down in the backyard."

She said the man came through the back door and grabbed her. He demanded money and she gave him R40.

Mrs Mosel said her attacker then started beating her up and throwing her around the sitting room. "I do not know where I got the strength from, but I fought back like a tiger."

The attacker then dragged Mrs Mosel down a passage to the couple's bedroom.

"He left me there and went outside. I think he was going to fetch the spade. I locked myself in and started screaming."

Mrs Mosel said the ordeal ended when neighbours streamed onto the Mosel property to help.

Police said yesterday that a man had been arrested within half-an-hour of the attack. He will appear in court soon on a charge of attempted murder.

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## Spade attack man critical

Staff Reporter

A 70-YEAR-OLD Peninsula man is still in a critical condition in the Grootte Schuur Hospital's intensive care unit following an attack in Simon's Town where he was repeatedly hit over the head with a spade by a worker.

Grootte Schuur Hospital spokesman Mrs Una Bloch said Mr Denys Mosel was still unconscious.

Mr Mosel underwent a five-hour operation on Sunday morning after suffering severe head injuries as a result of the attack at his Dorries Drive, Froggy Farm home on Saturday morning.

His wife, Mrs Peggy Mosel, is recovering from the ordeal in False Bay Hospital, Fish Hoek.



# Transkei 'to try' Kerzner, Bloomberg

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# Local gangs in power

By BRONWYN DAVIDS

ILLEGAL business operations — estimated to yield several million rands a year — have made gangs the “single most powerful” social and economic force in coloured townships.

According to Mr Wilfried Schärf, the director of the Institute of Criminology at UCT, the gangs have vested interests in economic activity such as shebeens, drug outlets, stolen goods agencies, money lending, forgery of driver's licences and other illegal business activities.

Mr Schärf, who has spent 12 years researching Cape Town's gangs, estimated there were 10 000 to 15 000 full-time gangsters in coloured townships and 2 000 to 5 000 full-time gangsters in black townships.

He said professional people such as teachers, nurses from the township clinics, community and social workers are concerned about the increasing “viciousness” of gangs operating in the townships.

“The professionals are urgently trying to prevent gang members preying on people. This violence is unnecessary.

“They realise the reason people survive

## Over 12 000 full-timers

through gangs are far deeper and inevitably linked to the poverty factor.”

The professional people, civic and grassroot political organisations are pooling resources to find the best methods of intervention.

“At present, they are trying to make gangsters aware that they are dividing the communities and victimising people who are also victims of apartheid.

“They are trying to make the gangsters aware that by lashing out in this way, at society or apartheid for keeping them poor and underskilled, is not successful or productive,” Schärf said.

In coloured townships the attempts to inhibit the gang activities have met with “little success”, due to the social power wielded by the gangs.

“Attempts in the black townships have been more successful because political

organisations are stronger and the informal policing of townships has exerted some inhibiting influence on the youth.”

He said long-term solutions were needed, such as proper counselling at schools and the creation of more jobs. And by providing better conditions at schools and recreation facilities.

Questioned about the “increased viciousness” of gangs, Mr Schärf said the political struggle had played a role in the expectation that youth would take a leadership role in organisation and street fighting.

“Adults have played a lesser role in providing struggle strategies or tactics.

“The youth saw, particularly in the black townships and to some extent in the coloured townships, this changed relationship of the older generation relinquishing power.

“By giving youth power and initiative in the struggle, a lessening of respect for the older generation has taken place and the viciousness of the gangs is merely one manifestation of that.

“But the past five years have been extremely violent with the gangs picking up the police violence on the streets, as well.”

# Sebe made free with charity funds, probe told

OWN Correspondent  
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**BISHO.** — Money from the Ciskei Community Services Trust Fund, ostensibly set up to help the needy, was used to pay the university fees of Mr Kwane Sebe, son of deposed president Mr Lennox Sebe, a commission of inquiry into malpractices in Ciskei was told here yesterday.

Some R40 000 from the fund was also used for Mr Lennox Sebe's personal household, the commission was told.

The commission, under the chairmanship of Mr Mike Jardine, heard from Ciskei's deputy auditor-general Mr Temba Skweyiya that the fund had been created

without complying with the law.

Mr Skweyiya also said there were other trust funds created outside the Exchequer and Audit Act, and cited the Discretionary Fund as an example.

He said though Mr Sebe was not empowered to authorise expenditures except in certain emergency circumstances, he would give instructions for payments out of the Community Services Fund.

Some of the money had paid for the university fees of Mr Khwane Sebe and the then-deputy commander of the police elite unit, Mr Z W Ngwanya.

R40 000 had been used for Mr Lennox

Sebe's household, and a former Speaker of the National Assembly, Mr C H Ngxwana, had been given loans out of the fund.

An amount of R1 152,79 was used to pay medical expenses for a senior government official.

Mr Skweyiya reported that the fund obtained its money from public donations.

He called for a thorough investigation into the purposes of both donations and the payments from the account to establish their legitimacy.

He said his department only audited accounts which had been formed under the Exchequer and Audit Act.

# Police reserve gaining in recruitment drive

Capt. Joubert 19/6/90

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A DOZEN applications have been received so far in a drive to recruit police reservists in Sea Point.

According to city councillor Chris Joubert, himself a captain in the Reserve Police Force, the response to the recruiting drive, announced a few days ago, has been generally good. He mentioned that the push for more police protection had the full backing of the Green and Sea Point Traders Association as well as resi-

dents in the community.

## Muggings increase

Joubert, a prime mover in the recruitment campaign, said: "After sixth months' training, the same given to regular policeman, reservists play a vital role. They put in many hours of their own time doing a fantastic job on behalf of the community."

Joubert explained that the drive for reserve recruits was a result of muggings in the Sea Point area.

He said: "We have had three muggings in the past few days, on elderly people in Marais and London roads, and as I keep getting complaints something must be done."

Warrant Officer Max Lurie, a 67-year-old reservist, launched the recruiting drive to provide more protection for residents in Green Point and Sea Point.

Lurie said: "Business Watch, a new development, enables us to have a satellite police station in Regent Road but we urgently need more reservists."

"This is also the recruiting depot for reservists and we have had a good response to our posters calling on men and women between 21 and 45 to join our ranks."

"More applications are coming in and in a month's time successful applicants could be on patrol."

## Public support

Lurie explained that a reservist had the same powers as a regular policeman.

"He performs charge office duties as well as van and foot patrols. The female officers have administrative duties in the charge office but they also undertake patrols with male officers".

He said the reservists were doing a valuable

job in helping to maintain security but the force needed to increase its strength.

"They make courtesy calls at retail stores and other establishments and keep watch in Main and Regent roads. They are doing a splendid job, particularly as the work is voluntary."

Posters have been circulated throughout calling on citizens to become reservists. Applications should be directed to the Regent Road police station.

The posters point out that the police rely on the help and of the community and that the best way to help is to become a reservist.

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## Call for new darts players

THE darts team of Sea Point Place are anxiously seeking more players. They say that they need more practice and new blood in the team if they are to find their target!

The Seniors Centre is getting a facelift. The old carpets have been condemned and taken to head office and new textile tiles have been ordered...

# Cop saved from bullet arrests 'spiderman'

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By DALE KNEEN, Crime Reporter

POLICE have arrested a man they believe may have been responsible for the "spiderman" attacks in Cape Town and the Southern Suburbs since April.

The man was arrested after a shot was fired at a Rondebosch policeman, Sergeant G W Tarentaal, who was saved by a police identity book in his pocket which deflected the bullet.

The dramatic arrest of the rape and robbery suspect unfolded in Ednam Road, Rondebosch, at 9.10 last night when Sergeant Tarentaal and Sergeant A Crafford responded to a housebreaking complaint at Newlands Court.

They found and arrested a young man inside the flat.

Sergeant Tarentaal took him to the police van, where the suspect allegedly took out a firearm and placed it against the left side of the policeman's chest. A shot was fired.

"Fortunately his ID saved his life as

the bullet was deflected," said police liaison officer Captain Attie Laubscher.

Police are investigating the possibility of links to a series of rapes and shooting incidents in the area.

Two 21-year-old students were raped in April after a man climbed into their flats, which led to the first reports of "spiderman" attacks.

A similar rape attempt, a shooting and an attack on a student took place in Wynberg over the past two weeks.

The student, Mr Olaf Mayer-Mader, 22, was confronted by an armed man when he opened the door to his first floor flat in Main Road at 11pm on Sunday.

Mr S Eberlein, 74, was shot in the mouth after a man entered his Main Road flat by climbing into the room with a ladder.

An armed man, who tried to disguise himself with a pillow slip wrapped around his head, attempted to rape a woman in her flat at 4.30am on May 8.

# 1 000 cars stolen in city

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By HENRI du PLESSIS  
Weekend Argus Reporter

MORE than 1 000 motor vehicles, worth millions of rands, were stolen in the Peninsula in April and May, police disclosed.

Over the same period, more than 4 000 cases of theft from vehicles were reported.

A notorious spot for thieves is the rooftop parking at Cape Town station. At least one car is stolen there daily.

Police have warned about large parking areas near shopping centres, the Foreshore and parking areas at railway stations.

However, Cape Town has no serious problem with car-theft syndicates, a police spokesman said.

Most thefts, about 95 percent, were committed by individuals who wanted to use the vehicle for a journey, and then stole the radio and spare wheel, or those who had a similar car and wanted spare parts.

Most stolen vehicles were minibuses or small sedans. Thieves avoided stealing new luxury cars because of the risk involved in getting them to neighbouring countries.

Athlone was shown to be a risky area in April and May — 384 cars were stolen there. Cape Town followed with 322, Wynberg with 233 and Bellville with 224.

Cape Town led the theft from vehicles stakes — 1 910 cases were reported in April and May. Athlone followed with 1 019, Wynberg with 932 and Bellville with 649.



**SHOCKED** ... Mrs Lutha Visser after her ordeal at the weekend. With her is her husband, Springbok lock De Villiers Visser.

# Rugby star's wife prayed in tongues to beat attackers

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Staff Reporter

THE wife of Springbok and WP rugby star De Villiers Visser was attacked by two masked men — one of whom was wielding an axe — in her Stellenbosch home while her husband was in Johannesburg for the WP/Transvaal game on Saturday night.

During the ordeal Mrs Lutha Visser was dragged around by the hair and throttled until she passed out.

But for Mrs Visser, a deeply religious Apostolic, help came in the form of "an awesome power" that enabled her to pray "in tongues".

"It was incredible — when I saw the looks of horror creep onto their faces, I knew that my weapon was God, and if I was to win against two men — one of whom wanted to kill me — my battle would have to be spiritual", she said.

Mrs Visser was alone with the couple's two children, Uys, 4, and Cilliers, who recently turned a year old, at the time.

She was watching television shortly before 9pm when two men suddenly came crashing through a window. One was wielding an axe and the other brandishing a screwdriver.

She said both balaclava-masked men, one of whom had on a pair of surgical gloves, jumped on to her where she lay on a sofa and throttled her until she passed out.

"The next thing I remember was that both men were dragging me off the sofa by the hair, and leading me — still by my hair — through various parts of the house demanding in hoarse, whispering tones,

car keys, a gun and money," she said.

She said that at one stage, when it looked as though the men were going to rape her on a bench in one of the rooms through which they dragged her, she felt the power that enabled her to pray "in tongues".

She gave them the keys to a minibus and a cash box. While one man was outside fetching the money she pushed the second one out and closed the front door.

Proud and relieved Springbok lock husband, Div, said yesterday that he arrived back at the couple's nursery home about 11pm on Saturday night to find his wife shocked but safe.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Constable Gerhard Claassen at (02231) 70341.



# Boy dies, two hurt in city shootings

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By DALE KNEEN, Crime Reporter 31

A 16-YEAR-OLD boy died and a 13-year-old boy was injured after being shot by unknown people driving around Valhalla Park in a white minibus.

The body of David Peters, of Lucas Street, was found in the backyard of a house in Hilda Circle after the shooting at 8.45pm on Saturday.

An hour earlier Abie Booysen, 13, was shot in the arm in Matthews Street, said police liaison officer Lieutenant Denise Brand.

Abie was taken to Tygerberg Hospital. A bullet was removed.

David's parent's home was ransacked on Saturday afternoon, when neighbours claim to have heard gangsters threaten to kill the boy.

● A 12-year-old Fish Hoek schoolboy, Christoper Malherbe, was shot in the head in Lavender Hill at the weekend. His family's car was caught in the crossfire of a gang war.

Lieutenant Brand said the boy's skull was slightly fractured after a shot was fired from the corner of Prince George Drive and Concert Boulevard at 8.25pm on Saturday.

Christoper had emergency treatment at 2 Military Hospital, Wynberg. He is expected to be discharged today.

# Gang war road 'not that dangerous'

Staff Reporters

DESPITE reports that Prince George Drive has become a nightly battle zone between rival gangs in the Lavender Hill area, police yesterday said the area was "not unusually dangerous".

But members of the Steenberg branch of the Young Americans said yesterday: "We fight like hell every night. But it is not us causing the trouble. Lavender Hill gangs want to take over our territory and if they succeed, we're all dead."

The gang problem in the area was highlighted at the weekend when a

Fish Hoek schoolboy was shot in the head when the car he and his father were travelling in was caught in the crossfire of a gang battle as they waited at the robots on the corner of Concert Boulevard and Prince George Drive.

Christopher Malherbe, 12, who was discharged from hospital yesterday, narrowly escaped death when a bullet smashed through a rear passenger window and fractured his skull.

His father, Mr Frans Malherbe, told the Cape Times that police had warned him "not to use the road at

night, especially over weekends, when gang activity is greatest".

However, senior police officers said it was "an isolated incident" and the road was "no more dangerous than any other road", despite the fact that it passed through some "very undesirable areas".

The Young Americans said children had been hurt and many homes damaged in the battles.

"They use anything and everything — knives, pangas, bricks, zip-guns and some of them have real 'irons' (guns), especially their reinforcements from other areas, like Hanover Park.

"We must be armed at all times, rival gangs wait for us at the stations and taxi ranks. When we get injured we can't go to the clinics or the hospitals because they wait for us there, too.

"When we phone the police, they say somebody must get hurt before they'll step in," the gangster said.

Lavender Hill social worker Mr Llewellyn Jordan, who is doing his honours thesis on gangs and their environment, said: "The gangs in Lavender Hill have become very sophisticated in their use of ammunition. Some are mobile and they fire shots from their

combs as they pass by."

The mother of a gang leader said "too many had died and so many innocent people had been hurt" and it was time "the genocide stopped".

Mr Joe Marks, director of the Community Services Project, said gang leaders were trying to get rival gangs to sign a peace treaty by next month, but it was difficult to get the churches involved in tackling the problem.

He said Steenberg gangsters he had talked to were willing to solve the problem, but claimed that they were not the aggressors.



GANG MEMBERS . . . Community leader Mr Joe Marks, right, with members of the Steenberg branch of the Young Americans.

Picture RICHARD BELL

# City MP's godson stabbed to death

Staff Reporter *AR6US 27/6/90 (35)*

MR CRAIG de la Cruz, godson of House of Representatives Member of Parliament Mr Dennis de la Cruz, was stabbed to death when he was caught in a running battle between rival gangs in Mitchell's Plain.

Mr De La Cruz, 20, of Strandfontein Village, was the grandchild of the politician's sister.

A friend, Miss Rene Carstens, 16, said she, Mr De La Cruz and two other girlfriends were walking down Wespoort Avenue, Westridge about 6.40pm on Saturday on their way home from a visit to a discotheque.

"We were walking down the road and found there was a gang fight going on between the Hard Living Kids and the Dixie Boys. Craig told us to hurry on ahead and was then grabbed by one of the gangsters," she said.

A scuffle ensued and Mr De La Cruz's attacker allegedly pulled out a knife and stabbed him.

Mr De La Cruz managed to get away but collapsed and died in the road.

Confirming the stabbing, a police spokesman said today a 19-year-old man had been arrested last night and was expected to appear in court tomorrow.

● Only 17 people attended a meeting in Mitchell's Plain last night, organised by a new committee which aims to fight gangsterism in the area. It was decided to postpone the meeting.

# Two attacks on elderly women

Crime Reporter

TWO elderly Cape women were attacked in their homes on Monday after burglars gained entrance through unlocked doors.

Mrs Elfreda Soltau, 77, of Van Eden Street, Swellendam, and Mrs Agnes Auret, 72, of Brampton Road, Plumstead, have both been treated for head injuries and shock following the attacks.

Local police liaison officer Lieutenant Denise Brand yesterday appealed to the public not to leave open doors unattended and to ensure that they had burglar bars and security gates fitted to their homes.

The latest attacks follow a similar incident on Sunday when an 81-year-old Sea Point woman was raped and robbed in her home by a man who walked in through the back door.

Mrs Soltau was stabbed in the head while she was resting on a sofa in her sitting room at 6.30pm. Her assailant, who had walked in through an open door, left after she gave him R200.

Police arrested a 19-year-old youth, believed to be her gardener, shortly afterwards.

Mrs Auret lost consciousness after being hit over the head by two men who entered her home through the unlocked back door at 10.30am. When she came round no one was in the house but jewellery and clothing worth R4 000 were missing. Police are investigating.

# SA to extradite Palazzolo?

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Italy has made a request to the South African police for the extradition of Mr Vito Palazzolo, who was appointed in May as Ciskei's ambassador plenipotentiary.

Pretoria police public relations spokesman Lt Nina Barkhuizen said yesterday the SAP were "in contact with Italy in this regard".

It is understood the reason for the request by Italy was because of an outstanding warrant of arrest for Mr Palazzolo.

Mr Palazzolo, who served a five year prison term in Switzerland, was a former business partner of ex-NP MP Mr Peet de Pontes.

Following the release of the report of the Harms Commission of inquiry into cross border irregularities last year, Mr De Pontes was charged with and is currently on trial for multiple counts of fraud, theft, bribery and forgery arising out of his association with Mr Palazzolo.

Mr Justice Louis Harms said both the US and Italy wanted to extradite Mr Palazzolo for serious crimes.

Ciskei deputy attorney general Viwe Notshe said yesterday he was looking into how Mr Palazzolo acquired Ciskei citizenship as part of a Ciskei commission of inquiry into corruption.

Mr Palazzolo was granted citizenship in

Ciskei after investing money there. But his citizenship was later revoked by former Ciskei President Lennox Sebe then reinstated by the new government headed by Brig Oupa Gqozo on May 7, the day before Palazzolo was appointed ambassador.

Meanwhile Ciskei's ruling military council has attacked as deplorable and discriminatory press reports on the appointment of Mr Palazzolo as the homeland's ambassador plenipotentiary.

Mr Palazzolo's attorney Mr Cyril Prisman said yesterday his client was not guilty of any charges against him. He said he would have to consult with his client before making any further comment.

# Palazzolo's worth was 'weighed'

Own Correspondent

EAST LONDON. — Ciskei had not publicly announced Mr Vito Palazzolo's appointment as ambassador plenipotentiary immediately, because the homeland had first wanted to ascertain whether or not he could contribute towards economic growth and stabilisation, Ciskei's military ruler, Brigadier Oupa Gqozo, said yesterday.

Brig Gqozo also revealed that Mr Palazzolo's Ciskeian citizenship had been reinstated after his attorneys had threatened to institute legal action.

Mr Palazzolo, who is now known as Roberto von Palace Kolbatschenko, received his appointment on May 8, the day after his citizenship was restored to him. However, his appoint-

ment was only made public earlier this week.

Brig Gqozo explained how the council had weighed up the facts surrounding Mr Palazzolo's past against what he, as a well-connected international businessman, could do for Ciskei.

The brigadier said his government was aware that Mr Palazzolo had "been involved with corruption... matters connected with the previous regime of (President Lennox) Sebe in so far as also the Harms Commission was concerned".

"But we were shown papers... clearing Mr Palazzolo of all the accounts that were levelled against him in all the countries, as well as proof of newspaper clippings," Brig Gqozo said.

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**"If rivals come into our areas, we**

# Gangs trapped on own turf

By JOCELYN MAKER  
Weekend Argus Reporter

THE leader of the Mongrels gang, which controls most of Lavender Hill, is a weary man. His body is covered with tattoos and bears the scars of many a gang fight. A father of 10 children, he has reached the stage where he can no longer move freely outside his own turf. He is not alone. The rest of his gang, which claims to have a membership of over 10 000 throughout the Peninsula, have the same problem.

## Trapped on their own territory

They have fought against rival gangs and claimed their territories. Members have been shot or hacked to death, stabbed or brutally beaten. The price has been high but they are trapped, captives of their own territory.

These gangsters, through circumstances beyond their control, have over the years moved further way from the everyday requirements of human life -- work, a family, safety and the law.

In the slum tenements of Lavender Hill there is a constant fight for survival.

Most of the residents are single parents who are largely unemployed. Those who do work battle to survive on a pittance.

Their children, who have lived through years of hardship, know only one way out.

They form gangs from an early age because they have to belong somewhere and they have to own something.

## "Pay or die"

They live by their own code of unwritten laws and as their tattoos depict, it is a situation of "pay or die".

And for all of them the final freedom is death. They will go to war against rival gangs and no matter what, they will fight to the end.

The leader of the Mongrels has a court case pending for assault and therefore did not want his name published.

"I grew up in Lavender Hill and as a 10-year-old always found the bigger guys pushing us around.

They would attack us and steal whatever we had if they found us in the streets or at the shops," he said.

"So to protect ourselves we formed small gangs which eventually became bigger and bigger. This helped and they did not get away with terrorising us on a daily basis."

He has escaped death many times during gang-fights. He has been shot in the neck and stabbed often.

"We have to fight to protect our turf from gangs like the Mafia and Young Americans who live in Steenberg and Retreat. If they come into our areas we will kill them, it is as simple as that.

"They dare not come into our territory and when we go into theirs we have to go in groups of about 20 to 30 for protection.

They have the hospital, the police station and the railway stations in their turf so we cannot move freely on our own to these places," he said.

## Fear for their lives

Most of the gang members on all sides fear for their lives. They cannot take a taxi or a train alone in case they run into rival gangsters.

"They throw people off the trains if caught alone with no protection. This way of life for all of us has to stop, but the question is how.

"There is tremendous hate between the rival gangs and if it is decided that we will have a fight we use anything against the enemies. Guns, pangas, knives, spades or anything that will kill.

"We form a group of about 60 to 70 and we go to fight. The rival gangs have no right to come into our turf and harm our people so we have to make a stand. We do not want to cause trouble with them but if they look for it, there is nothing that will stop us."

He said that some gang-fights last about two hours with about 70 members going into battle.

Other gang-wars which he has fought in consisted of between 1 000 and 6 000 members.

"This is when we make a clean sweep. Members come from the other townships to join us. We had one last year and the soccer field which we fought



on was not big enough for the large number of gangsters."

After a gang-fight it is the ambulance services and the police who have to pick up the bodies and the injured.

"Our injured members who can still walk are taken back with us, but those who are very badly hurt are taken by the ambulance. This has its dangers as well.

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## Unable to read or write

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# GANGSTERS

Weekend Argus Reporter

RIVAL gangs in three Peninsula communities are prepared to lay down their weapons and end the seven-year-old war which has wreaked havoc with thousands of lives.

They are tired of the bloodshed and the severe restriction of not being able to move out of their turf in Lavender Hill, Steenberg and Retreat.

Their endless all-out battles for territory, which have claimed many lives, is taking its toll — these gangsters now want peace.

## Drove through crossfire

But this does not mean that signing a piece of paper is all that is needed. They want guarantees, from each member of all the gangs involved, that the war will stop at all levels.

The gang problem was highlighted this week after a 12-year-old Fish Hoek boy, Christopher Malherbe, was shot in the head when he and his father drove through the crossfire during a gang battle on Prince George Drive.

He came close to dying smashed through a rear window and fractured his skull. He remained in hospital a few days before being discharged.

## Blaming each other

Now the Young Americans — the two gangs who own Steenberg — and the Mongrels — who control much of Lavender Hill — are blaming each other, and this is the cause of the area.

Both sides claim they are the aggressors.

The Mongrels say the Young Americans are hell-bent on a smear campaign against them. In turn the Young Americans say the Mongrels are making the same accusations.

Caught between the gangs who pray that the violence too have had enough.

They want the nightmare of violence to return to the streets. Lavender Hill social worker Jocelyn Jordaan said the

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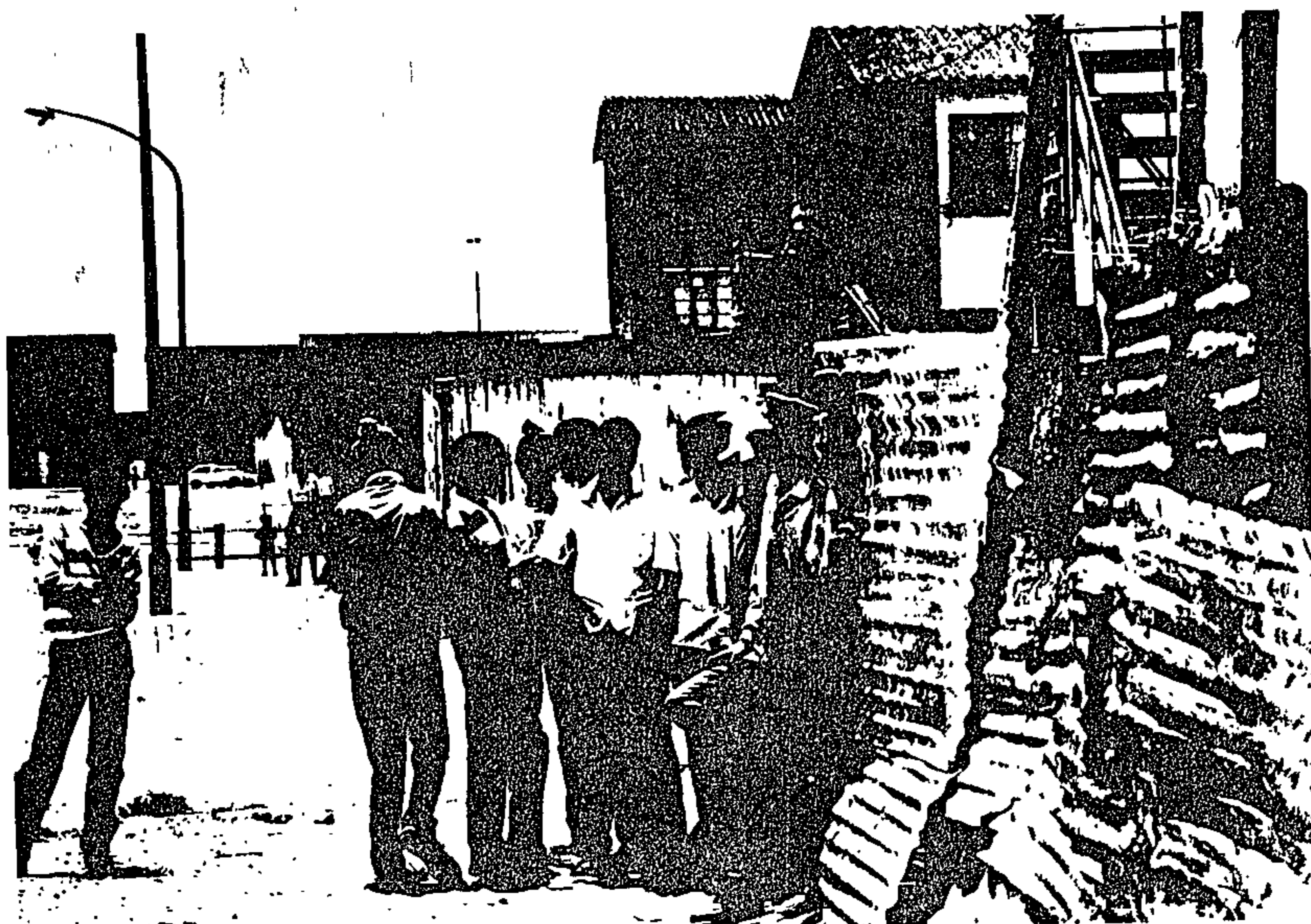
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**Into our areas, we'll kill them"**



A gang of youths, their age hiding their power, congregates at a Lavender Hill street corner. After seven years of war rival gangs in three Peninsula communities are prepared to lay down their weapons — they are tired of the bloodshed, they say.

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same place. If there are six enemies in one factory and only one Mongrel they forced us to leave or we are killed.

"Those who are not gangsters cannot be caught with us by rival gangs as their lives are also in danger, so we have become a very close-knit group who have to stick together and watch out for each constantly."

Over the years the Mongrels have built up an arsenal of guns.

"Several gang members will go on a house-breaking spree, just to steal guns and money. If one of them is caught he does not split (talk). He then goes to jail for about two years. Then the next group go out and steal again."

But in jail there is no safety from rival gangsters.

"I have been in jail for dagga, murder, attempted murder and assault, so I know what happens inside.

"In the cells we meet gangsters from the outside and we have to face the gangs which have been formed in the prisons. It is a very dangerous, difficult life."

Gangsters also make their own guns from pieces of piping.

"Our zip guns, depending on the thickness of the pipe, can fire any bullet, but there is no control over which direction the bullet will go. So whoever is in the way will be shot."

He said it was very seldom that a member of one gang would defect to a rival gang.

"If he did we would kill him. Often rival gangs will catch one of our members when he is alone.

"Then they either burn or cut out his tattoos and replace them with their own and then send him home. This is a great humiliation and when he comes back he is killed or becomes a total out-cast."

## ANGSTERS SET TO MAKE PEACE

Argus Reporter

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Caught between the gangs are the patients who pray that the violence will stop. They too have had enough.

They want the nightmare to end so that sanity can return to the communities.

Lavender Hill social worker Mr Llewellyn Jordaan said the residents were angry

about the increase in the crime rate.

"The foundation of Lavender Hill was laid on apartheid and it is this system that has left its mark on the community.

"People were forced by the law to live in grey double or triple sub-economic flats in appalling conditions. Lavender Hill was the master model for the Group Areas Act.

"It has a 65 percent unemployment rate in a population of about 55 000.

"To add to this Lavender Hill takes up only about a square kilometre. A perfect breeding ground for gangs."

#### Never owned property

"The families who live in these blocks have never owned their own property. They desperately need to have privacy.

"The urge for territory today is a major force in the gang fights. Gangsters control their turf and nobody from any other gang can enter. If they do they face death.

These people are trapped in their own territories. Ironically, there is no escape."

Mr Joe Marks, director of the Community

Service project in Steenberg, said community leaders were trying to get rival gangs to sign a peace treaty.

"They are prepared to stop their fighting and the leaders know the killing cannot go on indefinitely.

#### Facilities inadequate

"What we need is for the whole community to get involved in bringing peace.

"Over the years we have tried to get the churches involved, but the response has been weak.

"The problem can be solved but we have to come up with guarantees between the rival gangs that they will not attack and kill if they are found on each other's turf.

"They must make a pact which gives them the freedom to move about freely."

Mr Marks said inadequate facilities and the lack of housing and were largely to blame.

"The Group Areas Act baunts all the lives of the people in the three areas as it has denied them their democratic right to stay where they choose."



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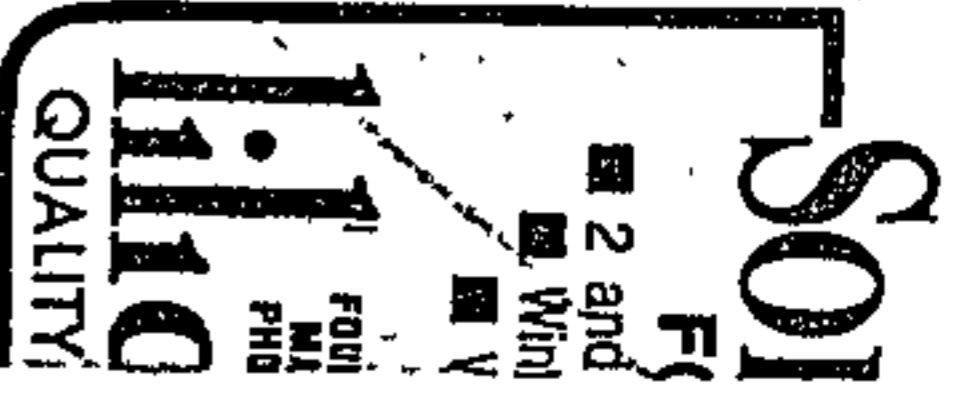
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# Interpol hunts for city agent

From IAN HOBBS  
**LONDON.** — Police forces across Europe have been asked to find and detain South African travel agent Dawood Parker, who has disappeared after leaving nearly 200 Christian pilgrims from Cape Town stranded in Europe.

Mr Parker, whose provisionally liquidated company New World Travel Circle had been paid between R1,6m and R2m for the pilgrims' "journey of a lifetime" to the Holy Land and the Passion Plays in Germany, deserted them in Istanbul five days ago.

He disappeared with their passports and travellers' cheques. Swiss police, alerted by Interpol, were told he was heading for Geneva — but he was not found.

Police have been given details of bank documents indicating that Parker had transferred nearly R500 000 to a bank account in New York, and that he had up to three passports.

One South African passport, issued in Wynberg, was found in a hotel room Parker used in Istanbul. It carried a photograph with his appearance altered and his first name given as David, instead of Dawood.

The coloured pilgrims, many elderly, were rescued by SA diplomats in London on Saturday after leaving Cape Town on June 16 and a night-mare two-week journey through Africa and the Middle East.

As there was no South African diplomatic representative in Turkey, the group begged and

borrowed R170 000 to charter two aircraft to fly them from Istanbul to London.

Most arrived late on Saturday and slept where they could in the South African embassy. They complimented staff and diplomats who helped them.

Yesterday, the diplomats raised about R75 000 for hotels for them. About 40 were staying with British families who had heard of their plight.

Diplomats will today try to get Ethiopian Airways, which dealt with Parker, to fly the group home as soon as possible.

Group leader Mrs Pat Gorvalla, of Durbanville, national president of the Anglican Women's Fellowship, said many of her companions feared they had lost everything.

"Most of us are poor people. We are all devout and we planned this trip as the greatest event in our lives. Many invested everything they had in it or even borrowed to go."

Mrs Mavis Darianus, of Crawford, said: "Many of us will of course never recover financially unless we are helped. Some of us are worried that we will have to lose our homes to pay the debts we have had to run up."

"But all we want to do now is to kiss South African soil again. I am desperate to get home to my husband John and my family — and I am younger and luckier than most of us."

A South African embassy diplomat said: "Our hearts go out to these people. We will obviously do whatever we can for them."

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CITY

# Cape's plague of gangsterism

Many of the people murdered in the Western Cape are victims of violent gang battles. Of those who died in the Peninsula last week, at least two were killed in incidents directly linked to gang activity. Crime reporter DALE KNEEN records the deaths of the two in this article, the penultimate in a series of six.

GANGSTERISM has plagued the Peninsula for decades and each year the problem becomes more severe.

There are an estimated 63 gangs in the Peninsula, each with their own territories and system of identification.

Police estimate about 60 000 young men belong to gangs and the membership of the largest gang, the Americans, is between 7 000 and 10 000.

Other gangs in the Western Cape are the Laughing Boys, the Hard Living Kids, the Dixie Boys, the Junky Funky Kids, the Flat Boys, the Terrible School Boys, the Mongrels, the Born Free Kids, the Overall, Ma Se Kind and the Genuine TV Kids.

Although these names are humorous and sound innocent enough, the activities of the gangs are certainly not.

Every week young people died in gang battles. Innocent bystanders are often caught in the cross-fire.

Gangsters collect an array of arms including knives, axes and guns.

A gang-busting unit was established by the police, but the rampant problem is nowhere near being solved.

The first gangs began in District Six as social or political groupings but by the late 1950s they had evolved into little more than fronts for criminal activity.

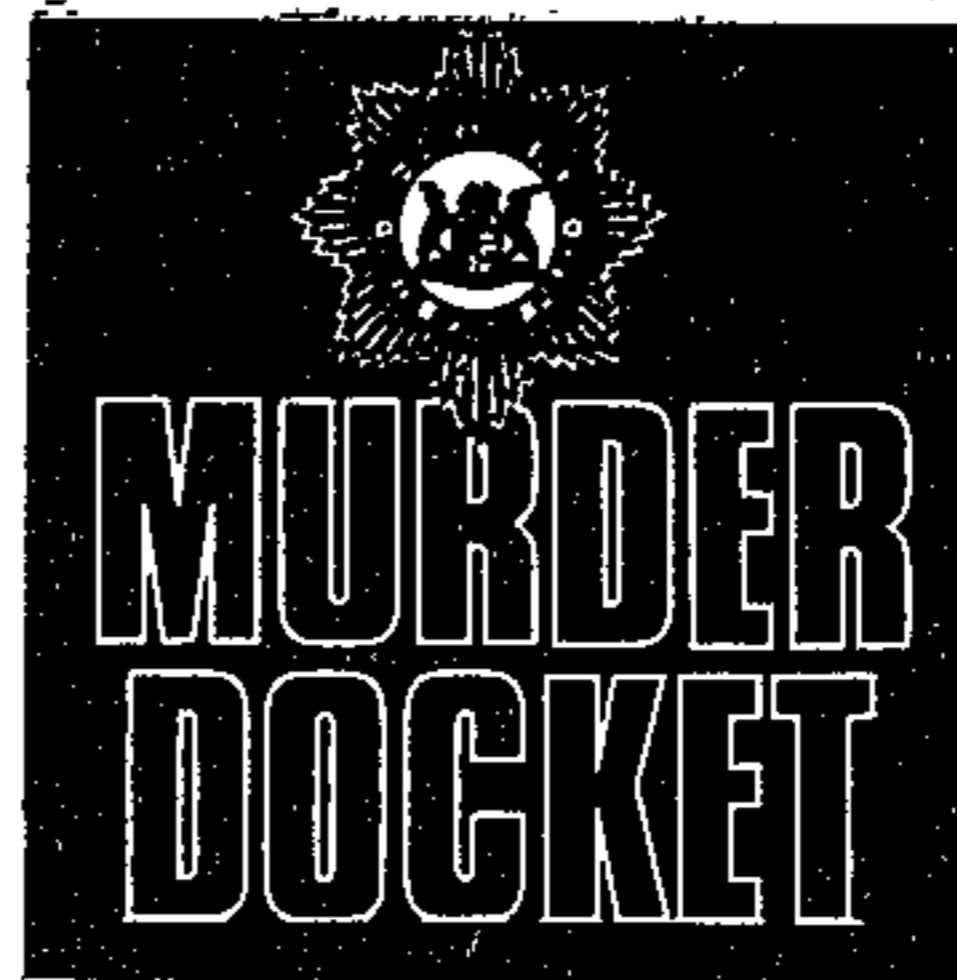
Boys join when they are about 11 or 12 years old and many remain members for life. They are attracted to gangsterism for protection from gang members in their community.

Ironically, as soon as they join a gang they become the targets of gangsters from other areas.

Drugs play a major part in gang-related crime. Police sources said drug taking led to a false sense of bravado among gangsters, which resulted in battles and the victimisation of teachers.

Murders traced by The Argus last week revealed at least two were directly linked to gangsterism. A 16-year-old boy was shot and a 20-year-old was stabbed.

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## CASE ONE

### Youth shot dead after 'gang ransacks house'

A GROUP of boys stood outside the gate of a Valhalla Park house when shots fired from a minibus suddenly rang out.

Terrified parents peered from the windows of their homes as the boys scattered in different directions.

The police were called to Matthews Street to investigate the shooting. After searching the area they discovered the body of 16-year-old David Peters in the garden of a Hilda Road house.

David had been hit by one of the shots and had run a short way before he died. He was the latest victim of gangsterism in Valhalla Park, an area where battles between gangs take place frequently.

David's friends said his parent's home had been ransacked earlier on the day of his death. Neighbours had apparently heard gangsters threatening to kill David as they ransacked the house.

Earlier that day one of David's friends, 13-year-old Abie Booyesen, was shot in the arm by gangsters.

An ambulance was called and the boy was rushed to Tygerberg hospital, where the bullet was removed.

Police spokesman Lieutenant Denise Brand said police were investigating the incidents.

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## CASE TWO

### Death on the walk home from the disco

FOUR youngsters were walking home from a discotheque in Westridge, Mitchell's Plain, when they saw two groups of youths fighting.

Realising they had walked into the middle of a gang battle in Westpoort Avenue, the four attempted to get away safely.

For no apparent reason, one of the gangsters grabbed Craig de la Cruz and began to threaten him. Mr De la Cruz, the godson of House of Representatives Member of Parliament Mr Dennis de la Cruz, shouted to his companions to run away.

One of the four, Miss Rene Carstens, 16, said a scuffle ensued and Mr De la Cruz's attacker allegedly pulled out a knife and stabbed him.

Mr De la Cruz, of Strandfontein, pulled himself away from the attacker and ran a few metres before collapsing. He died before an ambulance could arrive to take him to hospital.

Police established that the gang battle was between the Hard Living Kids and the Dixie Boys. A 19-year-old man was arrested and appeared in the Mitchell's Plain court.

# Kerzner extradition 'a fact'

OWN CORRESPONDENT  
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UMTATA. — Transkei's intention to extradite hotel tycoon Mr Sol Kerzner was a fact, not a threat, the country's military ruler, Major-General Bantu Holomisa, confirmed yesterday.

Reacting to reports that Mr Kerzner had appealed to Foreign Affairs Minister Mr Pik Botha for help, worried that Transkei would apply for his extradition, General Holomisa said an extradition application would be made.

"The attorney-general is going ahead to extradite him. It's a fact," he said.

The fact that Mr Kerzner was seeking aid from Mr Botha "does not concern me", General Holomisa added.

In March this year General Holomisa claimed that Mr Botha had asked him on two occasions to drop corruption charges against Mr Kerzner.

Meanwhile, the latest issue of Africa Confidential, the fortnightly newsletter published in Lon-

don, reports that demands for a payment of R210m by the new government of the Comoros have forced Sun International to close its two hotels on the Indian Ocean islands.

The report alleges that Sun International tried to negotiate, offering to meet grievances about preferential treatment given to employees imported from Mauritius. But the hotel group refused to pay the money, which was more than its initial investment in Comoros.



WAITING ...  
Mr Sol Kerzner

Capt. Lavis 3/7/90

# Woman raped by gang of five men

AN 18-year-old Cape Town woman was raped by five men on Sunday and then robbed of her watch, police confirmed.

The woman and her boyfriend were walking in Bishop Lavis when they were approached by five men armed with guns and knives. The boyfriend ran away. The men grabbed the woman and took her to nearby school grounds where they allegedly raped her.

A few hours later five armed men entered Gina's Takeaways and robbed Mrs Georgina Abrahams, 30, of groceries and cigarettes worth R435.

Police are investigating a link between the two crimes. A youth was arrested yesterday and more arrests were expected.

A Steenberg policeman, Constable Nigel Scott, lost a thumb in a shootout with suspected taxi thieves early yesterday. Two men were arrested.



## Killings go on and on and and on and on...

The Argus has traced 113 murders in the Peninsula over the past six weeks. Although not an accurate reflection of the total number of murders in the region during that period, the statistic does show the grave problem that exists in the crime capital of the country. This is the sixth and final article on murders by Crime Reporter DALE KNEEN.

THREE women — a char, a pensioner and a housewife — were among the 21 people murdered in the Peninsula last week.

Seven men were murdered in Khayelitsha and others died in Bellville, Mitchell's Plain, Manenberg and Kraaifontein.

Police say the apparent defencelessness of women makes them a target for the criminal who wants to reach his ends with the least possible resistance.

"Countless women and even little girls unconsciously increase their vulnerability through negligence or ignorance and sometimes by means of a devil-may-care attitude which borders on recklessness," a police spokesman said.

This vulnerability could, however, be minimised by maintaining basic security measures and being prepared.

"It might be your democratic right to walk, move or to do what you want to or when you want to do it ... but the question you should ask yourself is if it is always the sensible thing to do."

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### CASE ONE

## Slashed with a knife

A MANENBERG teenager stood horrified as she watched a man slash her 40-year-old mother to death with a knife.

Housewife Mrs Adiola Salie, 40, died last Monday at 6.50am in her home at 30 Nouvelle Court, Manenberg.

The attacker, who was known by the victim and her 17-year-old daughter Rusdeya, fled after Mrs Salie collapsed in her third-floor flat.

Neighbours heard Mrs Salie scream as the man plunged a knife into her chest after an argument.

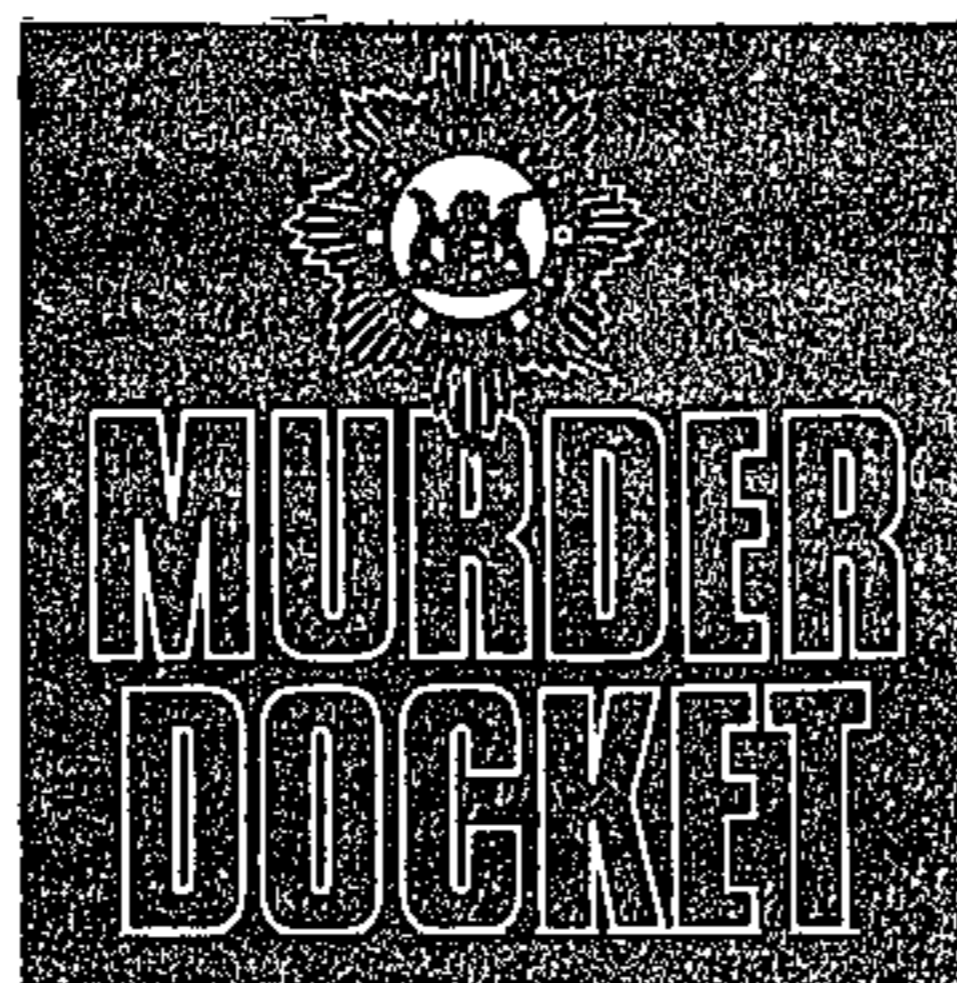
Rusdeya rushed to neighbours and telephoned the police, but the attacker had fled between the rundown blocks of flats when they arrived.

Friends said the stabbing was not an uncommon occurrence in the flatland area where gangsterism and crime was rife.

Mrs Salie was described by relatives as a "friendly woman with an extremely pleasant disposition".

Police expected to make an arrest soon as the man's identity was known and they also had a clear description of him.

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## MURDERS IN THE CAPE PENINSULA



### WEEK

1 23

2 12

3 23

4 14

5 20

6 21

DEATH COUNT OVER SIX WEEKS **113**

Graphic: Bob Grierson, The Argus.

**DEATH TOLL:** This graphic shows how many people were murdered each week for the past six weeks. In the first and third week the total number of murders peaked at 23. Fewer deaths were traced by The Argus in the second week, but at 12 it was still unacceptably high.

### CASE TWO

## Decomposed body

The partially decomposed body of a char has been discovered buried in the back garden of a house in Kraaifontein.

Miss Sandra Louw, 27, of 48 Klipbok Street, Scottsdene, was last seen alive on June 22 when she went shopping in Kraaifontein.

Mrs Magdalena Louw said her daughter had moved out of her home five days before to live with Mr Vernon Mortlock, 36, at 224 5th Avenue, Kraaifontein.

The police were informed of Miss Louw's disappearance after she failed to contact her family and had not visited her 19-month-old daughter.

After identifying the body a crying Mrs Louw said: "I will never forget that little face."

Police spokesman Major Gys Boonzaaier said a 36-year-old man was arrested and appeared in the Bellville Magistrate's Court last Wednesday.

The hearing was postponed for further investigation, but the man would be held in custody until his next court appearance.

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### CASE THREE

## Muizenberg pensioner

A 75-year-old pensioner from Muizenberg died after an unknown attacker inserted a fishing knife under her rib cage.

Mrs Bertha Abramson, of 9 Vlei Road, was discovered by her daughter-in-law, Mrs Jessica Abramson, at 10.50am last Thursday.

There was a small bloodstain on the carpet and on a shawl. A knife was found lying next to the body.

Mrs Abramson had a gash above her left eye but her family and a doctor thought she might have had a heart attack, collapsed and hit her head on a door frame.

Mortuary attendants later discovered a small stab wound below her right rib cage and police were called to investigate.

The motive for the murder had not been established as nothing appeared to have been stolen from the house.

Anyone with information is urged to contact Major Mostert of the Murder and Robbery Squad, 951 6665.

# Cable theft delays thousands

By SHARKEY ISAACS and EDWARD MOLOINYANE  
Staff Reporters

THOUSANDS of rail commuters were more than an hour late for work today and train services were disrupted after thieves stole three signal and communication cables on the Khayelitsha-Mitchell's Plain line during the night.

The fault in the signal and communication system was discovered at about 1 am between Nyanga and Philippi where the thieves stole two 20 m sections of cable and one 30 m section.

Repair teams were immediately sent to the scene but they were still struggling to repair the damage when morning peak hour travellers began arriving at the stations.

## PLATFORMS CROWDED

The platforms at all stations in Mitchell's Plain and Khayelitsha were soon crowded with commuters.

A ferry system from Khayelitsha and Mitchell's Plain was introduced to take passengers to Nyanga where a normal service was operating.

There were wild scenes when the angry and anxious commuters eventually arrived at Cape Town station.

A Khayelitsha man in his 20s was stabbed in the crowd as late-for-work commuters fought running battles with ticket collectors.

The incident took place at the exit from platform 21 about 8.10 am when commuters scrambled to get through the barriers without producing their tickets.

About eight ticket examiners attempted to hold them back.

## DRIPPING BLOOD

Many commuters left without producing their tickets and, in the confusion, a man, who declined to be named, was seen with blood dripping from his left shoulder. He said he had been stabbed.

The first train to leave Khayelitsha today was 15 minutes late and was filled to capacity at the departure point. It travelled through the other stations without stopping.

The journey from Khayelitsha to Cape Town, which normally takes 50 minutes, took more than one and a half hours, with stops along the way.

Spoornet public relations officer, Mrs Yvette Olwage, appealed to anyone who had information about the vandalism to phone Spoornet on the toll free number 080-021-0081.

Mrs Olwage said there was total disruption and many workers were more than an hour late.

# 13 policemen appear in court

By VUYO BAVUMA, Staff Reporter

THIRTEEN policemen have appeared in the Cape Town Regional Court in connection with abduction, culpable homicide and assault charges after a Hanover Park man died and three were allegedly tortured in police custody.

The members of the "gang-busting" unit, whose ranks range from constable to captain, were not asked to plead yesterday.

They are Mr Hein van Tubbergh Smit, 32; Mr Andries Stephanus Strydom, 43; Mr Phillip Swane-poel, 28; Mr Raymond Charles Titus, 37; Mr Rudolf Johannes St Bernard, 27; Mr Alan George Williams, 29; Mr Allan George Manuel, 25; Mr Jacobus van Wyngaard, 25; Mr Adriaan John Saulse, 23; Mr Eric Johnny Freddy Rossouw, 36; Mr Arlene Tracie Minnaar, 21; Mr Kenneth Patrick, 24; and Mr Warren Carl Kannemeyer, 30, all of Osbane Street, Bellville South.

The charges relate to an incident in which four men were allegedly abducted in Hanover Park or Bellville South last December and assaulted, which led to the death of one of the men.

The hearing was postponed to September 3.

The magistrate was Mr JM Lemmer and Mr JC Tredau appeared for the State. Mr J L Costelle represented the men.

# R20 000 'small change'

*APR 11/7/90*

## Own Correspondent

**EAST LONDON.**—The former National Party MP for East London City, Mr Peet de Pontes, told the Regional Court here yesterday that he had accepted an amount of between R15 000 and R20 000 from Italian financier Mr Vito Palazzolo as it had been "small change" to Mr Palazzolo.

Mr De Pontes, who faces multiple charges of fraud, theft, bribery and forging and uttering, said that at that stage Mr Palazzolo's business assets were estimated at about \$10 million (about R26m).

Mr De Pontes told the court that the money he accepted was the balance of a \$26 200 (about R68 120) cheque set aside by Mr Palazzolo for investment in Ciskei.

The money had been an advance on a deal that had subsequently fallen through.

As he had been given complete authority

over Mr Palazzolo's financial portfolio in South Africa, he had used his own discretion to donate a sum of R20 000 to the Ciskei President and People's Education Trust.

After deducting amounts that were payable to the former mayor, Mr Robert de Lange, and an East London law firm, IC Clarke Incorporated, he had deposited the balance into his personal savings account.

Mr De Pontes said that when he raised the issue of the outstanding balance with Mr Palazzolo he was told to keep the money in return for expenses he had incurred.

Mr De Pontes told the court he and Mr Palazzolo had become business partners and had established a holding company in Ciskei called Papillon International.

Initially he had owned 24% of the shares in the company totalling 240 000 shares. Mr Palazzolo owned the remaining 76%.

Mr De Pontes said he had acquired the initial 130 000 shares in a special agreement with Mr Palazzolo. The balance of the shares

would be paid for from the profits generated by projects undertaken by the company.

The company, whose main activities had been aimed at establishing a commercial bank, the First National Bank of Ciskei, and a radio station, the Amatola Broadcasting Corporation, had set about acquiring banking and broadcasting rights.

Mr De Pontes said the bank was destined to become the official bank controlling all government and quasi-government accounts.

Plans to establish a radio station had been thwarted by problems in obtaining the correct frequency.

An attempt was then made to buy Radio Ciskei and to transform it into a commercial station.

The radio station would produce impartial news aimed at countering "certain politically biased newspapers in the area".

Mr De Pontes told the court that the consignments of four Mercedes-Benz cars which had arrived in East London during the run-up

to the 1987 general elections had given rise to considerable speculation.

The cars had been imported by Mr Palazzolo but, because he wanted to maintain strict confidentiality about his immigration to South Africa, they had been registered in Mr De Pontes's name.

Mr De Pontes told the court that because of the enormous costs incurred during his 1987 election campaign he had been forced to take a personal loan of R50 000 from Mr Palazzolo and a R42 000 loan for the National Party.

The loan had been offset by certain business arrangements and had been repaid to Papillon.

As a result of friction eventually the two decided to separate their business interests and an agreement was reached to transfer all the shares to Mr De Pontes with effect from February 1, 1988.

Mr De Pontes said Mr Palazzolo had signed the necessary forms transferring the shares into his name.

The trial continues today.



# Two Valhalla Pk gangs call truce

*Call Truce 12/7/90 35*

By DANIEL SIMON

TWO rival gangs — the “Hard Living Kids” and the “Ugly Americans” — who have been involved in running battles in Valhalla Park recently have called a truce and were due to sign a peace pact last night.

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CHE TRIPS 12/7/80

# Mum saves son from knifeman

By MONICA GRAAF  
Crime Reporter

A SOBBING mother yesterday afternoon saved her policeman son's life when she pulled him away from a knife-wielding burglar in their Observatory home.

Mrs Jean Moore rushed to help her 21-year-old son, Constable Alan Moore, when she heard him fighting with someone on the stoep of their semi-detached home in Oxford Street.

She screamed: "I don't care about my belongings. I want my son!"

Constable Moore, stationed at Rondebosch, escaped with minor stab wounds in the face, shoulder and hand — and, in an extraordinary twist of fate, all Mrs Moore's goods were returned within a couple of hours, even though the burglars initially got away.

Const Moore said he and his mother were chatting in the kitchen at the back of the house about 12.30pm when two burglars walked in the open front door and stole two handbags from Mrs Moore's front bedroom. He said that as he walked into the lounge he spotted

someone rushing out of the front door. "I didn't manage to catch him, but another guy grabbed me as I ran out the door and we started to fight," he said. He described both suspects as youths.

Mrs Moore said: "It was terrible. I was screaming so loudly our neighbour, Mr Van Rensburg, ran out to help me. Eventually we managed to pull them apart and the burglar 'flew' over the stoep railings and ran away."

Shortly afterwards, Rondebosch police picked up one of the burglars at a house in Lower Main Road, Observatory, and retrieved one of the handbags. R100 in cash was missing.

Police were on the way to the Moore home when a woman rushed out and begged them to investigate a burglary at her home. As they walked inside, a burglar ran into their arms and was arrested.

An hour later, a resident of Oxford Street phoned to say he had found the other handbag in an alley. Police are searching for the other suspect.



**MUM SAVES COP** . Mrs Jean Moore with her son Constable Alan Moore, who was stabbed in their Observatory home. Picture: OBEID ZILWA

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## Ex-MP De Pontes denies charges

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EAST LONDON. — The former National Party MP for East London City, Mr Peet de Pontes, concluded his three day-long evidence in the Regional Court here yesterday by denying all charges against him.

Mr De Pontes, 40, faces charges of fraud, theft, bribery, forging and uttering.

The charges arise from his association with Italian financier Mr Vito Palazzolo — a former business partner.

Mr De Pontes denied stealing R38 366, the balance of a R68 120 cheque set aside for use by Ciskei, from Mr Palazzolo.

He denied two counts of fraud against Boland Bank for the al-

leged submission of inadequate information pertaining to Mr Palazzolo's business dealings.

He denied entering into an agreement with a Department of the Interior official, Mr Johan Scheffer, to withhold certain particulars surrounding Mr Palazzolo's name, criminal record and entry into South Africa.

Hani urges defence

# Kenilworth 'thieves' seized

Crime Reporter

CHM Times 13/7/90 (35)

POLICE have arrested four teenaged girls and a youth — all believed to belong to a gang of thieves operating in Kenilworth — after surrounding a block of flats and firing several warning shots.

Police spotted one of the girls at Shady Pine Flats near the notorious "Prostitutes' Mile" in Main Road, Kenilworth, when they went to investigate a complaint from one of the residents early on Wednesday morning.

The girl, 16, fled when she saw the police and disappeared into a block of flats in Pine Street while police fired warning shots in her direction.

After calling in reinforcements, police surrounded the flats and searched its corridors until they

found the girl cowering in a dark corner. Shortly after they questioned her, four other teenagers — a 14-year-old, two 15-year-olds and a 17-year-old — were arrested at a bus stop in Main Road.

Numerous items of stolen goods were recovered from some bushes nearby.

The teenagers will appear in court soon in connection with 10 cases of stealing goods out of a car, and one case of housebreaking in Oak Road, Kenilworth.

Detective Warrant Officer Chris Kruger, the investigating officer, said he would also be questioning the teenagers in connection with other thefts from cars in the area.

De Pontes  
Account  
convenient

Own Correspondent

EAST LONDON. — The former NP MP for East London, Mr Peet de Pontes, denied in the Regional Court here yesterday that he had deposited a sum of R38 366 into his own personal overdrawn account to save interest.

Mr De Pontes, 40, of Torquay Road, Bonnie Doon, who faces charges of fraud, theft, bribery, forging and uttering arising from his association with Italian financier Mr Vito Palazzolo, was under cross-examination by prosecutor, Ms A de Jager.

Mr De Pontes replied that it had merely been a matter of convenience to operate from his own account.

He was also asked to explain the discrepancy surrounding the use of Mr Palazzolo's money.

Ms De Jager said Ciskei's former ambassador plenipotentiary, Mr Douw Steyn, had previously testified that the money had been intended solely for donations.

Mr G Steyn presided, Mr F van Zyl defended.

# UCT to probe 'rapes'

By MONICA GRAAFF  
Crime Reporter

Cap. Times 17/7/90

"DATE RAPES" and six serious sexual assaults on women students have been reported to the University of Cape Town so far this year, the deputy vice-chancellor, Professor John Reid, said yesterday.

Three of these had occurred on campus, including one alleged attempted rape, and the university was taking the problem "extremely seriously" in conjunction with the police, he said.

Police were also investigating the other three incidents in which students were either raped or sexually assaulted in their flats in Tamboers Kloof, Rosebank and Mowbray.

The university's Panel on Sexual Harassment had further uncovered "date rapes", "a form of sexual harassment" where women had been forced against their will to have sex with a date but were unwilling, for various reasons, to report the culprits.

The panel revealed in a recent interim report that alcohol abuse, peer pressure and long-entrenched sexist attitudes were major causes of the "date rape" problem.

Prof Reid blamed society's tolerance of harmful traditions for the "background out of which these incidents emerge" and said that such tolerance was no longer being practised on campus.

"We are trying to provide an example to society by bringing the problem out into the open, investigating it and dealing with it," he said.

University rules disallowed any form of sexual discrimination or harassment and there was a well-established procedure with trained counsellors to deal with complaints.

Residence discussion forums and pamphlets had already been instituted and the university was currently questioning whether its sex education programmes were comprehensive enough.

Empowering women to "say no" and report "date rapes" was a key to the problem, Prof Reid said.

Police were investigating allegations of the alleged attempted rape last month of a woman student in the men's Drie Koppen Residence.

They were also handling a case in which a member of the public had allegedly sexually assaulted a woman student in a campus car park in March.

Earlier this year, the university's highest court had acquitted a Leo Marquard student of a charge of assault with sexual implications on the grounds of a technicality in the university's rules. These rules had since been amended.

Prof Reid declined to disclose details of a member of the university who had been convicted in a university court of a verbal sexual abuse charge, as the case is currently up for appeal.

He added that he did not believe the current incidence of sexual assaults on campus were any worse than the "last couple of years", but expressed "concern" that society had become more violent over the past 10 years.

At last Mandela City winner Suicide pact inspired

# Grandmother 'Kept cool' during attack

Crime Reporter

A 74-YEAR-OLD grandmother narrowly escaped death when she was throttled by burglars in her Mouille Point flat on Monday in the third attack on elderly city women in two weeks.

And an 89-year-old man from the Karoo town of Canarvon has also been knocked out of his wheelchair and knifed by burglars.

Mrs Josephine Hough of Astor Court, Mouille Point, said she would "definitely be dead" if she had not "stayed as cool as a cucumber" when two men broke into her flat.

Speaking from her home after being treated at Somerset Hospital for severe bruising, she said: "When I saw them coming towards me down the passage, I thought: 'Oh dear! This is it! I'm gone!'"

Mrs Hough quietly allowed herself to be dragged into one of the bedrooms where one of the men gagged her with a pillow slip and tried to strangle her.

The two burglars, who she thinks gained entrance through an open second-floor window, stole about R420 cash and a woman's wrist watch worth about R5 000.

## Hunt on for armed robbers

POLICE are hunting for four armed robbers who have emptied tills at three Peninsula shops in the past five days.

In all three cases, two of them burst into the shops brandishing guns and forced everyone to lie on the floor. When all was clear, a third man rushed in and emptied the till.

A fourth man waited outside in a get-away car.

Cornfield Construction in Lansdowne Road, Phillippi, was the first

They left after disconnecting the phone and discarding Mrs Hough's glove, which one of them had worn while searching the flat.

Mrs Hough described them both as well-dressed and in their 30s.

In Canarvon, Mr Theodore Albertus Landman, 89, of Hospital Avenue, was attacked at the weekend when he answered a knock on the front door.

A man knocked him out of his wheelchair and stabbed him in the left arm before running off. Police have not made any arrests.

Meanwhile, police have uncovered some clues to the murder of 75-year-old Muizenberg pensioner Mrs Bertha Abramson, who was stabbed to death in her home two weeks ago.

They are searching for a suspect who has a bunch of three keys on a Rolls Royce keyring and a woman's blue leather folding wallet. A R10 000 reward is being offered for information which could lead to the suspect's arrest and conviction.

Police also think they may have a suspect for the attack on an 87-year-old Oranjezicht spinster who is still in intensive care at Somerset Hospital in Green Point after she was attacked last Friday.

target last Friday and R1 700 was stolen.

Two hours later, Surrey Well Liquor Store in Orion Road, Surrey Estate, became the target. Cashier Ms Benita Fortune was forced to hand over her rings and R4 000 while the manager, Mr Vincent Seedras, lay on the floor.

Drop Inn Discount Liquor Store in Kromboom Road, Lansdowne, was attacked on Monday afternoon and R502 was stolen. During the raid, a labourer, Mr James Lot-

tering, 45, was hit on the head several times with the butt of a revolver.

The suspects are all black and in their 30s. One has a pock-marked face and another is well-built, very dark and has a healing scar above one eye. Witnesses have spotted them in both a stolen metallic brown Ford Grenada and a stolen white Ford Seirra.

Anyone with information should contact Detective Warrant Officer Douglas Sullivan at 951-6665 or 951-1712 (a/h).



"COOL AS A CUCUMBER" . . . Mrs Josephine Hough, 74, shows the glove a burglar wore while he ransacked her Mouille Point flat. She escaped with a black eye and bruises.

# Salt River slowly squeezing pushers

CAPE TOWN 18/7/90

By JILYAN PITMAN

THE Salt River Co-ordinating Council is continuing its campaign to stamp out the drug problem in the suburb and bring the surviving pedlars to the attention of the police.

Mr Moulana Azeem Khatieb, anti-drug campaigner and co-ordinator for the council, said: "These pedlars are selling dagga and Mandrax tablets from street corners to people in cars or to anyone who has the money to buy them.

"The sale of Mandrax tablets, at R12 each, is going slowly at the moment because of the weather but in summer they sell for R25 each and trade is brisk. A freelance pedlar can earn up to R11 000 a week."

He added: "The drug problem is long-term and has been addressed quite successfully over the years but we have not won yet. We have now stepped up our campaign."

## Too few patrols

Explaining community action, Mr Khatieb continued: "We have a new programme for primary schools in Salt River and other areas. Members of the SRCC dress up in animal costumes and they depict characters from children's TV programmes. One member will be dressed as a pedlar offering drugs and the children have the pleasure of throwing him out of the school grounds.

"Other animal figures depict what drugs do to the mind and body.

"About 40 organisations in Salt River have been helping us in our project because we know that, of the 11 pedlars in the area, nine are not doing so well — they have resorted to using the drugs themselves. The other three are surviving.

"Our intelligence is so good now we know who the pedlars' clients are but we still have a problem alerting the authorities."

He said: "One of the pedlars claims he is providing some of the drugs to the police but we cannot find proof.

"The drug squad has been keeping an eye on the problem and they are doing a better job but they don't patrol often enough. We would like them to patrol at least once a day, at different times.

"In fact, the police only come when we complain to them."

## Bail too low

Mr Khatieb continued: "In the last few years I have seen a great decline in behaviour of the youth in our area. This is because of the lack of recreational facilities in the area and low incomes. People live under a lot of stress and when they spend the little money they have on drugs it is because they don't realise this is not the way to solve the world's problems."

He maintained: "Salt River does not have the biggest drug problem in the Cape. In other areas it is worse: residents in areas like Bo-Kaap and Mitchells Plain are too frightened to do anything about it. The pedlars in Salt River have been frightened off but no doubt they will surface elsewhere.

"One of the difficulties we have to face is the bail imposed on the pedlars — R100 — is not enough: it should be at least R500."

## Many arrests

Colonel Muller Haggard, head of the Narcotics Squad in Cape Town commented: "The drug problem cannot be eradicated by patrolling the area because drugs are usually hidden in various places, like drains.

"In a newspaper article in April we asked people to come forward to supply us with up-to-date information on the drug situation in the southern suburbs and there was no response at all. We need new information so we can open a new file.

"Furthermore", he added, "we don't know about police being involved in buying dagga or Mandrax for themselves. If anyone can prove this I would like to hear from them. An anonymous call to us will be sufficient to help us with our investigations."

Colonel Haggard added: "We have arrested 123 drug pedlars in Salt River and Woodstock since the beginning of this year."



# Outcry over vandals

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By REHANA ROSSOUW  
THE National Education Coordinating Committee (NECC) has condemned a recent spate of theft and vandalism at township schools and called on the police and the Department of Education and Training (DET) to take positive action.

Last weekend, six brand-new stoves were stolen from the home-economics class at ID Mkize High in Guguletu.

Earlier this year, two stoves were stolen during a burglary at the school.

Burglaries took place at the Sizamile Secondary School and Liwa Lower Primary in Nyanga last week.

"This is a serious problem," said Mr Monde Tulwana, a teacher at ID Mkize and Western Cape chairperson of the NECC.

## Disrupt

"Our pupils cannot do practical work because the equipment is stolen.

"While we are calling for the transformation of our school, pupils to return to classes and discipline, it seems there are people who are determined to disrupt schooling."

Tulwana said the break-in at ID Mkize was reported to the police on Saturday morning, but they had not visited the school until Tuesday afternoon.

The DET had been asked on numerous occasions to provide professional security at schools, but had not responded.

Tulwana said the NECC appealed to the DET to address the problem of poor security at schools, the police to trace the vandals and recover the stolen property and the private sector to provide equipment for township schools.

Police spokesperson Captain Attie Laubscher said a charge had not been laid after the break-in at ID Mkize on Saturday and appealed for the school to approach the police.

# Vandalised schools demand more security

By JOHN YELD  
Education Reporter

AN outbreak of vandalism and theft at black schools in the Western Cape has led to a request to the Department of Education and Training to step up security.

Hardest hit has been I D Mkize High School in Guguletu, where six new stoves were stolen at the weekend.

The stoves were taken from the school's new domestic science laboratory, depriving more than 200 pupils of practical cooking lessons.

Teachers were extremely concerned at the level of vandalism at schools throughout the region and wanted security increased, said Mr Monde Tulwana, chairman of the National Education Co-ordinating Committee and a staff member at I D Mkize.

"There has been a spate of burglaries and at my own school we've just had this very serious burglary.

"We're very angry at this vandal-

ism and are concerned that DET is not putting up the necessary security," he said.

Teachers were also concerned that police did not seem to be taking the vandalism problem seriously and had not investigated the burglary promptly, Mr Tulwana added.

Police spokesman Captain Attie Laubscher said police were investigating and had received a description of a suspect who was known to them.

"We know exactly who we're looking for and fingerprints were taken yesterday," he said today.

Police were still waiting for a full list of stolen items from the school, he added.

Mr Ken Andrew, Democratic Party spokesman on education, said the burglary was an "unpleasant setback" for the school, which had been making steady progress after a number of "turbulent and difficult" years.

"However, the DET should be improving the security arrangements at schools."

# Palazzolo

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## resigns from Ciskei post

**BISHO.** — Ciskei's controversial ambassador plenipotentiary Mr Vito Palazzolo, also known as Robert von Palace Kolbatschenko, has resigned from the post.

Brigadier Oupa Gqozo of the Ciskei Council of State announced in a statement to Sapa yesterday that he had accepted the resignation with "profound regret".

Mr Palazzolo would, however, continue his efforts to establish industry and development in Ciskei, Brigadier Gqozo said.

On Tuesday it was reported that Mr Palazzolo was operating from his farm, La Terre de Luc, at Franschhoek, and maintaining a low profile until the conclusion of former National Party MP Mr Peet de Pontes's trial in East London.

Mr Palazzolo figured prominently at the Harms Commission of Inquiry into cross-border irregularities last year.

Mr Palazzolo entered South Africa illegally after escaping from a Swiss jail, La Stampa, where he had been

serving a 5½-year sentence for contravening that country's bank laws.

His conviction follows his role in a major drug-smuggling scandal, known in the United States as the "Pizza Connection", and warrants for his extradition had been applied for, although these warrants have reportedly since been withdrawn.

In the statement, Brigadier Gqozo stressed that Mr Palazzolo was not appointed as a career diplomat, but to an honorary position as ambassador plenipotentiary to "strengthen his credibility as a Ciskei trade representative abroad".

Ciskei had been under unrelenting pressure from South Africa to nullify the appointment.

The objection by SA was never specific, but based on moralistic grounds despite the fact that many charges against Mr Palazzolo were based on hearsay, Brigadier Gqozo said.

It was a pity SA did not adopt the moral stance over the "misrule and dubious activities" of Mr Lennox Sebe while he was in power in Ciskei, he added. — Sapa

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# Gun sensation in court

**Court Reporter**

SECURITY officials at Cape Town Magistrate's Court said yesterday that they did not know how a firearm was smuggled into the building and that an arms-detecting device through which all visitors had to pass was "infallible".

Pandemonium broke out in one of the busiest of the courts, Court 13, when a man produced a firearm in the gallery while the court was in session, and aimed it at a suspect in a gang-related incident.

He kicked a man in the public gallery, Mr Humphrey Pellen, in the face and made off.

According to the chief of security at the building, Mr J P Nel, nobody saw the man escaping through the front entrance of the court with the gun after the dramatic incident, and the "infallible" arms-detecting device through which visitors to the court had to pass on entering the building would have spied the firearm.

Mr Nel said it had been speculated that the weapon belonged to a policeman, but he believed it had been hidden in the building beforehand.

He said that after the incident he arranged for police reinforce-

ments at the entrance and everyone was searched on leaving the building.

Mr Nel added that three security men and a woman who searched handbags were permanently posted at the entrance, and no one could get past them with a firearm.

According to Court 13 magistrate Mr D J Oosthuysen and the prosecutor, Mr J Hobbs, there was a "quiet" scuffle in the gallery and several people ran to the front of the room — one jumping over the barrier in front of the magistrate's bench and running out through his private exit.

# Mugging 'driving tourists away'

Business Editor

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FEAR of being mugged in the centre of Cape Town at night is driving holidaymakers away from city hotels, the president of the Federated Hotels, Liquor and Catering Association (Fedhasa) in the Western Cape, Mr Angus Dodds, said yesterday.

He said in an interview that it had been proved that violence in the city centre was causing hotels there to lose business to others in the suburbs, particularly Sea Point.

"We are writing to the SA Police, who were very helpful to us last year, asking them to step up patrols in the city centre again in the holiday season.

"We think the best deterrent to mugging is the 'bobby on the beat', but if the police are too short of manpower perhaps there should be a municipal police force to make the city centre safer at night."

Meanwhile, he said, hotels must warn foreign tourists that the city streets were dangerous at night, and advise them how to avoid danger.

Earlier, Fedhasa's regional director in the Western Cape, Mr James Vivier, told members at their annual general meeting that it had been suggested there should be mounted police in the city centre to make it safer and as an added tourist attraction.

He said mugging was a growing problem in the city centres of Cape Town, Durban and Johannesburg.

The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, had been made aware of the problem by Fedhasa and the SA Tourism Association (Satour).

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# Probe on Ciskei's <sup>Critic</sup> ex-envoy <sup>T. 2. 15</sup> Palazzolo <sup>20/1/90</sup> <sub>(35)</sub>

Own Correspondent

EAST LONDON. — Ciskei's attorney-general is investigating "possible offences and contraventions of the law" by the country's former ambassador plenipotentiary, Mr Vito Roberto Palazzolo.

The attorney-general, Mr W F Jurgens, said yesterday he had been "made aware of possible offences" and was making inquiries.

Mr Palazzolo resigned on Wednesday after serving for about two months.

In a letter to Ciskei's leader, Brigadier Oupa Gqozo, Mr Palazzolo cited his reason the "vicious press campaign" against Ciskei.

Brig Gqozo said Ciskei had been under "unrelenting pressure" from South Africa to nullify Mr Palazzolo's appointment.

Mr Palazzolo, who entered South Africa illegally after escaping from a Swiss jail where he had been serving a sentence for contravening the country's banking laws, was a key figure in the Harms Commission of Inquiry into cross-border irregularities.

He is now living on his Franschhoek farm.

# Call for <sup>at 7:18</sup> 28/7/80 extra school security

By MONICA GRAAFF

PARENTS, teachers and pupils at black schools have called on the Department of Education and Training (DET) to step up school security following the second theft by burglary of expensive laboratory equipment in a week.

No X-3 Secondary School in Koornhof Street, Section Two, New Crossroads, was burgled early on Monday morning while the nightwatchman nervously hid in another classroom.

A gang of armed burglars sawed open an iron security domestic science laboratory, ripped out the lock and stole three stoves and a fridge.

Last week the newly equipped domestic science laboratory at I D Mkize Secondary School in Guguletu was stripped of six new stoves. The nightwatchman was also unable to prevent the burglary.

Parents, Teachers and Students Association (PTSA) spokesperson Mr Matthew Cabadiya yesterday made an urgent appeal to the DET to arrange for "armed security firms to guard the schools day and night".

"We cannot afford to let the scant equipment we have get into the hands of thieves," he said.

Headmaster Mr Bongani Stamper said he felt sorry for "the old man who sensibly hid until the thieves left".

"The policy of employing unskilled elderly men as night watchmen is useless. They are given nothing with which to protect themselves."

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## Big losses for builders as vandals hit city sites

Staff Reporter

VANDALISM and the theft of materials from building sites are costing firms thousands of rands, according to a survey conducted by The Argus.

One property developer said theft and vandalism had cost his company more than R20 000 in six months and it had spent more than R3 000 on "largely ineffectual" security.

Another builder said it cost his company between R9 000 to R10 000 a month to hire security guards to patrol his building sites.

Although the vandalism and thefts were nothing new, the financial loss was nevertheless "unnecessary and obviously uncomfortable," according to another developer working in Khayelitsha.

### "PULLING OUT"

Furthermore, it could affect future development, because a number of builders were seriously considering "pulling out of dangerous areas".

In one section of Crossroads, for instance, there were two factions competing for houses, said a builder who did not want to be named.

Arguments as to who had the right to move into houses often led to vandalism. The main culprits were between the ages of eight and 18.

Employing watchmen from the squatter communities had helped to curtail some of the thefts, said one builder.

Others said, however, that the watchmen were powerless to deal with criminal elements.

Developers and builders did not want their companies named because they feared further damage.



**Glasses case for Supreme Court**

*Cape Times 2/8/90 (3c)*  
EIGHTEEN youths, including a 13-year-old boy, arrested in connection with the fatal stabbing of a Grassy Park man on Grand Parade last December — allegedly over a pair of sunglasses, are to be tried in the Supreme Court.

Cape Town Magistrate's Court heard yesterday that the Attorney General had decided the youths — allegedly members of the Scorpion gang — would face a murder charge in the Supreme Court, Cape Town, on November 5.

The youths are being held at the Pollsmoor Prison and Youth Cells.

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### Mossgas strike talks continue

THE mass wildcat stoppage by 9 000 Mossgas workers remained unresolved yesterday as management and trade unionists tried to establish the causes of the paralysing walkout.

Mossgas spokesman Mr Harry Hill said the strike appeared to have been sparked by engineering and instrumentation workers embroiled in a dispute with Seifsa. — Sapa

MOSSGAS STRIKE

# At least 200 <sup>CAPL Timp</sup> <sup>7/8/90</sup> drunks <sup>35</sup> arrested monthly

THE police officers of the Regent Road police station, Sea Point, which looks after the Business Watch section of the community, arrest more than 200 people a month, mainly for loitering and drunkenness in the area.

An interview with Police Sergeant Peter Addinall disclosed that 283 people were arrested during May, in June 268 and July 202.

He said: "This station is assisted on Saturdays by police reservists who do public relations duties but they also have the power to arrest while on duty."

## Show of force

"There are normally four police officers on duty in Regent Road and we get assistance from law enforcement officers who patrol our beachfront area."

Police Captain Douw Vermeulen said: "We feel we now have the crime rate in check as a result of the co-operation between traders and the police."

"We provide a good additional service to the local community."

Sergeant Addinall said the police were a necessary showing force in the area.

The office is open weekdays from 7am to 5.45pm and on Saturdays from 7am to 2pm.

□ If anyone needs to contact the station call (021) 439-5452.

# Traders and police work side-by-side to cut crime

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By TOSH LEVETT-HARDING

MORE than 200 posters with a "Criminals Beware" warning have been distributed to traders in Sea Point for display in their shops.

This latest move in the fight against crime was made by the Business Watch scheme which originated through the Green and Sea Point Traders Association.

The task of establishing it in Sea Point was given to Major Kevin Cooke, staff officer of the District Commissioner, Cape Town.

### Ideas, suggestions

"It was a great success right from the start with really positive results," said Major Cooke. "The police received the fullest support from the traders and public."

He said the Sea Point Business Watch was launched in February and now had four police officers permanently allocated with Sergeant Peter Addinall heading the team at Regent

Road police station.

The close liaison between Business Watch and the Traders Association had been established through association chairman, City Councillor Chris Joubert, who said: "It is working extremely well and traders are calling frequently with ideas and suggestions."

"An executive committee has just been formed and meetings are held monthly at which the police and traders are represented. All complaints are referred to the special office of the Regent Road station."

### Noticeable improvement

Major Cooke said that during the past two months 469 arrests were made for offences which included shop-lifting, theft, loitering and drunkenness.

"But there is definitely a noticeable decrease in the number of drunk, rowdy and sometimes riotous undesirables previously found in the Regent Road area."

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CRIMINALS BEWARE

'WATCH IT' WARNING... More than 200 posters warning criminals that 'big brother is watching' have been issued to traders in Sea Point for display in their shops in the fight against crime.

News in Brief

*CAPL Times 9/1/70*  
**66 stolen cars recovered** (21)

DURBAN. — A total of 66 stolen motor vehicles worth more than R2 million have been recovered by police in Durban and Dundee, and 13 people have been arrested.

*CAPL Times 9/1/70*  
**R40 000 shebeen robbery** (35)

FOUR men brandishing a firearm forced their way into a shebeen in Mthawelanga Street in Khayelitsha this week and stole R40 000 cash that was hidden in the floorboards. Mr Roseberg Maneli, 42, was slightly injured in the robbery.

car burns fiercely after it was flung more than 25m in an weekend. The driver lost control and hit three parked cars in eriously injured but eight people died in other road accidents

Picture: JOHAN SCHRÖNEN, The Argus.

## Government, ANC in 'sort of alliance'

By MICHAEL MORRIS  
Political Correspondent

THE GOVERNMENT has acknowledged that it was in "a sort of alliance" with the ANC — and other parties — to the extent that they agreed on the ground-rules of politics, according to sources.

But there was no question of the ANC "co-determining government policy", one senior source said.

He was reacting to a comment on television last night by ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela that the ANC was already "in a sort of alliance" with the government.

The source acknowledged that there was a level of co-operation with the ANC but pointed out that there was a similar relationship with other parties. He defined this co-operation as "an agreement on the ground-rules of the game".

This was seen as a positive development in a country where for too long there had been no such agreement between the main black and white parties.

"So, even though one has very serious problems with the policies of the ANC — or the AWB or CP — there is a certain level up to which one has co-operation. But it is certainly not as if the ANC is co-determining government policy."

The source admitted that the notion of co-operation between the government and the ANC was the kind of thing the white right would seek to exploit to its own advantage.

The CP has often accused the government of treating the ANC as an arm of government, but without having tested the will of the people.

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statement later today. The TOWU could not be reached for comment.

## Four hacked to death

By DALE KNEEN  
Crime Reporter

FOUR people were hacked to death with pangas in two separate incidents at the weekend.

In the first incident, three men allegedly attacked and killed two men and sexually assaulted a woman before hacking her to death with pangas.

The names of the dead have not yet been established but it is believed they are residents of a squatter area called Creamix, near Brackenfell.

Police said a man and a woman who were walking along a path through a bushy area were the first victims.

The three attackers allegedly robbed the men and sexually assaulted the woman before hacking them to death with pangas at 7pm on Saturday.

Later the three attackers argued with a man at a discotheque in the area and then allegedly hacked him to death.

The bodies of the first three victims were discovered by passers-by yesterday.

Police were called and two men arrested. Detectives were still searching for the third suspect.

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# Crime stoppers prove effectiveness of system

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A MAN was found stabbed in the Sea Point area last weekend but within 15 minutes the police were on the scene and a suspect had been arrested.

This emphasises not only the alertness of the police but also the excellent co-operation between police and the public as a result of the introduction of the Business Watch scheme.

Last week the Atlantic Review pointed out that

at least 200 people in Sea Point were arrested each month owing to the alertness of those on duty at the business watch headquarters at Regent Road police station.

Major Kevin Cooke, who founded the scheme in both Cape Town and Sea Point, said the arrest was a fine example of the manner in which the system was now working.

Sergeant Peter Addinall said he was grateful to the police reservists who assisted on Saturdays.

He said there were usually four police officers on duty in Regent Road but they received assistance from beach constables patrolling the beachfront.

He was backed by Police Captain Douw Vermeulen who said they now felt they had the crime rate in check.

## Surprise resignation of bowling club officers dismays at AGM

THERE was dismay at the annual general meeting of the Green and Sea Point Bowling Club last Saturday at the unexpected resignations of the president, Mr Jimmy Greig, and the secretary-treasurer, Mr Ken Simon.

Mr Greig had been in office for a year and had a further year to run. No reasons were given for the resignation but Mr Greig was warmly praised by members of the valuable work he had done on the club's behalf. Mr Greig

and foremost the club and its well-being."

Referring to Mr Simon's resignation, Mr Murie said: "We must respect Ken's decision to call it a day but he has said 'enough is enough!'"

"He has been a tower of strength and we'll miss him tremendously."

Mr Murie pointed out that Ken Simon had been in ill-health for some time and everyone wished him better health in his retirement years.

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# Necklace murder of city woman

By DALE KNEEN

Crime Reporter

A WOMAN was burnt to death in Khayelitsha today in a horrifying "necklace murder".

Shots were also fired at a guard outside the home of Crossroads Mayor Mr Johnson Nxgobowana.

A special constable came across a group of people who had "necklaced" a woman in the road at W412 site C at 6 am.

The group of men and women had placed at least three tyres around the woman's neck before throwing a flammable substance over her and lighting it.

## POLICEMAN ATTACKED

Constable T S Mgoduka who arrived on the scene said the woman was consumed by flames. One of the people standing around the fire told him: "We will also burn you out."

They attacked the constable, throwing bottles and stones at him. He fired a shot into the air and the group dispersed.

Constable Mgoduka then discovered the charred remains of the woman.

Hours earlier, a special constable attached to the unrest unit narrowly escaped death when he was shot at from outside the home of Mr Nxgobowana.

Apparently two men walked pass the house in Nyanga at 1.20am and fired one shot at the guard.

The special constable returned fire and the men ran away.

An investigation showed a bullet had penetrated the guard room in Mr Nxgobowana's garden.

● In other unrest, a policewoman at Ipegeng was abducted from her house, stabbed, doused with petrol and set alight. She was admitted to a local hospital with serious stab wounds and burns.

Sapa also said a private house was petrol-bombed in Cross Roads overnight and that a vehicle parked there was damaged. — Sapa.



# Woman killed by necklace method

By DANIEL SIMON

THE gruesome "necklace" method of killing people surfaced for the first time in years in the Western Cape area yesterday morning, when a special constable came across the burning remains of a woman in Khayelitsha.

The Western Cape has been relatively free of this notorious practice, with the last recorded incident having occurred in the Zwelethemba township near Worcester in 1985.

A police spokesman said yesterday's killing did not appear to be politically motivated.

The victim was said to be a witchdoctor who was known to run up and down the township's streets "in the nude".

Captain Attie Laubscher said Special Constable T.S. Mgoduka was on his way to the Khayelitsha police station at 6am when he noticed a group of people around a fire in Site C.

"When he walked passed them, some of them remarked: 'Let's set him alight as well,'" Captain Laubscher said.

The crowd attacked Constable Mgoduka, who dispersed them by firing a shotgun round into the air.

It was then that he discovered the remains of the unidentified woman.

A murder charge is being investigated. No arrests have been made yet.

## New narcotics unit formed

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# Police step up anti-drug war in Bo-Kaap

By DALE GRANGER

POLICE have intensified the war against the Peninsula's drug barons and have launched a special new anti-narcotics unit to concentrate on wiping out the problem in the Bo-Kaap.

Cape Town narcotics head Lieutenant-Colonel Muller Haggard said yesterday that special narcotic agents had been appointed to work in the Bo-Kaap area.

Today an estimated 3 000 people, including parliamentarians, will march from the Bo-Kaap to the city to hand a petition to the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, calling for a commission of inquiry into drug trafficking.

The Bo-Kaap Anti-drug Committee is demanding police patrols, no bail for drug dealers and heavier sentences for convicted dealers.

Support for the march has come from the ANC, Cosatu, the Democratic Party, the Salt River and Bellville Anti-Drug Co-ordinating councils and Mrs Adele Searl, chairwoman of the Cape Town Drug Counselling Centre.

Asked to comment on anti-drug efforts, Colonel Haggard said that this year police had confiscated more drugs in Cape Town than in 1989.

### R1,50 'a stop'

"We've had very big successes and from stepping up our operations we've shut off many of the supply routes of dagga and Mandrax," he said. "Mandrax now sells for R15 a tablet, which shows us there is a shortage. If it was selling for R2 it would show there was plenty around."

Dagga sells for R1,50 "a stop" (a one-gram parcel) in Cape Town.

Cocaine (R250 a gram) and LSD are less of a problem in the city.

Colonel Haggard named the Bo-Kaap, Salt River, Woodstock and Maitland as areas where drug use was rife. The police do not advertise the fact

that informers are paid and some receive between R100 and R300 for information.

"One must realise drugs do not differentiate between sex, age or colour," he said.

Mr Abdullah Adams, a member of the Bo-Kaap Anti-drug Committee, said drug dealing in the Bo-Kaap had escalated, mainly due to the location of the area, "which is an ideal distribution centre".

"The clientele have no problems coming in and outsiders exploit the area by selling their drugs," he said.

Mrs Searl yesterday praised the Bo-Kaap anti-drug committee for their stance, saying: "They've decided to do something about it."

### 'Need for action'

Mr Jannie Momberg, DP MP for Simon's Town, said that "anyone found selling drugs to kids should be locked up and the key thrown away".

"I believe that tomorrow's march will embrace the need for action and I support that 100%," he added.

A police liaison officer, Captain Attie Laubscher, said yesterday that police investigations had found that complaints from Bo-Kaap residents about the level of drug dealing in the area were justified.

A team of narcotics branch detectives had, therefore, been assigned to "crack down on the smugglers and street-sellers until we are all satisfied that the Bo-Kaap is drug-free", Captain Laubscher said.

The community living on the slopes of Signal Hill had made it clear they would assist and police had also decided to pay cash rewards for information passed on about drug activities, he said.

All information can be given — confidentially — to the new unit's commander at 45-7613.

"The police really appreciate the public's involvement in stamping out this drug menace," Captain Laubscher said.

# Bloody war on

## Three young men die in 'death-squad' attacks

By STEPHEN WROTTESELEY  
Weekend Argus News Editor

A bloody war on gangsters is being played out in Khayelitsha where three young men have been assassinated in death squad-style.

Police confirmed today that the young men had all been shot in the back after their hands had been bound.

Their bodies were found within 48 hours of each other.

The killings are being investigated by the Murder and Robbery Squad but police are reticent about disclosing details.

Major Jan Calitz said all three were linked to the Ntsaras gang and that investigators believed that the deaths were "gang-related".

He said the first body was found on Monday at about 8am. The victim was Bennet Ntisana, 19, who was found in the bush near New Way extension.

Sources said he had been shot twice, once in the back of the head and once in the neck. His hands had been tied with wire and it appeared as if he had been held down while he was killed.

### Kidnapped

One source said indications were that the man had been kidnapped and taken to the spot where he was killed by a group of people.

The second body — that of Vuzumzi Mxazonke, 15, was found on the Faure side of the N2 near Khayelitsha at about 1pm on the same day. He too had been shot in the head.

The next day Lungiwe Langeni, 20, was found killed on the northern side of Town Two.

Police said today there appeared to be no motive for the killings.

The Ntsaras are a force to be reckoned with in black townships, especially in Khayelitsha which, according to the latest figures, has the highest crime rate in the Peninsula.

Altogether 252 people were murdered there last year.

Last year the Ntsara group in Guguletu declared a truce with their rivals, the Adderleys, after they met at the instigation of the then detective branch chief, Major Johan Kleyn.

# gangsters

# Man sought over 'kangaroo court'

Capl. Tint's 18/8/90



By MONICA GRAAFF  
Crime Reporter

POLICE have launched an urgent search for a man whom they wish to question in connection with the sexual mutilation of a woman who was allegedly impaled on a stick during a "kangaroo court" in Khayelitsha.



**WANTED** ... Police want to question this man.

The 27-year-old Khayelitsha mother of two was allegedly also stripped naked, beaten with sharp sticks and stoned and kicked as she lay on the ground while a group of spectators stood by.

She spent two months recovering in hospital and, as a result of serious internal injuries, will no longer be able to bear children.

This horrifying "punishment" was meted out at 5pm on March 22 in J Block, Khayelitsha.

A 51-year-old witchdoctor, Ms Mbigale Giwu, Ms Nongethene Kelo, 45, and Mr Aaron Goshman, 32, have already been arrested in connection with charges of attempted murder. They will appear in Mitchells Plain Regional Court on August 23.

Police said a Nyanga East witchdoctor had played a key role in "sentencing" the woman after gazing into a crystal ball.

The woman was alleged to have "stolen" a neighbour's five-year-old daughter.

The man whom police are seeking is about 1,8m tall and in his mid-30s. He has a light complexion and was last seen sporting a moustache and beard.

● Police have undertaken to protect the identity of anyone who can give them more information about the incident or the people involved. People are asked to contact Detective Sergeant Robert van Almelo at Khayelitsha Detective Branch 361-3330 or at 905-4209 a/h.

# R1-m theft of radio items from SA Navy

Star 18/8/90

(35)

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

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

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

Sources say the selection of stolen equipment indicates that the thieves had an extensive knowledge of communications equipment. They also stole instruction manuals.

The Military Police are investigating, in conjunction with

## Haul ideal for combat — experts

**MICHAEL MORRIS,  
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and DALE KNEEN**

the South African Police. The SAP, however, were unable to confirm they were investigating the matter.

It is considered possible the police may be helping the Navy authorities in their investigation. A board of inquiry has been convened by the Navy.

According to sources, the equipment was worth about R1 million.

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

The Navy has not described the stolen items, but it is considered possible they might either have been used for training in naval communications or radios used by the now defunct Marine Corps.

Ship-borne radios are normally not portable and require a greater power supply than the radios used by the marines in an infantry combat situation.

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

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

### Inquiry

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

"No further information can be given at this stage as the matter is still being investigated."

Reacting, yesterday, Democratic Party defence spokesman Mr Roger Hulley said: "There is reason to believe that this theft has rightwing connotations.

"Be that as it may, I am concerned that the recent Budget cutbacks may have affected the necessary level of security protection of sensitive material and equipment.

"This must not be allowed to happen in these difficult transition times."

# 1000 Y WAR ON GANGSTERS

## Three young men die in 'death-squad' attacks

W/LEADS 18/9/90

By STEPHEN WROTTESELEY  
Weekend Argus News Editor

A bloody war on gangsters is being played out in Khayelitsha where three young men have been assassinated in death squad-style.

Police confirmed today that the young men had all been shot in the back after their hands had been bound.

Their bodies were found within 48 hours of each other.

The killings are being investigated by the Murder and Robbery Squad but police are reticent about disclosing details.

Major Jan Calitz said all three were linked to the Nisaras gang and that investigators believed that the deaths were "gang-related".

He said the first body was found on Monday at about 8am. The victim was Bennet Ntsana, 19, who was found in the bush near New Way extension.

Sources said he had been shot twice, once in the back of the head and once in the neck. His hands had been tied with wire and it appeared as if he had been held down while he was killed.

### Kidnapped

One source said indications were that the man had been kidnapped and taken to to the spot where he was killed by a group of people.

The second body — that of Vuzumzi Mxazonke, 15, was found on the Faure side of the N2 near Khayelitsha at about 1pm on the same day. He too had been shot in the head.

The next day Lungwe Langeni, 20, was found killed on the northern side of Town Two.

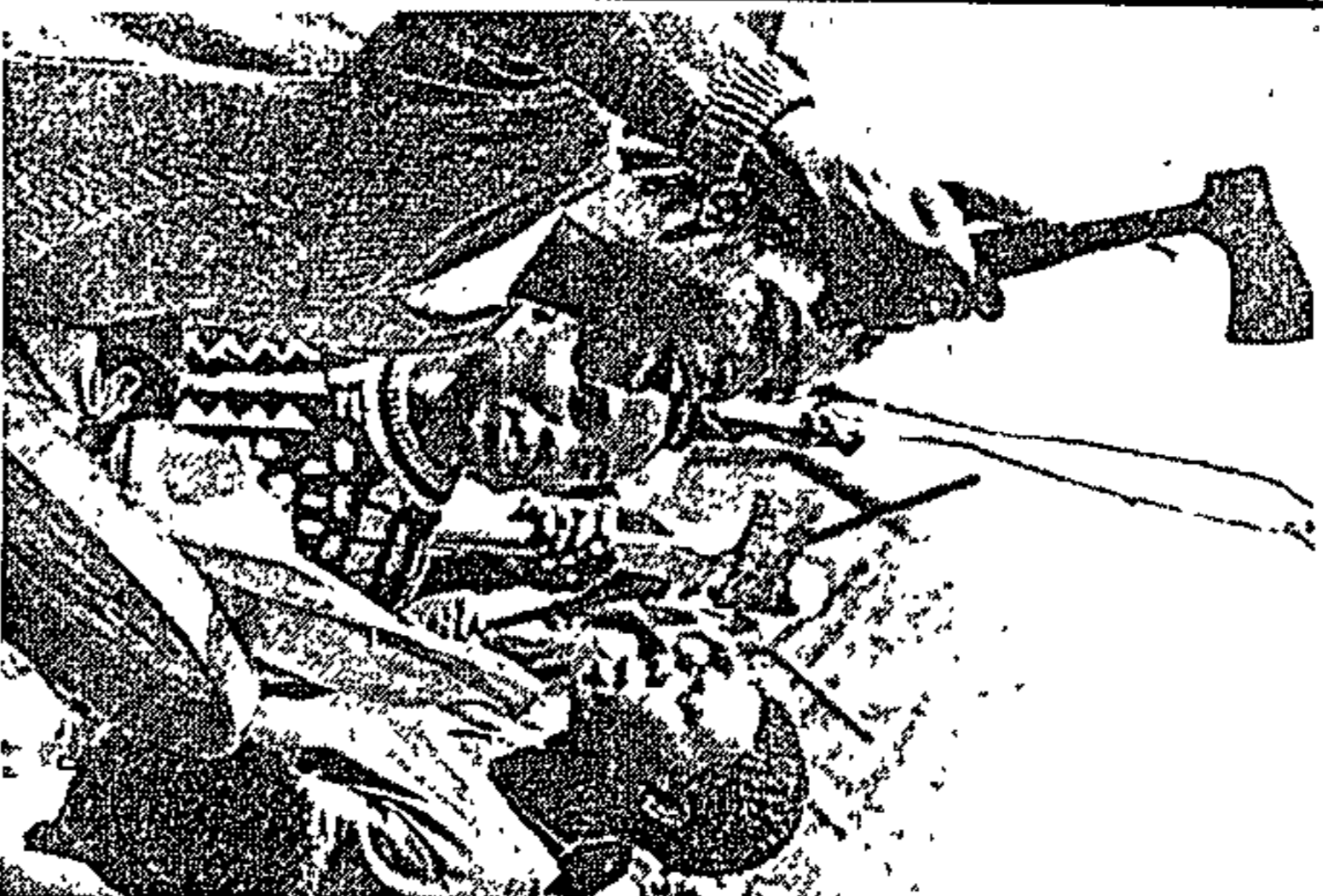
Police said today there appeared to be no motive for the killings.

The Nisaras are a force to be reckoned with in black townships, especially in Khayelitsha which, according to the latest figures, has the highest crime rate in the Peninsula.

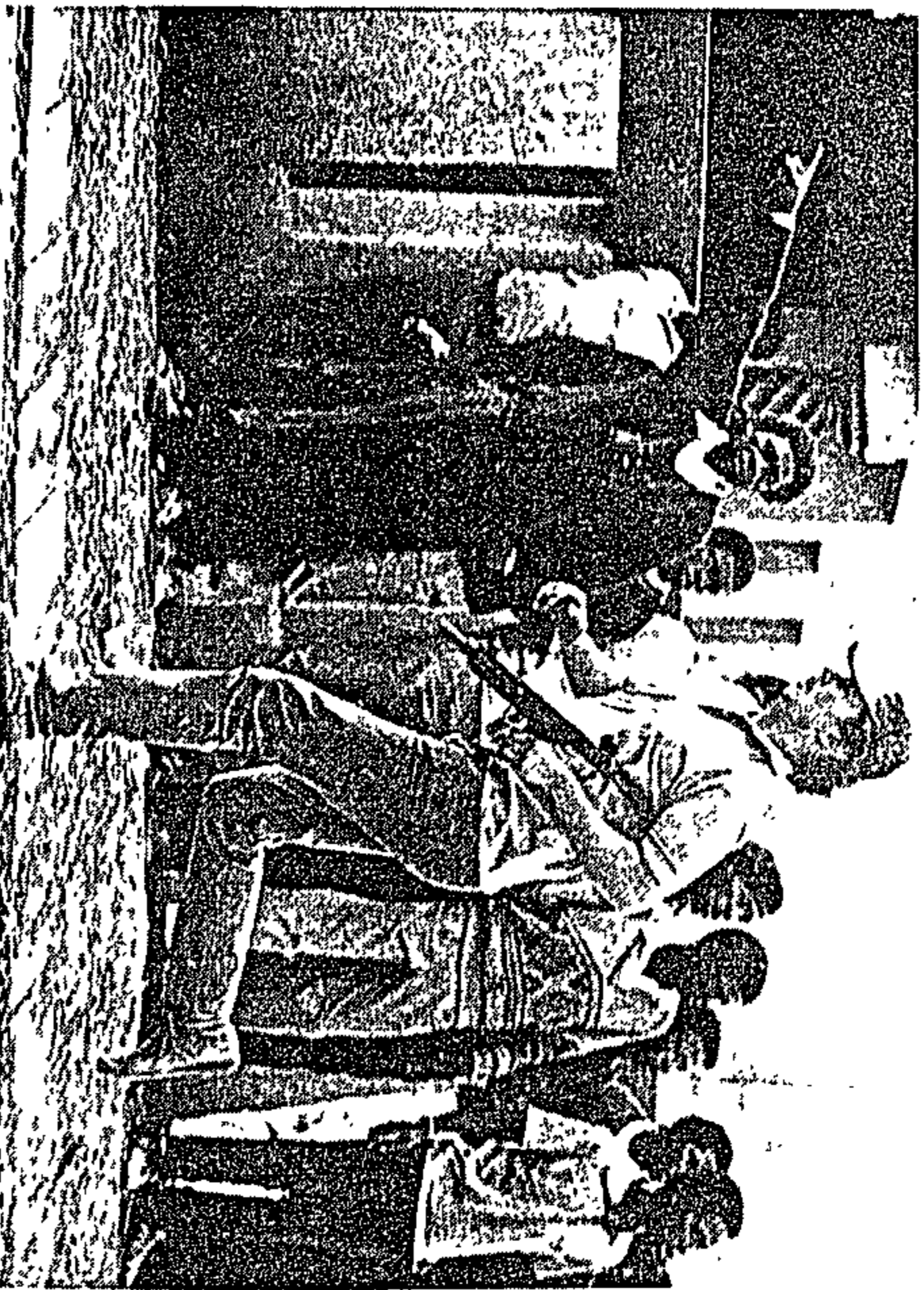
Altogether 252 people were murdered there last year.

Last year the Nisara group in Guguletu declared a truce with their rivals, the Adderleys, after they met at the instigation of the then detective branch chief, Major Johan Kleyn.

## SCENES ON THE SOWETO BATTLEFRONT ...



Fighters supportive of the African National Congress's Nelson Mandela prepare for battle



A special-branch policeman, following the sound of AK-47 shooting, is pointed in the direction of Inkatha fire. Two men died in the incident.

## 'My endless journey' — poet Breytenbach

By JOHN VILJOEN  
Weekend Argus Reporter

W/LEADS 18/9/90

EXILED author, poet and artist Breyten Breytenbach has said he is "on an endless journey" and will not return to play a major political role.

He told the Cape Town Press Club he had returned "to lance the boil of expectation that I will play the role of a moral magistrate in local politics".

An exile never really returned, he said. "They seem like well-informed tourists, with a hole in their past and

talks about talks about talks". But did not welcome the "pretence of virginity" by both parties who had obviously negotiated "with full carnal knowledge of each other" long before the release of Mr Nelson Mandela.

He sensed an "air of unreality" evident in the "euphoria rampant in the country", as if everything would be solved "tomorrow morning".

A "false sense of consensus" had been created by the belief in several "myths", among them that:

## 'Less pressure' on Afrikaans'

TOS WENTZEL  
on the Presidency

NEGATIVE pressures on Afrikaans and aspects of the culture would decrease as negotiations on a new dispensation progressed, President De Klerk said last night.

Speaking at the congress of the Afrikaanse Taal en Kultuurvereniging (ATKV) in Hartenbos Mr De Klerk said the Afrikaans culture had grown over more than three centuries.

At times it was under pressure from some quarters and at present this was again the case.

### Reconciliation

There were already indications that the negative pressure on Afrikaans would gradually di-

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# Returned ANC man dies in stabbing

By VUYO BAVUMA  
Staff Reporter

MR Trevor Vilakazi, 43, a senior information official with the ANC, had been back in Cape Town for only a week when he was stabbed to death while trying to break up a street fight in Guguletu on Friday night.

This emerged from interviews today with his shocked family and associates.

A senior ANC spokesman, Mr Christmas Tinto, said today the ANC would call a meeting with "Guguletu gangsters and warn them that this sort of thing will not be tolerated".

Mr Vilakazi went into exile in 1978 and returned to South Africa with the first group of ANC exiles in May. He was based in Johannesburg in the national office where he was involved in arranging the repatriation of ANC exiles to South Africa.

On Saturday he was due to have a meeting with religious groups in Cape Town in connection with the return of the exiles.

On Friday night, when returning from watching a performance of *My Children! My Africa!* at the Baxter Theatre, he came across a street fight in Malunga Park, Guguletu. When he attempted to intervene, one of the men involved turned on him and stabbed him to death.

The man, who refused to be named fearing reprisals, said he witnessed the stabbing from

Mr Trevor Vilakazi ... tried to break up a street fight.



his hiding place behind a parked car.

"I saw Trevor and about about six men near the gate to a block of flats," he said. "One of the men wearing a white lumber jacket was armed with a knife and was stabbing Trevor while others stood watching."

"Trevor tried to run towards the flats but the man pursued him and repeatedly stabbed him in the back.

"At that stage Trevor climbed the stairs but the man continued to stab him. At the first floor Trevor stumbled and fell. The man bumped into him and also fell.

"Eventually Trevor managed to get into the flats and close the door. The man and his friends tried to get in but the door appeared to be locked. I ran away."

"We did not expect that Trevor would die by stabbing in the townships," Mr Vilakazi's brother, Hector, said today.

Mr Vilakazi leaves his wife and two children.

Funeral arrangements have not yet been finalised.

## Armed attacks on consecutive Fridays

# Youth held after train muggings

Staff Reporter

A YOUTH has been arrested and will appear in court soon following the second "horrific" hold-up and knifepoint robbery of train commuters in two weeks.

During the incidents a man and a woman were brutally stabbed while travelling between the Lakeside and Steenberg stations on consecutive Fridays.

A police liaison officer, Major Jan Calitz, said yesterday that police "could not be at all places at once" because 760 trains left and arrived at the Cape Town station daily.

This excludes "the other 101 railway stations falling within the jurisdiction of the South Afri-

can Police", he said.

Mrs Lynn Frost, 26, a passenger travelling from Kalk Bay to Plumstead on August 10 when the first of the two incidents occurred, said yesterday that a gang of six teenagers armed with knives entered the coach and demanded money from Mr Alexander de Kock, 47.

Mr De Kock drew a firearm but the youths disarmed him in seconds and while holding his firearm against his head, robbed him and repeatedly stabbed him, Mrs Frost said.

She too was approached by one of the gangsters and immediately handed him her purse in the hope of not being attacked, she said.

"The gangsters told a group

girls from the Star of the Sea Primary School in St James and myself that we would not be harmed if we remained quiet, and kept us in our seats until our arrival at the next station — Steenberg station — where they jumped off the train and ran away.

"It was all over very quickly — and horrific!" said Mrs Frost.

The investigating officer in the first case, Detective-Constable S Teladia, said yesterday that several reports of a woman being stabbed had come in, but the woman herself had not reported the incident. He asked that she do so urgently.

He confirmed that a 19-year-old man had been arrested and would appear in Simon's Town Magistrate's Court this morning.



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By DALE GRANGER

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ANTI-DRUG LOBBY ... Hundreds of people opposed to substance abuse parade through the central city on Saturday demanding, among other things, heavier sentences for convicted drug-pedlars.

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# Bail granted in stranded pilgrims case

Staff Reporters

A TRAVEL agent who allegedly left 190 Christian pilgrims stranded in Turkey in June, yesterday arranged bail of R20 000 cash and R80 000 in immovable property for his release after a brief appearance in Cape Town Magistrate's Court.

Mr Dawood Parker, 54, of Cecilia Court, Sussex Road, Wynberg, was not asked to plead and no charges were put to him.

The magistrate, Mr V R Gibson, ordered Mr Parker, who was represented by Mr Enver Daniels, to report to the Lansdowne police station daily.

He was further ordered to surrender his passports and not to communicate with any of the more than 200 state witnesses or his former employees.

Bail was not opposed by state prosecutor Mr P Delpont.

The hearing was postponed to October 20 for further investigation.

Mr Parker, sporting a beard and smartly dressed in a blue jersey, matching blue tie and flannel trousers, was arrested yesterday morning in connection with police investigations into a R500 000 fraud allegation. He had handed himself over to police at 9am.

He disappeared after the tourists — who were on a pilgrimage to North Africa, Israel and Europe — were abandoned in Istanbul when his company, New World Travel Circle, was provisionally liquidated in the Supreme Court, Cape Town, in his absence in June.

It is understood that having managed to evade Interpol for over six weeks, he arrived back in the country on Sunday by flying from Botswana to Johannesburg.

He was in Cape Town for several days before contacting the police via his lawyer, Mr Daniels.



**BACK IN TOWN . . .** Mr Dawood Parker outside Cape Town Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Picture: BENNY GOOL

# Accused pointed out rape site, court told

By **RONNIE MORRIS**  
**Supreme Court Reporter**

A MAN accused of raping and murdering a Guguletu teacher showed a detective during a "pointing-out" exercise where he had raped and left the woman, the Supreme Court heard yesterday.

Major Andre Mostert, of the Peninsula Murder and Robbery unit, was giving evidence in the trial of Mr Dumisani Ndamoyi, 19, of NY 30, Guguletu, who has pleaded not guilty to five charges.

These were that on August 5 last year he stole a car, a car battery and a bag of clothing belonging to Mr Moses Manjinjwa; that he broke into the house of Mr Mzikayise Mejeni while armed with a fish knife; that he raped Mrs Florence Mejeni; that he stabbed her while robbing her of

R800 in cash, a video machine, a tape recorder and a leather jacket; and that he later murdered her by stabbing her.

Evidence was that Mr Mejeni, a prominent businessman and promoter of artists, including Lucky Dube, had arrived home about 3am to find the lights on, his baby crying and his wife missing. He had also seen bloodstains on the walls.

His wife's naked body, covered in stab wounds, was later found metres away from their home.

Less than 24 hours after her death Mr Martin Felani, accused of having taken part in the killings, was lynched by an angry mob.

Major Mostert said he had taken Mr Ndamoyi to the Mejenis' house in NY 30, Guguletu, where he pointed to a window where he said he had entered the house.

In the house Mr Ndamoyi pointed to a wall unit from where he said he had stolen a tape recorder.

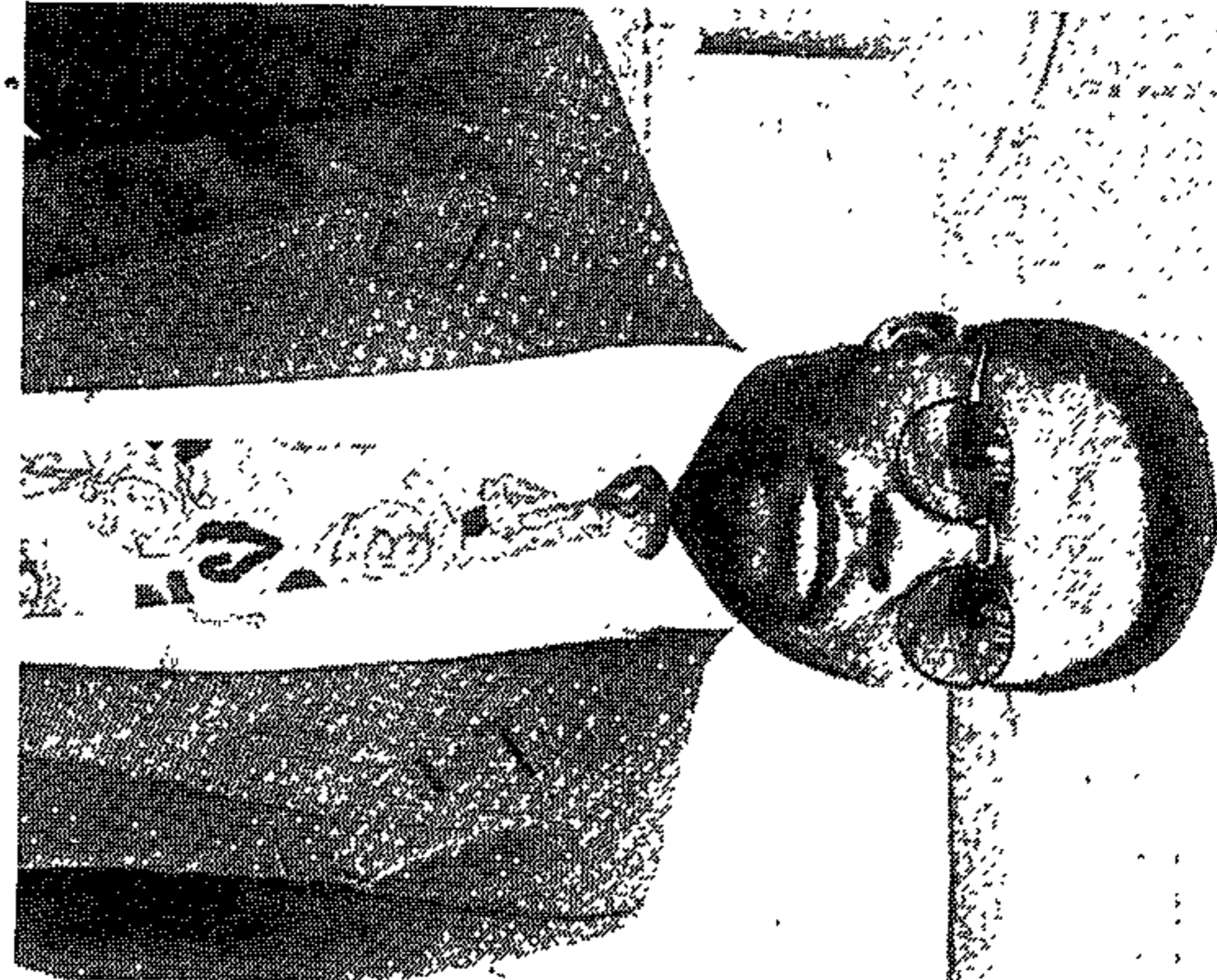
Later, at a house opposite the Mejenis', Mr Ndamoyi pointed to a spot on the ground and said: "Here I wrestled with the deceased and raped her. I left her here. I do not wish to say anything further."

Told by Ms B van der Vyver, pro Deo counsel for Mr Ndamoyi, that he would deny having said he had raped Mrs Mejeni but would admit he had robbed her and left her on the ground, Major Mostert said he had written down what he had been told by an interpreter.

Detective-Sergeant Davie Sebeka, who interpreted that day, said he had not added or taken anything away when interpreting to Major Mostert.  
The trial continues today.



**THE ACCUSED** . . . Mr Dumisani Ndamoyi is alleged to have killed Mrs Mejeni.



**AT COURT** . . . Mr Mzikayise Mejeni, a well-known Guguletu businessman, at the Supreme Court where he testified in the trial of his wife's alleged killer. Picture: BENNIE GOOL.

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f. risks associated with risk assumption without any protection.

3. Increased operational fitness of the enterprise.  
Quite apart from its greater competitive strength, the enterprise will be far more prepared to see the pitfalls and opportunities of co-operation with companies operating outside its customary sphere. This may be of special importance to the companies operating in the financial sector (e.g. banks) where functional diversification is visibly gathering momentum, leading to an extensive specialisation and marketing of particular financial services.

By the same token, it can also be in its own expansionist interests.

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HAPPIER TIMES . . . Mrs Florence Mejeni with her seven-month-old baby and her husband, Mr Mzikayise Mejeni.



damage to the market standing of the enterprise before becoming finally effective. A much better solution would reside in including the chairman and the board into the risk management in the above discussed psychological sense. That is to say, their chief duty would be to watch for early signs of attitudinal inconsistencies at the highest management levels.

Gains to risk management

The prospective benefits of risk management are of no smaller significance, and amount to the following:

1. Increase in status and effectiveness of risk management.

This benefit, perhaps the main one in so far as risk management is concerned, results from extending the competence of risk management through the wholesale inclusion of the risk element into the overall strategy of the enterprise. Such a step has been always in the minds of risk managers whose standard plea has invariably been for the top manager's recognition of the importance of risk management. Unluckily, so long as risk management remains confined, in practice, to insurance buying and advice on fortuitous risks such a plea is bound to fall on deaf ears.

2. Improvement in its own skills.

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The article says that the CBI is not satisfied that the EEC Commission's laboratory tests accurately reflect industrial conditions, and that half the population is normally exposed to noise levels of 85 dB(A) without, in most cases, suffering ill effects. Audiometry is not a precise enough method, and in any case measurement of hearing alone does not help to prevent deafness.

Taking into account the latest data, the CBI claims that a 90 dB(A) level would incur only a small risk. Only at levels above 95 dB(A) does audiometry become useful in detecting noise-induced hearing loss, assuming that protectors are worn.

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# Beware train muggers

By HENRI du PLESSIS  
and SHARKEY ISAACS  
Staff Reporters

A SUDDEN increase in the number of commuters being mugged by gangs of knife wielding thugs on the Peninsula's suburban trains has sent a chill of fear through commuters who rely on the train service.

CRIME

It has got so bad in recent weeks that a group of St James primary schoolgirls have taken to travelling in the guard's carriage.

About 50 pupils, aged between six and 12, of the Star of the Sea School in St James, now travel in the guard's carriage which is normally reserved for smokers, since a group of their friends were robbed by gangsters while on their way home last week, the school's principal has disclosed.

"I feel the situation is very serious and that is why I am prepared to have as many details of the incident published," said acting principal Mrs Thecla Daniel.

## Perpetrators

"We have told the children to sit in the carriage with the guard and driver. The teacher who puts the children on the train after school has been told to see to it.

"The mothers of some of the girls have asked us to prepare a list of children who normally travel by train to school, because they want to hire a bus to transport their children.

"One girl has told me she had difficulty sleeping at night after the incident and kept on seeing shadows and visions. She thought she saw one of the perpetrators on a station this week, but could not be sure."

One of the pupils catches her train to school from Salt River and the rest from virtually all the stations be-

tween Wynberg and St James.

This meant many had to travel a long distance every day, which made them vulnerable to attack.

A spate of muggings on urban trains in the Peninsula, especially on the lines in the southern suburbs, have become a cause for concern among commuters recently.

Apart from the attack on the girls, several other incidents have occurred, including an attack on journalist Mr David Breier on Friday last week.

According to police, there were 234 robberies, 41 assaults and 94 thefts (such as pick-pocketing) in the last six months on trains in the Peninsula.

At the same time, 397 people have been arrested for serious crimes and 3 666 for less serious offences, a police spokesman said.

These statistics might not be accurate, because many incidents were not reported at all, he said.

This week, only one robbery took place on the southern suburbs line, because of increased policing. Regular conferences were being held with all organisations involved to improve law-enforcement.

He refused to disclose the number of policemen employed in the special unit to guard trains.

## Mobile patrol

Informed sources said manpower in the special unit was so low, it would become a public outcry if it became known.

City commuters complained there were not enough policemen to protect the Peninsula's daily 550 000 suburban train passengers.

Knife-point hold-ups and stabbings between Salt River, Woodstock, Lakeside and Steenberg stations on the Simon's Town line gave rise to this speculation, they claim.

Sources said a police task force of 68 members backed

up by a mobile patrol unit had to police 760 rush hour trains and 101 stations.

Spoornet PRO, Mrs Yvette Olwage, however said: "The safety of our commuters on board our trains is of great importance to us.

"We must however appeal to the public to be more safety conscious. For example commuters travelling during off-peak hours should avoid sitting alone in a coach."

On Spoornet's policy of locking connecting doors between passenger coaches on suburban trains with inter-carriage keys given only to conductors and ticket examiner staff, she said there were a number of practical reasons for keeping the doors locked.

## Security conscious

The primary one was to prevent muggers from moving freely from one coach to another and roaming the length of the train to look for a single commuter.

If the doors were unlocked, there was also a danger of children falling between carriages because there was no connecting gangplank between coaches.

Staff were trained to be security conscious and lent assistance, wherever "reasonably possible". It was, however impossible to be everywhere at once on trains, which varied in length from eight to 14 passenger coaches on train services.

"If the doors are unlocked they might also simply get stolen," she said.

She rejected suggestions of installing intercom systems or close circuit television on trains and claimed they would be instantly vandalised or stolen.

● Spoornet recently established a toll-free telephone number which enables commuters to phone any information regarding any incident that occurs on a train or any station. The number 080 021 0081 is in operation 24 hours a day and is connected to an automatic answering service.

# Ticket to ride can spell t-r-o-u-b-l-e

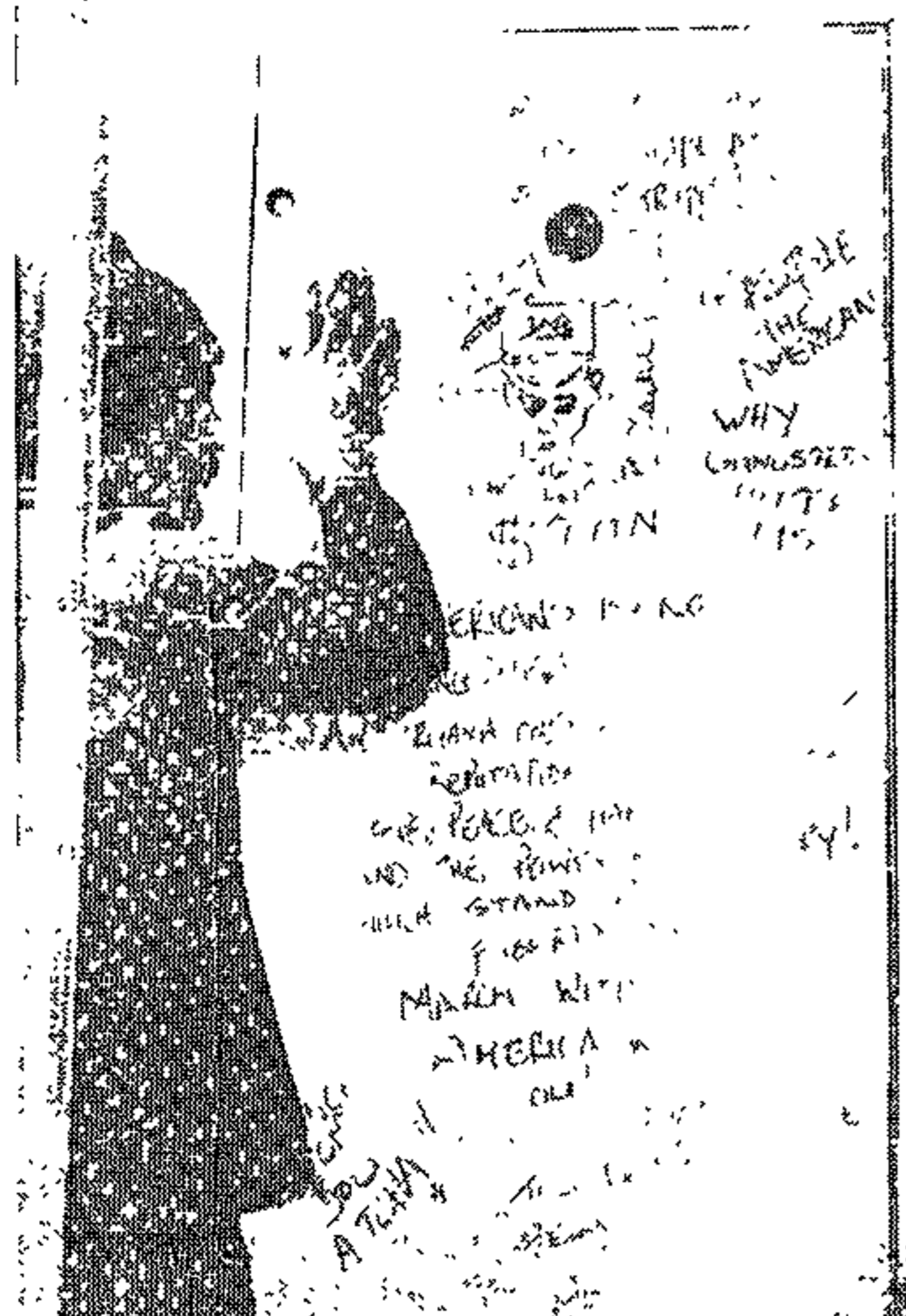
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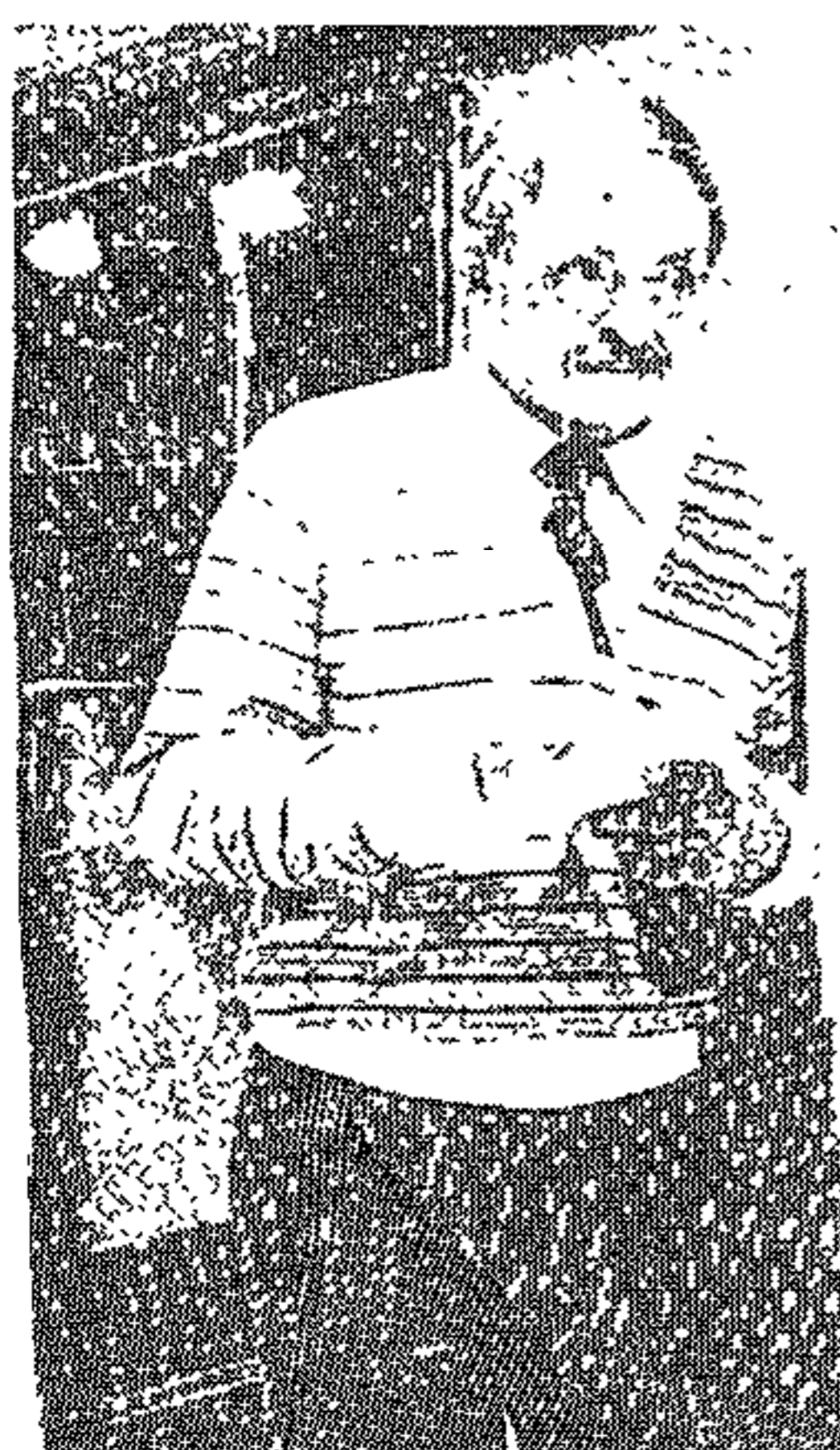
**A Spoornet staffer shows how vandals would open a mains box, using a home-made key, to turn out carriage lights.**



**A staffer cleaning up after the graffiti artists.**



**Dagga pipes hidden in the carriage guttering. Thugs kick out the windows to hide the pipes.**



**Technical superintendent Mr Johan Crafford inspects a broken window.**

By TYRONE SEALE  
Weekend Argus Reporter

A SPIRAL of mindless vandalism and bloodlust is turning rail commuting in to a growing nightmare, and repair costs run to millions of rands each year.

The scenic Simon's Town line — a vital link between the city centre and the southern suburbs — has been the scene of horrifying muggings in the past few days.

Last week half a dozen teenage thugs with knives threatened a group of children from the Star of the Sea primary school in St James while they were sitting in a moving train.

Witnesses pleaded with the robbers to let the children go.

They did — but then turned on the witnesses, slashing one with a knife and cutting watches off others' wrists.

Last weekend Argus Group journalist David Breier became another victim as a man wielding a knife and two other muggers demanded cash and beat him in the face. A terrified woman passenger tried to pacify them by turning out her purse.

Earlier this week a grandmother in her 70s was mugged.

## Cauldron of terror

The Simon's Town line is a relative newcomer to the cauldron of terror on the rails. The Cape Flats, Mitchell's Plain and Khayelitsha lines are already unpopular but necessary means of transport to most of the 550 000 people who use Spoornet daily.

Police and Spoornet officials urged the public this week to gang up on hoodlums by travelling in groups and reporting all incidents.

Spoornet spokeswoman Yvette Olwage said that while the organisation was trying to improve the image of the Cape Flats rail network and while police were trying to beat the muggers' onslaught, the public had to become involved as well.

She said that apart from muggings, big-scale vandalism made trains uncomfortable and unsafe. Rewards of up to R25 000 are offered for information on muggings, vandalism and other violence that lead to convictions.

Between August 6 and 17, vandals caused damage totalling R49 900 to railway property — including many of the 700 trains that criss-cross the city daily.

At present 500 train windows have to be replaced, 22 intercarriage doors costing R970 each are missing and graffiti has to be removed at great cost.

Mr Johan Crafford, technical superintendent at Spoornet's repair yard in Paarden Eiland, said the facility serviced 10 trains a day.

## Vandalism

Vandals remove entire window frames, slash seats, smear toilets with excrement, walk off with inter-carriage doors, break into mains boxes controlling lights and doors, stamp on hard plastic seats until they crack and sell aluminium luggage racks for cash.

A Weekend Argus team visited the Paarden Eiland workshops yesterday and counted 60 broken windows on a train arriving for repairs.

One of the most attractive features of the new Japanese-style, stainless steel-finish M8 trains is full airconditioning — a great help in winter, but useless once vandals break windows that are supposed to help contain the warmth.

Mr Crafford said that with the current rate of vandalism and 700 trains to service, it was impossible for the Spoornet repair crews to eliminate their backlog of work.

In 17 months 22 of an expected 24 of the new M8 trains have been delivered to Spoornet. Many were vandalised even before spares became available.

They cost R21 million each.

This year vandalism on railway property has ranged from monthly totals of R23 062 in January to R49 962 in just 16 days this month.

Commuters who want to help fight crime on the track may call Spoornet's confidential, toll-free service at 080 021 0081.



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*Capt. Tins 25/18/1938*  
**Flying squad nets 294 38**

THE flying squad made 294 arrests for house-breaking and theft in the Peninsula between May 2 and August 17. Police said 86 arrests were made for the theft of motor cars, 106 for robbery, three for armed robbery, 35 for rape and 37 for murder.

# Parking lot assault: Police seek rightist

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A WELL-KNOWN right-wing activist is wanted for questioning by police following the attack on Fair Lady managing editor Ms Trish Oxford in a Fore-shore parking garage last Friday night.

He is Mr Arnold van der Westhuizen, 38, of Windsor Court, Rondebosch.

Police are investigating attempted murder and believe he could be a "great help" to them in the case.

Ms Oxford, 43, is in a satisfactory condition in a private city hospital where she underwent an operation on her severely beaten hands on Monday.

She was bludgeoned on the head and hands from behind with a rubber mallet as she tried to get into her car after work at 5pm. Her attacker allegedly told her he wanted to kill her.

Mr Van der Westhuizen, who was last seen in Cape Town on Monday, is 1,8m tall, well built and has dark hair.

● Anyone with information should telephone Detective Sergeant Neville Bishop at 45-3003 (w) or 461-6477 (h).



Mr Arnold van der Westhuizen

# Subway<sup>ARGUS</sup> stabbing<sup>29/1/90</sup> — victim's warning<sup>35</sup>

By JOHN VILJOEN  
Staff Reporter

THE victim of a knife-wielding robber who stabbed her three times and made off with her handbag in an Observatory subway, has described her ordeal as a warning to others.

"I'll avoid using the train during off-peak times, and even cross the lines on foot rather than use the subway," she said.

Kenilworth horticulturist Miss Barbara Wood, 26, was attacked at 12.30pm on Monday in the subway at Observatory station.

## EYES OPEN

"I want to make people aware that this can happen anywhere at any time," she told The Argus soon after her discharge from Groote Schuur Hospital.

People walking alone should be alert. "If I had had my eyes open, I might have seen him coming," she said.

Miss Woods described how her assailant stabbed her without uttering a word: "I was going through the subway, having just been to the hospital for a check-up, and I was on my way back to work in Claremont.

"This chap came up behind me and grabbed me around my chest. Then he stabbed me with a knife in my neck.

"I struggled to get away and he stabbed me again. He stabbed me in my neck, in my head and in my shoulder.

"I dropped to the ground to stop him from stabbing me again, and told him to just take my handbag. He ran off with it.

"Then two very kind men ran after him, although I wasn't aware of it at the time, and they got my handbag back. Another man helped me to the ticket office."

Miss Wood considers herself lucky to have escaped from the ordeal without serious injury.

"I was lucky — the wounds were superficial and did not hit any major arteries or anything."

## AVOID SUBWAY

She plans to avoid the subway, the scene of two assaults within four days, in future.

"I've used this subway a lot, but I've never been happy about it. I think a bridge would be safer, like they have at Claremont station, or they should keep people who are not actually using the train off the station."

## Funeral of PAC man

JOHANNESBURG. — The funeral of Pan Africanist Congress member Mr. Jabu Mthembu, who died in a car accident, will be held in Nelspruit on Saturday. — Sapa.

Supreme Court Reporter

A TRIAL-within-a-trial to test the admissibility of a statement by Mr Dumisani Ndamoyi, accused of raping and murdering a Guguletu teacher, was yesterday briefly adjourned when he complained of a pain in his side.

The court heard he had previously been medically examined at Pollsmoor Prison where he was held as an awaiting-trial prisoner. Mr Justice CT Howie then allowed him to be seated while continuing his evidence.

The state alleges that on August 5 last year he stole a car, a car battery and clothing belonging to Mr Moses Manjinjwa.

He then allegedly broke into the home of Guguletu business-

# Statement <sup>35</sup> 'under threat'

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man Mr Mzikayise Mejeni and, armed with a fish knife, raped Mrs Florence Mejeni and murdered her by stabbing her to death. He also allegedly robbed her of R800 in cash, a video recorder and leather jacket.

He has pleaded not guilty to all the charges.

Mr Ndamoyi told the court that after his arrest he was placed in a police van and was frightened when the van was surrounded by a large crowd of noisy people. That

reminded him of what had happened to Mr Martin Felani, who was lynched by an angry mob after being accused of complicity in Mrs Mejeni's murder.

At the police station, Warrant Officer Godfrey Lolwana made him sit on a bench while he was handcuffed and told him to write a statement. When he told the policeman he would do so in court, WO Lolwana spoke "aggressively" to him and tightened his handcuffs. The detective also appeared as if he would assault him, Mr Ndamoyi said.

He had then made a statement to WO Lolwana but had refused to make a statement to a magistrate at the Guguletu police station the next day.

## Author fights

# Observatory troubled by sharp rise in crime

Cape Times 29/8/90 (35)

THE increase in crime in Mowbray during June and July has caused such concern that the business community is considering starting a business watch.

Democratic Party MP Dene Smuts, who is monitoring the situation, said: "When one of our Main Road businessmen was assaulted in his pharmacy early this year I asked for more police mobile patrols. The police were extremely helpful at a time of serious understaffing — now remedied — and we felt the mobile patrols were effective deterrents and interceptors.

"On one occasion an

## MP SMUTS CAUTIONS LOCALS ON CAR THEFT

Observatory patrol found a man removing the tyre from a parked car. When they investigated, despite protestations that he was only changing a flat tyre, they found four BMW wheels they had been looking for in the car.

"The entire wind-screen of a Mercedes

Benz has been removed and cars have been known to be stolen from the Groote Schuur Hospital parking lot."

### Students warned

"Car theft and theft from cars is a constant problem in areas where old residential areas are without garages. The police suggest that students, particularly, should not tempt fate by leaving their possessions in their cars. And residents and visitors can avoid trouble by parking in well-lit areas.

To park in the dark on a downward slope is to invite trouble," she added.

Ms Smuts continued: "Mowbray is the crossroads where the two Cape Towns — black and white — meet. Residents think nostalgically of a quieter past and as an enthusiast about traditional cityscapes and lifestyles I have great sympathy with them. But it is the very pressures of urbanisation and the fact that Mowbray is our crossroads that make it such a vibrant place.

### Urbanisation

"Our Groote Schuur Hospital petition tables on the corner of Main and Victoria roads attracted Capetonians from as far afield as Langa and the Tygerberg while our petition for a State lottery to help the hospital drew 12 000 signatures and has been sent to the Minister of Health."

# Tokai couple in night of terror

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By MONICA GRAAF  
Crime Reporter

A CRIPPLED Tokai couple and their eight-year-old daughter spent two terrifying hours at the hands of masked gunmen who tied them up, gagged them and systematically interrogated them before stripping their home of its contents on Tuesday night.

Wheelchair-bound paraplegic Mr David Gale, 36, his wife, Bid- dy, 36, who walks on crutches, and their daughter, Louise, a Sub B pupil at Kirstenhof Primary, yesterday described the attack as a "carefully planned attack on a soft target".

Three men wearing masks and balaclavas quietly crept into their Brocker Road garage while Mr Gale, who was returning home from his Retreat cheese business at 6.50pm, was parking his mini-bus.

They waited for the automatic

garage doors to close and then tied him to his wheelchair with ropes.

Suspecting something was amiss, Mrs Gale went to the garage to investigate, but stumbled when she spotted one of the masked men. He dragged her inside and tied her up as well.

Little Louise saw all this from a window and quickly locked herself inside the house before bravely trying to phone for help. But in vain.

The men, having got hold of the house keys, grabbed her and gagged her with a dishcloth to stop her from screaming while her parents battled to stay calm at the thought of what could be happening to her.

There was "helpless waiting" and "terror" when each of them was taken off alone and interrogated about the whereabouts of valuables.

Mr Gale said he pleaded with one of the men not to injure his

wife and child and was given the reply: 'Don't worry, man. I know how a man feels about his woman. Just don't cause any trouble.'

Mrs Gale said the men seemed "quite jumpy" and would "certainly have done us in" had they been surprised at any stage.

"It was very difficult pleasing them. They would bark whispered questions at us and as soon as we started answering, they would shriek: 'Don't talk! Be quiet!'

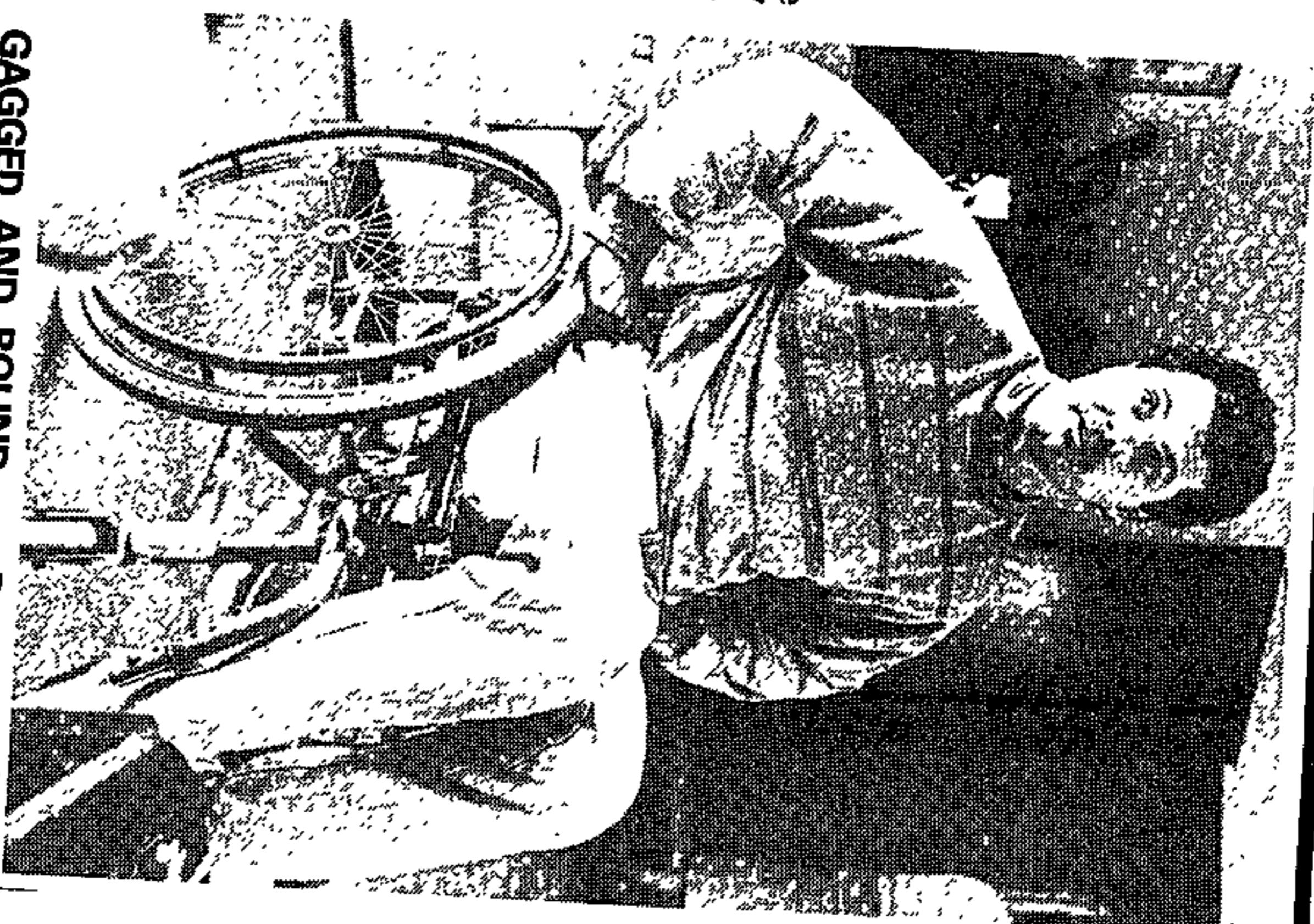
"It was a terrible experience. But we all survived uninjured."

Murder and Robbery detectives recovered the Gales' minibus in Lansdowne Road, Phillippi, yesterday.

All their clothes, bedding, cash and electronic equipment which had been loaded in the bus are still missing.

No arrests have been made.

● Anyone with information should telephone Detective Warrant Officer Mike Barkhuizen at 951-6665.



**GAGGED AND BOUND** ... Paraplegic Mr David Gale, 36, who was terrorised along with his crippled wife and eight-year-old daughter by armed robbers in his home on Tuesday evening.

Picture: RICHARD BELL

# Crimewave unlikely to end — expert

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By DALE KNEEN, Crime Reporter

THE wave of crime is unlikely to end even though police are doing "everything possible".

Socio-political change exacerbates crime and violence and police were "concerned" about the increasing trend of women and elderly or disabled people becoming the targets of criminals.

Crime is likely to increase in societies which are undergoing fundamental change, according to Mr John Pegge, director of the National Institute of Crime Prevention and Rehabilitation of Offenders.

"Endemic poverty alongside enormous wealth also has vast implications for crime in the same way as it does in Brazil," he said.

## Millions unemployed

The police force was understaffed and millions of young South Africans were out of work.

Mr Pegge said people were not taking preventive measures to protect themselves.

"For a crime to take place you need a criminal, opportunity and a victim. Opportunity is variable," he said.

People ought not to "walk down Adlerley street dripping jewellery" or carry large amounts of money.

South Africans also responded to increases in crime on a technological level by buying electronic gadgetry instead of addressing the fundamental problems of unemployment and poverty.

Police said women and elderly or disabled people were increasingly becoming victims of crime because they were "easy targets".

In the latest incident a paraplegic, Mr David Gale, 36, and his wife Brid-

get, 37, were attacked by three men with guns in their Brocker Way, Tokai, house on Monday night.

The attackers stole a video cassette recorder, camera, television set, linen, a Volkswagen combi and about R1 500 after locking the couple and their eight-year-old daughter Louise in a bedroom.

Mrs Gale, a polio victim who walks with crutches, climbed out of a window to call the police and free her husband and daughter.

Police spokesman Major Gys Boonzaaier said police were concerned about the protection of all citizens, but were particularly worried about senior citizens, the disabled and women.

"It can be expected that more and more elderly people, women and the disabled will become the victims of crime unless appropriate steps are taken.

## "Cowards"

"These people are less able to defend themselves, which makes them particularly vulnerable to crime.

"All criminals are cowards, but some are even more despicable since they prey mercilessly on elderly or disabled people who cannot defend themselves," said Major Boonzaaier.

The police were doing everything possible to combat and prevent crime, but needed the co-operation of the public.

Elderly people, women and the disabled must be made aware of the trend of increasing attacks on them and their property and must realise they are vulnerable.

● 85-year-old Wynberg man attacked, page 5.

# City's bobbies on the beat

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By MONICA GRAAFF  
Crime Reporter

THE "bobby" is back on the beat today in a new two-pronged attack on crime in the city centre.

The new Crime Prevention Unit, under the command of Captain Willem Snyman, was launched at police headquarters yesterday.

Dubbed "the tackie squad", the new unit will not replace the already operative business watch, but will concentrate on public safety.

The bobbies will prowl the streets night and day, both in uniform and in plain clothes, in an attempt to wipe out thuggery in the city centre.

In uniform, the bobbies in blue will be conspicuous and approachable in the street. Out of uniform, they hope to "catch the baddies red handed".

At an intensive briefing session yesterday, Deputy Regional Commissioner of Police Brigadier Nic Acker told them to keep a special eye on nightclub violence as well as areas where street children harass members of the public unduely.

Police liaison officers were yesterday reluctant to release the exact number of men recruited to the unit "for security reasons".

Captour spokeswoman Ms Marion Kelder yesterday welcomed the re-introduction of bobbies on the beat as being in the interests of tourism.



# Gangs-buster cops on trial

## Hanover Park men allege the policemen tortured them

Court Reporter

FOUR Hanover Park men were allegedly tortured and given electric shocks by policemen of the Peninsula Gang Unit — 13 of whom are facing charges of culpable homicide, abduction and assault, Cape Town Regional Court heard on Tuesday.

The accused are Mr Hein van Tubbergh Smit, 32 — also known as "Captain Devil-Eyes", Mr Andries Stephanus Strydom, 43, Mr Phillip Swanepoel, 28, Mr Raymond Charles Tius, 37, Mr Rudolf Johannes St Bernard, 27, Mr Alan George Williams, 29, Mr Allan George Manuel, 25, Mr Jacobus van Wyn-gaardt, 25, Mr Adriaan John Saulse, 23, Mr Eric Johnny Freddie Rossouw, 36, Mrs Arlene Tracie Minnaar, 21, Mr Kenneth Patrick, 24, and Mr Warren Carl Kannemeyer, 30.

All have pleaded not guilty to the allegations.

The state has alleged that the unit members abducted and assaulted Mr Kevin Ruiters, Mr John Lewis, Mr Keith Frey and Mr Aduanaan Leonard. Mr Ruiters was left behind in a Bellville South warehouse. His body was found a few days later.

One of the alleged victims, Mr John Lewis, said that he, the dead man (Mr Kevin Ruiters) and Mr Keith Frey were visiting a Hanover Park home after a funeral when a police van and two minibuses arrived on the afternoon of December 22 last year.

He said the three were ordered to get into the police van, which circled the block and picked up a fourth friend and alleged gang member, Mr Aduanaan Leonard. "We drove to Rylands where we were ordered out of the van and told to split — Keith and I were

ordered into one minibus and Kevin and Aduanaan into the other," he said.

"As I got in, a sack cloth was placed over my head and tied with rope at my neck — I was ordered to lie on a seat.

"The door closed and someone said, 'We're going for a ride,'" he said.

They drove to an unknown destination where Mr Frey (Keith) was first taken out. Mr Lewis said he was led into a building, where he could hear Keith crying.

Mr Lewis said someone called "Captain Devil-Eyes" asked Keith whether he (Mr Lewis) had a gun. "Keith said, 'Yes, a .38'.

"I was pushed on to my knees and my head was put between the back bars of a chair before they pulled up my sweater and poured water down my back.

"Then 'Captain Devil-Eyes' said, 'Start now ...', and I felt the first shock

"I told him on repeated questioning and shocks that the gun was at my father's house," he said, adding that he was crying and screaming throughout the ordeal.

Mr Lewis said he heard "Captain Devil-Eyes" tell someone to keep the dead man — who was crying — at the building after he threw him (Mr Lewis) down and kicked him in the ribs.

He said he and Mr Ruiters were dropped off by one of the minibuses and told to start walking.

"We met Aduanaan on the way — the three of us hitched a lift back to Hanover Park with a taxi driver."

Mr Lewis said he had been afraid of pressing charges against the police for fear of their returning to fetch him again.

The trial continues.

The magistrate is Mr E Boes, Mr J Tredoux is appearing for the state and Mr Dirk Uffs for the accused.

Cpk. Tredoux

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# 274 arrests in anti-crime 'clean-up' by city police

By DALE KNEEN Crime Reporter

A POLICE anti-crime raid in the Cape Town district in which 274 people were arrested has been met with mixed reactions.

Most restaurateurs welcomed the raid, which netted 79 vagrants in the city, but the National Institute for Crime Prevention and Rehabilitation of Offenders described it as a "band-aid" operation.

More than 200 uniformed policemen and detectives under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel Piet Agenbach took part in the "clean up" operation which ended at 6pm yesterday.

Police arrested 15 people for "serious offences" such as housebreaking, theft from vehicles, theft and assault and 17 people for drug-related crimes. Dagga

weighing 1 578 grams was also confiscated.

The other 242 arrests were for "petty crimes" such as loitering and drunkenness and 79 people — mainly vagrants — were arrested in the city alone. Police also warned 320 people for minor offences.

The district commissioner for Cape Town, Colonel Phillip Delport, said many businessmen and tourists had complained about vagrancy in the city.

Those arrested for drunkenness during the raid were placed into police cells where they could "dry out" for four to five hours if it was their first offence.

If they had been arrested before, the vagrants were charged for drunkenness and taken to court. Magistrates usually gave a warning or a suspended sentence.

The owner of a Strand Street restaurant, Mr Aldo Girolo, welcomed the operation and said police ought to conduct similar raids regularly.

"We are losing a lot of business because it is unsafe to walk around the city centre," he said.

A "bad element" could be found among vagrants and these people — usually aged between 10 and 15 — had mugged people walking near Mr Girolo's restaurant.

Another restaurateur, Mr Josh Kötze, said a security guard had to be employed to ensure diners were not harassed.

Mrs Isabel Hancock, the Cape Town director of Nicro — which operates a night shelter for vagrants — cautioned that arresting vagrants would not help end the problem.

Co-ordinated action by individuals and organisations was needed to end vagrancy instead of "rounding them up and putting them in prison".

# Policeman tells of torture session

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Court Reporter

A POLICEMAN who is a former member of the force's "gang-busting" unit said at the trial of 13 Gang Unit members yesterday that police had tortured, shocked and poured water over the head of a blindfolded youth.

The trial is being held in Cape Town Regional court.

The body of the youth, Mr Kevin Ruiters, was later found at a Bellville South warehouse where the torture sessions allegedly took place.

Constable Sidney Lewis Adams, who was a member of the unit when the alleged incidents took place on December 22 last year, was giving evidence in the trial of the 13 on charges of culpable homicide, abduction and assault on four youths.

He said he arranged a transfer to the Phillippi police station after the start of court proceedings against his colleagues, as his working relationship with some of them had deteriorated after the incident.

He said he and the accused picked up four members of the "Back Streets" gang in Hanover Park and took them to an old storeroom at their headquarters in Bell-

vile South, where they questioned them about hidden weapons and ammunition. He said the youths were repeatedly "kicked and slapped".

He said there had been a shooting in Hanover Park shortly before and the police wanted to know where gang members were obtaining firearms.

When they were unable to get information from the first youth, the second "gangster" was brought in. He was also slapped and kicked and later shocked with a small handle-activated apparatus with wires which were attached to his handcuffs.

"He was lying writhing on the floor on his stomach while different people — including female Sergeant Arlene Minnaar — took turns to turn the handle and deliver shocks.

"When the man could not answer satisfactorily, the third gang member, Mr Kevin Ruiters, the deceased, was brought into the store."

Constable Adams said Constable Rudolf St Bernard placed Mr Ruiters's head between the back bars of a chair over which he was forced to kneel, before Constable Kenneth Patrick attached the shocking de-

vice.

He said Sergeant Raymond Titus was delivering the first shock when Mr Andries Stephanus Strydom entered the room and offered the use of his "better (shocking) machine" which he immediately left to fetch.

"When he returned with a similar machine Constable Patrick attached it to Mr Ruiters's handcuffs, and Mr Strydom — I've heard that he is a policeman, but I'm not sure — delivered the first shock personally," said Constable Adams.

He said the group had been busy with Mr Ruiters for about 20 minutes and Constable Eric Rossouw was pouring water over Mr Ruiters's head while he was being shocked, when he (Constable Adams) left the room in search of a toilet.

When he returned about 20 minutes later Mr Ruiters was dead.

He said Sergeant Phillip Swanepoel, Sergeant Titus, Constable St Bernard and Constable Rossouw were sitting on chairs near the body of Mr Ruiters when he asked them what had happened.

"Sergeant Titus just laughed and said 'I don't know'."

The trial was adjourned till Monday.

# Policewoman pledges protection for elderly

By TOSH LEVETT-HARDING

GREATER protection for senior citizens in Sea Point — that's the aim of Lieutenant Denise Basson, who has just been transferred to this suburb from Cape Town.

She is keen to get to know and help the older residents and intends establishing a close liaison with them. She is busy compiling a register of those anxious to have police protection.

Brisk and efficient, Lieutenant Basson speaks rapidly and seems very much a go-getter.

She said: "When I arrived here I was amazed that there was no register of senior citizens. When time permits, I intend to talk to the elderly at various retirement homes in Sea Point,



**CARING POLICE OFFICER:** Lieutenant Denise Basson, who has just been transferred to Sea Point, has the welfare of the senior citizens at heart.

Green Point and Three Anchor Bay.

"There must be many elderly people who would be pleased to have a police officer patrol their areas — if the demand is great enough we will appoint someone to do so."

Lieutenant Basson said the officer's main duty would be to visit senior citizens who wanted to be on the register, to tell them the best ways to protect themselves.

"If necessary we will urge them to install burglar alarms and advise

against walking in the streets alone.

"There is a very large number of elderly people in Sea Point. Before I came here I read of assaults on them — we intend to crush this outbreak if we can."

Lieutenant Basson pointed out that she was not working in co-operation with the recently formed police commercial security section, Business Watch, but that her operation was entirely different.

She said that if she managed to effect her plan a police officer,

male or female, would call regularly on the elderly to check on their safety.

"We will try to protect them both outside and inside their homes: there are a number of simple precautions of which they many of them may not be aware.

"They should never open their doors to strangers, for instance — they should make quite sure that they know who is ringing their doorbells because many people have been taken unawares in this way — and they should always have safety chains on their doors."

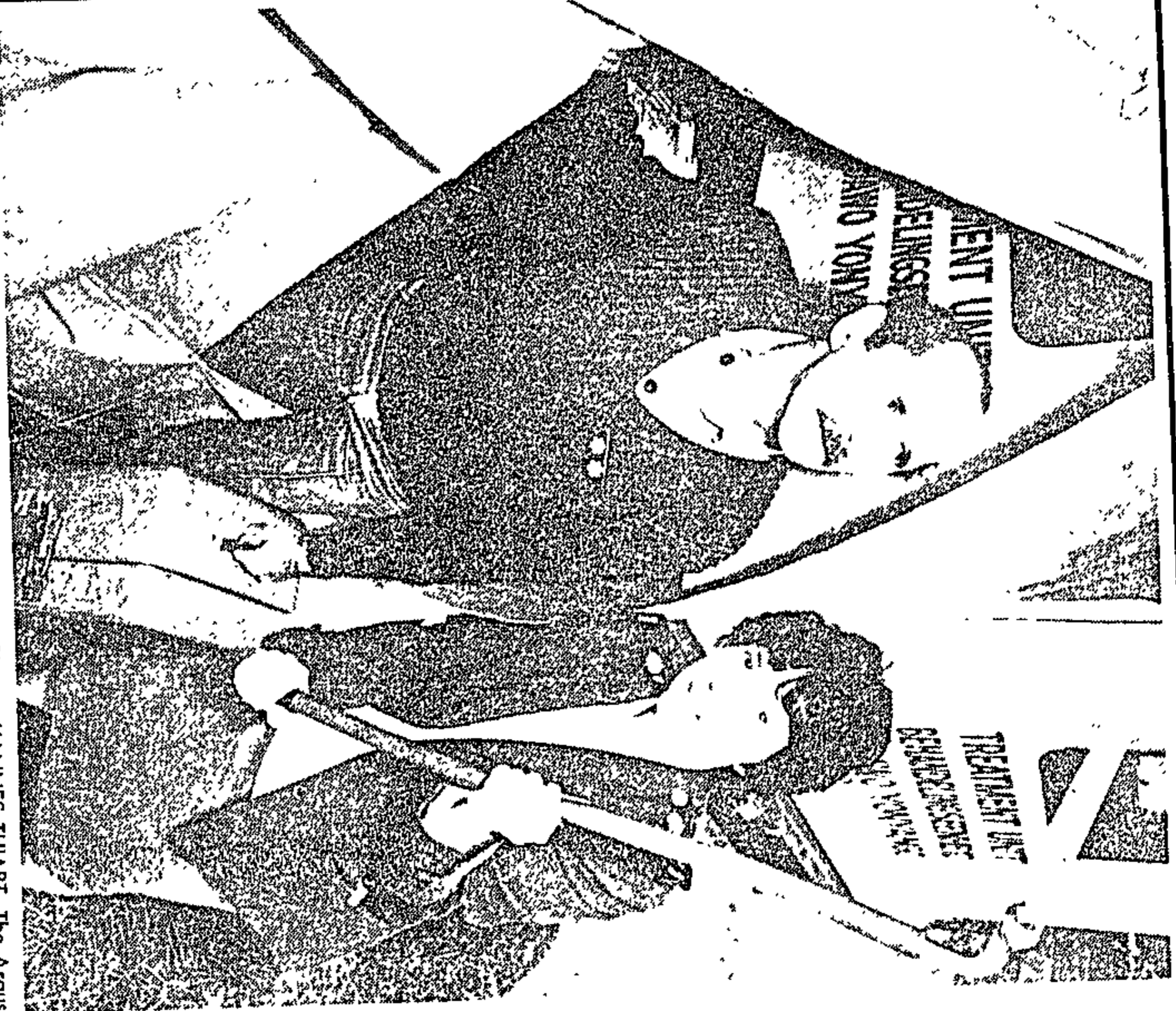
As she put it: "Even I, a senior police officer, wouldn't dream of opening my front door unless I was quite sure who was calling."

She added that with the holiday period approaching it was even more important to introduce additional protection for the elderly: in the festive season people tended to carry more money and were therefore tempting prey for muggers.

She summed up her task: "I intend to prevent crime and give greater protection to those too frail to fight back."

## DEAF? HARD OF HEARING)

Centre can possibly help impanor 415 which is no coin and fits completely in ear canal.



Picture: HANNES THIAI, The Argus.

**DANGEROUS JOB:** Medical station officer of the mobile Metro emergency treatment unit in Guguletu shows the caravan's ripped tent while Sister Elizabeth Crossley holds a vicious-looking scythe with which emergency services staff were threatened in Manenberg.

# Gangs warfare forcing health teams out

By ANDREA WEISS  
Medical Reporter

HEALTH services are being seriously disrupted in gang-plagued areas as street violence threatens emergency staff.

Most recently, a mobile emergency unit run by Metro had to be withdrawn from Guguletu after a gang used knives to rip open a tent to attack rival members who were being treated there.

In another incident a fortnight ago, an ambulance driver was threatened with a scythe on the end of a pole when he went to fetch an injured person in a block of flats in Manenberg.

While he was being kept at bay, the gang was raping a family inside the flat, according to emergency services chief Dr Alan MacMahon.

Dr MacMahon said the two ambulancemen were answering a call in Manenberg. One had to stay in the vehicle to attend to a patient while his colleague went upstairs to see what was needed.

He did not return and when the ambulanceman went to look for him, he found him being held hostage by the gang.

"They got out by the skin of their teeth," said Dr MacMahon.

He said Manenberg was one of the most dangerous gang areas. Ambulance vehicles answer about 1 300 calls there in a month.

Dr George Watermeyer, executive director of Hospital and Health Services for the Cape Provincial Administration, said: "We are terribly concerned about the gang disruption of our services. We just cannot continue a service if it becomes unsafe for our people."

A few months ago, Dr Watermeyer issued a statement appealing to gangs to keep their warfare out of hospitals after a gang had herded staff at a day hospital into a corner while they continued their fight.

"They actually assault patients in the facility," said Dr Watermeyer.

At Paarl East Hospital, visiting hours have been restricted to daylight hours after a gang stabbed a 12-year-old in the head and chest inside the hospital. The boy had been caught in a fight between the PK's and the Scorpions.

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# Civics' war on gangsterism

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By REHANA  
ROSSOUW  
CIVIC associations  
in the Cape Town  
have declared war

on gangsterism and  
other social prob-  
lems with a month  
of civic action which  
began on Wednes-

day.  
The Western Cape  
United Civic Organi-  
sation says it is con-  
cerned about Cape

Town's high crime  
rate in the world.

During the week of ac-  
tion, civics will be high-  
lighting the social prob-  
lems in their areas.

In Mitchells Plain, resi-  
dents will focus on the is-  
sue of high electricity ac-  
counts. They discovered at  
a meeting with the City  
Council this week that 40  
000-accounts were based  
on estimates, resulting in  
far higher accounts than  
normal.

Gangsterism plagues  
most communities where  
civic organisations func-  
tion and will be addressed  
in areas like Valhalla Park  
and Steenberg.

## Rents

Rent arrears will be dealt  
with in areas in the north-  
ern suburbs like Belhar.

"We are first and fore-  
most community organisa-  
tions and as such are most  
directly concerned with the  
quality of life within our  
communities," said United  
Civics spokesperson, Ms  
Zohra Ebrahim.

"We do not only want to  
voice our concern but ex-  
amine the causes and cor-  
rect them, something the  
government has been un-  
able to do."

The week of action  
started with a mass rally at  
the Athlone Civic Centre  
on Wednesday evening.

# Acquittal of police refused

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A REQUEST for the acquittal of 13 Gang Unit members accused of abduction, assault and culpable homicide was yesterday turned down in a Cape Town Regional Court.

Defence advocates for the 13, Mr D Uijs and Mr F van Zyl, both slated the state case — which closed yesterday afternoon — as “weak” and “questionable”, and said their clients could not be convicted on any evidence heard.

Mr Uijs said the evidence of one of the four alleged torture victims, Mr John Lewis, was “the worst he had ever heard in a courtroom”, and that the same applied to the testimony of his co-complainants, Mr Adunaan Leonard and Mr Keith Frey.

He said former Gang Unit member Constable Sidney Adams was the “worst witness of all”. It was clear he bore a grudge against the unit and had “adapted” his evidence.

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# Man stabbed to death in court

By CHRIS BATEMAN

CHAOS erupted in Goodwood Magistrate's Court yesterday as one man was stabbed to death and another seriously wounded, sending witnesses, magistrates and court spectators fleeing for their lives.

Witnesses said the violence broke out in a court corridor about 10am after "four or five" men and youths ran up the court steps and confronted members of an opposing gang apparently about to give evidence.

A male nurse and Goodwood firemen later tried desperately to save the life of "Corner Boys" gang member Mr Eugene Arendse, 18, of Elsie's River as he lay gasping on the court steps, blood spewing from a gaping upper-chest wound.

The nurse, Mr Wentzel Veldtsman, said he was walking down the court steps when several gang members brushed past him, one flicking open a 7cm knife and saying: "Come, let's go and get him upstairs".

A defence attorney, who declined to be identified, said court witnesses burst into Court B, screaming: "They've got knives".

"We didn't know what was going to happen. The magistrate, Mr I Viljoen, jumped up and retreated into his office," he added.

Two other courts also suddenly adjourned as the gang members ran "from court to court", witnesses added.

The attorney said he later saw one of his clients, Mr Victor Scott, 34, of Elsie's River sitting in the stairwell, blood oozing from his shoulder. A second man, identified as Mr Arendse, was lying further down the stairs.

Mr Veldtsman said he immediately tried to close Mr Arendse's gaping wound and got him to lie down.

"He was bleeding all over the place and couldn't breathe. The firemen gave him oxygen and put him on a drip but he went into cardiac arrest. We tried Metro's electric shock paddles as well but it was no good," he said.

Police identified another of the wounded as Mr Pieter Aries, 16, of the "American Gigolos" who was taken to Conradie Hospital with a serious arm gash.

Police liaison officer Major Jan Calitz said a murder docket had been opened but no arrests had been made by last night.

Four knives were confiscated, witnesses said.

Another witness, court security guard Mr Charel Marais, said court orderlies tried to pull two men apart but one had escaped to collapse on the stairs.

Major Calitz said it appeared that Mr Aries had been attacked by Mr Arendse and had struck out in self-defence.



**GANG CASUALTY . . .** Mr Pieter Aries, 16, of Elsie's River displays the wounds he received in a fatal knife fight at Goodwood Magistrate's Court yesterday.



# Acquittal of police refused

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A REQUEST for the acquittal of 13 Gang Unit members accused of abduction, assault and culpable homicide was yesterday turned down in a Cape Town Regional Court.

Defence advocates for the 13, Mr D Uijs and Mr F van Zyl, both slated the state case — which closed yesterday afternoon — as “weak” and “questionable”, and said their clients could not be convicted on any evidence heard.

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# The ugly face of Cape crime

**B**ROODING Table Mountain with its cable car and scenic walks, the restful Company Gardens and the historic Avenue, sun-bleached beaches and surf, quaint old buildings set among the new, the hustle and bustle of flea markets, and, further afield, the imposing Boland mountains and Cape-Dutch homesteads set on rambling estates.

These are the things that make the Cape great for many who live here, as also for the countless visitors who come to enjoy its beauty and tranquility.

Not so for Pretoria PRO Mr Ruben Els who recently came to watch the Blue Bulls-Province clash. As happens so often these days, he was robbed and stabbed when he went for a walk in town the evening before the match.

Not so for the young Kenilworth horticulturist who in broad daylight was robbed of her handbag and stabbed in the head, neck and lungs when, as in the case of several others, she walked through a station subway.

**Armed robbers**  
Not so for the five night-staffers of a city hotel who were hijacked by gangsters in Hanover Park and for the hotel's minibus driver who was assaulted.

Certainly not so also for the Chippendales' Ken "The Animal" Kirchin who was robbed and assaulted in Camp's Bay, for the Port-Lands man who had to forfeit R25 000 when awakened in his home by armed robbers, for the Cape restaurateur who was tied up and robbed of R40 000 and his car while locking up for the night, for the paraplegic who was tied

## CLEANING UP GRIME



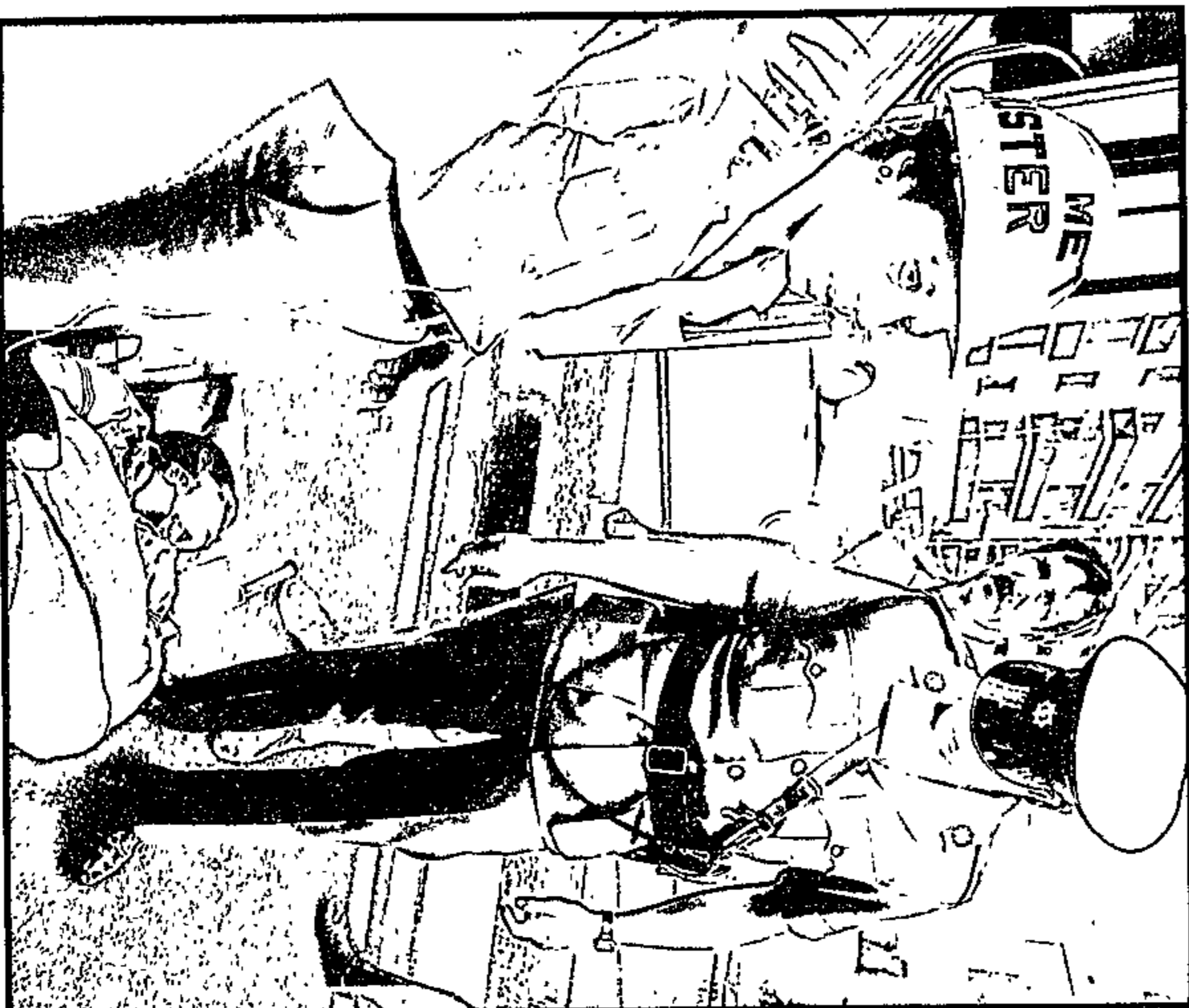
Others have died in brutal incidents: the 87-year-old spinster whom a milkman discovered in a pool of blood twelve hours after she was attacked in her Oranjezicht home, 48-year-old Fish Hoek resident Mr Collin Campbell Brown was stabbed to death in the Company Gardens; 48-year-old teacher Mrs Colleen Little was apparently held under water at Zeekoevlei until she drowned; 22-year-old pregnant mother Mrs Shanaaz Morgan was bludgeoned to death metres from her Wellington home.

The list goes on and on. Murder, rape, robbery, shooting, assault, theft — hardly a day goes by without one or several of these appearing in headlines.

**Crime upsurge**  
It is why the Fairtest Cape is also becoming known as the "crime capital" of South Africa.

The upsurge in crime is a consequence not only of the more usual factors, like poverty, unemployment and also homelessness, all of which there are alarming measures in the Western Cape. It also springs from — is indeed fed by — the uncertainties, up-

Crime is rife in the Cape. It is not only its rising levels that are causing alarm but also the violence and sheer brutality that go with it in more and more cases. In this, the first of a series of articles, Argus Crime Reporter DALE KNEEN sizes up the extent of the problem and the police view of it.



But how do the police see the situation and how well are they coping?

In the Peninsula alone last year, at least 240 people were murdered, mostly in assault cases. There were 432 reported rapes, more than 1 600 cases of robbery, and more than 4 400 reported assaults. Housebreaking topped the list. In the three Peninsula

these, no fewer than 1 215 happened in the city area. The Cape Town and Wynberg districts alone notched up 7 748 reported cases — an average of 21.2 a day!

Another crime which the police has to deal with daily is vehicle thefts. Last year, 3 320 cases were reported in Cape Town and Wynberg — an average of nine a day.



areas, making it even more difficult to track down the offenders in the scores of cases which also happen in the districts of Bellville and Athlone.

Adding further to the dismal picture is the high incidence of gangsterism in the Western Cape. Last year police arrested 47 gang members for murder, 60 for attempted murder, 24 for rape, 18 for armed robbery, 67 for robbery, 83 for public violence, 156 for possession of dangerous weapons and 417 for possession of drugs.

The police are unable to say on the basis of the experience so far this year whether the situation is getting better or worse. However last week in the Cape Town Magistrate's Courts alone, 162 people appeared on their charges, 16 on attempted theft.

Clearly it is a tough task the police are up against.

There are more than 200 police stations in the Western Cape. But faced with staff shortages, they also have to spend so much time quelling unrest and trying to stop factional fighting that they cannot devote enough effort to crime prevention.

Even so, they boast what the head of the Western Cape police criminal investigations department, Brigadier Ted Brevenbach, calls a "proud tradition" of effectively hunting down criminals.

In the Boland and the South Western districts they last year had a "detection rate" of between 77 and 85 percent — the highest in the country. Brigadier Brevenbach says the police manage to arrest suspects in most murder

detectives are mostly able to find clues which lead them to suspects.

"We would like to have more police on the streets doing patrols and taking part in crime prevention operations," said Brigadier Brevenbach.

"But it is a principle recognized throughout the world that a police institution cannot, on its own, prevent crime. Effective crime prevention can take place only when there is an active partnership between the police and law-abiding members of the public."

He says the police encourages as far as possible the general public to become actively involved in the protection of their own properties. An example of such help from the public is the neighbourhood watch, a system of



**RAPE ALERT** ... Spine Road (Mitchells Plain) Secondary School pupils (from left) Widaa Adams, 18, Fatima Adams, 19, Mogamed Pandey, 16, Jennifer Buckten, 18, Glenda Heynes, 17, and Samantha Fox, 19, are worried about the Mitchells Plain rapist who has attacked six girls in the past two months. They believe that a "flasher" who hangs around their school could be the rapist.

Pictures: OBED ZILWA

**ASSAULT SITE** ... Mogamed Pandey, 16, a Std 9 Mitchells Plain pupil at Spine Road Secondary School, stands at a spot in Rocklands near Glendale High, where two schoolgirls were raped. Standing with Mogamed is his sister Mageeda, 8.

## Pupils think 'flasher' could be sex attacker

By DALE GRANGER

PUPILS in Mitchells Plain fear that a "flasher" who frequents fields near Spine Road Secondary School could be the rapist who has assaulted six schoolgirls in the past two months.

And schools in the area are taking no chances. On Friday, Department of Education and Training inspectors issued a circular to Mitchells Plain schools warning pupils not to allow strangers into their homes — even if they knew the children's parents.

This was confirmed by Detective Constable Errol Falken, the policeman investigating the case.

A teacher at Sea View secondary school, who declined to be named, said a teachers' meeting was called on Friday and afterwards "pupils were told to be extremely careful".

Samantha Fox, 19, a matric pupil at Spine Road High, told of the "flasher" who sits at a bridge next to the school and has been seen by several schoolgirls.

"On Friday two of our friends were chased and for all we know he could be the rapist," she said.

"Sometimes he asks for cigarettes and once we walked past him and he flashed," she said.

She did not go out in the evenings as a friend of hers was raped recently. "This is the second crisis in Mitchells Plain after the (Station) strangler," said matric pupil Mogamed Pandey, 16.

His sister Madeega, aged eight, was kept home by his mother last Friday as his parents were concerned for the girl, who walks to school.

Detective Falken yesterday described the rapist as a "slick talker who always puts his victim at ease".

His six victims were all schoolgirls aged between 12 and 19.

The rapist has struck in Rocklands, Westridge, Portlands and Lentegour. "I hope we catch him before the school holidays start on Thursday," Detective Falken said.



**WANTED MAN** ... Detective Constable Errol Falken holds an identikit of the Mitchells Plain rapist. He described the man as a "slick talker" who always gained entrance to homes by putting his victims at ease and claiming to know their parents.

# Patching up the victims of crime

WHEN the doors of Groote Schuur Hospital's trauma unit swing open during the midnight hours on a weekend, it is invariably for someone who has been assaulted.

Assaults top the list of trauma cases, accounting for half of the 32 000 trauma cases treated at Groote Schuur Hospital in a single year. Next come domestic and motor vehicle accidents.

So great is the problem that in Cape Town, it is estimated, that one in 15 inhabitants will pass through a trauma unit this year. Trauma is the biggest killer of the young, productive sector of the population.

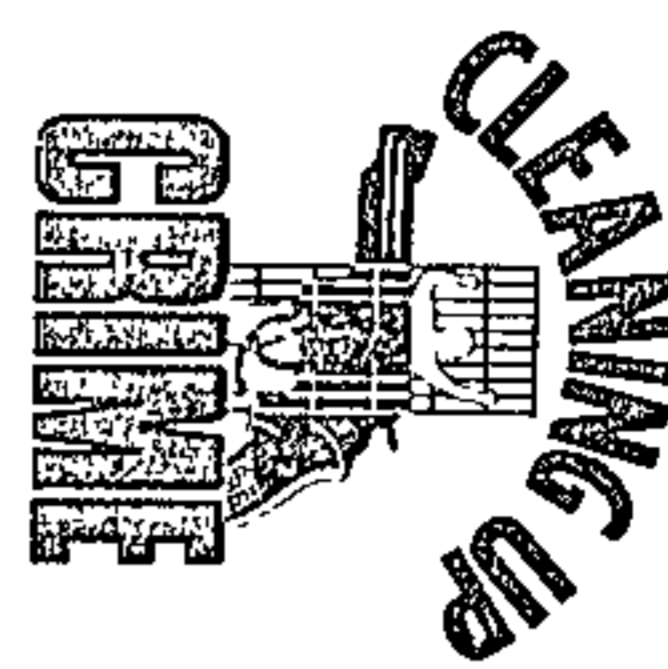
Head of Groote Schuur's trauma unit Dr John Knottenbelt warns that unless trauma rates are properly provided for in future and the problem tackled from the bottom up, trauma could clog the entire health-care system.

Patients are spilling over into other areas of the hospital, particularly orthopaedics and neurosurgery, causing a shortage of space for emergency ("cold") surgery.

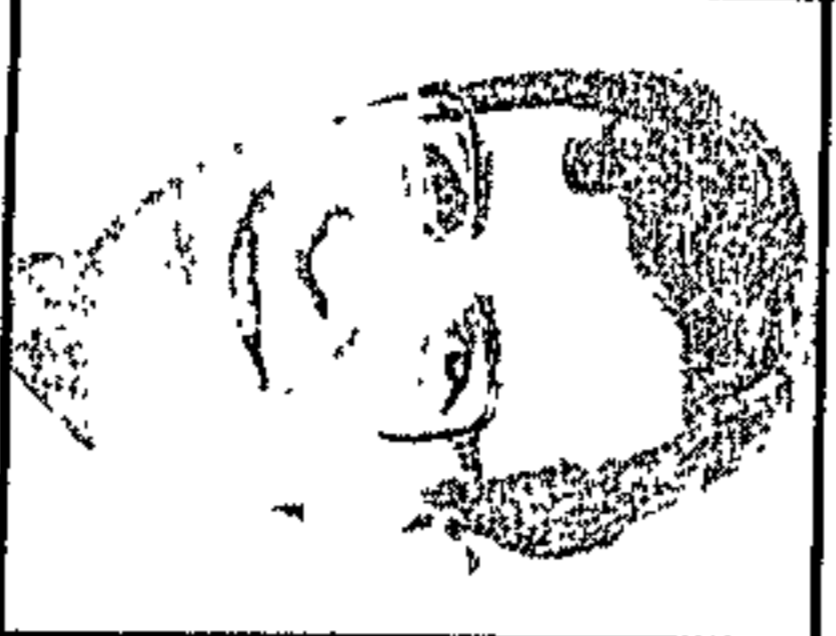
**Worn out**  
Aid those who have been through the trauma unit and who need to rehabilitate in the critical hospital space are insufficiently provided for meaning that they may end up occupying beds they should have elsewhere.

While all this is disquieting, the lack of facilities for burn victims is of serious concern. The new Groote Schuur Hospital was built without any provision for a burn unit. Year has Groote Schuur's trauma unit escaped the equipment crisis. "Worn out" old trolleys are still in use, and two operating theatres can be used because there are no operating tables for them.

If the 60 trauma beds at Groote Schuur, only 30 can be used because of a shortage of staff. The new hospital is far better than the old hospital but we haven't increased our capacity, only upgraded the facilities," said Dr Kerr.



NOWHERE else is the face of the violent society we live in more evident than in the trauma units of hospitals, especially at weekends. In this, the second article in our series on crime and violence in the Western Cape, Argus Medical Reporter ANDREA WEISS looks at the hospital end of the situation.



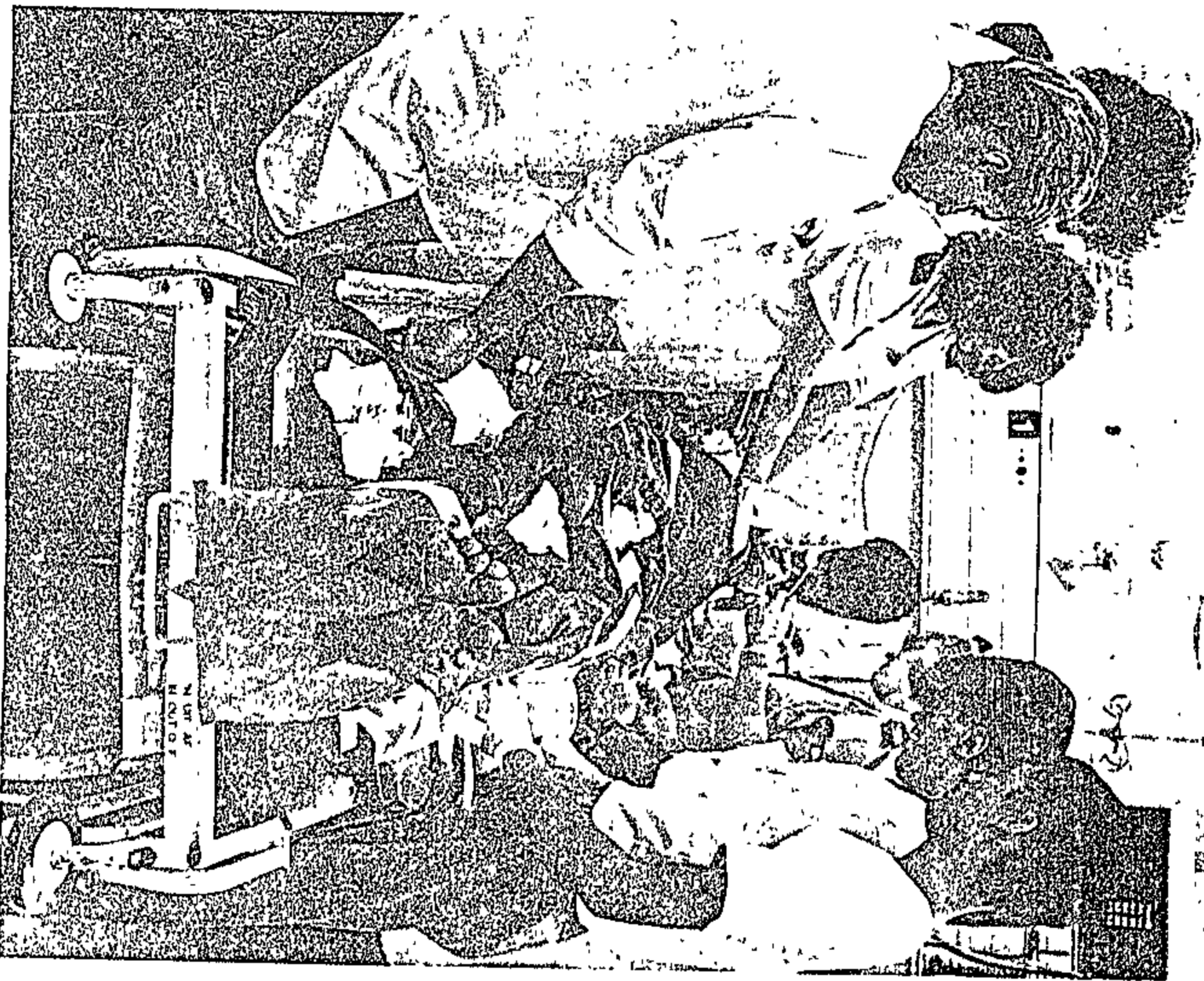
Picture: DOUG PIRNEY  
Dr John Knottenbelt

should be tackled at school level. A study at Tygerberg Hospital found that 67 per cent of all motor vehicle accident and assault victims were over the legal alcohol limit. Half of all drowning victims were drunk. During the beer boycott last year because of an SAB strike, there was a marked downturn in trauma cases.

Employers should consider giving employees incentives which would encourage them to be more careful and avoid injury. One such incentive is to pay bonuses to people who don't claim sick leave.

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**TOMORROW:** Women are increasingly becoming the victims of criminals. Professors, housewives and pensioners are equally at risk.



Staff in Groote Schuur Hospital's trauma unit cluster around a seriously injured patient as work to resuscitate him gets under way. This man was hit by a car and had a fractured skull.

**SPARE** a thought for those underpaid people who spend their weekend nights patching up the city's victims of crime while you sleep.

Nurses, ambulance men, porters, student interns, doctors face a nightly dose of violence, drunkenness, abuse and sometimes — after battling for hours to save a life — death.

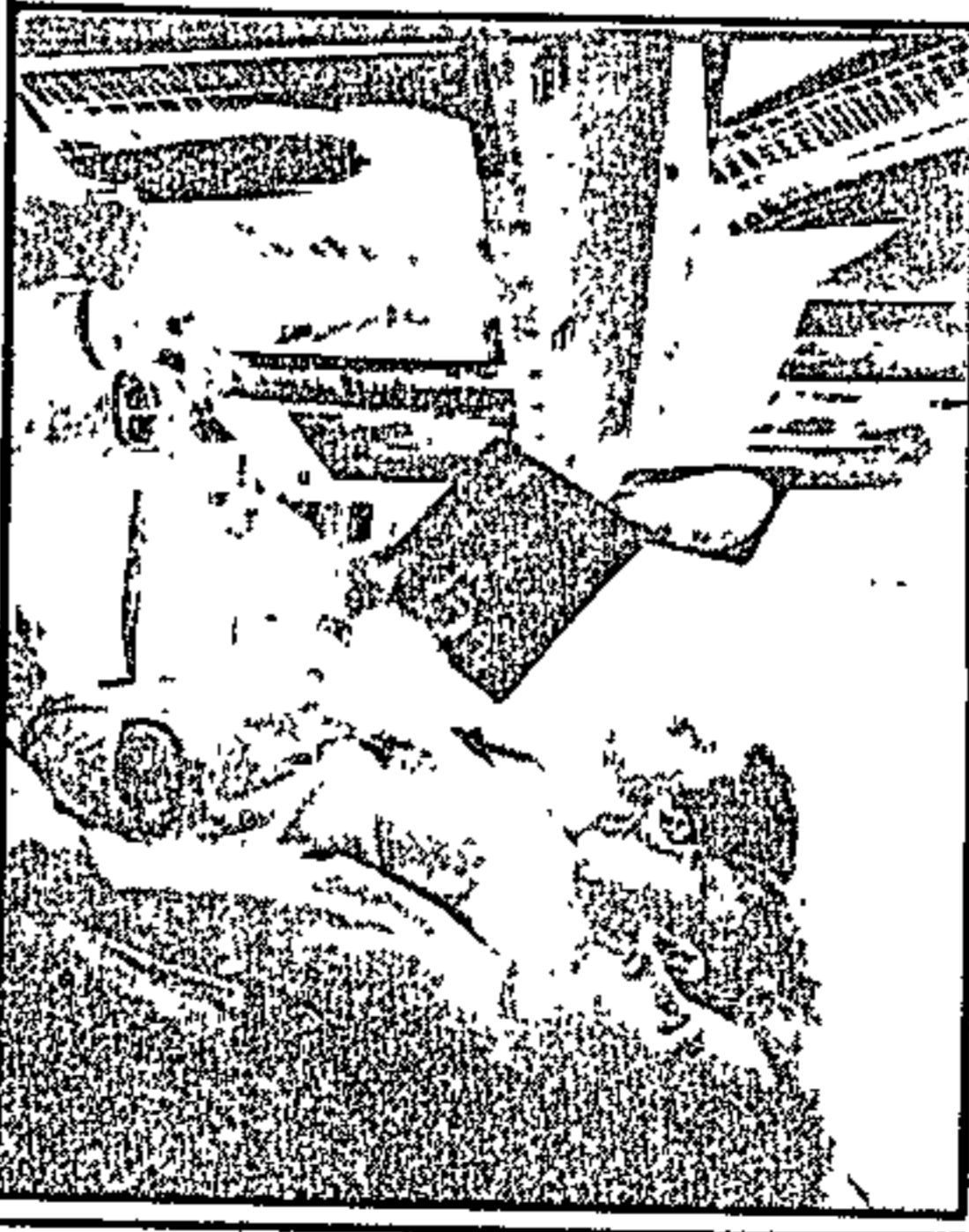
Every weekend, the victims stream in with wounds inflicted by brick, knife or gun. Sometimes they are pedestrians hit by cars; sometimes the drivers behind the wheels. If a taxi has an accident, or there's a gang fight, the unit overflows.

New admittances face a barrage of questions: "Who are you? Who did this to you? What happened? Are you awake? What is your name? Can you move your feet? Where are you? What day is it? Do you speak English or Afrikaans?"

In corners, doctors huddle over X-rays to assess the damage. Nurses and medical assistants cajole their patients as they swab wounds and stitch them up. Those who are perky enough joke back; those who are drunk slump in wheelchairs or on beds, oblivious to the activity around them.

The flow is interrupted when a broken body is rushed in to the resuscitation room. Priorities change as all free hands battle to get him breathing. A radiologist, neurosurgeon, orthopaedic surgeon are called in for the fractured skull, leg, arm, jaw and ribs.

In the background there are groans, the smell of blood. So do spare a thought for those who do this job...



All eyes focus on the X-rays pinned to the wall to establish the seriousness of the injuries. Sister Janine Anderson, below, feels a patient's pulse shortly after he is brought in by two ambulance men.



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An emotionally demanding environment, unsociable hours and unremarkable wages make it difficult to keep staff, and those who stay are not always given the credit they are due.

#### How to improve?

Most trauma happens during unsociable hours — at night, on weekends and over holidays. Patients in pain are difficult to work with and distressed families can be abusive if they think the best care is not being given.

How then to improve things? Dr Knottenbelt suggests the following.

• The system should be corrected from the bottom up by opening day hospitals at night and upgrading smaller local hospitals so that only the most serious cases end up at the teaching hospitals, thus spreading the load.

• Wage payouts should be staggered throughout the month to reduce month-end and weekend muggings. Policing crime-ridden areas should also be stepped up.

• Training should be emphasised. UCT's medical school is one of few in the world offering a trauma course and it attracts students from abroad because of it. Unfortunately the same does not apply to other local medical schools.

• More research and writing about trauma should be done. "I would do more good writing an article about stab wounds than treating a stab wound myself," he explains.

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As the night wears on, more and more patients await treatment. Below left, Dr Robin van Look, a Belgian doctor specialising as a plastic surgeon, stitches a patient's face slashed from the upper cheek bone through the lip with a broken bottle. Below right, Mr Haroun Canfield, a medical assistant of 12 years experience at Groote Schuur Hospital, attends to stabbing victim Mr Riedewaan Samodien.





**IN COURT . . .** Mr Suleiman Turner, accused of having stabbed Dr Richard Rive to death in his home, is seen with his advocate, Mr Deon Bosman, at the Supreme Court yesterday .

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**ON TRIAL TODAY . . .** Mr Vincent Aploon, charged with the murder of author and poet Dr Richard Rive, on his way to the Supreme Court with Mr William King, his counsel.

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## trial today

By **RONNIE MORRIS**  
Supreme Court Reporter

**TWO MEN** alleged to have murdered author and poet Dr Richard Rive, 59, in his Heathfield home last year appeared briefly in the Supreme Court yesterday.

They were not asked to plead and no evidence was led and the trial, which had been set down for a week, will start today.

The state alleges that on June 3 last year, Mr Suleiman Turner, 18, of Steenberg, and Mr Vincent Aploon, 22, of Bonteheuwel, murdered Dr Rive at Windsor Avenue, Heathfield, by stabbing him with knives or other sharp objects.

They are also alleged to have assaulted Dr Rive to force him into submission and stabbed him with intent to steal from him.

The goods they allegedly stole included a bank petrol card, video recorder, microwave oven, cool-drink machine, telephone-answering device, four wrist watches, his car, tape recorder, mini colour TV and a coffee percolator.

Mr Turner and Mr Aploon are also alleged to have committed fraud by pretending at five garages in Mitchells Plain, Touws River, Leeu-Gamka, Three Sisters and Hopetown that they were entitled to use Dr Rive's petrol card.

Mr Turner was released in care of his mother while Mr Aploon's bail of R500 was extended.

Mr Justice J H Conradie was on the Bench and Mr R Scalabrino and Mr B L O'Leary were the assessors. Mr Deon Bosman appeared pro Deo for Mr Turner. Mr William King, instructed by Keith Hamblin and Co, appeared for Mr Aploon.

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# Rive case: Knife evidence

By RONNIE MORRIS  
Supreme Court Reporter

ONE of two men on trial for the murder of author and poet Dr Richard Rive had asked a Bonteheuvel woman for a "sharp knife" a day before his death and returned it the next day, the Supreme Court heard yesterday.

The man had a bandage around his head and another around a finger and the other man also had a bandage around a finger, the court was told.

Medical evidence was that Dr Rive, suspected of having had "homosexual tendencies", suffered multiple stab wounds in his chest and back which penetrated his heart and lungs.

Mr Suleiman Turner, 18, of West-

ridge, Mitchell's Plain, and Mr Vincent Donald Aploon, 22, of Bonteheuvel, both pleaded not guilty to murdering Dr Rive in his Heathfield home on June 3 last year.

They also pleaded not guilty to robbery with aggravating circumstances by stabbing him and then stealing goods including a petrol card, a video recorder, a microwave oven, a telephone answering device, four wrist-watches, his car, tape recorder and a mini colour TV.

Mr Aploon pleaded guilty to five charges of fraud by pretending to five garages in Mitchell's Plain, Touws River, Leeu-Gamka, three Sisters and Hopetown that he was entitled to use Dr Rive's petrol card, and Mr Turner pleaded not guilty to all these

charges.

Mrs Gail Malgas, who lived in a backyard shack in Mr Aploon's house, said that on Saturday, June 2, last year Mr Aploon had asked her for a knife and then for some bread. He did not say what he wanted to use the knife for, she said.

When she saw the men the next afternoon Mr Aploon had a bandage around his head and one on his hand and Mr Turner had a bandage around a finger.

They said they had been attacked by thugs at the Bonteheuvel station and that if anyone came looking for them they should say they had gone to Mitchell's Plain, Mrs Malgas said. Mr Aploon then returned her steak knife, she said.

Dr David Fowler, Registrar of Forensic Pathology at UCT, said he had performed a post mortem on Dr Rive on June 6 and his chief finding was six multiple incise wounds on the chest which had lacerated the lungs and heart. There had also been other wounds on Dr Rive's back.

Three wounds on Dr Rive's right arm were classically known as "defence wounds" and were common in attacks with sharp instruments, he said.

Mrs Elaine Cloete, a teacher and good friend of Dr Rive, testified she had gone to his house that Sunday because she had had to finalise arrangements for a cocktail party in his honour.

After receiving no response to

knocks, she turned the front door handle and found a safety chain attached to the door. She could see into the house and saw Dr Rive covered in blood and lying on his stomach.

She had gone around the house and found the back door open and Dr Rive dead and called an ambulance and the police, Mrs Cloete said.

Mr Ian Rutgers said Dr Rive had been a family friend and he had shared his house for five years after moving in as a student athlete because the author had also been a provincial coach.

Asked by Mr Mike Stowe, for the state, if he had been aware Dr Rive was a homosexual, Mr Rutgers said he had heard rumours to that effect.

Under cross-examination by Mr Wil-

liam King, for Mr Aploon, Mr Rutgers said Dr Rive had sometimes brought boys or male students to his home.

Asked if he did not connect the strange boys with homosexuality, Mr Rutgers said he had heard Dr Rive had had homosexual tendencies.

Told that Mr Aploon would say Dr Rive had made improper suggestions or advances relating to homosexuality to him, Mr Rutgers said he did not know but that it was possible.

In the five years that he had lived in the house he did not share a bedroom with Dr Rive, nor did he have a relationship with him, Mr Rutgers said.

The trial continues today.

Mr Justice J H Corradie was on the Bench. Mr B O'Leary and Ms R Scalabrino were the assessors. Mr Stowe, assisted by Miss Elsie van Zyl, appeared for the state. Mr King, instructed by Keith Hambling and Co, appeared for Mr Aploon and Mr Deon Berman appeared pro Deo for Mr Turner.

# 'Rapist' Chases

Staff Reporter

**POLICE and more than 200 Mitchells Plain residents yesterday chased a man believed to be the rapist who has attacked at least six schoolgirls in the town.**

The chase started soon after noon when the man tried to attack a young girl in her home. Police believe the same man is responsible for all six attacks, where girls have been raped in their homes during the day. The rapist, who wears a blue overall top, gets into the homes by claiming to have a message from the girls' fathers.

In spite of a heavy police presence and a squad on permanent standby, the rapist has eluded capture. Many residents are also carrying an identikit picture of the rapist.

"The dragnet is closing, but he just carries on," said Detective Constable Errol Falken, the investigating officer.

Yesterday a shocked Safefi Boyes, 15, a Std 6 pupil, said that just before noon a man had knocked at the door of her Lentegour home.

"He told me that my father had sent him to fetch something," a shaken Safefi said. She had been told about the rapist, and refused to open the door. He then threatened her, saying: "I know you are alone. I will come back and get you again."

After contacting her mother, who called the police, six Flying Squad cars arrived within minutes.

Nearly four hours later, police were alerted that the rapist had been seen running down a road in Beacon Valley, about 6km away.

The Cape Times saw how four squad cars with 12 detectives inside raced off to the scene.

With firearms drawn, some vaulted garden walls to search for the man in houses, while others raced off towards an open piece of ground where the man was seen running to.

According to Mr Shaun Cedras of Portlands, the man ran over the field "seconds before the police cars came around the corner. They just missed him". Later, about 5pm, the man was seen a third time by

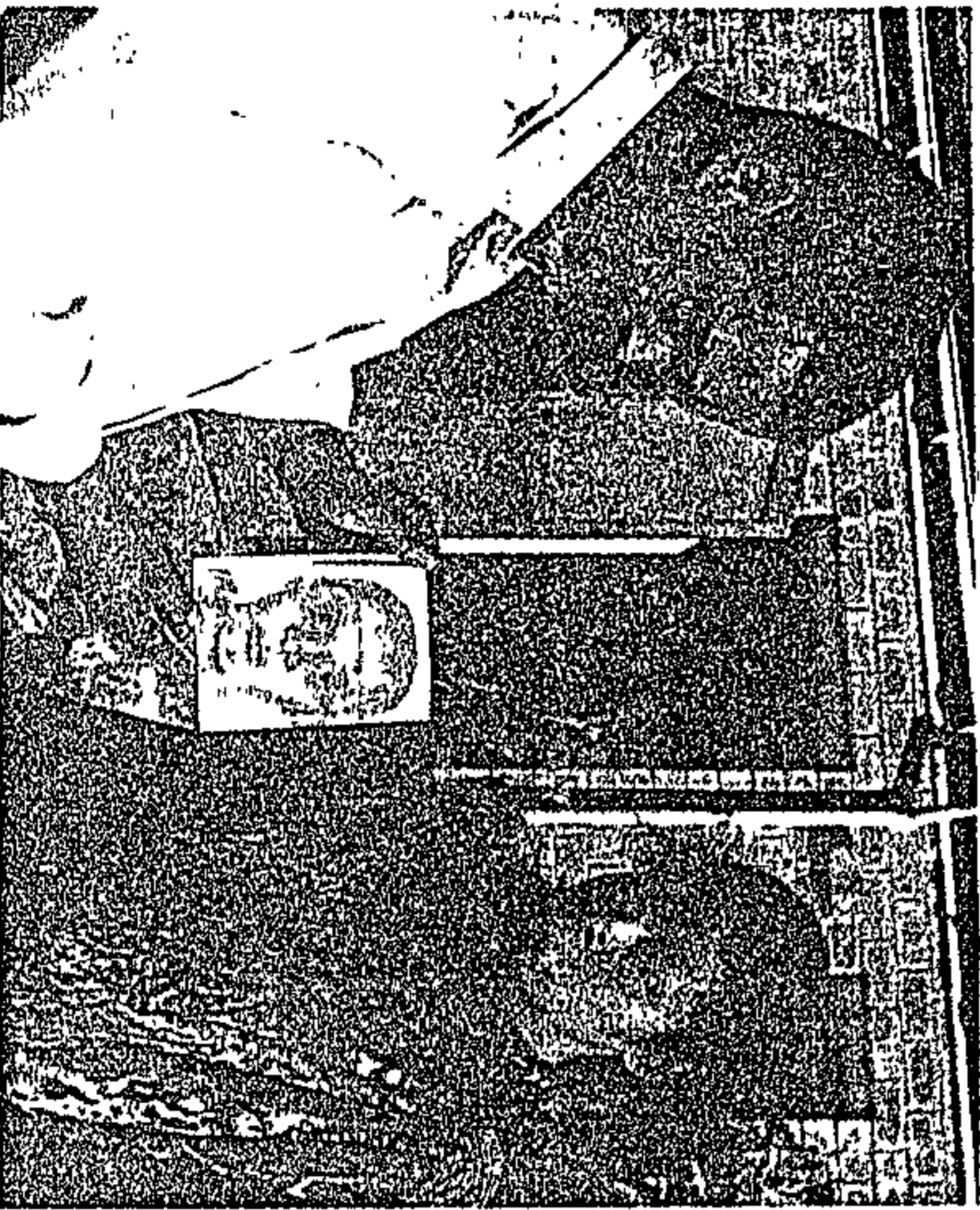
Trevor Smith, 13, Brendon Roland, 13, and Antonio Tremble, 16, of Portlands. He was changing his overall top in a disused building near Morgenster Drive.

Joined by others, the boys chased the man over a large open field, but lost him.

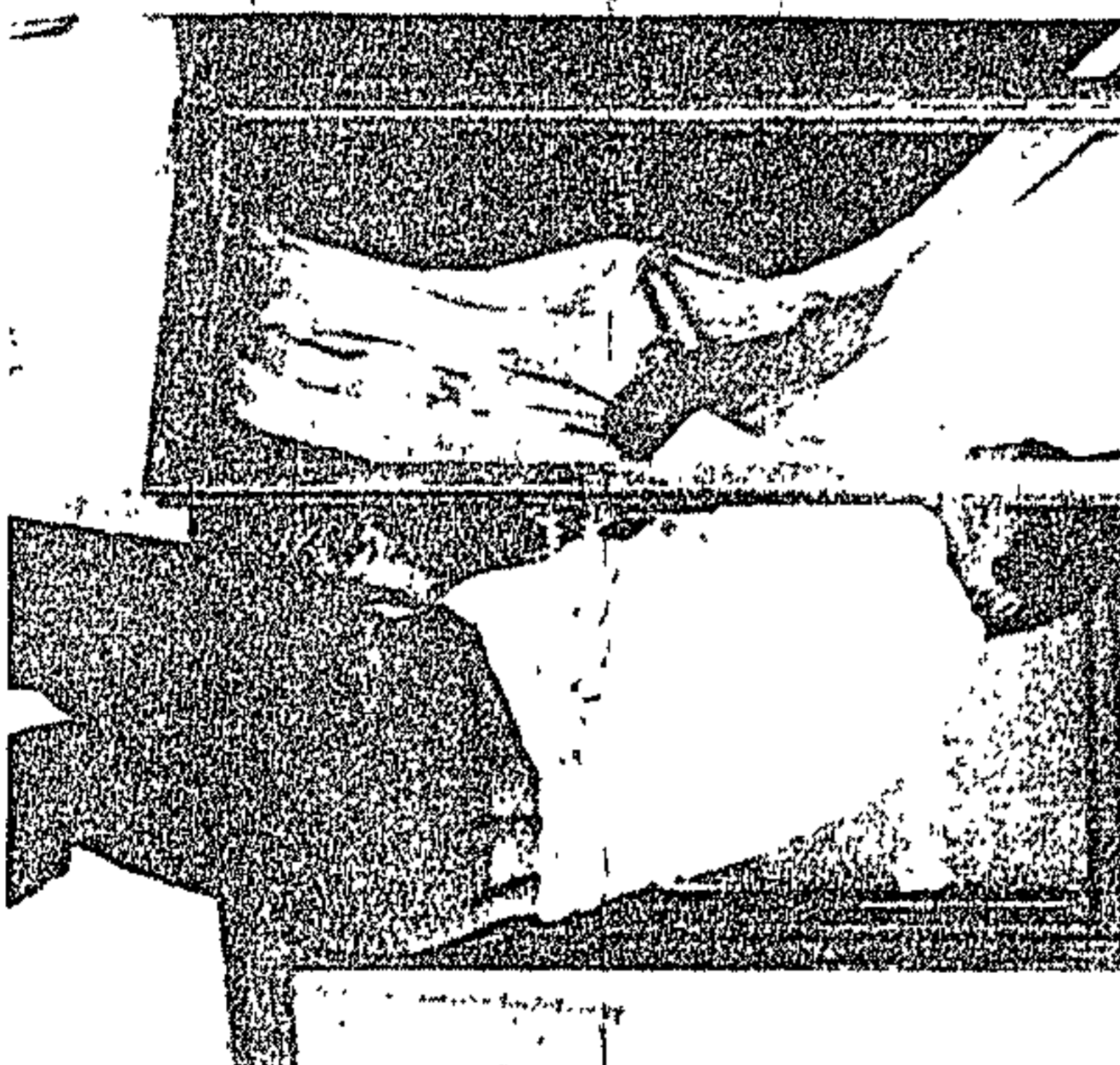
As the news spread among residents that the rapist was in the area, cars on the Morgenster Street bridge stopped, drivers jumped out of their cars and joined about 200 others looking for the man.

Police arrived to join the search, but the man was not found.

"I hope we catch him before anyone else gets him. I fear they could take him out," said Constable Falken. He appealed to anyone to call the Flying Squad at 10111 if they spotted the man.



**LEFT:** Safefi Boyes tells Detective Errol Falken that a man fitting the description of the Mitchell's Plain rapist was seen.



**RIGHT:** A tearful nine-year-old girl, Carla, tells Sergeant Jonathan Verhoog how she and her 13 year-old brother Stanton (left) had seen a man fitting the rapist's description.



**MIDDLE:** Police search a home where a man fitting the description of the Mitchell's Plain rapist tried to get into her home yesterday.

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# Murder accused surrendered after photos published

By RONNIE MORRIS  
Supreme Court Reporter

THE two alleged murderers of author and poet Dr Richard Rive surrendered to police after their photographs were published in newspapers nationwide, a city detective yesterday told the Supreme Court.

Detective Warrant Officer Mike Barkhuizen, of the Peninsula Murder and Robbery Unit, was giving evidence in the trial of Mr Suleiman Turner, 18, of Westridge, Mitchells Plain, and Mr Vincent Donald Aploon, 22, of Bonteheuwel, who have both pleaded not guilty to murdering Dr Rive on June 4 last year.

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Mr Aploon pleaded guilty to five charges of fraudulently using Dr Rive's petrol card at five garages in Mitchells Plain, Touws River, Leeu-Gamka, Three Sisters and Hopetown. Mr Turner pleaded not guilty to these charges.

Det WO Barkhuizen said that when he arrived at Dr Rive's home that day he found his body in a passage leading from the study to the bedroom. There had been no signs of forced entry but there were signs of a struggle in the study and blood on the floor and walls.

Cupboard doors were also ajar which showed that the house had been ransacked while empty spaces showed items had been removed, he said.

## Stab wounds

Dr Rive had several stab wounds in his chest, back, right arm and face and it appeared he had been stabbed with a sharp object.

During further investigation he confiscated a street directory and on page 25 found a route marked with a pink pen which led to Safraan Road, Bonteheuwel, where Mr Aploon lived.

Police arrested Mr Turner and Mr Aploon in Johannesburg on June 13 last year.

In his explanation of plea, Mr Aploon had said he and Mr Turner sat drinking with Dr Rive in his study. He promised them he would get them work at the Baxter Theatre where his play "Buckingham Palace" would be performed. He had also told them they could make a lot of money overseas making "blue movies", he said.

Mr Aploon said that while drinking he noticed Dr Rive poured stronger drinks for them than for himself. At that stage they were all under the influence of alcohol and an argument ensued over Dr Rive's refusal to take him back to Bonteheuwel, he said.

When Dr Rive tried to hold him back as he tried to leave, he pushed him against a bookcase. Dr Rive

then grabbed a whisky bottle and struck him over the head. The wound started bleeding.

He could see Dr Rive was angry and ran to the kitchen to fetch a knife to defend himself. He was pursued by Dr Rive who stabbed him twice on his hand with the broken whisky bottle. Both he and Mr Turner had stabbed Dr Rive in self-defence, Mr Aploon said.

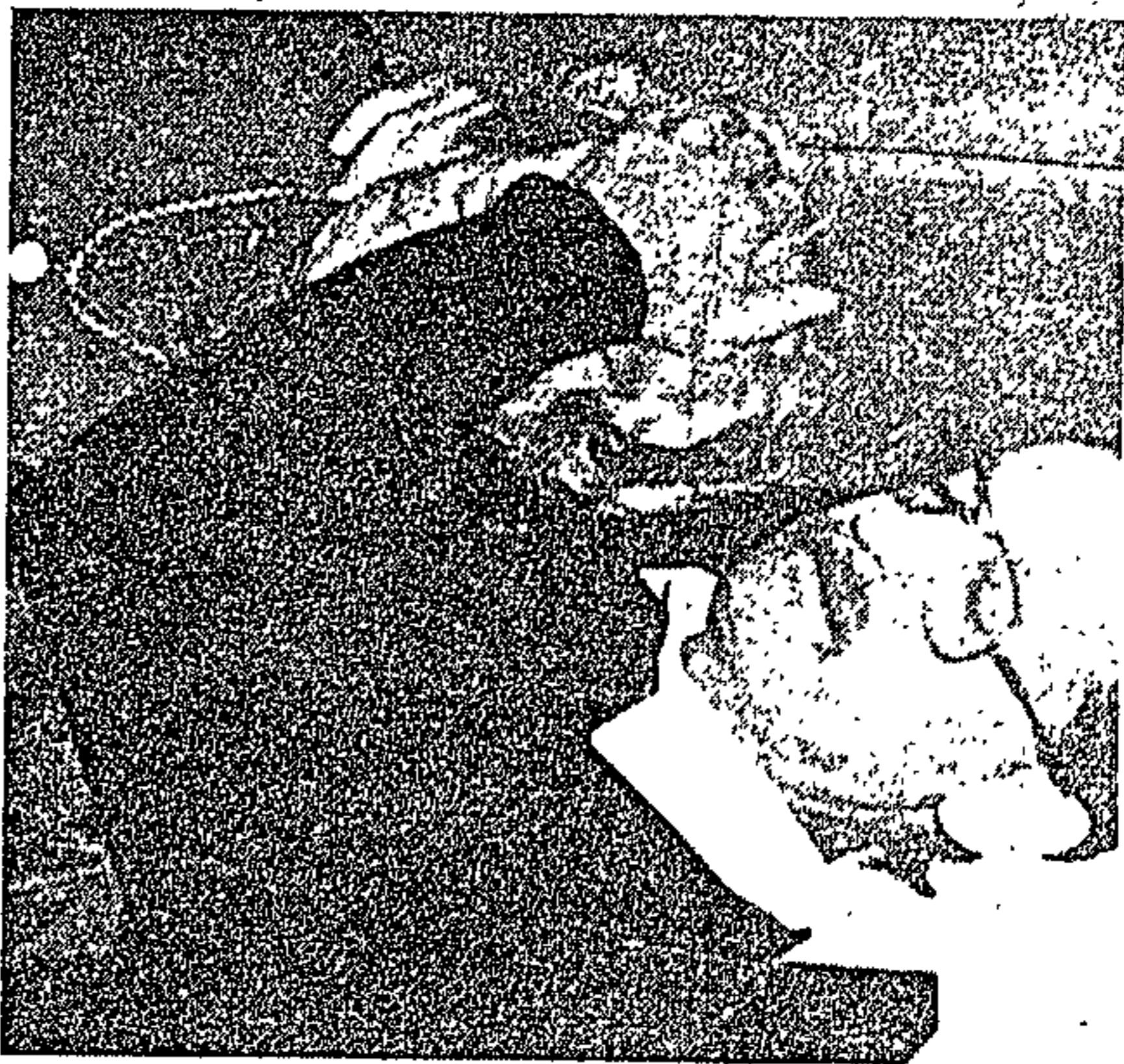
The trial continues on Monday.

Mr Justice J H Conradie was on the Bench. Mr B O'Leary and Ms R Scalabrino were the assessors. Mr Mike Stowe, assisted by Mrs Elsa van Zyl, appeared for the state. Mr William King, instructed by Keith Hamblin and Co, appeared for Mr Aploon and Mr Deon Bosman appeared pro Deo for Mr Turner.

# FEARS FOR ABDUCTED CITY PRIEST



**ABDUCTED** . . . Father Noel Stanton, the personal aide to former Roman Catholic Archbishop of Cape Town Owen Cardinal McCann.



**WORRIED PARENTS** . . . Father Noel Stanton's parents, Mrs Winnie Stanton (left) and Mr Selwyn Stanton (right), are comforted by parishioners as they arrive at a special service held at the Holy Family Catholic Church in Manenberg last night for the missing priest.



Pictures: ANNE LAING

**A WELL-KNOWN** Cape Town priest has been abducted from his Manenberg presbytery and is feared dead.

Father Noel Stanton, 46, the personal aide to former Roman Catholic Archbishop Owen Cardinal McCann, was last seen on Saturday night. He was wearing a pair of grey trousers and a cream long-sleeved shirt.

More than 200 policemen, sniffer dogs and community members scoured the area till late last night, and a helicopter and police divers have been called in to help search this morning.

Father Stanton was discovered missing at 7.40am yesterday when his parents arrived at his Manenberg Avenue presbytery to find it had been burgled and that his car was missing.

**By MONICA GRAAFF**  
Crime Reporter

Fears for his safety mounted when police found the vehicle abandoned near a bushy area in the township a few hours later.

A marshy area near Vygieskraal Road will be searched this morning and the bushy area between

Duinefontein Road and the railway line will also be scoured.

Police think he was accosted as he returned to the presbytery after driving home parish worker Miss Sharon de Bruin at 9.15pm on Saturday.

His attackers are thought to have forced him from his car and into the presbytery, where they made him unlock the safe before abducting him.

About R750, a video machine, video recordings of religious events, a brass crucifix and brass

candlesticks are among items missing from his home.

Father Stanton's secretary, Mrs Alice Foutin, said the burglars had probably hoped to steal the takings of a well-publicised fund-raising dance that had taken place at the church on Friday night.

The money had, however, been banked on Saturday morning, she said.

Father Stanton's mother, Mrs Winnie Stanton, of Diep River, said her son "would never disappear like this without getting in touch with someone".

Several prayer services, attended by dignitaries including newly installed Archbishop Lawrence Henry and Cardinal McCann, were held at the Manenberg Catholic Church throughout yesterday and last night.

Father Stanton, who returned from accompanying Cardinal McCann on a trip to Swaziland last Monday, has remained a close assistant to the former archbishop since Cardinal McCann's retirement in 1984.

Anyone with information on the disappearance should telephone Detective Warrant Officer Joe van den Heever at 637-3356.

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# City priest found murdered



Father Stanton

By DALE KNEEN, Crime Reporter

THE body of Manenberg priest Father Noel Stanton was found today in bushes off Eisleben Road in Philippi.

Father Stanton, 46, disappeared from the rectory next door to the Holy Family of Nazareth Catholic Church in Manenberg Avenue on Saturday night.

He was last seen at about 9.30pm on Saturday when he dropped parishoners at home after a church service.

Children saw Father Stanton's car, a cream Nissan Sentra, outside the rectory about 30 minutes later.

Housekeeper Miss Pearly Lategan discovered that the rectory had been burgled when she arrived at work about 7.30am yesterday. There was no sign of forced entry, but goods had been taken from a safe and blankets, groceries, a video recorder, candelabra, a bedside clock and a crucifix were missing.

A bottle of whisky was left on a table. Father Stanton's bed had not been slept in.

### DANCE MONEY

Parishioners speculated that Father Stanton may have been attacked by robbers attempting to steal money collected at a dance at the church on Friday night.

They also believe he may have been abducted and forced to draw money from a bank teller machine after the robbers discovered the dance money had been deposited.

As police and dozens of parishoners scoured Manenberg, the Americans and Hard Living gangs met on sports fields next to the church yesterday afternoon and vowed to co-operate with the police.

The gangsters said Father Stanton had not been abducted and robbed by a Manenberg gang member but by "outsiders".

Congregants and Guguletu parish priest Father Basil van Rensburg held a vigil at the Manenberg church throughout last night as they waited for news of the missing priest.

Police were called yesterday morning and about 200 policemen, some accompanied by tracker dogs, searched Manenberg and areas across Vanguard Drive and Duinefontein Road late into the night.

Father Stanton's car was recovered in Gamka Street, Heideveld, when children spotted it after hearing a radio news report about the missing priest.

### EUCHARIST SERVICE

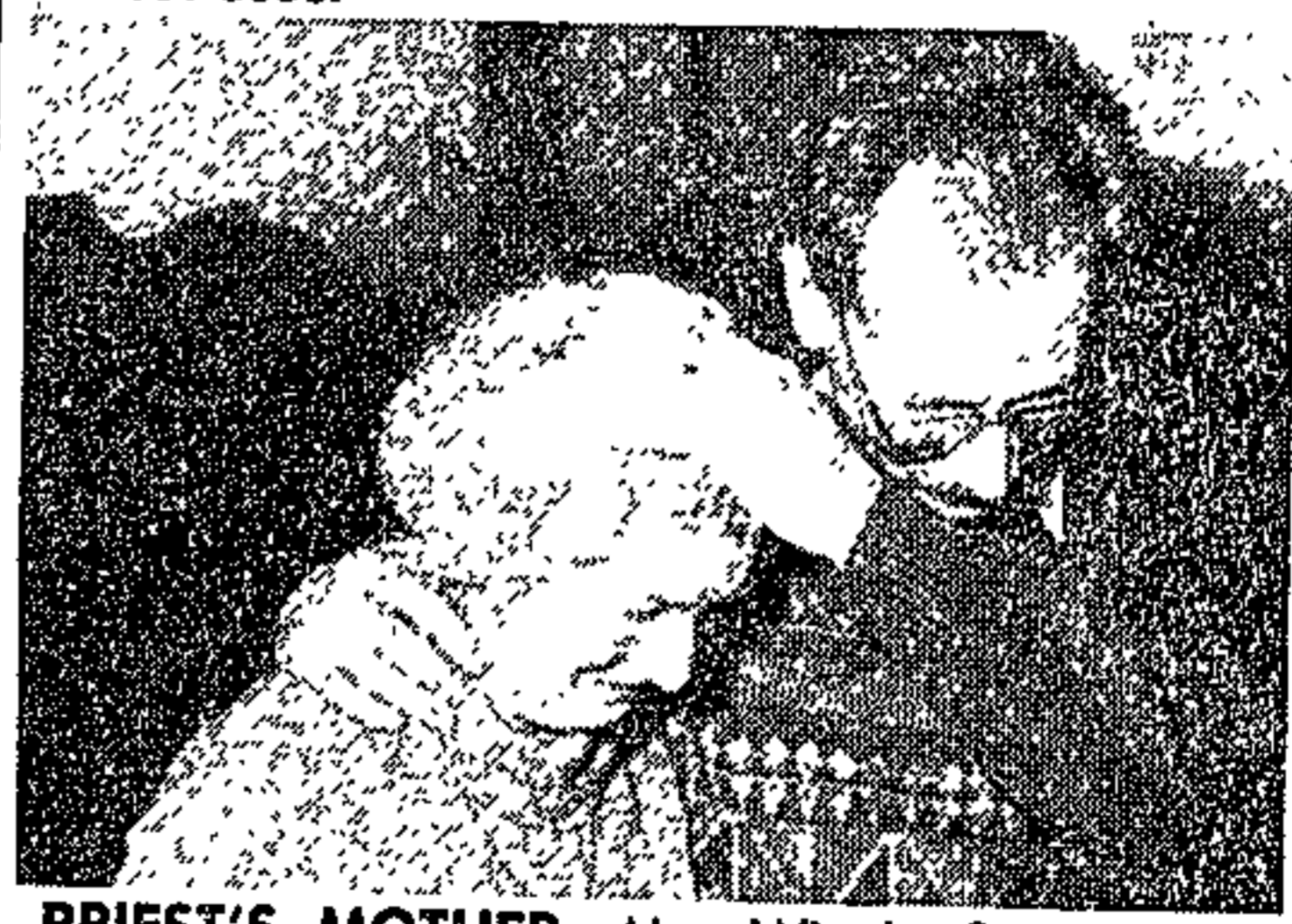
Archbishop Lawrence Henry and Monsignor Reginald Cawcutt visited the church yesterday to "aid and give spiritual strength" to the people involved in the search.

The Vicar-General of the Catholic Church, Cardinal Owen McCann, conducted the 7pm Eucharist service. Father Stanton was his secretary for 17 years.

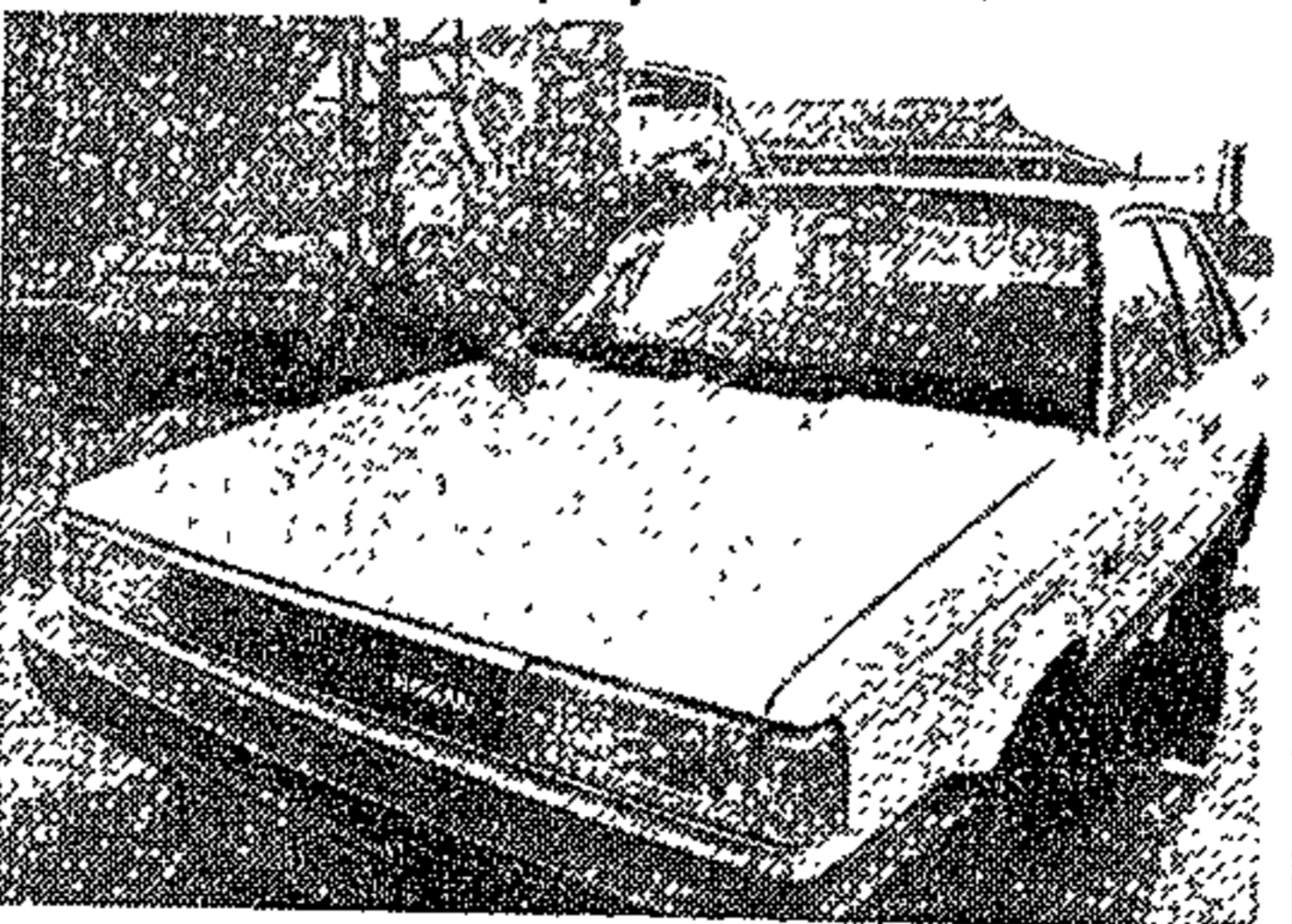
Father Stanton's elderly parents, Mr Selwyn Stanton and his wife Winnie, attended the service, which was dedicated to "the safe and speedy return of Father Noel Stanton".

Church secretary Mrs Alice Falken described Father Stanton as an "outgoing man who has done a lot for the church".

Anyone with information is asked to contact the commander of the Manenberg police station CID, Warrant Officer Joe van den Heever, 637 3356.



**PRIEST'S MOTHER:** Mrs Winnie Stanton is comforted by a parishioner as she enters church to pray for her son.



**RECOVERED:** Children spotted Father Stanton's Nissan Sentra abandoned in Gamka Avenue, Heideveld.

Pictures: LEON MULLER, The Argus.



# Author pointed knife at me, says murder accused

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By GILL TURNBULL  
Supreme Court Reporter

A MITCHELL'S Plain teenager has told the Supreme Court Dr Richard Rive pointed a knife at him on the night the author was killed.

Under cross-examination yesterday, 18-year-old murder accused Mr Suleiman Turner denied stabbing Dr Rive at his home on Saturday, June 3 last year.

Mr Turner has pleaded not guilty to murder and robbery with aggravating circumstances.

He has also denied stealing Dr Rive's car and using his petrol card.

## Steak knives

Co-accused Mr Vincent Donald Aploon, 22, of Bonteheuwel, has pleaded not guilty to murder and robbery with aggravating circumstances.

But has admitted taking Dr Rive's car and using his petrol card five times between Cape Town and Hopetown in a get-away bid to Johannesburg.

Exhibits in court which have been identified as Dr Rive's possessions include a microwave oven, video and tape recorders, a coffee percolator, a marble-and-gold desk pen holder and Oxford University cuff links in a box.

Two steak knives — the alleged murder weapons — have also been handed in.

Mr Turner said in his evidence-in-chief yesterday that Mr Aploon had invited him to a braai at Dr Rive's home on the evening of Saturday, June 3 last year.

Dr Rive had given them four



Picture: DANA le ROUX, The Argus

**ALLEGED WEAPONS:** Detective Warrant Officer Mike Barkhuizen with the two alleged murder weapons.

brandies each and he had formed the impression Dr Rive had wanted to make them drunk.

When Dr Rive had suggested he go to the United States to make blue movies, Mr Turner said he had become angry, picked up the car keys and demanded to be taken home.

Dr Rive had grabbed the keys from his hand and had picked up a knife on the computer table.

When Dr Rive had pointed the knife at him, Mr Turner had slapped it to the floor, cutting his index finger.

During cross-examination Mr Mike Stowe, for the State, submitted it was very difficult to slap a knife blade from someone holding the handle.

Mr Turner replied that he had not thought about being injured but had just hit the knife

and had said "leave that thing alone".

Mr Turner said that on emerging from the bathroom, where he had bandaged his finger, he had seen Mr Aploon sitting astride Dr Rive in the passage, stabbing the back of his neck with a 25cm meat knife.

Mr Stowe put it to Mr Turner that medical evidence was that Dr Rive's neck had superficial stab wounds — inconsistent with wounds from a meat knife.

Mr Turner did not answer.

Mr Stowe: You say you went to the study, fetched a whisky decanter and hit Mr Aploon on the head — yet there was no broken glass in the passage.

Mr Aploon agreed this was impossible.

Mr Turner could not explain why, although there had been no argument between Mr

Aploon and Dr Rive when he had gone to the bathroom, on his return Dr Rive had already been stabbed many times in the chest and was on his stomach being stabbed in the back.

Mr Stowe: You played no part in the assault on Dr Rive, you wanted nothing to do with this shocking thing — then why didn't you phone the police or call the neighbours for help?  
Mr Turner: I was afraid, it was late at night and I didn't know anyone there. It happened too quickly.

Mr Justice L. Conradie: All you did was kick Dr Rive in the chest and slap a knife from his hand. Now you put yourself knee-deep in trouble?

Mr Turner: Donald said I must. I don't like the police and I didn't want them to find me in that house.

## Treatment

Mr Turner said that after Mr Aploon had loaded items into the car they had driven from Dr Rive's house to a doctor for treatment for the gash in Mr Aploon's head. They had then gone to Langa where Mr Aploon had sold the microwave to a woman.

They had driven to Mr Turner's home in Mitchell's Plain to fetch clothing and he had told his mother he was going to sleep at Mr Aploon's home.

They had then driven to Mr Aploon's home, where Mr Aploon had told his landlady he was going to sleep in Mitchell's Plain.

They had filled up with petrol, using Dr Rive's petrol card, and had headed for Johannesburg.

The hearing continues.

# Police 'lured Rockman into arrest'

Staff Reporter

POLICE lured former Mitchell's Plain police lieutenant Mr. Gregory Rockman into arrest at an illegal gathering last year because they "wanted to get rid of him", the Wynberg Magistrate's Court has heard.

Mr. Rockman, 30, of Valley Way, Strand, pleaded not guilty yesterday to a charge of convening and addressing an illegal gathering in Mitchell's Plain on November 13 last year.

He also pleaded not guilty to the alternative charge of attending an illegal gathering.

Mr. Rockman will stand trial alone after charges against his 15 co-accused were withdrawn shortly before plea yesterday.

Police lured Mr. Rockman to the gathering because "they wanted to get rid of him", his attorney, Mr. M. Parker, told the court.

"He was causing more problems for the police than anyone before without breaking the law. This was a deliberate strategy to get rid of him," Mr. Parker said.

State witness Brigadier N.H. Akker denied this. He also denied a claim by Mr. Rockman



Gregory Rockman

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that he had asked him to "go and talk to those people and calm them down".

Mr. Rockman had been at the scene lawfully and had spoken in his capacity as a police lieutenant, Mr. Parker said.

"It is specifically denied that the accused convened, encouraged, promoted or presided at the gathering."

Brigadier Akker said that on November 13 last year he had spoken to Mr. Rockman at Mitchell's Plain police station, asking why he had not complied with a transfer order to Maitland police station.

Brigadier Akker told Mr. Rockman he had information about an illegal gathering in

Mitchell's Plain that day that was to have been attended by members of Popercu (Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union), the court heard.

"I gave him an order not to attend the gathering. I warned him not to go to the town centre as his presence was not required there. The riot unit was present to deal with the situation," the brigadier said.

Mr. Rockman had then banged his fist on his (own) chest, saying: "Brigadier, I will not be intimidated; this lieutenant Rockman will not be intimidated", before turning his back and leaving, Brigadier Akker said.

He denied a claim by Mr. Rockman that he had offered to allow the rebel policeman to stay at Mitchell's Plain on condition he accepted an office job.

"He's a liar — I'm sorry to say it, but he's a liar," Brigadier Akker said.

Mr. Rockman had been told on November 10 to report for duty to Maitland from November 13.

"As a person I think that was very short notice and unreasonable, but it was only a question

of Lieutenant Rockman driving from his home to Maitland instead of to Mitchell's Plain," Brigadier Akker said.

It had not been a "normal" transfer made for administrative reasons, but it had been "advisable" to transfer Mr. Rockman at that time, he said.

The transfer had been coming for a long time because of Mr. Rockman's "unusual conduct" and "cheeky attitude", the court heard.

He had contravened several police rules, including talking to the press.

"We have a liaison division to do that," Brigadier Akker said.

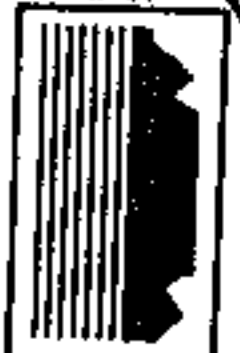
When Mr. Rockman had been called in to be informed of the "gag" order against him, the conversation had been recorded without his knowledge, the court was told.

Brigadier Akker confirmed this but denied it had been a trap.

"If that is not a trap, then I don't know what is," Mr. Parker said.

The trial continues today.

The magistrate is Mr. S.C. Murphy and Mr. S. Lea appears for the State.



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# Priest's 'senseless' death shocks clergy

Staff Reporters

THE Catholic Archbishop of Cape Town, the Most Rev Lawrence Henry, was "devastated" by the news of the death of Manenberg priest Father Noel Stanton, said the Vicar-General of Cape Town, the Right Rev Monsignor Reginald Cawcutt.

And churches and organisations in Manenberg have expressed their "shock and horror" at the priest's "senseless" death.

Father Stanton's body was found in bushes in Phillipi yesterday after he had apparently been abducted from his rectory at the Holy Family of Nazareth church on Saturday night.

Mgr Cawcutt said Archbishop Henry had also expressed his gratitude to the police for their all-out efforts to find the priest.



Father Stanton

"It was a real manhunt and the Archbishop was amazed at their efforts," said Mgr Henry.

He said Father Stanton had asked to be sent to Manenberg after studying liturgy in Rome, following a period of service as Cardinal Owen McCann's personal secretary.

"Father Stanton was a very gentle person but he was not afraid to be there. He was very involved in the community,

particularly in trying to combat crime," said Mgr Cawcutt.

In a statement issued yesterday on behalf of churches and organisations in the area by spokesman Mr R Hindley, coordinator of the Manenberg People's Centre, a call was made for a week of mourning during which problems of the area would be highlighted.

"Crime in the community has reached critical proportions and residents live in daily fear of the lives," the statement said.

"Father Stanton was known to be empathetically concerned with local religious and community issues, and it is ironic that just three days prior to his death he expressed support and solidarity regarding efforts made by the Manenberg churches to address the issues of crime.

"His death has left a vacuum that will not easily be filled."

● Father Stanton was born in Wynberg and attended Springfield Convent in Wynberg and Christian Brothers' College in Green Point before studying for the priesthood in Pretoria. He was ordained in 1969.

He became personal secretary to Cardinal McCann a few years later.

When Cardinal McCann retired, Father Stanton went to Rome to study liturgy. After being visited there by the then Archbishop of Cape Town, the Most Rev Stephen Naidoo, he returned to Cape Town and moved to Manenberg about three years ago.

● Two men, aged 24 and 26, have been arrested in connection with his death and are expected to appear in court soon.

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Partly clothed  
body of priest  
found in bushes

Own Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — The partly clothed body of Roman Catholic priest Father Noel Stanton was found yesterday in bushes off Eisleben Road in Philippi.

Soon afterwards police arrested two men, aged 24 and 26. They are expected to appear in court tomorrow.

Father Stanton (46), parish priest at the Holy Family of Nazareth Catholic Church in Manenberg, disappeared from his rectory home on Saturday night.

### Burgled

He was last seen at about 9.30 pm on Saturday.

Housekeeper Pearly Lategan discovered that the rectory had been burgled when she arrived at work at about 7.30 am on Sunday. There was no sign of forced entry, but goods had been taken from a safe and blankets, groceries, a video recorder, a candelabra, a clock and a crucifix were missing.

Father Stanton's bed had not

been slept in. His car was missing but was found later in Heideveld.

Construction worker Cederick Maarman (25) discovered Father Stanton's body as he walked to Eisleben Road from his home in Happy Valley at 7.30 am yesterday.

Mr Maarman ran home and called his wife Jeanette (23). They found Father Stanton lying face down in a clearing.

He was clothed only in a white sweater and a pair of underpants, Mrs Maarman said.

A blue jersey was tied around his neck and he had a wound on his forehead.

The couple telephoned the police.

As police and parishoners scoured Manenberg on Sunday, the Americans and Hard Living gangs met on sports fields next to the church and vowed to cooperate with the police.

Gangsters said Father Stanton had not been abducted and robbed by a Manenberg gang but rather by "outsiders".

# Priest murder: Third suspect arrested at flat

Crime Reporter ARBUS 26/9/90

POLICE have arrested a third suspect in the murder of Manenberg Catholic priest Father Noel Stanton.

A 19-year-old man was taken into custody from his Manenberg flat yesterday by the police murder and robbery unit.

Two men, aged 23 and 26, were arrested soon after Father Stanton's body was found in bushes near Happy Valley, Philippi, on Monday.

The three were expected to appear in the Athlone Magistrate's Court today.

Father Stanton was allegedly abducted from his Manenberg Avenue rectory on Saturday night. Goods including blankets, a candelabra and a crucifix were stolen.

● A memorial service for Father Stanton, parish priest of the Holy Family of Nazareth Catholic Church in Manenberg, is to be held at the church tonight.

This will be followed by an all-night vigil over Father Stanton's coffin and a funeral service at the Corpus Christi Catholic Church in Wittebome at 10.30am tomorrow.

Holy Family of Nazareth parish secretary Mrs Alice Fouten has asked for contributions in lieu of flowers to be sent to the Holy Family Sanctuary Fund, 34 Manenberg Avenue, Manenberg.

A project to raise funds to enlarge and renovate the church's sanctuary was started by Father Stanton, said Mrs Fouten. Parishioners will dedicate the new sanctuary to Father Stanton when it is completed.



# 'I wanted to hurt Dr Rive' accused

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By RONNIE MORRIS

A MURDER accused told the Supreme Court yesterday he had stabbed Dr Richard Rive in retaliation after Dr Rive hit him over the head with a bottle.

Mr Vincent Donald Aploon, 22, said he had stabbed Dr Rive five or six times and stopped when Dr Rive said he was getting hurt.

He wanted to hurt Dr Rive to "get him back" and had not stabbed Dr Rive in self-defence, he said.

Mr Aploon said he met Dr Rive while hitch-hiking. He and Mr Suleiman Turner, 18, visited him on June 3 to drink and talk.

He had the impression Dr Rive was making overtures to Mr Turner. He went to the toilet and on his return the two were arguing. Mr Turner told him: "This thing is trying his luck."

He intervened and grabbed Dr Rive. "Dr Rive was angry. Accused one (Mr Turner) kicked him in the stomach. Dr Rive took a bottle and hit me over the head. I went to the kitchen to fetch a knife. The lights went out, I think it was a lamp which broke. I took the knife, ran into the passage and saw Mr Turner stabbing Dr Rive."

"I was very angry and wanted to 'get him back' by stabbing him. It was my plan to hurt him because he had struck me over the head."

After stabbing Dr Rive, he went to turn on the electricity and saw Mr Turner stabbing the author. Dr Rive fell and he realised he could be dead.

The trial continues today.

# Cops close in on Mitchells Plain rapist

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## Staff Reporters

PENINSULA Murder and Robbery Squad detectives on the trail of the Mitchells Plain rapist were late last night confident they had made a breakthrough and that an arrest was imminent, the Cape Times learnt.

The rapist has attacked eight girls in recent weeks, raping five and robbing the others after trying to rape them. Seven of the assaults were in Mitchells Plain.

Police said yesterday that they believed the rapist had dyed his hair — from red back to his "natural" black colour.

Poses of armed parents have been hunting the man in Lentegour for the past week and police have warned residents not to try to take the law into their own hands.

Earlier yesterday a detective was called to Grootte Schuur

Hospital because a nurse thought a stabbing patient looked like the rapist. However, police said later that they were satisfied he was not the man.

The patient was not able to say how he had been attacked but it was established yesterday that a group of men mobbed him in Mitchells Plain at the weekend. Police were not prepared to speculate on whether he had been attacked because he resembled the identikit pictures released of the rapist.

Reports of "sightings" of the rapist continued in Lentegour this week. On Monday, police were called to A Z Berman Drive after a man was seen "casing" an empty house.

The man is said to have hidden his face from a local resident when confronted. But he ran into a nearby park before policemen arrived and could not be found. The man had "a small brown afro hairstyle", residents said.

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## Banking groups discuss big merge

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Allied, Sage Financial Services, UBS and Volkskas are discussing the merging of their interests into a single financial services giant, the four banking groups announced today.

Such a merger would result in the formation of South Africa's biggest financial services group, with combined assets of about R50 billion and after-tax earnings of about R400 million, based on recent figures.

By contrast, banking leader Standard Bank Investment Corporation has assets of about R32bn and last year's attributable earnings were R333m.

Directors of Sage, UBS, Allied and Volkskas said the possible benefits were very exciting.

● Full report — Page 12

## Priest murder: Third man held

Crime Reporter

THE third suspected murderer of Manenberg Roman Catholic priest Father Noel Stanton was arrested in the township yesterday afternoon.

The three men, aged 19, 23 and 26, will appear in Athlone Magistrate's Court this morning.

Father Stanton, 46, of the Holy Family of Nazareth Church in Manenberg, was abducted from his Manenberg Avenue presbytery on Saturday night.

His semi-naked body was found in bushes in Happy Valley, Philippi, on Monday morning after a search by more than 200 policemen.

Shortly before the discovery, Manenberg detectives, led by branch commander Warrant Officer Joe van den Heever, reacting to a tip-off, arrested two men in a nearby flat. They also recovered goods that had been missing from the presbytery, including a video recorder, crucifix and brass candlesticks.

The 19-year-old suspect was arrested in a house in Manenberg at 12.30pm yesterday, also after a tip-off.

## Lottery winner 'dies of stress'

BOSTON. — A 37-year-old cafeteria cook died of a heart attack weeks after winning \$3.6 million (about R10.08 million) in the Massachusetts lottery.

Mr William Curry, 37, died on Monday, his first day back on the job at the Blue Cross-Blue Shield lunchroom after taking two weeks off to celebrate. He had been adamant about keeping his job with the Merit Food Company, where he had worked for 20 years.

His sister-in-law, Mrs Shirley Bourdon, said he had been hounded by financial advisers and people seeking money after word of his lottery win spread.

"It was the stress of it that killed him," she said. He leaves his fortune to his wife, Maureen, and their two small children. — Sapa-AP



# Rive stabbing was 'to get him back' for injury

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By GILL TURNBULL, Supreme Court Reporter

ONE of the men accused of murdering playwright Dr Richard Rive told the Cape Town Supreme Court he stabbed Dr Rive five or six times "to get back at him" for hurting his finger.

Mr Vincent Donald Aploon, 22, of Bonteheuwel told Mr Justice Conradie yesterday that during an argument on the night he died, Dr Rive became "furious" and hit him on the head with a whisky decanter.

During the ensuing struggle the decanter broke and his finger was sliced almost off by a piece of glass, Mr Aploon said.

His intention was to stab Dr Rive to get back at him for the pain he had caused him.

Mr Aploon and Mr Suleiman Turner, 18, of Mitchell's Plain, have pleaded not guilty to murder and robbery with aggravating circumstances.

## Found face down

The court heard earlier that Dr Rive's body was found lying face down in the passage of his Heathfield home on Sunday, June 4 last year.

Mr Aploon told the court yesterday he met Dr Rive at a nightclub in April last year.

He visited Dr Rive five times and was promised work at the Baxter Theatre.

Mr Aploon said that because of this promise he allowed Dr Rive to "play with" his chest.

At the end of May Dr Rive asked him to bring a friend to a braai on Saturday, June 3.

He took Mr Turner and Dr Rive gave them whisky. While Dr Rive was talking to Mr Turner in the living room about a possible theatre career, he played a game on Dr Rive's computer in the study.

He went to the toilet and when he returned, he heard the two men arguing and swearing at each other.

Mr Turner came into the study and said: "Die ding try sy luck" (He is trying his luck).

He went in and could see a fight brewing, so he intervened and pushed Dr Rive against the bookcase, Mr Aploon said.

"He was very angry. Suleiman kicked him in the stomach. He picked up the decanter and hit my head very hard and Suleiman tried to take it away and it broke. In the struggle my finger was cut."

Mr Aploon said he was very angry. He thought he would "get Dr Rive back" by stabbing him "because he hurt me".

He said although it was dark he saw Mr Turner "was busy stabbing Dr Rive with a shiny object".

"Dr Rive was screaming. I stabbed him between five and six times and stopped when I went numb and dizzy."

He saw Dr Rive fall in the passage. Mr Turner was standing over him and he dropped the knife.

The trial continues today.

# Many pay tribute to murdered priest

Staff Reporter

THOUSANDS of Manenberg residents filled the Holy Family of Nazareth Catholic Church last night to attend a memorial service for Father Noel Stanton, who was murdered after a robbery last weekend.

Tearful parishioners who could not find space inside the church stood outside the doors to hear the mass, which was led by the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Cape Town, the Most Rev Lawrence Henry.

The emotional service was attended by Father Stanton's elderly parents, Mr Selwyn Stanton and his wife Winnie, as well as family members and numerous priests of various denominations.

The congregation filed past the coffin to pay their last respects to Father Stanton before beginning an all-night vigil.

A funeral service will be held at the Corpus Christi Catholic Church in Wittebome at 10.30 this morning.

A new sanctuary at the church will be dedicated to Father Stanton when it is completed.



**LAST RESPECTS . . .** Friends and parishioners of Father Noel Stanton file past his coffin to pay their respects.

Picture: OBED ZILWA

# Rape suspect

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# 'proposed to me'

By MONICA GRAAFF and DALE GRANGER

THE alleged Mitchells Plain rapist, who was arrested at dawn yesterday, lived in a Westridge home with his 17-year-old girlfriend — and he proposed to her on Tuesday.

Four sisters — aged between 13 and 22 — live in the same home, which is owned by the suspect's uncle.

Yesterday family members said they were shocked by his arrest. They told of how the man had read newspaper reports about the rapes and warned the girls to keep the doors locked.

The 29-year-old man will appear in the Mitchells Plain Magistrate's Court tomorrow. He will not be asked to plead before he appears in an identity parade.

It has been established that he has appeared before a Wynberg magistrate where it is believed he made a statement. He was also taken to several alleged rape scenes in Mitchells Plain where he appeared "quite co-operative", according to police.

Five schoolgirls, aged 11, 12, 14, 15 and 19, were all victims of planned attacks. The rapist established the

identities and addresses of the girls and their parents and used this information to get into their homes.

The man who was arrested is known to the police, and has been living at his 43-year-old uncle's home for the past two months, since moving to Cape Town with his girlfriend of 13 months from Thornhill, near Port Elizabeth.

The suspect's girlfriend, who is unemployed, fought back tears yesterday as she told of how he had proposed to her on Tuesday.

"We were sitting in the house and he said we must settle down so that we can marry. I laughed at him as I thought he was joking," she said.

She said she had loved him deeply and he had never treated her in an aggressive manner. He had also given her gifts including a watch and necklaces.

Police have taken possession of the gifts. The rapist robbed most of his victims of jewellery, watches and cash.

"This is one of the worst things that has ever happened to me and I don't think I will ever get over it. I still can't believe what he's being accused of," she said.

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# Oasis against crime

A CULTURAL oasis in crime-ridden Manenberg has been built by community organisations as a means to combat poor social conditions.

According to Mrs Faldielah de Vries, chairperson of the Manenberg People's Centre (MPC) steering committee, the centre is seen as a means of addressing social problems such as the high rate of alcoholism, incest, child and wife abuse, gansterism, general apathy and helplessness in the community.

Manenberg, a sub-economic housing estate situated 20km from Cape Town, was built in the late 1960's to accommodate the thousands of people forced to move from the Loader Street area in the city, Sea Point and Claremont as a result of the Group Areas Act.

**Overcrowded**

According to the 1985 census, Manenberg has a population of 40 575 in an area of 16 square kilometres.

The stark tenement buildings, due to the housing shortage, are overcrowded and often accommodate six or seven adults and children in two or one bedroom flats.

An informal survey conducted by the Manenberg Advice Office found unemployment to be exceptionally high, estimated at between 30 and 40 percent.

Poverty is endemic in the

**Juvenile delinquency and crime, highlighted again this week by the murder of a Catholic priest, have been the scourge of Cape Town's Manenberg township.**

**This community, however, has devised a plan to root out the problem by redirecting and harnessing the energies of its restless youth. Central to its scheme is the Manenberg People's Centre, reports HEATHER ROBERTSON:**

area with 52 percent of the residents in arrears with their rent.

The centre was born out of the collaborative work between the Manenberg Minister's Fraternal, The ANC branch, Manenberg Youth Congress, The United Presbyterian Church, Manenberg Advice Office, Manenberg Civic Association and The Call of Islam.

A community survey conducted by these organisations revealed a need for a centre for cultural-social activities such as dancing, music and acting and as an advice facility to help people deal with problems like high rents, unemployment, drinking and family violence.

The different components of the three-storey centre are envisaged as a 400-seater hall, an unemployed workers' centre and a counselling, and office complex.

Louise Abrahams, who is presently unemployed is part of the MPC team researching co-operatives.

"We intend having pottery, consumer and sewing co-operatives which members will run independently."

Abrahams is a former shopsteward for the South African Clothing and Textile Workers.

The groundwork for the

cultural component of the centre has been started by fulltime cultural workers Kevin Govias and Christine Jansen, co-ordinator Reg Hinley and administrator Jamelah Magerman.

Sulaiman (not his real name), an ex-member of the Hard Livings Gang, quit his wayward past to play classical piano in the music group.

The soft-spoken unemployed youth explained that like many of his friends, he joined the gang because there was no recreation in the area.

"I was in the gang because of my friends. I realised that it was stupid. The problem is that there's no social life in Manenberg. Over the weekend there's soccer and church, but that's all."

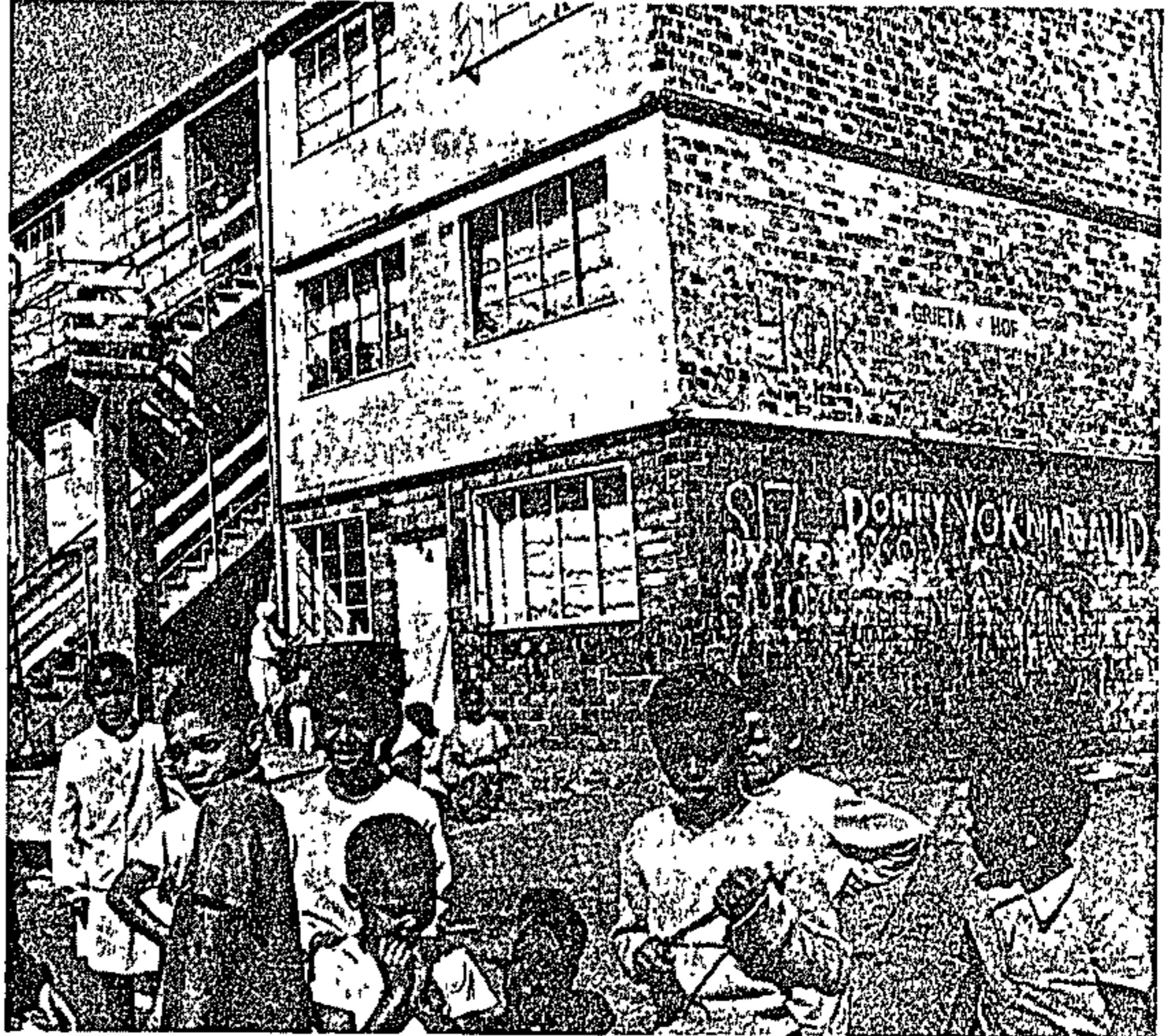
Three of his former fellow gang members have left the gang to join the music group.

"I always dreamed of playing the piano. Now I'm learning how to play Beethoven. I enjoy the romantic music," he says.

Sulaiman believes the MPC will benefit the children of the area.

"Young children play out battles between gangs."

"It's all they know. When the centre is built, its activities will offer the children an alternative to gangs."



**REFUGE:** Township children who have found a cultural refuge at the Manenberg People's Centre

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# Gangs: A new approach

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By TYRONE SEALE  
Weekend Argus Reporter

## GANGS: the search for self-respect.

Should that have read: gangs — the search for self-destruct terror, bloodlust, lawlessness, considering that every year there are as many murders in Cape Town as in the whole of the United Kingdom?

No! say the authors of *Gangs: The Search For Self-Respect*, a well-researched handbook published by the National Institute for Crime Prevention and the Rehabilitation of Offenders (Nicro) and the Social Justice Resource Project at the UCT Institute of Criminology.

Launched at Nicro's 80th birthday celebrations this week, the manual is designed to help community workers and communities think beyond the physical confrontation and intimidation of the estimated 80 000 gangsters on the Cape Flats.

### Soft tactics

"The use of soft tactics, involving persuasion, understanding and investigation, has met with some success," say the authors.

The researchers conclude that gangsterism poses one of the great threats to peace in the Western Cape, given the current incidence of murder, gang wars, drug trafficking and sexual abuse.

They estimate that every second criminal case before local courts is gang-related.

The handbook lists apartheid legislation, poor economic conditions in black communities, media glamorisation of violence and opulence, the macho culture of male-dominated South African society and gangsters' personal problems as the causes of this growing criminal phenomenon.

The role of the police Gang Unit, formed in townships in 1988, is ren-

dered questionable in a chapter entitled *Traditional Responses to Gangsterism*.

"While they have identified gangsterism as a problem, the police have not yet adopted a proactive stance in addressing the causes.

"Most of the people we interviewed said that the police were seen to use violent methods. One gang member remarked: they are just like us — only a larger legal gang.

"The role of the police in solving gangsterism is complicated. They are required to do difficult and dangerous work with very few alternatives available to them.

"In most cases, violence is used as an instant solution and as the only protective measure. Many policemen are also frightened to intervene because it may endanger the lives of their families who live in the same communities as the gangsters.

"On the other hand, police may have an interest in maintaining gang warfare. Firstly, it forces residents to rely on the police for protection. Secondly, because gang warfare restricts mobility, political activities in these areas are also curtailed."

If this is so, the researchers say, it means gangsterism will continue unchecked, residents will feel there is no point in reporting gangs to the police and gangs will undermine law enforcement and protection initiatives.

Turning to peace treaties initiated by the police, the researchers say: "These have been short-lived, and gang rivalry has continued".

"In their efforts to achieve peace, the Gang-busting (sic) Unit of the SAP has not included community organisations.

"Recently, peace pacts, initiated by community groups have been signed by rival gangs in some communities.

"It seems clear that truces involving community leaders and based on the co-operation of gangs are more credible, and therefore hold the promise of success."



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Pearl Sibongile Dineka  
... sought by the SAP  
fraud unit.

**'Widow'**

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**sought**

**for fraud**

**Own Correspondent**

CAPE TOWN — An alleged fraud empire controlled by a high-living Soweto woman has stolen millions of rands from the country's top business establishments.

The fraud unit has asked Pearl Sibongile Dineka to contact them after a woman was video-taped at a bank in Cape Town this week.

Described as a "smooth talking master of disguise", the woman often posed as a grieving widow when she deposited fraudulent cheques worth up to R250 000 at banks and building societies.

Warrants for her arrest have been issued in Cape Town, Johannesburg, Durban and Port Elizabeth.

According to Captain Hester van Rooyen cheques stolen from banks, mining companies and attorneys were deposited into bank accounts opened using stolen identity documents.

The woman is thought to be in the company of three or five women, but hundreds of people may be linked to the syndicate.

She is about 35-years-old and 1,7 m tall. She is fluent in English and Afrikaans.

Anyone with information is urged to contact Captain van Rooyen of the Cape Town fraud unit, (021) 45-3200 extension 226.

# ANC member quits after sex charges

AN Athlone member of the ANC resigned after he was convicted in the Cape Town Magistrates Court on two charges of indecent assault.

Peter Steinegger, of Lansdowne, confirmed this week that he had resigned from the ANC after being asked to do so "unofficially" by his branch executive committee. *South Africa - 10/10/90*

Two weeks ago, he was given a suspended jail sentence after pleading guilty to assaulting two girls at the Ons Plek shelter in Observatory.

Steinegger was a counsellor at the shelter for runaway girls when the offences were committed. *(35)*

According to a code of conduct for

ANC members adopted at the ANC's regional conference last weekend, members should ensure that they "do not behave in a manner which causes severe embarrassment to the organisation".

Steinegger said no official steps were taken against him and he was not dealt with in terms of the code of conduct.

He was not given an opportunity to present his point of view to the executive committee — a prerequisite in terms of the ANC's constitution.

"But that won't be necessary now because I decided to resign from the ANC," Steinegger said.

An ANC branch official refused to comment on the matter.

# Rive's killers sentenced to jail

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## Weeping relatives collapse

By RONNIE MORRIS  
Supreme Court Reporter

WEEPING mothers and girlfriends collapsed in the street yesterday after Suleiman Turner and Vincent Donald Aploon were sentenced in the Supreme Court for the "brutal and savage" murder of author and poet Dr Richard Rive. Sobbing, Mrs Maureen Aploon hugged and kissed her son as he was led to a prison truck.

A stoic Turner was held in an emotional embrace by his girlfriend and the mother of his two-month-old daughter, Miss Faiza Jones, before he got into the truck. Family members then took turns to squeeze the hands of the men, which were thrust from the peepholes in the truck.

In passing sentence, Mr Justice J H Conradi said the fact that Dr Rive's murder had not been premeditated was a mitigating factor. The death penalty was not an appropriate sentence in the circumstances.

The court found that Dr Rive had been stabbed more than was necessary — 22 times. These did not appear to be the actions of calculating and experienced knife men or young hoodlums, Mr Justice Conradi said.

The two men had pleaded not guilty to murder and robbery with aggravating circumstances for stabbing Dr Rive, who was 58, and stealing his car, his petrol card and household items including a microwave oven, a television set and a tape recorder.

Aploon, 22, of Bonteheuwel, had pleaded guilty to five counts of fraud for pretending he was entitled to use Dr Rive's petrol card. Turner, 18, of Mitchell's Plain, had pleaded not guilty to these charges.

For the murder and robbery Turner was sentenced to 10 and six years respectively. The sentences are to run concurrently.

Aploon was jailed for 13 years for the murder, seven years for the robbery and three months on each of the five fraud charges. The court ordered that the robbery

and fraud sentences run concurrently with the murder sentence.

Passing sentence, Mr Justice Conradi said the court had to consider that Aploon "was the instigator who had delivered the fat turkey for plucking".

The judge said Aploon had already paid in part for his crime. He had been physically scarred and had also suffered because of operations he had had to undergo for a head injury received in the incident.

He was the man who had asked a neighbour for a knife the day before Dr Rive's death and had taken the car and the petrol card. The court, however, had to impose a sentence which would not "break" him and balance it in such a manner that he would be a useful citizen on his release.

It was tragic that Turner had been involved in such crimes. He had a girlfriend and a two-month-old daughter and the court would have liked to see them together.

The court felt sorry for his mother and his girlfriend but the interests of the community weighed more heavily.

The state had proved its case beyond reasonable doubt, Mr Justice Conradi said. By a majority, the court found both men guilty of murder and of robbery with aggravating circumstances.

In evidence for mitigation, a tearful Mrs Farida Gideon, Turner's mother, said: "I ask the court to show mercy to my child. He is my right hand, the one child I can depend on. He is religious and that's why I wonder where he went wrong."

Mrs Maureen Aploon told the court her son had never carried a knife and she had been stunned to read in newspapers what he had done.

Mr Deon Bosman, pro Deo counsel for Turner, asked that Turner be given a chance to rehabilitate himself outside prison.

Mr William King, for Aploon, said the commission of the offence was completely out of character and he had shown remorse.

Mr B L O'Leary and Ms R Scalabrino were the assessors.



**LAST KISS . . .** Suleiman Turner is kissed by his girlfriend and the mother of his two-month-old daughter, Miss Faiza Jones, shortly before he is taken to prison to serve his effective 10-year sentence for the murder of Oxford-educated author and poet Dr Richard Rive.

Picture: ALAN TAYLOR

# Bobbies on the beat give city centre a break from crime

## 264 ARRESTS SINCE PATROLS STARTED

By JANIS FRASER  
Weekend Argus Reporter

CAPE Town's bobbies on the beat are giving the city centre's criminals a run for their money.

Since the introduction of just two two-man South African Police patrol teams last year the hand-picked group have responded to 589 complaints and made 264 arrests in the heart of Cape Town.

The concept of British bobby-style patrols was something the Chamber of Commerce had been eager to introduce into the crime-plagued central business district for some time.

A committee, chaired by security firm chief Michael Moore, finally set the Business Watch exercise in motion a year ago under the auspices of the chamber.

Businesses pay around R100 a month to belong and this money covers the office accommodation for the control room, which is strategically situated in a central office block.

From this base the two SAP patrols are in two-way radio contact as they cover the sector from Wale Street to Riebeeck Street, bounded by Adderley and Long streets.

Only contributing companies have access to the control room number to call for help. The aim is to respond to calls within two minutes and at the same time present an upfront presence which acts as a crime deterrent.

Businesses participating in the operation display the distinctive Business Watch logo.

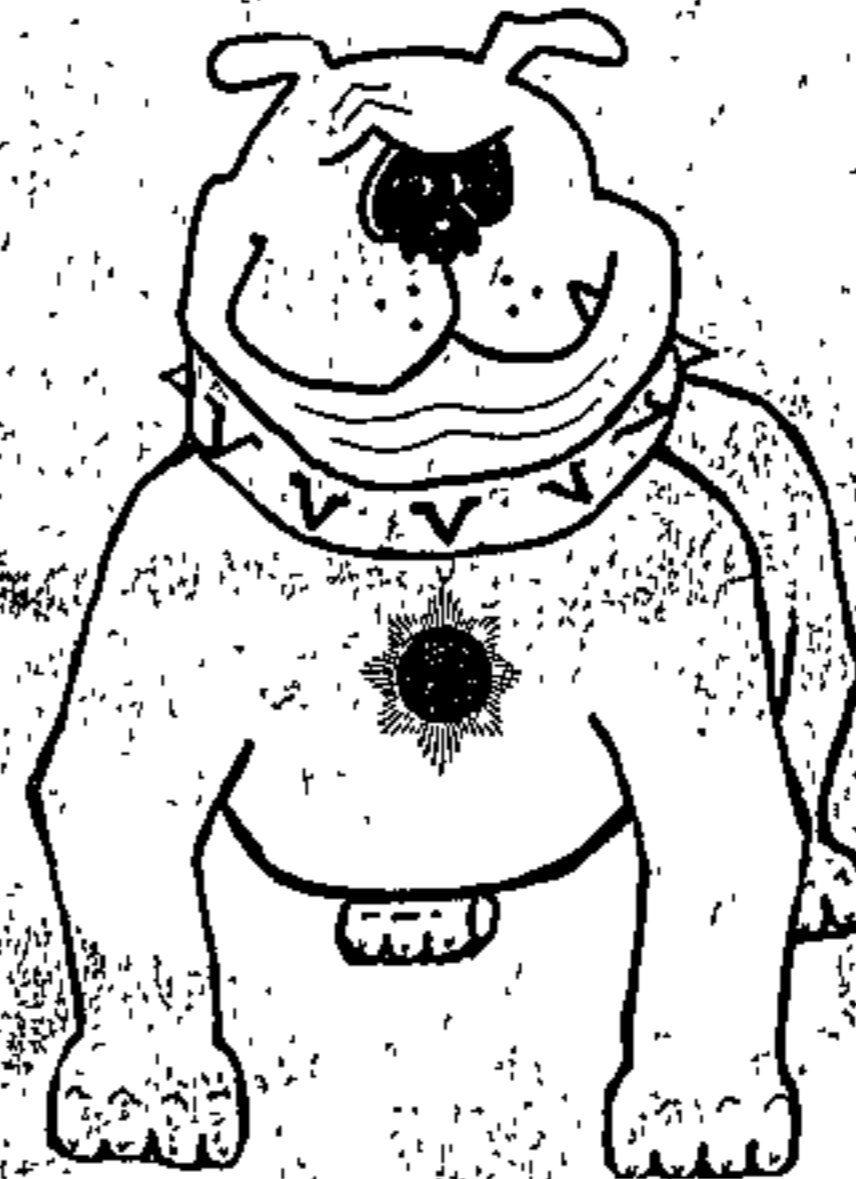
Mr Moore said he believed the first year of Business Watch had been an outstanding success.

### Hopes to extend patrol

The greatest number of arrests over the year — 223 — were for shoplifting, but there had also been arrests for theft, assault, possession of stolen property, fraud, robbery, housebreaking, rowdy behaviour and drunkenness.

On 201 occasions suspects, particularly those believed to be involved in the spreading net of cash card fraud and in shoplifting, had been warned away from areas near banks, autobanks and shops.

It is hoped that the patrol network will be widened to take in the Golden Acre and Grand Parade, Mr Moore said. A police spokesman said as soon as the manpower was available the new patrols would be on the streets, possibly before Christmas.



2 found guilty  
of Rive murder

CAPE TOWN — Vincent Donald Aploon, 23, and Suleiman Turner, 18, were yesterday found guilty in the Cape Supreme Court of murdering writer and philosopher Richard Rive.

They were also convicted of robbery with aggravating circumstances.

Aploon was also convicted on five counts of fraud.

Both pleaded not guilty to murdering and robbing Rive at his Heathfield, Cape, home on June 3 1989.

Medical evidence was that Rive had been stabbed 22 times. — Sapa.

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# Gangs' reign of terror at Uitsig School

Capt Tyers

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## Staff Reporter

A HIGH school in Uitsig is a blackboard jungle where gangs "rule" the school.

Desperate teachers yesterday told of how a third of the pupils and many top teachers had left Uitsig Secondary School this year, disillusioned with the appalling classroom conditions and constant gang activity.

Teachers said they have had to flee knife-wielding gang members who roam the school by day, stripping the buildings of items.

Gangs often run over the few remaining ceiling sections in classrooms while lessons are being given. One teacher even suffered the humiliation of being urinated on while teaching a class.

Now the 850 pupils at the prefab school are studying for their end-of-year exams in vandalised classrooms with broken windows.

Despite repeated appeals to the Department of Education and Culture (DEC) to improve the school conditions, no repairs have been undertaken for two years, teachers said.

Pupils and teachers huddle in corners for lessons when the wind blows through the broken windows and open ceilings, said English teacher Mrs Theresa Bergers.

The damage to the school is the work of more than 20 gangs that roam the Uitsig area.

Discipline at the school is something of the past, she said.

Some of the pupils at the school now belong to the different gangs in the

area and arrive at school armed with weapons to protect themselves.

To disarm the pupils would be to leave them vulnerable at school and when they leave the grounds, said a group of teachers.

Mr Eric Jansen, who teaches business economics to Std 8, 9 and 10, said that the terrible working conditions made life at the school unbearable.

The chalk blackboard in his classroom is unusable and the broken windows and ripped-up ceilings created a completely unworkable situation, he said.

The playing field at the school is used for gang activity, according to a Students Representative Council member and Std 9 pupil, Mr Greg Tyers.

The pupils campaigned against the gang presence last week, he said.

"There is no discipline at the school because of the atmosphere created by the conditions here.

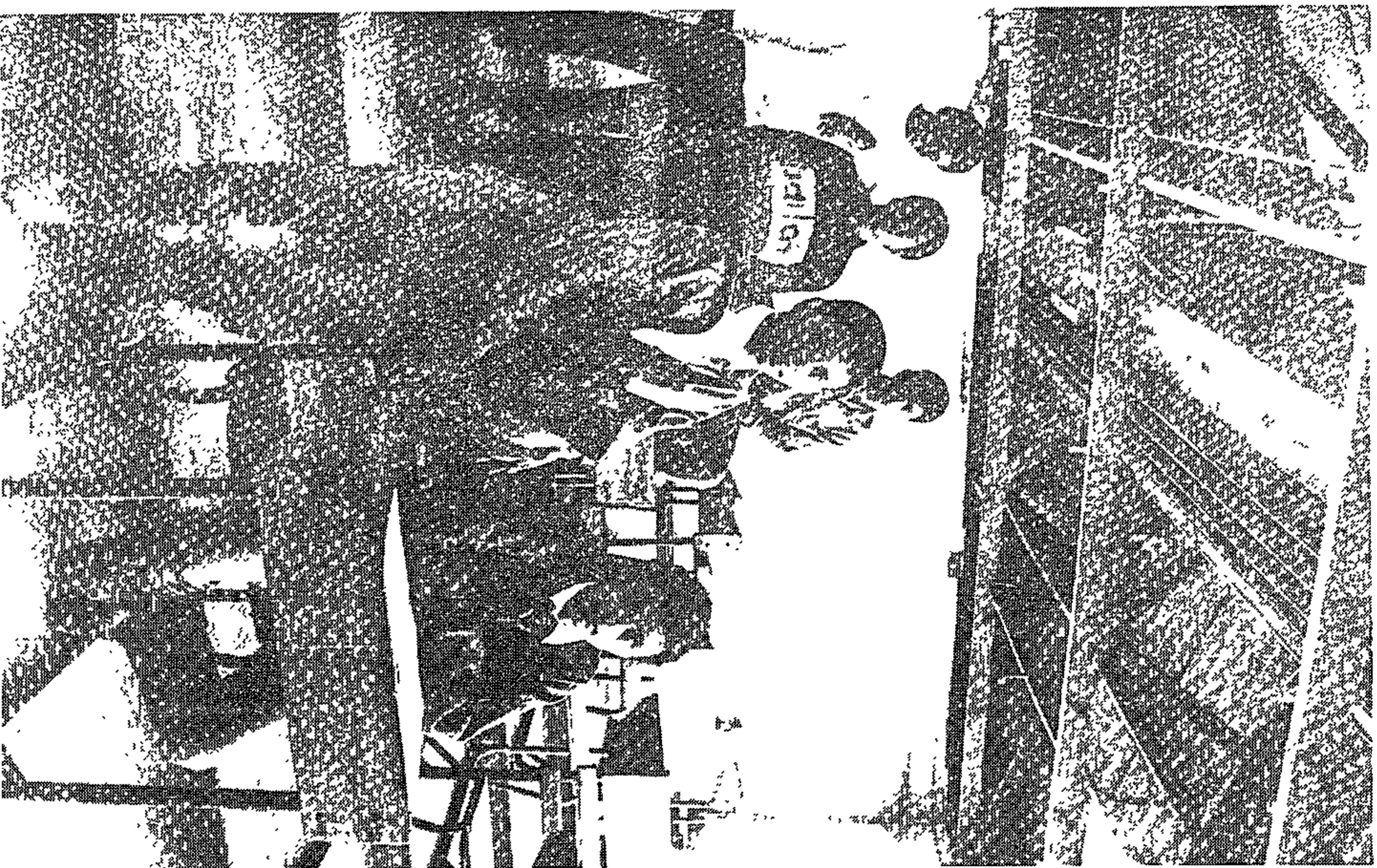
"This leads to children not caring about their school work. We want to build a new school for the future," he said.

Teachers at the school have repeatedly asked the DEC to rebuild the school and erect a brick building, they said.

They had also asked for an armed guard with a dog for 24-hour protection at the school.

The DEC had only agreed to repair the broken windows in the matric classrooms, said Mrs Bergers.

DEC officials could not be contacted for comment yesterday.



**DISILLUSIONED** ... Std 9 pupils at the Uitsig Secondary School have to put up with wind gusting through broken windows and ceiling, vandalised during lessons in their classroom. Front (left to right): Greg Tyers, 18, Carl Mitas, 16. Back: Phillip Barrow, 16, Jonathon Davids, 18, and Leverne Meyer, 18.

# More teenagers falling prey to drug pedlars

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DRUG-TAKING among teenagers in Sea Point, Green Point, Three Anchor Bay and Clifton is a continuing problem.

The manager of Sea Point Security Services, Mr Hans de Leeuw said: "We have arrested 12 people for pushing drugs in the past couple of months. One was employed as a gardener in Green Point. Residents saw him selling packets to school children.

"One of my officers smelt dagga at a garage in Three Anchor Bay and found three people smoking it. What was worse was the sight of children entering the garage and coming out rolling a dagga cigarette."

## Signal

Mr De Leeuw said the dealers had a pre-arranged plan. Teenagers using drugs would signal by putting up three fingers and the dealer would deposit the dagga in a dustbin and it would be paid for later.

"In this way no dagga changed hands, no money was seen to be paid and the pedlar had merely deposited the dagga in a bin."

Mr De Leeuw served

as a police reservist for eight years in Sea Point and used to give lectures on drug abuse. He emphasised that the public must be made aware repeatedly of the bad effects drugs have on youngsters.

He said: "Teenagers tempted to take drugs must see examples of people who have used drugs, destroyed themselves and become pitiful wrecks.

Mr De Leeuw added that with the influx of visitors expected during the coming season the problem was likely to worsen.

He said his staff of eight were all former police officers and worked in close conjunction with Business Watch and the traffic police.

## Relationships

During the two years they have been established, he said they had arrested 1 600 people in Sea Point, and nearby areas for various crimes including car thefts, breaking and entering premises, fights, drunkenness and drugging.

City Councillor Chris Joubert, who was a captain in the police reserve, said it was up to parents to ensure that relationships within the family were strong enough to help teenagers to withstand outside pressure to experiment with narcotics.

"My whole aim is to get them away from 'dives'

and to adopt a healthy life style. I realise that very little seems to be done for the children in Sea Point.

Mr Joubert stressed that a bowling alley in Sea Point — similar to the one in Parow which is packed with teenagers — would be a welcome outlet.

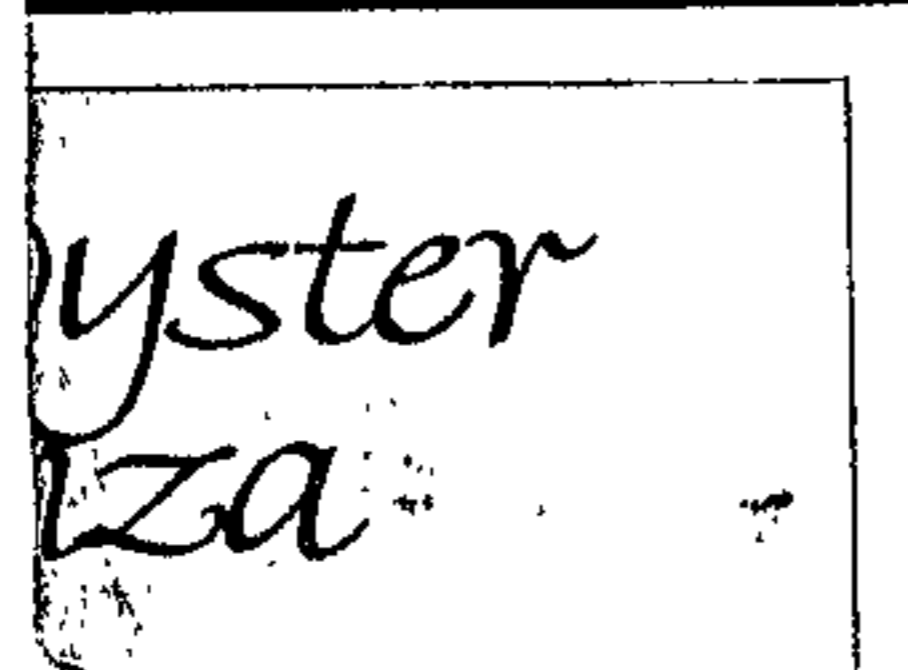
## Ruthless

"I supported a request recently from someone who wanted to open a billiard room and said if it was properly controlled by security people, without liquor on the premises, we should have no objection to this. It will, at least give the youngsters somewhere to go. I must give assurance to the parents that everything we support is under strict control."

Mr Joubert said drug pushers were ruthless — Business Watch and other security-minded people were getting prepared to increase their efforts to try to reduce the problem.

He thought that residents could put pressure on Parent Teacher Associations, headmasters and Scout and Girl Guide groups to warn youngsters of drugs. But, he added that the primary responsibility still rested with parents.

He said it was imperative that parents should continually re-evaluate their relationship with their children.



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# Jeers for rape suspect in court

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By EUNICE RIDER  
Court Reporter

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A MAN alleged to be the Mitchells Plain rapist yesterday pleaded guilty to six charges of rape, six of robbery and one of housebreaking and theft before a crowded Mitchells Plain Magistrate's court.

The magistrate, Mr G S Claassen, changed the pleas of guilty on the rape and robbery charges to not guilty after Mr Jimmy Cunningham, 29, of Boshoff Street, Westridge in Mitchells Plain, said he could not remember most of the incidents.

Mr Cunningham was shackled at the ankles and heavily guarded in the courtroom by detectives in civilian clothing.

In connection with a charge in which the state alleges he raped an 11-year-old girl, he said the child had told him she was 14 and he had not known he was "doing wrong" when he had sex with her.

When asked to plead on the other charges he mumbled, saying that he could not remember the addresses or dates on which the alleged offences took place and did not know the names of his alleged victims.

Over 100 people — many of whom sat on the floor — packed the gallery.

The crowd whispered comments in mock pity for Mr Cunningham, whom they said had "not been so shy" before his arrest.

Mr Claassen postponed the hearing to November 9 for a decision by the attorney-general and advised Mr Cunningham to arrange a pro Deo defence attorney.

The eager crowd, which had earlier moaned in disagreement at the changing of the pleas to not guilty, mocked and jeered at the solemn-looking suspect as he was whisked away in a police car with its sirens blaring.



**ALLEGED RAPIST ...** Alleged Mitchells Plain rapist Mr Jimmy Cunningham outside the Mitchells Plain Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Picture: BENNY GOOL

# Warning to women after gang rape

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Staff Reporter

WOMEN have been warned of the dangers of walking home at night — even when escorted by their boyfriends — after an 18-year-old Sea Point woman was gang-raped near Upper Strand Street early yesterday.

She and her boyfriend were overpowered by three men, who robbed him of his watch and R10 before raping the woman.

A police liaison officer, Lieutenant Denise Brand, said an 18-year-old Mitchells Plain man was later identified by the couple and arrested by a police patrol operating in the area.

Councillor for Green Point Mr Clive Bilski said young women

should be aware that they were not safe in the streets at night, even when they were not alone.

Mr Bilski, whose ward borders the site of the rape, said he would ask the city engineer for better lighting in the area, and police would be asked to increase patrol activity.

According to police, the couple were walking along High Level Road towards the city centre about 2am when three men threatened them with a broken bottle.

The boyfriend was held while the attackers dragged the woman into the old gravel quarry off Upper Strand Street and took turns to rape her.

Police are looking for two coloured men.

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## Attacked conductor kills man

Crime Reporter

AN armed train conductor shot dead a middle-aged man — thought to be a bystander — on Hazendal station while defending himself from about 30 knife-wielding passengers who refused to buy tickets yesterday morning.

Police said the dead man, who had not yet been identified, "was probably a bystander who got caught in the fire".

He was hit in the leg and bled to death on the platform.

The conductor, Mr Andries van Zyl, 24, was treated for bruises and a stab wound in the leg.

Police said violence erupted at Hazendal station in Athlone at 8am after Mr Van Zyl approached about 30 men who had boarded the train at Pinelands without having bought tickets.

The men pushed him off the train, then attacked him with knives.

Mr Van Zyl fired two shots in self-defence.

## ANC proposes tax on white properties

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The ANC proposed a windfall profits tax on residents of exclusive white suburbs as well as a punitive tax on under-utilised property in low-density residential areas to recompense people whose land was dispossessed under apartheid legislation.

The "proposals and not hard-core policies" were put by ANC land commission member Ms Bongiwe Njobe to the Building Industry Federation of SA (Bifsa's) National Association of Homebuilders housing-issues workshop held on Tuesday.

Ms Njobe said strategies had to be put into action which would end the duality between exclusive white suburbs and their poorer neighbouring black townships and result in the establishment of non-racial democratic municipalities.

"At the moment there is vast under-utilisation of property in the exclusively white urban areas," she said.

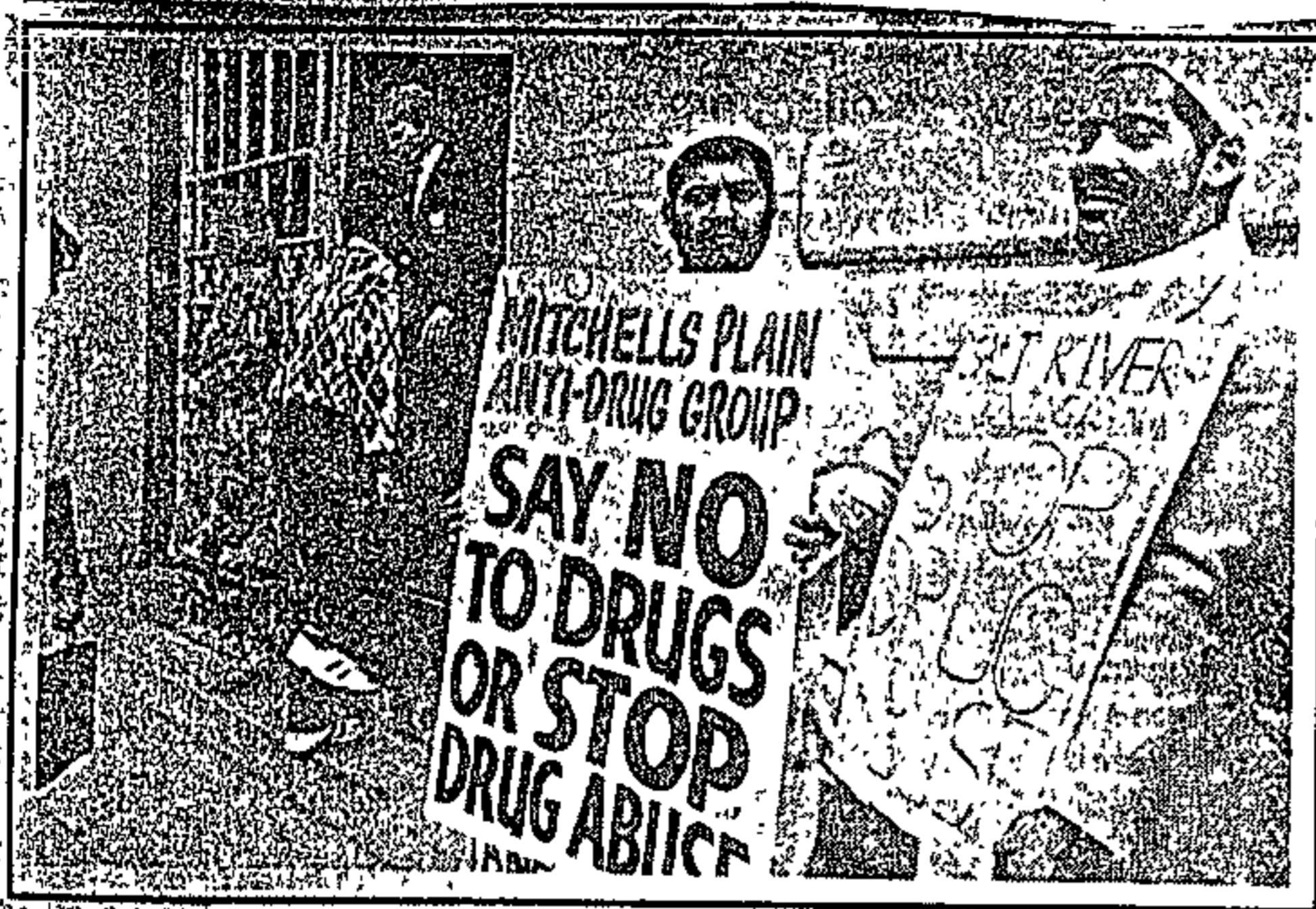
"There should be a tax on this property as it would provide an incentive for land-owners to build cottages on their property which they could use for stimulating the rent market," Ms Njobe said.

While the ANC would not be able to nationalise urban land, some sort of compensation fund would have to be set up and be paid for by those who "unjustly benefited" from dealing with land dispossessed under the apartheid laws, she said.

Township infrastructure and services desperately needed to be upgraded and this should be carried out at the expense of white residents who enjoy the privilege of established infrastructures and services in exclusive residential areas, she added.

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**DRUG ALERT:** Anti-drugs campaigners picket outside the Cape Town magistrate's court on Monday.

# Gangs in new peace moves

By REHANA ROSSOUW

A PEACE treaty between gangs in Manenberg may be signed soon following a community initiative to reduce the high crime rate in the area.

Following the killing of Catholic priest Father Noel Stanton last month, leaders of the major gangs in the area have committed their members to peace.

At the launch of a book titled "Gangs - The Search for Self-Respect", published by Nicro and the Institute of Criminology in Manenberg this week, Nicro social worker Mr Quinton Arendse said there was a climate of violence in the area.

Manenberg Advice office worker Mr Fagie Johnson said his organisation had started a programme to combat gangsterism.

It involved the Ministers' Fraternal, community centres, family planning staff, the Manenberg clinic, Shawco, Nicro, the advice office, the library staff,

Manenberg High School, the civic, youth and students organisation and the local ANC branch.

Shortly after the community's first public meeting, Father Stanton was killed by gangsters.

"We had a mass rally the following week and the leaders of the Americans and Hard Livings addressed the meeting and condemned the actions of Father Stanton's killers," Johnson said.

"They committed themselves to work towards peace in the area."

Last week, all the gangs in Manenberg were invited to a meeting to discuss a peace process.

They focused on how gang fights occurred and identified the lack of recreational facilities and education as reasons why the youth joined gangs.

Last Saturday, Elsies River residents picketed and marched to the police station to demand that police act against gangsters.

On Monday, anti-drug campaigners picketed outside the Cape Town magistrate's court at the start of the trial of three people alleged to have dealt in Mandrax with a street value of R3m.

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# Gang hacks man to death outside home

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Crime Reporter

A GANG of balaclava-clad men hacked to death a Mitchells Plain father of three with pangas outside his home on Wednesday night.

Mr Reginald Simons, 32, a TB victim who lived on a disability grant, was attacked soon after leaving his Kili-manjaro Street home in the suburb of Tafelsig about 9pm.

According to his cousin, Mrs Norma Cedras, 41, of Portlands, he had told his three-months pregnant wife, Mrs Nole Simons, 30, that he and a neighbour called Jeremy were going to visit another friend down the road.

But as they rounded the corner of the house, a group of about seven or eight balaclava-clad men approached them.

Jeremy ran away, but Mr Simons stood his ground saying: "I'm not a gangster. Why should I run?" Mrs Cedras said.

After the gang had run off, Mrs Simons and a friend took Mr Simons, bleeding badly, to the Mitchells Plain police station, where he died about 9.30pm.

Mrs Cedras described her cousin as a "happy-go-lucky chap" who "wouldn't hurt a fly".

Police confirmed the incident and said no arrests had been made.

**Killer** <sup>35</sup>

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From VUYELWA QINGA

EAST LONDON. — The killer of Border activist Mr Jeff Wabhena is believed to have hunted him for at least three years, but mystery surrounds the motive for the killing.

The attack was the fourth attempt on his life in three years.

Wabhena, national organiser for the SA Domestic Workers' Union and a local ANC official, was killed the day before the ANC's Border regional conference began.

A masked gunman walked into an ANC zone meeting which Wabhena chaired and shot him four times.

According to the branch's acting chairperson, Mr Bongani Gwili, the gunman first fired a shot at the paraffin lamp, lighting the classroom they were in, and then fired four more shots into Wabhena's chest before fleeing.

The ANC's regional publicity officer, Mr Hintsu Siwisa, who was personal friend of Wabhena, said the organisation denounced the killing "as another act of violence against members of the ANC". — *ELNEWS*

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**lord's**  
**home**  
**seized**

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By RONNIE MORRIS

THE house of a Crawford businessman, convicted of dealing in Mandrax tablets, has been confiscated by the court in terms of the Drugs Act.

In addition Moegsien January, 36, of Thornton Road, described by the magistrate as a "big fish" in dealing, was fined R30 000 (or three years) and sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment.

His wife, Mrs Fatima January, and Mr Gasant Davids, 20, who is at present serving a sentence for an unrelated offence, were found not guilty and discharged.

January was granted leave to appeal and released on bail of R30 000.

Evidence was that between September 18, 1987 and July 1, 1988, January dealt in 5 268 Mandrax tablets, tablet pieces and Mandrax powder in his home.

Mr Peter Cortjie, formerly a co-accused, testified that for a number of years he had been employed by January to sell Mandrax tablets in lots of not less than 30 tablets at a time from the house in Fourth Avenue, Sherwood Park.

On July 18, 1987 police raided the house and discovered 5 268 tablets and money in hidden compartments, the court heard.

Detective Warrant Officer Hector Lazarus, of the police Narcotics Bureau, testified that the Cape had the largest number of Mandrax addicts and South Africa was the biggest user country in the world.

Passing sentence, Mr J van Zyl said it was the first time he had dealt with a "big fish".

He found that January stored and dealt in Mandrax from his Sherwood Park house and ordered it forfeited to the state in terms of Section 8 of the Drugs Act.

Mr Anton Valkhof, instructed by Keith Herbin and Co, appeared for January.

# Sea Point spinster murdered

By DALE GRANGER

A SICKLY 86-year-old woman was found murdered in her Sea Point flat yesterday afternoon.

Police believe Miss May Smith may also have been raped.

The intruder appeared to have entered the flat through her first-floor balcony door.

Miss Smith moved to Sea Point after she was attacked and beaten up in her Gardens flat three years ago, a friend, Mrs Louise Giese, said.

Mrs Giese's son Leon, 15, found Miss Smith's body yesterday. Coincidentally it was Mrs Giese who found Miss Smith after she had been assaulted three years ago. She lay badly injured in her Gardens flat for five days before she was found.

Yesterday afternoon Leon climbed on to the balcony when his family became worried after Miss Smith's flat had been locked since Friday.

"I was quite shocked to see her body from the balcony and shouted down to my family: 'She's dead'," Leon said yesterday.

Her neighbour, who declined to be named, said Miss May was extremely quiet and reserved.

"She was a total hermit and I never heard any noise from her."

Miss May, a retired beautician who had emigrated to South Africa from England 50 years ago, had once owned a lot of land in Kraaifontein, friends told the Cape Times.

Police are appealing to anyone having seen a person climbing along the balcony of the flat to phone Captain Peter Lister on 951-6665 office hours or 951-7712 after hours.



# HOSPITAL THEFT

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## Linen turns up overseas

### THIEVES are plundering Groote Schuur Hospital — right under the noses of security guards.

Yesterday a hospital spokesman disclosed that the thieves had stolen:

- Linen worth R250 000, taken over a period of three years.
- Medicines and medical equipment, including expensive catheters and syringes.
- Lavatory seats, door handles and fold-down lift seats which have disappeared during the past six months.
- Telephones, which now have to be locked up during tea breaks.

Two weeks ago thieves stealing computer equipment worth R20 000 were chased by security guards. The thieves abandoned the computers on the sidewalk and escaped.

Thefts of cars belonging to staff and visitors from parking bays outside the hospital have also become a "big headache" for security staff, the hospital spokesman said.

He said the thieves had sold the stolen goods on the black market in Cape Town, and even

overseas. Linen stolen from the hospital has recently been found on sale in Amsterdam and Rotterdam flea markets in Holland, he said.

A shop in Rondebosch was found to be selling linen with the Groote Schuur Hospital emblem, he said. The shop owners claimed to be selling surplus linen bought from manufacturers.

The thieves have slipped through a net of 77 full-time security guards. They have also evaded bag checks at the exits.

Hospital notices placed on walls to deter the thieves appear to have little effect. Notices like "Who robs the hospital, robs the people" and "This is your hospital" have been ignored by looters.

Routine investigations by security staff have not established the presence of a syndicate, said the spokesman. At least 15 000 people, including staff and visitors, walk through the hospital every day, he said. The hospital has asked the public to co-operate with the overworked security staff when asked for identification at the hospital entrances.

# Student link in mystery hostel fires?

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By DALE GRANGER

TECHNIKON students at a Ronderbosch hostel fear that a resident student has been responsible for a spate of mystery fires which have gutted the rooms of four students, as well as a TV room, in the past eight weeks.

Police liaison officer Captain Attie Laubscher confirmed last night that police were investigating five arson cases at the Rouwkoop residence in Rouwkoop Road.

The residence houses about 250 male students.

In the latest incident, on Wednesday, smoke pouring from under the door of a third-year teaching student's room alerted about 15 students, who doused the flames.

The student, Mr De Vries Stander, was on study leave at his home in Struis Bay, and his friends extinguished the flames but were unable to save his clothes and belongings.

Early one morning last week, a fire started in the TV lounge of the residence and curtains and a carpet were singed from the blaze.

"We strongly suspect someone in the residence, and I think more than one person is involved," third-year public

health student Mr Francois Retief said yesterday.

Students said the rooms had been locked and they were baffled as to how the arsonist gained entrance. In each instance the students had either been out of town or were not in their rooms when the fires started.

"Whoever it is is a very sick person, and they must just hope we don't get hold of him," said cost accounting student Mr Tertius van der Merwe.

In the first blaze, shortly before holidays began last month, the belongings and books of a personnel student were totally destroyed by the fire.

A closet and clothes were destroyed in the second fire, which started at 5.30 in the morning soon afterwards.

Last Monday, marketing student Mr Ian Smit's room was saved by students who extinguished the blaze before his room was gutted. His bed and some clothes were destroyed.

Dr Kobus Steyn, vice-rector of the Cape Technikon, said yesterday that he hoped students' examination studies would not be disrupted.

"We're doing everything possible to stop it and security has been stepped up. We hope that the culprit is apprehended as soon as possible," he said.

# Make trains safe again, says chamber

By ANDREA WEISS, DALE KNEEN  
and SHARKEY ISAACS  
Staff Reporters

A DRIVE to combat crime and vandalism on trains has been called for following thuggery on the Cape Town suburban line when six passengers were attacked and robbed.

The Cape Town Chamber of Commerce says in its weekly bulletin it is essential to restore public confidence in the railway as a safe and reliable. However, Spoornet says its crime-prevention programme in the Western Cape has been a "big success" and more than R17 000 in rewards has been paid in the past 12 months.

The project is aimed at encouraging the public and Spoornet staff to provide information about crime.

## Threatened couple

On Saturday passengers on a train between Fish Hoek and Retreat were terrorised by three men who held them up and robbed them of money, watches and jewellery.

Mr Victor Nomdidi, 26, and his wife Mavis, 24, were attacked about 3pm between Fish Hoek and Kalk Bay stations. Police spokesman Major Jan Calitz said the attackers threatened the couple with a knife and stole Mr

Nomdidi's R174 watch and Mrs Nomdidi's R145 ring.

As the train approached Muizenberg, the thugs forced Kenwyn schoolboy Shane Mayer, 15, to hand over R12.

Three more teenagers were robbed between Steenberg and Retreat stations.

The thugs grabbed a wallet containing R60 and spectacles from Mark Brandt, 19, of Grassy Park.

Belinda MacDonald, 17, of Rondebosch, was threatened with a knife and her watch and a bag containing R500 worth of cosmetics and jewellery was taken.

## Red tape

William Woodhouse, 17, of Hout Bay, was robbed of money and a watch.

The thugs jumped off the train at Retreat station and have not been arrested.

The Chamber of Commerce's transport committee is to recommend urgent action for the short-term to ease the city's transport problems.

At a recent seminar organised by the committee, transport operators cited bottlenecks, red tape, gang rivalry, rampant crime and vandalism on trains as serious problems. Fare evasion and damage by vandalism was also adding significantly to transport costs, according to the chamber.

# Gang terror on city train

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Staff Reporters

**A GANG armed with knives robbed passengers on a southern suburbs train on Saturday afternoon.**

Details of the robbery came to light only yesterday.

At least six passengers were robbed of watches, jewellery and money.

Saturday's robbery was the latest in a spate of similar incidents on the line. Last month conductors warned that passengers travelling on the Simon's Town line during off-peak periods should sit together for safety. In August a group of schoolgirls was robbed while travelling home.

One of those robbed on Saturday was 15-year-old Kenwyn schoolboy Shane Meyer. Yesterday he told a harrowing tale of how a gangster held a knife to his throat and made him hand over his R12 pocket money.

Police believe the gang boarded the Cape Town-bound train about 3pm at Fish Hoek and started searching the carriages for victims.

Near Kalk Bay the gangster held up a Guguletu couple, Mr Victor Nomdididi, 26, and his wife Mavis, 24. They took a watch and a ring.

Shane was their next victim, and between Steenberg and Retreat stations they robbed Mr Mark Brandt, 19, of Grassy Park, Belinda MacDonald, 17, of Rondebosch and William Woodhouse, 17, of Hout Bay.

Last night Shane, a Std 5 pupil at Sunlands Primary School, described his terrifying journey.

"I was coming home from Muizenberg beach when about seven youths came through the carriage.

"One of them took out a knife and grabbed my shirt and held a knife against my throat.

"I couldn't move and two others went for my pockets and began fighting over my wallet.

"They took out my money (R12) and dropped my wallet. As I bent down to pick it up, one of them slammed his fist into the top of my head."

He said the robbers then robbed other people in the packed coach before going for the first-class section.

"About 15 minutes later, at Retreat station, they came back to rob other people who had boarded the train and one of them saw me and said: 'Hey whitey'. He flicked a knife and I thought he was going to stab me so I jumped out of the door."

Shane said that after he jumped from the coach, other passengers jumped out of windows and a passenger in a first-class coach alerted the driver.

The robbers escaped on a train heading in the opposite direction.

Last night Shane's mother, Mrs Alicia Meyer, said it was terrible that her son had been attacked in daylight.

"We are shocked. There should be police on the train full-time."

Police said the suspects got off the train at Retreat station. No arrests have been made.

Spoornet said it was doing everything in its power to try to put an end to such incidents.



**SURVIVORS . . .** Mr Deon Brown, also known as 'Brooke Shields', left, and Mr Adiel Bekko at the Supreme Court yesterday where Mr Duncan Kensley is on trial for the murder of two of their friends. Mr Brown is the current holder of the "Miss Fascination" title, a beauty competition for transsexuals.

Picture STEWART COLMAN

## Man 'shot men in drag', court told

BY RONNIE MORRIS  
Supreme Court Reporter

MOMENTS after a Mitchells Plain man "with murder on his face" discovered that "women" he had kissed and petted were transvestites, he shot dead his friend and a young woman the Supreme Court heard yesterday.

A packed court heard that Mr Deon Brown, also known as Brooke Shields, was wounded in the stomach in the same incident.

This was evidence in the trial of Mr Duncan Richard Kensley, 29, of Station Road, Westridge, who has pleaded not guilty to two counts of murder, three of attempted murder and one handling a firearm while under the influence of alcohol or a narcotic drug.

The state alleges that on May 20 last year, at Tulip Street, Lentegour, Mitchells Plain, he murdered Miss Yolanda Jallahrs and Mr Shaun van der Westhuizen and attempted to murder Mr Deon Brown, Mr Randall Adam and Mr Adiel Bekko.

Mr Kensley admitted he had been in the company of the group but denied knowledge or recollection of the events.

Mrs Adelaide de Sousa testified that she, Miss Jallahrs, Mr Brown (Brooke Shields) and Mr Bekko had gone to Mitchells Plain nightclub.

Afterwards Mr Kensley had taken them to Miss Jallahrs's Tulip Street home, where Mr Van der Westhuizen, Mr Kensley's friend, joined them.

She told the court they had bought a bottle of rum and drank it while dancing.

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Staff Reporter

THE Western Cape Civic Association (WCCA) is to crack down on township gangsterism and shebeeners — evicting people who harbour known gangsters and insisting that shebeens close by 9pm.

In a statement issued yesterday, the WCCA said these measures had been endorsed at a mass rally at the Guguletu stadium last Sunday.

Shebeens would also no longer be allowed to sell liquor to anyone under the age of 21, the WCCA added.

Street committees should be strengthened and "houses harbouring gangsters raided and the tenant ejected — no one will be allowed to accommodate him/her in the Western Cape".

"If they want to behave like animals they deserve to stay with animals in the bush away from the community," a WCCA spokesman said.

# Valhalla Park peaceful after truce called

## Less harassment of health officials

By DALE KNEEN  
Staff Reporter

HEALTH services in Valhalla Park are no longer being interrupted by gangsterism, according to Cape Town medical officer of health Dr Michael Popkiss.

Women did not need the protection when they visited clinics, and child welfare clinics were operating without harassment from gangsters.

These improvements in the once gang-infested suburb were noted by Dr Popkiss during a meeting between health officials, members of the Valhalla Park Civic Association and a gang leader this week.

### Truce called

Members of the civic association, who persuaded gangs in to call a truce, told Dr Popkiss gang strife in the suburb had been "drastically" reduced over the past two months.

Association chairman Mr George Rosenberg said gang activity still taking place in Valhalla Park was that of gangsters living in neighbouring suburbs.

Dr Popkiss urged the gangsters to help him with official



health education efforts, and the leader of the High Living Kids gang agreed to take part in an Aids awareness week next month.

"Health workers say the situation in Valhalla Park is infinitely better than before.

The Valhalla Park Clinic was occupied by gangsters several months ago and women were reluctant to visit clinics for fear of being attacked.

● Patrols by residents appeared to be the only effective way of ending gangsterism in Guguletu, according to Mr Jeffrey Mamputa of the Community Development Resource Association.

Mr Mamputa was speaking at a debate on gangsterism in the Western Cape which was chaired by Mr Wilfred Scharf, director of the University of Cape Town's Institute of Criminology.

"The retaliation by residents, coupled with gangsters being urged to hand in their weapons, appeared to end the problem for a while," he said.

Gangsterism surfaced again when police cracked down on the night patrols and arrested residents.

Meetings between gangs, organised sport and police operations along with counselling by various organisations, including street committees, had not been effective.

### Ritual attacks

Mr Mamputa said attacks, which usually took place at night or at sport halls, often had a ritual element.

Traditionally rough areas, such as NY3A, were not affected by gangsterism, said Mr Mamputa.

Some cultural traditions, like Christmas and initiation celebrations, were no longer taking place in Guguletu because of gangsterism.

# Danger pay demanded

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HAIRDRESSERS want danger pay for travelling home by train after working late.

The secretary of the Cape Western branch of the Hairdressers' Union, Ms Veronica Orme, said many union members often worked overtime and travelled home late, especially now that advantage was being taken of the deregulation of working hours.

"I don't know of any muggings of our

workers, but we have seen reports of such attacks in the papers," she said.

"One of my colleagues takes a taxi nowadays instead of a train because she believes trains are dangerous. Others have said they don't want to come to our annual general meeting in the evening for the same reason."

Ms Evette Olwage, a public relations officer for Spoornet, said it was not only on trains that one was in danger of being mugged.

# Sea Point terror as thugs rule

By DALE KNEEN  
Weekend Argus  
Crime Reporter

GANGS of young thugs armed with long knives are terrorising residents of Sea Point who say they fear the suburb is turning into a "Hillbrow by the sea".

A call has been made to Sea Point MP Mr Colin Eglin to investigate the possibility of building rehabilitation centres for the thugs.

City councillor Mr Chris Joubert is to also urge the commander of the Sea Point police station to take steps to safeguard the suburb.

## 'Easy targets'

Seven people have been murdered in Sea Point this year and 610 burglaries have been reported in the past nine months.

This week a former karate world champion was attacked by a group of 15 youths and an elderly woman was mugged in St John's Road.

"People cannot walk around Sea Point anymore because they have become easy targets for these thugs," said Mr Max Grunau, owner of the Ishinryu School of Karate and Judo.

Mr Grunau was attacked by 15 youths, seven of whom were armed with knives, in Main Road at 4pm on Wednesday.

The youths ran down London Road after Mr Grunau broke away and grabbed a nunchaku fighting stick from his studio.

## Urgent call for action

Mr Grunau and a man who came to his aid, Mr Bradley Steyn, caught two of the boys and handed them to the police.

"The next day they were back on the streets after being charged for loitering," said Mr Grunau.

"There is simply no protection anymore for anyone walking around the streets.

"You will be arrested if you fail to pay a traffic fine, but potential killers are allowed to run amok on the streets," he said.

Mr Joubert said he would urge the police to put plainclothes men on to the streets.

## Four-minute response

Attempts would also be made to extend the police Business Watch system to Main Road.

The scheme, which guarantees a four-minute response by police, had been successful in Regent Road and central Cape Town.

"We have to do something if we want to maintain the standard of living on the Atlantic or else this will soon be a Hillbrow by the sea," said Mr Joubert.





**SHOT AT . . .** Rodney George, 12, was wounded in the thigh when a group of armed gangsters gatecrashed the 21st birthday party of Mr Michael Barron (left) at the weekend. Picture: ALAN TAYLOR

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# Birthday braai: 4 shot

**Staff Reporter**

**ARMED** men burst in on a peaceful 21st birthday braai at a Bellville South home at the weekend and opened fire, injuring a 12-year-old boy and three guests.

Mr Michael Barron, who was celebrating his 21st birthday with a family braai shortly before 7pm on Saturday, said yesterday he knew and recognised some of the men who entered the Armanda Crescent house, as members of the local Nice Time Kids gang. Mr Barron said his 12-year-old

nephew, Rodney George, was discharged from Tygerberg Hospital with a bullet wound in his right thigh yesterday morning, but that the condition of his mother, Mrs Dina Barron, 46, and two party guests was "serious".

Mrs Barron had a bullet lodged in her spine and guests Miss Dawn Kupido, 26, and Mr Ivan van Wyk, 25, were wounded in the lower spine and right foot respectively, he said.

Some of the guests who were

present when the shooting occurred, said yesterday that four men and a woman drove up to the house in a Ford Cortina. Two of the men — one carrying a firearm and the other brandishing a dagger — ran into a bedroom where two women were bathing babies.

"They demanded to know where a certain person was and we told them he was outside, pointing him in the direction of the backyard — then we heard

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# Emergency unit again closed by gang terrorism

By VIVIEN HORLER  
Staff Reporter

THE mobile emergency trauma unit operating in Guguletu on Saturday nights has been closed for the rest of the year after staff were terrorised by a knife-wielding gang early on Sunday.

The decision was taken today by the executive director of hospital services in the Cape, Dr George Watermeyer, on the recommendation of the director of emergency medical services, Dr Alan MacMahon.

It is the second time this year that the unit, which treats about 2 000 trauma cases and emergencies a year, has been closed. On the first occasion a staff member was stabbed.

Dr MacMahon said that soon after midnight on Sunday an armed gang of about six men brought a badly stabbed man to the unit. He had lost a lot of blood and "was in a bad way".

## 'TOO RISKY'

The gang, carrying knives and knobkerries, told the staff that if they did not save the patient's life they would kill everyone in the unit. The patient was treated and sent to hospital.

"It's just too risky," said Dr MacMahon.

"It's a hazardous time of year. I'm not talking about unrest: it's unruliness, good old mayhem and drunkenness. I'm not saying we'll shut down permanently, but we won't have another look at this until the new year."

The unit relieves pressure on the trauma units at hospitals.

## 'HUGE PROBLEM'

"Assaults are a huge problem in the Peninsula. There are probably about 60 000 cases treated in hospitals a year, and the ambulance service alone carries about 27 000 cases a year," said Dr MacMahon.

"So this little unit is a band-aid, really, but it does help. About 30 percent of the cases seen there are relatively minor, needing perhaps a couple of stitches and an anti-tetanus shot, and then the patients can be discharged, which keeps them out of the major hospitals."

The burden on the hospitals was highlighted this week when the medical superintendent of the Red Cross Children's Hospital, Dr Gilbert Lawrence, said his staff was being swamped by people needing treatment for minor ailments.

Dr Watermeyer said today that between eight and 10 clinics and day hospitals would be opened on the Cape Flats within the first six months of next year.



# Clerics concern at crime wave

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By DALE KNEEN, Crime Reporter

SPIRITUAL leaders are concerned about criminals targeting places of worship and religious leaders.

The safety of priests who live in the communities they serve has been questioned and burglaries at holy places have been condemned.

Two Catholic priests were recently killed by robbers. They were Father Noel Stanton of Manenberg and Father Hugh Leo Magorrian of East London.

## Desecrated

Mosques and churches have been burgled and Jewish, Baptist and Dutch Reformed Church cemeteries have been desecrated in a wave of crime against holy places.

The latest incidents were the theft of R60 000 brass instruments and other goods from the Salvation Army in Athlone and the breaking of a stained glass window in St George's Cathedral when a stone was thrown through it.

Several thousand rands' electronic equipment was stolen from mosques in Claremont, Athlone and Hanover Park earlier this year.

"For the sake of social order, those guilty must be brought to book, not in any sense of revenge or retribution, but solely to ensure safe social order," Owen Cardinal McCann writes in the latest issue of the Catholic newspaper Southern Cross.

Churches were "soft targets" as few had adequate security because of a lack of money, said the Dean of St George's Cathedral, the Very Rev Colin Jones.

"It is indicative of the economic climate. People are becoming desperate," he said.

## Drugs play part

"Drugs have played a part in burglaries at mosques as these people are so desperate they are willing to do anything," said Moulana Azeem Khatieb.

A spate of burglaries earlier this year had forced Muslim leaders to lock doors to mosques, something that had not been done in the past.

"Society has gone down the drain. Some people no longer have respect for mosques, temples, churches and synagogues," he said.

# Help to fight crime — join the police reserve

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Crime Reporter

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PEOPLE are hitting back at criminals by finding ways to help combat crime in the Peninsula.

Keen on ensuring the safety of their homes and families, hundreds of men and women have become police reservists.

Reservists work a minimum of 16 hours a month at their nearest police station and perform charge-office or patrol duties, said police spokesman Captain Attie Laubscher.

Sometimes reservists also work at narcotics bureaus, the diamond and gold unit, detective branch, diving unit, commercial unit and security branch. A few reservists who are pilots serve in the police air wing.

The longest serving police reservist in the Western Cape, Mr Morris Rosenberg, 49, has done charge office duties at the Claremont police station for 25 years.

"Being a reservist is one way

of helping the community and it can also be fun and exciting," he said.

The first women reservists were appointed in February 1982 and there are now about 800 around the country.

Reservists are trained in and familiarised with police procedures to ensure they can perform routine police functions so that permanent members can work elsewhere, said Captain Laubscher.

Police urgently need aircraft owners who live in country areas to volunteer as reserve pilots in the police air wing, said the commander of the unit, Brigadier Bill van der Merwe.

The pilots — owners of helicopters or fixed-wing aircraft — take part in police tasks such as stock theft operations and searches.

Brigadier Van der Merwe said the pilots are paid for every hour they spend in the air.

Anyone who wants to become a reservist in the air wing is asked to telephone Brigadier Van der Merwe at (012) 322 9618.

# Ambulance crew attacked answering emergency in Lavender Hill

# MURDER

A GANG of thugs brandishing guns and knives threatened the crew of a Cape Town ambulance when it answered an emergency call in Lavender Hill last night.

A still-shaken Mr Deon Hanekom, 31, of Plumstead, said they were lucky to escape. It was not the first time ambulancemen had to take their lives into their hands when chasing calls on the gang-infested Cape Flats, he added.

Mr Hanekom, of the Cape Ambulance Service's Retreat satellite station, gave a dramatic account of how his team was forced to flee after being set upon.

The ambulance crew had gone to pick up a casualty in Lotus River, near Grassy Park, and were then diverted to Duiker Avenue, Lavender Hill, to answer another call.

### 'Lots of gangsters, one with tattoos'

There Mr Hanekom, his driver and an accompanying fireman found "a whole lot of gangsters", one with cut hand.

Mr Hanekom and the fireman put the injured man in the back of the ambulance. But before the crew could drive off another gangster "with a whole lot of tattoos over his face" climbed in.

The gangsters then jostled the patient, stole his cigarettes and tried to steal his shoes, Mr Hanekom said.

"I got out and as I did so I heard someone shout: 'Shoot the three of them!'"

"My partner pulled away — he didn't realise that I was out of the ambulance. I shouted to him, but he didn't hear me.

"When he realised I wasn't in the vehicle he reversed and I jumped in," Mr Hanekom said.

### Gangster flung out the back

He shouted to the driver: "Move it!" As they sped away the injured gangster was flung out of the back of the ambulance.

"If we had tried to stop them we could have been killed," Mr Hanekom said.

"This is not the first time there has been an incident with gangs in Retreat and Lavender Hill. We have complained about it and our so-called officers always say they are looking into it.

"They are always waiting for something drastic to happen before they do anything. One day one of the ambulancemen will be injured or even killed."

Police have thanked the public for helping in the arrest of two knifemen who robbed a man in Salt River and stabbed a traffic officer.

Mr Shaheem Kalam, 24, was delivering goods to a shop in Boundary Road, Salt River, yesterday afternoon when two men approached, threatened him with knives and stole R168 from his van.

Mr Kalam asked traffic officer Anthony Jacobs, 28, for help and he chased the suspects. Officer Jacobs caught up with them in Pope Street, Salt River.

One of the men knifed the traffic officer three times. Officer Jacobs fired twice, hitting one man in the shoulder.

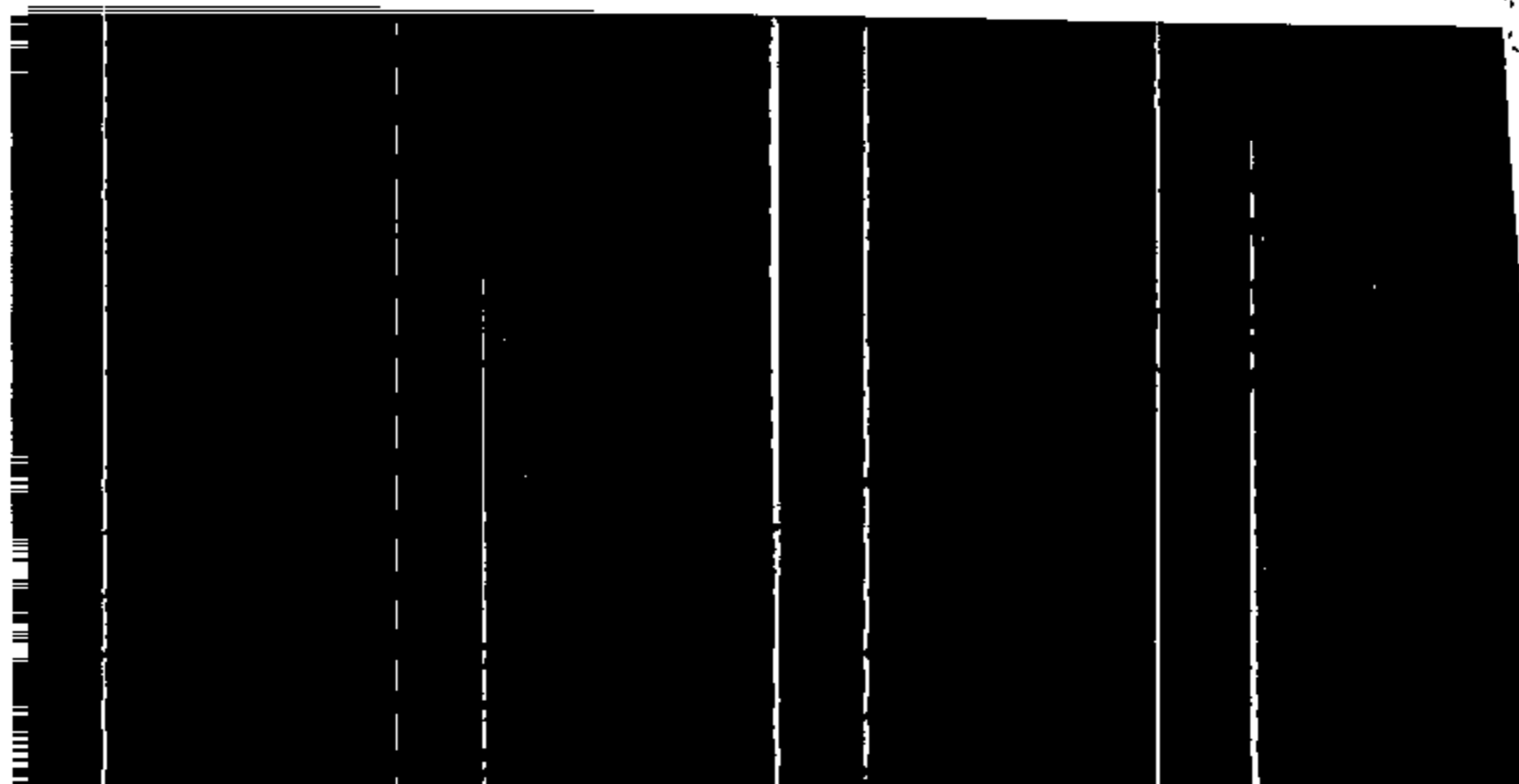
The assailants were arrested and the money recovered.

"We must point out that the general public played a role in the arrest of these people," said police spokesman Captain Danie Deysel.

Police are hunting for two men who grabbed a R10 672 payroll from Mrs Susannah Walters, 36, an employee of Fences and Guards in Blackheath, after stabbing her with a screwdriver as she walked from a bank to her office at noon yesterday.

By JOHN VILJOEN, Weekend Argus Reporter

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# Gangsters threaten ambulance crew

CAPE TOWN ambulanceman who was threatened by armed gangsters in Lotus River at the weekend has called for officials to step up security.

Mr Deon Hanekom, 31, of Plumstead, said he and two companions answered a casualty call in Duiker Avenue.

A man with an injured hand was placed in the back of the ambulance but before the crew could drive off another "thug" with his face covered with tattoos climbed into the vehicle.

The driver thought Mr Hanekom was in the van and pulled off, leaving him stranded on the street with 20 gangsters.

"I heard them shout 'shoot the three of them'," he said.

The driver then reversed and Mr Hanekom climbed in as the tattooed gangster fell on to his head on the tarmac.

# Cape - World's murder capital

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**WASHINGTON:-** Cape Town has the highest murder rate of the world's 100 largest metropolitan areas, an international survey has found.

Johannesburg has become a pretty grim place to live too, barely escaping being classified as one of the world's 28 cities with poor living conditions.

More than 70 percent of the people who live in greater Johannesburg have no electricity and/or running water in their homes, making South Africa's commercial capital the worst off in this regard in the entire world.

Johannesburg also has the least children between 14 and 17 in school, faring worse in this regard than Lagos, Nigeria and Lahore, Pakistan.

The two-year study by the Washington-based Population Crisis Committee involved nearly 200 research collaborators from 45 countries in the first comparative statistical conditions in the world's 100 largest metropolitan areas.

Johannesburg, with 4,6 million people, is ranked as the world's 38th-largest urban area. Cape Town, with 2,4 million people, weighs in at the 94th position.

Out of a maximum urban living standards score of 100, Cape Town scores 52 points, the same as Naples in Italy, while Johannesburg gets 46, behind Casablanca's 48 and Sao Paulo's 50.

The Population Crisis Committee considers scores of 75 to 100 to be

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very good, 60 to 74 good, 45 to 59 fair and 44 and anything less poor.

Johannesburg therefore squeaks in as a city considered to have fair living conditions.

Among the cities scoring lower points than Johannesburg are Manila, Alexandria, Bangkok, Istanbul, Madras, Ho Chi Minh City, Mexico City and Calcutta.

The worst city to live in in the world is Lagos, Nigeria, which scores 19. Kinshasha comes in second on the worst list with a score of 29.

Three cities tie for best places in the world to live -- Melbourne, Montreal and Seattle (each with a score of 86).

### Dubious

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The city of gold ... grim place to live.

The two South African cities in the world's 100 biggest urban concentrations fared poorly in terms of socio-economic conditions but did fairly well in terms of noise, traffic flow and clean air.

In the category of food costs, Capetonians spend an average 34 percent of their income feeding themselves (no figures were available for Johannesburg). This compares with 23 other metropolitan areas in which households spend half or more of their income on food. The worse off in this regard are Ho Chi Minh City (people spend 80 percent of their income on food) and

Lima (70 percent).

In most cities in the US, Canada and Australia, households spend 15 percent or less of income on food. Three cities with a reputation for high living costs score low percentages: Tokyo (18 percent), London (14 percent) and Washington, DC (nine percent).

In Johannesburg there is an average five persons per room of living space. The corresponding figure for Cape Town is 1,2. For cities in the US, Canada and Australia, there are an average of two rooms a person.

Johannesburg ranks as the world's worst-off city in terms of housing stan-

dards, with only 28 percent of all homes having electricity and/or running water (Cape Town 58 percent).

In 87 of the world's top 100 metropolitan areas, 70 percent or more homes have electricity and/or running water. Kinshasa, second on the world's worst list for this indicator, has 33 percent of its citizens living with access to electricity and/or water.

In terms of public health, Johannesburg reports 22 infant deaths per 1 000 live births and Cape Town 18 -- levels which although are substantially higher than the rate of five infant deaths for 1 000 births recorded in three Japanese cities and Taipei, are somewhat better than the world's worst cities (Kanpur 157 deaths/1 000, Recife 122 and Dhaka 108).

### Quiet

Cape Town and Johannesburg are fairly quiet cities, each scoring three out of 10 for ambient noise levels. The world's noisiest cities include New York, London, Karachi, Madras, Madrid, Lahore, Naples and Surabaya. Among the quietest (scoring two each) were Dallas, Singapore and Manchester.

Both Cape Town and Johannesburg scored eight out of 10 for clean air. Only three cities -- Taipei, Sydney and Melbourne -- scored a perfect 10. The world's most polluted cities are Calcutta, Jakarta, New Delhi, Tehran, Beijing, Shenyang and Milan. - Sowetan Foreign Service

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Seventeen  
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By DALE KNEEN  
Crime Reporter

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SEVENTEEN people died violently in the Peninsula at the weekend and the body of a woman was found buried at Simon's Town.

Two women were trampled to death in a disco in Macassar, a man burnt to death in a Crossroads fire and 14 people died after being assaulted.

A man and a woman were found dead in the domestic workers' quarters at a house in Dirkie Uys Street, Bellville, house. The cause of death is not known.

The body of Miss Beauty du Plessis was discovered in a grave near the Blue Water compound at Simon's Town on Friday after police were given a tip-off.

#### MAN ARRESTED

A 25-year-old man was arrested and is expected to appear in the Simon's Town Magistrate's Court today. Police are investigating a murder charge.

Mrs Esther Arendse, 27, and an unidentified woman were trampled to death when more than 400 people stampeded out of a tavern in Macassar to escape teargas on Saturday. Several people were injured.

An unidentified man burnt to death when arsonists set his Section Four, Crossroads, home alight about 1.40am yesterday.

Nineteen shacks and four tents were also set alight in Section Four and two shacks in Section Three burnt down.

Police spokesman Captain Danie Deyzel said damage to the tents and shacks was estimated at R8 000.

● Nine people were arrested for "riotous behavior" at a shopping centre in Atlantis on Saturday.

Eight paid admission of guilt fines and a man who was charged with resisting arrest is expected to appear in court soon.

### Cape Town's poor ranking, page 11.

From DAVID BRAUN, The Argus Foreign Service

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Johannesburg also scored low in terms of the communications indicator with only six telephones per 100 people (Cape Town 18).

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Cape Town averaged 35km/h.

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# SAP: City not 'murder capital'

By PETER DENNEHY

POLICE in Cape Town are nonplussed that the Mother City has once again been described by researchers as the "murder capital of the world" — and they doubt the authenticity of statistics used in the study.

Yet the National Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Rehabilitation of Offenders (Nicro) says the conclusion reached with regard to the city by the Washington-based Population Crisis Committee is in line with what they expected.

Brigadier George Potgieter, head of the Peninsula CID, said yesterday that he did not know

where the overseas group got its information from.

His men were gathering information yesterday for a response to the international study's findings.

The international study group reported that Cape Town, which it said had a population of 2,4 million, had an annual murder rate of 64,7 per 100 000 people, by far the highest in the 100 top cities in the world.

This would indicate that there must be 1 553 murders a year in greater Cape Town.

But Mr Adriaan Vlok told Parliament last year that police stations in the greater Cape Town area had received reports of 896 murders in 1988.

Yesterday Ms Vivienne Taylor, national training and research manager of Nicro, said she was

not at all surprised that more murders took place in Cape Town than anywhere else.

The city was still feeling the effects of an anti-urbanisation policy (now dropped) and forced removals, and of the existing apartheid-skewed pattern of land usage, she said.

This was combined with industrial underdevelopment compared with other South African cities, and meant limited economic opportunities available to newcomers to the city.

The unequal distribution of resources, with its racial and urban/rural biases, led to anger being turned inwards. This manifested itself in violence against individuals, communities or "the system" as a whole, Ms Taylor said.

# Murder figures misleading, says Peninsula brigadier

CAPE TOWN — Recent press reports that Cape Town is the "murder capital of the world" with the highest number of murders per capita were misleading, the head of the Cape Peninsula CID, Brigadier George Potgieter, said yesterday.

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ple, by far the highest in the 100 top cities in the world.

Brigadier Potgieter said in a statement that according to available statistics, 22 murders were reported in the Cape Town police district for the period January 1 to October 31 1990. Of this total, 17 cases were successfully solved.

## No comparison

In the police district of Cape Town which stretched from Camps Bay to Atlantis, there were 87 murders during the same period. Forty-four were solved. Most murders reported

occurred in the Peninsula's coloured areas.

In the same period there were 797 murders in the police district of Athlone, of which 355 had been solved.

In Khayelitsha, 222 murders were reported and the figure for Guguletu was 97.

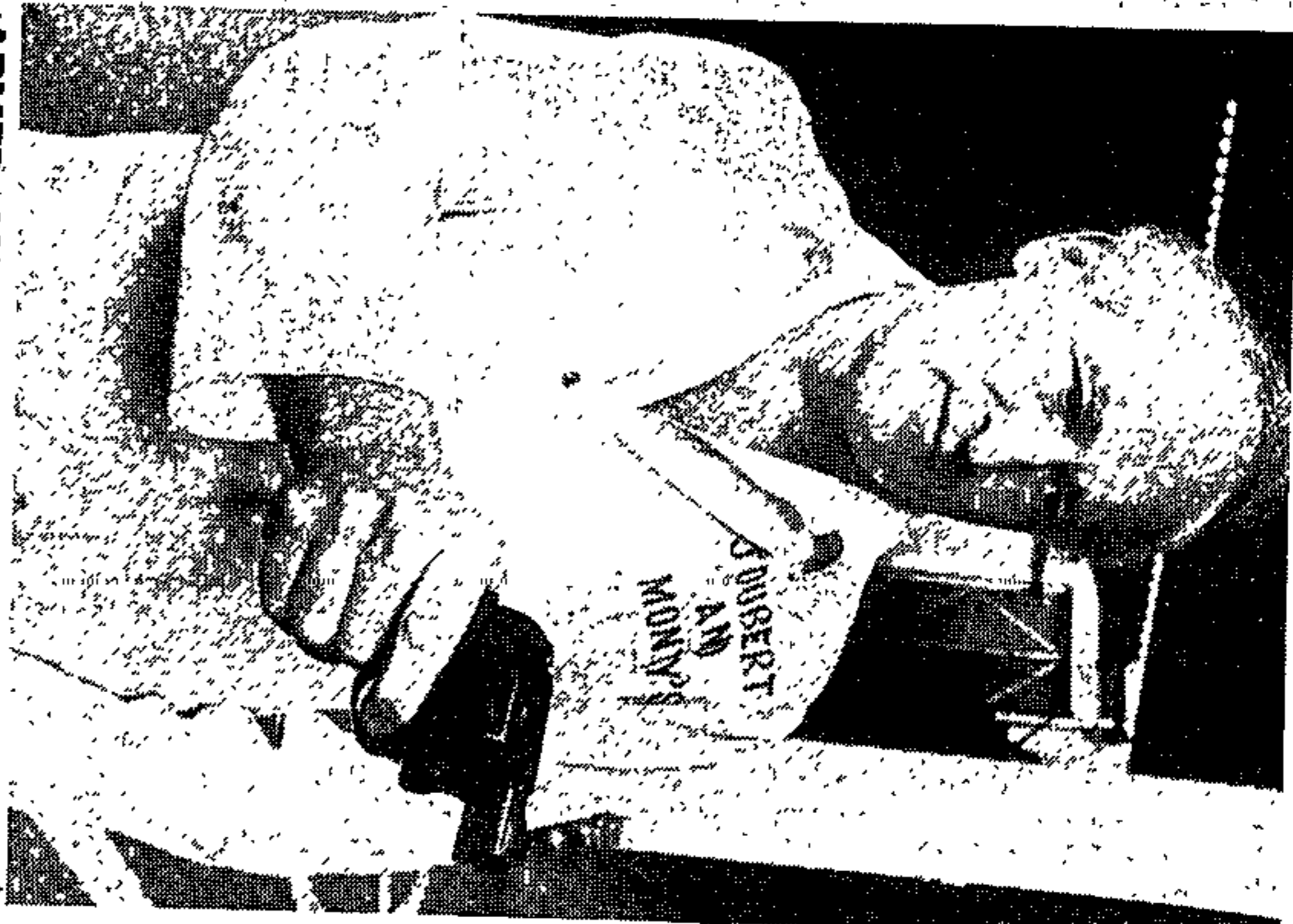
The areas of Khayelitsha and Guguletu could not serve as a basis for significant comparison as they did not fall within the magisterial area of Cape Town, Brigadier Potgieter said.

He said that in Khayelitsha and Guguletu many factors contributed to the high crime fig-

ures, including the socio-economic climate, the uncontrolled influx into black townships, drink and drug abuse which contributed to violence, ethnic differences as well as power struggles among black community leaders and gang fights.

## Protect

"The police will do everything in their power — as they have done in the past with the manpower at their disposal — to protect the citizens of Cape Town as they deserved," Brigadier Potgieter said. — Sapa.



**ARMED AND DANGEROUS . . .** Mr Chris Joubert after holding up two assailants in Regent Road yesterday.

Picture: STEWART COLMAN

# 'Hillbrow by the Sea'

## — That's crime-infested Sea Point, says councillor Joubert

By Staff Reporters

CITY councillor Mr Chris Joubert likened crime-ridden Sea Point to "Hillbrow by the Sea" after his involvement in a dramatic arrest of two suspected housebreakers in Regent Road yesterday.

Seven people have been murdered in Sea Point this year and 610 burglaries have been reported in the past nine months.

Gangs of young thugs armed with long knives have also been terrorising residents of the area. On Thursday an elderly couple were robbed at knife-point in

their home hours after an 84-year-old woman was raped and repeatedly stabbed at her home.

"People cannot walk around Sea Point anymore because they have become easy targets for these thugs," said former karate champion, Mr Max Gruau was attacked by a group of 15 youths earlier this month.

Mr Joubert yesterday called for more foot patrols in Sea Point, and said the community should consider hiring an armed response unit if police did not have the manpower to increase their presence in the area. Yesterday a gun-wielding Mr

Joubert held up two men who had been spotted unscrewing burglar bars at a flat in Regent Road.

Mr Joubert, a captain in the police reserve, received an alert from a member of the neighbourhood watch.

He was distracted and the men fled, but they were cornered by Constable Andre Engelbrecht in Kloof and Clarence roads with the help of members of the public.

On Thursday a 65-year-old man and his 54-year-old wife were robbed at knife-point in their High Level Road home.

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# 'Shock' cattle prods for ambulance crews?

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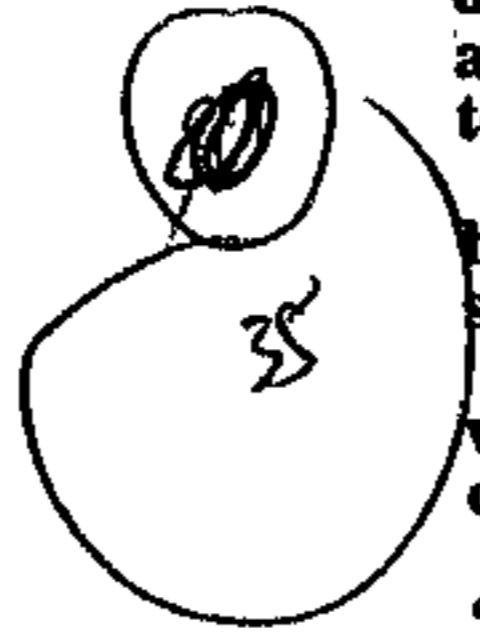
AMBULANCE CREWS working in dangerous areas may soon be provided with cattle prods or "shock sticks" to stun assailants.

This is one of several suggestions in a memorandum which Mr Rod Douglas, chief officer of the ambulance service, circulated among his staff yesterday.

Mr Douglas, who is opposed to issuing firearms to his men, said each application of the "shock sticks" should be documented to avoid misuse.

● A single emergency number for ambulance services throughout the province was brought into operation on Thursday.

The number 10177 may be dialled without a code, "at the cost of one local call irrespective of where the call is made", the director of emergency medical services, Dr A MacMahon, said.



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# De Pontes is found guilty on six charges

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PORT ELIZABETH — A former MP for East London City, Petro de Pontes, was convicted yesterday on six of nine charges in Port Elizabeth Regional Court.

The trial has been postponed to January 14 for evidence in mitigation and sentence. De Pontes was granted bail of R1 000.

The charges arose out of his dealings with Swiss banker and director of companies Vito Roberto Palazzolo, who had fallen foul of the law in Europe when some of his financing was allegedly connected with the drug trade.

Mr Palazzolo had already been tried and convicted in Switzerland, and faced charges in Italy. The court said it was common cause he wanted asylum in a country from which he could not be extradited.

It was accepted that after visiting Mr Palazzolo three times in jail during 1986, De Pontes agreed he would represent him as an attorney for a fee of R125 000 (R130 000 according to De Pontes) to obtain Mr Palazzolo a residence permit and to

register a family trust.

The president of the regional court, Mr G Steyn, found De Pontes guilty of:

- Fraudulently concealing Mr Palazzolo's illegal entry and preparing false information
- Bribing an official of the Department of Inland Affairs, Johan Scheffer, to alter the illegal entry to permanent residence.
- Stealing department files on Mr Palazzolo to hide the irregularities.
- Forging documents in his attorney's file to give the appearance that the application for permanent residence was legal and above board.
- Uttering the documents.
- Fraudulently through misrepresentation getting the shareholding in Papillon International transferred from the Palazzolo family trust to his own name.

He was acquitted of theft and two counts of fraud relating to his dealings with Palazzolo money after the court found the State had failed to prove these counts beyond reasonable doubt. — Sapa.





# Help us to help you ambulance chief

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By SHARKEY ISAACS  
Staff Reporter

CAPE TOWN ambulance chief Rod Douglas has appealed to community leaders to support his staff on mercy missions to save lives in high crime areas.

His call follows incidents last weekend when the lives of ambulancemen were threatened in the Retreat/Lotus River districts and also the recent closure of the mobile Metro emergency service unit at Guguletu for similar reasons.

Addressing ambulancemen in a report back meeting on their requests for better protection today, he asked his staff to consider various safety proposals:

## Increased crews

They included portable two-way radios and increasing crews in ambulances and medical rescue service vehicles from two to three at weekends.

Areas of concern highlighted in discussions were:

- The safety of ambulance personnel;
- The necessity to continue services to thousands of patients; and
- The need to render life saving services to all victims of violence.

He emphasised the need to find solutions.

"No-go areas", routine police escorts and pick-up zones were not options.

## Important role

The ambulancemen threatened a work stoppage if the city council failed to respond to their demands on improved safety. Mr Douglas took up their request with Cape Provincial Administration and Cape Town City Council officials. He also accompanied staff into Lotus River and Lavender Hill areas and approached various people, including gangsters, to explain the important role ambulancemen played in saving lives.

"I am very concerned with the safety of my dedicated staff. I am very proud of my staff and would like to pay tribute to them for risking their lives in somewhat dangerous circumstances."

# Police sergeant shot dead

By DALE KNEEN Crime Reporter

ARGUS 30/11/90

A PINELANDS police dog-handler was gunned down in a hail of bullets in Philippi today after stopping a car which went through a red traffic light. He was the second Cape Town policeman to have been shot dead in 10 days.

Sergeant Hennie Tolken, 31, died soon after the attack on the corner of Lansdowne and Duinefontein roads at 3.30am.

He was the 20th policeman to have been killed on duty since the beginning of October in what the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, yesterday described as a "campaign against policemen".

Police said Sergeant Tolken and his partner, Sergeant Johannes Engelbrecht, 29, were on patrol when they saw a Volkswagen Golf drive through a red light at an intersection.

The plainclothes policemen stopped the car and Sergeant Engelbrecht walked towards it. There were four people in the car.

One of the four got out and fired a shot at Sergeant Tolken with a handgun, hitting him in the right side of his chest.

Sergeant Engelbrecht ran across the intersection and took cover behind the police car.

He exchanged several shots with the gunman, who jumped into their car and drove towards Guguletu.

## Radioed for help

Sergeant Engelbrecht, who was not injured, radioed for help and helped Sergeant Tolken out of the car. He died a short while later.

Sergeant Tolken is survived by his wife and three children.

Two bullets pierced the left side of the patrol car and the back and right rear windows were shattered. Cartridges were found next to the road.

"At first I thought someone was shooting at our house," said a shocked man who lives nearby. He did not want to be identified.

"When my wife and I heard the shooting we both lay on the floor thinking someone was trying to shoot us. We peered through the window and we saw them shooting at each other. After about five minutes the car sped off," he said.

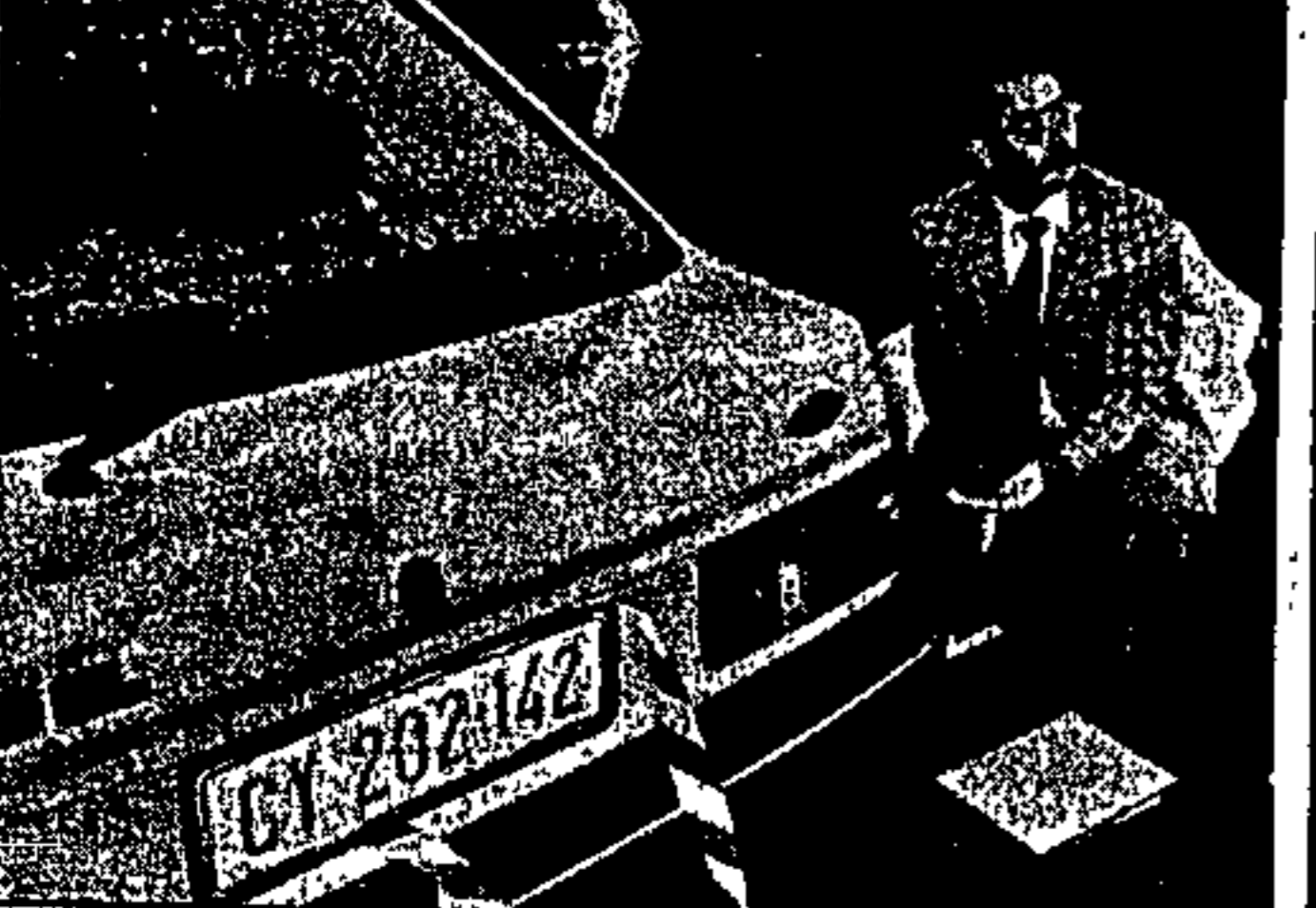
A group of policemen, including the regional chief of CID, Brigadier George Potgieter, were on the scene a short while after the shooting.

Major André Mostert of the Murder and Robbery Squad said police expected to make an arrest soon.

Brigadier Potgieter said: "We will try our best to get the person who is responsible for this."

Sergeant Tolken was the second member of the dog unit in Pinelands killed in the past 10 days.

Constable Frans van der Merwe, 23, died and his partner, Sergeant N A van Niekerk Laten, 27, was injured in an ambush in Khayelitsha last Wednesday.



PEPPERED PATROL CAR: Detectives have a closer look at bullet holes in the side of the patrol car. Two windows were shattered.

## Latest Four arrested

TWO men, a woman and a youth were arrested between 6am and 7am in connection with the killing. The arrests were made in Mitchell's Plain, Hanover Park and Manenberg.

A spokesman said that a 0.38 calibre gun and a car had been confiscated.

General Flip Fourie, Regional Commissioner of Police for the Western Cape, offered the force's condolences to the dead policeman's wife Cynthia, 29, a former policewoman, and their three children. — Staff Reporter.



PARTNER'S GRIEF: A shocked Sergeant Johannes Engelbrecht next to the body of his partner, Sergeant Hennie Tolken, who was gunned down in Philippi today. On the right in the suit is the regional chief of the CID, Brigadier George Potgieter. Major André Mostert of the Murder and Robbery Squad crouches next to him.

Pictures: JOHAN SCHRÖNER, The Argus

## Mandela in Khayelitsha today on first-time tour

Staff Reporters

MR Nelson Mandela will visit Khayelitsha for the first time today.

He will be taken on a tour, stopping at the Lingeletu West resource centre to meet municipal workers and other "battle-weary" residents of the area, according to an African National Congress spokesman.

The scene in the trouble-torn township is likely to be one of rubbish bins overflowing and streets impassable because of sewage spills.

A claim by Lingeletu West Town Clerk Mr Graham Lawrence that the sewerage system was sabotaged has been dismissed by Western Cape Civic Association chairman Mr Michael Mapongwana as an attempt to discredit striking town council workers.

Mr Lawrence alleged that someone blocked the system with cloth and other objects on Wednesday, causing a health risk.

Sewage spilled on to the road in at least two places yesterday as casual workers tried to unblock the drains.

The strikers, members of the South African Municipal Workers' Union, said they would not return to work until the council resigned.

Mr Mapongwana accused Mr Lawrence of making "unfounded allegations" in an attempt to "discredit the workers' struggle".

The sewerage problem had plagued

Khayelitsha for "a long time". This was probably because the system had been constructed with inferior materials, said Mr Mapongwana.

Refuse litters the street in the two-roomed section of the township where the main offices of the Lingeletu Town Council are situated and where strikers gather daily.

At least two streets, Kusasa Road next to Mvusemuse Comprehensive School and one in U-section in the shack settlement of Site B, have been impassable since Monday because of sewage.

At the start of the strike, workers demanded protection from the council after nine clerical staff were injured in a petrol-bomb attack. Strikers demanded that the council dissolve because attacks on councillors were spilling over to the workers.

The council retaliated by adopting a "no-work-no pay" policy.

Meetings between the Western Cape Civic Association, the ANC, the union and Cape Administrator Mr Kobus Meiring have taken place but have failed to resolve the impasse.

Mr Meiring said he had no power to dissolve the controversial council.

The parties will meet again on Monday.

Security forces conducted a door-to-door search in Greenpoint, Khayelitsha, yesterday as part of the intensified operation against violence launched by the police and Defence Force this week.



# Man in court <sup>(35)</sup> over death of <sup>(12)</sup> policeman <sup>ARCAS</sup>

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## Staff Reporter

A 33-YEAR-OLD Mitchell's Plain man has appeared in court in connection with the death of Pinelands police dog-handler Sergeant Hennie Tolken.

Mr Sedick Mohamed of De La Rey Close, Eastridge, was arrested shortly after Sergeant Tolken, 31, was shot on the corner of Lansdowne and Duinefontein roads early on Friday.

Sergeant Tolken and his partner, Sergeant Johannes Engelbrecht, 29, were on patrol when they stopped a Volkswagen Golf which had driven through a red traffic light.

One of the four people in the car allegedly shot Sergeant Tolken, the second Cape policeman to be gunned down in 10 days.

Sergeant Engelbrecht was not injured.

### MURDER CHARGE

Mr Mohamed will face charges of murder, attempted murder and illegal possession of a firearm.

He was not asked to plead when he appeared in Mitchell's Plain Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Magistrate Mr G Bruwer postponed the hearing to December 12 for further investigation. Mr Mohamed is in custody.

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# Harms findings on Jalc Holdings

PRETORIA. — Numerous prima facie irregularities by Jalc Holdings SA and associated and related companies were found to have taken place, the Harms Commission of Inquiry into certain alleged across-border irregularities has found.

The report by the one-man Commission headed by Mr Justice Louis Harms was released yesterday.

The commission found that an investigation of the books of the company Jalc Holdings SA and its associated and related companies had indicated, prima facie at least, a large number of irregularities. The report said many of the irregularities found would be of interest to the fiscal authorities.

"Others are matters which may require the attention of the attorney-general." Jalc Holdings SA (Pty) and related and associated companies were active in South Africa,

Transkei, Ciskei, Lesotho, Bophuthatswana, Botswana and Mauritius and, according to the report, had tried to obtain a foothold in other countries, including Mozambique.

Among the "more glaring" irregularities: ● The Jalc company was found to be shifting sources of income to eliminate or minimise tax liability in a profitable situation. The Commission found that fictitious invoices and payments for large amounts had been entered.

● Partners and shareholders in the different companies allocated their income to different countries often with no apparent justification. The allocations had the effect of reducing the taxable income in each partner's or shareholder's hands.

● The failure to declare taxable income was a "common feature" in the books of Jalc whether to the RSA tax authorities or those of

neighbouring countries.

● Tax liability was often reduced by the writing off of loans.

● In order to draw monies from their companies, the directors quite often issued cheques in respect of fictitious work done by existing or fictitious sub-contractors.

The report said one of the possible charges to be considered was one of corruption against Jalc director Mr Chris van Rensburg.

Sun International apparently held exclusive casino rights in Ciskei but the Ciskei government, in contravention of the agreement, had granted rights to the Lenton Group for the establishment of a casino. The Jalc partners, who were also shareholders in Lenton, had then asked former SADF member Brigadier Marthinus Deyzel to make use of his friendship with Ciskei President Lennox Sebe.

President Sebe had later announced a deal from which Lenton made about R5 million.

Mr Van Rensburg was also tenuously linked to the acquisition of gambling rights in Transkei.

Shares were sold to Sun International and at that stage Prime Minister Mr George Matanzima was paid R2 million in order to secure Sun International's gambling rights.

Mr David Bloomberg, a Cape Town attorney, was acting on behalf of Mr Van Rensburg at the time and the Commission found there was no available evidence to show Mr Van Rensburg was personally involved in the transaction.

Casino magnate Mr Sol Kerzner and Mr Bloomberg in a statement to the Commission accepted the blame for the payment of R2 million to Mr George Matanzima. — Sapa



# 'Sex link' in girl's death

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By DAN SIMON

THE family of a 15-year-old schoolgirl who was found brutally murdered outside a Brooklyn church yesterday morning believe attempts were made to lure her into a seedy world of drugs and prostitution.

This was disclosed by the brother and aunt of Miss Saskia Amos, 15, whose body was found naked and mutilated outside the Dutch Reformed Church in Minnow Street, Brooklyn, at 1.30am.

Miss Amos, of 24 Dr Malan Drive, Brooklyn, was last seen alive by her mother, Mrs Colleen Curnow, at 9pm before she set off for a party at a nearby flat in Da Gama Street.

Her body was later found outside the church by a passer-by who notified police.

Residents in the block of flats said they heard the girl run crying from the flat after an argument with a knife-wielding man about 11pm.

Police have arrested an 18-year-old youth who is expected to appear in court soon.

Mr Barry Amos, 16, said that his sister had "often" gone to a particular flat where young schoolgirls were given alcohol, dagga and "buttons" (Mandrax) before being "sold" to Japanese seamen.

He said the family had complained to the Child Protection Unit with no result.

Miss Amos's aunt, Miss Ilona Hawthorne, said the flat was a "den of iniquity".

Some of the girls were from poor families, she said, and enticed by easy money.



Miss Saskia Amos, 15

# Bid to arrest Bloomberg and Kerzner

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Transkei attorney-general Mr Christo Nel yesterday issued warrants of arrest for former Sun International chief executive Mr Sol Kerzner and former Cape Town mayor and attorney Mr David Bloomberg.

It is expected an application for their extradition from South Africa will be made early next year.



Mr Bloomberg

The men, who admit paying former Transkei prime minister Chief George Matanzima R2 million in exchange for exclusive gambling rights in Transkei, face charges of bribery or alternatively corruption, fraud and giving false evidence to the Alexander Commission into gambling rights.



Mr Kerzner

Mr Nel said yesterday the warrants were the prelude to an extradition request which would be forwarded to South Africa in the next few months.

Mr Bloomberg, who was contacted in London last night, declined to comment. Asked if he would return to South Africa at any stage, he said: "I am now based in London." Mr Kerzner also refused to comment.

The Harms Commission into cross-border irregularities advised Mr Nel in February last year to consider whether to charge the men under Transkeian law. Mr Nel said it had taken him since then to prepare an extraditable case.

Mr Kerzner and Mr Bloomberg admitted to Mr Justice Louis Harms that they had paid Chief Matanzima a R2m bribe in 1986 to secure exclusive gambling rights. They had previously denied the payment to the Alexander Commission.

Reacting to reports earlier this year that Mr Kerzner had appealed to Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Pik Botha for help against looming extradition, Transkei military ruler Major-General Bantu Holomisa said the extradition was no threat but a reality. He said Mr Botha had asked him twice to drop corruption charges against Mr Kerzner. — Sapa

# 'Bobbies' blitz crime in mid-city

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## Crime Reporter

CITY-CENTRE crime — including mugging, pick-pocketing and loitering — has dropped markedly since police returned "bobbies" to the beat three months ago.

Police disclosed yesterday that members of the newly-launched Crime Prevention Unit — or "Tackie Squad" — made a record 714 arrests last month.

The unit is nick-named the Tackie Squad because half its members walk the streets in jeans and tackies.

The squad was launched under the command of Captain Willem Snyman in September to supplement the CBD business watch.

Mayor Mr Gordon Oliver said the council had liaised with police as part of a "constant effort to keep the city safe for all" and was pleased with the result.

Captour spokeswoman Ms Marion Kelder said a survey of all hotels had shown a considerable drop in the number of tourists mugged, coinciding with the introduction of the "bobbies".

Mr Mike Moore, co-ordinator of the Chamber of Commerce's business-watch initiative, said the bobbies had helped prevent crime by acting against street gamblers and layabouts.

Regional CID chief Brigadier George Potgieter said he was pleased and commended the Tackie Squad for its "hard work".

He added:

- The murder and robbery unit had arrested 63 people on murder, rape and armed robbery charges last month and had confiscated three firearms and 43 rounds of ammunition.

- The narcotics branch had made 95 arrests in the Peninsula last month and had confiscated nearly 100kg of dagga, 4 591 mandrax tablets, 17 units of LSD and six grams of cocaine.

In Salt River and the Bo Kaap — two areas where residents have waged campaigns against drug dealers — the narcotics branch had arrested 191 people this year, confiscated 30kg of dagga and 9 971 mandrax tablets.

- The truck theft unit had arrested 43 people and retrieved property worth R85 000 last month.

## Priest's death: Three to seek bail

Staff Reporter *K60 13/12/90 35*

A BAIL application by three Manenberg men who appeared in the Athlone Magistrate's Court after the death of Catholic priest Father Noel Stanton will be heard next Wednesday.

Magistrate Mr J F Joubert yesterday postponed the hearing for further investigation.

No formal charges have been put to Mr Allie Adams, 26, of Thames Ave-

nue, Mr Cyril Francis, 24, of Elsieskraal Road, and Mr Marius Johnson, 19, of Irvine Road, and they have not been asked to plead.

Father Stanton was allegedly abducted from his Manenberg rectory on September 22. His body was found near Happy Valley, Philippi, two days later. Goods, including a video recorder, a clock radio and cash were stolen from his house.

Mr G du Plessis prosecuted.



# 'Be tough' on attackers of elderly

## Crime Reporter

THE National Council for the Aged yesterday urged the government to introduce harsher punishment for those who attacked defenceless old people and called on the elderly to be more security conscious.

This follows another two attacks on elderly people in their homes at the weekend.

Mrs Jane Bonner, 87, was attacked in her farmhouse on Renosterkop in the Klapmuts district on Friday evening by a labourer who stole three bottles of wine.

The 34-year-old labourer, who has since been arrested, allegedly surprised her in her lounge while her family was out, threw her to the floor and kicked her so severely that he broke her knee.

She was treated by a family doctor and is recovering at home.

## 'Stabbed'

Miss Elizabeth Fritz, 78, who lives with friends in Virginia Road, Vredehoek, was stabbed in the neck by an intruder at 1.30am on Sunday.

She had gone to investigate a noise in the kitchen and found a knife-wielding "middle-aged" man who demanded money. When she failed to respond as she was "shocked", he stabbed her in the neck with a short-bladed knife.

"Fortunately he ran off without taking anything when he heard my friends rushing to help me," Miss Fritz said yesterday, still visibly shocked.

The director of the National Council for the Aged, Mr Syd Eckley, said attacks on the elderly were "an old problem" which had become "frighteningly more serious" in recent months.

# Gang warfare threat to hospital

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By VUYO BAVUMA, Staff Reporter

**FIGHTING** between armed rival gangs could lead to the Khayelitsha Day Hospital closing at night during weekends because medical staff fear for their lives.

They are threatening to close the hospital after dark on Saturdays and Sundays because of the threat of violence and a lack of security.

In the latest incident, two Saturdays ago, a gang tried to force nurses to treat their injured members ahead of other patients.

The rival groups, who came from the Section C and D core house areas, were armed with pangas and knives.

Three youths were injured when fighting broke out in the hospital, a source said.

A doctor in charge of the Khayelitsha Hospital said a nurse was stitching head wounds on a youth when gangsters burst into the emergency room.

"They ignored our pleas to get out because they were hindering our work. One of the youths pushed the patient away from the chair as the nurse was attending to him. He told the nurse to attend to another who had been stabbed.

"Although the nurse was terrified, she ignored his demands. Shortly afterwards, fighting broke out between the gangs."

Patients fled in terror. A doctor said the front door was damaged after being struck with stones during the fight.

Police were called and an ambulance organised for the injured.

"Later, the staff decided to close the hospital as they feared for their safety. Police arrested some of the youths."

Staff say patients are often escorted to the hospital by members of the public who are drunk, rude and abusive.

Other patients want to be given "preferential treatment", hindering work at the hospital.

Mr Michael Mapongwana, chairman of the Western Cape Civic Association, has promised his organisation will do all in its power to protect the medical staff.

The situation started after the six security guards employed by the Lingeletu West Town Committee were "chased away by unknown people" in August.

There has been no security since then.

One nursing sister said: "There are three guards but they don't help much as they are armed with sticks. These aggressive youths sometimes also threaten them."

## Special workout for top racehorse

By GRAHAM POTTER

A SPECIAL workout was arranged at Kenilworth Racecourse today for one of the top entrants in the Queens Plate on January 29, Dynamite Lady, after a dismal performance at her last outing in Transvaal.

The performance was so poor by her standards that her owner, Cape Turf Club steward Mr Aleq Tross, insisted the filly be thoroughly examined.

His decision follows a report from Transvaal this week stating that trainers were suspicious that horses were being "nobbled" on the highveld. There has been a call for pre-race dope tests to be introduced.

Mr Tross said that prior to her last race — which caused him great concern — the filly "had never been better" but ECG and other examinations had not produced an explanation for her poor performance.

"If anything is wrong, it should manifest itself. If not, we can go into this year's Queen's Plate knowing she is well," Mr Tross said.

A vet and a member of the Stipendiary Board were due to attend this morning's gallop.



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# Men 'beat priest with a rock'



Father Noel Stanton

By EUNICE RIDER  
Court Reporter

TWO of three men appearing in connection with the killing of Manenberg priest Father Noel Stanton beat the silent man over the head with a rock, Athlone Magistrate's Court heard yesterday.

Mr Allie Adams, 26, of Thames Walk, and Mr Cyril Francis, 24, of Elsieksraal Road, were giving evidence in a bail application.

A third man, Mr Marius Johnson, 19, of Irvine Road, said he had waited for the two — who had told him they were "only going to tie the priest up" — at their car, between Philippi and Mitchells Plain.

The priest was murdered on September 28.

Mr Francis said he had tied Father Stanton's hands behind his back with his shirt and forced him to lie on his stomach before he pounded him on the head with the rock.

Mr Adams beat Father Stanton with the same stone, he said.

No formal charges have been put to the men and they have not been asked to plead.

They said yesterday that when they left him, Father Stanton was still alive.

All three men also agreed that the intention had not been to kill him — and they knew he was a priest.

During the bail application Mr Francis — who is not represented — accused Mr Johnson of trying to dis-

tance himself from the crime. He said that if he had known what Mr Johnson was intending to say in his evidence he "would have packed all the blame on to him".

Mr Adams and Mr Francis agreed that police photographs taken of Father Stanton's body — which was discovered two days after the killing — were "gruesome", but said that they would not have acted in the way they had if they had not "smoked Mandrax".

The prosecutor, Mr B L Slabbert, put it to Mr Adams that the addiction to Mandrax to which he had testified might prompt him to behave in a similar fashion while out on bail, as "Mandrax was readily available in the area", according to his mother.

## Stole R300

Mr Adams denied the claim but admitted that he was a member of the Hard Livings gang. He said the gang leader, known as Steggie, had reprimanded him for the killing of a priest.

He also said that he had had to be separated from a cell-mate at Pollsmoor Prison because the inmate "had fights" with him over the death of the priest.

The court also heard how Mr Francis had gone into his house with Father Stanton and stolen about R300 in cash, and how they were later joined by Mr Johnson who put a "video machine and other goods" into a bag.

The hearing continues this morning.

The magistrate is Mr S K Liebenberg. Mr E Mohammed appeared for Mr Johnson. Mr Adams is not represented.

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# Khayelitsha woman necklaced

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A KHAYELITSHA woman was necklaced by a crowd of people after she allegedly stabbed and killed a woman during an argument.

Police found the charred body of the woman after noticing a column of smoke in Site B soon after 8pm yesterday.

Investigations showed that the woman, who lived in X Block, had stabbed another woman in the chest during an argument.

A crowd of people immediately responded and necklaced her. The other woman was taken to Khayelitsha Day Hospital, where she died.

Meanwhile Sapa reports a prison warder was killed and two policemen wounded in a shooting incident at Imbali in Natal.

According to the police unrest report shots were fired at warders and policemen who were all off-duty.

In other unrest incidents a squatter's hut and private vehicle were set alight at Khut-song, near Oberholzer.

# 'Priest killers' <sup>28</sup> refused bail <sup>CAK T16FS</sup>

By EUNICE RIDER <sup>2/12/90</sup>

TWO Manenberg gangsters and a 24-year-old friend appearing in connection with the killing of Roman Catholic priest Father Noel Stanton by bludgeoning his head in with a rock in September, were yesterday refused bail in Athlone Magistrate's Court.

Confessed gangsters Mr Allie Adams, 26, of Thames Walk, and Mr Marius Johnson, 19, of Irvine Road, and a third suspect, Mr Cyril Francis, 24, of Elsiekraal Road, were not asked to plead and no charges were put to them.

The magistrate, Mr S K Liebenberg, said yesterday that the court "would be shirking its duty to society and the three suspects in granting them bail".

He said that apart from the danger of the three leaving prison and meeting up with their gangs — members of which had been visiting them at Pollsmoor Prison — and taking up their old drug habits, serious threats against their lives also existed.

Lieutenant Grant Smith, Peninsula murder and robbery detective and investigating officer, said yesterday that the leader of the Hard Livings, "Steggie", had told him their "name had been dragged through the mud" and that a lot of antagonism existed towards the three for killing a man who had "crawled into the hearts of Manenberg residents".

Flying <sup>CPT</sup>  
Squad <sup>7:45</sup>  
saves <sup>22/12/90</sup>  
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THE flying squad arrived literally in flying time to save an elderly woman from the hands of a scissors-wielding intruder yesterday.

Constable Ian Gelderman rushed to 70-year-old Mrs Suzanne Engelbrecht's home in Parow shortly before 10am and was stabbed when he confronted the intruder.

He was treated at Tygerberg Hospital and is recovering at home.

Police said he and a colleague, Constable R Engelke, shot the intruder in self-defence, killing him instantly.

The flying squad team had arrived within a minute of being summoned by a neighbour, Mr Paulus Beeslaar, who had heard Mrs Engelbrecht screaming for help.

She had been dragged to her kitchen by the intruder.

An inquest is to be held.

# Groote Schuur uses guard to deter gangsters

By DANIEL SIMON 35

THE possibility of gang violence erupting on hospital premises has prompted Groote Schuur Hospital to place a security guard at the entrance to an intensive-care ward.

A gang had threatened to "finish off" a rival gang member who was hospitalised there, medical superintendent Dr D J Adams said last night.

He said the incident occurred late last week, when an injured gang member was admitted to the hospital's D13 surgical intensive-care ward.

Dr Adams disclosed this, following a tip-off from an anonymous caller who said the hospital had resorted to "padding" the D13 ward to prevent gang members carrying out the threat.

"I don't have all the details, but what happened is that threats were received that a gang would finish off an injured man who was brought in for treatment," said Dr Adams.

"We placed a security guard at the ward while the person was being treated there. It was purely a precautionary measure," he said.

He said he could not comment further as the issue was sensitive.

"We don't want to draw the attention of the rival gang. We want to keep the issue low-key."

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# Armed gangs in train terror

Staff Reporter 35

Armed gangs terrorised passengers on two Cape Town trains on New Year's Day.

Mr Leander Bowns of Wetton, 19, was stabbed in the head shortly before 11pm on Tuesday night after a skirmish with a gang between Ottery and Southfield stations.

Mr Bowns was with two friends when three men entered their carriage and demanded cigarettes and money.

Police said two male passengers became involved in a skirmish with the gang. A train conductor also attempted to intervene by firing a shot in the air.

Two of the gang members jumped off the moving train between stations and the third, armed with a knife, was arrested at Southfield station.

Earlier, 14-year-old Miss Cindy Fortuin of Grassy Park was on her

way to Simon's Town when two men armed with knives entered the carriage at 4.45pm.

They grabbed her bag containing clothing. At Claremont they jumped off and were chased by police, but managed to escape.

● Hundreds of panicking passengers fled from third-class to first-class carriages at Newlands station, after allegedly being attacked and robbed by gangs, apparently on the same train. Police could not confirm the incident.

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# Gang killing at Peninsula camping site

By LIBBY PEACOCK  
Weekend Argus Reporter

A GANG killed a man and later wounded another at Soetwater Camping Site today. The gang of four or five men shot Mr Ivan de Stadtler, 19, of Crex Road, Ocean View, at 2am. He was wounded in the hip.

Mr Stephen Shatter, 32, of Iris Court, Ocean View, was shot dead at 5am by men police believe to be the same gang

Mr De Stadtler is in hospital with severe intestinal injuries.

■ A man who allegedly stabbed a policeman five times with a fishing knife at

Mnandi beach, was shot and killed by the policeman

Members of the public claimed they had seen Mr Allan Paulse of Tafelsig, Mitchell's Plain, breaking into a fisherman's car.

Constable C P Lawrence spotted Paulse and tried to arrest him.

# It's war on township gangs

By GLYNIS UNDERHILL

GUGULETU residents have vowed to bring to an end the reign of terror by 50 "ruthless hooligan youths" — some as young as 12 — who are allegedly killing, robbing and stabbing people in the township.

Hundreds of residents met this week to formulate a plan to capture and re-educate members of the smartly-dressed Ntsara gang who are terrorising Guguletu.

Meanwhile the police have warned members of the public not to take the law into their own hands following the hospitalisation of two "suspects" who were arrested by civilians in Guguletu on Wednesday.

Western Cape Civic Association executive

member Mr Wilson Sidina said yesterday the attack which resulted in hospitalisation of two of the gang members had been provoked by an attack on an old man in Guguletu.

The community had gone to the defence of the man and the two gang members had been chased and clubbed, he said.

He claimed that the police were co-operating with the Ntsara gang by not arresting them for murder and robbery and slammed Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok and the police for warning the people not to take the law into their own hands.

"There have been ample incidents in Guguletu that have been reported to the police, but nothing has been done to detain these youths. If they are arrested they are released in a few days," Mr Sidina claimed.

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He said that the residents planned to hand the children over to their parents, where they would be forced to stay indoors while they underwent a "re-education programme". The ANC would have to be brought in to assist with the re-education of the gang members, he said.

There were community fears that the police were attempting to "recruit" the youths to break down organisational structures, he alleged.

Police spokesman Captain Danie Deyzel said the police are investigating the Ntsara gang activities. He warned residents to keep their activities within the confines of the law. Captain Deyzel urged that any complaints against the police should be lodged by residents. He denied that the police were

attempting to "recruit" the gang members. Mr Sidina said that it had been decided at a meeting of 500 residents of Guguletu last month to fight the hooliganism.

Residents had also decided that the children should be re-educated and eventually allowed back into the community, said Mr Sidina.

Recreational facilities were desperately needed in Guguletu to prevent children from joining the gang, he said.

He alleged that the Ntsara gang was responsible for the recent murder of Sayco member Danda Mfacu, who will be buried in Guguletu today.

Captain Deyzel said that it was not believed that there was any connection between the gang and the murder of Mr Mfacu.

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# Community service plan for thugs

By CHRIS BATEMAN 35

TOWNSHIP anti-gangster patrols in Guguletu intend arresting offenders and pressing them into community service in an attempt to "clean up" rampant gangsterism.

This would be part of a "re-education" campaign, said Mr Wilson Sidina, executive member of the Western Cape Civic Association yesterday.

The community service would initially consist of preparing and cleaning up community halls before and after regular Sunday civic meetings, Mr Sidina said.

He was responding to police fears of vigilante violence after two members of the notorious Ntsara gang were hospitalised last week after being attacked and

clubbed by Guguletu Section Three residents.

The gang members were allegedly responsible for an attack on a pensioner.

Mr Sidina said Sunday had seen the "best attended" Section Three civic meeting "for a very long time".

Residents had decided to request parents of Ntsara gangsters to keep them house-bound until they were called for the re-education programme.

"The parents are co-operating and starting to see the problems caused by their kids — and that is very important to us," he added.

Most of the offenders were under 16.

"The police's fears are unfounded. When I speak of harsh punishment for offenders I mean community service not

violence," he said.

The civic patrols would question and search youngsters for weapons and "check out their stories".

Gang members would be taken to their parents' or guardians' homes and told to stay there until called for community service, he added.

● Gangsterism peaked in Guguletu in August 1988, by which time the township had been divided up into gangland territories of the Ntsaras, Mfelandonyes (translated: "We fall together") and two smaller groups. Residents were forced to avoid travelling through rival "turfs" on their way to and from work.

The situation has since improved but gang-related murders, muggings and assaults still occur daily.

# Muggers derail safe commuting

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By CHRIS BATEMAN

AS knife-wielding muggers struck on board a train again this week, this time near Kuils River, police released statistics yesterday which show that the southern suburbs line has become the second-most dangerous in the Peninsula.

Figures showed that, while crime on Peninsula trains had dropped from December 1989 to last month, the number of attacks rose sharply over the festive season.

Captain Loekie Jordaan, head of the Peninsula Mobile Unit, said the highest incidence of reported robberies, murders, rapes, assaults and thefts was on the Khayelitsha/Mitchells Plain line — 28 reported incidents last month.

The Cape Town/Simon's Town line had 14 reported incidents last month, followed by the Bellville/Monte Vista-Goodwood/Vasco line, with 12 incidents reported over the same month.

"Of course, many commuters are afraid to report incidents for fear of retribution, and our figures are just an indication," he stressed.

A limping Cape Town photographic

assistant, Mr Archie Davids of Blue Downs, yesterday told of how commuters stormed from one third-class carriage into another when a gang of five "skollies" began robbing people between Kuils River and Blackheath.

"They had long knives and, as usual, there were no police or inspectors around," he added.

His leg had been severely bruised when he got caught in the stampede to get away from the gang, he said.

Captain Jordaan said this particular incident had not been reported to police.

His men, whose numbers he declined to divulge, had to cover 760 trains and 101 stations daily.

His unit made up for "severe understaffing" by working in civilian clothes and swopping trains.

"If the criminals see uniforms they just move operations elsewhere," he said.

There were 80 criminal incidents on Peninsula trains in the above categories in December 1989, compared with 71 this past December, he revealed. Last month's figure rose from 45 in November.

MURDER, RAPE, ROBBERY ...

# Gangs thrive in miasma

Gangs, the source of quick money, drugs, alcohol — and violence. But there's no easy way out of 'the family'.

By GAYE DAVIS

**G**ANGS are not a new phenomenon. But in recent years their numbers have burgeoned and so has the rate and scale of the violence they unleash.

Michael Barron was celebrating his 21st birthday at his family's home in Bellville South when the Nice Time Kids dropped by. Two men, one wielding a Baby Browning and the other a dagger, pushed past guests and burst into a bedroom where Barron's sister and another woman were tending their babies.

The men demanded to be told where a certain person was. Shocked, the women told them to look outside. Then they heard gunshots.

As Barron's elder brother, Benjamin, struggled with the man with the gun, a third man fired from the street. The bullet winged its way through the thigh of Barron's 12-year-old nephew, Rodney.

Barron's mother Dina, 46, may not walk again: a bullet lodged in her spine. Two other guests were also hit.

Some 90 gangs are presently thought to be operating in greater Cape Town, ranging in size from 20 to 3 000 members. Police hazard an overall membership of 100 000, which may be conservative.

After the school boycotts of 1985 and the State of Emergency detentions which swept up youth leadership, thousands of youngsters found an alternative home in gangs — some of them bringing a measure of political awareness and organisational skills.

Dan van Houten, who runs a local advice office, tells how gangsters have helped in political campaigns, but the relationship is uneasy. During last year's defiance campaign, gangsters hi-jacked students' political campaigns. Student organisations were blamed for the stonings they said were perpetrated by "criminal elements".

In Uitsig, a high school is being taken apart by young gang members who roam it by day. Blackboards are useless, the wind whistles through smashed windows. Ceiling boards have been torn out: white classes are



Community worker Dan van Houten (left) helped conclude a peace pact between the Corner Boys gang and their arch rivals, the American Gigolos

Pictures: ADIL BRADLOW

underway, gang members move about overhead, using remaining sections as cat-walks. A teacher was urinated on while giving a class; the sportsfield has been declared gang property.

According to Nicro, every second criminal case — murders, rapes, stabbings — reaching the courts is gang-related.

The National Institute for Crime Prevention and Rehabilitation of Offenders (Nicro) has identified gangsterism as one of the biggest threats to peace in the Western Cape.

"People say the police do nothing for them, that they come long after the killings, that some of them are on gang pay-rolls and that they're no better than the gangs," says Hulene Hadje, a Nicro social worker.

"Communities are afraid that if they don't do something the violence will spiral out of control. There is fear but there is also strength in people's saying 'this has got to stop'."

As a first step, Hadje and colleagues such as Quinton Arendse run community workshops, explaining the political, social and economic reasons for gangs and why gang-bashing campaigns won't work. They also work with gang members.

"We're not saying what the gangs do is right," says Hadje. "We're trying to get them to think in a constructive way of what they are doing to themselves and their communities."

Arendse is planning on taking a group of gang members out of their graffiti-marked boundaries in Manenberg and up Table Mountain. "I'm trying to show them, and let them experience, another side of life," he says. "Their experience is something we can't build on. The role models are all negative, and there's nothing else. For them, crime is exciting, appealing."

Some youngsters become part of gangs before they're 10 years old. Forced on to the streets by overcrowded conditions at home, they become Corner Kids, beating loneliness and boredom with camaraderie, sometimes running errands for older youths in exchange for cigarettes or dagga.

Of all the different types of gangs, defence or street gangs are the most common and the most threatening to communities. Usually highly organised and well able to defend themselves and their territories from other gangs, they deal in housebreaking, theft and are the retail link in the distribution of dagga and mandrax through a network of shebeens. Their leaders often live elsewhere, yet maintain strict control through a hierarchy of sub-lieutenants.

Two or more defence gangs operating in a township result in the area being carved into no-go areas for residents living in a section controlled by a rival gang.

Street gangs' supplies come by way of the mafia-type gangs, extended family networks working on the underside of private enterprise who do the drugs wholesale and might have bigger jobs like warehouse thefts and pay-roll heists.

Near the top of the pyramid come syndicates — said to be the big boys who might enjoy a monopoly on the supply of drugs and cars. None of them will be found anywhere near Cape Flats.

In one of several community-spired peace treaties concluded between rival gangs in Cape Flats townships, members of the American Gigolos and the Corner Boys gathered in an open field in Elsies River a month ago and agreed to a truce.

Van Houten was instrumental in brokering; he is also aware just how fragile it is.

"We've stopped the gang fighting the crime," he says.

One of Van Houten's nieces is married to a man named Gadaffi, leader of the Gigolos. But that's not why Van Houten can walk the streets at night without fearing a knife in the back.

"A gangster is someone who the no one cares for him, so he can do what he likes. That's why, when you show them you see them as a human being, and you respect them, then they respect you."

Van Houten has known many of the area's gangsters since they were short pants. He knows the kind of homes they come from, where up to three families co-exist in a three-roomed house and another family in the backyard shack, where unemployment, drug and alcohol abuse combine with desperation and hopelessness and lead to wife-battering and child abuse.

Once in a gang, it's almost impossible to get out. "Most of them would like to stop," says Van Houten. "But they don't see they've got a choice."

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## Symbols, style — and a sense of belonging

HE introduces himself as Gandhi, says he's 18 — but looks more like 14 — and grew up in Hanover Park. Once he wanted to be a policeman, like his elder brother, but at 16 found himself before a magistrate on "my first case" — a charge of assault.

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MURDER, RAPE, ROBBERY ...

# Gangs thrive in miasma

Gangs, the source of quick money, drugs, alcohol — and violence. But there's no easy way out of 'the family'.

By GAYE DAVIS

**G**ANGS are not a new phenomenon. But in recent years their numbers have burgeoned and so has the rate and scale of the violence they unleash.

Michael Barron was celebrating his 21st birthday at his family's home in Bellville South when the Nice Time Kids dropped by. Two men, one wielding a Baby Browning and the other a dagger, pushed past guests and burst into a bedroom where Barron's sister and another woman were tending their babies.

The men demanded to be told where a certain person was. Shocked, the women told them to look outside. Then they heard gunshots.

As Barron's elder brother, Benjamin, struggled with the man with the gun, a third man fired from the street. The bullet winged its way through the thigh of Barron's 12-year-old nephew, Rodney.

Barron's mother Dina, 46, may not walk again: a bullet lodged in her spine. Two other guests were also hit.

Some 90 gangs are presently thought to be operating in greater Cape Town, ranging in size from 20 to 3 000 members. Police hazard an overall membership of 100 000, which may be conservative.

After the school boycotts of 1985 and the State of Emergency detentions which swept up youth leadership, thousands of youngsters found an alternative home in gangs — some of them bringing a measure of political awareness and organisational skills.

Dan van Houten, who runs a local advice office, tells how gangsters have helped in political campaigns, but the relationship is uneasy. During last year's defiance campaign, gangsters hi-jacked students' political campaigns. Student organisations were blamed for the stonings they said were perpetrated by "criminal elements".

In Uitsig, a high school is being taken apart by young gang members who roam it by day. Blackboards are useless, the wind whistles through smashed windows. Ceiling boards have been torn out: white classes are



Community worker Dan van Houten (left) helped conclude a peace pact between the Corner Boys gang and their arch rivals, the American Gigolos

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underway, gang members move about overhead, using remaining sections as cat-walks. A teacher was urinated on while giving a class; the sportsfield has been declared gang property.

According to Nicro, every second criminal case — murders, rapes, stabbings — reaching the courts is gang-related.

The National Institute for Crime Prevention and Rehabilitation of Offenders (Nicro) has identified gangsterism as one of the biggest threats to peace in the Western Cape.

"People say the police do nothing for them, that they come long after the killings, that some of them are on gang pay-rolls and that they're no better than the gangs," says Hulene Hadje, a Nicro social worker.

"Communities are afraid that if they don't do something the violence will spiral out of control. There is fear but there is also strength in people's saying 'this has got to stop'."

As a first step, Hadje and colleagues such as Quinton Arendse run community workshops, explaining the political, social and economic reasons for gangs and why gang-bashing campaigns won't work. They also work with gang members.

"We're not saying what the gangs do is right," says Hadje. "We're trying to get them to think in a constructive way of what they are doing to themselves and their communities."

Arendse is planning on taking a group of gang members out of their graffiti-marked boundaries in Manenberg and up Table Mountain. "I'm trying to show them, and let them experience, another side of life," he says. "Their experience is something we can't build on. The role models are all negative, and there's nothing else. For them, crime is exciting, appealing."

Some youngsters become part of gangs before they're 10 years old. Forced on to the streets by overcrowded conditions at home, they become Corner Kids, beating loneliness and boredom with camaraderie; sometimes running errands for older youths in exchange for cigarettes or dagga.

Of all the different types of gangs, defence or street gangs are the most common and the most threatening to communities. Usually highly organised and well able to defend them-

selves and their territories from other gangs, they deal in housebreaking and theft and are the retail link in the distribution of dagga and mandrax through a network of shebeens. Their leaders often live elsewhere, yet maintain strict control through a hierarchy of sub-lieutenants.

Two or more defence gangs operating in a township result in the area being carved into no-go areas for residents living in a section controlled by a rival gang.

Street gangs' supplies come by way of the mafia-type gangs, extended family networks working on the underside of private enterprise who buy the drugs wholesale and might handle bigger jobs like warehouse thefts and pay-roll heists.

Near the top of the pyramid come the syndicates — said to be the big boys who might enjoy a monopoly on the supply of drugs and cars. None of them will be found anywhere near the Cape Flats.

In one of several community inspired peace treaties concluded between rival gangs in Cape Flats townships, members of the American Gigolos and the Corner Boys gathered in an open field in Elsies River about a month ago and agreed to a truce.

Van Houten was instrumental in its brokering: he is also aware just how fragile it is.

"We've stopped the gang fights but not the crime," he says.

One of Van Houten's nieces is married to a man named Gadafi, leader of the Gigolos. But that's not why Van Houten can walk the streets at night without fearing a knife in the back.

"A gangster is someone who thinks no one cares for him, so he can do just what he likes. That's why, when you show them you see them as a human being, and you respect them, then they respect you."

Van Houten has known many of the area's gangsters since they were in short pants. He knows the kind of homes they come from, where up to three families co-exist in a three-roomed house and another family in the backyard shack, where unemployment, drug and alcohol abuse combine with desperation and hopelessness and lead to wife-battering and child abuse.

Once in a gang, it's almost impossible to get out. "Most of them would like to stop," says Van Houten, "but they don't see they've got a choice."

The "Peace Among the People" cam-

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The blue kaeloid scar is Gandhi's "passport" on the streets. It will carry him safely through areas controlled by the Americans. If he is caught trespassing on a rival gang's turf, it could also be his death warrant.

He was shot once, he says, in a battle with the Hard Livings. But

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# Trains: <sup>CMT 7-10</sup> <sup>12/1/91</sup> 189 held in <sup>35</sup> crackdown

Staff Reporter

POLICE arrested 189 people in a Peninsula-wide crackdown on train criminals yesterday — and a Spoornet conductor claimed that better on-board communication would help safeguard commuters.

Mr Gareth Mars, a conductor of 15 years' experience, said locked doors to train drivers' cabins — where the radio link is situated — contributed to the killer of a commuter escaping with impunity last Saturday.

He said he was unable to report seeing a gang robbing people in a third-class carriage between Cape Town and Pinelands stations while the train was moving.

Only when the train stopped at Pinelands did he manage to report the incident to his driver — who was unsuccessful in relaying the message to his control station.

Mr Mars said the unidentified commuter was fatally stabbed by the gang at Netreg, two stations later. The man had stumbled from the train at Nyanga to report to the Guguletu police.

Police confirmed that a fatally stabbed man had reported to the Guguletu police station and died on Saturday evening.

Meanwhile, the Peninsula Mobile Unit yesterday arrested 189 people and confiscated knives, a bayonet, ammunition and dagga in a 12-hour operation executed by plainclothes policemen.

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## Trains

Police liaison officer Major Gys Boonzaaier said charges against the suspects, who are expected to appear on Monday, could include gambling, possession of stolen property, theft and robbery.

Although there was a shortage of police personnel "we are doing everything in our power to secure a safe journey to passengers".

"We have radio communications on trains and appeal to commuters to report cases immediately," said Major Boonzaaier.

A spokesman for Spoornet, Ms Yvette Olwage, said a top-level inquiry had begun into the incident reported by Mr Mars. Spoornet had been investigating equipping conductors with hand-held radios prior to this incident, she added.

"The safety of our commuters is an incredibly high priority and we'll look into this," she said.

She said the driver's door was locked for his own protection.

● A Simon's Town dock worker, Mr Martin Laguma, was robbed of R21 by a knife-wielding gang between Muizenberg and St James — while the police operation was being conducted. Police said that while Mr Laguma had confirmed the incident by telephone, he had not filed an official complaint.

Recent statistics released by police showed that the Simon's Town line had the second-highest crime rate in the Peninsula in December. The Khayelitsha line had the highest rate.



# Families held hostage as R2,6m stolen

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EAST LONDON. — Six armed men, believed to have entered Transkei from Lesotho, robbed an Engcobo bank of R2,6 million on Wednesday night while holding bank clerks' families hostage at gunpoint outside the town.

Transkei CID chief General N R Mankahla said yesterday that two bank clerks had been forced to open the Engcobo First National Bank — and added that police suspected the robbery could be linked to "insiders". The robbery, the biggest in Transkei, had raised police suspicions, as the robbers knew exactly how to get hold of the bank keys.

General Mankahla said the drama began earlier on Wednesday when Mr Lloyd Marais and his wife, travelling on the Umtata road, stopped their Volkswagen Jetta to offer assistance to three men in an unregistered white Volkswagen Golf.

Three pistol-packing men had ordered the couple out of the car and then driven off in both vehicles, leaving them at the roadside.

About 9pm six men, one armed with an AK-47, had entered the homes of two clerks at the Engcobo First National Bank. Their families had been taken to a spot about 10km from Engcobo, where three of the men held them under guard while the other three drove the clerks back into town.

After forcing them to open the bank and the safe, the robbers had loaded R2,6 million into three mielie bags and returned the clerks to their families before fleeing in the direction of Lesotho.

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# Mayor lauds Vlok crime campaign

Staff Reporter

CAPE TOWN Mayor Mr Gordon Oliver has lauded Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok's campaign against crime in South Africa.

In a letter to Mr Vlok, Mr Oliver said the "new initiative" to combat the rising tide of violence and crime came at a crucial time, and "deserved the support of every single citizen".

"This increased spate of violence will clearly have a detrimental effect on the overall climate which now exists in South Africa."

The city needed to benefit from the campaign, especially regarding Mr Vlok's promise of an increased police complement, he said.

# EX-mayor slugs snatcher

By DANIEL SIMON

CAPE TOWN'S former mayor and the current chairman of Captour, Mr Louis Kreiner, slugged it out with a city mugger on Monday evening moments after he was told that he would be "shot dead".

Mr Kreiner, 62, said yesterday that he fought his young attacker when a handbag belonging to fellow city councillor Ms Patricia Sulcas was grabbed out of her new BMW in which he was a passen-

ger.

He said a coloured man in his early twenties walked to the car stopped at a set of traffic lights on the corner of Buitengracht and Wale streets and yanked the passenger door open. The man thrust his arm with a paper bag over it into Mr Kreiner's face and threatened to shoot him.

"Ms Sulcas and I were on our way to Sea Point for supper and were waiting for the traffic lights to change when I noticed a man walking to the car.

"He yanked the car door open and with his other arm pointed at me and said: 'I have a

gun in my hand and I am going to shoot you dead."

Mr Kreiner said he did not know if the man was serious or not but grabbed at his arm when the thief reached out for Mrs Sulcas's handbag.

"I grabbed his arm and pulled myself out of the car. A scuffle ensued and I hit him on the cheek. Two young men in a car then pulled up behind us and they got out," Mr Kreiner said.

He said the mugger fled down the road with the handbag with the two men in hot pursuit. He was caught a short while later.

Mr Kreiner said a large crowd from the Bo-

Kaap gathered and the two young men then let the mugger go. He managed to retrieve the handbag and returned to the car.

He added that he and Ms Sulcas returned home and reported the matter to police after finding that some items were missing from the handbag.

"I want to issue a warning to motorists to keep their car doors locked when travelling in areas where there are frequent traffic light stops," Mr Kreiner added.

Ms Sulcas said she was still waiting for police to contact her so she could give a statement.



**LUCKY ESCAPE** . . . City councillors Ms Patricia Sulcas and Mr Louis Kreiner show they've got what it takes to ward off street muggers in Cape Town. They were attacked and Ms Sulcas's handbag was stolen by a man — who pretended to have a gun — at a set of traffic lights on the corner of Buitengracht and Wale streets.

Picture: BENNY GOOL

# Former MP fined R35 000 for fraud

PORT ELIZABETH. — Former East London MP Petro de Pontes was fined R35 000 (or 30 months) by the Regional Court here yesterday for fraud and related offences. *CAT Times 16/1/91*

De Pontes bribed Department of Interior official Mr Johan Scheffer to falsify an application for permanent residence for international financier Mr Vito Roberto Palazzolo. He also falsified his attorney's file to cover up the original fraud.

The other fraud charge relates to an order he issued to obtain the shareholding in Papillon International (Pty) Limited.

Before passing sentence the magistrate, Mr Gert Steyn, granted state witness Mr Scheffer indemnity against prosecution for his part in the offences.

He said De Pontes's motivation was the profit he expected to make out of the association, and Mr Palazzolo had just as strong a motive in seeking to avoid further prosecution in Europe.

Mr Steyn said he was satisfied that public indignation for De Pontes's abuse of trust could be met by a substantial fine.



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# Gang 'terror' forces family to leave home

By EDWARD MOLOINYANE  
Staff Reporter

GANG activity in Hanover Park has forced a family of five, including a seven-month-old baby, to abandon their home and take refuge under a bridge in Woodstock where they have been living for the past week.

But the new-found relief was short-lived when police on Monday arrested the family for "squatting and trespassing".

After appearing in the Cape Town Magistrate's Court they were warned and released.

## Running amok

Surrounded by a few of their belongings under the bridge, Mrs Soraja Phigeland, 39, said

## 7-month-old baby among five under bridge in Woodstock

their ordeal began last year after gangs made life difficult for residents of Hanover Park.

The gangsters were running amok, forcing to residents to support them.

She said small boys as young as 10 were being forced to join them and to pay "protection fees" to the mobsters.

Her 10-year-old son Ebrahim had been forced on a number of occasions to pay a "protection fee" and become a gangster, she said.

Only parents whose sons were gang members "enjoyed some freedom of movement" in Hanover Park, she claimed.

"Life was becoming unbearable and dangerous.

"I have been to the council offices to ask for a transfer from the township but people there have been unsympathetic. I just cannot continue to live there," said Mrs Phigeland.

Five years ago she and her

children vacated their home in Kalksteentfontein because of gang activity.

## 'Very little'

Gangs in Hanover Park include the Laughing Boys, Mongrels, Americans and Vulhures.

Deputy city administrator Mr Attie van Der Merwe said the family had been offered alternative accommodation in Hanover Park, but had declined it.

"They decided to vacate their home without letting us know. There is nothing we can offer them at this stage. It should also be remembered that there is very little vacant accommodation. People cannot just choose where they want to live," he said.



VELD LIFE: The Phigeland family out in the open in Russel street, Woodstock.

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# Residents beat two gangsters to death

Own Correspondent

EAST LONDON: — Two members of an Mdantsane gang, calling themselves the "Beasts", were beaten to death by enraged residents in an area between NU13 and NU14 on Saturday at 6am, after attacking people in the streets.

Ciskei police said several gangsters went on a rampage, breaking into houses and attacking people in the streets.

A group of residents, presumably on their way to work, confronted the gangsters and chased them to nearby bush. There they beat two of the men, identified as Mr Xolani Ben, 20, and Mr Ndimpiwe Lupuwana, 25, both of NU14, to death.

A third gangster was injured and taken to hospital, where he was treated and discharged into police custody. He will appear in court soon.

Some of the residents received minor injuries.

Police said the other gang members escaped. No further arrests were made and police are still investigating.

# Mugger shot on city train

By DANIEL SIMON

A YOUNG self-employed Kalk Bay businessman calmly shot a mugger on a packed commuter train on Tuesday afternoon, moments after five men robbed him of a cheque and a wristwatch at gunpoint.

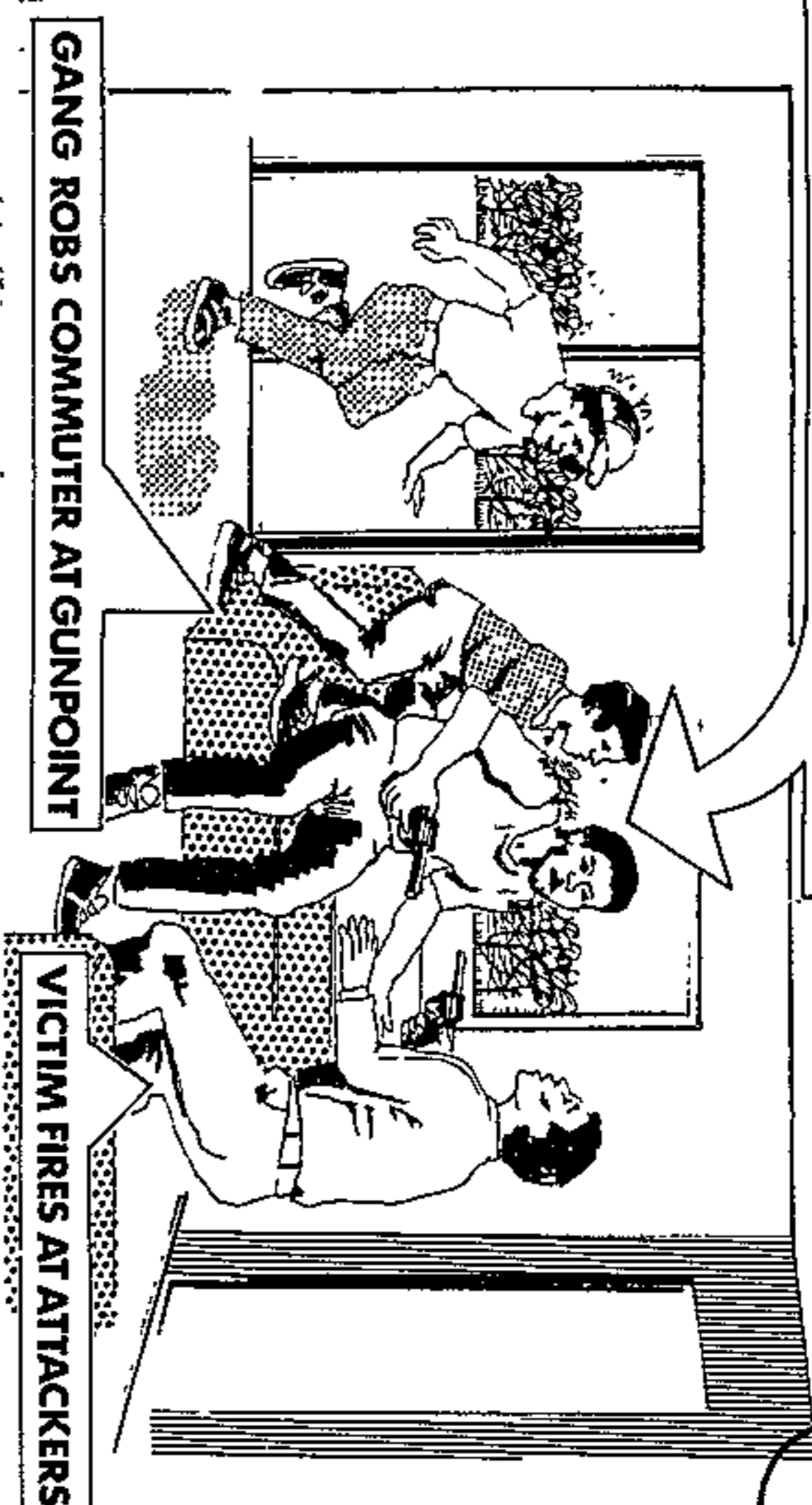
The incident has renewed fears that train muggings could increase, following a four-month lull after police stepped up patrols on station platforms and trains in the latter part of last year.

Recounting his ordeal, the 24-year-old victim, who does not want to be identified for fear of reprisals, said the incident occurred soon after he caught a train at Retreat for Kalk Bay at 5.55pm on Tuesday.

"It happened so fast. Normally I don't catch trains, but I had taken my bakkie to a garage for repairs."

He said he was sitting in the back of a third-class carriage when he noticed

ROBBERS FLEE OUT WINDOW OF MOVING TRAIN



GANG ROBS COMMUTER AT GUNPOINT

VICTIM FIRES AT ATTACKERS

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some men "looking" at him.

"One of them said: 'It is all clear.' Another with heavily scarred features then thrust his face into mine and pressed a gun against my throat.

"While slipping my wristwatch off, they asked me if I had any money. One of them then found my R99 cheque and asked if I had more. I said yes and at that moment threw my carry bag

down the aisle. During the short distraction I grabbed my 7.65mm pistol, and told them to stand still or I would shoot."

He said the muggers, who were caught off-guard, then shouted to one another: "Vat af sy gun." (Take away his gun.)

"One of them came at me and I pushed him away. He came again and I shot him in the chest. The muggers and screaming passengers then ran to the far side of the carriage."

The victim said that at that stage, the train pulled into Lakeside station. "All five muggers, including the man I shot in the chest, jumped through a window to escape. One of them broke an arm and a leg in the process," he said.

He said he alerted an off-duty policeman, who helped him, arrest three of the suspects. Two, others, including the wounded man, escaped. Police confirmed the three arrests, saying the men would appear in court soon.

# Boy dies in knife fight at Cape school

Staff Reporter

A MATRIC pupil was stabbed to death this week in a fight over an initiation ceremony at a Springbok high school.

The schoolboy died in hospital from stab wounds. A second pupil is in a satisfactory condition after being stabbed in the back.

The Department of Education and Culture in the House of Representatives is investigating the incident.

Police said yesterday they were investigating a charge of murder against an 18-year-old youth following the death of schoolboy Mr Petro Klaase, 18, from Nababiep.

A police spokesman said Mr Klaase, a pupil at the Bergsig Secondary High School, tried to "initiate" a new pupil. A scuffle broke out between Mr Klaase and another pupil who fatally stabbed him in the left side of his body.

"Another pupil then attacked the person who stabbed Mr Klaase and stabbed him in the back."

Bergsig principal Mr M M Messina said: "This is an isolated incident. The school banned initiation ceremonies two years ago."

He said the murder suspect and his brother were both from Cape Town.

The department said it had "a problem" with knife-packing pupils at many Western Cape high schools.



# Huge hi-tech fraud exposed

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By DANIEL SIMON

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A HUGE hi-tech fraud — involving the theft of millions of rands' worth of electronic goods, televisions and video recorders — has been uncovered at a well-known international electronics firm in Parow.

Police spokesman Captain Attie Laubscher said yesterday that, so far, a senior company manager of National Panasonic had been arrested and freed on bail.

Details of the elaborate fraud are sketchy, but police confirmed that a top-level investigation was under way to try to trace the whereabouts of "hundreds" of stolen National Panasonic products, which had been purchased unknowingly by retailers and consumers alike.

It is understood that hundreds of television sets and video machines were fraudulently sold, through false invoicing, from company premises to retailers.

The retailers in turn sold the goods to their customers — who are now being contacted by police and requested to hand over their property.

Many unsuspecting consumers may be affected as police go through reams of serial numbers to check the extent of the fraud, which is believed to amount to about R5,8m so far.

Captain Laubscher said "a lot" of television sets and video machines were found in the manager's Bellville home, and it is

understood the suspect operated in cahoots with other company employees.

National Panasonic general manager Mr Richard Burger confirmed that police were investigating a massive fraud. He declined to comment further, saying the matter was "sensitive".

Mr Ted Parlabean, the chairman of Barlow Rand Cape, the parent company of National Panasonic, said he became aware of the fraud only after receiving a call from an "irate customer" yesterday.

"I purely know that there was a scam going on at National Panasonic. I don't know how many staff or outsiders were involved, or the extent of it," he said.

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# Cape Town's murder rate keeps going up and up

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## Political Correspondent

GRIM crime figures released by police show that with more than 15 000 murders committed last year, 1990 was a bloody year.

Overall, serious crime rose by a record 8,5 percent to an alarming 1,5-million cases, the highest individual increase in the past 10 years and, said Commissioner of Police General Johan van der Merwe, probably the highest increase in South Africa's history.

All figures exclude the independent and self-governing states.

Compared to 1989, the mur-

der rate rose last year by 28,5 percent (3 359 more cases), robbery by 19 percent (10 496), housebreaking 18,8 percent (37 212), car theft 17,7 percent (10 351), theft 10,8 percent (45 392), fraud 14,6 percent (6 323), arson 57,6 percent (2 608) and damage to property 10,7 percent (8 891).

Even taking population growth into account, the odds of becoming a murder victim are increasing.

In 1988, there were 36 victims in every 100 000 people. Last year, the figure jumped to 49 for every 100 000. (The 1988 figure for the United States was 8 to 9 for every 100 000).

Cape Town was singled out as having a rate of 64 in every 100 000.

Unrest related crimes also continued to rise during 1990.

Violence increased by 49,8 percent, arson by 57 percent, possession of weapons by 44,7 percent, possession of explosives by 57,2 percent and damage to property by 10,7 percent.

The success rate for solving serious crimes in 1990 was 53,1 percent, 3,5 percent lower than in 1989. The success rate for crimes such as murder and rape was between 75 and 80 percent, General Van der Merwe said.

# Police strike like lightning in huge anti-crime swoop

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By JACQUELYN SWARTZ  
Weekend Argus Reporter

ONE of the largest crime prevention swoops in South Africa has been made under the codename "Operation Thunderbolt".

More than 40 000 policemen, reservists, Defence Force members and traffic police took part in the country-wide exercise from 6pm yesterday to 4am today.

Attention was focused on areas where "crime has been rampant", said a police spokesman at a Press conference. These included urban and rural areas.

Normal policing would continue uninterrupted.

Operation Thunderbolt was also aimed at making the public more aware of crime.

Pamphlets issued at roadblocks warned people of dangers like picking up hitch-hikers.

The Commissioner of Police, General Johan van der Merwe, said the operation could be seen as a sincere and tangible attempt to ensure the safety of the public and to protect their property.

After the Press conference, Minister of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok, General Van der Merwe and several other high-ranking police officials, accompanied the media on a tour of the operation.

General Van der Merwe said: "The operation follows on the state president's opening address in parliament this year in which he stated that a greater emphasis is to be placed on the prevention of crime."

As crime prevention is clearly in the public interest, the police do not hesitate to request the co-operation of the public and at the same time to plead for patience for any inconvenience."

## Bid to halt the muggings

# MP takes train crime to the top

By FRANS ESTERHUYSE  
and LINDA GALLOWAY  
Weekend Argus Reporters

ARMED robbery, muggings and terror attacks by gangs on Peninsula trains are to be raised in parliament because of growing concern over "serious" railway crime.

Democratic Party MP for Simon's Town Mr Jannie Momberg will question the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, on steps taken by the authorities to curb such crimes and to protect commuters.

Mr Momberg told Weekend Argus that crime on the Simon's Town line was "a really serious problem" and that he had already made high-level representations to seek a solution. He had been in contact with Minister Vlok and senior police officers.

In the latest train attack, a robbery victim allegedly shot a member of a mugging gang. Another man broke an arm and a leg in trying to escape.

Spoornet has introduced a security team to complement the police presence on trains and at stations and the team has made many arrests.

Spokesman Mr Brian Lotter said: "Various strategies are being used, based on information gathered from various sources. The number of men will fluctuate according to tendencies."

The team would not always be in uniform and commuters might not always be able to identify them, he said.

Spoornet has a toll-free number (☎ 080-021-0081) and commuters are urged to report any incidents.

### Switch lines

Captain Loekie Jordaan, head of the police mobile unit, said criminals had 760 trains a day to choose from.

Although train crime had decreased in recent weeks after soaring predictably over the holiday period, it was difficult to establish a trend.

"We can't possibly be everywhere. When a crime is reported we place policemen there but the criminals simply switch from the Cape Flats to the Simon's Town line or vice-versa."

For this reason policemen in civilian



Mr Momberg

clothes were also used.

When train criminals were arrested and questioned any information which could help Captain Jordaan's men is passed on.

The biggest problem in combating train crime was that many incidents were not reported to the police.

"We had a situation at Nyanga station where the culprit was arrested but the victim did not want to make a statement — so we had to let him go. We could not charge him with anything."

### Emptier coaches

Captain Jordaan said his unit was "always busy looking at new ways to use our manpower more productively".

According to Mr Momberg, complaints had been made that even handicapped children had been among the victims of train muggers and robbers. Some worried parents had withdrawn their children from trains and were now taking them to and from school by car.

Mr Momberg said that if conditions were such that passengers were with-



Mr Vlok

drawing from train travel, the problem would be aggravated by the fact that coaches would be emptier and passengers would be more vulnerable to attacks.

An official complaint about crime on the trains had also been made by the Simon's Town town council. Other complaints had come from at least three schools in the St James-Kalk Bay-Fish Hoek area, including a school for handicapped children.

Mr Momberg said the problem was particularly serious in view of the fact that the train service was used by many people who could not afford cars, by elderly people and by school-going children. Many of the elderly passengers either could not afford to travel by car or were unable to drive.

Various proposals were being made to make trains safer and these should be investigated. A basic problem seemed to be that not enough police were available to man all trains and to be on all railway stations in the event of attacks.

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# Woman saved in police crackdown

Staff Reporter

**OPERATION Thunderbolt** possibly saved the life of a 74-year-old Free State woman when she was attacked by a burglar whom she found hiding under her bed early on Saturday morning, police said yesterday.

Bloemfontein police spokesman Major G E Moorcroft said Mrs Alta Harris's screams alerted two policemen patrolling the small town of Brandfort in the early hours of the morning.

"She noticed something in her house but went in anyway. She saw someone under her bed and when she fled, a man grabbed her and threw her to the ground. Her screams alerted two policemen who came to her rescue and arrested the man," Major Moorcroft said.

This is only one of the successes of the operation, which

saw the arrest of 11 361 people countrywide between 6pm on Friday evening and 4am on Saturday morning.

Three policemen and one civilian were injured.

Some incidents during those hours however also seriously inconvenienced others, like aged Guguletu resident Mr Albert Lupizo, whose home in NY 91 street was partially destroyed when a car smashed through his dining room wall on Friday night.

## ANC 'shocked'

The driver, who had stolen the car in Diep River, smashed into the house after he was shot and killed by police during a high-speed chase which started when he jumped a red traffic light late on Friday night.

Meanwhile the African National Congress was "shocked" at the extent of the operation, spokesman Mr Sakie

Macozoma said at the weekend.

"How can we be sure that even a fraction of these people were arrested for good reason... there are all kinds of social circumstances which are linked to crime — poverty for example — which have to be addressed," the spokesman said.

"The reported detention of 11 000 makes one wonder as to the number of people harassed during the operation."

"These operations seem to be aimed more at the publicity they generate than actual crime prevention," he said. "We are keenly awaiting a racial breakdown of those arrested."

Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok described Operation Thunderbolt as extremely successful. He promised to "relentlessly" track down criminals and bring them to justice.

"I have only one message — you can run but you can't hide," Mr Vlok said.



**DAMAGE**... Mr Albert Lupizo points to the damage caused to his council home in Guguletu when a car smashed through the dining-room wall late on Friday night during Operation Thunderbolt. The driver had stolen the car in Diep River and became the subject of the chase when he jumped a red robot.

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# Squatter shot dead in 'attack'

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Staff Reporter

A PRINCESS Bush squatter was shot dead after allegedly attacking a Hout Bay man while breaking into his car.

According to police Mr Robert Marks, 26, was woken early on Saturday by the barking of his dogs and found three men in his car.

He fired one warning shot and after being attacked, fired more shots. One of the men was fatally wounded and another wounded in the shoulder. The third man fled.

Police liaison officer Major Jan Calitz said the dead man and the wounded man, who was later arrested, lived in the Princess Bush squatter camp.

# Head denies his talk encouraged schoolboy killers

CM-76-B 14/2/91

Own Correspondent

EAST LONDON. — The principal of Dale College, Mr Malcom Andrew, said in the Supreme Court here yesterday that remarks he had made at school assembly could not have been misconstrued as sanctioning assaults by boys on vagrants on school property.

But he denied knowledge of a school hostel group called the "Joubert Kaffir Bashing Society".

Mr Andrew was testifying in the case in which four former Dale pupils have been convicted of culpable homicide and two counts of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

The four, 18-year-old Richard Bester and three minors, this week admitted assaulting a 70-year-old vagrant Mr Tom Ruiters last February.

Mr Ruiters died as a result of multiple injuries.

Mr Andrew said he addressed pupils on the problems of vagrancy and escalating vandalism soon after the school's squash courts had nearly burnt down.

He had meant with his statement that the pupils could take a "two-by-four" to vagrants found damaging school property and "only in extreme circumstances", such as the torching of the squash courts, were pupils authorised to use force.

Mr Andrew said reports that he had

offered his resignation after the death were untrue.

He said the accused were not problem pupils, and denied knowledge of a group called the "Joubert Kaffir Bashing Society".

Mr Andrew said he was superintendent of Frank Joubert hostel and had lived in the building at the time of the incident.

He denied that he moved into the hostel in January 1990 because "serious" problems had been reported there.

A former Dale pupil, Mr George Smith, earlier told the court he had assumed from the talk that "should we see anyone damaging anything we should level them out — sort them out".

He added he had not got the impression that the boys should go out looking for vagrants to assault.

Earlier, the matron of Frank Joubert hostel, Mrs Jean Kekewich, described Bester as a "sincere boy with leadership qualities", who was always "helpful and polite".

Mr Smith, who had occupied a cubicle alongside Bester in the hostel, told the court his friendship with Bester had deteriorated because of political differences.

After formerly outlawed political

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parties were unbanned, it had become clear Bester "favoured" the right wing, and "his attitude became quite harsh". CM-76-B 14/2/91

Asked whether he was aware of the "Joubert Kaffir Bashing Society", Mr Smith said he was, and that he had heard the society had been operating for many years — even before his arrival at the hostel in 1989.

He added he understood the society to be a "group of guys who go out on occasion to terrorise black people who slept on the school grounds".

Mr Smith recalled Bester telling him in 1989 that he had been told by the "rest of the guys" (in the society) they did not want him to go on any more outings because "he was too aggressive".

He said Bester had told him in 1990 that he had taken over leadership of the society.

When an announcement about the death was made in assembly on the Friday morning after the death, he had "immediately assumed" Bester and "the other people who went with him" on Wednesday night were involved.

Mr Smith said Bester had an AWB insignia on a red desk pad in his room, and often doodled AWB symbols in class.

Asked whether Bester had ever spelt out how he felt about blacks, Mr Smith said he had said he hated them.

Bester's lawyer, Mr A Lang, challenged Mr Smith, saying his client was willing to testify that he "has not hated blacks".

Mr Smith said it was "very easy" to get out of the hostel at night because the front door had only to be unbolted. Security measures at the hostel had changed after the vagrant's body had been found.

## 6 train robbers arrested in city

Staff Reporter

POLICE arrested six train robbers at Kraaifontein station on Wednesday evening after they had robbed numerous passengers of cash and jewellery at knife-point, a police spokesman said yesterday.

Major Jan Calitz said the arrests took place at about 8pm after some of the passengers complained to policemen who were travelling on the Wellington-to-Cape Town train.



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# 5 551 arrested in weekend crime swoop

Staff Reporter

OVER 4 000 local policeman, traffic officers and police reservists took part in Saturday's Operation Guiltwatch — a nationwide swoop to combat crime which yielded 5 551 countrywide arrests and 2 449 arrests in the Western Cape.

The operation was a follow-up to last week's Operation Thunderbolt and a part of the crime-combating measure Operation Sentry.

The countrywide swoop began at 8am and ended about 3pm on Saturday.

Two of the biggest successes from the raid were in the Strand and Pretoria.

Six armed bankrobbers were confronted by traffic officers and police while holding up staff at the Trustbank in Rosslyn, Pretoria.

A shootout ensued outside the bank and one of the gang was hit and arrested. The others escaped in a white Toyota Corolla.

Police in the Strand swooped on the Retief Street area where Mrs Catharina Olivier, 21, was assaulted and robbed, and arrested a man minutes later.

The Western Cape arrests included: 93 involving possession and dealing in dagga and drugs, 68 for theft, 19 for murder, 34 for housebreaking and

theft, 12 for illegal dealings in alcohol and 243 arrests for other alcohol-related offences.

Four people were also arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol.

The nationwide arrest figures included: 17 arrests for possession of unlicensed firearms, 336 arrests for robbery, 32 for motor vehicle theft, 18 for armed robbery, 49 for murder, 19 for attempted murder, 118 for house-breaking and theft, 26 for driving under the influence of alcohol and 194 for illegal dealings in alcohol.

A further 217 people were arrested for possession of drugs, 68 for dealing in dagga, eight others for dealing in other drugs and 13 for possession of other drugs.

In other arrests, 155 people were arrested for being illegal immigrants, one person for forgery and nine people for being in possession of dangerous weapons.

In Natal, 640 people were arrested, including 17 for murder, 39 for house-breaking and theft, 14 for vehicle theft, 75 for illegal dealing in alcohol, 91 for other alcohol-related offences and 22 for possession of dagga.

A police spokesman said that 11 unlicensed firearms had been recovered, including an AK-47 rifle, two .38 revolvers and two home-made firearms known as 'quashas'.

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 Counter Officer  
 Mail Handling Officer  
 General Clerk  
 Sorter  
 Typist  
 Exchange Superintendent  
 Telecom Assistant  
 Telephonist  
 Clerk  
 Assistant Administrative Officer  
 Security Officer  
 Postman  
 Part-Time Branch Postmaster  
 Part-Time Sorter  
 Senior Telecom Electrician  
 Technician  
 Telecom Officer  
 Assistant Telecom Officer  
 Senior Telecom Assistant  
 General Assistant, 1  
 General Assistant, 2  
 General Assistant, 3  
 Cook  
 Senior Superintendent  
 Telecom Electrician

(2) No. No need exists in this regard as no official's services will become redundant.

SAP action

\*8. Mr P H DE LA REY asked the Minister of Law and Order:†  
 Whether members of the South African Police took any action against the persons who, on the day on which Mr Oliver Tambo arrived at the Jan Smuts Airport, allegedly removed the flag of the Republic and replaced it by an ANC flag; if not, why not; if so, what was the nature of the action taken?  
 19/2/91 B71E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

No, not against any particular person or persons, because those concerned could not be identified in the large crowd.

On 13 December 1990 at approximately 13:17, the South African Police noticed that the flag of the Republic in front of the Jan Smuts Airport Building was being replaced by an ANC flag. With the help of *inter alia*, the Dog Unit, the Police moved into the crowd of approximately 7 000 to 8 000 people and low-

ered a small ANC flag and replaced it with the flag of the Republic. 19/2/91

Petrol/dieseline: amount received

\*9. Mr P H DE LA REY asked the Minister of Finance:†  
 What total amount did the State receive from the sale of (a) petrol and (b) dieseline in the Republic during the latest specified period of 12 months for which figures are available?  
 19/2/91 B72E

The MINISTER OF FINANCE:

In the period 1 January 1990 to 31 December 1990 a net amount of R4 389 million accrued to the State from the sale of petrol and diesel. Fertilization amounts cannot be furnished as the Petroleum Products Act 1977, (Act No. 120 of 1977) prohibits the disclosure of sale statistics of individual petroleum products.

Paul Kruger Memorial Hospital: alterations

\*10. Dr W J BOTHA asked the Minister of National Health:†  
 Whether any alterations of and/or extensions to the section for Blacks at the Paul Kruger Memorial Hospital in Rustenberg are being planned; if so, (a) what progress has been made in this regard, (b) what total amount has already been appropriated for this purpose and (c) when will these alterations and/or extensions be commenced?  
 19/2/91 B73E

The MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH:

Yes, planning for extensions is taking place,

(a) the Bill of Quantities is nearly completed and the planning is therefore just short of the tender stage,

(b) no amount has been appropriated in the current financial year for this purpose and  
 (c) if funds are available, probably 1992/93.

Certain person: retirement benefits

\*11. Dr W J BOTHA asked the Minister of Foreign Affairs:†  
 (1) Whether a certain person, whose name has been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of his reply, received any retirement benefits from the

State when he left the Public Service, if so, what retirement benefits;†

(2) whether these benefits were paid in terms of existing regulations; if so, in terms of what regulations; if not,  
 (3) whether any special arrangements were made in respect of the payment of these benefits; if so, what are the details of these arrangements?  
 19/2/91 B74E

The MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS:

(1) No, he did not receive retirement benefits from the State, but he did receive a resignation benefit

(2) The resignation benefits was paid in terms of Regulation 13(1) of the Government Service Pension Act, 1973 (Act 57 of 1973);

(3) Not applicable

Pollsmoor prison: purchase of land

\*12. Mr J H MOMBORG asked the Minister of Correctional Services:†  
 (1) Whether it is the intention to purchase land in Tokai with a view to expanding the Pollsmoor prison; if so,  
 (2) whether this land has already been purchased; if not, why not; if so, when are the building operations expected to be commenced?  
 19/2/91 B79E

The MINISTER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES:

(1) There is no intention of purchasing land in Tokai. Application was made however to retain land at Westlake, which currently belongs to other State Departments, for the Department of Correctional Services should those State Departments decide to withdraw. No purchase transactions will be involved but only transfer of land.

(2) No, no land was purchased in Tokai. Land was however purchased in Retreat (Steenberg) during 1970. Building works will, in all probability and if funds are made available, commence during 1991/92.

Suburban trains: crime

\*13. Mr J H MOMBORG asked the Minister of Law and Order:†  
 (1) Whether there has recently been an increasing tendency in crime on suburban trains between Simonstown and Cape Town; if so, what are the relevant details;  
 (2) whether any steps are being taken to combat this crime, if so, what steps?  
 19/2/91 B80E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) No, during the three months from 1 November 1990 to 31/January 1991, 51 serious crimes were committed on trains between Simonstown and Cape Town, in comparison with 73 crimes during the corresponding period a year previously. This represents a decline of 69,86%.

The details are as follows:

	Nov 89	Dec 89	Jan 90	Nov 90	Dec 90	Jan 91
Theft from person	1	2	3	2	—	—
Rape	5	7	7	3	5	5
Robbery	12	8	18	6	18	7
Attempted robbery	—	—	—	—	—	3
Armed robbery	1	—	—	—	1	1
Attempted murder	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sodomy	—	—	1	—	—	—
Assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm	—	—	—	—	—	—
	19	22	32	11	24	16

(2) In addition to the deployment of mobile units of the South African Police on this, as well as other rail trajectories country-wide, the Rail Commuter Corporation, in co-operation with the South African Police, is at present safeguarding Rail Commuter Stations, which will ensure more effective access control, in order to more effectively keep criminal elements off trains.

Extradition of certain persons

\*14. Mr L FUCHS asked the Minister of Justice:†  
 (1) Whether a request has been received from the Namibian Government for the extradition of (a) Mr Leonard Veenendaal and (b) Mr Darryl Stopforth; if so, with what result;

# Train crime drops on city route — Vlok

*Cape Town 20/1/91*

By BARRY STREEK

SERIOUS crime on trains between Simon's Town and Cape Town declined by nearly 70% between November and January compared to figures for the previous year, the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, said yesterday.

Between November 1, 1990, and January 31, 1991, 51 serious crimes were committed on trains between Simon's Town and Cape Town, in comparison with 73 crimes during the corresponding period a year previously.

"This represents a decline of 69,86%," Mr Vlok said in reply to a question tabled by Mr Jannie Momberg (DP, Simon's Town).

In addition to the deployment of mobile police units, a plan was underway

to safeguard stations countrywide "which will ensure more effective access control in order to more effectively keep criminal elements off trains".

Mr Vlok said 19 serious crimes were committed on Cape Town to Simon's Town trains in November 1989, 22 in December 1989 and 32 in January 1990, compared to 11 in November 1990, 24 in December 1990 and 16 in January 1991.

From Nov 1989 to Jan 1990, there were 25 thefts, two rapes, 38 robberies, one attempted robbery, one attempted murder, one sodomy and five serious assaults.

From Nov 1990 to Jan 1991 there were 15 thefts, 31 robberies, three attempted robberies and two attempted robberies, Mr Vlok said.

**Committee of Inquiry into Military Pensions: investigations**

\*28. Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Finance:

- (1) Whether the Committee of Inquiry into Military Pensions has completed its investigations; if so, *Answered 26/2/91*
- (2) whether this committee has submitted a report to him for his consideration; if so, when;
- (3) whether the committee considered the revision of the policy of paying military pensions according to categories of educational qualification; if not, why not; if so, what recommendation did it make in this regard;
- (4) what other recommendations did the committee make;
- (5) whether he will make a statement on the matter? *B279E*

**The MINISTER OF FINANCE:**

- (1) Yes;
- (2) Yes, on 27 November 1990;
- (3) The committee recommended that a different basis for the calculation of military pensions be investigated by the Department on the guide-lines laid down by the committee;
- (4) Recommendations were also made by the committee on:

- (i) the justification for the difference in compensation granted to civil servants and private individuals who were injured during military service;
- (ii) the principle of educational qualifications as basis of compensation as well as compensation for qualifications obtained after disablement;
- (iii) compensation for loss of potential earnings;
- (iv) providing for supplementary compensation to exceptional disabled persons as a result of multiple disabilities;
- (v) increase of pensions in respect of dependent children; and

and (b) what was the total cost of these pensions during the said period?

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The MINISTER OF PLANNING, PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL HOUSING:

*Answered 26/2/91*

The information is supplied for the period 1 January 1990 to 31 December 1990:

- 1. TRANSVAAL
  - (a) 2 462 211
  - (b) R419 727 000
  - Monthly average*
- 2. NATAL
  - (a) 205 184
  - (b) R34 977 250
  - (a) 430 316
  - (b) R95 175 210
  - Monthly average*
- 3. ORANGE FREE STATE
  - (a) 626 765
  - (b) R134 559 234
  - Monthly average*
  - (a) 52 230
  - (b) R11 213 269
- 4. CAPE PROVINCE
  - (a) 993 297
  - (b) R169 737 853
  - Monthly average*

(a) 82 774 (b) R14 144 821

TOTAL FOR THE RSA

(a) 4 512 589 (b) R819 199 297

*Monthly average*

(a) 376 049 (b) R68 266 608

*Reply substituting reply to Question No 13 on 19 February 1991, put by Mr J H Momberg (col 98):*

**Cape Town: crime on trains**

\*13. Mr J H MOMBORG asked the Minister of Law and Order: *Answered 26/2/91*

- (1) Whether there has recently been an increasing tendency in crime on suburban trains between Simon's Town and Cape Town; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether any steps are being taken to combat this crime; if so, what steps? *B80E*

**The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:**

(1) No, during the three months from 1 November 1990 to 31 January 1991, 51 serious crimes were committed on trains between Simon's Town and Cape Town, in comparison with 73 crimes during the corresponding period a year previously. This represents a decline of 30,14%.

The details are as follows:

	Nov 89	Dec 89	Jan 90	Nov 90	Dec 90	Jan 91
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\*30. Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing: *Answered 26/2/91*

- (a) How many Black social old-age pensioners were there during the latest specified 12-month period for which figures are available

**Black social old-age pensioners**

- (b) An amount of R75 million was allocated for the programme of which R5 million was suspended as a saving. Although an amount of R70 million was contractually paid out by means of advances, the full amount has up to date not been spent by the participating bodies. Particulars of the unspent amount is at this stage not readily available.

\*29. Mr J J WALSH asked the Minister of Manpower:

What total amount (a) has been paid out by the Central Government in respect of the current job creation programme and (b) earmarked for this programme was unspent as at the latest specified date for which information is available? *Answered 26/2/91*

**The MINISTER OF MANPOWER:**

- (a) Up to 31 December 1990 an amount of R70 million was paid out to the following Departments/Administrations by means of advances:
  - Development Aid
  - Provincial Administration (TVL)
  - Provincial Administration (OFS)
  - Provincial Administration (NATAL)
  - Provincial Administration (CAPE)
  - Foreign Affairs
  - House of Delegates
  - House of Representatives
  - House of Assembly
- (b) Manpower

**Job creation programme: amount paid**

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  - House of Assembly
- (b) Manpower



Picture: LEON MÜLLER, Weekend Argus.

Central Cape Town's new crime-watch liaison officer, Sergeant Danie Loock, with a street map of the residential areas of Cape Town showing the new crime-watch sectors marked out by the police.

# Fighting crime depends on you — so get moving

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A 38-sector neighbourhood watch and safe-house system has been launched in crime-ridden central Cape Town.

The system, already playing a major part in crime-prevention and detection overseas and in other parts of South Africa, will be strongly dependent on responsible public participation.

It could become an important early warning system for the under par and over-stretched police.

## Tough warning

But at a meeting at police headquarters at Caledon Square this week of people recruited as coordinators station commander, Lieutenant Colonel Trevor Vermeulen, sounded a tough warning: "I don't want the public running around like Rambo's with sawn-off shotguns, but we do need them to help fight crime."

Vigilante forces and street patrols are not part of the scheme either.

What is wanted is a network of neighbourhood watch committees responsible for 38 manageable areas into which the police have divided the residential sectors of the city bowl area.

They cover Gardens, Oranjezicht, Vredehoek, Devil's Peak, Zonnebloem (District Six), Tamboerskloof and Bo-Kaap.

The onus to get the watch systems going lies with the public, Colonel Vermeulen stressed.

Handbooks issued at the meeting point out that most burglaries take place on weekdays, between 8am and 1pm.

It urges neighbours to join in keeping watch on each others' homes and immediate surroundings. A network of people keeping an eye on houses in their street and staying alert for unusual or suspicious characters or happenings can definitely help to prevent crime.

An example of a successful

By JANIS FRASER  
Weekend Argus Reporter

neighbourhood watch system is the Randburg suburb of Johannesburg North which had a burglary rate of 30 to 40 a month and was blacklisted by some insurance companies in 1985.

The establishment of neighbourhood watch cut the burglary rate to two a month by the following year and some insurance companies now offer discount premiums to neighbourhood watch members.

An integral part of the scheme is the safe-house concept, aimed at the protection of children and the elderly.

This system gives children or anyone else in a threatened situation a known place to run for safety.

Ideally there will be one such house in each street, identified by a gate sign.

To set up a new neighbourhood watch, the booklet suggests that volunteer co-ordinators invite between 12 and 25 neighbours for a meeting at their home. A member of the police should be invited to attend and speak.

The next step is to form a committee — "keep it simple, five members and not too much paperwork," advises Colonel Vermeulen — who should list the names and telephone numbers of watch members.

All participants should have the list, which should also include emergency numbers — police, flying squad, fire department, ambulance service and poison control.

Once the list is circulated it's a simple matter, if an emergency does arise, to create a quick communications network. The coordinator can contact the first two names on the list who in turn can each contact two more, and so on.

Domestic staff should be brought into the scheme. They should also feel confident about contacting a neighbour or the police.

The neighbourhood watch liaison officer for the central area is Sergeant Danie Loock, who can be contacted on 461-7282 but each sector has been allocated a police officer who watch members will know by name.

Colonel Vermeulen suggested that ratepayers, women's and other community organisations should be involved in the watch scheme and that an effort should be made to find advertising sponsors for neighbourhood watch signs which members should display in their window or at their gate.

It has been proved that the signs do act as a deterrent to criminals.

## Engraving

Another important function of the watch, says the booklet, is the purchase of an engraver. Members should be encouraged to engrave valuables with a traceable identification mark.

"Especially important are vulnerable items such as television sets, videos, hi-fi equipment, personal computers, outdoor furniture, bicycles and garden tools.

"Motor vehicle windows and other parts of the vehicle should be marked." Then there is a far greater chance of stolen goods being identified and returned, the booklet points out.

Incidentally, the days of battling to get through to the emergency 10111 number are over, Colonel Vermeulen said. The unsatisfactory recorded messages asking people to "please be patient, your call will be answered," or to "try again later as the lines are all busy," have been dropped and extra answering staff have been taken on to cope promptly with calls.

### 3 in court for slaying of Manenberg priest

*CAT-712B 2/3/91*  
THREE men appeared briefly in the Athlone Magistrate's Court yesterday in connection with the murder last year of Manenberg priest Father Noel Stanton.

Mr Allie Adams, 26, Mr Cyril Francis, 24, and Mr Marius Johnson, 19, are facing charges of murder, abduction, robbery and housebreaking with the intent to steal, following the discovery of Father Stanton's body on September 24 last year.

The case was postponed until March 8, when a trial date will be determined.

The magistrate was Mr A J Basson. The prosecutor was Mr S V Malabe. Mr Francis was represented by Mr R Ebrahim and Mr Johnson was represented by Mr R Patel. Mr Adams was not represented.

# Huge SA perlemoen racket smashed

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Staff Reporters

**TWO MEN** — one of them a Higgovale medical doctor — were arrested yesterday after local Sea Fisheries officials smashed the biggest perlemoen smuggling and poaching network in South Africa, involving more than R3 million of the delicacy.

The network was smashed after a nine-month investigation. All permits to catch perlemoen have been stopped since the beginning of the year.

Twenty cartons containing 2 349 perlemoen were seized at an industrial site at Stikland. Labels on the boxes indicated that the perlemoen had been packed at Butterworth in Transkei.

But washing machines for cleaning perlemoen and deep freezers were found and seized at the factory. It is thought that about 42 tons of perlemoen are involved in the network.

## Smuggling network

The network linked up a base in Sea Point to Paarden Eiland Industria and several warehouses in the Peninsula.

Dr Bert Kirsten, a director of a Transkei company, and an alleged accomplice, Mr Jean Pierre Botha, appeared in Cape Town Magistrate's Court yesterday in connection with the smuggling network.

Dr Kirsten was granted bail of R30 000, Mr Botha R1 000.

The products, destined for the Far East where Chinese pay high prices for the delicacy, would have fetched up to R6 million.

Perlemoen poaching has depleted the coast of at least 1,25 million perlemoen.

The chief of the investigation, Mr Daantjie Brand, described the network as "the biggest to be smashed in South Africa's fishing industry".

# Brutal murders lead to fears that gays may be crime targets

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By DALE KNEEN  
Weekend Argus Reporter

THREE apparently motiveless murders have led to the belief that homosexual men have become the targets of brutal criminals.

Shocked by the violence of the three crimes, many gays are taking steps to prevent further horror.

The three men, Mr Maish Zaidel, 42, Mr Antoon Daniel van Hove, 47, and Mr Michael Singer, were all killed under similar circumstances.

The battered and stabbed body of Mr Zaidel, an optometrist, was found naked in his flat in Fresnaye Close last month.

Belgian Mr Van der Hove was found naked and bound in a chair in his flat in Holmfirth Road, Sea Point, in November.

He appeared to have been strangled.

Mr Singer was fatally stabbed in the head with a bayonet in his townhouse near Kenilworth race course last October.

The three murderers appeared to have been acquainted with their victims. It appeared as if the homes of the victims had not been entered forcibly.

The murderers have eluded police because few clues were left behind and little, if anything, had been stolen from the victims' homes.

Male prostitutes have admitted that some "clients" are robbed and assaulted. None has claimed that the murderers are "colleagues".

Questioned by Weekend Argus, homosexual men who admitted having solicited before said they were now reluctant to do so for fear of being attacked.

Mr Peter Lancaster, spokesman for the Cape Town branch of the National Institute for Crime Prevention and Rehabilitation of Offenders (Nicro), said speculation about the three murders was the same as speculation in all other unsolved murders, whether the victim was homosexual or heterosexual.

"Some murders, such as these three, appear to have been sensationalised merely because the victims were homosexual," he said.

"Basic human rights issues such as one's gender stance, socialisation around alternative lifestyles and one's feelings on what it is like to be a human being, are often trivialised by a sensation-seeking Press and a hostile and judgmental society."

All murders were horrific and those of homosexual men were not less or more important than others, he said.





**UNITED FRONT . . .** Skills Training for Employment Centre students demonstrate against gangsterism on the platform at Salt River station yesterday.

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Picture: RICHARD BELL

## Students unite to fight train gangs

By DAVE MARRS

A GROUP of Salt River students has launched a campaign to encourage commuters to unite and stand up to gangs of thieves that roam railway carriages on some lines, intimidating and robbing passengers.

Spokesman for the Skills Training for Employment Centre (Stec) students, Mr Stanley Soko, said the students decided to act after three classmates were attacked recently, threatened with knives and robbed within a week on the Mitchell's Plain and Khayelitsha lines.

One of the students, Miss Roselyn du Preez, escaped with minor injuries after jumping off a moving train near Mandalay station to get away from a gang that had robbed her of her jewellery.

Mr Soko said the students would hold placard demonstrations on station platforms and hand out leaflets to passengers to encourage them to form carriage committees and improve security by travelling in groups.

# Vlok hears plan to beef up Sea Point security in face of rising crime

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By TOSH LEVETT-HARDING

A PLAN has been put forward to the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, for vehicle patrols in Sea Point at night to protect people and property and to reverse the rise in crime.

A meeting was held last Tuesday between Mr Vlok and city councillor Chris Joubert, who was given a mandate by a recent public meeting at Sea Point Civic Centre to approach the minister.

Mr Joubert said the minister was concerned by the high crime rate and had said: "We cannot allow this — something must be done."

Mr Joubert in turn said he realised the police were short of manpower and offered to supply manpower at no cost to the state.

Among suggestions Mr Joubert made to Mr Vlok was that he was prepared to motivate the leaders of the 4 500 members of Neighbourhood Watch, which stretches from Mouille Point to Bantry Bay, to join the police reserve. A condition of this was that they would be provided with police vans and radios to communicate with the Flying Squad. They would not wear uniforms or carry arms but would continue to operate as the neighbourhood watch — on wheels.

Mr Joubert said: "This is a chance to have the rattling of police vans on the beat at night. Although the force will have powers of arrest its first duty will be to inform the Flying Squad if



**ADRIAAN VLOK:** The minister is considering a security plan for Sea Point, possibly employing vehicle patrols and the services of a private security firm.

it sees something suspicious."

Another suggestion to the minister was to strengthen the police

force during the day with employees of a security firm — who would work to a strict code of conduct under the

supervision of the police.

Mr Joubert said: "The minister listened patiently to these suggestions and said he would come back personally to me after he had consulted with top police officials. He seemed impressed with the suggestions and I am confident we will hear something to our advantage."

He added that Sea Point was not looking for vigilantes or little private armies but that the main concern was to use law-enforcement officers to protect people in the streets and on the beachfront, where people were frequently attacked.

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 Bellville police district in 1990?

**Bellville police district: offences**

58. Mr C W EGLIN 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)
D F Malan	—	—	3	6	—	1	84	14	4	—
Airport										
Bellville	14	20	117	229	25	129	438	148	656	1
Durbanville	11	12	71	41	11	11	133	46	393	—
Goodwood	7	10	85	129	11	41	347	108	490	—
Kraafontein	44	22	549	388	62	169	227	345	643	6
Kuilsriver	65	69	727	708	96	299	343	567	1 309	8

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
Cramond	11	10	55	27	5	9	14	8	110	—
Hilton (N)	6	5	28	29	8	22	25	11	147	—
Howick	46	19	233	128	25	74	52	69	377	—
Impendle	17	2	63	38	7	24	1	19	96	—
Mountain										
Rise	112	34	416	957	80	237	275	282	877	23
Nottingham										
Road	7	5	98	28	6	11	23	25	215	—
Plessislaer	800	68	298	264	107	603	112	397	760	1
Prestbury	3	4	11	25	—	11	39	7	174	—
Richmond										
(N)	74	20	76	64	14	55	45	51	289	—
Thornville	16	4	49	27	5	22	18	25	91	—
Town Hill	3	2	27	21	5	31	56	7	294	—
Hammarisdale	24	6	30	39	2	111	19	29	169	—

Note:

I also wish to draw the honourable member's attention to the note on the answer to written question no 4 which was asked in the House of Assembly.

Berea police station: offences

33. Mr P H P GASTROW 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) burglary of business premises, (g) burglary of residential premises, (h) robbery with aggravating circumstances, (i) robbery, (j) common theft, (k) theft of vehicles and cycles, (l) possession of drugs and (m) dealing in drugs were reported at the Berea police station in the Durban police district of the Port Natal Division in 1990?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

- (a) 26  
(b) 8  
(c) 44  
(d) 168  
(e) 11  
(f) 4  
(g) 878  
(h) 159  
(i) 1

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)
(c) 351											
(d) 859											
(e) 86											
(f) 1 033											
(g) 245											
(h) 1 078											
(i) 666											
(j) 3 746											
(k) 2 618											
(l) 75											
(m) —											

Note:

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Point police station: offences

35. Mr P H P GASTROW 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) burglary of business premises, (g) burglary of residential premises, (h) robbery with aggravating circumstances, (i) robbery, (j) common theft, (k) theft of vehicles and cycles, (l) possession of drugs and (m) dealing in drugs were reported at the Point police station in the Durban police district of the Port Natal Division in 1990?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

- (a) 15  
(b) 3  
(c) 84  
(d) 292  
(e) 20

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

- (a) 75  
(b) 42

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
Cape Town	29	13	245	415						
Camps Bay	2	1	10	17						
Maitland	4	10	88	121						

Note:

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Persons without legal representation

39. Mr L FUCHS asked the Minister of Justice:

How many persons appeared in (a)(i) district and (ii) regional courts and (b) the Supreme Court in each province in 1990 without legal representation?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE:

- (a) \*659  
(b) 75.  
\*Public secondary schools.

Cape Town police district: offences

40. 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 Cape Town police district in 1990?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

- (a) 50  
(b) 9  
(c) 538  
(d) 8  
(e) 806  
(f) 52  
(g) 424  
(h) 26  
(i) 1 490  
(j) 31

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
Millerton	5	24	55	97	14	20	110	85	421	2
Pinebluffs	4	5	22	34	5	62	144	40	395	—
Sea Point	9	7	60	118	14	63	274	143	780	4
Kensington	10	11	160	102	18	45	45	90	168	5
Woodstock	4	9	120	212	14	266	368	190	1 306	54
Table View	9	17	32	53	5	23	69	55	274	—
Melkbosstrand	2	5	10	8	—	3	8	10	40	—
Atlantis	29	15	405	514	83	193	105	824	584	12
Table Bay	6	4	99	59	3	27	11	32	138	—

Note:  
I also wish to draw the honourable member's attention to the note on the answer to written question no 4 which was asked in the House of Assembly.

**Wynberg police district: offences**  
41. Mr C W EGLIN asked the Minister of Law and Order:  
The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER: B150E

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
Wynberg	2	6	75	126	18	112	275	79	546	3
Fish Hoek	18	7	124	231	24	43	74	169	423	7
Simon's Town	3	2	36	37	2	6	10	18	89	—
Rondebosch	—	2	24	36	12	42	302	51	582	—
Muizenberg	6	4	129	178	29	101	143	140	543	1
Mowbray	2	9	28	69	3	66	171	48	481	—
Hout Bay	11	4	115	91	13	43	70	64	429	2
Diep River	1	12	37	72	10	62	210	80	707	3
Claremont	2	4	58	114	17	72	533	117	1 066	—
Steenberg	33	11	395	510	89	309	214	392	616	3
Kirstenhof	5	7	128	131	9	45	168	158	507	4

Note:  
I also wish to draw the honourable member's attention to the note on the answer to written question no 4 which was asked in the House of Assembly.

**Athlone police district: offences**  
42. Mr C W EGLIN asked the Minister of Law and Order:  
The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER: B151E

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
Athlone	30	30	247	371	47	301	272	349	748	34
Bishop Lavis	74	52	631	865	139	569	168	778	822	29
Nyanga	149	17	664	244	75	172	57	208	245	—

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
Grassy Park	43	27	381	450	102	209	257	300	1 159	36
Guguletu	156	42	1 017	458	103	273	114	351	431	—
Langa	52	4	418	300	52	172	30	86	208	—
Lansdowne	9	11	93	237	24	131	222	165	597	11
Philippi	58	61	334	309	80	311	203	297	699	20
Manenberg	56	13	480	401	50	430	157	638	710	52
Mitchells Plain	68	43	644	1 911	229	709	731	999	2 167	119
Khayelitsha	287	97	1 070	787	179	301	137	414	783	—

Note:  
I also wish to draw the honourable member's attention to the note on the answer to written question no 4 which was asked in the House of Assembly.

**Certain Johannesburg police stations: offences**  
50. Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Law and Order:  
The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER: B112E

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
Lombardy East	8	17	32	61	13	258	295	131	808	—
Alexandra	185	14	789	505	190	428	191	346	252	—
Bramley	27	44	133	272	32	936	805	588	1 426	—
Sandton	22	30	87	263	25	251	893	437	2 359	—
	242	105	1 041	1 101	260	1 873	2 184	1 502	4 845	—

Note:  
I also wish to draw the honourable member's attention to the note on the answer to written question no 4 which was asked in the House of Assembly.

**Bellville police district: offences**  
58. Mr C W EGLIN asked the Minister of Law and Order:  
The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER: B152E

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
D F Malan Airport	—	—	3	6	—	1	84	14	4	—
Bellville	14	20	117	229	25	129	438	148	656	1
Durbanville	11	12	71	41	11	11	133	46	393	—
Goodwood	7	10	85	129	11	41	347	108	490	—
Kraaifontein	44	22	549	388	62	169	227	345	643	6
Kuilsrivier	65	69	727	708	96	299	343	567	1 309	8

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
Parow	10	11	85	244	22	70	482	131	755	1
Elsiesriver	77	37	1 060	689	116	499	191	850	868	19
Ravensmead	51	18	676	355	62	166	102	523	484	6
Brackenfell	16	14	148	84	23	31	120	48	300	—
Belville	41	19	533	372	91	205	137	457	710	3
South	336	232	4 054	3 245	519	1 621	2 604	3 237	6 612	44

Note:  
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**Durban South police district: offences**  
93. Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Law and Order: *Howard 20/3/91*

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
Amanzimtoti	77	26	53	195	19	196	441	206	550	—
Louis Botha	—	—	2	6	2	—	63	10	2	—
Airport	115	45	118	248	41	446	368	222	526	4
Montclair	27	10	181	589	44	125	129	353	253	29
Wentworth	32	14	96	245	25	134	338	139	627	2
Brighton	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Beach	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Island View	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Note:  
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**Durban North police district: offences**  
130. Mr M J ELLIS asked the Minister of Law and Order: *Howard 20/3/91*

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
Durban	8	9	22	113	9	69	312	261	496	—
North	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Glendale	8	2	69	34	4	24	5	19	54	—
Greenwood	55	51	94	597	50	395	520	560	1 084	6
Park	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Inanda	409	46	67	174	41	427	66	262	232	—
Newark	5	8	52	21	4	11	9	16	70	2
Stanger	80	45	145	128	72	231	181	231	797	9

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:  
B362E

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
Tongaat	67	50	200	403	55	304	164	233	444	19
Umlhali	29	54	62	81	18	75	70	114	413	—
Verulam	97	42	136	324	37	202	175	301	513	1
Phoenix	45	65	459	1 253	60	548	427	1 338	705	35

Note:  
I also wish to draw the honourable member's attention to the note on the answer to written question no 4 which was asked in the House of Assembly.

**Pretoria police district: offences**  
154. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Law and Order: *Howard 20/3/91*

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
Pretoria Central	26	36	225	973	65	574	1 211	440	879	7
Sunnyside	12	9	38	445	27	54	1 168	541	916	2
Pretoria West	12	41	110	461	35	104	381	242	558	1
Brooklyn	10	23	123	347	32	121	1 574	242	2 890	—
Wierda Bridge	16	28	112	203	27	98	600	217	1 029	—
Erasmia	5	16	57	79	20	38	44	56	294	—
Atteridgeville	26	12	665	1 080	165	430	149	511	370	—
Lytelton	5	40	65	154	21	55	455	129	1 006	—
Laudium	6	6	90	190	23	38	121	111	197	5

Note:  
I also wish to draw the honourable member's attention to the note on the answer to written question no 4 which was asked in the House of Assembly.

**Radiographers: improvements**  
165. Mr B B GOODALL asked the Minister for Administration and Economic Co-ordination: *Howard 20/3/91*

- (1) Whether any improvements are envisaged in the salary and service conditions of radiographers; if not, why not; if so, (a) what improvements and (b) when;
- (2) whether there is a salary structure for radiographers in the employ of the State or the provinces; if so, what is this structure; *Howard 20/3/91*
- (3) whether his Department has information on the salary structures for radiographers in the self-governing territories; if not,

The MINISTER FOR ADMINISTRATION AND ECONOMIC CO-ORDINATION:  
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# Cape Town is the crime capital of the world

Political Correspondent

**GREATER** Cape Town has confirmed its dubious status as crime capital of the world following the tabling in Parliament yesterday of shock statistics for 1990 of rampant violent crime in the area.

Details on crime in the four police districts for the region show that there were 1 595 murders — 4,4 every day — during 1990.

There were also 818 reported cases of culpable homicide, more than two a day, for the police districts of Cape Town, Wynberg, Athlone and Bellville last year.

A total of 25 389 cases of assault were reported to police in the region last year — half of these were assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

Reported cases of rape totalled 2 053 last year, an average of 5,6 rapes every day.

A total of 7 445 cases of robbery were reported last year (20,4 a day) and 9 229 cases of theft of motor vehicles and cycles (25,3 a day).

In addition, there were 27 460 reported cases of housebreaking last year — an average of 75,2 a day.

Only 479 cases of drug possession were reported last year (1,3 cases a day).

Staff Reporters

CAPE TOWN'S "horrifying" crime problem called for joint action between the police, local authorities and community organisations, Mr Colin Eglin, MP for Sea Point, said today.

Mr Eglin was among prominent people in the city reacting to figures released in parliament by Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok. Mr Eglin said the figures were "horrifying".

Particularly disturbing was a dramatic increase in housebreaking and theft, a clear indication of mounting unemployment and creeping poverty.

The figures show that housebreaking, which almost doubled last year to average more than 75 a day, is the fastest-growing crime in Cape Town, with Mitchell's Plain the Peninsula's worst-hit area.

**Townships most dangerous areas**

Although the murder rate declined, there were more than 1 500 murders in the Peninsula last year, with Khayelitsha (287), Guguletu (156) and Nyanga (149) the most dangerous areas in which to live.

Mr Eglin said the crime issue had to be tackled on two fronts. One was through job-creation and the other by increasing the size and effectiveness of the police force.

There was no doubt that a return to the concept of the "bobby on the beat" with the police force having high visibility, would improve the situation.

"Clearly Cape Town cannot continue like this," he said.

The Deputy Mayor, Mr Frank van der Velde, said "comfortable white citizens" were only now becoming aware of the problems that had been going on for ages on the Cape Flats.

"We can only appeal to the police, now that the so-called political crime era is more or less at an end, to concentrate on their true function of protecting the city and its citizens.

"Much of the political upheaval in the past has given criminal elements free rein to bring about virtual anarchy."

He said the Mayor, Mr Gordon Oliver, now overseas, had inaugurated a crime liaison committee between city officials and the police.

"We have liaised with police about crime on public transport, particularly on trains, and have been promised extensive action. We hope to see improvements there.

"We remain very conscious of and very perturbed by the crime problem."

Ministry of Law and Order spokesman Captain Craig Kotze said it was the task of not only the police but the community as a whole to combat "rocketing" crime.

South Africa was no exception to the worldwide trend. "Socio-economic factors are the main cause of this phenomenon.

"Crime also tends to increase in times of economic downturn and factors such as unemployment and accelerating urbanisation are important aspects to contend with.

"Unemployment, particularly, is a contributory cause, not only in the Western Cape but in South Africa as a whole.

"It is the task of the entire community, including the police, to combat the problem, which is clearly a multi-faceted issue which will not be resolved overnight.

"Winning the war against crime will entail a concerted effort by all sectors of our society.

"The SAP have already identified the crime rate as Public Enemy No. 1 and have adapted strategies accordingly. But unless the community itself realises the need for co-operation in this sphere, crime-fighting efforts will be doomed to reactive measures which address only the symptoms and not the causes," said Captain Kotze.

● Crime figures, page 4.

Eglin calls for return of the 'bobby on the beat'

# 'Horrifying' crime rates

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# City's Worst Streets

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# Crime Streets

Staff Reporter

**ALTHOUGH murders declined in greater Cape Town by almost a quarter last year, burglaries almost doubled to 77 break-ins daily.**

This is apparent from crime figures released by Minister of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok.

It gives a detailed breakdown of the incidence of murder, culpable homicide, assaults, robbery, thefts, damage to property, housebreaking and drug possession in the four police districts of Bellville, Athlone, Wynberg and Cape Town.

Worst-hit areas for housebreaking were Mitchells Plain (2 167), central Cape Town (1 490), Woodstock (1 306) and Claremont (1 066).

Fish Hoek, Muizenberg, Mowbray, Rondebosch, Wynberg and Hout Bay averaged about 500 break-ins each.

On the Atlantic side, Sea Point was badly hit with 780, compared to a Camps Bay low of 210.

While it showed that the city's satellite settlement of Khayelitsha was the most dangerous place to live in, with 287 murders and nearly 2 000 assaults, the most generally crime-ridden area was Mitchells Plain, with a total of 7 620 crimes reported.

Melkbosstrand was the safest, with a total of 86, followed by Simon's Town and Camps Bay.

According to the figures there were 1 505 murders last year — just over four a day. On the 1989 figure for Cape Town and Wynberg districts only, this represents a 23% drop in fatalities.

Assault cases rose marginally by 10% to more than 25 000.

But figures showed that residents were facing a surge in break-ins and car theft.

Last year there was a total of 28 464 burglaries in the four police districts. Comparative 1989 figures for Cape Town and Wynberg districts only show an increase in break-ins of 57%.

Car and bicycle theft in Wynberg district also rose — by 30% from 1 657 to 2 170.

There were 806 bicycle and car thefts reported in central Cape Town, with Mitchells Plain weighing in at second place with 731. Claremont was third with 533.

The only significant reported drug-possession cases occurred in Manenberg (52) and Woodstock (54).

In terms of the total amount of crimes reported, the five worst areas were: Mitchells Plain (7 620), Khayelitsha (4 055), Manenberg (2 987), Grassy Park (2 966) and Nyanga (2 945).

The safest areas were: Melkbosstrand

(86), Simon's Town (201), Camps Bay (336) and Table View (537), followed by Milnerton and Pinelands with scores of just over 700.

The following statistics show how many crimes were committed in some areas during 1990:

**MURDERS:** Khayelitsha 287, Guguletu 156, Nyanga 149, Wynberg, Mowbray and Claremont 2, Rondebosch 0.

**ASSAULTS:** Mitchells Plain 2 555, Khayelitsha 1 857, Guguletu 1 475, Rondebosch 60, Camps Bay 27, Pinelands 56.

**THEFT OF VEHICLES, CYCLES:** Cape Town 806, Mitchells Plain 731, Claremont 533, Langa 30, Simon's Town 10, Table Bay 11.

**HOUSEBREAKING:** Mitchells Plain 2 167, Cape Town 1 490, Woodstock 1 306, Grassy Park 1 159, Claremont 1 066, Sea Point 799, Rondebosch 582, Wynberg 546, Muizenberg 543.



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**STUNNING BLOW . . .** Top racehorse trainer and record breaking former jockey, Mr Stanley Amos, 72, holds the skull cap which saved him from a serious injury after he was assaulted with an iron pipe.

Picture: ANNE LAING

Capt. T. H. 22/3/91

# Stanley Amos hurt in attack

Staff Reporter

**RACING** trainer and former record-breaking jockey Mr Stanley Amos, 72, was attacked with an iron pipe this week — but he escaped serious injury because the riding skull cap he wore absorbed the impact of a blow to the head.

The attack occurred at dawn on Monday while Mr Amos was riding at the Milnerton cinder track.

After four stitches for a deep laceration on his forehead, Mr Amos said that had he not been wearing the cap the blow would "definitely have cracked my skull".

He was confronted by a man speaking in Xhosa as he rode through a gate.

"As I turned around I saw this pipe come flying through the air and I tried to move away but the blow caught me on the head," Mr Amos said.

As he rode away, he was hit in the back by a brick, which cracked several ribs.

● Horseracing trainer Mr Alan Forbes is in serious condition in Johannesburg Hospital after being beaten on the head early yesterday morning at Turffontein. He was attacked while watching the horses train.

# New crackdown on train-gang terror

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By SHARKEY ISAACS  
Staff Reporter

SPOORNET and the SA police are stepping up efforts to curtail crime on the railways after a renewed outbreak of armed robbery, muggings and terror attacks by gangs on Peninsula trains travelling to black and coloured townships.

Fourteen suspects were arrested in the latest flare-up after gangs of youths terrorised commuters. Some were knifed and robbed. Two people were injured when they fled their attackers and fell off passengers coaches last Friday.

Mr Dumisana Fbayi, an education officer at the SA Museum, who travels daily to the city from Guguletu said the situation was getting bad, especially in third class passenger coaches.

"Police know about it and there is a strong presence on trains and stations."

Police deployment was stepped-up last week after friction between black and coloured commuters near Heideveld.

Captain Loekie Jordaan, head of the police mobile unit, said every effort was being made to contain crime.

A Spoornet spokesman said security teams were working with police and arrests had been made.

Spoornet has a toll free number, 080 021 0081, and commuters are urged to report incidents.

Criminals had 640 trains to choose from Monday to Friday, 353 trains on Saturdays and 201 trains on Sundays.

# 4 000 arrests after massive police swoop

*CRAB Times 25/3/91*

By DANIEL SIMON

NEARLY 4 000 people were arrested at the weekend for crimes ranging from murder to drunkenness, during a large-scale police operation in the Western and South-Western Cape and Karoo.

Police spokesman Major Gys Boonzaaier said yesterday that the operation, which took place in George, Oudtshoorn, Beaufort West, Springbok, Worcester, Paarl, Stellenbosch and the Peninsula, was part of the SAP's nationwide crackdown on crime.

Nearly 2 500 policemen, assisted by traffic officials, took part in the operation which began on Friday afternoon and ended early on Saturday.

Describing the operation as a "big success", Major Boonzaaier said two

people had been arrested in connection with murder.

He said seven people were arrested in connection with attempted murder, while 14 people were arrested for robbery. Fourteen people were also arrested on charges of rape.

He said five stolen vehicles were recovered, and police also confiscated five stolen firearms.

Major Boonzaaier said the bulk of the arrests — close on 2 000 — were for drunkenness. This includes several charges of driving under the influence of alcohol.

He added that most of the people were either released on their own cognisance, on bail or after paying admission-of-guilt fines. The rest are to appear in various magistrates' courts today.

# Cape Town is crime capital of the world

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THE crime capital of the world is not New York or Chicago as the movies try to depict - it is in South Africa.

It is not Soweto... Cape Town is Crime City of the world.

Figures tabled in Parliament last week revealed that there were more than four murders a day in the shade of Table Mountain.

There were 1 595 murders in Cape Town last year - an average of 4,4 a day.

More than two cases of culpible homicide in the greater Cape Town area, making up a total of 818.

Assault figures are a painful 25 389,

By ISMAIL LAGARDIEN

half of which were assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

Reported cases of rape totalled 2 053 last year, averaging 5,6 rapes a day.

There were 7 445 robberies reported last year (20,4 a day) with 9 229 cases of theft of cars and motorcycles (25,3 a day).

Housebreaking took all the records with 75,2 cases reported each day totalling 27 460.

Drugs were depressing with 479 cases a day were reported.



Picture: JOHAN SCHRÖNEN, The Argus.

**TRAPPED:** Rescue workers free Constable Rynier Conradie, 20, a trapped member of the guard unit, from the minibus. Bystanders robbed him of his revolver while he was unconscious.

## Thugs rob policemen injured in road smash

By JOHAN SCHRÖNEN  
and DON HOLLIDAY  
Crime Staff

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AN unconscious policeman, trapped behind the wheel of a minibus, was robbed of his gun when thugs pounced on the victims of a road accident in Woodstock.

His dazed colleague's cash, wristwatch, and spectacles were stolen.

Members of the police guard unit were travelling in a minibus in Victoria Road, Woodstock, when it was involved in a three-car collision near Gympie Street about 1pm yesterday.

A police spokesman said a group of more than 30 men surrounded the minibus and a gun was stolen from the holster of Constable Rynier Conradie, 20, who was unconscious and trapped behind the steering wheel.

Sergeant Markus Louw, 24, a passenger in the minibus, was dazed but felt a bystander fiddling with his gun holster. Sergeant Louw held on to the holster but realised later his cash, wristwatch and gold rimmed glasses were gone.

A third policeman, a Sergeant Van der Merwe, was also injured in the accident and was taken to Woodstock Hospital by ambulance.

The accident involved the minibus, a bakkie transporting University of Cape Town campus control guards and a car. Three guards in the bakkie, which overturned on impact, were slightly injured.

### MAN ARRESTED

A police spokesman said a man was arrested soon afterwards in connection with a charge of theft.

Meanwhile at least 60 people died in road accidents, assaults, shootings, drownings, a train accident and a fire in the South Western Cape over the Easter weekend.

A 21-year-old suspected housebreaker was shot dead by police in Constantia on Thursday night and another suspect, aged 19, was shot in the left shoulder and arrested.

An off-duty policeman, Sergeant J Witbooi, shot dead a 23-year-old man after the man attacked him with a spade during a break-in at a house in Gamka Street, Kuils River, about 0.15am on Saturday.

A 47-year-old man was shot in the stomach and killed during an argument in the Roy Beamish single quarters in Hlati Street, Nyanga, on Friday night. A 23-year-old man was arrested.

### SUBWAY RAPE

A 20-year-old woman was raped at knifepoint by a man who accosted her in a subway under the Crawford railway station on Thursday night. The woman also had a slight stab wound in the right hand.

Mr P Herringer, 37, drowned in a dam on Rus 'n Bietjie farm in Sandringham Road, Kraaifontein, on Sunday afternoon.

At least 11 people died in vehicle accidents, several of them pedestrians.

A 25-year-old man was knocked down and killed by a train in Guguletu on Friday night.

Three men, aged between 18 and 20 years, burnt to death when the shack in which they were sleeping in Site B, Khayelitsha, burnt down yesterday morning.

### EASTER DEATH TOLL

Sapa reports that the Easter's traffic death toll rose to 220, with 977 people injured, by 10pm on Monday. This year's death toll now exceeds last Easter's figure of 219.

The National Road Safety Council reported that two more people were killed in the Transvaal when their car collided with a passenger bus on the N1 route to the north near Nylstroom.

The statistics for the four provinces now are:

Transvaal — 89 killed and 409 injured;  
Natal — 48 killed and 251 injured;  
Free State — 28 killed and 84 injured;  
Cape — 55 killed and 233 injured.

By JOHAN SCHRÖNEN, Crime Staff

AT least 10 people were injured when a group of alleged gangsters descended on Silverstroomstrand resort on the West Coast, stabbing, terrorising and robbing Easter weekend campers and day trippers.

In the mayhem that followed, Regional Services Council law enforcement personnel moved large numbers of beachgoers to a safe area, police fired teargas and arrested 31 people. A bus was badly damaged.

A spokesman for the Western Cape Regional Services Council said two double decker buses, packed with day campers, came to the resort early on Sunday.

A luxury bus came about half an hour later bringing alleged members of the "Americans" gang and their families.

"Passengers from all three buses mingled at first and were dancing under the pavilion, but then things started to get rough."

The spokesman said the Regional Services Council had been warned earlier of possible trouble on Sunday and it had been alleged that the Americans would be going to Silverstroomstrand intending on causing trouble.

"Some of the passengers started to terrorise and rob other campers. The thugs indiscriminately took money and jewellery from people."

"We had to evacuate campers to a safer place in the resort and they moved their cars away from the riotous people."

"We tried to control the mob but the large number and their aggressiveness overwhelmed our men."

"We retreated to protect the other campers and waited for the police."

Many campers were treated for stab wounds and cuts at the resort but at least 10, including children, were admitted to Westfleur Hospital in Atlantis.

### **Explosive situation**

Traffic officers at the scene saw the situation was becoming explosive and called the Metro rescue service which sent several ambulances to the resort.

When police arrived they used teargas to disperse the crowd and arrested 31 people.

The RSC spokesman said that when the three buses left on Sunday afternoon the Americans allegedly attacked passengers on the other buses at an intersection near the resort.

Police spokesman Major Jan Calitz said about R17 000 damage was caused to a bus.

Police are investigating charges of malicious damage to property and assault.

Those arrested are expected to appear in court in Atlantis today.

# 10 hurt as 'gangsters' stab and rob Easter holidaymakers

# Campers mayhem

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# 14 in court after camping resort carnage

Court Reporter

THIRTEEN men and a 17-year-old boy, arrested at the weekend after an attack on campers at the Silverstroomstrand resort, appeared in Atlantis Magistrate's Court yesterday.

All were released on R100 bail each. They are: Mr Gamiel Hansen, 24, of Ravensmead, and Mr Shaun Afrika, 19, of Eerste River; and Mr Alec Carelse, 20, Mr Abraham Carelse, 25, Mr Neil Alam, 30, Mr William Engelbrecht, 42, Mr Francois Abrahams, 22, Mr Christopher Maroka, 18, Mr Gregory October, 21, Mr Stanley Lang, 27, Mr Colin Steyner, 18, Mr Edward Hardley, 22, Mr Rodney George, 23, and a 17-year-old boy, all of Elsie's River.

No charges were put to the men. They were warned to reappear on May 23.

Their appearance follows a clash between two groups of day-trippers at the West Coast resort on Sunday afternoon, during which 10 people were injured.

During the fighting, damage estimated at about R17.000 was caused, when all but two windows of a bus were smashed.

Some of the injured were treated at the scene by paramedics, while the rest taken to the nearby Wesfleur Hospital.



# 'Berserk' slasher runs amok

By DALE GRANGER

FIVE people were injured — one has a fractured skull — when they jumped from a moving train at peak hour yesterday to escape a "berserk" knife-wielding man who ran amok through the carriages.

Police said last night that the commuters, three women and two men, had jumped from the train as it approached Fish Hoek station about 5.30pm.

Ms Camelia Daniels, 31, of Ocean View, was taken to False Bay Hospital with a fractured skull. She was in a satisfactory condition last night.

## Man arrested

The other four passengers — Mr Maurice Greeff, Ms Ruste Richards, Ms Debbie Thomas and Mr Quinton Fisher (ages unknown), all of Ocean View — were discharged after treatment for arm and leg injuries and shock, a hospital spokesperson said.

Shortly after the incident, officers boarded the train and arrested a 31-year-old man, said police spokesman Major Jan Calitz.

Yesterday's was the latest in a spate of incidents on commuter trains in the past year:

- Last month gangs of knife-wielding youths returning from a Green Point sports meeting terrorised Cape Flats commuters, despite the fact that Spoornet had deployed armed guards on city trains to stem the tide of violence.

- Shortly after the deployment, the unit arrested a gang who had assaulted and robbed a woman commuter.

- In January, a Kalk Bay businessman shot a mugger in the chest on a packed Simon's Town train, after five men had robbed him and pressed a firearm to his head.

- Also in January, a gang of five robbed commuters between Kuils River and Blackheath. Passengers were injured when they panicked and stampeded to escape the gang.

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# Cops act on train crime

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By DANIEL SIMON

**POLICEMEN are to be stationed at many Peninsula railway stations in a bid to halt the violent crime on commuter trains.**

And more policemen will be assigned to the Mobile Unit.

This follows the latest incident on Tuesday night in which three women and two men were injured after jumping from a train approaching Fish Hoek station to escape a crazed man brandishing a knife.

At present, there are only "a few dozen" Mobile Unit members who police many of the 640 daily train services which travel throughout the Peninsula over a 19-hour period.

The trains transport an estimated 500 000 commuters each weekday. Several incidents have occurred on packed trains where passengers have jumped from moving coaches because of gang fights or gang robberies.

As a result of ongoing incidents of violence, Mobile Unit chief Captain Lukie Jordaan said "requests" for more police manpower to be assigned to the unit were being addressed.

"There is a crime problem at the moment and we are short of manpower. But we are busy with a large-scale plan with Spoornet to solve this. The plan includes assigning more policemen to the unit and establishing a permanent police presence at many railway stations."

Captain Jordaan, however, said that one of the major problems facing unit members in fighting crime on trains was their access to other coaches while trains were moving.

"A policeman can be travelling on one carriage while a crime is being committed in the next one. We cannot do anything until the train stops at a station."

He said the problem resulted from Spoornet locking passage doors which linked one coach to another. This was done to prevent the theft of aluminium railing and other fixtures.

Captain Jordaan added that Spoornet had been asked to provide the unit with special keys so that police could move freely from one coach to another while trains were in motion. Spoornet spokeswoman Ms Yvette Olwage said she acknowledged that police had a problem, but said numerous carriages did not have doors as these had also been stolen.

She said Spoornet had placed pieces of hard-board instead to protect commuters and prevent further vandalism.

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# Drugs, vice girls plague city parks

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Municipal Reporter

CAPE Town parks are plagued by problems of alcohol, drug abuse and prostitution, according to the city council — and children are not safe in some of the larger parks.

Incidents of anti-social behaviour are on the increase, says Parks and Forests Director Mr Peter Rist.

"We have problems with vagrants and bergies, with the abuse of alcohol and drugs, and even with prostitution in the parks," Mr Rist said yesterday.

The worst affected were the Public Gardens, Wynberg Park, Claremont Gardens and Muizenberg and Athlone Parks. Sea Point was also a problem area.

There were already regular patrols

in the Gardens, and he was hoping to install permanent law enforcers at other large parks.

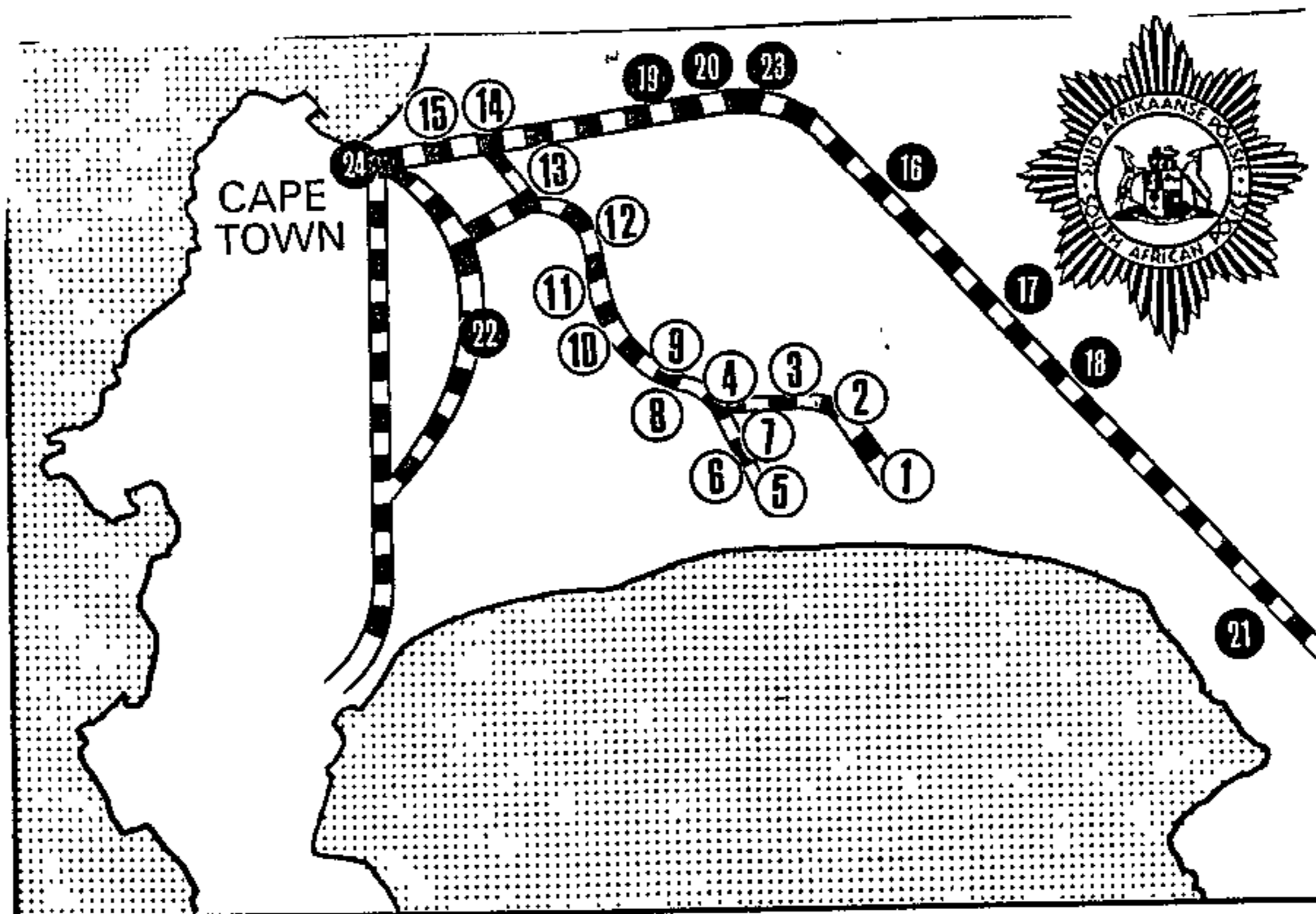
However, this would depend upon his budget.

His staff were empowered to arrest people who committed offences, including drinking alcohol in public.

"It is not pleasant to find that you can no longer use a park that your property overlooks," he said.

"Certain elements make it untenable for children to use parks."

Last week the amenities and health committee decided the council should share the cost, with Herschel School, of erecting a wall between "flashers" and other anti-social elements in Arderne Gardens and the girls at the school.



**PROBLEM STATIONS . . .** Stations to be policed from July 1 are: Khayelitsha(1), Nonqubela(2), Nolongile(3), Mandalay(4), Kaptein's Klip(5), Mitchells Plain(6), Lentegeur(7), Philippi(8), Nyanga(9), Heideveld(10), Netreg(11), Bontheuwel(12), Langa(13), Mutual(14) and Woltemade(15). From September 1 there will be a police presence at the following stations on the Mitchells Plain, Belville, Cape Flats and Strand routes: Kuils River(16), Blackheath(17), Melton Rose(18), Parow(19), Tygerberg(20), Strand(21), Athlone(22), Belville(23) and Cape Town(24).

# Bid to halt violence on city trains

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By DANIEL SIMON

IN a bid to halt the violent crime on commuter trains, 24 Peninsula railway stations will be upgraded and permanent facilities for police provided at "problem platforms".

The upgrading programme will see several new police stations, to be manned around the clock, on five Peninsula train routes. Other stations, which will be upgraded to improve commuter security, will be patrolled by police.

The programme is aimed at countering ongoing violence which has claimed many lives on trains in the past year. Passengers have also leapt off moving coaches to escape gang fights or gang robberies.

The programme is part of the Rail Commuter Corporation's five-year plan to upgrade and improve security at its 360 commuter stations around the country, RCC general manager Dr Koos Meyer said yesterday.

At present, only a "few dozen" members of the Mobile Unit police many of the 640 trains travelling throughout the Peninsula over a 19-hour period, transporting an estimated 500 000 commuters every weekday.

Dr Meyer said that in the Peninsula the RCC had targeted 15 stations on the Khayelitsha line for urgent atten-

tion to deteriorating facilities and serious security problems. He said work had begun at some of the stations and facilities should be ready for police on July 1.

Dr Meyer said a second upgrading phase to be completed by September 1 would involve nine stations along the Mitchells Plain, Belville, Cape Flats and Strand routes.

He said this year's programme did not extend to stations on the southern suburbs and Simon's Town routes.

"We have concentrated on the Khayelitsha route first because those stations pose a serious problem. Because of the number of commuters using the service and the income derived we want to combine our efforts to improve safety and render a better service," Dr Meyer said.

Claremont MP Mr Jan van Eck said that although he understood the priority given to the Khayelitsha and Mitchells Plain routes, he found it "totally unacceptable" that no provision had been made for the southern suburbs line.

Simon's Town MP Mr Jannie Momborg said that although he was "disappointed" that the Simon's Town route had not been catered for, priority had to be given to the Khayelitsha route because of the vast numbers of people using it and the high incidence of crime.

# Two die, four hurt in city Gang war

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**BY GUY OLVER AND DALE GRANGER**  
A WOMAN was shot dead and at least four people wounded as roaming gunmen firing from cars went on the rampage in Lotus River and Ottery following a gang-land killing.

The shooting spree followed the murder of Mongrel gang member Mr Kevin Van Wyk, 22, on the De Wet Road (Mongrel) side of the canal in Ottery on Saturday morning — sparking off "revenge attacks" against the rival Eurocat gang.

Mrs Monic du Plessis, 37, of Eland Avenue, Lotus River, died on the way to hospital after being cut down in a hail of bullets in her front garden.

An eye-witness said four armed gangsters in a blue BMW and two other gun-toting men running along side went on a shooting spree

down the crowded Lotus River street at about 5pm.  
The witness, who did not want to be named for fear of reprisal, said: "Mrs Du Plessis was too slow to take cover and died yards from her front door."

An unidentified man was wounded in the street during the same shooting incident.  
About three hours later Miss Kanema Agmat, 24, was shot in her living room in Hector Avenue, Lotus River.

### Missed baby

Witnesses said a gunman aimed and shot three times from about three metres away at four youths standing in her doorway.

They dived for cover and a bullet struck Miss Agmat in her chest, narrowly missing a baby girl of 11 months and a nine-year-old child sitting next to her on the couch.

She was rushed to Victoria Hospital and was in a satisfactory condition last night.  
The youths were not gang members.

Moments earlier in the same road, Mr Saheed Hendricks of Ottery was wounded in the face by a shotgun blast. A Groote Schuur Hospital spokesman said last night Mr Hendricks had undergone surgery to his right eye. It was too soon to say whether he would lose his sight.

Police said the shots were fired by a man known as "Gavin".  
In Blackbird Avenue, Parkwood Estate, Mr Allie Saffroldien, 34, was shot in front of his house at 10pm and shots were also fired on the house of Mrs Yvonne Arendse, of Kevin Road, Ottery, the same evening.

Hector Avenue residents were sprayed by semi-automatic gunfire from a luxury white Japanese sedan, according to one witness.  
"The car was full of gangsters and the people in the street were terrified. They pan-

icked and dived for whatever cover they could find or ran into their homes," he said.  
"But we knew it was coming. Whenever a gangster is killed we expect these revenge attacks but this time it seems they couldn't find any Eurocats, so they took it out on the public," he added.

Another resident said they had been warned by relatives living in another suburb that the gangsters were coming for a shoot-out.

### Shotguns

The Cape Times visited Ottery last night and saw two uniformed policemen, armed with shotguns, on foot patrol.

Fifteen minutes later a minibus with about 10 members of the SAP's "Gangbusters" squad, accompanied by a police van, were seen cruising the area.

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A resident who has lived there for 18 years said, the community was terrified. *Capt Tim 22/4/91*

She said: "There have always been gun battles in the past, but it has been amongst themselves (the gangsters). *35*

"This is the first time innocent bystanders have been targeted." *2/3*

People stayed away from windows and doorways fearing the gangland violence might continue last night.

Mr David van Rooi, head of the Lotus River crime watch, said people in the area were "living in fear and are and sick and tired of this gangsterism".

"But there's nobody making a move to stop the violence.

"Maybe it's the drugs ... I don't know ... but there's shooting all the time here. This is the first time they've fired at innocent people from moving cars," he said.

He said there were numerous gangs in the area, with each gang having more than a hundred members. Their favoured weapon was the 9mm semi-automatic pistol.

Police liaison officer Major Gys Boonzaier said yesterday that the police were doing everything in their power to prevent "these cowardly attacks by gangsters and to protect the lives of innocent people".

He appealed to members of the public who had witnessed the shootings to call Detective Sergeant Kearns at 705-2722 at the Grassy Park police station. Any information would be treated as confidential.

A residents meeting in Strandfontein yesterday decided to approach senior police officers today to discuss the increase in violent crimes in the Lotus River/Ottery areas. This was confirmed by Mr Abduragiem Booth, director of the Western Cape Anti-Crime Unit, which he said was "an umbrella body for the Lotus River/Grassy Park neighbourhood watch".

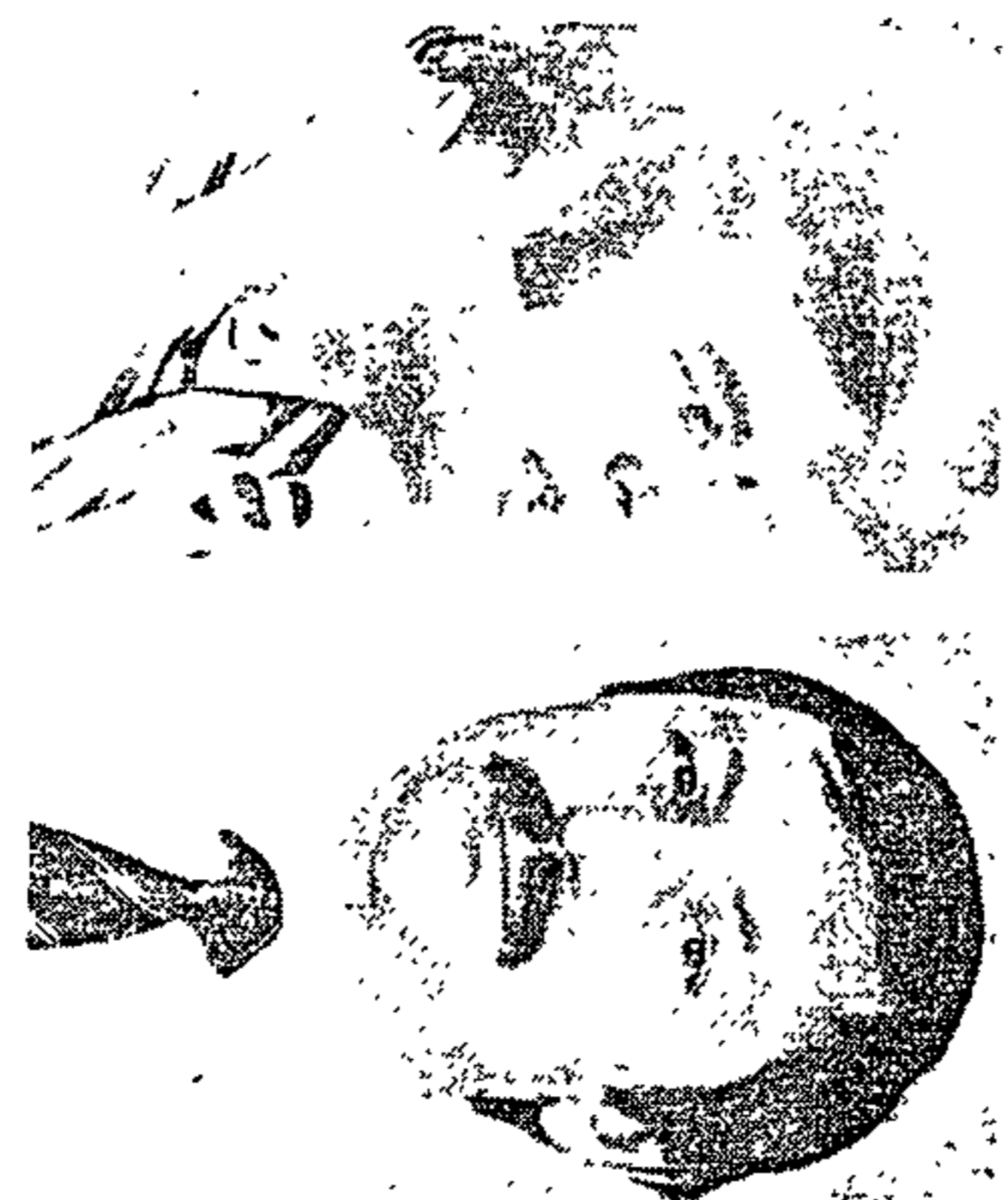
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# Arrested

# Top officials held on corruption charges

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ARRESTED . . .  
Mr Hein Jordaan

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Mr Etienne Dorfling

Own Correspondent

**JOHANNESBURG.** —  
**Two top SABC officials, sports director Mr Hein Jordaan and TV/2/3 and 4 sports director Mr Etienne Dorfling, have been arrested for corruption.**

SABC sources said an amount in excess of R6 million may be involved.

Police said they were arrested yesterday and released on bail of R10 000 each.

Mr Jordaan, a high-profile official who has held various senior positions in the SABC for several years, has been charged with three counts of corruption, while Mr Dorfling faces two charges.

The court ordered their passports seized and instructed the two men not to communicate with any witnesses.

The SABC said in a statement last night that the arrests follow investigations by external auditors and police into "certain transactions between the corporation and outside parties".

It said: "The SABC wants to emphasise that information indicates that internal systems have not been undermined or bypassed. Outside parties are involved in the case."

The statement added that sports programmes and sport matters "will not be influenced by these developments", and the over-expenditure on last year's sports budget was mainly due to the coverage of the World Cup and other international events.

According to the Financial Mail, the auditors' investigation centred on sponsorships and the acquisition of contracts from TopSport by sponsors.

Four contracts of this kind were concluded without the necessary authorisation.

Former SABC director-general Mr Wynand Harmse told the magazine last year that an internal disciplinary committee — chaired by retired deputy director-general Mr Theuns van Heerden — was investigating certain TopSport contracts.

The SABC said last night it would handle the matter in terms of its internal disciplinary code.

● Last night police liaison officer Major Reg Crewe would only confirm the arrests and bail of R10 000 each. He refused to comment further.

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# Townships living in fear of gang wars

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TENSION is mounting in the townships of Ottery and Lotus River, wracked by gang warfare, as terror-stricken residents prepare for another round of bloodshed.

Police have quashed gang reprisals after two people were killed and several others were injured during a wild battle in the suburbs a fortnight ago.

Patrols throughout the day and night since then forced gangsters into hiding, but they revealed that the battles would continue soon.

"There are too many policemen around at the moment, but as soon as they have gone the fighting will start again.

"It's possible a fight may take place this weekend. It just depends on the circumstances," said a gang member.

## Slain outside home

Four areas dominated by the Yuru Cats, Mongrels, Jester and American gangs saw mobsters take to the streets to do battle the weekend before last.

Mr Kevin van Wyk, 22, was shot and killed on the Mongrel side of the canal in Ottery on the Saturday morning.

Hours later, Mrs Monique du Plessis, 37, was gunned down outside her home in Lotus River, the stronghold of the Jester gang.

Family described Mrs Du Plessis as a "deeply religious woman who had never been involved with gangsterism".

They said she had heard shooting outside her home about 5pm and ran outside to find her seven-year-old daughter Michelle.

"Two men wearing balaclavas were shooting at a car travelling down Eland Street and Monique ducked to avoid the bullets.

"She was obviously too slow because three bullets struck her in the chest," said a relative.

Mr Shahed Hendricks, 21, and Mr Pietertjie January were injured when people in a white car opened fire on them in the Yuru Cat area of Ottery about 8pm.

The two were outside the Hector Avenue home of Miss Kanema Agmat, 24, when the shooting began. Miss Agmat was hit in the chest by a bullet that narrowly missed an 11-month-old baby girl.

Mr January has been discharged from hospital although he has a gaping wound in his right thigh. Mr Hendricks underwent facial surgery and was expected to be discharged from Groote Schuur Hospital this weekend.

Two hours after they were injured, Mr Arie Saffodien, 34, was shot in front of his house at Blackbird Avenue, Parkwood.

Funerals took place in the suburb last night.

By  
DALE KNEEN  
Weekend Argus Reporter

while police monitored the situation. Almost every member of the police Gang Unit was present. Patrols were kept up day and night by police and there have been no incidents.

It was unclear what had sparked the killings, but Yuru Cat members said they were upset by a court decision to release a member of the Mongrel gang, who faces two charges of murder, on R300 bail.

Jesters and Mongrels gang members were fight-hipped, but Ottery residents said the battle was most likely sparked by a revenge killing from weeks before.

Gang Unit head Captain Hein Smit said drug lords also may have been trying to extend their areas of business and this could have angered gangsters who traded in narcotics.

"The gangs are fiercely territorial and perhaps one of them was trying to make a move into the other's area," he said.

Gangsters estimated there were 75 Yuru Cats, 300 Mongrels and 125 Jesters in Ottery and Lotus River.

Mrs Elizabeth Mathews, 41, who lives alone in a flat in the Mongrel area of Ottery said life had become "unbearable".

"The gangsters are always going on the rampage here. I've been in this area for a long time and I've never been able to lead a normal life."

She said gangsters often terrorised women living in the suburb and they had broken the windows of her flat with stones and hammers.

"In the past, gangsters have tried to rape me and I've been forced to throw boiling water out of the window at them to frighten them away," she said.

Other women said the only way the gangster problem could be ended would be if the police arrested every one of them.

"Many nights we have to crowd into one of the rooms in my flat and lie on the floor because bullets are flying around.

"I've had to pay a fortune to get my windows replaced," said one woman who admitted her ex-husband had been a member of the Mongrels.

Captain Smit said there had been a drop in the number of gang battles in Lotus River and Ottery since the Gang Unit had been established. Captain Smit said people could contact the Gang Unit at 951 3510 and leave information on an answering machine.

Rewards were offered for information which led to an arrest and people could give information anonymously.



Pictures: ROY WIGLEY, Weekend Argus.

Members of Ottery's Yuru Cats gang display their tattoos, bullet wounds and weapons. The gangsters had been involved in battles with rival gangs, the Mongrels and the Jesters.



Contemplating a future alone is 14-year-old John Dawson whose mother, Mrs Monica du Plessis, was killed on the spot where he is standing when she got caught in the crossfire during a gang fight.



A graffiti-covered wall, a lamp post and a bit of larking about . . . but the gangs have brought a sinister new dimension to the outwardly ordinary at the Skurwe Fleuse.

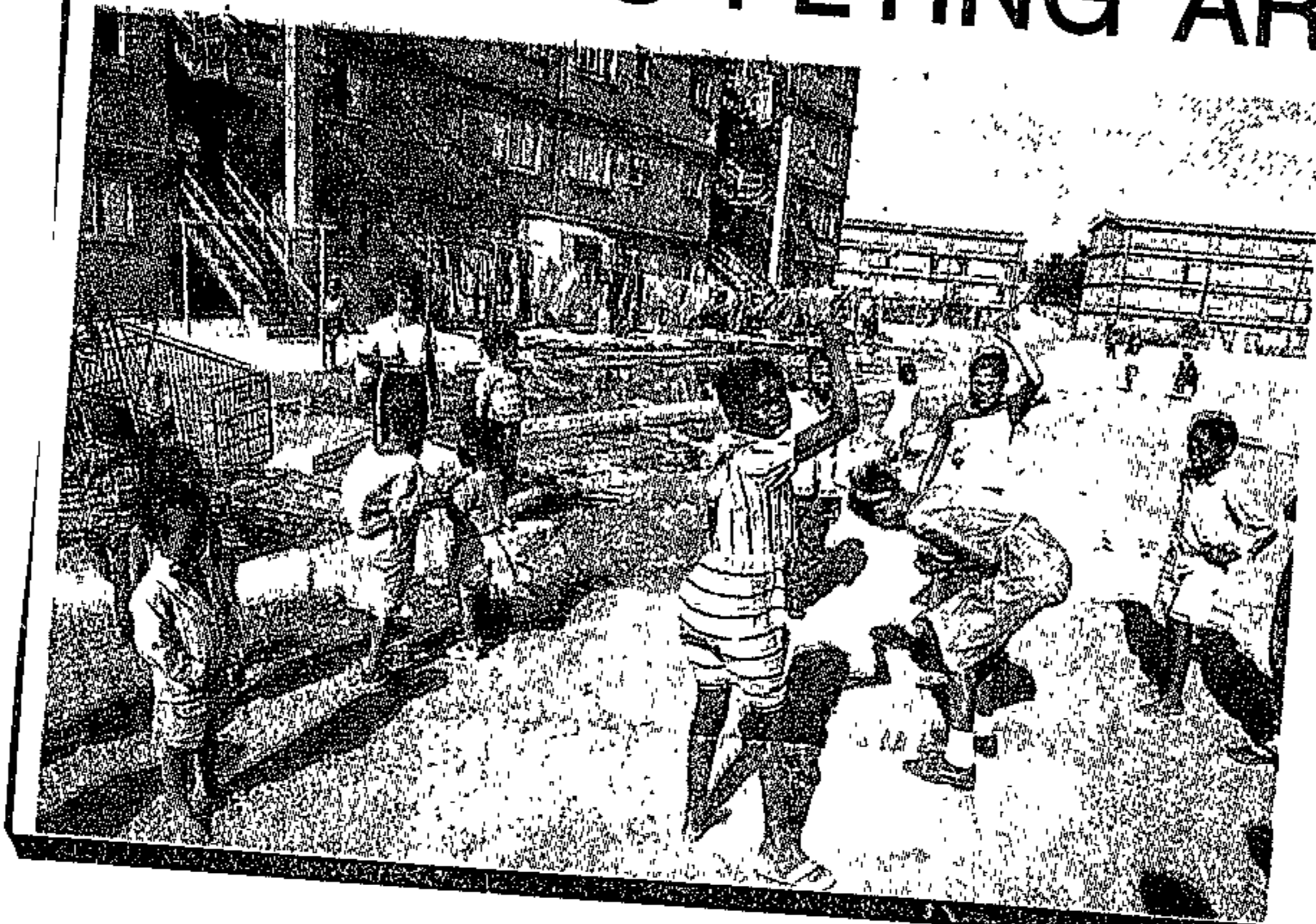


Mrs Elizabeth Mathews, who lives in an area infested with members of the Mongrel gang, threw boiling water over gangsters who tried to attack her. The gangsters, who wore balaclavas, broke her flat window with stones and hammers.

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# 'SOME NIGHTS WE HAVE TO LIE LOW BECAUSE OF THE BULLETS FLYING AROUND'



□ Children play in the squalid surroundings of graffiti-covered blocks of flats inhabited by members of the Mongrel gang. Women say they fear their children are being recruited into gangs at school.



# Joining hands

## to foil crime

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With the crime rate in South Africa soaring, Cape Town is being called the murder capital of the world. Different communities are reacting in different ways — some paving the way for a bold new approach to combatting crime. **REHANA ROSSOUW** reports

**R**IGHT at this moment, somewhere in South Africa, a thief is stealing furtively into a home, a woman is being brutally raped and a man is being stabbed. Crime has become the major social problem in South Africa, defying all attempts to curb it as townships, suburbs and city centres fall prey to a climate of fear.

White residents have developed a siege mentality, furiously arming themselves and locking their possessions behind high walls and expensive burglar alarms. The number of people applying for gun licences in the past year has rocketed to an all-time high.

In black townships, gangsters have gained control of the streets at night. Residents dare not venture out in case they get caught in the crossfire of a gang war.

Both white fears and the black reality of crime are real issues, although people's perceptions of crime vary according to where they live. In the end, all sectors of our society are equally victims.

There is very little doubt that crime in South Africa is going to get worse in the next three to five years if the economy does not recover substantially and the link between poverty, unemployment and crime remains.

### Different rules

The "struggle" phase in South Africa compounded the problem of gangs by reversing the generational roles, particularly in the townships.

Solutions to the problem have been attempted by civic organisations who have tried to reclaim the "lost generation" and people living by a different set of rules.

Police and criminologists agree that the solutions lie in the communities themselves — they will have to take the leading role in combatting crime.

acterised by a fairly high repressive police force which was designed to consciously keep a sector of the population in its place.

"One of the most important features of the current violence is that there is no perceived authority to which the victimised population can turn to for help in order not to have to defend themselves.

"What is emerging at the moment is that communities throughout the country are attempting to take control of some elements of crime control," said Scharf.

In coloured townships in Cape Town, attempts have been made to work with the gangs, with varying success.

In many other townships throughout the country, forms of community courts are again starting to operate, drawing on the advice of various organisations.

One of the latest innovations in informal policing is a partnership project between civics and the police, which has been implemented in Guguletu. The project arose out of a lack of trust on the part of



**LICENCE TO KILL:** Applications for gun licences have soared as people attempt to solve crime their way

PIC: YUNUS MOHAMED

the community in the police and their ability to deal with matters justly or to the satisfaction of the community.

"People are now establishing their own crime-control structures and operating informal patrols; there is now the possibility that civics can start giving content to their definitions of what they want from the police," Scharf said.

"What is emerging is a form of informal accountability which is in the process of being imposed in a way which may or may not be formalised at a later stage."

Another call being made by civic structures is for an independent, foreign and mutually agreed body to be introduced to the South African political arena, to assist with the process of restructuring, retraining and monitoring the policing of flashpoints.

"This will help make sure that the trust they hope to have in the police can be regained, restored or created for the first time by seeing that the police act within the law," Scharf said.

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"You can never rid any society of crime. The real question is keeping it within manageable proportions so that it does not affect the everyday lives of people as drastically as it does at the moment," said Mr Wilfrid Scharf of the Institute of Criminology at UCT.

"The civics can become the equivalent of neighbourhood watches. They will be the eyes and the ears of the community and the police can then respond to threats made to the community."

Professor Tjaart van Heerden, of the Police Academy at Graaff-Reinet, believes it will be up to the people of South Africa to find solutions to combat crime.

He cites a "success story" of a robbery committed at a wealthy man's house. The police were called in to investigate but before they could swing into action, the goods were returned to the man's front door.

Accompanying them was a note: "Sorry sir, I brought this back because my father was very upset when he saw what I had done."

Van Heerden said there were two main components of South African crime — economic and violent crime.

### **Aggression**

Police research shows that between 1985 and 1990 the major categories of crime in South Africa were offences against the state, aggressive crime stemming from personal relationships, violations of the freedom to possess and offences against the economic system.

The frequency of these crimes were similar each year, except for 1986 when crime against the security of the state and economic crime increased dramatically.

Van Heerden said it would be up to communities themselves to regulate and control crime.

"It is true that the police can increase its effectiveness by shifting the reactive policing philosophy to a more pro-active approach and to enhance the partnership by upholding the basic principles of policing in a real professional manner," he said.

The police, he said, faced a formidable task in combatting crime.

"They often have to play the role of a scapegoat. They are something tangible and visible onto which the feelings, failures and even personal aggression of communities are projected," Van Heerden said.

According to Scharf, "we have reached the stage where it is extremely important that there are state authorities within our society to which people can turn for help.

"It is trite to say that the apartheid era has been char-

*Handwritten: HANSARD***HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY****QUESTIONS**

Indicates translated version.

*For written reply:**General Affairs:***SAP at Diep River: charge**

135. Mr R R HULLEY asked the Minister of Law and Order:

- (1) Whether a charge of malicious damage to property was laid with the South African Police at Diep River, Cape Town, on or about 20 September 1990 against a certain person, whose name has been furnished to the Police for the purpose of the Minister's reply; if so, (a) with what result and (b) what are the circumstances surrounding the incident;
- (2) whether the file on this case is still open; if not, why not?

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**The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:**

- (1) Yes.
- (a) A charge of malicious damage to property was investigated. The person was questioned. No evidence has as yet been found to connect this person with the offence.
- (b) On 18 September 1990 the complainant found that sand had been thrown into his vehicles' fuel tanks.
- (2) No, because no evidence could be found upon which to institute a criminal prosecution. Should any further evidence be obtained, the investigation of the case will be re-opened.

**Assault and battery of women by their husbands**  
352. Mr L FUCHS asked the Minister of Law and Order:

- (1) How many women laid complaints against their husbands for assault and battery

during the latest specified 12-month period for which information is available;

- (2) (a) how many of these complaints have been investigated, (b) how many of the men involved have been (i) charged, (ii) brought to court, (iii) sentenced and (iv) imprisoned for assault and battery and (c) in respect of what date is this information furnished;
- (3) whether any of these charges have been withdrawn; if so, how many?

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**The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:**

- (1) to (3)
- Statistics of this nature are not kept separately. They are included in the broad spectrum of assaults against all persons.
- To acquire the information would be extremely time-consuming and would take place to the detriment of other more important police duties. I can therefore unfortunately not furnish the information which the hon member desires.

**SADT: leasing of land**

369. Mr M A TARR asked the Minister of Development Aid:

- (1) Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 115 on 6 March 1991, he will furnish information on leases in respect of land under the control of the South African Development Trust; if not, why not; if so,
- (2) whether any of this land is being leased out; if so, (a) which areas of land, (b) for what periods, and (c) what are the rentals, in each case?

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**The MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT AID:**

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Yes. (a) to (c). As indicated in the 1990 Report of the Department of Development Aid, a total of 444 036 hectares is leased to individuals and the South African Development Trust Corporation. Approximately 783 lease contracts are

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# Crime: Hout Bay call for wall

**Municipal Reporter**  
HOUT BAY residents have asked the government for help in putting up a 2m-high wall between their properties and the recently established squatter camp.

Mr Barry Wrankmore, chairman of the 20-member Riverside Terrace Home-Owners' Association, said yesterday that the number of burglaries in the area had risen dramatically since the squatters had moved there.

Mr Wrankmore said he had approached the government in March for financial assistance, but had not yet had a response.

● Yesterday Mr Pieter Oberholzer, a spokesman for the Department of Welfare, Housing and Works, said the minister, Mr Sam de Beer "was trying to help, within the rules regarding the spending of taxpayers' money.

"We can't give the residents too much hope, but we are looking at the problem from every possible angle," Mr Oberholzer said.

The squatter community was trying to weed out criminal elements, he added.

The community's initial feeling of being unwanted in Hout Bay — which was not conducive to good neighbourly relations — was now dissipating as well, Mr Oberholzer said.

Erecting walls did not help this process.

less of the race classification of the pupils concerned;

- (a) and (b) fall away;
- (2) see (1);
- (3) every year the Department receives less funds in real terms. The formula would only reflect any addition to the total number of pupils after the second year. However, this year there are 10 538 pupils fewer than in 1989;
- (4) no.

Mr R M BURROWS: Mr Speaker, arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, may I ask whether, in the light of the reply that he has given, the same situation will arise when students of colour are admitted to teacher colleges?

\*The MINISTER: Mr Speaker, in a certain sense it will be so, but not altogether, because the formula that is applied there and the procedure differ somewhat. At the moment we are in a process of negotiation with the receiving departments and with certain bodies in respect of the services rendered at education colleges, as the hon member will have noticed in the statement I issued in this regard. We are engaged in such negotiations.

*Business interrupted in accordance with Rule 180C (3) of the Standing Rules of Parliament.*

Provincial departments: non-White teachers employed

\*5. Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Education and Culture:

Whether any provincial department of education has taken into employment any teacher who is not classified as White; if so, (a) which provincial departments and (b) how many teachers in total?

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The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE:

- Yes,
- (a) Cape Education Department,
- (b) two part-time music teachers.

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

- (a) 63.
- (b) 53.
- (c) 9.

NOTE

From 4 January 1991 until 31 May 1991 the South African Police, in co-operation with the public, seized a total of 582 AK47 rifles.

This illustrates the vigilance and determination of the Police to rid South Africa of the curse of the AK47, which has caused so much bloodshed and misery in our society. Persons smuggling fire-arms into the country and using these arms to enrich themselves in a quick and easy manner, care little about the loss of life which these arms could cause.

Their deeds are abhorrent and are rejected by all peace-loving South Africans. For this reason the South African Police receives a great measure of co-operation from the public in general to trace this type of arm.

This curse in the South African society must be condemned in the strongest possible terms. Those who illegally have arms of this nature in their possession and sow death and destruction amongst innocent persons, are cowardly murderers who do not respect the freedom of movement, rights and safety of others. They will not be accepted in the South African society.

Consequently I emphasise a standpoint which I took previously, that the South African Police will not rest before this curse has been totally eradicated. In this regard I make an urgent and serious appeal to all South Africans to assist and support the South African Police in this respect. There are ample rewards, and the allocation thereof to persons who lead to the tracking down of this type of arm, will be applied consistently.

Violence: deaths of Blacks

357. Mr L F STOFBERG asked the Minister of Law and Order:

- (1) How many Blacks died in Black townships in (a) the Transvaal, (b) the Orange Free State, (c) Natal and (d) the Cape Province in the 1990 calendar year as a result of violent clashes between (i)

Blacks among themselves and (ii) Blacks and the South African Police;

- (2) how many members of the South African Police were (a) injured and (b) killed in each province in that year during or as a result of such clashes in Black townships?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) (a) (i)	1 196
(ii)	69
(b) (i)	51
(ii)	48
(c) (i)	1 050
(ii)	37
(d) (i)	97
(ii)	31
(2) (a) Transvaal	204
Orange Free State	82
Natal	80
Cape Province	266
Total	634
(b) Transvaal	25
Orange Free State	2
Natal	28
Cape Province	13
Total	68

Old-age homes: waiting lists

375. Mrs C H CHARLEWOOD asked the Minister of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing:

Whether there are waiting lists at any of the old-age homes falling under the control of the provincial administrations; if so, in respect of each provincial administration, (a) at which homes, (b) what is the capacity of each of these homes, (c) how many names are there on each corresponding waiting list and (d) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

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AK47 weapons used in armed robbery

354. Mr J CHIOLE asked the Minister of Law and Order:

- (1) How many cases of armed robbery of institutions and/or business undertakings in White areas in which AK47 automatic weapons were used occurred in (a) the first quarter of 1991, (b) 1990 and (c) 1989?

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For written reply:  
General Affairs:

Sexual abuse: cases

282. Mr B B GOODALL asked the Minister of Law and Order:

- (1) Whether any cases of sexual abuse of (a) boys and (b) girls were reported in 1989 and 1990, respectively; if so, how many in each case;
- (2) in respect of these cases, how many (a) men and (b) women were (i) charged with and (ii) convicted of sexual abuse;
- (3) how many of the (a) men and (b) women accused of sexual abuse were (i) related to and (ii) strangers to their victims?

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

- (1) Yes.

For the purpose of the answer no distinction is made between boys and girls as statistics in these two categories are not kept separately.

The particulars in respect of boys and girls are as follows:

Rape	1989	1990
Sodomy	2 133	2 623
Incest	417	475
Indecent Assault	354	251
Sexual Offences Act	1 690	1 553
	991	1 209

- (2) and (3)

No statistics are kept of these particulars. To acquire the information which the hon member desires, would be extremely time-consuming and would take place to the detriment of other more important police duties. I can therefore unfortunately not furnish this information.

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POLICE SWOOP

# Nationwide crackdown on crime

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By DON HOLLIDAY, Crime Reporter  
*ARGUS 27/6/91*

**M**ORE than 60 000 policemen and women out of the total manpower of about 75 000 took part in a massive co-ordinated crime prevention operation throughout the country last night.

All arms of the force as well as members of the defence force and traffic officers were involved.

Code-named Operation Blitz, the operation forms part of Operation Sentry, the ongoing national anti-crime strategy launched on January 4.

In the Western Cape, under the command of regional commissioner Major-General Flip Fourie, more than 3 800 policemen, 88 reservists, 303 soldiers and about 100 traffic officers set up roadblocks, raided suspects' homes and performed other policing duties as far afield as Alexander Bay and Mossel Bay.

region, the operation had been "a big success".

He thanked the people of the Western Cape for co-operating with police.

Law and Order Minister Mr Adrian Vlok, who was out with policemen during the operation, said one of the aims of the operation had been to prove that criminals could be hit countrywide in one swoop.

Mr Vlok said the operation would "undoubtedly prevent many crimes".

A total of 4 593 people were arrested countrywide, of whom 1 575 were in the Western Cape.

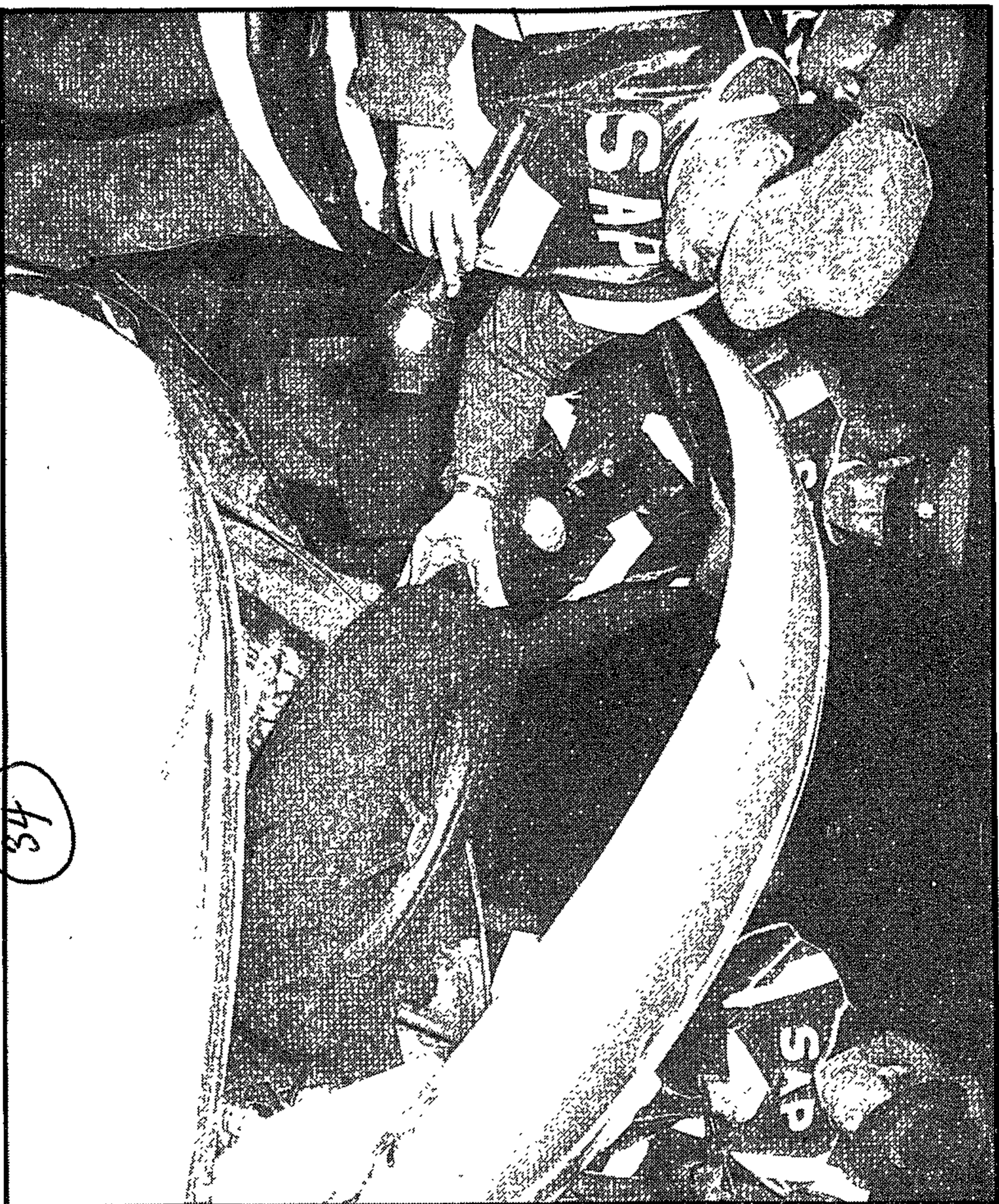
Police seized 54 unlicensed firearms countrywide, of which five were AK47s, and arrested 42 people, six of them in the Western Cape.

Police also seized 15 500 litres of alcohol, 925,5kg of dagga, 1 429 Mandrax tablets, 25,5kg of gold concentrate, one kilogram of platinum and eight uncut diamonds around the country.

More than 1 500 people were arrested for liquor offences, with 136 arrested for drunken driving and 143 dealing illegally. In the Western Cape 27 people were arrested for drunken driving.

Countrywide 45 people were arrested for murder, 14 of them in the Western Cape, 23 for attempted murder (one in the Western Cape), 37 for rape and attempted rape (10 in the Western Cape), 214 for housebreaking and theft (62 in the Western Cape), 156 for serious assault and eight for indecent assault.

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Policemen search inside the bonnet of a vehicle stopped in a roadblock on the West Coast road.

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Pictures: HANNES THIAART, The Argus

The operation lasted from 7pm last night to 6am today.

General Fourie said similar operations would be carried out in each Western Cape police district every two weeks and once a month on a regional basis.

The Pinelands riot unit scored an early success when they raided a Mitchell's Plain taxi rank soon after the launch of the operation. A stolen 0,44 calibre Magnum revolver and several suspected stolen vehicles were seized.

A major roadblock was set up on the West Coast road near Melkbosstrand, with policemen doing spot searches of vehicles and checking documentation.

Each driver was given a pamphlet explaining the object of the exercise and appealing for co-operation with the police in the fight against crime.

Other roving roadblocks were set up at numerous points around the Peninsula.

An Argus team spotted five roadblocks on a drive from the West Coast road through Bellville to Mitchell's Plain.

A posse of murder and robbery detectives descended on several homes in Eastridge, Beacon Valley and Tafelsig in Mitchell's Plain, resulting in the arrest of at least one armed robbery suspect.

In other parts of the region, similar assignments were carried out by other units including the child protection unit, narcotics unit and gangs unit.

In a statement issued in Pretoria, police commissioner General Johan van der Merwe listed the priority goals of Operation Blitz as:

- Tracing illegal weapons and ammunition;
- Tracing wanted suspects and criminals;
- Tracing stolen or suspected stolen vehicles and stolen property;
- Tracing illegal drugs and combating of related crime, including crimes against children;
- Combating motor vehicle theft and the accompanying heavy financial losses;
- Combating gang activities and accompanying violence.

He said the operation reflected statements by the State President, Mr F W de Klerk, that there was to be greater emphasis on crime prevention.

Another objective was to make the public more crime-conscious.

"Too many people still believe: 'It can't happen to me'. This attitude creates opportunities for crimes to be committed.

"This operation can be seen as an earnest and tangible attempt to ensure the safety of the public and their property.

"Because crime prevention is in the public interest, the police have no hesitation in requesting public co-operation and patience with regard to the inconvenience which might accompany such operations," said General van der Merwe.

He said the operation demonstrated the ability of the police to operate countrywide simultaneously.

Captain Attie Laubscher, police spokesman for the Western Cape, said that judging from the number of recoveries and arrests in this



A murder and robbery unit detective, with torch, follows a robbery suspect's associate down a staircase after searching a Mitchell's Plain home.



A suspect in an armed robbery case is escorted to a police vehicle after being arrested in his Eastridge, Mitchell's Plain, home last night.

# Anti-crime<sup>34</sup> proposals for government

Blouay 17/6/91  
JONATHON REES

SECURITY industry representatives are to deliver a comprehensive set of proposals to government as the sector's contribution to ending rising and endemic crime.

Former SA Security Federation (SASF) president Roy MacFarlane said at the weekend the federation was waiting for the establishment of the standing commission of inquiry into violence before the proposals would be handed over.

No details of the proposals were available, but MacFarlane said some would be broad guidelines while others would take the form of concrete suggestions.

The SASF is an umbrella body for all sectors of the industry, including locksmiths, alarm manufacturers, armed patrol companies and guard dog companies.

MacFarlane said government had to deal with the endemic crime problem adding, however, that its prevention had to involve all sectors.

"No police force in the world has ever been able to eradicate crime."

Despite an increased police budget, MacFarlane said, SA still had half as many police per capita than any other industrialised country.

Although the police were recruiting new members, it took 18 months to train a policeman, so it would be some time before new trained men were on the beat.

MacFarlane said he approved of government's reported plan to give the job of combating violence to the army so the police could concentrate on fighting crime.

Standby Security reaction manager Eddie Stone said police were doing a good job, but could not handle the demand on their time.

He said his firm got up to 400 calls a night — of which about 10 were genuine.



# Sacob voices doubt on new crime legislation

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SYLVIA DU PLESSIS

THE Investigation of Serious Economic Offences Bill, now before Parliament, was unacceptable in its present form, SA Chamber of Business (Sacob) legal manager Ken Warren said at a media conference yesterday.

He was commenting on the chamber's submission to the joint committee on justice last week of a memorandum on the draft legislation, aimed at giving new clout to serious foreign exchange fraud probes.

The committee is due to meet today to discuss the Bill further.

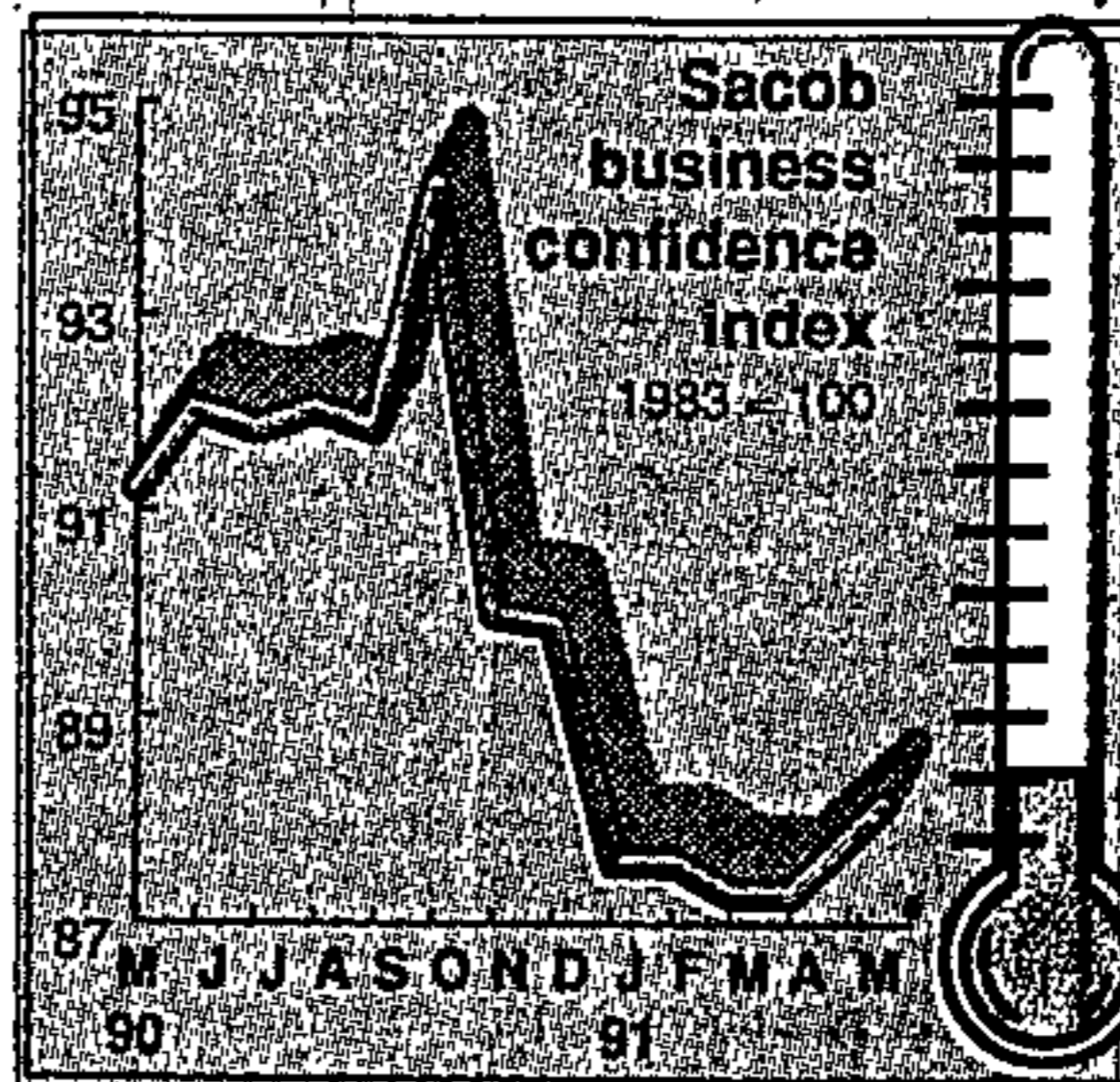
Warren said Sacob stated that it shared general concern at the unprecedented rise in the incidence of "white-collar crime" and the considerable economic and other harm caused to SA as a result.

But it believed the emphasis on contraventions of currency exchange measures, as set out in the explanatory memorandum to the Bill, was misplaced because the commercial crime upsurge related to all facets of "white-collar" criminal behaviour.

Sacob felt it would be preferable to extend existing crime prevention and judicial agencies and their resources, and coordinate their activities better, rather than create a new entity such as the envisaged Office for Serious Economic Offences, headed by a director, he said.

"It would be difficult for such a new organisation to operate effectively in a multiplicity of jurisdictions, bearing in mind the regionalised structure of the judiciary.

"We suggested if government still wished to enact legislation of this nature, the powers provided for should be conferred on the respective Attorneys-General. If necessary, they should also be empowered to function beyond their areas of jurisdiction in the exercise of the extended powers of investigation contained in the Bill."



Graphic: FIONA KRISCH Source: SACOB

Sacob believed officials of the Attorneys-General offices were best suited to investigate serious and complicated commercial cases, and that this would be the most cost-effective means of deploying existing resources.

Warren added it was "totally repugnant" that a person testifying at an inquiry would not be entitled, in terms of the Bill, to refuse to answer any question on the ground that the answer could expose him to a criminal charge.

□ Sacob chief economist Ben van Rensburg said the chamber's business confidence index rose to a level of 88,6 in May from 87,7 in April, due in part to the view of many businessmen that the end of the recession was in sight.

But while they felt an upturn could be expected by 1992, this "promising sign" might yet be turned into a false start, especially by the number of remaining uncertainties.

Sacob's survey of confidence levels in the manufacturing sector showed that manufacturing activity sagged in May, but many industrialists remained cautiously optimistic about their sales performance over the next year.

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**Police crime  
sweep netted  
nearly 5 000**

Staff Reporter  
28/6/91

A total of 4 593 suspects were arrested in Operation Blitz which started at 7 pm on Wednesday and ended at 3 pm yesterday, police said.

It involving more than 60 000 policemen, SADF personnel and traffic officers countrywide, and was part of the ongoing Operation Sentry crime prevention drive launched in January.

Commissioner of Police General Johan van der Merwe said the latest swoop aimed at tracing and recovering illegal weapons and ammunition, drugs and related crimes, combating violence, gang activities, vehicle thefts, and the arrests of wanted criminals and suspects.

Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok praised the support of the public, who cooperated in a friendly and hospitable manner.

During the operation, 7 802 premises and 29 428 vehicles were searched, 988 roadblocks set up and 1 422 people searched.

# Pinstripe crime: Govt takes action

Star 11/6/91.

By Peter Fabricius 34  
Political Correspondent

Sharply declining business morality in South Africa was revealing the "ugly and unacceptable face of capitalism" and playing into the hands of the ANC "and other anti-capitalist radicals".

This was the gist of argument in Parliament yesterday during debate on a Bill to establish an Office for Serious Economic Offences to prosecute major financial crime.

Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee said the Police Commissioner's 1991 report revealed that white-collar crime investigated by the police rose 74,3 percent to R5,6 billion and that 4 979 commercial crime dossiers were currently being probed.

Sol Kerzner's Sunbop, the Old Mutual, the Cape Investment Bank and other firms came under attack as MPs warned that declining business morality was harming the image of capitalism when it could least afford it.

Mr Coetsee said that in the past, the common-law crimes of theft and fraud had been confined mainly to hard-core criminals.

"In the last few years, however, a new type of criminal emerged, depriving the South African community and the economy as a whole of vast amounts of money.

He was "a criminal clothed in a pin stripe, who participates in board meetings".

Democratic Party MP Tony Leon said 1991 had revealed the "ugly and unacceptable face of capitalism" in South Africa.

Business morality had declined sharply in the "innermost boardrooms".

Mr Leon cited several examples, including that of Sol

Kerzner — "who is still regarded by some as a role model for business because of his entrepreneurial flair".

"However, the plain facts of the matter remain that he had admitted to paying a R2 million bribe to the Transkei government to protect his company's exclusive gaming rights.

"Yet the result of this bribery, which is an out-and-out criminal offence, is that he is rewarded by his company, Sunbop."

Mr Leon slated the recently exposed "front-running" fraud involving Old Mutual investment managers and two stockbroking firms as well as the collapse of Cape Investment Bank.

He hoped the new director of the Office for Serious Offences would "send shockwaves through the business community".

"I trust that he will tell the fiddlers, fixers and fraudsters that the party's over because my greatest fear, and that of my party, is that all the good which comes from a market-based system of economic rigour will be lost in a few spectacular frauds."

These would allow "the ANC and other anti-capitalist radicals ... to show that the market is not the ideal vehicle for financial probity and to trumpet about the immorality of capitalism and its festering greed".

Mr Leon hoped the new directorate would use the full weight of the amended Companies Act to prosecute insider trading — for which there had so far been not one prosecution.

Although the new Bill provided for tough penalties of fines up to R500 000 and up to 10 years' jail, or both, it was not certain these would be enough.

To some brokers, these would merely be a "parking fine".

# Police arrest 4 500 in countrywide Operation Blitz

Staff Reporters <sup>Star</sup> 21/6/91

More than 4 500 people were arrested during a countrywide eight-hour police crackdown last night.

About 59 000 policemen (of the SAP's total complement of 75 000) backed up by reservists, the Defence Force and traffic police took part

in the sweep, code-named Operation Blitz.

Police Commissioner General Johan van der Merwe said last night the operation was aimed at tracing illegal weapons and ammunition, wanted suspects and criminals, stolen vehicles and property and illegal drugs.

By early today, the number of arrests stood at 4 593.

The police public relations division said 7 802 premises were searched, 988 roadblocks set up and 29 428 vehicles searched countrywide.

Forty-five people were arrested in connection with murder allegations, 23 for attempted murder, 37 for rape or attempted rape, 47

for possession of dangerous weapons, 42 for possession of unlicensed weapons, 216 for theft and attempted theft, 98 for robbery and attempted robbery, 214 for housebreaking and theft and attempted burglary and theft, 62 for car theft and attempted car theft, two for possession of uncut diamonds, 143 for

dealing in liquor, 1 314 for unspecified liquor offences, 546 for possession of dagga, 145 for dealing in dagga, 22 for dealing in unspecified drugs, 22 for fraud, 50 for gambling, 61 for prostitution or soliciting, 190 for assault and 719 for trespassing.

In the Witwatersrand, 712 people were arrested.

# Crime Blitz

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**TENS of thousands of police, supported by the army and traffic departments, last night launched Operation Blitz — a national crime-prevention exercise in rural and urban areas.**

Moving roadblocks and foot patrols were used and helicopters were placed on standby in a massive operation aimed at undercutting the nationwide spiralling crime rate.

Operation Blitz paid off only minutes after the launch in Cape Town, when illegal firearms and ammunition were seized in vehicles at a Mitchells Plain taxi rank early last night.

"We're off to a good start. Two suspected stolen vehicles were found as well," said police liaison officer Captain Attie Laubscher.

Western Cape commissioner General Flip Fourie, who is commanding the exercise locally, said that

8 840 uniformed policemen, police reservists and plainclothes police took part in the operation in the Cape region stretching from Alexander Bay to Plettenberg Bay.

The force was made up of all police units, including Riot police, Murder and Robbery, the Vehicle Theft Unit, the drug squad (Sanab) and the Child Protection Unit.

## Helicopter

General Fourie said more than 300 soldiers and 185 police reservists also took part. A police helicopter was also on standby.

In a statement released from police headquarters in Pretoria, police said Operation Blitz formed part of Operation Sentry — a national anti-crime strategy launched by the police in January.

Police said special attention was paid to identified "hot spots", where the tracing of illegal weap-

ons, ammunition, criminals and suspects would receive priority.

The tracing of stolen vehicles and property and the seizure of illegal drugs was also a priority.

The combating of gang activity and crimes against children were also stressed last night.

Police said their strategy was to spend about 45 minutes in each area, move away, and then return to catch criminals off guard.

Crime deterrence was emphasised. Police said their presence was a very important factor.

In Cape Town, members of Sanab raided "notorious nightspots" and members of the child protection unit swooped on city spots which child-molesters were known to frequent.

Police formed mobile roadblocks throughout the city. One permanent roadblock was established on the West Coast road and police were in the harbour area in force.

General Fourie added that policemen also boarded trains last night.

## Own Correspondent

**JOHANNESBURG.** — The Rail Commuter Corporation is spending R250 million on station security and upgrading and will put up police stations on most of South Africa's 415 metropolitan railway platforms in a major five-year programme.

The drive will involve erecting access control points at stations and linking train drivers into a quick-reaction communication system.

Announcing the programme yesterday, SA Railways Com-muter Corporation (SARCC) general marketing manager Mr

Koos Meyer said the corporation was also studying the feasibility of installing "panic button" communication facilities in every coach so passengers could immediately alert the driver to any danger.

Security and amenity upgrading had already been completed at stations from Tembisa to Germiston and on the Daveyton line from Benoni.

Work had begun at stations in Pretoria and Durban and on the Cape Flats, Mr Meyer said.

Thirty Reef stations — pinpointed by the SAP as a priority — were upgraded, complete with police station and security guards, by March this year.



# Fewer paying bills theft mounting

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From DEREK TOMMEY JOHANNESBURG. — People in record numbers are not paying their bills, while others are engaged in defrauding or stealing from their employers and the public.

This emerges from a survey by Kreditinform of the current state of consumer debt and the crime rate in today's climate of sharply rising unemployment and growing financial hardship.

Mr Ivor Jones, managing director of Kreditinform, said that in March alone debt judgments against consumers reached a record R180 million, a figure he believed seriously understated the real position.

Companies were taking a tougher line with defaulting customers, he said.

They were suing for

debt or calling in sureties where previously they would have written off an unpaid amount.

But they were still not taking all their debtors to court, with about 25 percent probably not being sued.

Businesses themselves were increasingly getting into debt. Judgments against firms were running at record levels, amounting to R24,7 million in March — half as much again as in March last year.

Mr Jones said the problem was that firms gave too much credit without investigating the debtor's ability to pay.

Also companies often sought growth by extending credit and then mismanaging the repayment procedures.

He expected the number of consumer and company debt judgments to rise in the coming months.

Retailers and wholesalers were suffering from high stock levels owing to diminished sales on the one hand, and a reduced cash flow on the other.

This led them to make slow payments or no payment at all.

In turn, this put intense pressure on manufacturers, faced with lower orders, reduced cash flow and increased bad debts.

Businesses in this situation needed to take remedial action before their situation further deteriorated.

Mr Jones said firms should identify their financially stronger customers and be prepared to give them extended credit, while being careful about doing business with weaker customers.


He said there were signs of an increase in the amount of fraud being perpetrated and also in straight theft, but no statistics were available.

This view was confirmed recently by Mr Raymond Ackerman, chairman of Pick 'n Pay, when he told shareholders that crime was on the increase.

One reason the giant food retailer did not meet its profit forecast for 1990-91 was the increased rate of shrinkage — a word used in the trade to account for the disappearance of goods from the shop floor.

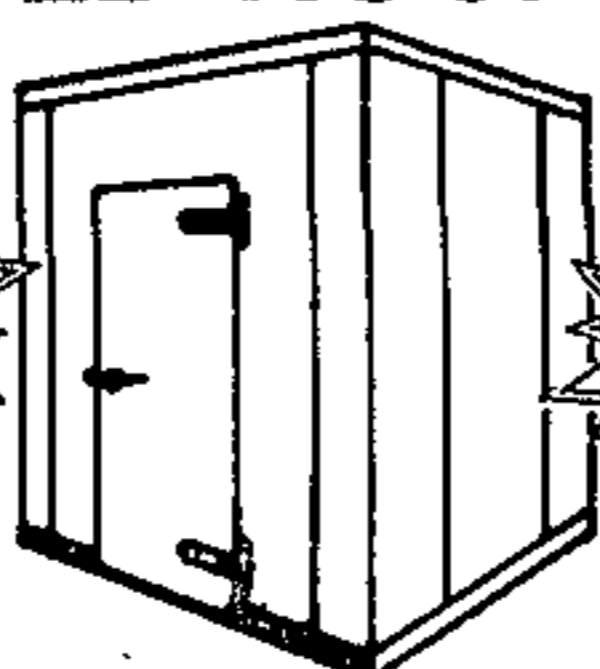
He said shrinkage was higher in terms of sales because of an increase in the general crime rate countrywide and the fact that in some areas the company's systems were not adhered to as closely as they should have been.

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## SA business crimes

### 'play into ANC hands'

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SHARPLY declining business morality in South Africa is playing into the hands of the ANC and other anti-capitalist organisations, says Mr Tony Leon (DP Houghton).

He was speaking during debate on a Bill to establish an Office for Serious Economic Offences to prosecute major financial crime.

"I hope the new director of the Office for Serious Offences will send a few short, sharp shockwaves through the business community and will deal speedily and mercilessly with the perpetrators of business offences," Mr Leon said.

"My greatest fear is that all the good which comes from a market-based economic system will be lost in a few spectacular frauds.

"These will allow the ANC and other anti-capitalist radicals to claim the market is not the ideal vehicle for financial probity.

"They take comfort from such episodes and trumpet about the immorality of capitalism and its festering greed," Mr Leon said.

# Stopping side into anarchy

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The only way to good government is to have a national accountability policy, says Unisa's Health Psychology Unit director VICTOR NELL.

**T**ERROR, pain, death, these are one's ultimate fears. To be helpless, to endure pain, to die. We pray that when we die, it will be peacefully, and without pain.

But when a society is falling apart, when the centre no longer holds and there is no longer any real law, when the police no longer do their job (cannot, will not), when death roams the streets and emergency telephones ring endlessly, unanswered, terror comes closer.

The nightmare is to wake, to find violent strangers at one's bedside, to be violated, killed or nearly killed — this is the terror that turns the poor into refugees and the wealthy into emigrants.

Lawlessness is terror. All of us, black and white alike, fear for our safety and our children's safety, whether we live in Meadowlands or Sandton, in Norwood or Eldorado Park.

It is small comfort to know that we will not be the first society to slide into the pit of lawlessness. In the 1970s, visiting Mobutu's Congo, in Kinshasa, a city of sleeping watchmen and stinking gutters, VS Nalpaui asks where in this run "does the sense of responsibility, society, the State, begin?" No-where.

In Peronist Buenos Aires, he writes, there is still a law for distinguished and well-known people, "but below that there is no law. People are taken away and no one is responsible."

"No one really knows who does what or why. Buenos Aires is full of shocked and damaged people."

What stands between every society and the abyss of lawlessness is its own determination that the law be upheld, and its police force. Trotsky called the police the only true international. It is they who must keep terror at bay, answer the ringing telephone, come between me and the bedside intruder.

If there is any way back from this abyss, it begins with an answer to an historical question. Where does the slide into lawlessness and anarchy begin.

In the Congo, in the Argentine, in South Africa?

I think the rot starts in an insidious way, when public servants don't bother to do the jobs they are paid to do properly, and find out that they can get away with it.

In South Africa, we're in a pretty bad way.

The police don't do their job — can't, won't — which is to ensure that each of us can sleep safely in bed and move safely around our city.

The traffic police don't do their job, which is to reduce death on the roads. South Africa has a road death rate 10 times higher than it ought to be.

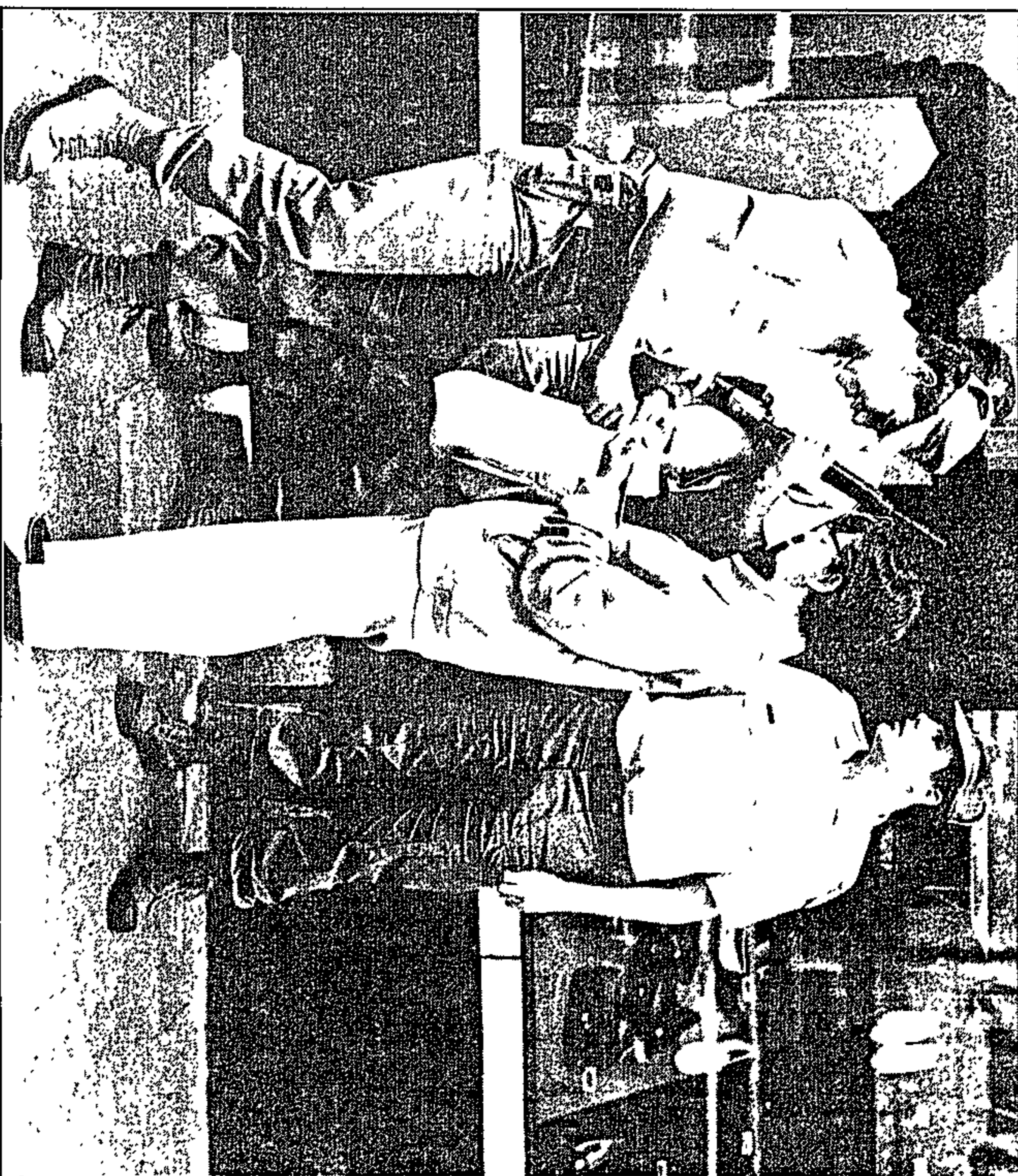
A lot of school teachers don't do their jobs, and there are horrifying stories about drunkenness, dereliction of duty and gross incompetence. Many academics are no better. They don't show up at lectures, break appointments with students, convert three-hour classes into 25-minute chats — but still get promoted and, if they live long enough, get to be professors.

In fact, many get promoted — policemen, traffic officers, school teachers, academics — not for doing their jobs well, but for just sticking around.

There's one little word that makes the difference between true democracy and fake democracy, between good government and bad, between a society that continues to be governed by the rule of law and a society sliding into anarchy. That word is accountability.

Accountability is at the heart of democracy, and it means something very simple: a person is accountable to another if he or she is under a duty to answer to that other for his or her actions, and is subject to disciplinary steps if those actions have been inadequate or irregular.

In a democracy, the "others" to whom teachers and academics and the police and the traffic police are accountable is the public they serve, represented by an elected body whose job it is to ensure that people paid out of the public purse do their



The police and the public . . . a policeman searches the bag of a pedestrian during a cordon and search operation in Johannesburg. It is the police, says the writer, who stand between society and the abyss of lawlessness.

jobs well — or suffer the consequences.

Let's focus on the lawlessness that is bringing terror into our hearts and homes. Just from the columns of The Star in recent weeks, one can write a book of horror stories.

●Beverley Nowkow had her bag with cash and credit cards snatched at the Rand Show.

●"Police based near entrance 6 just laughed at me when I told them was I robbed" (The Star, April 3).

●Father Dermott Mills, a

priest in Meadowlands, writes that the police laughed at him when he asked them to disarm a group of Inkatha people on April 28, a day on which many Meadowlands residents had been wounded or killed (May 17).

The road back to law and order in a country sliding into anarchy has two components. The first is to affirm the difference between the police and the army. An army serves the State, the police serve the people. The people are not agents

of State policy but of the law, and their duty is to uphold the law of the land impartially for every man, woman and child living in it.

This is the first step toward restoring the rule of law, and also the most urgent: to establish mechanisms to guarantee that the police cease to be agents of State policy. The Sunday Star has spelt out some of the requirements for this massive depoliticisation of the police (May 12), which can in the short term bring to an end the

slaughter of innocent people in political violence.

The second component in a return to law and order is slower and less spectacular, but ultimately the only way to ensure effective and impartial law enforcement.

It is to make the police accountable in the full sense of the word to the communities they serve by placing them under the control of elected local police authorities that are representative of the community.

The duties of both the police and of local police authorities would be determined by Parliament making laws that reflected the will of the people.

Local police authorities would not be able to use the police force to serve their own political or ideological ends because they would be prevented from doing so by their statutory duty to uphold the law. Failure to carry out this duty would lead to an immediate court challenge by aggrieved citizens or the police themselves.

But within this statutory framework, local police authorities would fine-tune police policy — which laws were to be enforced with special vigour and which with less, which kinds of behaviour would receive police attention and to which would they turn a blind eye.

Accountability requirements would include a police duty to report at least annually to the local police authority on key statistics such as the number of crimes reported, arrests made and the residual number of unsolved crimes; and the number of emergency calls received and police response times.

The authority should also be able to implement personnel policies that rewarded leadership excellence and responsiveness to community needs.

Finally, the investigation of complaints against either the police or local police authorities would be conducted by regional authorities that were independent of the executive and had wide statutory powers to investigate irregularities.

In the flood of policy documents and discussion documents for our new South Africa on land policy, health policy, economic policy, sport policy, I have seen nothing at all about police policy.

Are the bad old ways to be continued? Or will an accountability duty be firmly placed on the police and the traffic police, on teachers and academics, and on everyone else who is paid from the public purse?

In the long term, the only way good government and the rule of law will return permanently to this country will be through the formulation and application of a national accountability policy. □

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# Serving Mammom in pin-striped suit

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**B**USINESS ethics has always been a term that tends to be lumped with "military intelligence" as one of the best examples of oxymorons in the English language.

Nevertheless, while a strong moral sense may not always be seen as a fundamental prerequisite for sound business, a rising tide of white-collar crime has refocused attention on the apparent acceptability of shady business practices in South Africa.

According to the SAP's Commercial Crimes Unit, financial crimes investigated by the police last year rose 74.3 percent to a mammoth R5,6 billion — a figure which dwarfs the total value of more conventional criminal activities such as car hijackings and burglaries.

At present, nearly 5 000 dossiers are being probed, encompassing everything from kickbacks on contracts to illegal

collusion on stock market deals.

Over the past few years the biggest area of criminal activity has been in the realm of foreign exchange fraud, especially in the form of "round-tripping" or manipulating South Africa's two-tier exchange rate.

At the root of all these activities are businessmen who are prepared to contravene legal and ethical restraints in pursuit of personal gain — people Justice Minister Kobbie Coetsee has described as a "new type of criminal... clothed in a pin-stripe who participates in board meetings and serves Mammom with more than professional zeal".

To combat these well-heeled wrong-doers, Parliament last week approved a Bill to establish a new Office for Serious Economic Offences to prosecute major financial crime, with a particu-

**The recent parliamentary debate on a Bill designed to crack down on white-collar crime in South Africa has raised questions about local business ethics, reports MARK SUZMAN.**

lar emphasis on currency fraud.

According to SA Chamber of Business (Sacob) legal manager Ken Warren, the Government's moves on the issue are needed to help halt the devastating effects that such criminal activity has on the economy.

But while favouring stricter enforcement of the law, Sacob worries that the new legislation is attacking merely the symptoms.

"In the current economic climate, people are often

tempted to break the law because they cannot make ends meet and we need to first address the problem of declining living standards," he notes.

Nevertheless, it is difficult to class such activities as the recent Old Mutual fraud scheme or Sol Kerzner's R2 million bribe to the Transkei government as examples of people struggling to survive in the harsh economic climate.

While these incidents stand out because of media publicity, what Democratic Party MP Tony Leon terms "the ugly and unacceptable face of capitalism" has been part and parcel of South African business for some time.

Eight years ago, Dennis Etheredge, then chairman of Anglo-American's gold and uranium division, raised a considerable stir in both Government and business circles

when he bluntly charged that private and public administration in South Africa was "shot through with dishonesty".

To alter the system, he argued, we need "to change the attitude in our society towards corrupt practices, big and small, especially by those in positions of authority".

Just last year, however, an investigation by the Sunday Star revealed that many areas of the mining industry (which Mr Etheredge had singled out for making no deals "without palms being greased") were still riddled with bribery and corruption.

The same holds true in other areas of financial crime. Insider trading, the activity which brought down American billionaire Michael Milken, is widely considered to be rife in South Africa, but so far not one successful prosecution has been made. Etheredge

POLICE arrested 4 593 people in a massive crackdown on crime on Wednesday night and yesterday morning.

More than 60 000 police out of the total South African Police force of about 75 000 took part in the exercise code-named Operation Blitz, Commissioner of Police General Johan van der Merwe said.

Police were assisted

# Massive crackdown on crime

by reservists, the South African Defence Force and traffic police, he added.

"One of the objectives of 'Operation Blitz' is to make the public more crime-conscious," Van der Merwe said.

During the crackdown 7 802 premises and 29 428 vehicles were

searched, 988 roadblocks were set up between 7pm on Wednesday and 3am yesterday and 1 422 people searched.

Police arrested 136 people for driving under the influence of alcohol, 23 for murder or attempted murder and 207 arrested as "illegal aliens".

Forty-seven people were held for the possession of dangerous weapons, 42 for possessing unlicensed weapons, two for possessing uncut diamonds and 143 people were arrested for dealing in liquor.

More than 11 000 litres were confiscated and a further 1 314 people

were arrested for unspecified liquor offences.

Police also arrested 546 people for the possession of dagga, 145 for dealing in dagga, 22 for dealing in other unspecified drugs, 37 for rape or attempted rape, 216 people for theft and attempted theft and 98 for robbery and attempted

robbery. *South Africa 25/6/91*

A further 214 people were arrested for house-breaking and theft and attempted burglary and theft, 62 for car theft and attempted car theft, 22 for fraud, 50 for gambling, and 61 for prostitution and/or soliciting.

A total of 156 people were arrested for serious

assault, and 34 were arrested for "ordinary" assault and 719 for trespassing.

Three people resisted arrest during the eight-hour operation.

"Operation Blitz" formed an integral part of "Operation Sentry", the ongoing national anti-crime strategy launched by the SAP on January 4, Van der Merwe added. *Sapa.*



**A**MID a spate of prosecutions for "people's court" activities in Port Elizabeth, behind-the-scenes attempts have been launched in a bid to bridge the gap between police and anti-crime committees.

The cases all originate in Missionvale, one of Port Elizabeth's largely-coloured Northern Areas, and have been marked by a surprising understanding shown by magistrates for residents' complaints that they took the law into their own hands because the police weren't doing their job.

At the same time, high-ranking police officers have had meetings with political, civic and community organisations to explore ways of creating an "anti-crime forum" where residents in high-crime areas may be drawn in to assist police in crime control.

The initiative faltered, however, because of the African National Congress' refusal to attend a second meeting due to differences it had with the government over national constitutional negotiations.

# Street committees get go-ahead to fight crime

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Despite the court cases, Missionvale residents vowed to continue patrolling their areas and resume meeting out physical punishment, because, they said, policing was still inadequate.

Some residents, who did not wish to be named, said police last weekend again failed to respond to calls to follow-up reports of crime.

Last Saturday police were summoned to a stabbing but did not arrive. In another incident, a man allegedly assaulted a woman. This man is a plaintiff against the committee in one of the court cases.

"When police arrived they in turn assaulted the man and then let him go," said one resident.

Police and street committees in Port Elizabeth have met in a bid to form an anti-crime forum. **BY SHADLEY NASH**

Residents said numerous other cases, including housebreaking and assaults, were reported to police with little or no follow-up.

The Missionvale anti-crime committee was set up last year, in what residents said was a direct response to "the lack of adequate policing" in the traditionally high-crime area.

Residents said on numerous occasions when matters were reported to police stations they were either turned

away with comments like "go tell the comrades" or got no response at all.

Committee members were arrested for their activities, and several cases have come to court in recent weeks.

Although people have been sentenced for assaulting alleged criminals, magistrates showed understanding for their motivations.

In handing down suspended sentences to two committee members, regional court president G Steyn said the court was aware that many cases from the area were "never satisfactorily concluded."

"They appear repeatedly, but witnesses and even the investigating officer simply do not turn up at court and

the cases are withdrawn. It is quite possible that residents do, in fact, feel desperate," he said.

Steyn also noted the anti-crime committee did not "appear to have an ideological base".

In March, a meeting was held to discuss the possible formation of an anti-crime forum.

Participants at the meeting included the Deputy Minister of Law and Order, Johan Scheepers, representatives of various chambers of commerce, regional executive members of the ANC and a wide range of other groups.

According to minutes of the meeting obtained by Pen, Scheepers accepted the role street and area committees could play in the fight against crime.

"The deputy minister is of the opinion that it is a good proposal to see to what extent new street and new area committees can be encouraged to form crime prevention committees," said the minutes.

# Muggings, theft in near-riot at Masekela show

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## Staff Reporters

ORGANISERS of the Hugh Masekela concert have been slammed for neglecting safety after Saturday's concert at the Good Hope Centre erupted into a near-riot with people being mugged, cars stolen and hundreds of weapons seized from patrons.

Mr Douglas Fivaz, chairman of the Cape Province Dog Club, which was hired to handle security at the concert, said his personnel were "stretched to the limit" trying to control the crowd.

He believed the organisers should have stopped ticket sales much earlier in the evening to prevent overcrowding and should have budgeted for more security staff to handle the problems.

He said the Good Hope Centre accommodated about 7 000 people comfortably, but estimated that more than 10 000 tickets were sold for the concert.

The organisers are a Johannesburg-based company called Corporate Image, he said. They were not available for comment.

Mr Fivaz said things had gone smoothly until about 10pm when there was a rush of people at the door demanding tickets. Some had pre-booked.

"We had a lot of people trying to get in and then a couple of taxis arrived and some real gangster-type people arrived.

"Some of them started throwing bottles near the front foyer to distract our security staff and dog-handlers.

"Then we started getting reports of people being mugged in and around the car park."

He said about 500 knives, 25 firearms, all of them licensed, and about 200 litres of liquor were taken away from patrons after body searches at the doors, but they were given back to the owners after the concert.

Security staff had to escort frightened people to their cars and some people called taxis to get home, leaving their cars which were hopelessly parked in.

Mr Fivaz said there had been no problems inside the centre.

"I feel the organisers should have hired more security staff. We had 41 dog-handlers and four people handling tickets.

"Our contract was to look after security inside the centre and immediately outside it, but we had to start escorting people to their cars and this stretched us very thin."

A police spokesman said four cases of car theft, two of theft from cars, four muggings and one assault case were reported. Seven arrests were made — two for car theft and five for theft from people.

# Sharp increase in Rondebosch crime <sup>35</sup> police

By JILYAN PITMAN

A SHARP increase in crime has been reported in Rondebosch in the last three months.

Rondebosch police have likened it to a daytime shopping spree.

Burglaries, theft from — and of — cars have pushed up the crime statistics since March.

Burglaries in April in the Rondebosch area, including the UCT complex, rose to 52. In May there were 72 and up until the 15th of this month 30 burglaries had occurred. This is a 38,5% increase between April and May.

Theft from cars: In April — 57, May — 70 and until June 15 — 56. This represents an increase of 22,8% in one month.

Theft of cars: April — 18, May — 24, up to June 15 — 16. This is an increase of 33% between April and May.

Captain Gideon Huysamen, station commander at the Rondebosch Police Station, said Rondebosch residents needed to be more vigilant about what was happening in their area and he would welcome the public's involvement in helping the police combat crime.

## Suspicious

"This new crime wave concerns me very much because it seems that burglar alarms, high walls and other devices are not having much effect.

"In fact, it seems bur-

glars are going on a shopping spree in daylight hours. Residents in the area must not continue to be apathetic about this matter. We have to do something now."

Captain Huysamen said he could not attribute the crime wave to anything in particular.

"Burglaries are happening mostly in daylight hours when residents are at work. Nobody in Rondebosch should relax," he said.

"We need more community participation in this matter and we need to know immediately when anything suspicious occurs."

He said the proven solution to this problem had been the formation of neighbourhood watches.

# 1 575 held in W Cape blitz

Crime Reporter

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A THIRD of the 4 593 people arrested nationwide during Operation Blitz were apprehended in the Western Cape.

In an operation lasting seven hours, thousands of police — together with members of the SADF and traffic departments — took to the streets on Wednesday night and early yesterday morning in a bid to clamp down on crime.

The exercise was the fourth this year and formed part of Operation Sentry, which was launched by the Minister of Law and Order in January.

Police statistics released from Pretoria yesterday showed that of the total number of arrests made throughout the country, 1 575 of those occurred in the Western Cape.

Police set up a total of 988 roadblocks during which they searched 29 428 vehicles. A total of 7 800 homes were also searched during the operation.

Among the arrests for serious offences, police detained 45 people in connection with 33 murders.

Police also arrested 207 illegal immigrants and confiscated a total of 918kg of dagga and arrested 546 people for possession.

Figures show that 143 people were arrested for illegally dealing in liquor, of which 4 755 litres was confiscated.

Four uncut diamonds and 25,5kg of unwrought gold were also confiscated, police said.

## Guns and violence in Matroosplein

# Terror rule by Factretton gangs

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OLICE call him the "mayor" of Factretton. He is Mr. Christopher Pateron, alias Ougat. He is leader of the Wonder Kids and runs what the locals call "life after dark" in Matroosplein from his heavily barred headquarters — House number Two.

At the moment, though, he's behind bars in connection with an alleged attack on a member of a rival gang. Money is in abundance for Ougat. He says he operates a creative shebeen in Matroosplein and owns an exhaust repair business in Kensington. Almost every week he is seen driving a different one of his 10 cars, which include two late model Mercedes.

In another section of Factretton's downtown warzone, just north of Sunderland Street, lies the infamous "Gal", where the arch rivals of Ougat's men, the New Casbahs is led by Ougat's brother, Richard, alias "Jesus". The Casbahs were formed after Ougat bought the Matroosplein council house in which Richard and his family lived, and put them out on the street.

All this happened, Ougat said before he went inside, after he was previously released from jail about two years ago and started a shebeen in the house. Richard, who was living there, was not paying his way to maintain the house.

But others say the brothers' feuding, which led to bloodshed and friction, began when both were trying to run shebeens in the same house. Peace-loving Factretton families said they lived in fear at night and weekends when explosive tension between the fighting brothers' gangs threatened to erupt.

**JOHAN SCHRÖNEN**  
Weekend Argus  
Crime Reporter

"We try not to sleep in the front rooms of our houses for fear of stray bullets coming through our windows and doors," said a resident who obviously does not want to be named.

"Our children do not understand why they can't play outside."

Police sources said they were inundated with pleas from residents who were concerned about the safety of their children and their homes.

"These people are cowboys. Axes and pangas have become small fry since hand guns and rifles have become the order of the day," a resident said.

Now Ougat is behind bars again awaiting trial after a member of the Casbahs was shot in the chest last weekend. This incident followed a

shooting two weeks ago when Ougat and two of his bodyguards were wounded by gunfire from a moving vehicle, allegedly belonging to Jesus.

Frightened Factretton people say that there will only be a "ceasefire" if one of the brothers "falls" (dies).

Another source said a third element in the gang scene was the Americans, who were more involved with the taxi business but at times side with the Casbahs.

"Last weekend I saw three of the Americans' red and white taxis riddled with bullet holes after they had been caught in a crossfire in the Gal."

"The only thing on our minds when weekends arrive is worrying about the next attack. It's frightening," said a resident.

"I don't blame the police, they're doing as much as they can but they need tanks to start off with," said a man in Sunderland Street.

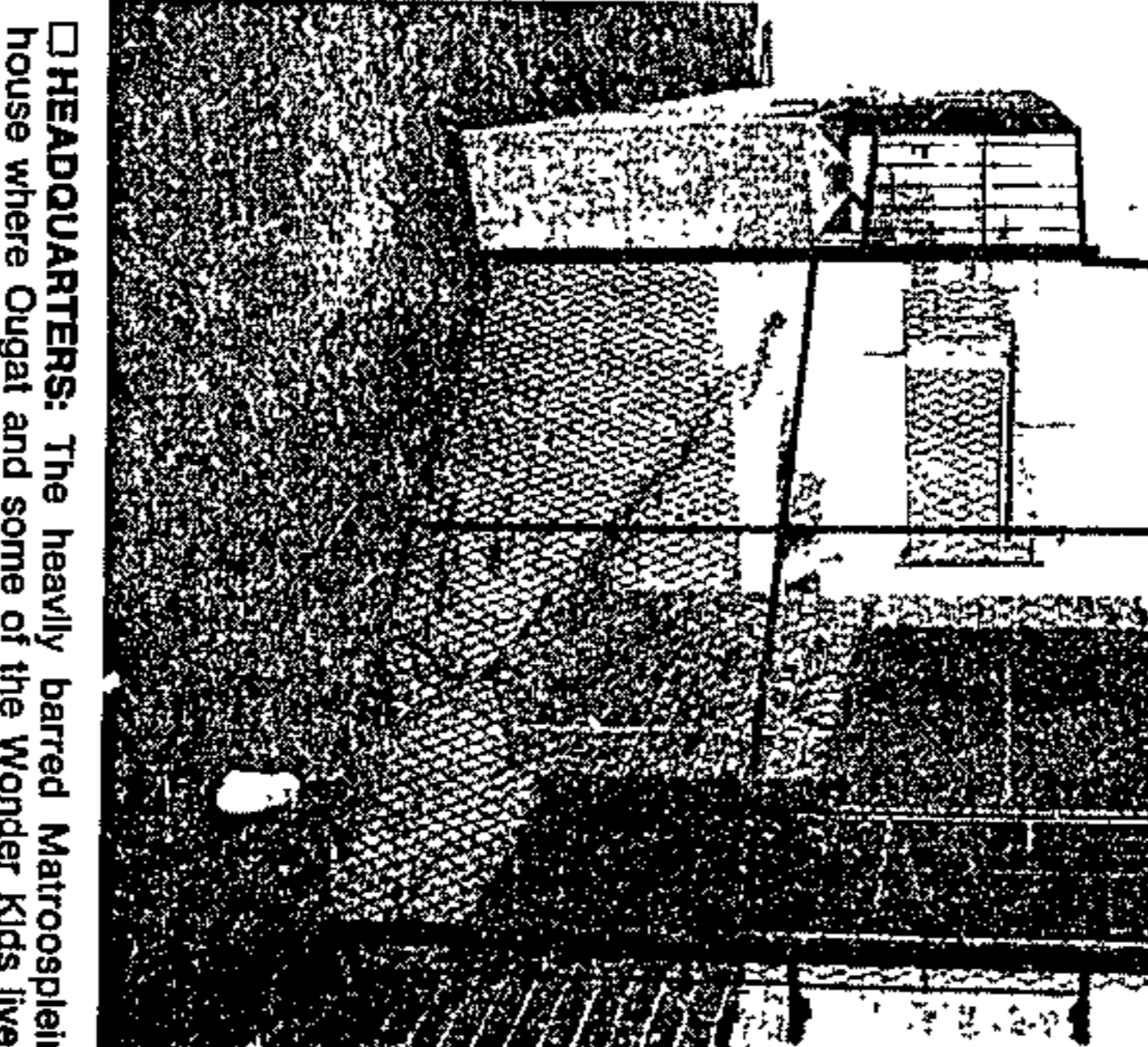
openly walking with R4 rifles towards the Gal, at first we thought they were policemen but they disappeared quickly when they saw a patrol van approaching."

Kensington station commander Lieutenant Pieter le Roux said he would welcome all official complaints from the public so that they could be investigated.

"But it looks like fear or intimidation is the name of the game. Even senior members of the community are tight-lipped about irregularities and gang activities," said Lieutenant le Roux.

"The peace-loving public need not fear that their identity will be revealed. Even intimidation is a crime."

"It is the duty of the police to protect people and property and to prevent crime. We will do that to the best of our ability, but we need the support of the public."



HEADQUARTERS: The heavily barred Matroosplein house where Ougat and some of the Wonder Kids live.

## Brothers' feud has residents in fear of death



WOUNDED GUARD: Mr Terence Fredericks, one of Ougat's bodyguards shows a recent gunshot wound in his hand which he got during a recent shoot-out at the Gal. Gang members are in the background.



CROSSFIRE: Members of the Wonder Kids with one of their cars, which was caught in crossfire and allegedly damaged by the Casbahs.

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Mr Howard Richmond



Ms Gonda Brincat



Mr Lentswe Moreltwe

# Gangs rampage at Masekela concert

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Staff Reporter

CHAOS reigned at the Hugh Masekela concert at the Good Hope Centre on Saturday night as security guards were attacked with bottles, patrons mugged and cars broken into and stolen.

Seven people were arrested.

According to Mr Douglas Fivaz, chairman of the Cape Province Dog Club, which was contracted to handle security, bottles were hurled at security staff to distract them while cars were broken into.

Body searches at the door led to the seizure of about 500 knives, 20 firearms and 200 bottles of liquor.

A Johannesburg company, Corporate Image, organised the series of concerts. They were not available for comment last night.

Mr Fivaz said manpower was "stretched" as dog handlers escorted people — who feared being mugged — to their cars and as taxis had to be allowed into the basement to ferry scared patrons out.

There were no incidents on Thursday and Friday nights but problems were encountered when organisers sold too many tickets on Saturday.

The maximum number which could be accommodated was 7 000, but Mr Fivaz estimated about 10 000 had crowded into the centre on Saturday night.

At one stage a rumour spread that cars were being broken into and many panic-stricken patrons tried to get out at the same time that others were trying to get in.

## Calmed down

The security personnel, however, refused to let people out because a rowdy group of people were throwing bottles at the main doors.

Mr Fivaz said the 45 dog handlers hired were the absolute minimum needed to control a crowd that size, but he believed adequate security could have been provided both inside the building and outside in the parking areas had he been allowed to

deploy 60 people.

Things calmed down after security officers arrested three men, Mr Fivaz said.

Mr Howard Richmond said he and two women arrived at the Good Hope Centre about 9pm and stood still when they saw about 150 people running towards the city centre.

When he and his companions walked towards the Oriental Plaza they were each grabbed from behind by two men who demanded money. One of his female friends had a knife held to her throat, he said. They managed to break free and run off but were chased, tripped up and kicked.

Mr Eddy Cassar, who also attended the concert, said security staff refused to let people out because of a riotous crowd outside.

According to Major Jan Calitz, a police liaison officer, four cases of car theft, two of theft from cars, two of theft from people, two robberies and one assault case were reported.



# Hard times are forcing women to walk streets

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By JILYAN PITMAN

PROSTITUTION in Rondebosch and Newlands is increasing, according to residents.

One resident who has lived in the area for over 30 years and has observed and spoken to many of the women engaged in prostitution, said they plied their trade every day of the week, including Sundays, at all times — with business being particularly brisk at night.

Side streets in Newlands were where most illicit sexual acts were transacted.

According to police, a prostitute in the area was arrested last Friday at 2.30pm. She paid an

admission of guilt fine of R100 — the usual penalty — at the Rondebosch police station and was released.

## Bus shelters

The police said the 33-year-old woman was new to the area — one prostitute has traded there for 20 years.

The arrest was part of the monthly crackdown by the Wynberg narcotics bureau on prostitution along the main road from Rondebosch to Wynberg.

Police said bus-stops were the favoured venues for pick-ups, while sexual liaisons were consummated at the grounds of the municipal depot at the old Schweppes bottling plant, as well as the bushes along the Liesbeeck River.

Residents of the area had alleged that sexual liaisons were conducted behind bus shelters along the main road so City Tramways removed the backs of the shelters to stop the practice.

## Crime priority

A Newlands businessman, who wishes to remain anonymous, said: "The business of prostitution is brisk all along the main road, from Woodstock as far as Kenilworth.

The businessman said these practices ought to be stopped: "Waiting for a bus is not a pleasant experience for women. Men cruising in their cars assume every female at a bus-stop is a prostitute."

Captain Gideon Huy-

samen, station commander at Rondebosch police station, said: "We have long known about this problem and we attend to it from time to time.

"At the moment it is more important for us to deal with the steep increase in serious crime, particularly in Rondebosch.

Mr Rupert Hurly, city councillor for part of Newlands, said: "I am disturbed at the increase in crime in the area but I hope the police will find time to do something about the problem of prostitution."

## Disease fear

Mrs Joan Kantey, councillor for another part of Newlands, said: "The prospect of disease concerns me — particularly Aids.

"If there is a steep increase in prostitution, the police should do something about it. It's a difficult problem to solve — all sorts of issues come into play and in bad economic times people often turn to prostitution."

The long-time resident of the area said: "The same women are here all the time, every month. Some of the them have been around for years.

"One prostitute is about 45 — she told me that she might get out of the business because it was getting dangerous. There were brawls between the women and she did not feel safe with some of the men either."

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# Five-year plan to fight railway crime throughout the Peninsula

By SHARKEY ISAACS, Transport Reporter

MOST Peninsula stations will soon be fenced in with razor-wire and more train drivers will be linked by radio with a central communication system in a bid to cut down railway crime.

There also will be police depots at suburban stations and revamped access control to platforms as part of a five-year commuter security upgrading programme initiated by the SA Rail Commuter Corporation.

The feasibility of installing panic buttons to alert train drivers to danger is being investigated.

Corporation marketing general manager Dr Koos Meyer said the first steps in the R250-million programme were nearing completion on the Cape Flats, in Durban and Pretoria.

Contractors had been asked to build police depots and to modify platform gates at Khayelitsha, Nonkqubela, Nolungile, Mandalay, Philippi, Nyanga, Athlone, Heideveld, Bonteheuwel, Netreg, Mitchell's Plain, Kapteinsklip, Lentegeur, Mutual, Maitland and Woltemade stations.

The programme also will be extended to northern suburbs stations including Parow, Bellville, Blackheath, Kuils River, Melton Rose, Strand and to stations on the Simon's Town line.

Some of the police depots were due to be ready by the end of next month.

Dr Meyer said: "We are starting with the problem areas. We are studying various other modern commuter security strategies.

"We also intend having stations guarded 24 hours a day by security staff."

Dr Meyer said the razor-wire fencing of stations was firstly for the safety of commuters and also to prevent access to people without tickets.

The corporation had a right to ensure that commuters paid for all facilities.

# Crime watch in place to combat creeping threat to households

By JILYAN PITMAN

THE battle against crime will intensify as the largest crime watch organisation in the Western Cape falls into place. About 3 600 homes in Claremont, Newlands, Bishopscourt and part of Kenilworth will soon be covered by more than 7 000 signs.

Walkie-talkies, whistles and police reservists are also being used to combat crime in these areas.

The signs bear the name *Neighbourhood Watch*, with police phone numbers at the bottom and the words *Serving the community* below. Each sign has a sticker reflecting the name of the relevant command.

The old signs in three languages that were placed on garage doors, fences and the sides of houses, will continue to be used.

The area has been defined as 14 structures and conforms to council boundaries — these divisions follow natural boundaries and do not cross railway lines, main roads, or rivers.

## Apathy threat

There are nine senior co-ordinators or watch commanders, with as many section leaders as the size of the watch requires.

Major Raymond Dowd, district officer for the Wynberg police district, which also covers Claremont and environs, said: "We are working closely with the all the watch commanders. We provide

guidelines and assistance.

"Every crime watch should nominate members to its committee to work closely with the police. We do not prescribe to any of the watches — we are here to listen and help where we can. There are small and large watches in these areas and they are all doing a good job."

Major Dowd said it was imperative that members of the public stayed active in these watches as the biggest threat to this kind of crime prevention was apathy. He praised Mr Raymond Roos, of the Lynfrae Watch, for the work he was doing to co-ordinate all the watches under one umbrella.

"These watches will be successful if everybody pulls together. Crime is steadily decreasing in areas covered by some of the older watches, established last year. When crime decreases for a prolonged period and the watch works well, perhaps members of watches should apply for decreases in insurance premiums. After all, if the incidences of theft go down drastically, why pay high premiums?"

Mr Raymond Roos, a leader of the large Lynfrae watch and commander of the overall Claremont Watch — which embraces all 14 structures — said: "There are nine more watches to be formed next week: May Street; Newark, Bell, Surrey, Esme, San Souci and Sunningdale roads; Upper Thistle Street and Cannon Close. After that we get involved with Dean Street, Rowan Avenue,

Palmboom, Monmouth and Hillwood roads.

"We don't anticipate much success in Bishopscourt because a lot of cabinet ministers live there, who have state-funded patrols. This security spills over on to the neighbouring houses — they are getting their security for nothing!"

Mr Roos added: "Praise is due to Mr Mike McKee of the overall Garfield Watch who has taken 18 watches — about 60 houses in each watch — under his wing. He gets everybody into a hall on Milner Road South and that's where the committees are formed."

The ratepayers associations have discontinued their watches and have come in under the Claremont watch.

## Guard dogs

Mr Roos said: "Dr Edgar Hacking of Upper Claremont was the initiator and motivator of watches in Claremont but they grew too large for him to handle. He was also responsible for the sophistication of the whole operation. Members of the watch are helping the police by reporting suspicious activities."

"Having guard dogs definitely helps, as do housewives who chat with their neighbours about what is going on."

□ For more information call W/O F J de Klerk on (021) 61-0611 or 61-3244.

# Youths held in Worcester clashes

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Staff Reporter

THREE youths were arrested when police and residents of Worcester's coloured suburbs clashed yesterday, a spokesperson for the Worcester Civic Association said last night.

According to the spokesperson, trouble started earlier this week when residents chased off a deputy sheriff carrying repossession notices to rent defaulters involved in the town's rent boycott of more than a year.

The messenger returned yesterday with a strong police escort and their vehicles were stoned by youths.

Thereafter armed police and groups of residents clashed in the suburbs of Riverview and Roodewal.

Police spokesman Major Jan Calitz said the skirmishes had shifted from Riverview to Roodewal in the afternoon, with police firing tearsmoke and birdshot to disperse people throwing

PRETORIA. — Incidents of unrest during 1991 had dropped dramatically when compared to 1990, police said yesterday.

Law and Order spokesman Captain Craig Kotze said there were fewer than 5 000 incidents of unrest between January 1 this year and June 30, compared with a total for 1990 of 17 088.

He ascribed the drop in unrest incidents to intensified security force action.

He said it was still too early to say for certain whether the decrease in incidents would continue.

stones at police and private vehicles.

Three youths had been arrested on charges of public violence, he added.

Worcester residents have been on a rent boycott for more than a year in demand of lower rents and a single non-racial municipality.

The civic association has also

listed several grievances about poor services, overcrowding and the "disgusting condition" of many houses.

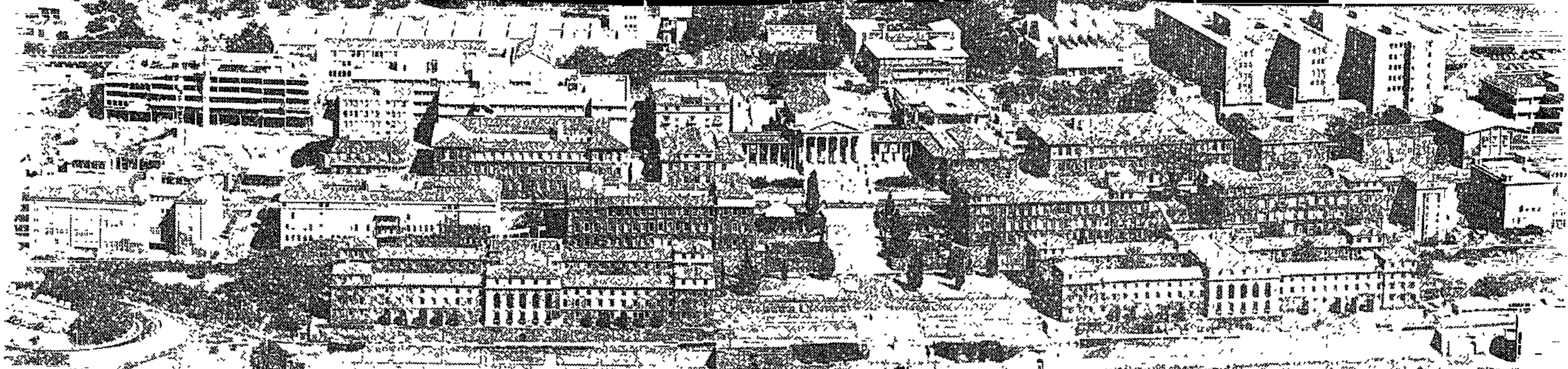
The town council said in March this year that lack of funds prevented maintenance work and that they were investigating ways of lowering rents.

Several people have been injured and property has been damaged in protests and sporadic clashes with police in the past year.

Sapa reports that a spokesperson of the association, Mrs Rabiah Karriem, said Riverview residents attacked the court official because he had allegedly broken down doors while repossessing goods in the township.

According to Mrs Karriem, residents had tried to stop the official from entering Riverview and repossessing property owned by rent defaulters.

She also said the chairman of the WCA, Mr J Flemmit, had been arrested on Wednesday night, but a police spokesman said no arrests had been reported.



## The return of academic freedom?

**M**ORE than three decades ago the Torch of Academic Freedom at the University of Cape Town was snuffed out... but the recent unshackling of universities from State interference could cause it to flare again.

Generations of students from UCT have taken up the banner for academic freedom: To admit whom they choose; to appoint the staff of their choice; to teach what, and how they choose.

Many students have been teargassed, sjambokked and arrested in this struggle.

Last month, on June 14, the government quietly — with no expression of regret for the years of anguish and opposition — passed a Bill, the Universities Amendment Act, which effectively restores to universities the right to admit whom they choose.

On May 29, 1957, as the second reading debate on the Separate University Education Bill entered its closing stages, a runner in a black track-suit carried UCT's "Torch of Academic Freedom" to the gates of parliament, where it was ceremonially extinguished.

A few hours later, by 72 votes to 42, the National Party government passed the Bill, thereby establishing the principle of apartheid as the basis of all higher education.

In terms of the Act any student who was not white and who wished to register at UCT had to obtain a permit to do so.

On July 26 1960 a bronze plaque was unveiled by the then chancellor in the lobby of the Jagger Library, recording the removal of academic freedom and leaving a blank space for the insertion of the date when this freedom would be restored.

Although there have been no restrictions on the appointment of university staff, the government did intervene in 1968 to prevent the appointment of Mr Archie Mafeje.

The decision by the university senate and council to appoint Mr Mafeje as senior lecturer in social anthropology was rescinded after the council was threatened by the then Minister of National Education with legislation to prohibit Mr Mafeje's appointment and any other similar appointments.

This decision led to a nine-day student sit-in in the university administration building.

The university protested against government interference by unveiling another plaque recording the restriction of freedom to appoint whom they chose, and once again left a space for the insertion of the date when this would be restored.

In 1983 the government introduced a Bill to repeal the sec-



□ **MARCHING FOR FREEDOM:** A student march during 1986 when three students were arrested and police used tearsmoke, sjamboks and the purple-dye cannon to disperse the students.

tions of the Act which regulated admissions of students to universities. But at the same time amendments were introduced to allow the Minister to set conditions subject to which black people could be admitted to white universities.

These provisions effectively allowed Ministers to set racial quotas; but in November of that year it was decided, in general, not to exercise the power to set racial quotas. However, students in certain disciplines still had to apply for written consent from the Minister, who would decide on the "merits" of the application.

These "merits" depended on, among other things, the distance between the applicant's permanent place of residence and the university, as well as the distance to a "black" university offering a similar course.

UCT and other universities simply ignored these conditions and continued to accept applications from all.

Many students who were offered places during this period were prevented by the legislation from taking them up.

In 1985 the requirement for ministerial consent was also withdrawn, but the right of Ministers to set quotas, although not practised, was to remain on the statute books until June 1991.

Today the unlit torch is still carried by the SRC president on the occasion of the annual T B Davie Memorial Lecture as well as on a few other solemn occasions.

And the plaques protesting against the removal of the freedom to admit and appoint whom the university chooses still do not have a date indicating the end of government control.

A debate is raging on campus on whether to re-light the torch which has shed no light or

The passing of the Universities Amendment Act has effectively restored to universities the right to admit whom they choose. Education reporter **HANS-PETER BAKKER** looks at one institution's fight against State interference.

warmth for more than three decades.

Opponents of re-lighting the flame say that the educational and societal inequalities in South Africa make legal academic freedom meaningless and that the situation on the ground has not changed enough.

Mr Roger Burrows, Democratic Party education spokesman, said it was "ironic that one aspect of racial restriction which has never been applied is repealed while all the other racial education legislation is still on the books".

Professor John Reid, UCT acting vice-chancellor, said: "The major legislative measures which have formed the focus of our objections have now been removed.

"It has become obvious for us to look again at the extinguished Torch of Academic Freedom and the plaques."

He said the Academic Freedom Committee would discuss the issue at its next meeting which would be held before the end of the year.

SRC internal vice-president Ms Mandy Driver said the SRC

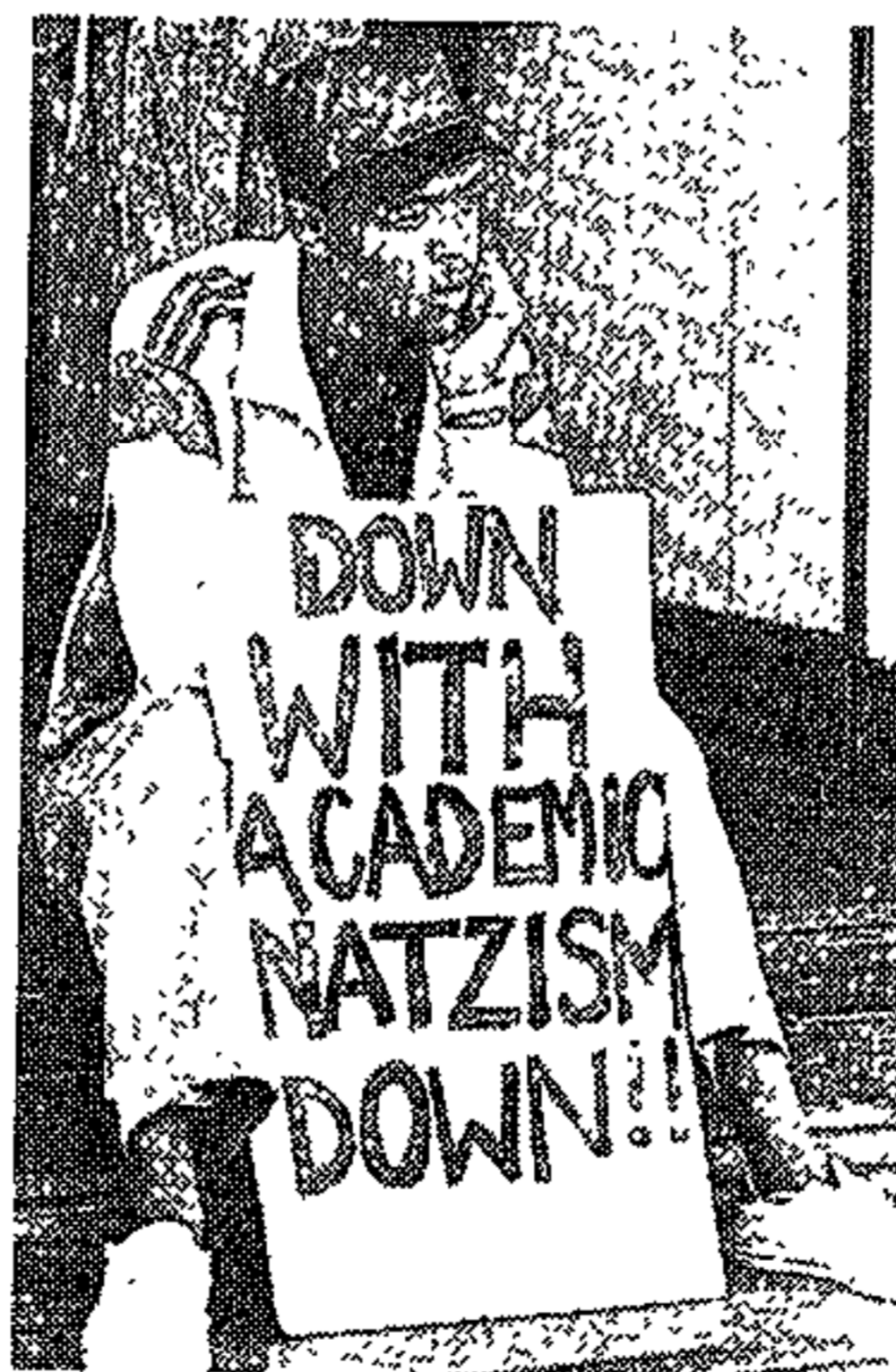
still had no formal view but she felt it would be "favourable" toward the symbolic re-lighting of the torch and the completion of the plaques.

In the past UCT has been criticised for itself restricting academic freedom by not allowing "contentious" speakers to address student audiences.

But, according to Ms Driver, a sub-committee "to promote the free exchange of ideas" would be established during the third term this year.

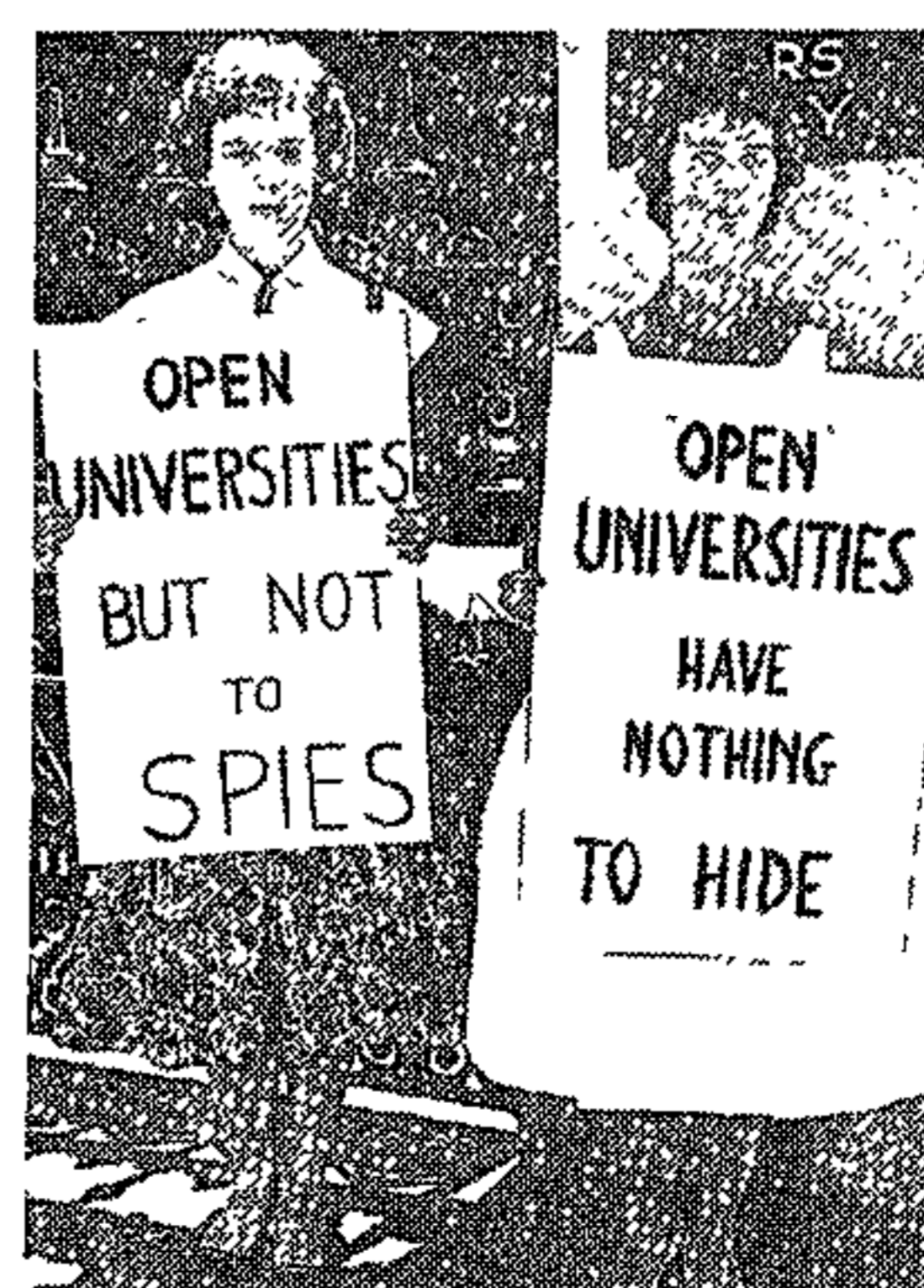
She said the SRC would have to "tackle the problem of political intolerance in the future".

She said the emphasis on academic freedom would, however, continue since the inequalities in South African society continued to deny certain people the opportunities of university study.



□ **THE NEW UCT?** A student directing his attack against the university administration for better accommodation and easier entrance requirements.

Pictures: **WILLIE DE KLERK**, Weekend Argus.



□ **STATE INTERFERENCE:** The caption in The Cape Argus of February 18, 1959 reads: "Two girl students paraded with placards protesting against the police use of informers at universities, outside Parliament this afternoon."



□ **UNLIT:** Leading a solemn procession in demand for academic freedom during 1987 is SRC member Helen Perry, with acting vice-chancellor Professor John Reid behind her.

Picture: **HANNES THIART**, Weekend Argus.

# Should UCT's torch be re-lit?

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# On the Street of Fear

TOURISTS flock to quaint and historic Loader Street because it is one of the most pretty suburban areas in Cape Town.

But there are also a lot of unwanted visitors. The type who are making residents in the area live in fear.

Tucked up in their cottages at night, they wonder if the noises they hear outside are being made by thieves trying to pry open their car windows.

The scratching at the back door may not be their neighbour's cat. It could be a burglar or... a killer.

This fear has made some of the residents consider moving out of the area which was once vacated because of racist policies.

Mr Richard Gillman, who is in charge of the street's neighbourhood watch, said approximately three cars were broken into every night.

Burglaries were occurring regularly and many residents complained of thefts of garden equipment and furniture.

But what frightened people in the area the most was the recent murder of Democratic Party secretary Miss Valerie Anderson. The 53-year-old was not the only person killed in the suburb. Months before Argus employee Mr Gary Langton died after being stabbed by his lover.

## Scratching at the back door...

REPORT: DALE KNEEN

Miss Anderson appeared to have been suffocated and police were investigating the possibility she was sexually assaulted before being killed.

"All the residents of the area are freaked out about Valerie's murder," said one woman who did not wish to be named.

"We are convinced that the person who killed Valerie had been watching her as there was no sign of forced entry."

"The attacker must have been behind her when she opened her door. He also knew where she parked her car because he took it after stealing her key."

She added that residents in the upper end of Loader Street had considered employing a security guard after the murder but this had been too expensive.

"There are many people in the area working on the new De Waterkant Plaza and I'm sure this has contributed to the increase in crime."

Mrs Heather Grant, who also lives in the street, said she was not convinced that workmen in the

PICTURE: HANNES THART

area had not contributed to the crime wave.

Burglars attempted to gain entrance to the Bay View Terrace house which she was staying in on Tuesday. The men fled by running over the roofs of semi-detached houses after the police were alerted. The three were later arrested.

"This was not the only incident. The house next door was burgled last Friday and another was burgled two weeks ago," said Mrs Grant.

Other residents believe men working on the new townhouse development cannot be blamed for the increase in crime.

One of these is Mr Kenny Phillips, who organised a petition against the piazza after discovering it contravened building regulations.

"On one occasion a worker actually helped apprehend a burglar and on another occasion a worker confronted a vagrant who had been lurking outside my house," he said.

The only complication was that having workmen at the piazza made it difficult to identify people

who did not have bona fide reasons to be in the area, said De Waterkant Civic Association chairman Mr Patrick Chapman.

He added that Loader Street was densely populated and this had given the impression that a lot of crime took place.

He suggested that an equal amount of crime probably took place in an area like Constantia, but because the homes were spread over a large area there appeared to be less crime there.

But unlike the posh southern suburbs, few Loader Street residents had sophisticated security systems and fierce dogs.

Mr Gillman said many young people rented houses in the street and were therefore not interested in installing burglar bars and alarms.

He also said it was mainly the residents who owned homes who were interested in joining the neighbourhood watch, which was launched about three years ago.

"Some people also believe we are some kind of clandestine stick-wielding group, but this is not true."

He said the neighbourhood watch had been fairly successful in curbing crime and he had found the police co-operative.

# Assistant constables fear for their lives

By GUY OLIVER

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ASSISTANT constables are disgruntled with their safety and pay for patrolling the crime-ridden Peninsula trains.

The purge on train crime constables began last month when 200 assistant constables were assigned to the job. They have already contributed to a dramatic decrease in offences, police spokesman Major Gys Boonzaaier said yesterday.

But on Tuesday an unarmed police recruit Assistant Constable Jabulani Jente, 29, of Site B, Khayelitsha, was stabbed to

death after he was separated from his colleagues. CT 1917191

The body of the assistant constable was found on the side of the south-bound railway line between Mandalay and Phillippi stations with stab wounds in the neck, back and chest.

An assistant constable attached to the Police Mobile Unit, who did not want to be named, said they are combating crime with truncheons while the criminals are wielding "AK-47s and pistols".

Major Boonzaaier said all the assistant

constables had received small arms weapon training and "some of the constables were armed", but would not specify how many.

The constables said Khayelitsha was the most dangerous area to patrol and those living there had to run the gauntlet of taunts of "impimpi" (police informer) from residents.

Last month the constables said they earned just over R580 with only two days off and believed the salary did not justify putting their lives on the line.

# Muggings drive off tourists

By AUDREY D'ANGELO and DANIEL SIMON

MUGGINGS are driving tourists away from Cape Town's central business district, the general manager of the St George's Hotel, Mr Wim de Haast, said yesterday.

He told the annual meeting of the Federated Hotel, Liquor and Catering Association (Fedhasa) that the tourist police patrol had till recently been working only from 8.30am until 4.30pm and were refusing to move into an office in St Georges Street Mall from their present headquarters down in the docks.

Mr De Haast said 12 more policemen had now joined the police patrol and they were working until 11pm.

But their brigadier had refused a suggestion that they should move into the kiosk in the mall now occupied by traffic police — because he wanted them to have a lower profile.

Mr De Haast said an alternative office had been found for them in Exchange Building, but I understand the brigadier does not like that either, because he thinks they would be too noticeable.

The Mayor of Cape Town, Mr Gordon Oliver, commented: "I think it would be better to prevent muggings with an obvious police presence than to be unobtrusive in the hope of catching offenders."

● The tourist police yesterday disclosed that crime in the CBD, especially where tourists were concerned, had dropped by about 75% over the past three months.

Cape Town district police commissioner Brigadier Phillip Delpport ascribed the drop to a more visible police presence in the city centre.

Brigadier Delpport said the combination of the Tourist Unit together with the undercover "takkie" squad had helped a great deal in minimising muggings and petty theft in the CBD area.

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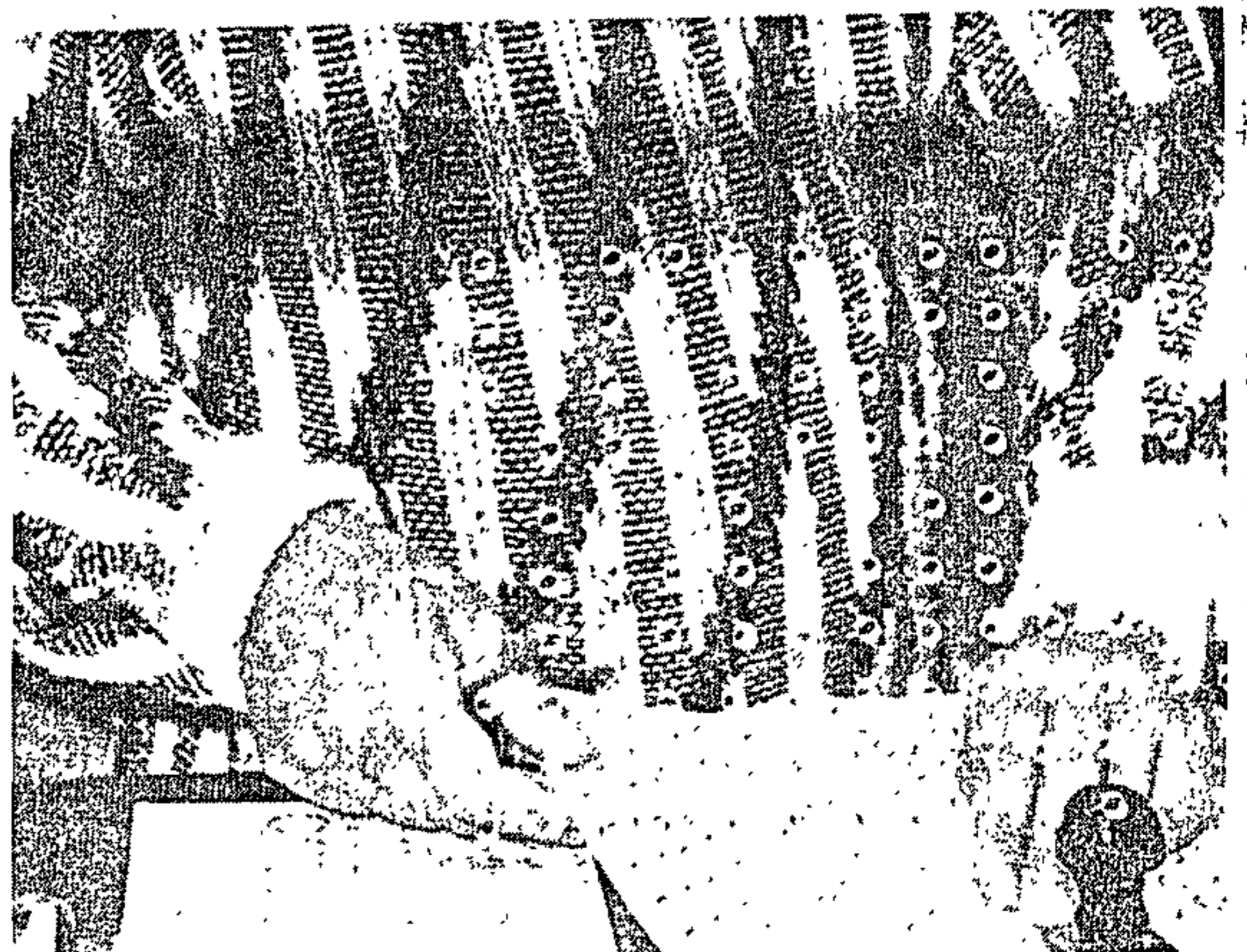




# Police probe GST exposé

# City tax scam

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By GUY OLIVER  
and COLIN HOWELL

**POLICE** are investigating what could be a massive GST tax scam in the office of the Receiver of Revenue uncovered by the Cape Times.

It involves the payments of sales tax on motor vehicles and could mean the loss of thousands of rand in revenue to the government.

In a dramatic development yesterday a Cape Times photographer was apprehended by Revenue security personnel during the newspaper's investigation and only released after a discussion with the deputy Receiver of Revenue.

The facts brought to light by the Cape Times might mean that thousands of people who have sold cars on which they have paid GST are affected.

The Receiver of Revenue, Mr Ernst Conradie, said yesterday that his department was taking the Cape Times allegations seriously and that he was informing the police immediately.

Mr Conradie also revealed that an official of his department had recently been arrested for a GST-related fraud and would appear in court again soon.

Police last night confirmed that the Cape Times information has been passed on to the fraud squad and that an investigation has started.

The general sales tax on vehicles will be phased out in October when the new VAT system is introduced.

During the tape-recorded investigation by the Cape Times reporter:

- He was told by a Revenue official that he need not pay the full GST tax on a motor vehicle.

- That he should call the official at home to arrange official documentation.

- That the official concerned would require a cash sum of R300 paid to him at counter number 14 in the Revenue offices.

The Cape Times reporter, using the name Peter Fields, complied with these suggestions and was duly issued with an official receipt which registered a R10 000 car as one bought for R1 000 and which credited him with paying R130 GST instead of the required R1 300.

The remaining R170 was accepted by the official and not receipted.

The Cape Times started an investigation last week when a newspaper employee, Ms Lynne Clement, was approached by an official at the Receiver of Revenue's offices when she

**PAYMENT** ... Receiver of Revenue clerk Mr Anthony Hartogh after he accepted R300 GST payment on a car he had earlier been told cost R10 000. Mr Hartogh gave a Cape Times reporter a receipt of R130 stating the car's cost as R1 000. Pictures ALAN TAYLOR

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**PAY-BACK** ... Mr Hendrik Combrink, Receiver of Revenue assistant director of the cash department, holds an envelope full of R20 notes after he was informed of irregular dealings in his department by the Cape Times yesterday. He then (right) reaches for the phone to consult his superiors.

went to pay the GST on a R15 000 bakkie.

The Receiver of Revenue employee said he could help her reduce the required R1 950 sales tax. He gave his name as Mr Anthony Hartogh.

He asked Ms Clement: "Why should you pay so much — it will all be done away with in a few months anyway."

Mr Hartogh told her: "You bring me R600 cash and I'll help you." She declined the offer and a bank guaranteed check of R1 950 was paid and receipt given for the same amount.

When she paid on July 16, she says she witnessed three men paying "large amounts of cash" at a counter in the Receiver's offices.

One of the men said she "was mad" to bring a cheque and advised her to pay cash. These men appeared to be ordinary members of the public, making GST payments at the offices.

This week, reporter Guy Oliver posed as Mr Peter Fields, a recently arrived, spendthrift British traveller who had no idea of how GST tax regulations worked in South Africa.

Oliver went to the Receiver of Revenue offices and asked an official there to point out Mr Hartogh. He was shown to Counter 14. Mr Hartogh was about to close up for the day.

Oliver told Mr Hartogh he was about to buy a car for R10 000 and that he believed this would mean having to pay R1 300 in GST.

He asked Mr Hartogh if there was a way to avoid the R1 300 tax surplus on the car.

Mr Hartogh asked if he knew a Mark Bester and the reporter replied he didn't but that he had heard from a friend called Peter Collins (a fictitious name) that he (Mr Hartogh) could "arrange discount deals."

Mr Hartogh asked "for details" — and said he would issue a GST certificate "if you can bring me R500" — R800 less than the required legal sales tax of a car costing R10 000.

However, as the reporter and Mr Hartogh walked out of the office into Plein Street, the clerk dropped his price to R300, saying R500 was "too much for you."

"It must be cash," he emphasised. Mr Hartogh gave the reporter his home telephone number and asked him to phone at a specified time, which was done.

about it. I'm going to put it through for you. I told three hundred, hey."

The planned payoff was arranged for 11.30am yesterday.

A final telephone call was made to Mr Hartogh at his work place approximately three hours before the Cape Times went to pay the money yesterday.

The details of a registered Renault car and its registration number were phoned through to Mr Hartogh and an address of a Observatory commune supplied.

Mr Hartogh said he would fill out the form and that "Peter Fields" should come to Counter 14 at the Receiver's offices to pick up his bona fide GST certificate.

A Cape Times team went to the building.

There were three people waiting to be served at Counter 14, but Mr Hartogh acknowledged the reporter's presence when he came into view with a nod of the head.

Mr Hartogh accepted R300, which he counted when asked to do so. He then left the cubicle.

The amount he accepted equals just three percent GST. And, even after that massive illegal discount, only a portion of the R300 was paid to the Receiver.

He returned about two minutes later and gave Oliver a receipt which stated that the vehicle had been bought for R1 000 — and stating GST payment of R130.

As soon as the reporter had the document a photograph of the bewildered teller was taken.

Members of the public waiting in line behind the reporter watched in surprise as Mr Hartogh was confronted and asked if he had any explanation for what had happened. He remained silent in his booth.

The team then went in search of the assistant director of the cash office, Mr Hendrik Combrink.

During the commotion another employee approached the Cape Times team and tried to give them money contained in a sealed department envelope, saying it had been "left under some stamps" on Mr Hartogh's desk.

100 and 200 GST payments every day"

Reacting to news of the latest scam, Mr Conradie said: "We don't tolerate things like this in the Inland Revenue. Quite honestly, this is not the way we do business and I can assure you there will be an immediate investigation."

He said his officials worked under various systems of checks and balances. He was not prepared to elaborate but added: "No system is fool-proof — everything will be investigated."

"The possibility that an official may have had accomplices — that there was collusion here — will be investigated, definitely."

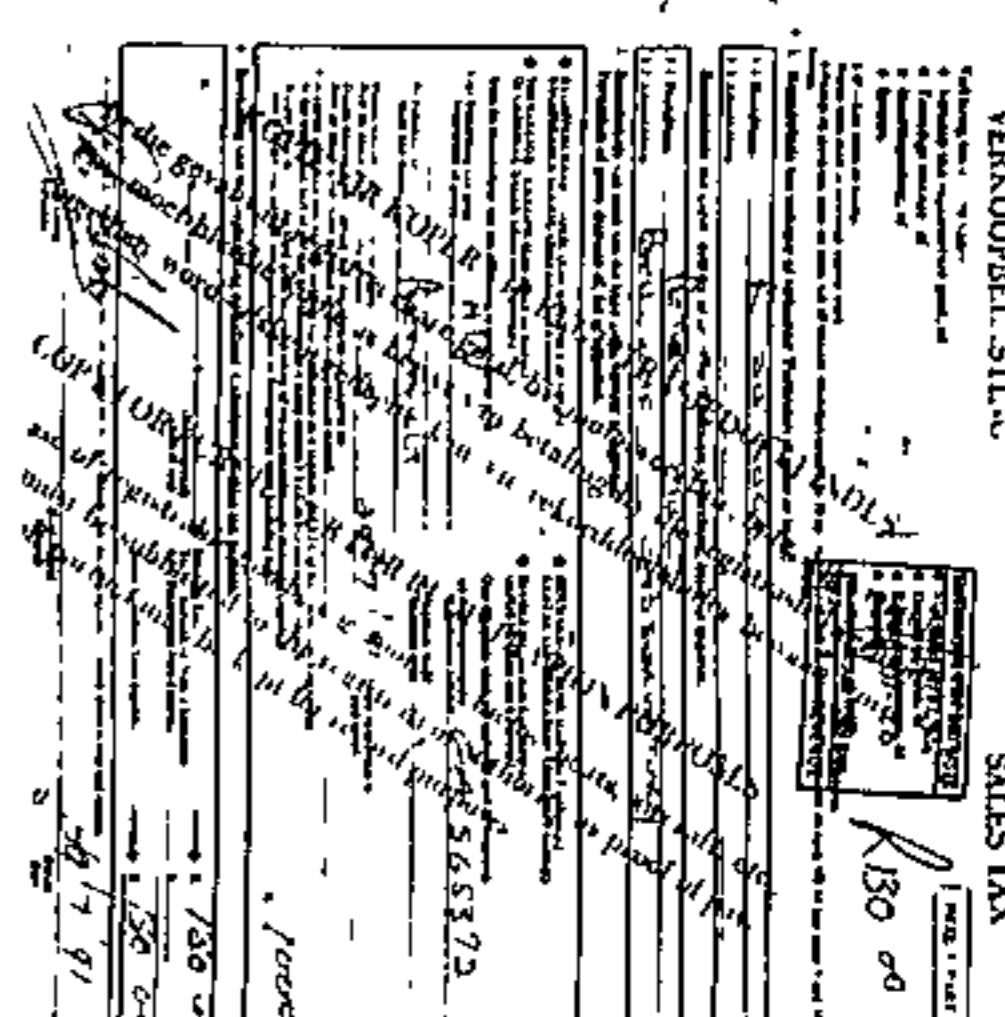
Mr Conradie, referring to the official who has already been arrested, said: "This matter is a different kind of case — involving a GST refund to which the official concerned was not entitled." He would not elaborate because court proceedings against the official had started.

Mr Conradie said he was not aware of any other similar irregularities in his offices.

Asked if he would suspend any officials, Mr Conradie said: "Yes — the moment police have a prima facie case against an official, I will."

"This matter will be properly investigated — I will bring police detectives across immediately — and I will personally head up the departmental investigation."

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RECEIPT ... The receipt which an official of the Receiver of Revenue yesterday gave to Cape Times reporter Guy Oliver, who was posing as Peter Fields. The document gave the purchasing price of a 1986 Renault car as R1 000.

Mr Hartogh placed before him, Mr Conradie said: "If this is true, I don't know how his system works — it is worrying that he has been able to do this."

"But there are ways we can check (the system). I would prefer to not disclose how we do it."

"In the normal course, he may get away with it for a while, but someone was bound to pick it up sometime."

A comprehensive "witch hunt" is now expected within the Receiver of Revenue offices — and there are indications that records of thousands of recent GST transactions will be scrutinised by investigators.

Police spokesman Captain Attie Laubscher last night said: "I can confirm that information has been passed on to police and that Fraud Squad detectives have started an investigation."

In Plein Street, the building's chief of security, Mr D Bester, approached two Cape Times men and ordered them back into the building. The Cape Times men refused but Mr Bester said that photographs had been taken illegally in the building and that the photographer would be arrested if he did not accompany him back into the building — and he had to take his camera with him.

Later, after a telephone call from the Cape Times to the Deputy Receiver, the photographer was allowed to leave the building, even though he had refused to hand over the film in his camera.

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exposé:  
Police  
arrest  
clerk

By GUY OLIVER

POLICE arrested Receiver of Revenue clerk Mr Anthony Hartogh, 45, at the Revenue offices in Plein Street yesterday following a Cape Times exposé of irregular GST payments on vehicles.

Mr Hartogh, of Vega Crescent, Tuscany Glen, Blue Downs, later appeared in the Cape Town Magistrate's Court.

No evidence was led and Mr Hartogh was not asked to plead. He was remanded to August 27 and released on R500 bail.

According to the Receiver of Revenue, Mr Ernst Conradie, Mr Hartogh, who has been in the employ of the Receiver for five years, has since been removed from "all money duties"



**ARREST . . .** Receiver of Revenue clerk, Mr Anthony Hartogh (left), is led away from his Plein Street office by Warrant Officer Clive Truter yesterday after his arrest, which follows Cape Times disclosures of alleged GST irregularities. **BELOW:** The story as the Cape Times broke it on Saturday morning.

Picture: BENNY GOOL

and suspended without pay.

A high-level internal inquiry has been launched which will also scrutinise thousands of past GST receipts, Mr Conradie said.

Meanwhile, it was learnt yesterday that two city treasury employees resigned last month after an investigation was launched into GST irregularities.

City treasurer Mr Ed-

die Landsberg confirmed yesterday that an internal inquiry was launched at the end of April when Wooltru questioned a car which was valued at R27 000 but had been registered for R13 000.

The inquiry into sales tax irregularities involves the Cape Provincial Administration, the Treasury Department and the Receiver of Revenue.

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# Manhunt after 6th city rape

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## Crime Reporter

A GIRL aged 17 was raped in Hout Bay yesterday — bringing the toll of rape victims in the city up to six in three weeks.

In a spate of attacks, rapists have struck at women alone at home.

Police yesterday launched an intensive search for a man in his early 20s after the 17-year-old girl was raped in bushes off Valley Road near the World of Birds in the late afternoon.

A police spokesman said the incident occurred about 5pm while the girl was walking alone along the road.

He said a man confronted her and dragged her into some bushes where he raped her.

● This was the second rape attack in Hout Bay in a week. Last Thursday a 56-year-old woman was attacked in her Chestnut Drive home in the

morning. She was tied up and throttled in the attack.

● On Tuesday this week a Tamboers Kloof woman in her 60s was raped after her attacker had climbed on to a second-storey balcony in the early morning.

● On the same day in Kenilworth, two men attacked a woman aged 50 while she was hanging washing in the early afternoon. She was raped in her home.

● On July 10 three youths climbed into a Sybrand Park home and tried to rape a lone woman.

● On the preceding weekend, a 21-year-old UCT student was raped in her parents' Rondebosch home by an intruder.

On the same day a woman sheltering from the rain in a Vredehoek bus shelter was raped by two men.

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# Swoop nets 'folk hero' gangster

By SHADLEY NASH, Port Elizabeth  
THE Eastern Cape's most notorious gangster was arrested last week in a major police crime drive dubbed Operation Crackdown.

Mcedisi Ngcala and his gang, who were elevated to the status of folk heroes among township residents, were wanted in connection with a spate of armed robberies which had netted the gang more than R1-million since 1987.

According to reports, Ngcala was arrested "somewhere in the Eastern Cape".

Last September, Ngcala and his gang escaped from North End Prison and were back in operation within nine days. They committed at least 17 armed robberies, some within days of each other. The gang was also sought on murder, attempted murder and theft charges.

On September 21 last year the gang was alleged to have shot dead an employee of Office and Window Cleaners.

The bravado of the gang was evidenced in the casual manner in which they repeatedly escaped from police custody, allegedly with the help of friends.

One gang member, Humphrey Tshangana, following his arrest last year, threatened a prosecutor with death and warned one of the court orderlies not to speak because he could implicate the orderly in one of the gang's custody escapes.

Ngcala himself reportedly said after his arrest: "You won't keep me."

He is expected to appear in court soon. — Pen

# New bid to beat crime

35 CT 9/8/91

## Crime Reporter

**POLICE have pin-pointed several areas in greater Cape Town that are to receive attention in a new anti-crime campaign.**

At the top of the list is the Athlone district where there have been 20 rapes, 13 murders and 77 serious assaults in the past two weeks. The district has also had the highest number of break-ins — 225.

The district encompasses Athlone, Mitchells Plain, Bishop Lavis, Manenberg, Philippi, Grassy Park, Belhar, Khayelitsha, Nyanga and Langa.

## Extra cops

About 2 000 policemen are stationed in Athlone district. The police force has asked for an extra 1 500 assistant constables to help overcome the manpower shortage throughout the Peninsula.

Colonel Carl van Eeden has been appointed co-ordinator to head the new anti-crime drive.

He told the Cape Times yesterday that police would launch various awareness projects to involve the public more in combating crime in their areas. He will also have the authority to



devise crime-prevention strategies and deploy police in areas in which there are particular criminal trends.

After Athlone, the area most seriously affected is Bellville where housebreaking is a major problem.

There have been 171 burglaries in Bellville in the past week, followed by Cape Town where there have been 139 cases.

Claremont, Rondebosch, Pine-

lands and Kraaifontein also have a severe housebreaking problem.

Also high in police crime statistics for the greater Cape Town area is the incidence of car theft and the theft of goods from vehicles. In the past week 15 vehicles have been stolen in Mitchells Plain and 39 more have been broken into.

Colonel Van Eeden said it was his function to compile statistics on crime trends from the figures given to him by officers heading

## CRIME PLAN

Colonel Carl van Eeden points out Cape Town's most crime-ridden areas. Police are launching a campaign to lower crime incidents in several of the "black spots".

the 12 districts in the Western Cape.

On the basis of this information, Colonel Van Eeden, in consultation with officers under his command, is to devise strategies to combat the problems.

"My responsibility is to co-ordinate their crime-prevention activities and meet specific manpower needs," he said.

"If statistics show two weeks afterwards that a particular crime is not dropping then we will approach the problem in a different way."

## Public appeal

Although crime generally had declined in Cape Town, Colonel Van Eeden said, police were still worried about continuing incidents of petty theft such as pick-pocketing and bag-snatching in the CBD.

He said his door was open to any member of the public who had a particular complaint which had not been resolved satisfactorily by a police station.

"If people have gone to their local station commanders and not received satisfactory help, they can contact me and I will help them where I can," Colonel Van Eeden said.

He can be contacted at 461 2245 during office hours.



# US prof knifed after losing his way in Langa

By DALE GRANGER

AN American exchange professor at UCT — who researches township music — was stabbed and robbed by youths in Langa after losing his way in the township over the weekend.

Professor David Coplan, 42, of New York, a professor of anthropology and author of the book "In Township Tonight" (a history of African showbiz), said yesterday that he had driven into Langa on Saturday night to fetch a friend but lost his way.

"I stopped my car in zone 10 and asked three guys if they could help me with directions.

"I had opened the door and suddenly they had drawn their knives and jumped me," Professor Coplan said yesterday.

He said he jumped out of the car and ran away but was pursued by the youths who caught him about 100m from his vehicle.

The youths, who stabbed him in the hand and arm, stole his watch, about R400, his wedding ring and two of his American passports. They had attempted to ransack his car but there was nothing to steal.

He said the youths then gave him directions to leave the area.

"I don't regard this as a negative indicement of South Africa or the townships. Certainly from now on I will be more sensible and will not drive alone in the townships at night," Professor Coplan, who has been in South Africa for six months but visited previously in 1979, said.

**MUGGED** ... Professor David Coplan of New York was stabbed and mugged by three youths in Langa after losing his way in the township over the weekend. He is the author of the book "In Township Tonight" — a history of African showbiz. Picture: BERNARD PEREZ

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## Sacob delegates support political power devolution

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DURBAN. — Devolution of power from Parliament to second- and third-tier levels gained widespread support from businessmen and speakers at the regional congress of the SA Chamber of Business held in Durban at the weekend.

Peter Miller, MEC in charge of health services, said that "it will not be possible to maximise economy and efficiency until one single unitary health providing body is created to serve the whole Natal/KwaZulu region".

Delegates supported a late resolution which called for the creation of a "fully representative democratic regional government at second-tier level . . . and that such body have their own financial resources derived from the region and from central government".

Tony Erskine, commissioner general to the Zulus, said Natal — with a few minor adjustments — was likely to emerge as one of the seven regions into which South Africa would be divided under a future constitution.

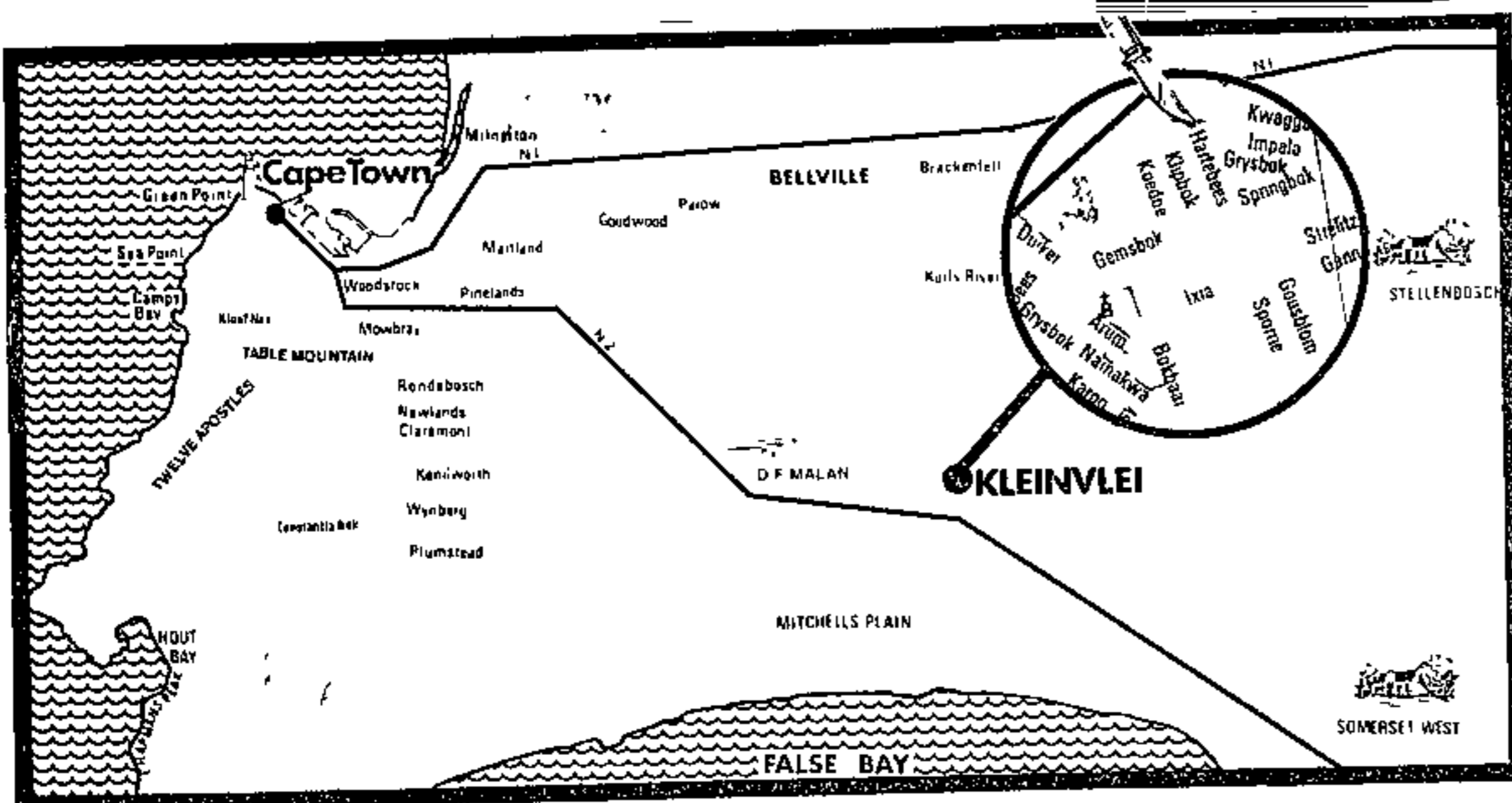
"Government had to be close to the people," he said.

Miller said that while Natal/KwaZulu had 25% of the population it received less than 21% of the health income and it was burdened with a large proportion of the population which was poverty-stricken, indigent and unemployed.

The Natal/KwaZulu region had substantial assets among which were strong black, Indian and white communities.

But since the province only generated 15% of Gross Domestic Product while having one-quarter of the population, there had to be a system to redistribute the balance of funding which the region could use to its advantage.





**BLACK SPOT . . .** The graphic shows where Kleinvlei is in relation to other problem areas in the Cape Flats. Highlighted is Hartbees Street, which Kleinvlei residents say is one of the most dangerous streets in the troubled suburb. (35) CT 13/8/91

# 19 killed in gang wars at Kleinvlei

By DANIEL SIMON

**KLEINVLEI**, near Eerste River, is fast becoming one of Cape Town's major gang centres with the murder of 19 people since June 1 this year.

A list of 12 of the 19 murder victims showed that nine had been stabbed to death. The remaining three were either shot, axed or died in a panga attack.

All the victims died as a result of ongoing gang wars and related incidents of violence.

A tour of the area, in which crime is said to have increased by at least 17% in the last year, yesterday revealed that over the past weekend alone two people had died violently and three others had been seriously injured.

In one incident a 75-year-old woman was found dead on Saturday morning, dangling by her clothes from a window of her home. An as yet unidentified man died in Tygerberg Hospital yesterday morning after being repeatedly stabbed at the weekend.

Serious damage was also done to property in clashes between rival gangs. In two instances at the weekend, two homes were gutted after gang members set them alight.

The windows and the front door of a third house were also damaged on Sunday when it was attacked by a spade-wielding gang member in a running battle.

Most of the recent incidents occurred in Kleinvlei's Hartbees Street, which residents said was one of many where it is not safe to walk after dark.

Kleinvlei Residence Association advice officer Mr Deon Brits yesterday said problems in the area were a result of large-scale unemployment and the abuse of alcohol and drugs.

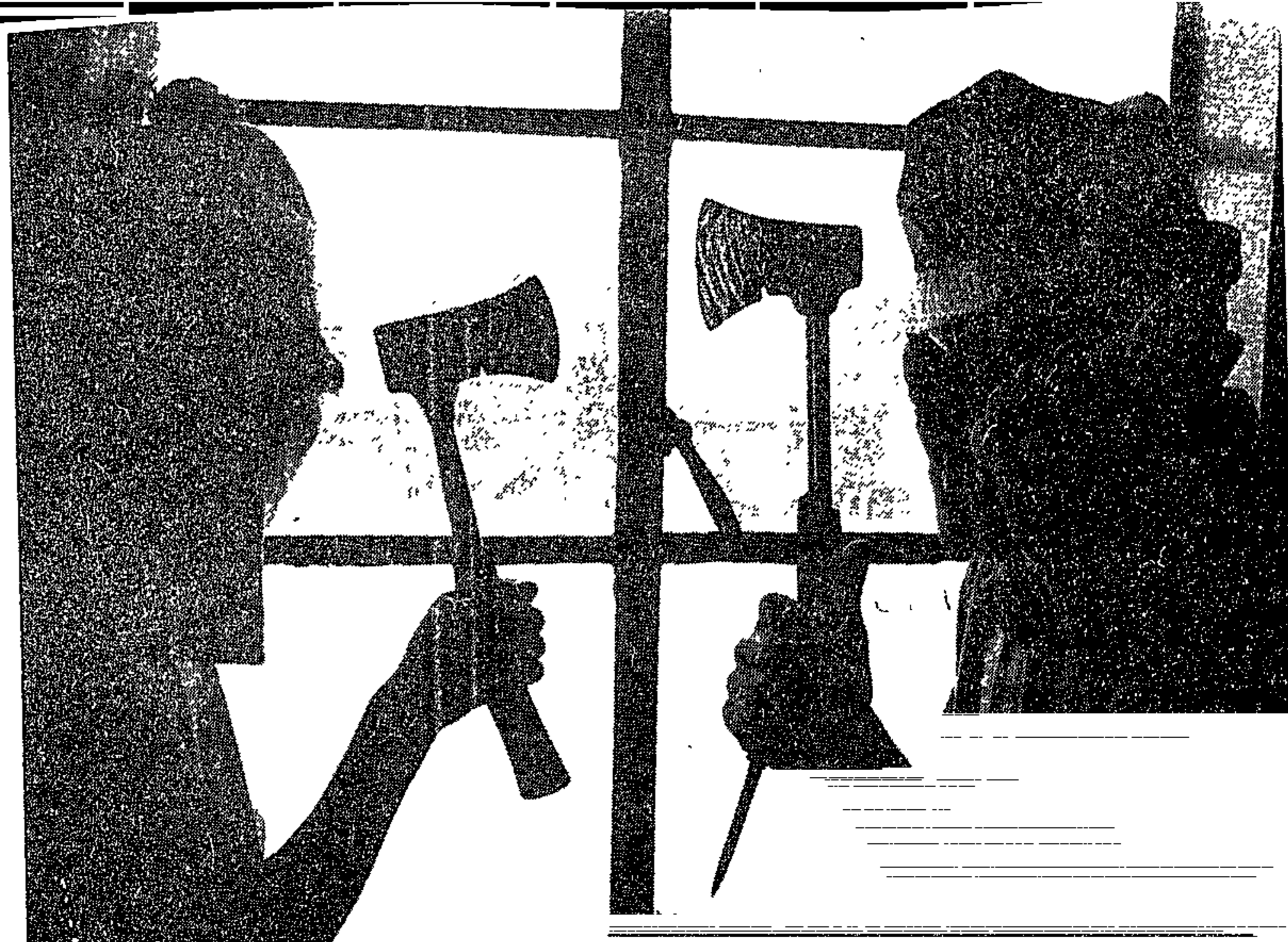
Mr Brits said most of the violence in the area could be attributed to clashes between three gangs: The "Americans", the "Naughty Boys" and the "Scorpions".

He said the residents' association would meet Kuils River police to request more police patrols after dark.

"Crime is a very big problem here. We need more police, especially at night. We are going to discuss this with them when we meet," Mr Brits said.

A Kuils River detective said that although crime was high in the suburb, police working in the area had a 90% success rate.

He added that crime in the area had increased by about 17% since last year.



**GANGSTERS . . .** Two seasoned members of the "Scorpions" gang, armed with axes, pose for the Cape Times during a visit to the troubled Kleinvlei suburb. The members said even they were scared to walk the suburb's streets at night. **BELOW:** ANC member for Kleinvlei Mr Wally Rooi points out graffiti which he claims were scrawled by members of the "Americans" gang.

Pictures: BENNY GOOL



# Eighty join new crime watch in Rondebosch

35 CT 21/8/91

By JILYAN PITMAN

A CRIME watch was formed in the Rondebosch area recently when 80 people signed up at a meeting in the Congregational Church Hall in the suburb.

The Ward 11 Rondebosch Crime Watch will include Rondebosch and parts of Newlands and Rosebank.

## Life membership

About 20 co-ordinators will be chosen and each will be responsible for

an area comprising about 50 homes.

They will follow guidelines set by the successful Neighbourhood Watch Association in Johannesburg and the Park Estate Watch in Rondebosch.

A R25 life membership fee will be charged to each household in the scheme.

This money will pay for signs, newsletters and other matters arising from the establishment and on-going business of the watch.

Among those at the in-

augural meeting were Captain Gideon Huysamen of Rondebosch police, Councillor Rupert Hurly and leaders of other neighbourhood watches.

## Workable areas

Mr Cyril Willcock, leader of the Rondebosch Crime Watch, said: "A crime watch is essential for our area.

"We are now going to begin in earnest with our plans to make our neighbourhood safer for its residents."

Mrs Monica Sutherland, finance officer for the watch, said: "When the co-ordinators come to us they will be allocated separate duties and Ward 11 will be split into workable areas.

## Constantly vigilant

"Unlike some of the failed watches, we will continually work at keeping our members informed of events in the area and keep up the enthusiasm."

Mr Willcock said: "Everybody in the watch will be told to be constantly vigilant and report anything unusual to the police.

"As the watch progresses other issues will be dealt with on a regular basis at meetings.

"We have interested people in all areas, including the 'Golden Mile' area, who are keen to be co-ordinators in this programme."

## Funding

He said the long-term aim of the Rondebosch Crime Watch was to have the whole of Ward 11 under a watch system.

The Rondebosch Crime Watch will only approach the city council for funding once it is successfully established.

Mr Willcock appealed for all Ward 11 residents to join the Rondebosch Crime Watch.

□ Inquiries about the watch to Mr Willcock on (021) 689-2869.

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## Call for clampdown on crime

Staff Reporter

**MORE THAN 200** members of the Guguletu branch of the Western Cape Civic Association (WCCA) marched to the local police station at lunch-time yesterday to demand that police act more intensively to curb crime in the area.

Handing the memorandum to Station Commander Major J J van Zyl, Mr Thozamile Botha of the WCCA said the community demanded that the police "stop" the criminals or resign.

Mr Botha said the police should go immediately to the scenes of crime and not arrive "reluctantly two or

three hours later" when the event was over.

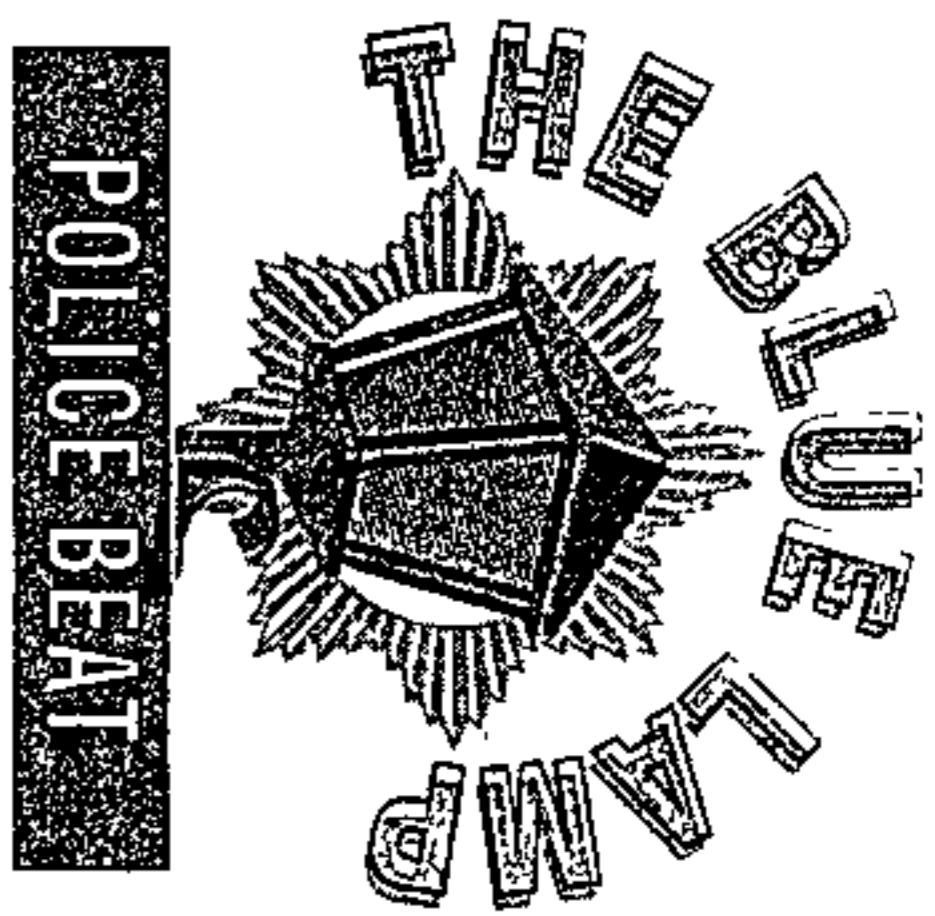
Police media liaison officer Captain Hendrik Opperman said the police could not respond if they had not been given sufficient evidence of alleged police reluctance to act against crime.

He also appealed to people with information that could lead to the arrest of the criminals to come forward and make statements so that the police could investigate the alleged crimes.

There were no incidents and the police kept a low profile.

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# Kid-bashing, drugs ... slowly does it



35 AUG 28/91

IT'S just another slow night of child-bashing, domestic squabbles, robberies and stabbings laced with drink and drugs.

The men on duty at Mitchell's Plain police station know the routine and take it all in their stride.

Just before closing time at a grocery store in the shopping centre across the road two youngsters about 12 or 13, realising their glue supplies are not going to last the evening, attempt to stock up without paying and are "pinched" by the store's security guard.

Handcuffed together, they are hauled into the charge office.

A strident argument between a wife and her husband, from whom she tried to seek refuge in the police station, is interrupted and they and the dozen others in the room watch the youngsters being shepherded into a room for questioning.

The argument takes up where it left off, interspersed by stern official administrative words from within the questioning chamber.

The man claims his son stabbed him. His wife, her head covered by a shawl, challenges him to show the scar.

Juvenile crime, family squabbles, drink and drugs. This is what the men of the Mitchell's Plain charge office usually have to deal with. And the incidence rises sharply at weekends. Crime reporter DON HOLIDAY reports on this in the second of a four-part series of articles on police action.

"See, you can't. He didn't stab you," she says defiantly.

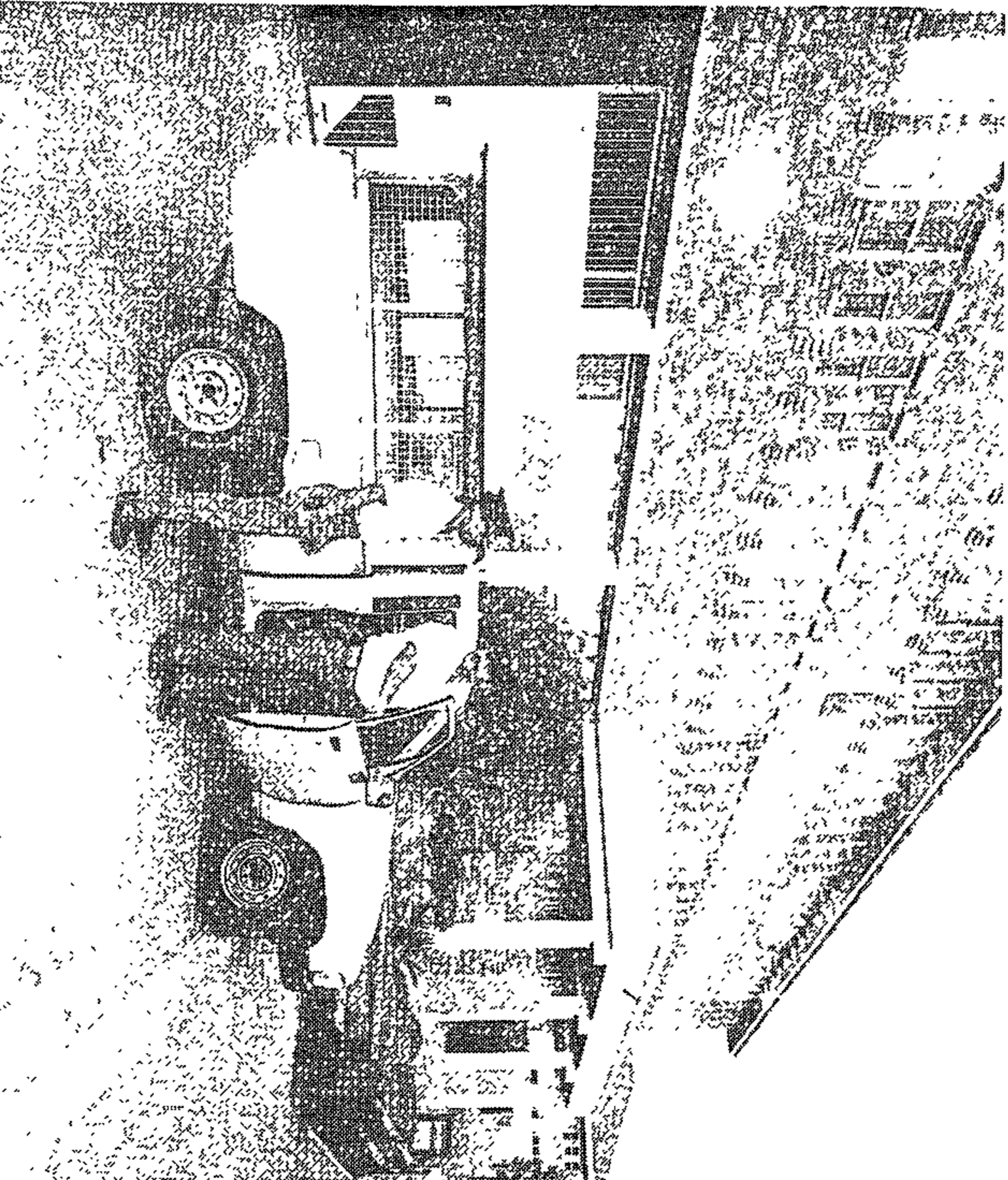
"Woman, all you want to do is make commotion and that's all you've done in my life for the last 33 years."

"Me make commotion? It's you who's given me nothing but trouble all my life — you and your drugs!"

The constable sighs and says firmly: "Sir, I am telling you to leave and go home."

The order has to be repeated several times before the husband retreats, temporarily, out of sight.

Domestic problems are often brought to the police to sort out, says station commander Lieutenant-Colonel Alwyn Burger.



Pictures: BRENTON GEACH, The Argus.

**READY FOR PATROL:** Mitchell's Plain police station in the late afternoon: two policemen ready themselves to go out to patrol the streets.



**PAPERWORK:** Clear and accurate recordings of the basic facts of each case are made — as is being done here in the charge office of Mitchell's Plain police station — before the case is investigated.

"There's not much we can do but try to pacify ... calm them down.

"Even after a couple are divorced we still have, say, a wife, coming in to say her ex-husband is defying a court order and pestering her and her children at home."

By this time the youngsters have had their telling-off and are let free, the store guard not wishing to press charges.

At the counter a man is explaining to a constable that his wife's brother, who holds a grudge against him and wants him out of the house, has not been able to find him so decides instead to beat his son with a belt buckle.

The child is with him and he lifts his left shirtsleeve to show several purple welts. There are more on his back and a dark mark on his right cheekbone.

"He wants me out of the house so he was waiting for me to come home. But I was late and he climbed into my son.

"I thought I'd better come to the police because if I handle him myself I'll land up in jail."

There are seven adults and three children living in the three-bedroom house, a common concentration of people under one roof in the neighbourhood.

A man in his 20s comes in to report that his car has been stolen. The thief has a duplicate key, he thinks.

Two constables draw up in their patrol car and escort in a grizzled old man, unsteady on his feet but managing a broad grin as he is ushered into an area separated from the charge office by iron bars and a door.

Drunk and making a nuisance of himself in the street, he will be held for a few hours and released.

His grin wavers and slowly disappears as he settles down to watch the events on the other side of the bars.

An unsmiling detective, pistol tucked in the back of his jeans, frog-marches in a bleeding and bruised youth. In the policeman's other hand is a cricket bat.

The youth, his once-white T-shirt now a bloody red and the right side of his face swollen, is dumped with the drunk.

A second youth will be along shortly to lay a complaint that the youth attacked him with the bat. The swollen face and blood are the result of the ensuing scuffle.

A housebreaking and theft docket is opened when a young office worker comes in to complain that two "button-rokers" (Mandrax smokers) cleaned out his wardrobe at his lodgings while he was at work. The culprits are known to his landlady, he says.

The drunk has evidently had enough of captivity by this time and, finding the door unlocked, staggers for freedom.

He is caught before progressing two paces and is deposited behind bars. The door is locked.

Two street vendors, their arms covered in tattoos, come in to report that their day's takings have been wrested from them in Eastridge by "those ous from the shebeen".

A young woman enters clutching a tiny baby and trailing a toddler. She has come to give herself up.

"I hear the police were looking for me twice today and I thought I might as well come and give myself up. They said it was assault."

She and her entourage are escorted upstairs for questioning.

The evening continues, the policemen get on with their tasks, some of them knowing they will again be on duty when the weekend papaw hits the fan.

# Peninsula weapons haul leads to 60 arrests

Crime Reporter

(35) AUG 28/8/91

MORE than 100 guns, 20 000 bullets and a variety of explosives have been seized in the Peninsula since April 1, leading to the arrest of about 60 people.

A police spokesman said the guns included pistols, revolvers, shotguns, rifles and 13 AK 47 assault rifles.

More than 100 magazines for the weapons and one RPG 75 rocket launcher were also confiscated.

The explosives included 27 hand grenades, thunderflashes, detonators, illuminating flares and fuses.

The spokesman said some of the weapons had been used in the taxi war.

Most of the weapons had been sent away for ballistic tests, he said.

● Four New Crossroads men appeared briefly in the Athlone Magistrate's Court yesterday in connection with the alleged

illegal possession of a gun and 13 bullets. Mr Moses Mamani, 23, Mr Monwabisi Tsewu, 24, Mr Mzoxolo Ndita, 24, and Mr Ntsikelelo Ndumeka, 25, were granted R100 bail each.

Their court appearance is a sequel to police stopping and searching a car being driven in an allegedly negligent way in Guguletu on Saturday.

Magistrate Mr D Grobler postponed the hearing to September 10 for plea.

# Claremont police plot the pattern of crime

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By JILYAN PITMAN

AN ADDITIONAL system for collecting crime statistics daily is in use at the Claremont police station, but it will provide a complete picture only after about three months.

This is the first time this system has been used in the suburb — it is being run in conjunction with the official monthly crime statistics chart which has been in operation at the police station for many years.

It involves plotting daily on graph paper the crimes committed, covering 14 crime categories over 13 areas of Claremont. Each category has a colour code, for example blue would signify housebreaking and a particular number would denote the area of Claremont in which the

crime had occurred. Dots would indicate crimes at night — from 6pm to 6am — and squares, crimes during daylight — 6am to 6pm.

The system was devised by Captain Ernest Schulze, staff officer at the police station, who said: "Collecting and storing crime statistics daily in this manner is definitely new for our station."

"We use the official system as well and the combination of the two will provide us with a full picture of what is going on in the area daily and at which times of the day or night."

"After three months I will be able to see at a glance whether there is a particular pattern to crime in a specific area."

He said crime in Claremont had not increased significantly since the beginning of the year: "There has not been much of an increase in crimes committed, considering the number of people who come into the area daily and the roughly 60 000 people who live there."

"There is a lot of theft from vehicles because of the number of flat residents who park their cars in the street. We suggest that residents should consider putting car alarms in their vehicles. Where possible, cars should be parked under street lights as a deterrent to burglary and residents should avoid leaving items lying in vehicles."

"The greatest concentration of crime in Claremont is not carried out at the railway station or the taxi ranks, as a lot of people believe: housebreaking and theft from motor vehicles are the crimes committed most."

Captain Schulze also requested that residents worked closely with the 34 neighbourhood watch programmes and report to police regularly so that they could help.

He said: "We can help each other. Some of the

watches have done a good job but we'd like more help.

"Criminals are more sophisticated these days and we need to be vigilant. Residents should be alert, particularly during the holiday season. They should tell us when their homes will be vacant and should report suspicious behaviour when they are at home."

"To have burglar bars installed is also an asset."

# Wash-out for train protests

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ET 29/8/91  
Staff Reporter

PLANS for protests at stations against train violence were washed out for the SA Clothing and Textile Workers' Union (Sactwu) early yesterday when rain soaked the city.

About 150 people congregated at Epping station before work yesterday, as well as about 70 at Salt River and smaller groups at Mutual and Bonteheuwel stations, to protest at escalating crime and overcrowding on trains.

A spokesman for the 60 000-strong Western Cape branch of Sactwu, Mr. Shahied Teladia, said he had anticipated a larger turn-out.

He blamed the weather, which was "not conducive to protests".



# Union, police for train crime talks

Staff Reporter

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SPOORNET and police are to hold talks with a leading trade union in the Western Cape on overcrowding on trains and crimes on railway lines.

The talks with the regional wing of the South African Clothing and Textile Workers Union will be held tomorrow. Spoornet P R O, Mrs Yvette Olwage, said a statement would be issued afterwards.

A placard demonstration was held yesterday by union members to highlight their grievances, but rain put a damper on protests at stations in industrial areas.

At Salt River station about 70 union members took part in a demonstration and about 150 arrived at Epping between 6.30am and 7.30am.

Union spokesman, Mr Shahied Teladia, said the union initiated the talks after 30 union members were attacked on trains in recent months.

The union has about 60 000 members in the Western Cape, most of whom relied on trains to get to and from work and are unhappy about overcrowding and crime on the railways. About 60 per cent of its members in the region are women.

# Gangs celebrate 'year of peace'

Staff Reporter

35 29/8/91

**YOUTH ACTION SA**, an Elsie's River-based organisation, yesterday celebrated the first year of peace among gangs in and around Elsie's River.

At a function at the Elsie's River Civic Centre, Youth Action director Mr Eon Hart said that so much progress had been made that contacts had even been established with rehabilitation organisations in the US.

The function was attended by "re-

presentatives" of the gangs that had agreed to peace, and members of the police.

Mr Hart said that last year his organisation, founded in 1984, had brought together all gangs in the area and pleaded with them to stop the violence.

Since that "peace" meeting between gangs in Roodgedacht, Ravensmead, Elsie's River and Bishops Lavis, there had not been any acts of gangsterism in the area, he said.

# Tackie squad (35) patrols for Muggers' Mall

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Weekend Argus Reporter

CAPE TOWN'S serious central crime problem could force hoteliers to shut up shop, claim worried businessmen, who are demanding a new 24-hour police station in St George's Mall.

The general manager of the plush Cape Sun Hotel, Mr Simon Morpuss, said: "It's pointless having all those lovely walkways in the centre of town if it's too dangerous for people to use them."

A Tackie Squad — plainclothes policemen who wear running shoes and casual clothes — have already proved successful in fighting crime in the city centre and it is proposed a group should be based in the central mall area.

Mr Morpuss said Cape Town's district commissioner of police, Brigadier Philip Delpont, told businessmen this week the city council had rejected suggestions that a permanent police station could be built at the Wale Street end of the new section of St George's Mall.

"He said the council said it was not feasible. There was not room and it was too late in the planning to include a police station. I would like to know who in the council decided that."

Mr Morpuss said hoteliers might have to close their businesses if tourists and businessmen felt the city was unsafe.

At this week's meeting, Brigadier Delpont said three groups of specially trained policemen would man a

satellite office if premises could be found.

Meanwhile, a kiosk in St George's mall would be opened as a contact office for tourists and would operate separately from the satellite office.

In another crime-busting exercise, questionnaires are being handed to restaurateurs and hoteliers to work out a strategy for combating crimes against tourists.

The policemen who could man the satellite office are working from an office at the harbour and another on the third floor of a city building — neither of which are suitable for 24-hour operations.

Brigadier Delpont told Weekend Argus a proper satellite office was needed near Strand Street.

The men to staff the office are attached to the newly-established tourism assistance unit, the police business watch unit and the Tackie Squad.

The work of the 66 policemen in the three groups will be co-ordinated by a senior police officer.

He said the existing business watch had been able to respond to calls for help within 1½ minutes and many criminals had been arrested.

The tourist assistance unit provides protection for large groups of tourists and at places where many tourists are found.

Satur, Captour, Fedhasa and various hoteliers and tour operators have shown support for the police proposal.

An appeal has been made to businesses in the city centre to make

available a suitable venue for the satellite office.

Satur senior tourism promotions officer Mrs Deidre Cloete said a police station in the city centre would be "extremely beneficial" to the tourist trade.

"We would like to see the central business district being made as safe as possible and a centrally situated police office would help achieve this.

"The policemen would be on hand to help and advise tourists and to help hoteliers experiencing specific crime problems," said Mrs Cloete.

The job of the policemen was described as being public relations and crime prevention orientated.

Mr Morpuss said: "All cities around the world have crime problems. Cape Town has a mugging and crime problem because of poverty and unemployment.

"Although I believe the police are doing their best, their hands are tied because they don't have suitable accommodation in the city."

Businessmen felt the policemen at the proposed satellite office should be specially trained to deal with the needs of tourists.

It also was suggested the policemen wear special uniforms or patrol on horseback so that they would be an attraction themselves.

Businesses were urged to make financial contributions to get the proposal off the ground.

Telephones and faxes had already been made available and police have undertaken to employ reservists who could speak foreign languages.

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# Four murders a day in Peninsula

## Crime Reporter

MURDER and rape remain the Peninsula's two major crimes, with police disclosing yesterday that there were 184 murders and 271 rapes in the region from the end of July to the middle of this month.

The shocking statistics reveal that there were nearly four murders each day in the Peninsula between July 29 and September 15 — a period of 48 days.

More than five women were raped each day over the same period, Western Cape crime co-ordinating chief Colonel Carl van Eeden said yesterday.

Heading the list in the number of murders in the Peninsula's four main districts was Athlone, which recorded 112. Second

was Bellville district with 42, followed by Wynberg and Cape Town districts with 15 each.

The Athlone district also recorded the highest number of rapes during the same period, with 109 reported to police.

Colonel Van Eeden said most of the murders were the result of "gang fights" in Cape Flats areas.

He attributed many of the rapes to women taking risks in walking alone at night and opening doors to strangers.

"People must take the responsibility for looking after themselves. We will do the rest," he said.

Despite the high figures, Colonel Van Eeden said that crime in general in the Peninsula had dropped slightly over the past three weeks.

He said that from July 29 to September

15, Bellville district recorded the most housebreakings, with 1 223.

Most housebreakings occurred during the day when people were at work. In the evenings criminals tended to break into cars or steal cars.

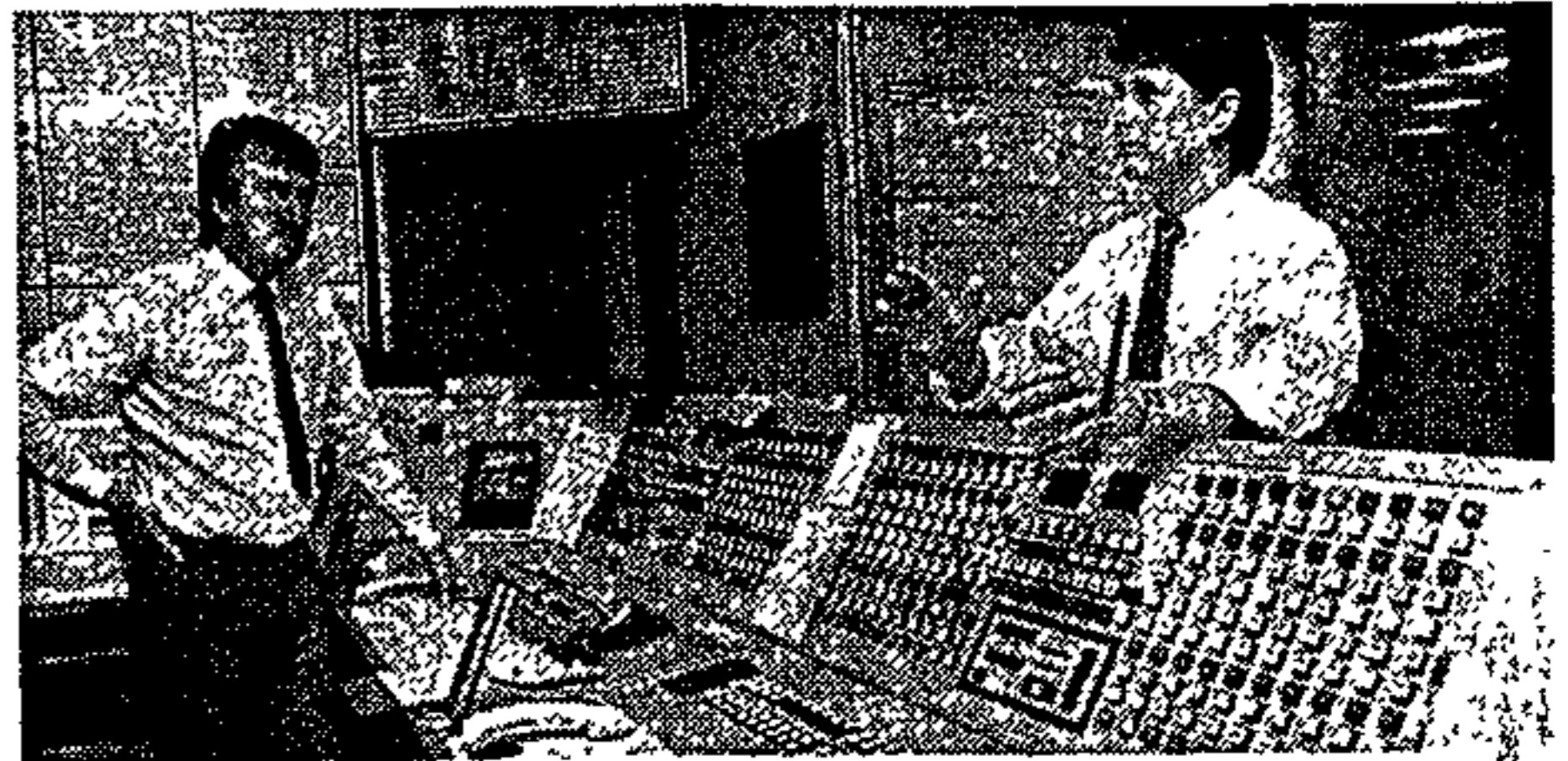
The most affected areas for this were the southern suburbs, with Claremont, part of Kenilworth, Rondebosch, Bishopscourt and Diep River being particularly prone.

The least affected area for crime in general was Simon's Town, which had a very low rate.

Although he said it was too early to say, Colonel Van Eeden attributed the slight drop in crime to a more visible police presence in suburbs and the use of different methods to stamp out crime patterns in particular areas.

# Nerve centre to deal with crises in Peninsula

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Pictures: OBED ZILWA, The Argus  
**RADIO ACTIVE:** City Council communications officers Bobby le Noury, left, and Anton du Toit at the Civic Centre console where thousands of radio and telephone calls are monitored daily.

**CLIVE SAWYER**  
 Municipal Reporter

**TODAY** is National Civil Protection Day — and private homes should be able to handle emergencies as well as high-tech operations rooms.

That is the message from City Council emergency management chief officer Mr Trevor Desfountain, leader of a team that has won international respect from its peers.

As on every day, in a room filled with large maps and lights blinking on impressive consoles, staff are on duty in the Civic Centre monitoring a babel of radio channels.

This is Cocom — Council Communications — the nerve centre of civil protection operations inside the Civic Centre.

Mr Desfountain said the City Council had an action checklist for 27 eventualities.

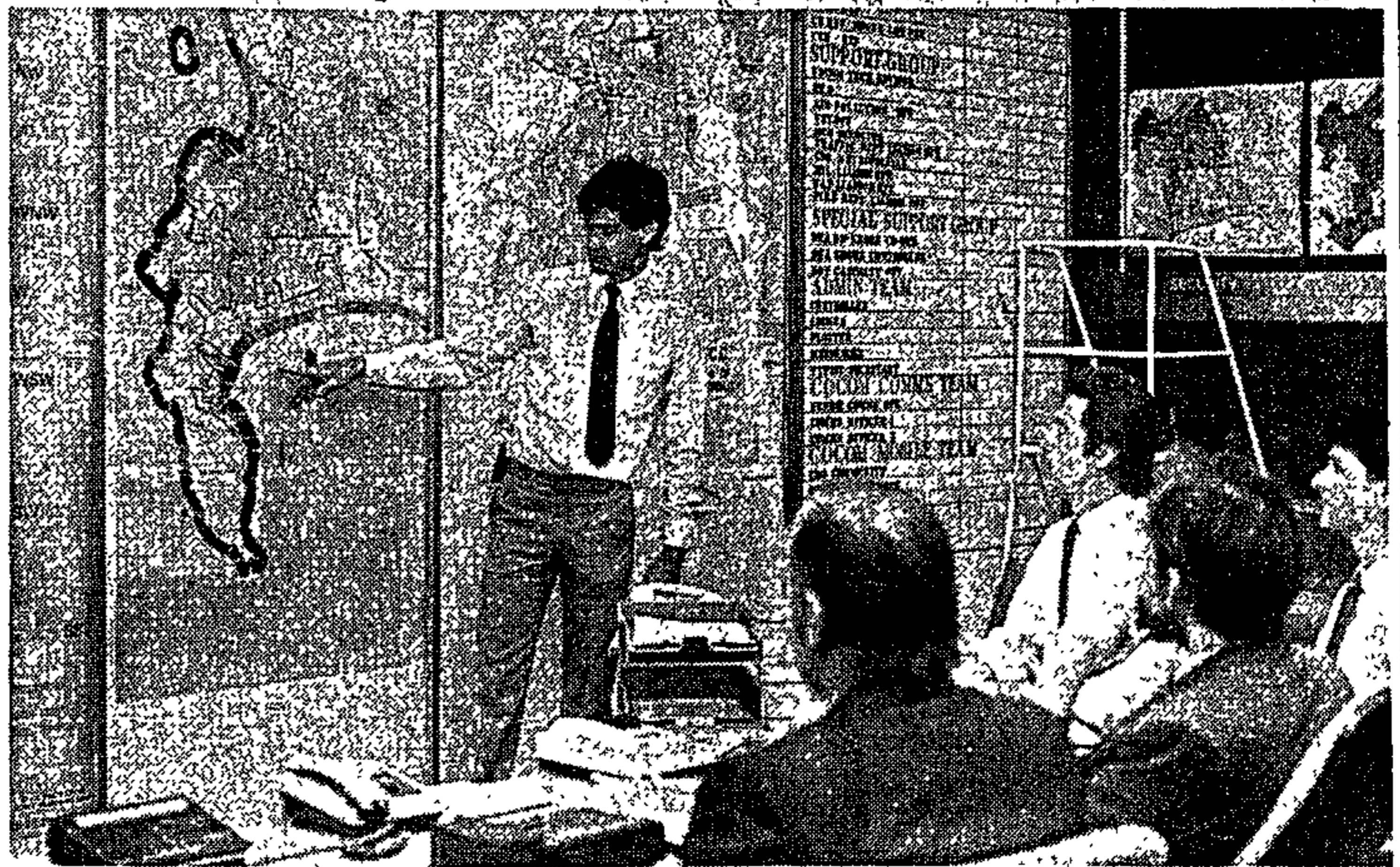
"This sophisticated communications room monitors all emergency and essential services traffic. Once three or more services involved in a problem, we are mobilised," he said.

Civil protection is not an emergency service in itself.

"We do not put out fires — we are planners ... in the business of mobilising resources," he said.

Those "eventualities" could include a Koeberg disaster, an aeroplane crash in town or a mountain fire.

The department's work extends to before and after crises.



**NERVE CENTRE:** The Council Communications — Cocom — operations room where responses to any major disaster, from a Koeberg accident to a mountain fire, are co-ordinated.

Plans are evaluated, tested, and changed. Lists are kept up to date and telephone numbers checked.

Between disasters the Cocom room echoes with the chatter of radio monitors. Two closed-circuit television monitors focus on key points in the Civic Centre.

Maps include the Central Business District — a disaster emergency contingency plan — and concentric circles emanating menacingly from Koeberg.

Codenames are given: on the day of the visit to Cocom, Mayor Frank van der Velde

was "Neptune" and the Mayor's, Trish, "Venus".

Also on the board is a list of all milk-producing farms in range of Koeberg — and there is a contingency plan calling for all affected dairy products to be seized.

The Koeberg emergency plan is tested annually.

Cape Town is the core of a regional civil protection agreement unique to South Africa, co-ordinating the civil protection resources of 17 local authorities in the event of a regional crisis.

The depot also hosts training courses for the private

sector, ranging from an emergency management course for top echelons to floor management and basic first aid.

In a city with shopping malls, hospitals, 1 200 educational institutions and 85 old-age homes civil protection planners cannot be too careful. Neither can homeowners.

"The most valuable thing anyone is likely to own is their house, yet so many are without contingency plans, a handy list of emergency numbers, a first aid box or fire extinguisher," he said.

# Peninsula's elderly prisoners at home'

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Fear of attack keeps old people indoors

DN HOLLIDAY  
Crime Reporter

PICTURE of old men and women throughout the Peninsula, cowering behind locked doors, too afraid to venture outside for fear of becoming victims of exploding criminal activity, is painted in a scientific study of crime against the elderly.

Elderly black people are twice as likely to become victims of violent crime than their peers in the coloured community and more than three times more likely than elderly whites, according to a report based on the study.

The research by the Human Sciences Research Council examined attitudes, experiences and perceptions of more than 2 000 elderly people throughout the Peninsula.

The report was presented by divisional chief researcher Dr Lorraine Glanz at a workshop at Valkenberg Hospital this week.

She found that 16 of every 1 000 elderly whites were likely to become victims of violent crime, compared with 26 in the

coloured community and 52 in the black community.

Elderly men, particularly black men, were more likely to be victims than elderly women.

More than half the black elderly indicated they felt very unsafe in their neighbourhoods at night, compared with just over a quarter of the coloured and white elderly.

Black aged living in Nyanga reported considerably greater fear of crime than those living in Guguletu or Langa.

Most black elderly carried "knobkerries" or clubs for personal protection, compared with a quarter of the coloured and just over a third of the white.

The white aged considered the impact of crime to have had the greatest effect on the lives of other people.

Nearly three out of four people in this group believed people in general had changed their lifestyles because of fear of crime, whereas half said they had done so personally.

The elderly were unanimous in their opinion that specific areas, not necessarily in their own areas, instilled considerable fear in them.

Bus stops, bus terminuses, railway stations and subways were mentioned as being very dangerous areas for elderly people.

Collecting their pension was "an extremely hazardous exercise" because of the threat of robbery.

Although there were police at some payout points, people believed the police were there to protect the people paying out the pensions and not the pensioners.

While special buses had been recently provided for some elderly on pension days, gangsters and robbers had simply turned their attention to the remaining "exposed" areas, such as from the exit of the pension pay-out building to the bus pick-up point, and from the bus stop to the homes of the elderly.

Black elderly, particularly, said they were not able to move around freely, even during the day. Participation in community activities had ceased for many and the quality of their lives had declined in return for safety from crime.

White elderly held considerably more positive views of the police than coloured and black elderly.

Two out of three of the white aged felt the police were doing a good job, compared with about one in three among coloured and black aged.

One in five black aged felt there were too many police in their areas, compared with one in 50 of coloured and one in 100 whites.

Police "pre-occupation" with political unrest and the lack of attention to ordinary crime were also referred to in interviews.

One informant noted that those who committed crime were aware they were relatively safe from police action and there was little chance of their being caught.

The most common type of crime reported by all respondents was theft.

A large number of crimes were not reported to police and did not become part of the official crime statistics for the area, contributing to the under-representation of the true extent of crime against the elderly.

# Gangsters terrorise train passengers

By CHRIS BATEMAN

SIX gangsters terrorised domestic workers in third-class carriages between Kalk Bay and False Bay stations yesterday before being confronted and chased by two passengers.

Captain Loekie Jordaan, head of the Peninsula's train crime unit, confirmed having had complaints from two of the victims, but said no arrests had been made by early last night.

Domestic worker and part-time teacher Ms Sporty Ngwevela of Langa said the gangsters, one armed with a knife, boarded the train at Kalk Bay.

"As we were pulling out of Muizen-

berg one asked another in Afrikaans from which side he should begin. The other guy said to take all rings, watches, earrings and bags and said he would work the other end," she said.

As the train pulled into False Bay station she fled from one carriage onto the platform and into another carriage. Two male passengers had meanwhile cornered the gangsters on the platform.

On being told of the incident within the hour by the Cape Times, Captain Jordaan dispatched additional men to the scene, saying it was the first incident there for several weeks".

# Workers fear Ottery gangs

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By WILLEM STEENKAMP

THE gang warfare that has been raging in the Ottery area for the past few weeks has workers in the area fearing for their lives.

Claims this week that nine gangsters have been killed in fighting in the past month were disputed by police, who said that three have died since November 5.

A man who works in Ottery, who did not want to be identified, this week said that the area around his workplace was "a war zone — it's like a real war zone", with battles between large numbers of gangsters raging constantly.

The man said the fighting was mainly between the Mongrels and the Eurocats gangs, and that nine gangsters had been murdered including "one shot dead on Sunday".

Police spokesman Major Gys Boonzaaier confirmed the death on Sunday, but said the claims of nine deaths were untrue.

He said Mr Ismail Hendricks, 32, was shot dead at the Rosedale Hof block of flats at 12.15am on November 5, and Mr Aubrey Harris, 30, was shot dead at the Oxford Hof flats at 11.45pm on the same day.

The third gangster killed was Mr Steven Dunston, whose body was found at 5.45pm on Sunday in the parking lot of the Pick 'n Pay in Ottery.

All three were members of the Eurocats gang, Major Boonzaaier said, and added that police suspected Mongrels members of the killings.

Three cases of attempted murder were also being investigated following another shooting at Oxford Hof on November 5, Major Boonzaaier said.



# Tension rises over vice in Surrey Estate

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**DENNIS CRUYWAGEN**  
Staff Reporter

TENSION is mounting in the Surrey Estate, the middle-class Cape Flats suburb where battle lines have been drawn between residents and alleged drug dealers and shebeen owners.

Residents, who asked not to be named, say they want a drug and liquor-free suburb.

"We don't want drug dealers or shebeens here," one said.

They threatened to set up a blockade from Fridays to Sundays to keep customers away from shebeens and drug dealers and to force them to close.

One resident warned: "We are ready for them.

"They attacked a member of the community to provoke and scare us. We are fully prepared for them — we have licensed firearms and the manpower to protect ourselves."

He added that feelings were running high in the community.

"It's only because we have been trying to control emotions that a full-scale war has not broken out. We don't want to sound militant, but we have our rights and will protect them if the police cannot drive these people out."

About 15km from Cape Town, Sur-

rey Estate is a mainly Muslim community, but residents say their anti-drug campaign is supported by all denominations.

Drug merchants and shebeens have been active in the area for some time, but the community became aware of their operations only three years ago.

Mandrax and dagga are sold on Surrey Estate's streets.

Residents claimed police were not doing enough to stamp out the activities of drug merchants and shebeens.

"They carry out raids but these people carry on their business."

Residents said they had been watching shebeens and drug merchants and had established who their customers were and where drugs were dropped off.

"If we, with our limited resources, could have established this, why can police not do more?" one asked.

On Tuesday night last week about 400 residents visited drug merchants and shebeens to tell them to get out.

"Cowards that they are, they ran away and left their wives to take the message. We told them that the residents of Surrey Estate wanted them to stop their business or get out," a resident said.

A deputation also visited shebeens and drug merchants last Friday.

"We want them to know that we will help to rehabilitate them."

## Worried residents told not to 'take law into own hands'

**DENNIS CRUYWAGEN**  
Staff Reporter

POLICE, while acknowledging that they are having problems with drugs and shebeens in Athlone, have warned Surrey Estate residents not to take the law into their own hands.

Athlone divisional commissioner Colonel Jan Benadie said police could not condone or support plans by residents to seal off shebeens and places selling drugs.

He said: "We are here to maintain law and order. We cannot allow residents to take the law into their hands. I want to appeal to Surrey Estate residents to give us a chance."

He said police had "big problems" with drugs and shebeens in Athlone.

But they could only act against people breaking the law if they had evidence.

"We are just as concerned as Surrey Estate residents about this menace and we will give our co-operation to the community. But we require their co-operation as well. We cannot take action unless we know what is going on."

He said information about the activities of shebeens and drugs dealers could be given anonymously to police.

● People with information about these activities can reach Colonel Benadie at ☎ 934 9356.

# Teaching people to fight back

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11/2/91  
By DIANA STREAK

ATLANTIS, planned as a dream city 16 years ago but now swamped by unemployment and violence, has a successful crime resistance movement which was launched nationally yesterday.

The Self Protection Programme (SPP) is the brainchild of Mr Martin Capito, who launched his pilot programme in Atlantis, 50km from Cape Town, in 1988 after years of research.

Atlantis, home to 60 000 people of whom at least half are unemployed, is today battling drug abuse, gang warfare, domestic violence and other social problems which have earned it a reputation as one of the worst crime areas in SA.

## Safety

Mr Capito has become a hero among communities in the Cape who have participated in his programme, which is designed to empower them to stamp out violence — and now he is poised to introduce his Build a Safer Nation Campaign to the rest of SA.

A 4th Dan karate black belt with a background in industrial relations, particularly conflict management, Mr Capito was recently chosen as one of four "Outstanding Young South Africans" by the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The SPP already has structures in Cape Town, Port Elizabeth, East London, Durban, Johannesburg and Bloemfontein.

Its aim is to make communities aware that they are not powerless against violence and crime: that collectively they can increase their safety.



**NO PUSHOVER . . . Rosemary Shapiro fends off an attack by Martin Capito of the Self Protection Programme during a self defence instruction to a women's group** Picture: AMBROSE PETERS

It also equips communities with the necessary skills, knowledge, attitude and awareness to prevent attacks in the first place.

"It is unacceptable for three men to get onto a packed train with three pangas and control the whole train. We need to equip

people to use their mass to say No!" says Mr Capito.

A particularly unpleasant incident triggered Mr Capito's belief that people needed to know how to protect themselves.

"Outside a supermarket I saw a man hitting a woman to the ground. She didn't

have the skills to prevent the blows to her face."

As people just drew back and watched, he intervened. "This epitomises our society, watching and condoning violence. We need to stop that."

His aim is to empower women, children and the elderly because they are the victims of most attacks.

The programme directly addresses some 10 000 people every week, 8 000 of whom are children.

"That is where empowerment must start. I say to boys that it is unacceptable for a boy to hit a girl or a man to hit a woman.

"Children must learn that their bodies belong to them and that no one has the right to abuse them or molest them. That they can say No! Even to a big person."

The Building a Safer Nation Campaign was launched in Cape Town yesterday by former Miss South Africa, Michelle Bruce.

It will address workshops in schools, universities, businesses and community organisations.

# ANC calls for probe into 'corrupt cops'

South S12-11/12/91  
By Quentin Wilson

THE ANC has demanded a public enquiry into reports of police corruption in the Athlone district.

An internal police memorandum by Athlone district commander, Colonel Jan Benadie, to the regional commissioner was made public at the weekend.

In the memorandum, Benadie said:

- Certain members of the Athlone police accepted bribes from criminals.
- Members of the public are generally afraid or unwilling to give evidence to the police.
- Members of the public are treated with contempt by the police.
- Certain members of the police assist in criminal acts.
- The least qualified and most corrupt policemen are stationed in the Athlone district.

The five-page memorandum isolates three reasons for the problems.

Firstly, it alleges there are too few white policemen in the district's stations to supervise policemen from other race groups, particularly in the coloured areas. It asserts that most of the coloured members grew up in the area and have become used to "the low and poor culture" of the region and are therefore not "emotionally mature enough to behave better. In most cases, they don't know any better".

Secondly, there is a lack of educa-

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tion among Athlone's black policemen, 60 percent of whom have not reached Standard 7. The document says these policemen are not mature enough to work without supervision. Police stations in the Athlone district are also seen as dumping grounds to which corrupt policemen from other districts are transferred.

The memorandum expresses concern over where ill-disciplined policemen in the Athlone district should go.

It recommends that the Athlone district be dealt with on an equal basis by the SAP and that lectures be delivered during police training. The lectures should be primarily about public relations.

It also recommends that expulsion from the force be considered for some policemen.

The ANC responded this week, saying: "It is shocking that the police can continue to dismiss as unfounded and even malicious the numerous complaints by the ANC and other concerned organisations about their behaviour when their own internal correspondence reveals these allegations are correct."

"We demand that there should be a public enquiry into the matter. For the police to describe the matter as a 'secret' and 'internal' matter goes completely against the spirit of the National Peace Accord in terms of which the police are supposed to be more and not less accountable to the public."



LOW OPINION: Conflicts like this shape attitudes of anger towards police. PIC: YUNUS MOHAMED

## Police 'less ethical' - blacks report

By Mbuyiselo Mtsheketsho

THE ATTITUDE of black people towards the police is more negative than that of whites. This is the finding of a recent survey by the Markinor research group among 1 000 white and 1 300 black adults in the main metropolitan areas in October this year.

A statement released by Markinor said some 40 percent of blacks and 11 percent of whites believed policemen have low ethical standards. Early this year Markinor reported on the attitudes of white South Africans to the honesty and ethical stand-

ards of people in different fields. The survey has now included black opinion from Soweto, Port Elizabeth and East London.

"It came as no surprise that blacks considered policemen to be less ethical than do whites. It is interesting to note that one quarter of blacks do, nonetheless, rate policemen's ethical standards highly," the report said.

It found half of white respondents believe police have high ethics.

According to Markinor director, Mr Peter Scott-Wilson, 44 percent of blacks rated trade union leaders as having high ethical standards, while only 6 percent of whites believed this.

He said journalists are judged less harshly by blacks than by whites, with

32 percent considering them to have high ethics, and 17 percent of whites. Members of parliament were regarded as having high standards by only 17 percent of blacks and 22 percent of whites.

Responding to the findings, police liaison officer Captain Eugene Oppertman said one could expect negative attitudes from black communities toward the police because certain organisations want to see police and the community "apart from each other", which he described as "Lemnist revolutionary strategies".

He said intimidation in the Witwatersrand by political organisations could also have affected the results.

# TWO released, but brothers still in jail

South 5/12 - 11/12/91

By Thoraya Pandey

TEARS rolled down the cheeks of Mrs Ghaironessa Abrahams when her son Nazeem walked into her house this week after spending six years in jail for a politically motivated offence.

Nazeem, 32, was released with co-accused Mr Nazir Bhawoodien, 33, from Pollsmoor Prison on Monday after serving six years of a 16-year sentence for murder, attempted murder and robbery.

Their brothers, Mr Yusuf Abrahams and Mr Shaheed Bhawoodien, are still behind bars.

The four were jailed for attacking and robbing the Lincoln Tavern in Belgravia Road, Athlone, during the 1985 uprisings. A security guard was killed in the incident.

"I am happy my son is home where he belongs but I am very sad they did not release my other son, Yusuf, and his friend Shaheed," Mrs Abrahams said.

"The warders told Yusuf he would not be released because he was a second offender."

"His first offence was exceeding the speed limit. Can you believe it!" Nazeem's father, Mr Ismail Abrahams, said he would continue fighting for his other son's release with the same energy and dedication.

He had been campaigning for their release with almost no support from political organisations.

"I can count on my fingers the people who supported my family, there was no one in sight even when I needed transport to visit my sons," said Mr Abrahams.

"I consider their release my victory, though only a half victory, since Yusuf and Shaheed are still in jail," he said.

"I will continue writing letters to President De Klerk and his government. I've already written more than 200. My disappointment does not lie with organisations like the ANC, PAC and Azapo, they're not the ones jailing my sons. This government is

to blame.

"I will continue supporting any organisation fighting the cause of the oppressed," said Mr Abrahams.

Nazeem, ecstatic to be with his family, said he felt an incomplete person without his brother.

"When I left the prison, I left my heart behind," he said with tears in his eyes.

He rejected his parole when the authorities informed him that only two would be released.

"Yusuf would not hear of it, he forced me to accept the offer and I could see in his eyes it was one of the hardest things he ever had to do."

Bhawoodien said he had mixed feelings about his release.

"I am happy to be with my family but it's so difficult to accept that I am outside while Yusuf and Shaheed are still in jail," he said.

"Their release is being hampered by the oppressors. They are trying to be sincere but no oppressor is sincere, just brutal and inhumane," said Bhawoodien.



**SORROW AND JOY:** Mrs Ghaironessa Abrahams with her son, Nazeem, shortly after his release. They are holding a photo of Yusuf who is still being held at Victor Verster

# Blame it on the villains of society

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**Justin Pearce** looks at the special place reserved for serial killers and other bogeymen in the public imagination:

**W**HEN young Jacobus Louw was found murdered near Mitchells Plain last week, the media and the public were quick to jump to the conclusion that he had fallen victim to the Station Strangler who terrorised the Cape Flats in 1987 and 1988.

Such a conclusion may or may not be true. But the fact remains that the possibility of a link between the past and present murders is one that has attracted the public imagination.

In fact, we seem to be in the middle of a run of sensationalised crime stories right now.

There is the case of Mr Edward Perlmutter, the young American tourist who was murdered in the Knysna forest some months ago, and whose alleged killers have now been brought to trial.

*'Serial killers capture the public imagination in a time of social transformation and insecurity. People are drawn to something which allows a vague sense of threat to be crystallised into something that can be controlled'*

The current darling of the dailies is Mrs Louisa Chatburn, the renowned crossbow killer. And then there is the perennial front-page favourite: satanism, or rather, speculation about satanism reported as fact.

What explains our unending interest in crimes of this kind? Is it just a good old-fashioned morbid fascination, or is there more to it than that?

There is some psychological evidence that the fascination which serial killers have for the media and the public serves a particular need in all of us.

Clinical psychologist Mr Terry Dowdall suggests that people gain a certain reassurance from the existence of an habitual, identifiable criminal such as a serial killer.

"It's the age-old phenomenon of trying to construct a clear villain. It is much easier to deal with a situation in which all evil can be blamed on a particular person who has the police on his track.

"It engages people in archetypal

ideas about good and evil."

What is more, serial killers are particularly able to engage the public imagination in a time of social transformation and insecurity.

"In unsettled times, people will be drawn to something which allows a vague and unidentified sense of threat to be crystallised into clear-cut figures. These figures are concrete, limited and can be controlled," Dowdall says.

Think of the headlines over the past few weeks. There has been a civil war in Natal characterised by random bloodshed, accusations and party politicking. The situation is difficult, if not impossible, for the ordinary person to get a grip on.

Then there have been the murders — violent, yes, and horrifying in their own way, but limited and, in a sense, predictable.

Serial killers identify themselves by means of their modus operandi — they operate in one area, the weapon is similar in each case, the victims are homogeneous in terms of gender and age.

Such killers soon become media figures, their activities strongly predictable.

Hence the readiness to pin Jacobus's murder onto an identifiable figure. A similar thing happened with the Yeoville rapist. So eager were the police to find a culprit that they arrested someone on shaky evidence.

Yeoville partied in celebration, until the police admitted not only that they were wrong, but also that there may have been not one Yeoville rapist, but several.

"Identifying evil figures in this way provides a sense of control over an inchoate world," Dowdall says.

Creating an identifiable, "evil" figure helps people to deal with their own feelings of guilt. They can pin all evil onto the killer.

If one figure can embody two different demons, so much the better — hence the particular fascination for a serial killer who is also a rapist, or even better, a child molester.

The film "Silence of the Lambs" drew crowds and Oscars with its portrayal of a cannibalistic serial killer.

Recently, the trial of a Russian serial killer who was also a sadist, a child rapist, a cannibal and unrepentant noga, drew world attention.

**H**IGH-profile criminals, in short, provide convenient scapegoats. They provide a means of looking at evil, while at the same time keeping it at a distance.

So it is with satanism, a topic which must have made headlines more often in the past two years than in the previous two decades.

The subject has spawned a thriving industry in 087 phonelines. "How can I tell if my neighbour is a satanist?" "How can I tell if my children are involved in satanic practices?". These are the questions on which the phonelines offer reassurance, while warning that "South Africa is a world centre for satanism".

The number of times that

Escape from Satan  
 Hundreds of children  
 Murder a reach of 'Strangler'  
 Is dead  
 boy 9th  
 victim?  
 Accused 'had gay link'

Crossbow  
 for parents agony  
 of slain hiker  
 rape  
 IDENTIKIT  
 "Station strangler"

satanism makes the headlines could well lead one to believe that South Africa is indeed experiencing an unprecedented spate of satanic activity.

But on what grounds are these satanism reports based? Just last week a "skull" was taken as evidence of a satanic coven. It was later found to have been stolen from a biology class.

**I**n a matricide case this year, news reports did their best to play up any detail of the case that could possibly be construed as satanic. The black clothes worn by the young accused were mentioned again and again.

The word "satanism" is a useful shorthand that speaks in one word of criminal acts such as murder and torture, sexual deviancy, the rebellion of a maturing generation against their elders, and the logical antithesis of monotheistic religion.

The concept binds together everything that is anathema to a society dominated by middle-aged people in monogamous, heterosexual relationships who profess, if not practice, a religion such as Christianity, Islam or Judaism. The concept also validates these fears by linking them to crime.

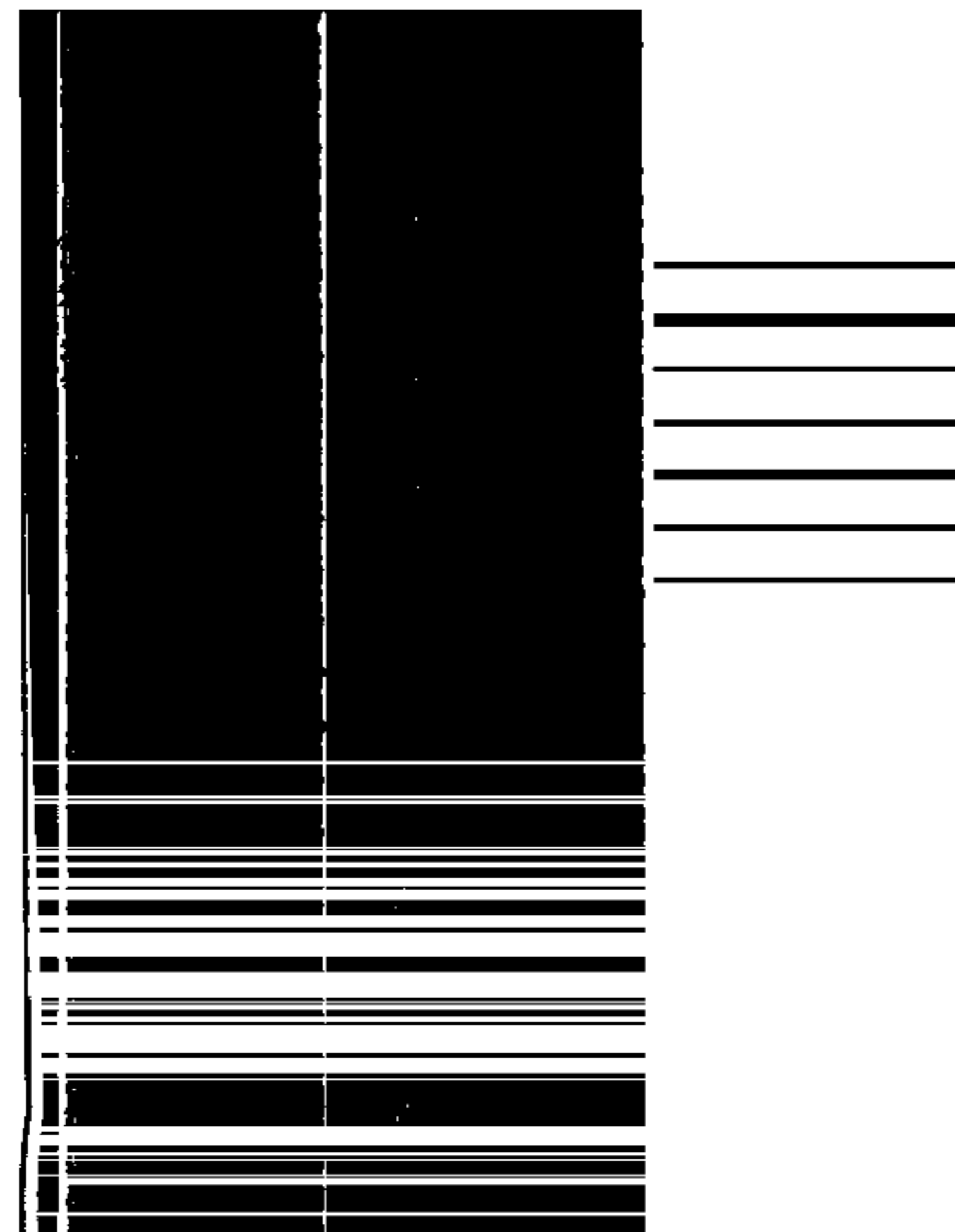
Reports on the trial of the alleged murderer of Edward Perlmutter have emphasised the fact that the accused was involved in a gay relationship. This is not the first time that newspapers have chosen to highlight the unconventional sexual preferences of an alleged criminal.

Why, one may ask, should

this fact be of any significance at all? One possibility is that the reading public like to see homosexuality linked to crime in this way — they may not have managed to drag satanism into it this time, but they did succeed in linking up at least two of civil society's favourite bogeymen.

You have every reason to hate the darling criminals of the front pages. But spare them a thought — they're doing their bit to reassure you in your beliefs and to keep you psychologically healthy.

If you didn't have them, you'd probably take it out on your spouse or the cat.



# Cops 'employ criminals'

by Diane Coetzer

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**L**AWYERS for Human Rights have accused the police of harbouring convicted criminals among its ranks.

The accusation arises out of the re-employment of a Stellenbosch policeman, Sergeant Matthews Handile, who was found guilty of assaulting a township resident.

Handile was convicted after he broke the jaw of Khayamandi resident, Mr Johnson Phenduka, and caused other injuries to his face and neck.

He was sentenced to four months imprisonment of which three months were suspended for three years.

Handile served only 15 days of his sentence before he was released. He has been re-employed and is presently stationed at the Khayamandi police station.

On Tuesday, the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Hernus Kriel, reached an out-of-court settlement

of R12 500 in the matter.

Regional organiser of Lawyers for Human Rights, Mr Wayne Malgas, said cases like this do not build public confidence in the police force "when the police are prepared to employ convicted criminals to enforce the law".

"This sends a clear message to the public that the SAP is prepared to tolerate unlawful acts by its members," he said.

Malgas said it was also pertinent that the presiding officer in the case, while not issuing an order in this regard, had placed on record his opinion that Handile was not fit to carry a firearm.

"It is unacceptable that the policeman has been re-employed in the same community in which he committed the crime."

The organisation has written to SAP Regional Commissioner, General Nic Acker, objecting to the re-employment of Handile and asking for the situation to be rectified.

A spokesperson for the police said he was looking into the matter.

# Call for anti-corruption task force

CAPE TOWN — The Cape Town Chamber of Commerce has called for the appointment of a specialist task force to bring to trial all cases of fraud and corruption uncovered by recent commissions of inquiry.

Special investigators and courts would have to be appointed.

Chamber president Herbert Hirsch said at the weekend that the chamber had urged Sacob to take up the issue with President F W de Klerk.

"Our concern is that unless dramatic and effective action is taken to

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expedite the legal process in this way, confidence in the ability of the rule of law to protect the legitimate rights and interests of citizens will be seriously undermined," Hirsch said.

He said the chamber was appalled at the depths to which business morality had plummeted.

"The continuous stream of disclosures relating to government maladministration is seriously undermining business morality," Hirsch said.

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# Family murderers leave lasting trauma

By Edwina Booyesen

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FAMILY murder is becoming a common phenomenon in South Africa, affecting not only relatives and friends of the victims but also the community.

Recently, well-known karate expert Martin Capito killed his wife, three children and then himself.

This week a Heideveld man stabbed his estranged wife, his mother-in-law and tried to kill his two daughters by feeding them rat poison. He then slit his wrists and drank poison.

Fortunately they all received medical treatment before permanent damage was done and the man will appear in court soon.

A report issued by the Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC) this week identifies two types of family murder.

According to Professor Roland Graser of the University of Durban-Westville the "murder-suicide" and the "extended suicide" differ in terms of motive, method the personalities involved and the outcome. Graser has studied the phenomenon of family murder since

1988 and found that the "murder-suicide" is primarily an act of murder.

The basic motives tend to be anger, hatred, jealousy, resentment, possessiveness and vengeance.

Many of the victims survive the attack since it is generally a spontaneous and not well-planned action and therefore not always successful.

The "extended suicide", however, tends to be planned in advance. It is usually caused by fear of suffering, escape from problems, deep-seated feelings of inadequacy, a sense of impending doom or of helplessness.

and hopelessness.

It could also be caused by a fear of degradation and love and concern for the family.

Because the act is planned in advance, the victims generally have little chance of survival.

Graser found that the result of family murders were severe and extensive. Families still suffer years after the incident took place and his research has shown that the tragedy does not only affect the relatives and friends of the family, but also the immediate neighbourhood and the larger community.



## 63 000 arrested last month

More than 63 000 people, 23 400 with previous convictions, were arrested during October for crimes ranging from child abuse to possessing drugs, police said yesterday. STAR 26/10/92

A spokesman said 452 people were arrested for rape, indecent assault and general assaults on children during last

month. (34)

A total of 1 790 people were arrested for illegal possession of drugs.

A further 329 people were charged with commercial crimes involving R21 196 404.

Police arrested 184 people for the theft of copper, aluminium and other cargo transported by Spoornet. — Sapa.

# Retailers face R300 m loss from shrinkage

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Retailers could lose R300 million this Christmas because of shoplifting and pilfering by staff members and customers, the managing director of a company specialising in shrinkage warned yesterday.

Lodge Services managing director Errol Ashman said shrinkage costs would be 1,6 percent of the retail sales during the festive season. With Christmas retail sales estimated at R19 billion this year, losses could run into millions of rands, he said.

However, Ashman said shoplifting was not on the increase at this time of the year.

He explained that retailers dealt with more people during the festive season than at any time of the year. This contributed to increased volumes and therefore more shoplifters, he

said. Shrinkage — including shoplifting, theft of company property, bad stock control and collusion between customers and employees whereby cashiers rung up lower prices — was built into company costs, Ashman said.

According to the company's newsletter, Loss Control Review, a survey that was done from November last year has shown a 100 percent increase in pilferage of cash.

This was as a result of cashiers not ringing up the correct prices, or ringing up lower amounts.

Shrinkage as a result of cashier error varied from 20 percent for permanent staff to 70 percent for casuals.

Ashman said shrinkage in the Transvaal was much higher than in the western Cape, Natal and Port Elizabeth.

## 63 000 held for crimes

PRETORIA. — More than 63 000 people, of whom about 23 400 had previous convictions, were arrested in October for various serious crimes, the police said yesterday.

They said 452 people were arrested for raping, assaulting and indecently assaulting children.

Altogether 1 790 people were arrested for illegally possessing drugs, 329 people were charged with commercial crimes involving R21 196 404, while property valued at R153 561 was recovered by the truck theft unit.

The diamond and gold unit said 284 people were detained and diamonds, gold and other precious metals valued at R973 087 were confiscated. — Sapa

## Stolen guns in 10 000 crimes

PRETORIA. — More than 10 000 murders, attempted murders or armed robberies were committed with stolen firearms in 1991, police said in a statement here yesterday. (34)

Almost 17 000 firearms were reported lost or stolen in the same period.

More than 3 400 owners of firearms had been prosecuted for loss of firearms through negligence. CT 28/11/92

Police issued the following hints with regard to the safekeeping of firearms:

- Never leave firearms in vehicles even if it is just for a few seconds, and

- When leaving on holiday, ensure firearms are stored in a safe place. Banks, post offices and other institutions have facilities where firearms can be stored. A letter of consent should be given to anyone taking care of the firearm if such a period exceeds 14 days.

— Sapa