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Police report drop in city centre crime rate

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Johannesburg's Robbery Reaction Unit had arrested 154 suspects and shot dead another two in the city centre, resulting in a notable drop in the area's crime rate, police reported.

"Although the unit has been operative for slightly more than a month, it is proving to be successful and we have recorded a noticeable drop in robberies, especially street attacks," said Lieutenant Pierre Louw, Witwatersrand police media liaison officer.

He said the arrests were connected to 86 muggings, housebreakings, car thefts, illegal gambling, handbag snatching and other cases.

The unit was established by Witwatersrand CID chief Brigadier Dries van den Heever at the beginning of December, to counter violent crime in the area.

STREET CRIME REACHED RECORD LEVELS

Brigadier van den Heever also set up a trial unit in Hillbrow which made 112 arrests in the month it operated before being incorporated into the Reaction Unit.

Muggings, bag snatchings and attacks on tourists and the elderly reached record levels before the unit started operating.

At least four muggings and other attacks were reported every day in the area, police said.

The unit's commander, Major Steve Oelofse, and his second-in-command, Lieutenant Tiny Nortje, have also said the crime rate has decreased.

Earlier, Major Oelofse said criminals were running scared because the word about the unit's successes had spread quickly.

"They are already very wary of us and many have become more careful before committing crimes," he said.

The unit's handpicked detectives operate in plainclothes in city streets and often set traps for bag snatchers and muggers.

Bloody New Year for Soweto

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SOWETO entered the New Year in a bloody fashion when at least 17 people were murdered in separate incidents of violence since New Year's Eve.

Major Fanyana Zwane, Public Relations Officer of the Soweto Police, said yesterday that four of the victims were gunned down while 13 were stabbed to death.

He said 22 women were allegedly raped during the same period.

A 28-year-old man was attacked and fatally shot by an unknown man in Meadowlands Hostel last week. The man, who was not identified, was found with a bullet wound in the head.

The body of an unknown man was found badly decomposed in an open veld in Central Western Jabavu. Police do not know how he was killed.

Maj Zwane said 58 stolen vehicles, 25 of which have been positively identified, were recovered by police since New Year's Eve. He also said at least 30 people were arrested for various offences during the New Year holidays.

Other incidents of crime reported to the police included seven cases of attempted murder, two armed robberies, 14 ordinary robberies and 16 cases of theft.

Two on terror charges

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TWO former security policemen appeared in Pretoria Magistrate's Court yesterday on charges of terrorism and charges under the Protection of Information Act. Matshwenyego Makgadudi, 29, and Tshijhango Rabuli, 33, allegedly used their positions as security policemen to make copies of secret documents.

The accused are alleged to have received payment from the ANC for information divulged.

The men failed to report sensitive information about the ANC to their superiors, the prosecution alleges.

The two are facing several charges of terrorism and of being active ANC supporters. They were remanded until January 14 without being asked to plead.— Sapa.

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Man shot dead after police stake-out in Johannesburg

Stolen copper racket

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Crime Reporter

In a "great breakthrough" police have smashed a theft syndicate in the Transvaal in connection with copper bars worth R2 million stolen from trains.

Six men, including three company directors and three employees of South African Transport Services (SATS), were arrested at Vaaldrif in the Western Transvaal last month and have already appeared in court.

More arrests are imminent as police widen their investigations into the multimillion-rand illicit copper trade, said Transport Policing Branch CID chief Colonel Eddie Gerber.

Yesterday a man was fatally wounded and another 17 arrested in connection with the attempted theft of copper bars from a railway truck in City Deep, Johannesburg.

Acting on a tip-off, police staked out the spot and arrested the 17 after they offloaded the bars at about 1.50 am.

About 5.45 am six men arrived in a car and were about to get the bars into the vehicle when police pounced again.

In an ensuing fight a man was shot when he tried to grab a policeman's firearm.

The Vaaldrif consignment of 330 bars weighing about 35 tons was allegedly being loaded on to trucks from a train when police struck on December 17.

Two policemen, Sergeant Theunis Mudge and Warrant-Officer J. J. van der Merwe, had boarded the train at Mafikeng. It was "diverted" to the unmanned railway station at Vaaldrif.

That night the policemen observed men arrive with a crane and unload the bars into trucks.

Police were initially alerted by the theft of another copper consignment at Twyfelspoort 10 days earlier — after the station master discovered copper worth about R750 000 was missing from a wagon.

Documents had allegedly been fraudulently altered and the train "diverted" from Mafikeng to Twyfelspoort, also in the Western Transvaal.

Colonel Gerber said the copper originally came from Likasi in Malawi and had already allegedly been "sold" to a firm for R90 000. It was destined for Rotterdam. The money has since been recovered.

"We consider it a great breakthrough because the theft of copper, especially on the East Rand, is a multimillion-rand industry and a massive problem."

The six who have already appeared in the Boons Magistrate's Court are Mr Frederick Nel (33), a Mafikeng company owner; Mr Adriaan Fourie (47), assistant station foreman at Mafikeng Transport Services; Mr Abel Wagenaar (35), another station foreman at Mafikeng; company owner Mr Mihalus Kania (36) of Pretoria; and Mr Carl Rademeyer, who owns a company in Germiston.

They will appear in court again on February 2.

Unita claims 11 killed

LISBON — Angola's Unita rebels blew up a key bridge, sacked a diamond mine and killed 11 government troops in attacks around the New Year, the organisation said yesterday.

Unita (National Union for the Total Independence of Angola) said a commando unit, acting under cover of an artillery barrage, blew up a bridge over the Lunguebungo river on Saturday.

The bridge had been built by the Russians to help supply a planned government push.

On New Year's Day the rebels overran the Kossa diamond mine outside the northern town of Andrada, capturing arms and diamonds and destroying all its equipment, it said.

Unita added that 11 government soldiers were killed and eight lorries destroyed on December 31 in an ambush near the Zaire border. — Sapa-Reuters.

Police arrest two suspects in copper theft stake-out

By Craig Kotze, Crime Reporter

Police yesterday arrested two more suspects near the shipment of copper worth R60 million at the Johannesburg railway siding where 17 other men were trapped and one shot dead a day earlier, a spokesman said.

The investigation into the multimillion-rand illicit copper trade had spread throughout the Witwatersrand and more arrests were imminent, the spokesman said.

A warning has also been issued to second-hand metal dealers not to buy stolen copper.

Yesterday's arrests came after police staked out the City Deep railway siding with its load of copper bars stored on open railway wagons.

Just after midnight about eight men arrived in a white bakkie and a minibus. Some were armed.

Police watched them load five copper bars on to the bakkie before pouncing. Shots were fired and two men were arrested. The others scattered, abandoning the minibus.

Three suspects escaped in the bakkie with the copper bars, worth R2 500.

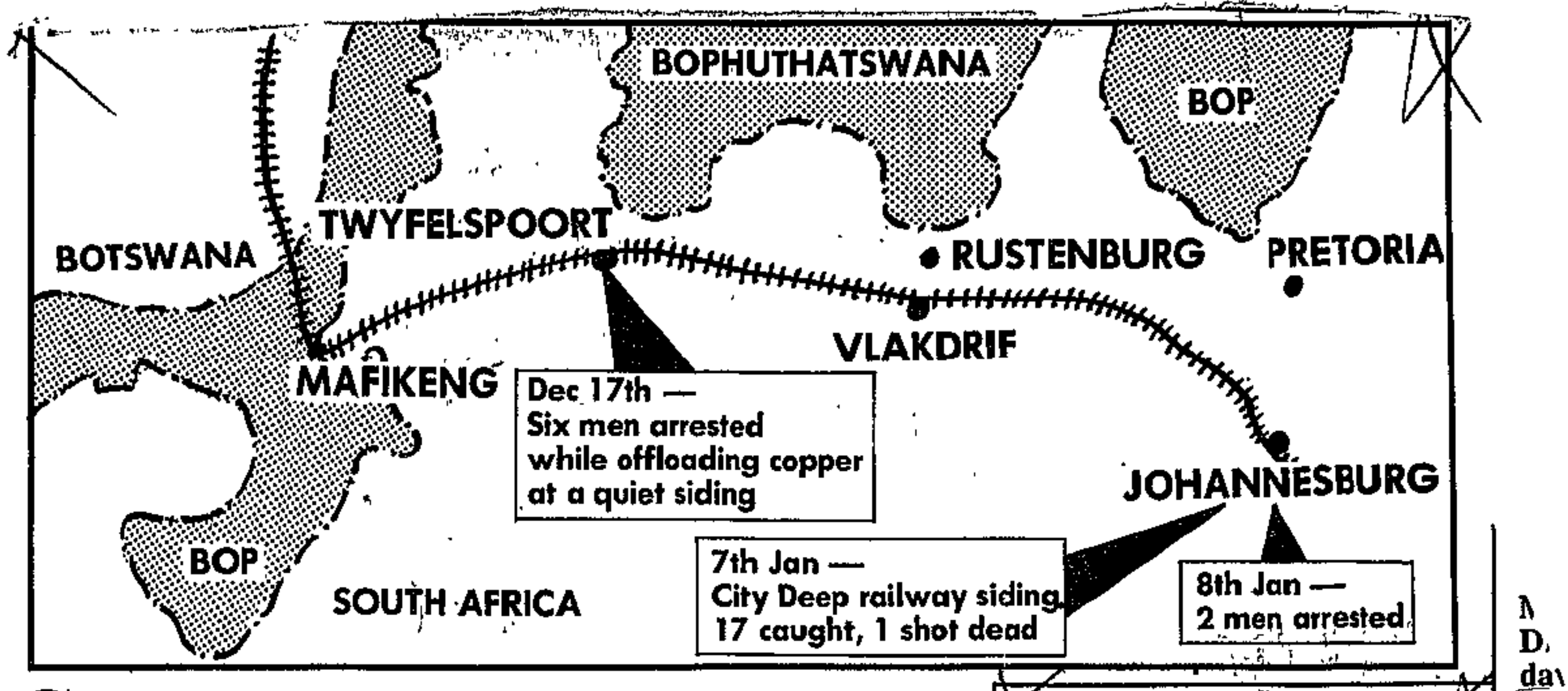
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Last month Transport Branch police smashed a six-man Transvaal syndicate linked to R2 million worth of Zambian copper stolen from trains.

A total of 25 suspects from three Transvaal gangs have been arrested.

Six men, including three Transport Services employees, were arrested on December 17 at Vlakdrif in the Western Transvaal while allegedly offloading copper from a railway wagon diverted to a quiet siding.

The three other men arrested were company directors. All six appeared in the Boons Magistrate's Court and were ordered to appear again on February 2.

Police were alerted 10 days before the swoop when the Twyfelspoort stationmaster found a R750 000 copper consignment had disappeared after a train was diverted from Mafikeng.



Copper thefts: 19 arrested

10/1/87 By Craig Kotze *STAR* (38)

Police this week arrested 19 suspects who allegedly tried to steal a R60 million trainload of copper from a City Deep, Johannesburg, railway siding.

The arrests came after Transport Branch police revealed they had cracked a R2 million copper theft syndicate with international links in the Transvaal last month.

Six men were arrested on December 17 after being allegedly caught loading copper bars from a train on to trucks at Vlakdrif in the Western Transvaal. The six have already appeared in court.

Detectives were originally tipped off when the Twyfelspoort station master discovered a R750 000 copper consignment was missing.

Of the 19 suspects arrested in Johannesburg, 17 were trapped by a police stakeout on Wednesday morning and the other two were taken at the same spot the next night.

Evidence of shooting from bakkie

By Gien Elsas
West Rand Bureau

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Evidence read to the Roodepoort Regional Court yesterday told of a ride in bakkie after a drinking and hunting party — and of the shooting at black pedestrians at the side of the road.

Before the court were Mr Jacobus Dames (28), Mr Johan Jordan (31) and Mr Hendrik Kleingeld (32), standing trial on charges of attempted murder, of illegal hunting and of damaging Transvaal Provincial Administration Property.

Yesterday Major J J Swart (referring to statements he took from Mr Dames and Mr Jordan) said Mr Jordan stated they went hunting.

"On our way back we shot at stop streets and signboards. On the Honeydew road either Mr Dames or Mr Kleingeld shot at black people. One of these people was on crutches."

Major Swart also read from a statement from Mr Dames. "We shot at road signs and at black people — I do not know how many we hit. We went back to the hotel and I sat and worried about what we had done.

"I could not sleep I was worrying so much. I heard about the shooting on the 3.30 pm news."

Captain D S Smit read Mr Kleingeld's statement to the court in which he Mr Dames shot at several people. "I shot only once on the Honeydew-Roodepoort road. I was drunk."

8 murders in Soweto over the weekend

A 23-year-old man who was found burned in Meadowlands on Saturday was one of eight murder victims in Soweto at the weekend, Soweto CID chief Brigadier J J Beeslaar said.

He had been taken from his home by a group of men. He was stabbed in the neck. Rubbish was heaped on him and set alight. His body was found in Zone 2.

In one of the murders a 26-year-old man was found at the Meadowlands Hostel on Saturday with bullet wounds in the chest. The body of a 40-year-old man was found near Dube hostel with shotgun wounds.

There were five attempted murders.

Four members of the Soweto municipal police were arrested for attempted murder after a man was shot in the face with a shotgun at the Dobsonville Hostel.

Police took possession of three shotguns which were reported stolen from the Soweto Council in November last year.

There were also two armed robberies, eight ordinary robberies, seven rapes and 14 thefts in the township. Seven vehicles were reported stolen.

There were five cases of burglary and six men and three women were arrested for dealing in liquor without a licence. Four were arrested for dealing in dagga.

Watsons call only four witnesses

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THE defence in the case of the three Watson brothers — Ronald, Valence and "Cheeky" — will begin summary today after calling only four witnesses to present its case.

The brothers have been charged with attempted murder, arson and fraud in the wake of a blaze that destroyed the family home on October 19, 1985. They were released on bail last Friday, five months into the trial, when the state rested its case — and emerged from court into a heroes' welcome, greeted with cheers and shouts by township residents who are avidly following the case.

The state has charged that the Watsons entered into a conspiracy with their employees, Geoffrey Nocanda and Archie Mkele, to burn down the house in order to claim more than half a million rands' worth of insurance. The state has also charged the instructions the Watsons allegedly gave their employees were designed to ensure their deaths; Mkele was badly injured in the fire.

Called as a state witness, Nocanda said he had confessed to arson only after being beaten repeatedly by security policemen. He said a bag had been placed over his head, suffocating him. Mkele was not called by the state. In his bail application, Jules Browde, SC, submitted Mkele had not been called because his evidence did not agree with Nocanda's.

This week, Watson neighbour Mrs Joan Willis-Dixon testified that seconds after the explosion at the house she heard somebody shout "He's going, he's going, he's going" and saw the tail-end of a white panel van with its lights off pulling out of the Watsons' driveway — as did another neighbour, Betty Jarvis. Both said



but neither statement featured in the statements to police, who later took videos from their flats, state case.

Valence Watson, the only brother implicated by Geoffrey Nocanda, told the court the family had been ostracised by the white community since their move into non-racial rugby 10 years ago, when they left the Crusaders Club to play for the KwaZakhele Rugby Union. Dr Dante Craven had warned the brothers would be banned from rugby for life. When black boycotts of white shops

were launched in the Eastern Cape, the Watson brothers' clothing shops were exempted. Police, said Watson, had stationed themselves outside the shop doors, "intimidating customers by their presence". The brothers had received anonymous telephone threats against their homes and shops. Eventually they asked that their shops be boycotted.

Watson said he "could not believe" Nocanda and Mkele had burnt the house, as he had asked them to guard it. — East Cape News Agency.

'Cheeky' Watson and brother Valence are carried from court after being released from bail. Picture: GUY TILLIM, Afrapix

Top Thokoza councillor to appear in court today

A high-ranking Thokoza councillor will appear in court today after the alleged theft of more than R1,3million from council funds.

Earlier this week, Thokoza's town clerk, Mrs Doris Thinane, appeared in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court in connection with the theft of about R500 000. She was released on R500 bail.

The councillor, who the police would not name, was arrested yesterday by Johannesburg Commercial Branch detectives after several days of investigations into the alleged misappropriation of council funds.

Lieutenant-Colonel Frans Malherbe, Witwatersrand police media liaison officer, confirmed today's court appearance of the leading councillor.

He said the man was arrested in connection with the withdrawal of R850 000 in council funds used for "other" purposes.

Colonel Malherbe said police investigations into alleged corruption in the Thokoza Town

Council were continuing. This week, the office of the Transvaal Administrator in Pretoria received a report from the Thokoza Town Council replying to allegations of financial irregularities.

Earlier, the Administrator, Mr Willem Cruywagen, had written a letter demanding an explanation after a report of the auditor-general showed financial irregularities within the council.

The council was given until last Monday to explain the irregularities which included unauthorised purchases of luxury homes for some councillors.

The Administrator's secretary, Mr H J A van Eeden, confirmed the receipt of an explanatory letter from the council yesterday.

He said this had been passed on to Mr Cruywagen.

The Mayor of Thokoza, Mr Gerald Mamabolo, could not be contacted for comment.

Murders in Soweto rose to 2 638

By Montshiwa Moroke

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A total of 2 638 people were murdered in Soweto in last year — 187 more than in 1985.

The figures were released yesterday by the Divisional Criminal Investigation Officer for Soweto, Brigadier James Beeslaar. He said 256 of the deaths were caused by guns.

"The easy availability of guns in the township is giving us a headache," he said, noting an increase of 120 firearm-related deaths in 1986.

The biggest increase in crime as a whole was in robbery cases where firearms were used.

Other crimes on the increase were rape and car theft.

These are the figures released yesterday:

- 2 638 murders in 1986.
- 256 murders by firearms in 1986, compared to 133 in 1985.
- 637 cases of armed robbery in 1986, compared to 345 in 1985.

● 1 212 cases of rape in 1986, compared to 1 173 in 1985.

● 1 778 cases of car thefts in 1986, compared to 1 595 in 1985.

Brigadier Beeslaar said there had been a slight decrease in crime in general compared to 1985. The biggest had been in robberies where weapons other than firearms were used.

"There was a decrease in crime in general last year. This we attribute to increased patrols by security forces in the townships," the brigadier said. "The drop was also partly due to the co-operation of law-abiding citizens and the people in general.

"Unfortunately, there are now more firearms, legal and illegal, available in Soweto. More people can lay their hands on firearms and we have to attend to this serious problem."

Police have arrested 16 people in the past week in connection with 12 cases where firearms were used. They have also recovered five firearms — and a toy gun.

The CID chief said the arrests were made by the Soweto Murder and Robbery Squad at Protea.

Car deliberately drove over woman — witness

The Argus Correspondent
JOHANNESBURG. — Mrs Maria Rametsi, the domestic worker who died after being run down while sitting in a Pretoria park in December, had twice been deliberately driven over, a witness said.

Police have been criticised for not arresting any of the three white suspects. They say they are investigating a charge of culpable homicide, but that this charge could be changed to murder if the killing is found to have been deliberate.

Police say their investigation is nearly complete and documents will soon be forwarded to the Attorney-General.

A witness, Mrs Johanna Mahlangu, told how she saw Mrs Rametsi being run over.

She said Mrs Rametsi screamed for help as the car ploughed into her, and then drove over her a second time.

The same vehicle, Mrs Mahlangu said, had just missed hitting her (Mrs Mahlangu), two

children and another youngster as they were crossing the road.

The driver appeared to be angry at the presence of blacks in the park, she said.

Mrs Mahlangu said she was about 18 metres from Mrs Rametsi, who was sitting in the unfenced park, when a white car approached along Njala Road. There were three white people in the vehicle.

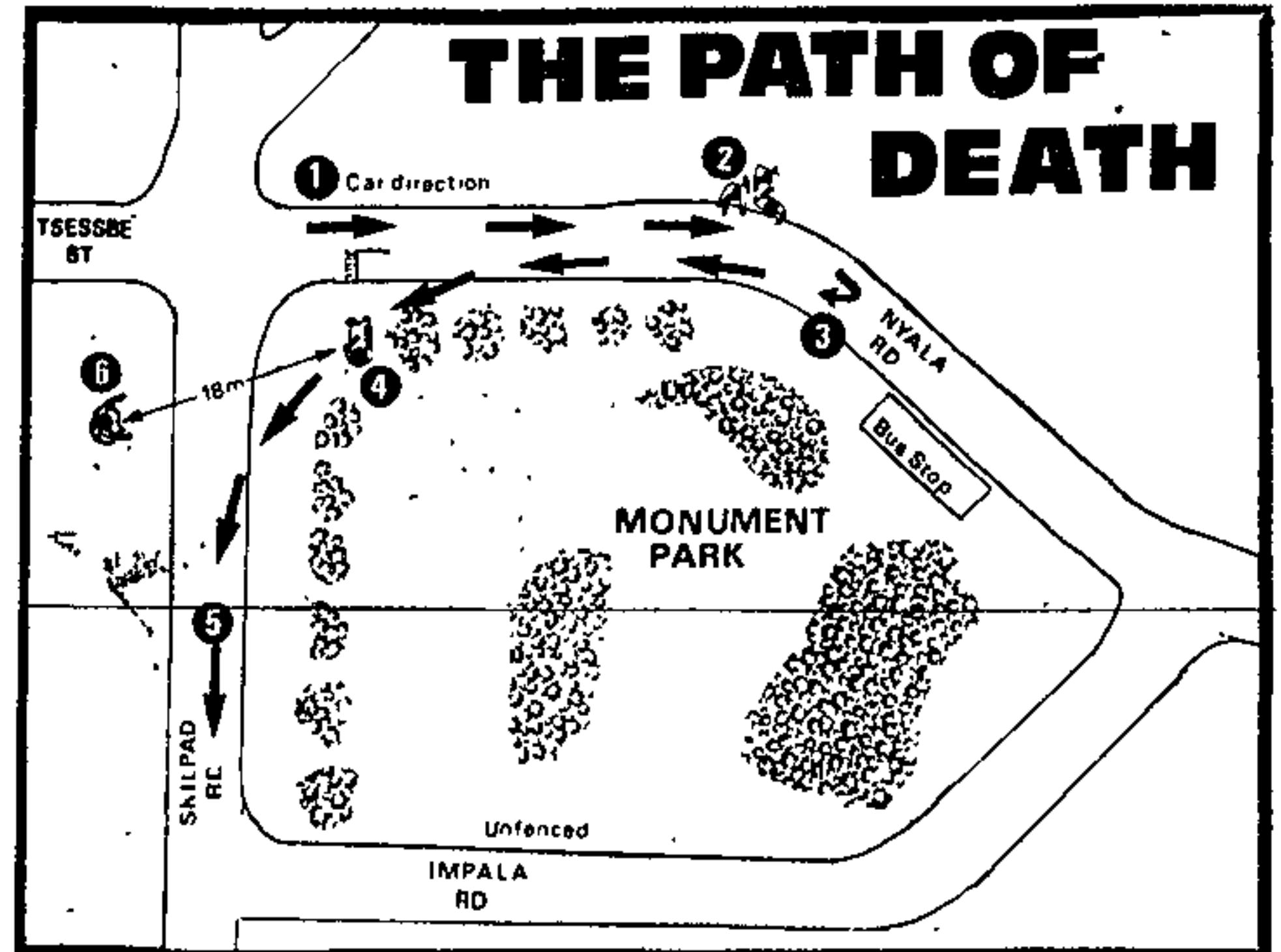
The car appeared to drive straight at a group of three black youngsters.

The car missed them, executed a quick U-turn and headed towards Mrs Rametsi who was sitting about 16 metres from the edge of the road.

The car ignored a stop sign in Njala Road, veered off the roadway into the park and hit Mrs Rametsi.

"I heard Mrs Rametsi screaming for help from under the car. But the car reversed a little and drove over her again.

Mrs Rametsi was taken to the Kalafong Hospital's intensive care unit where she died on January 2.



PATH OF DEATH: The sequence of events leading to the murder of Maria Rametsi in a park in the Pretoria suburb of Monument Park: 1. The car approaches the park along Njala road. 2. It narrowly misses a group of black children crossing the road on their way to the park. 3. It does a U-turn and leaves the road. 4. The car enters the park and hits Mrs Rametsi. 5. The car disappears down Skilpad road. 6. The position of eye-witness, Mrs Johanna Mahlangu.

Botswana joins SAP in cross-border probe

Police make R1-m stolen vehicle swoop

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By Craig Kotze, Crime Reporter

Police in Botswana and the Western Transvaal have struck at vehicle rackets — and in the past two weeks have recovered stolen South African cars and motorcycles worth more than R1 250 000.

Police figures show that last year more than 50 000 vehicles were stolen in South Africa, and insurance executives say the multimillion-rand “industry” is among the fastest-growing crime in the country. As a result, insurance premiums are soaring.

The insurers say that stolen luxury cars are being smuggled into Botswana, Swaziland and Zimbabwe.

But in a two-pronged swoop during the past fortnight, 52 cars — including luxury sedans and expensive four-wheel-drive vehicles — have been recovered in Botswana, and by Western Transvaal detectives.

Twelve suspected car thieves have been arrested in Soweto as a result of the Western Transvaal investigation. Botswana police have arrested one man.

Police say more arrests and vehicle recoveries are imminent.

Botswana police told The Star today that, working in co-operation with the South African Police, 32 vehicles suspected to have been stolen in South Africa had been recovered in Maun in northern Botswana.

According to the Botswana police, the recovered vehicles are worth more than R648 000.

Members of the police vehicle branch at Zeerust visited Botswana last week to identify the vehicles, said Detective Senior Superintendent Tymon Katholo of the Gaborone police.

Investigations are continuing and more arrests could be made soon, and more vehicles recovered, said Superintendent Katholo.

Hillbrow bikes

The stolen vehicles included 27 Toyota four-wheel-drive bakkies.

“The vehicles had apparently been sold to the locals at Maun because we recovered them at different times last week,” he said.

“We come across many stolen South African cars in Botswana.”

So far during the past fortnight the police at Oberholzer, near Westonaria, have recovered 32 motorcycles worth more than R127 000, and 20 cars — mostly BMW's — worth about R500 000.

Most of the cars had been stolen on the Witwatersrand, and the motorcycles taken in Hillbrow, Johannesburg.

The CID chief for the Western Transvaal, Colonel F W Mostert, said at least 12 men had been arrested in Soweto in connection with the thefts.

More arrests are expected as police continue their investigations, and more are vehicles recovered, he added.

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

The increase in crime is an universal tendency, and even causes great concern during international crime conferences.

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)
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Isipingo	112	21	477	320	51	93	160	51	160	1 059	162	1	—
Montclair	96	26	181	384	46	128	209	103	72	977	218	—	—
Umbumbulu	113	22	144	52	25	5	144	45	33	145	8	—	—
Umlazi	228	54	677	1 341	144	60	274	22	391	1 297	170	—	1
Wentworth	23	1	131	472	18	31	150	57	42	583	101	—	—
Brighton Beach	17	6	62	199	5	183	264	28	26	920	163	—	—

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Durban South: offences
182. 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 each specified police station in the Durban South police district of the Port Natal Division in 1986?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

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Training of policemen/women

183. Mr G B D McINTOSH asked the Minister of Law and Order:

- (1) (a) How many colleges for the training of (i) policemen and (ii) policemen are there in the Republic, (b) where are they located in each case, (c) how many (i) Whites, (ii) Coloureds, (iii) Asians and (iv) Blacks are on the teaching/instructor staff of each of these colleges and (d) in respect of what date is this information furnished;
- (2) (a) how many (a) Whites, (b) Coloureds, (c) Asians and (d) Blacks were trained

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ed at each of these colleges during the latest specified 12-month period for which information is available?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

- (1) (a) (i) and (ii) 4 colleges.

(b) Pretoria.
Bishop Lavis, Cape Town.
Wentworth, Durban with additional accommodation at Cato Manor.
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- (c) (i) 228 members.
- (ii) 27 members.
- (iii) 12 members.
- (iv) 85 members.
- (d) 9 February 1987.

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

184. Mr D J DALLING 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 (j) possession of drugs were reported at each specified police station in the Randburg police district in 1986?

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
Randburg	43	25	172	476	49	242	1 468	498	3 430	—
Alexandra	116	8	451	274	69	161	97	359	62	—
Branley	31	44	57	154	15	547	1 249	383	1 250	—
Halfway House	12	41	44	50	13	36	159	62	676	—
Sandton	13	34	73	225	25	113	951	255	1 649	—

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185. Mr B B GOODALL asked the Minister of Finance:

What amount in general sales tax had been derived from (a) individuals, (b) companies, (c) the (i) building and construction, (ii) retail, (iii) wholesale, (iv) manufacturing and (v) services sectors in the (d) any other specified sources in the 1986-87 financial year as at the latest

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

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Walmere	35	4	100	97	25	41	244	98	654	—
Kabega Park	26	14	217	147	51	76	444	135	696	—
New Law Courts	6	11	86	260	4	101	547	167	664	—
Louise Grange Square	13	14	100	288	22	139	1 063	410	1 565	—

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Sandton/Bramley/Lombardy East: offences

176. Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Law and Order:

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

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

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Sandton	13	73	225	1 649	113	951	3 198	255	41	25
Bramley	31	57	154	1 250	547	1 249	3 257	383	24	15
Lombardy East	9	24	68	645	77	578	950	150	9	4

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(c) the abuse by criminal elements of unrest situations to commit crime.

The increase in crime is an universal tendency, and even causes great concern during international crime conferences.

Alexandra: offences

177. Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Law and Order:

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

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

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

The increase in crime is an universal

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

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

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

Johannesburg: offences

178. Mr A B WIDMAN 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 Johannesburg police district in 1986?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

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

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

The increase in crime is an universal

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

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

Soweto West: offences **28**

172. Mrs H SUZMAN 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 Soweto West police district in 1986?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

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

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Soweto East: offences

173. Mrs H SUZMAN 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 Soweto East police district in 1986?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

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

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

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

Sebokeng/Sharpeville: offences **28**

174. Mr P G SOAL 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 Sebokeng and Sharpeville police station areas in the Vereeniging police district in 1986?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

The increase in crime is an universal tendency, and even causes great concern during international crime conferences.

Port Elizabeth: offences

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

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

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ported during the (i) period 1 January to 31 December 1986 and (ii) last specified 12-month period for which figures are available and (b) in how many cases were recoveries made in respect of each of these periods?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(a) (i) and (ii) 131 033 cases for the period 1 July 1985 until 30 June 1986.

(b) Because of the extent of the work involved in the compilation of the statistics, the particulars are not readily available.

Note: Because statistics for the period 1 July 1986 until 31 December 1986 are not yet programmed, the particulars for the period are not readily available.
The increase in this crime can mainly be ascribed to:

(a) the increase of motor vehicles especially among the coloured and black

Hillbrow	(a)	(b)	(c)
Norwood	42	18	211
Lombardy-East	11	11	58
	9	5	24

Note: The particulars are furnished for the period 1 July 1985 until 30 June 1986, because the statistics for the period 1 July 1986 until 31 December 1986 are not yet programmed and therefore the particulars are not readily available.

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populations in the Republic, while the necessary storage facilities are not always available.

(b) the fact that individuals increasingly neglect to secure their vehicles against burglaries and also unnecessarily leave loose articles in their vehicles.

Hillbrow/Norwood/Lombardy: offences

103. Mr H H SCHWARZ 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 (i) Hillbrow, (ii) Norwood and (iii) Lombardy in 1986?

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
Hillbrow	42	18	211	934	86	491	5 131	783	2 548	—
Norwood	11	11	58	120	14	114	1 170	234	974	—
Lombardy-East	9	5	24	68	4	77	578	150	645	—

Note: The particulars are furnished for the period 1 July 1985 until 30 June 1986, because the statistics for the period 1 July 1986 until 31 December 1986 are not yet programmed and therefore the particulars are not readily available.

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GST

104. Mr H H SCHWARZ asked the Minister of Finance:

Whether he intends (a) reducing and (b) effecting any other changes to general sales tax; if not, why not; if so, (i) what (aa) reductions and (bb) changes and (ii) when?

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THE MINISTER OF FINANCE:

(a) No.

(b) No major changes are envisaged. As I mentioned in my Second Reading Speech, in the House of Assembly on Monday, 9 February 1987, due to the fact that the Margo Commission has made recommendations with regard to indirect taxation, it would be inopportune to propose substantive changes in general sales tax until such time as the recommendations have been considered.

It may, nevertheless, be necessary to propose certain technical amendments in the customary Sales Tax Amendment Bill which will be introduced later in the year.

(i) and (ii) Fall away.

Decentralisation/deconcentration benefits

105. Mr H H SCHWARZ asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

What was the total amount paid out in respect of decentralisation or deconcentration benefits from 1 February 1986 to 31 January 1987?

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The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

R463 000 000.

Films 23/2/87

106. Mr H H SCHWARZ asked the Minister of Economic Affairs and Technology:

(1) What amounts were paid in subsidies in the 1985-86 financial year in respect of films in (a) Afrikaans, (b) English and (c) the Black languages;

(2) in respect of how many films in each language were these subsidies paid?

THE MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND TECHNOLOGY:

(1) (a) Afrikaans	R2221 966
(b) English	R1 250 580
(c) Black languages	R5 574 349
	R9 046 895

Note: The amounts were paid in respect of films released during the 1985-86 financial year as well as in respect of films released during previous years but which still qualified for the subsidy.

(2) (a) Afrikaans	13
(b) English	4
(c) Black languages	129

Browne Commission

109. Dr W J SNYMAN asked the Minister of National Health and Population Development:

(1) Whether certain bodies or persons have been requested to comment on and make recommendations in regard to the report of the Browne Commission; if so, when;

(2) whether the Government intends making its decisions in this connection known after these comments and recommendations have been received; if so, (a) when is it anticipated that the decisions will be made known and (b) in what manner will this be done?

THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND POPULATION DEVELOPMENT:

(1) Yes, during February 1987.

(2) The Government will consider further steps at an appropriate time depending on the comments received.

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Detainees

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

(1) (a) How many persons have been detained under Proclamation No R103 of 1973, as amended by Proclamation No R226 of 1978, in each magisterial district since its promulgation in 1973 and (b) in respect of what date is this information furnished;

(2) whether any persons are being detained under this proclamation at present; if so, (a) how many, (b) for what alleged offences and (c) for how long has each been in detention?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) (a) and (b) 286 persons in the Ladysmith district during the period 1 May 1984 until 21 January 1987. 1 573 persons in the Greytown district during the period 31 May 1973 until 9 February 1987.

(2) (a) 126 persons.
(b) Faction fighting.
(c) Since 21 January 1987.

Note: The figures do not include the number of detentions in terms of the proclamation in Kwazulu.

Trade union movements

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

(1) (a) How many (i) Blacks, (ii) Whites, (iii) Coloureds and (iv) Indians involved in trade union movements were detained in each month in 1986; (b) how many such persons were still in detention as at the latest specified date for which figures are available?

and (c) in terms of what legislation were they so detained;

(2) whether any of those detained were released without charges being brought against them; if so, how many?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) and (2) No person has been detained for his or her involvement in bona fide trade union activities. Where detentions whether under the Internal Security Act, 1982 or the Emergency Regulations promulgated in terms of the Public Safety Act, 1953 or other legislation, of members of trade unions did occur, it was as a result of activities extraneous to such membership.
As is the case with all detainees of the various categories, detention cease as soon as the reason therefor disappear.

Lawsuits against Minister

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

(1) Whether any lawsuits were brought against him in 1986 in his capacity as Minister of Justice by members of the public; if so, (a) how many and (b) what (i) were the circumstances of the lawsuit, and (ii) was the outcome, in each case;

(2) whether he paid out any moneys (a) as a result of successful lawsuits brought against him and (b) in out-of-court settlements; if so, what total amount in that year?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE:

(1) Yes. The given statistics include letters of intention to institute action.
(a) 48.

Cause of action

(b)	(i) Number	(ii) Cause of action	(iii) Number
	6	unlawful arrest	
	13	unlawful detention	
	2	malicious prosecution	
	1	sale of vehicle whilst appeal was pending	
	1	alleged defamation by an official	
	1	prescription of MVA-fund claim	
	1	crimen injuria because of alleged insensitive search	
	1	insufficient medical treatment	
	1	injuries	
	1	death of a prisoner because of a motor vehicle accident	
	20	assault	
		claims not furthered by the plaintiff	8
		claims pending	36

(ii) Claims settled out of court

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(2) (a) No.

(b) Yes. R12 350,00.

The amounts include settlements reached pursuant to letters of intention to institute action.

Germiston: offences

168. Mr B B GOODALL asked the Minister of Law and Order:

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
Germiston	49	21	213	300	37	322	918	320	1 179	—
Kathlehong	316	66	1 869	1 283	274	894	375	1 319	542	—
Primrose	7	5	52	129	13	67	512	174	698	—
Alberton	31	39	287	362	43	262	1 817	351	2 279	—
Bedfordview	14	39	77	121	20	82	620	125	567	—
Edenvalle	5	29	59	127	12	58	610	142	953	—
Elsburg	15	11	79	144	5	44	305	102	596	—

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Prison	% Over- popu- lation	Prison	% Over- popu- lation
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struction of new prisons at Greytown and Stanger. Extensions, alterations and improvements at Bergville, Nongoma and Mapumulo Prisons are being planned.

The major works services programme according to which building work is programmed for a term of five (5) years.

The SA Prisons Service annually provides a priority list of identified building projects to the Department of Public Works and Land Affairs in view of incorporating them in

This programme is revised annually according to the availability of funds. The fact that a specific project appears on the major works services programme does not imply that it will be executed within five (5) years.

ANNEXURE A

ANALYSIS OF THE PRISON POPULATION AS ON 31 DECEMBER 1985 AND 31 DECEMBER 1986 RESPECTIVELY

<i>Sentenced</i>	85.12.31	86.12.31
Up to and including 6 months	8 689	8 170
6 months up to 2 years	13 085	13 132
2 years up to 5 years	39 734	33 630
Longer than 5 years up to 10 years	19 238	20 065
Indeterminate sentences	4 625	4 453
* Longer than 10 years up to 20 years	6 836	6 529
* 20 years and imprisonment for life		906
<i>Unsentenced</i>	19 976	25 418
<i>Others</i>	428	292
(Psychopaths, State President's patents, corporal punishment, periodical imprisonment, persons condemned to death)		
Total	112 611	112 595

* Categories of sentences are altered as from 1 July 1986.

ANNEXURE B

ANALYSIS OF OFFENCES CONCERNING THE 65 583 PRISONERS WHO WERE SERVING SENTENCES OF TWO YEARS AND LONGER ON 31 DECEMBER 1986

(SEVERAL PRISONERS ARE SERVING SENTENCES FOR MORE THAN ONE OF THE OFFENCES MENTIONED BELOW)

<i>Violent offences</i> For example, murder, robbery, assault, rape, etc	45 186
<i>Economic offences</i> Theft and other offences of which dishonesty is an element as well as illegal financial or economic transactions	90 785
<i>Offences concerning drugs</i> For example dealing in drugs and possession of drugs	4 874
<i>Other offences not yet mentioned</i> Drunken driving, possession of fire arms and explosives without a licence, arson, offences against the security of the State, aviation act, etc	19 867

ANALYSIS OF OFFENCES CONCERNING THE 13 132 PRISONERS WHO WERE SERVING SENTENCES OF MORE THAN 6 MONTHS UP TO 2 YEARS ON 31 DECEMBER 1986

<i>Violent offences</i>	4 292
<i>Economic offences</i>	12 515
<i>Offences concerning drugs</i>	1 539
<i>Other offences</i>	3 580

Sandton: crime prevention unit

247. Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Law and Order:

How many arrests in respect of each specified type of suspected offence were effected in 1986 by the special crime prevention unit stationed in Sandton?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

Illegal trespass	236	Robbery	24
Drinking in public	179	Theft out of motor vehicles	19
Alien Blacks and identity document offences	170	Possession of stolen property	9
Pirate taxis	102	Theft	7
Possession of dagga	86	Possession of dangerous weapons	6
Theft of motor vehicles	45	Assault with the intent to do grievous bodily harm	6
Housebreaking and attempted housebreaking	41	Dealing in drugs, including dagga	9
Possession of illegal concoctions	27	Rape	5
		Murder	4
		Forgery and uttering	4
		Escaping from custody	3
		Assault	2
		Dealing in liquor	1
		Illegal possession of firearms and ammunition	1
		Fraud	1

Unlicensed television sets

248. Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister in the State President's Office entrusted

CAP 75/487

Soldiers face assault charges

PRETORIA 38 — Four young white South African Defence Force members appeared in the Magistrate's Court here on Monday charged with assaulting black people in the exclusive Waterkloof suburb.

A number of blacks told police they were "badly assaulted" by whites wielding a range of metal implements on February 13 and 14. No evidence was led and the four soldiers were granted bail of R250 each.

Mr J C Smith, 19, Mr A W Steyn, 19, Mr M W Thompson, 20, and Mr D van Niekerk, 19, were told to appear again on March 26. — Sapa

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Gangsters sentenced

others
(19/87)

By MARTIN NTSOELENGOE

NINE members of the notorious Eldorado Park-based "Dirty Kids" gang were this week sentenced in the Rand Supreme Court for the slaying of two of the "Spoilers" gang.

They earlier faced two charges of murder, one attempted murder and two counts of malicious damage to property.

Gladwin Dixon, 20, of Richard Street, Klipspruit West, was sentenced to four lashes, suspended for five years. Sydney Diamonds, 19, also of Klipspruit West, to 18 months. A 17-year-old youth was sentenced to 18 months.

Daniel Gertse, 18, of Michigan Street, Eldorado Park Extension, was sentenced to four lashes suspended for five years.

The remaining six youths all got four lashes each, suspended for five years.

The nine, ambushed Lesley Jeffrey McPherson and Jerome Brown, of the rival "Spoilers" gang, on March 2, 1985, in a shebeen in Eldorado Park.

After cornering the two, they hit them with pangas, knives and an assortment of weapons. As a result of the assault, the two died from the injuries.

One gang member, a 16-year-old youth, earlier told the court that they fought with the Spoilers after they had attacked his cousin.

He added that Brown had attacked him with a garden fork.

According to medical evidence, both victims died as a result of head injuries. McPherson had a fractured skull and deep cuts on his face and head.

Brown suffered similar injuries, but also had a deep gash on his head and severe wounds on the face.

BEWARE OF SCRAMS

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RESIDENTS in the Vaal Triangle townships have been warned by police to be on the look-out for people masquerading as Messengers of Court who have confiscated property from several homes for rent arrears.

The warning follows reports that five residents have laid charges of theft by false pre-

Property confiscated for 'rent arrears'

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

tences at the Sebokeng police station against an unknown white man who travels in a kombi with six blacks.

A Sebokeng police spokesman yesterday said that the police have received complaints and that they were investi-

gating. They appealed to the community to help them arrest the culprits.

It is understood that these men go to homes where they know that the adults have gone to work and confront children with false documents. The spokesman said in one instance they

took furniture and other goods valued at thousands of rands after saying that the family was in arrears with their rent.

On investigation the family later found that the men were not from the Messenger of Court and had in fact stolen the goods under false pretences.

The spokesman said in other instances goods were removed from homes because families believed the stories they were told by the men, especially because there was a white person.

"We are looking for these people because more harm may be done if we do not combat this

crime," the spokesman said.

He appealed to residents to report to the police immediately if there is any person they suspect to be a crook.

Lock

They should also lock their houses if there was nobody at home.

"Children must also be advised against such elements because these men take advantage of their ignorance," the police warned.

Sebokeng police can be contacted at (016) 81-3041/4.

'Necklace' killer to hang

A 34-YEAR-OLD white man, who necklaced a black policeman "to make it look like a black killing", was yesterday sentenced to death in the Pretoria Supreme Court.

Mr Acting Justice W J Human, sitting with two assessors, found no extenuating circumstances in the murder of Sergeant Jacob Johannes

By ALINAH DUBE

Burt Ndimande on June 6, last year.

He said there has been no evidence that Henry George Burt had been dependant on either alcohol or drugs during the past four years and could also not be termed a psychopath.

The acting judge said

Burt and his friend, Mr Roger North, assisted each other in killing the policeman that night. But, he said, in the absence of evidence that the murderer was under his friend's influence at the time the crime was committed, the court concluded that he played a leading role in killing Sergeant Ndimande.

He said the two friends tried to obliterate signs of earlier assaults on the dead man's body by necklacing him. He said there was a wound on his body which was apparently inflicted by a blunt object.

"I cannot imagine death more cruel than

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Killer is to hang

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that caused by the necklace method. It belongs to an era of the Middle Ages and is barbaric and a crime of staggering wickedness," said Mr Acting Justice Human.

Said the killer before being sentenced: "I'm surprised that after the brutal way in which I was treated by the police, my accusations were still not investigated.

"This is a frame-up and dishonesty on the part of the police. I have nothing on my conscience and I shall go an honest man."

After a short silence following the killer's statement, the acting judge announced: "You will go back today and hang by the neck until you die."

Mrs Josephine Ndimande said the judge was fair in sending her son's murderer to the gallows. "I know my son will not come back. But I am happy to know that a man responsible for my heartaches is also going to die. I do not feel pity for him," she said.

Burt's paraplegic fiancée, Ms Moekie Grobbelaar, sat outside the court and wept silently after sentence was passed.

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SADF men acquitted of assault

The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — Four members of the Defence Force who appeared in the Pretoria Magistrate's Court in connection with assaults on blacks have been found not guilty.

Mr J C Smith, 19, Mr De Klerk van Niekerk, 19, of Maroelana, Mr M W Thompson, 20, of Verwoerdburg, and Mr A W Steyn, 20, of Sunnyside, pleaded not guilty to a charge of assault, five charges of assault with intent to cause bodily harm and a charge of damage to property.

Witnesses told the court they were assaulted on February 14 in Waterkloof and Ashlea Gardens by four white men.

None could identify the accused as their attackers.

BICYCLE SMASHED

Miss Dora Moloko told the court she and a boyfriend were attacked by two white men who jumped out of a car in Drakensberg Street about 10pm.

They smashed her boyfriend's bicycle. They demanded that she go with them and when she refused, one of them struck her on the head with a golf club.

Mr Jan Matlango said he was attacked about 9pm. He said both his arms were broken when he protected himself from his assailants who tried to hit him over the head with an iron bar.

Mr Isak Modisa said he was struck with an iron bar.

R10m fraud: hunt on for soccer booss

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Dispatch Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — As police launched a nationwide search for a high-flying businessman and soccer club owner, Mr Zola "Mausser" Mahobe, his girlfriend appeared in court yesterday in connection with what is believed to be the country's largest computer fraud involving R10,3m.

Charges were not put to Miss Tebello Snowy to own a light aircraft and was the first South African to appear in the Johannesburg regional court, and was remanded until June 16, when her bail application will be heard.

Miss Moshoeshe, a bank checking clerk earning R1 000 a month, was described by the arresting officer, Detective-Sergeant Dennis Brunette, as being a "very calm and intelligent woman".

The court appearance followed Miss Moshoeshe's arrest this week, soon after she and Mr Mahobe had returned from a visit to Mauritius.

Meanwhile, police alerted stations and border posts in South Africa, to be on the lookout for Mr Mahobe, alleged in court documents to have been the recipient of funds diverted by Miss Moshoeshe.

It was reported that soccer writers had been wondering how Mr Mahobe could afford to spend millions of rands building up his Mamelodi Sundowns team.

He bought Mamelodi Sundowns Soccer Club for R100 000 in 1985. He later spent R55 000 on a coach for his club and splashed out R300 000 on buying some of the best players in the country.

He was described as being a great socialite—having been seen in shebeens and parties. It is alleged that he also has a R135 000 car, owns race-horses, a computer company, butcheries, and bottle stores.

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His team's motto is: "The Sky is the Limit".

Bank fraud: soccer chief's girlfriend appears in court

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By Inga Molzen

The sequestration of the estate of Standard Bank checking clerk and the flamboyant businessman and Mamelodi Sundowns soccer club owner Mr Zola Daniel Mahobe in the Rand Supreme Court on Tuesday had a sequel in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Following the disappearance of her Soweto

millionaire boyfriend, Miss Tebello Snowy Moshoeshoe (29) was arrested on Monday by Commercial Branch detectives in connection with allegations of fraud and theft.

The Standard Bank has alleged the couple are involved in a R10 million fraud.

In the Rand Supreme Court on Tuesday the bank successfully brought an urgent application

to have the estates of Miss Moshoeshoe and Mr Mahobe placed under sequestration.

The judge granted a rule nisi. The return date was set for June 23.

Miss Moshoeshoe of Orlando East, Soweto, appeared briefly in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court yesterday in connection with allegations of fraud and theft.

The smartly dressed woman, whose only discovered assets, a diamond ring and a bracelet were provisionally removed until the matter is settled, was not asked to plead. She was then led down to the cells.

The hearing was postponed to June 6 when Miss Moshoeshoe's legal representative Mr E Dane will bring an application for bail on her behalf.

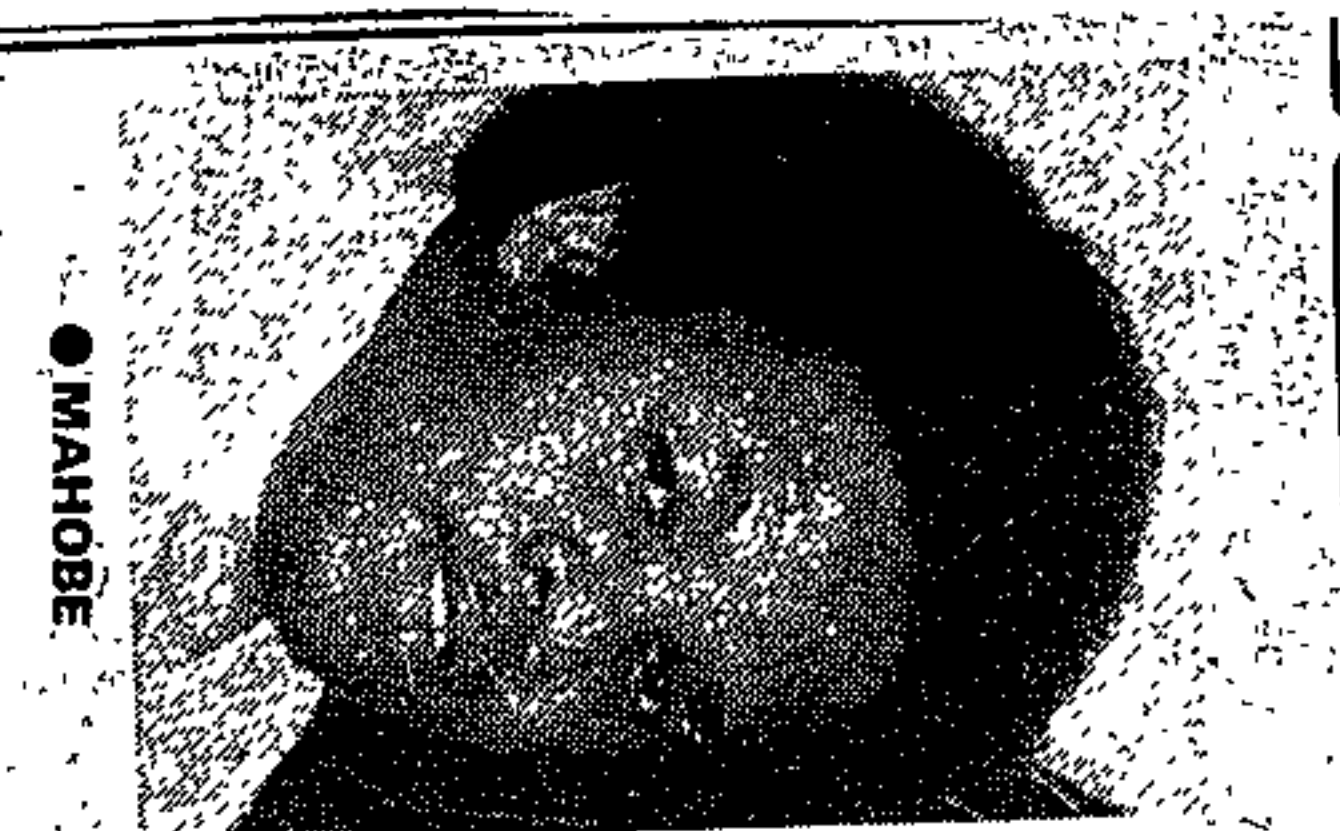
SAFEGUARDS

During this week's hearing in the Rand Supreme Court before Mr Justice van Niekerk, the court was told that Miss Moshoeshoe had circumvented the bank's safeguards.

Miss Moshoeshoe had been employed by the bank for six years and worked in the inter-branch transmission department, earning R1 000 a month.

Over a two-year period, she allegedly deposited R9 185,287 into various accounts — which included concerns of which Mr Mahobe was sole proprietor.

Miss Moshoeshoe had on several occasions allegedly debited inter-branch transmission accounts and credited the accounts of certain businesses owned by Mr Mahobe, it was alleged.



● MAHOBE

Clerk in court on R10m fraud charge

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a "very calm and intelligent woman".

The court appearance followed Moshoeshe's arrest on Monday, soon after she and Mahobe returned from a visit to Mauritius.

Meanwhile, police alerted stations and border posts countrywide to be on the lookout for Mahobe, alleged in court documents on Monday to have been the recipient of funds diverted to accounts by Moshoeshe.

SIPHO NGCOBO reports that Mahobe, whose fame and fortunes recently soared and whose spending power was unmatched in So-

weto, grew up in poverty. As a child he had begged and slept in sleazy conditions, and for his first 14 years did not know his parents.

His fame and high spending rocketed him into the public eye when he bought Mamelodi Sundowns Soccer Club for R100 000 in 1985.

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Mahobe has been described as a great socialite — seen often in shebeens, at parties and

Search for big-spending Mahobe

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at schools.

Township dwellers spoke with envy about the man who drove a R135 000 car, owned race-horses, a computer company, butcheries and bottle stores.

He was also believed to own a light aircraft, and was the first Soweto businessman to own a game reserve — called Ninja.

Last year Mahobe took all the Sundowns players, with their wives and partners, to the FA Cup final at Wembley, footing the bill himself.

About three months ago he announced he was ready to splash out R1m to uplift the standard of soccer in SA.

He disclosed plans to put aside R500 000 to build a soccer school for juniors. It was to be built somewhere be-

between Johannesburg and Pretoria.

Business Day's Durban correspondent reports that soccer writers had been wondering how Mahobe could afford to spend millions of rand building up his Mamelodi Sundowns team.

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Millionaire is in London — claim

PLANS



ZOLA Mahobe . . . lavish party.

FLAMBOYANT man-about-town, and owner of Mamelodi Sundowns, Mr Zola Daniel Mahobe, was due to formalise his relationship with pretty bank clerk, Miss Tebello Snowy Moshoeshoe, when the R10 million Standard Bank fraud was uncovered this week.

By SY
MAKARINGE

Both Mr Mahobe and Miss Moshoeshoe are alleged to have been involved in the multi-million bank fraud which police say extended over three years.

Sources told the *Sowetan* yesterday that the Moshoeshoe family threw a lavish party for Mr Mahobe at their posh Orlando East, home a few days before Miss Moshoeshoe was arrested in connection with the fraud.

Miss Moshoeshoe's mother, Mrs Mirriam Moshoeshoe, confirmed that there was a party, but would not discuss it as "it has nothing to do with the alleged fraud".

Brilliant

Mrs Moshoeshoe, a self-employed dressmaker, said her daughter, who is the last in line of five children, was a brilliant and responsible person whose only friend was her sister, Pinky.

"In fact, all my children are brilliant," Mrs Moshoeshoe said.

She said: "When their

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Standard is 'new owner' of Mamelodi Sundowns —

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SUNDOWNS TO GET NEW BOSSES

MAMELODI Sundowns owner, Zola Daniel Mahobe, was last night said to be in London as the police hunt for him continued, while his soccer club is now believed to be owned by the Standard Bank following the sequestration of his assets in the Rand Supreme Court this week.

League PRO Abdul Bhamjee confirmed yesterday that the league had been informed of the sequestration of Sundowns.

This means that the bank now owns the club and could appoint officials to manage its affairs until it is sold to defray the bank's losses.

Search

Meanwhile the police search for Mahobe continued while his players and officials pondered on the future of a team that had captured the imagination of the soccer world after big-spending Zola had turned it into one of the top sides in the country.

Mahobe was last night believed to be still in London, living it up at five-star hotels as he has done during the past three years.

According to our investigations, he left for London two days after

the FA Cup final.

Police have confirmed they were investigating the possibility that Mahobe may be in an overseas country.

Major Louis Esterhuizen of the Commercial Branch at John Vorster Square, said this yesterday.

Major Esterhuizen said police were sure that Mr Mahobe knows that they are looking for him.

He said: "We would appreciate it if he could get in touch with us as soon as possible. We are also working on the possibility that he has left the country."

A warrant of arrest was issued for Mr

Zola's assets sequestered

By SELLO RABOTHATA

Mahobe on Wednesday morning.

The warrant followed the arrest of Miss Snowy Tebello Moshoeshoe, a bank checking clerk, who was Mr Mahobe's companion and alleged accomplice.

Fraud

The hunt for Mr Mahobe follows allegations by the Standard Bank in the Rand Supreme Court this week that he took part in a computer fraud involving more than R10

million.

Miss Moshoeshoe, who was arrested on Monday — her first day back from leave — appeared in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court in connection with the fraud. She was not asked to plead and her case was postponed to June 16.

Major Esterhuizen said the fraud allegations were reported to police on May 23. Such manipulation of computers has happened before, he said, but not to this extent.

Mr Mahobe and Miss Moshoeshoe, who are

alleged to have been involved in this scheme since 1984, are the only two being investigated.

The Standard Bank successfully brought an urgent application to have the pair's estates placed under provisional sequestration in an application heard by Mr Justice van Niekerk who granted a rule nisi.

Companies

The return date has been set for June 23.

Major Esterhuizen said Mr Mahobe had three addresses of residence. The first is 1967 Mahobe Street, Moroka, Soweto, 1423

Zone 1 Pimville, Soweto and Stand 126 Lyttleton Smallholding, Middelburg (Transvaal).

He owns three companies, Z-Power Computer and Bookkeeping Services, 4th Floor, Marcus House, Eloff Street, Johannesburg; Virgin Isle Bottlestore, Budaza Street, Moroka, Soweto and Ma-Afrika Travel and Tours, Carlton Centre, Johannesburg.

Major Esterhuizen also appealed to the public to be on the lookout for six cars which the millionaire could be using. They are a 1986 Toyota Hi-Ace minibus — LCP 303 T, a 1986 BMW 318i LCY 893 T, a 1985 Corolla Avante KJF 605 T, a 1986 Golf GTi LFP 089 T, a 1985 Mercedes Benz and a 1987 BMW M5

Police have no registration numbers for the state-of-the-art BMW or the Mercedes

Fired five plan legal action

By MZIKAYISE EDOM and SY MAKARINGE

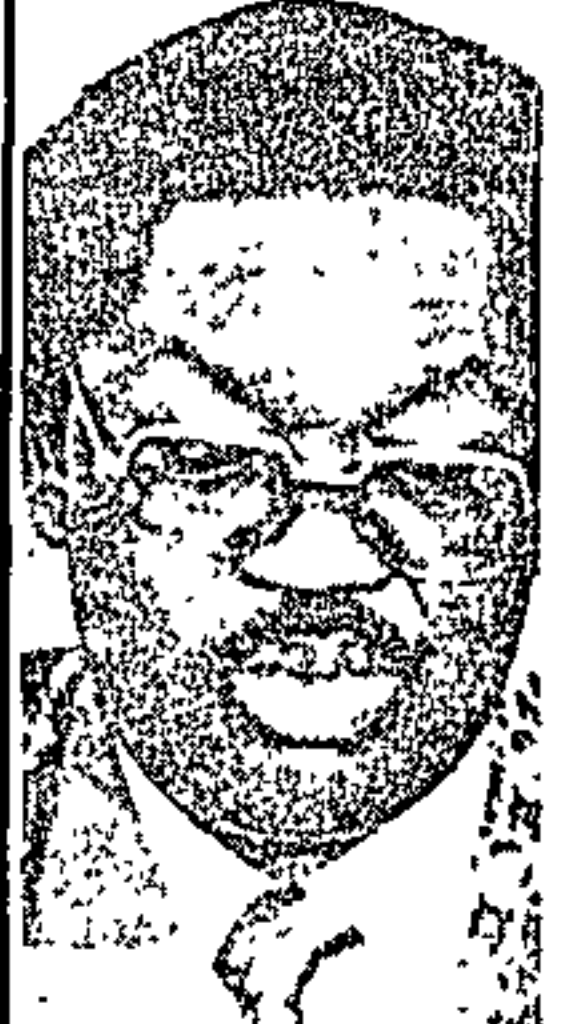
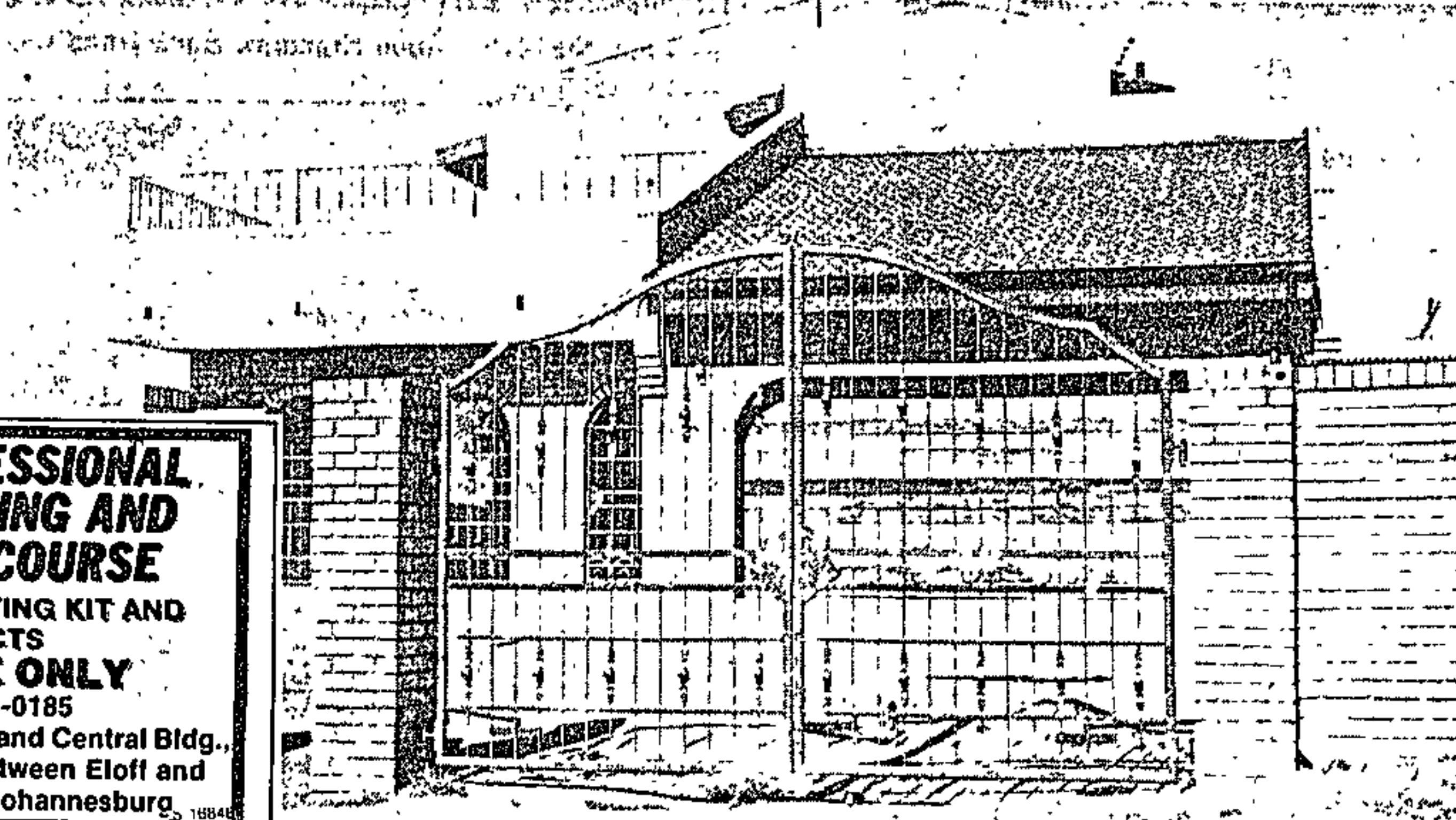
THE five dismissed members of the Thokoza Town Council on the East Rand, would be briefing lawyers soon with a view to contest their dismissal in court.

The Thokoza council was dissolved on Monday by the Administrator of the Transvaal, Mr Willem Cruywagen

Three of the eight council members have been appointed administrators to run the affairs of the township. They are Mr Jacob Sekete, formerly the deputy mayor, Mr Edward Commissioner Motoso, formerly the chairman of the management committee and Mr Joseph Madu.

The rest, Mr Gerald "Menner" Mmamabolo, former mayor, Mr Fanvana Masondo, Mr Jostah Khanyilo, Mr Muntu "Tiger" Yende and Mr Frans Mahabane, are no longer councillors.

Mr Sekete, chairman of the administrators, said



EX-MAYOR Mmamabolo... sacked.

he received a letter from Mr Cruywagen informing him that the council was being dissolved because of its unsound financial position.

At a Press conference in Johannesburg on Wednesday, Mr Mmamabolo said no reasons were given for their dismissal.

He said the councillors could only presume that it was because of the "disciplinary measure" they planned to take against the council's secretary, Mr Dana Verster.

Mr Verster was accused of undermining the authority and integrity of the council when he opposed a South African Black Municipal and Allied Workers' Union application to nullify the council's decision to reduce salaries of about 500 workers.

The case was heard in the Industrial Court, in Pretoria.

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Big plans

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father died in 1968, I struggled alone to give them a better education. I strived for them to go beyond matric," Mrs Moshoeshoe, who has acted in a number of dramas on SABC-TV3, including *Mmalonya*, said.

She said after passing her matric at Orlando High School, Snowy tried her hand at nursing, but quit after two years to join the Standard

Bank.

"I did not know about her alleged involvement in the fraud until I saw the news on TV. The whole thing came as a surprise to me," she said.

Miss Moshoeshoe appeared in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court on allegations of fraud and theft. She was not asked to plead and was remanded in custody until June 16 when her legal representative will be expected to make a bail application.

THE HOUSE ZOLA BUILT

THE R350 000 house Mr Zola Mahobe built in an exclusive, prestigious area in Rockville. The house was provisionally sequestered when the Standard Bank made a successful application in the Rand Supreme Court. A nightwatchman objected when a Sowetan photographer tried to take a picture of the house.

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JOHANNESBURG — The flamboyant millionaire soccer boss who vanished this week in the wake of a R10 million fraud allegation, Zola Mahobe, left behind a trail of debt, uncertainty and doubt as the liquidator's axe hangs over dozens of employees, associates and business interests.

Left behind was his soccer club, Mamelodi Sundowns, which is now up for sale to the highest bidder.

Also left behind was a girlfriend and a wife — the former in custody and the latter destitute — as confusion and rumour added to the mystery of the runaway millionaire's whereabouts.

Mr Mahobe and his girlfriend Miss Tebello Snowy Moshoeshoe are alleged to have defrauded Standard Bank of more than R10 million.

Miss Moshoeshoe appeared in the Johannes-

Millionaire soccer boss leaves trail of uncertainty

burg magistrates court this week. She was not asked to plead and the case was postponed to June 16.

A warrant for Mr Mahobe's arrest was issued on Wednesday.

Associates believe Mr Mahobe may have left the country in an aircraft he is said to own.

He was last seen at one of his bottlestores in Johannesburg on Monday.

This weekend a Johannesburg newspaper traced Mr Mahobe's wife — Siza — to a house in Meadowlands, Soweto, where she told reporters she had no money and did not know what to do.

Speculation this week concerning the whereabouts of the big spending businessman has

placed the fugitive soccer boss in a number of countries.

Police believe the runaway millionaire could well be hiding in Durban.

Mr Mahobe left a trail of destruction in his wake including:

- The football club which is understood to have been taken over by the Standard Bank following the sequestration of Mr Mahobe's assets in the Rand Supreme Court. The club will be sold to the highest bidder when the trustee of Mr Mahobe's provisionally sequestered estate attempts to recover some of the R10,3 million owed to the bank. The trustee, Mr Colin Fisher, said the price would be determined in consultation with the Master of the Supreme Court.

- A R500 000 race horse debt. Mr Mahobe owned racehorses worth some R1 million but sources said half this amount was still owing.

- A travel agency. The sole employee in Mr Mahobe's Carlton Centre based travel agency — who did not want to be named — faces an uncertain future.

- A liquor outlet which may survive. Employees here also face an uncertain future but expressed confidence that their security was assured.

- A computer business which could be liquidated. Worried staff at Mr Mahobe's computer business said they were hoping it would continue to operate. In 1984 Mahobe started the business as an agent for IBM.



MR MAHOBE

Mr Mahobe also owned some minor one man employee businesses such as butcheries and general stores. These may be sold off by the Standard Bank to recover some of its money. The Standard Bank is conducting an internal investigation into the disappearance of the money. — Sapa

But it's business as usual for 'Downs

ELUSIVE MAHOB

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Sawyer

MILLIONAIRE Zola "Mr Cool" Mahobe was yesterday still on the run, according to the South African Police despite rumours that he has handed himself over.

Detective Sergeant Denis Brunette of the John Vorster Square Commercial Branch yesterday said police had been following a number of leads which have proved false so far.

"We learnt that he was seen at Umlazi, Durban, where his car was allegedly burgled.



We also heard that he was in Botswana, but both these leads have been false," Detective Sergeant Brunette said.

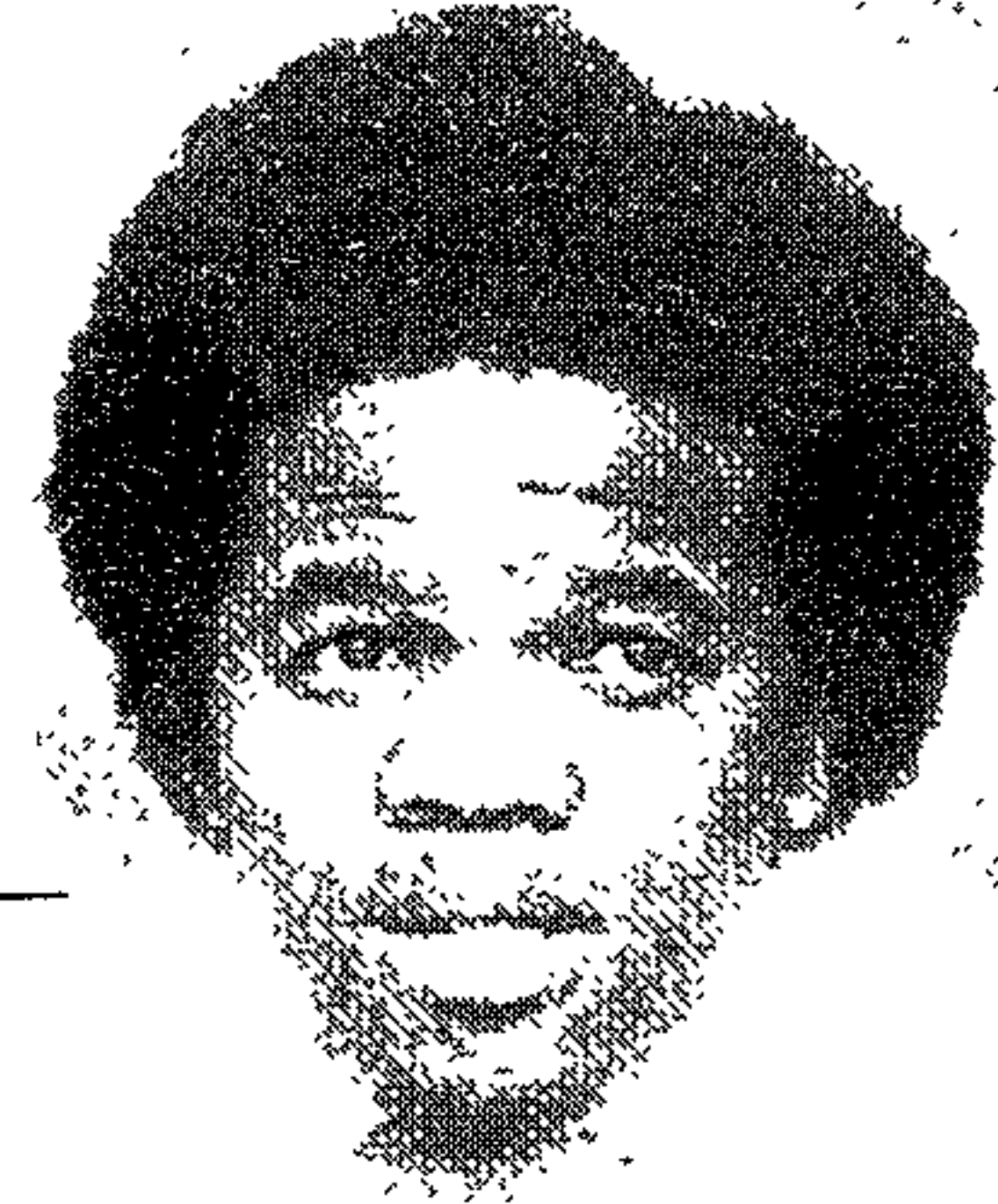
He said the South African Police had not yet contacted their counterparts overseas where Mr Mahobe is rumoured to be.

The SAP were still working on the premise that he may still be in the country.

He said: "Today we will go fully at investigating the claims that he may be overseas. We would appreciate it if he could get in touch with us as soon as possible."

Meanwhile, club PRO, Ngamula Malewa, trainer-coach, Stanley "Screamer" Tshabalala, Dr David Itsweng and lawyers, Willie Serithi yesterday said it was business as usual for the club.

SNOWY Moshoeshe, Zola Mahobe's girlfriend who is alleged to have masterminded a R10,3-million fraud.



Salaries

The four said fears that the players would not be paid their monthly salaries were unfounded. They disclosed yesterday that Mahobe was not the sole owner of the team.

Tshabalala arrived from Italy on Saturday night, cutting short a three-week stay with Italian teams, Juventus and Torino.

There have been fears and speculation among soccer followers on the future of the National Soccer League first.

Police to look for Zola abroad

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division side following disclosures that it was among Mahobe's assets which were frozen after the Standard Bank made a successful application in the Rand Supreme Court to have his assets sequestered.

According to reports from Durban, Mahobe has also left the horse-

racing world in disarray. He is alleged to have bought nearly R1 million worth of racehorses at the Gosforth Park yearling sales.

The reports added that Mr Andy Williams, a Durban bookmaker and bloodstock agent, confirmed that he was owed R365 000 for four horses he bought for Mr Mahobe.

BY SELLO RABOTHATA

Sundowns 'safe'

Hunt for Zola Mahobe is still going on

MAMELODI Sundowns Football Club — part of missing Zola Mahobe's provisionally sequestrated estate — will not be summarily liquidated and will be maintained as a going concern, Mr Colin Fisher, the provisional trustee of the insolvent estate said yesterday.

Meanwhile Lieutenant Pierre Louw, the Witwatersrand police liaison officer, yesterday said there has been no trace of Mr Mahobe yet. The search is still on.

By **SELLO RABOTHATA**

In a statement released yesterday, Mr Fisher said: "I wish to allay fears that the club is to be summarily liquidated.

"I believe it to be in the best interest of the club, its players and supporters and the National Soccer League, that the club is maintained as a going concern pending the outcome of sequestration proceedings."

He said the club will

not be sold without full consultation with the Master of the Supreme Court and with others closely involved in its operations.

He also ended speculation that the Standard Bank, which applied for Mahobe's provisional sequestration after alleging that he defrauded the bank of R10,3 million, was the new owner of the club.

The matter is now in

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Hunt still on for Mahobe

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Mr Fisher's hands and the bank has no standing in any proceedings that he may decide to initiate, except in their capacity as the apparent major creditor of the estate.

National Soccer League public relations officer, Mr Abdul Bhamjee, yesterday said the organisation received a telex from Mr Fisher concerning Mr Mahobe's estate.

"This was our first official notice about the goings-on at Sundowns," Mr Bhamjee said.

Meanwhile the club's sponsors, Kappa Sports, yesterday said even though it was rumoured that the future of Mamelodi Sundowns is yet to be decided, they as official sponsors of the team, are behind them all the way.

"We would like to reassure both Sundowns players and supporters that we will not allow anything to happen to the team," the sponsors said.

The company also added that the use of its premises and facilities have been available to Sundowns' staff as their own offices have been closed.

Players and supporters are welcome to approach the company for any help they may need.

"It is in times like these that Sundowns need all the support they can get. We have been with them to share the glory of their victories, and will remain with them especially now through their bad times," the company said.

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Mahobe still on run

MILLIONAIRE Mr Zola Mahobe is still on the run, says Colonel Frans Malherbe, the South African Police's liaison officer for the Witwatersrand.

Col Malherbe said despite the R10 000 reward offered for information leading to Mr Mahobe's arrest, police are yet to talk to the owner of Mamelodi Sundowns Football Club.

"We have had several calls but all of them proved false," Col Malherbe said.

He added that "the possibility exists" that Mr Mahobe is overseas, "but we are looking everywhere."

Mr Mahobe is wanted by the police in connection with a R10,3 million fraud at the Standard Bank.

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Horwitz back in SA to face theft charges

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By Craig Kotze, Crime Reporter

Controversial financier Mr Basil Horwitz (62) who left South Africa last year amid allegations of an investor swindle involving millions of rand has reported to Johannesburg police and appeared in court.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Lieutenant Pierre Louw confirmed that Mr Horwitz was back in South Africa and had been charged with theft amounting to "approximately R3 million to R4 million".

The charismatic financier — who was also well-known for his performances as a conjurer — reported to detectives at John Vorster Square soon after his arrival at Jan Smuts Airport, police said.

He was arrested and appeared in court on May 8. He is to appear again on June 19, Lieutenant Louw said.

Mr Horwitz's estate — valued at about R1 300 000 — was sequestrated in a Rand Supreme Court order on December 9 after he failed to oppose an application by Edelston (Pty) Ltd which alleged Mr Horwitz owed them about R3 500.

Consortium

His disappearance in October left many investors in Finance and Security Investment Brokers stunned.

A consortium of Free State farmers took out a R25 000 contract with a London man to bring him back to South Africa.

A Johannesburg businessman promised to pay R25 000 to get him back.

A Pretoria psychic's aid was also sought.

Mr Horwitz left South Africa on a British Airways flight on November 3, according to Randburg liquidator Mr Jonathon Seagers, who conducted an investigation.

His Swiss girlfriend, known only as "Heidi", went with him.

Lieutenant Louw said detectives believed Mr Horwitz, who allegedly also used the name Basil Arbuthnot, had lived in London since leaving South Africa.

R10000 REWARD

A REWARD of R10 000 is being offered by the Standard Bank of South Africa for information leading to the arrest of fugitive Mamelodi Sundowns owner, Mr Zola Mahobe.

Bank's offer for the arrest of Zola Mahobe

By SELLO RABOTHATA and MOLEFI MIKA

A statement from the bank said it would pay a reward of R10 000 to any person offering substantial information leading directly to the arrest of Zola Daniel Mahobe.

The South African Police wish to interview Mr Mahobe in connection with an alleged R10,3 million fraud.

Witwatersrand police liaison officer, Colonel Frans Malherbe, yesterday said police have not

yet traced Mr Mahobe. The bank said any information — which would be treated confidentially — should be passed on to the investigating officer, Major Esterhuizen, at (011) 838-8363 Ext. 196 or by leaving a message at the same number, extension 187.

Meanwhile the Johannesburg weekly newspaper, *City Press*, yesterday pledged to help the club. Mr Keith Lister, the newspaper's legal adviser, announced at a Press conference with Sundowns' co-chairman, Dr David Itsweng, that the newspaper would pay the players' salaries for the rest of the season.

Sundowns' sponsors, Kappa Sports, earlier this week pledged to continue their sponsorship and to remain with the club through the crisis.

The interim committee of the Association of Democratic Journalists yesterday said it was regrettable that at a time when the public's right to know is seriously hampered and eroded, the owners of *City Press* should be pledging to pay the salaries of Sundowns players — something already guaranteed by the club's sponsors.

The ADJ said: "With the salary structure at *City Press* being what it is, we believe the company could have put the money to better use by upgrading the salaries of its employees or providing meaningful training for

its staff.

"It is worth noting that the owners of *City Press* have never spent money on challenging the Press restrictions in court and that some of its shareholders have actually advocated more stringent Press regulations."

The Media Workers Association of South Africa has also condemned the move.

Late yesterday afternoon the editor of *City Press*, Mr Percy Qoboza, said he was misrepresented at the Press conference.

He said the only help his paper offered Sundowns was to pay May salaries and appeal to the liquidators to expedite the proceedings.

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**African Bank
'fraud': State to
seize millions**

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Some former African Bank employees are to forfeit properties and a total of nearly R10-million in cash to the Reserve Bank after a special Government Gazette announcement that strict exchange control regulations were to be invoked.

The cash and properties were allegedly gained through irregular transactions by former employees.

Four former African Bank employees, Mr Alan Young, 36, of Florida Park, his wife Mrs Judy Rona Young, Mr Henry Alexander Harper, 43, of Fairland and Mr Arthur Edward Ferreira, 40, of Glenvista, Johannesburg, are named in the Gazette.

The cash and the proceeds from auctioning of properties will be deposited in the State revenue fund.

The Reserve Bank action follows alleged acts of fraud and contraventions of the exchange control regulations, whereby financial rands were bought but payment allegedly made with commercial rands.

Mr Young, Mr Harper and Mr Ferreira are to face charges in the Rand Supreme Court on August 17 in a trial which may last six to eight weeks.

Former managing director of African Bank Mr Moses Mobane was also going to be charged but he has died.

According to the Gazette, nearly R10-million is deposited in accounts at the Commissioner St, Johannesburg, branch of the African Bank, and the properties are in Westdene, Fairland, Florida Park, Leisure Bay, Glenvista and Gerdview.

Soccer boss: reward offered

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The Standard Bank is offering a R10 000 reward for information leading to the arrest of fugitive Mamelodi Sundowns soccer club owner Mr Zola Mahobe, who allegedly defrauded the bank of R10,3 million.

Mr. Mahobe disappeared after his girlfriend and alleged accomplice Miss Snowy Moshoeshe was arrested last week.

She will appear again in court on June 16.

Police are investigating whether Mr Mahobe has fled the country.

The estates of Mr Mahobe and Miss Moshoeshe have been provisionally sequestered in the Rand Supreme Court.

The bank said in a statement yesterday that information would be treated in confidence and could be passed on to Major Louis Esterhuizen at (011) 838-8363 extension 196 or by leaving a message at extension 187.

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'Doc' may be ripping off blacks

A WHITE Johannesburg paraplegic assumed to be a doctor and who claims to be an expert on body pains may be ripping off scores of blacks who flock to his city surgery.

The man, who calls himself Mr Tomas, charges his unsuspecting victims fees of up to R100 for consultation and treatment — more than four or five times the amounts charged by qualified and registered doctors.

"Dr" Tomas, who is renting rooms at Medical Towers in Jeppe Street, Johannesburg, gets patients by advertising in newspapers and pamphlets. It is illegal for a doctor to advertise himself.

Police

Mr Tomas claims in his pamphlets to be "the best in the country" when it comes to curing blinding headaches, pains in the back, shoulders and neck, rheumatism, insomnia (sleeplessness), muscular spasms and nervous tension.

A spokesman for the South African Medical and Dental Council in Pretoria said yesterday that the council did not have the name of a Dr Tomas on its records.

He said he would take the matter up with the police at John Vorster Square as the man could be running his business illegally.

Mr Jonathan Nkomo, of Meadowlands in Soweto, was charged R90 for "treatment" he received for his aching back. A *Sowetan* reporter, who pretended to be suffering from pains in the back when he visited Mr Tomas, was charged R100.

Mr Tomas yesterday confessed that he was not a doctor, although he did not object when addressed as one.

He denied that he was ripping people off.

East Rand hit by spate of violent rapes

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East Rand Bureau

A spate of violent rapes has been reported on the East Rand.

One involved a woman who is to seek an abortion after being raped by three men in March.

A senior police spokesman said today the 22-year-old woman failed to report the attack at the time because she feared her family's reactions.

The rape occurred in Knights Road, Primrose.

The woman told police she was driving in the area at about 7.30 pm when a man jumped into the road and flagged her down.

He pulled open her door and pushed a knife into her back. Two other men got into the car. They forced her to drive to mine dumps where all three raped her.

Police said the men robbed her of R3 and fled.

● Police are still looking for three men who raped a Bedfordview woman in front of her husband while he was tied to a tree.

The couple, both aged 44, of Morninghill, were strolling along Linksfield Ridge on Sunday when they were overpowered by three men, one with a screwdriver and two with knives.

The husband was tied to a tree and gagged. The woman was raped by the three men, robbed of her gold watch and bound to a tree.

She managed to free herself and untied her husband.

A police officer yesterday described the incident as a shocking and traumatic experience for the couple.

Identikit of the suspects were expected to be released today.

● Two men linked to two separate incidents involving the rape of three women in Alberton were found by po-

lice on Monday.

One was shot dead and the other arrested.

The first incident involved a 33-year-old Alberton woman who was raped at knifepoint near a railway line in Verwoerd Park on Saturday.

Two Katlehong women, aged 23 and 25, were also raped at knifepoint by two men on the same spot on Monday.

A three-man police team accompanied one of the women to the scene of the crime.

A kilometre further on, she identified the two suspects, who tried to flee.

Police said warning shots were fired but ignored. Three more shots were fired, fatally wounding one man.

Dairy Belle workers given return deadline

SMA 10/6/87 By Mike Siluma

Following a two-day lockout, members of the Food and Allied Workers' Union (Fawu) at five Transvaal Dairy Belle plants have been given a deadline to return to work by 8 am today, or face dismissal, according to the union.

A Fawu spokesman said a meeting with management to resolve the deadlock in wage talks had failed to take place yesterday because the union was unable to consult with members.

In a statement, Dairy Belle's general manager, Mr JF Grobbelaar, said the lock-out was "to induce Fawu members employed by the company to accept the company's final offer in respect of those changes in wages and collective conditions of employment currently in deadlock".

COUNCIL CASH MISUSED - CLAIM

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A TOP official of the Katlehong Town Council on the East Rand is alleged to have misused about R13 000 from council funds without its approval.

The official is alleged to have:

- Used council funds on several unauthorised trips;
- Used the money for accommodation at hotels and flying to several parts of the country without the council's approval; and
- Hired cars in various parts of the country without the knowledge of the council.

The official is alleged to have misused the money between

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

October last year and last month.

A spokesman for the council, who asked not to be named, yesterday confirmed the allegations. He said the council met last week to discuss the matter and it was resolved that the official should no longer represent the council until investigations were completed.

R13 000

He added: "The man has also been stopped from using the council's credit card which he was using while on council duties

until the investigations are through. The bank, which issued the credit card, had also been warned to cancel the official's credit card facilities."

Sources close to the council told the *Sowetan* that the official was supplied with a credit card last October to use it only when he was on council duty. The sources added that the official concerned used the credit card, resulting in a debt of R13 000 which had to be paid by the council.

The management committee of the council will be meeting soon to discuss what steps to take against the official, our sources said.

'Bank told to cancel credit card'



ZOLA Mahobe

Hunt is still on for Zola

MILLIONAIRE fugitive Zola Mahobe is still on the run. Police at John Vorster Square say they are following every clue about him, though none has proved positive yet.

Detective Sergeant D Brunette said yesterday that he knew nothing about a report in a Sunday paper that stated that police were about to make an arrest "shortly".

He said he did not give this information.

He added that the police have not abandoned leads that Mr Mahobe could be outside the country.

Mr Mahobe is wanted by the police in connection with allegations by the Standard Bank that he, with the help of his girlfriend who was employed at the bank, defrauded the bank of a sum of R10-million.

Killed in collision

THE uncle of an Azanian People's Organisation official, Muntu Myeza died at Baragwanath Hospital on Friday when the motorbike he was riding on his way to work collided with an armoured vehicle, better known as a hippo at a four-way stop in Jabulani.

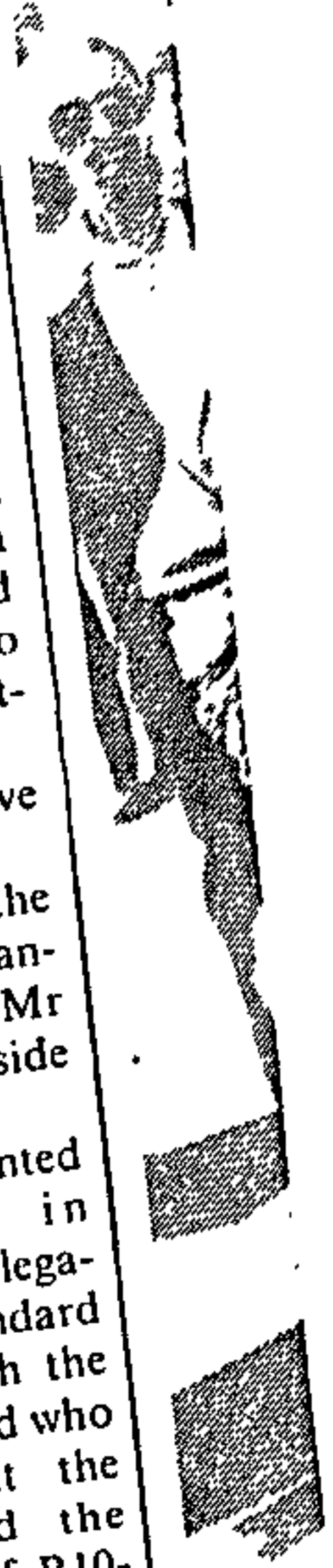
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Bank fraud: playboy's friend in court

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JOHANNESBURG — The 29-year-old girlfriend of flamboyant businessman and Melodi Sundown's soccer club owner, Mr Zola Mahobe, was not asked to plead when charged in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court today for the theft of R8,5 million.

Miss Snowy Tebello Moshoeshe, of Orlando East, Soweto, who was arrested on May 25 after her boyfriend fled, allegedly stole from her employer, the

retail division of the Southern Transvaal Standard Bank's Regional Division, on 85 occasions over a four-year period. Judgment on her bail application was expected later today. Commercial Branch Manager Louis Esterhuizen

said the State had a *prima facie* case in respect of the theft of R8,5 million. This was supported by bank documentation. Initially, reference was made to R10,3 million that had allegedly been stolen. He said the difference be-

tween R8,5 million and R10,3 million would be "difficult to reconstruct because documentation referring to the initial transactions had been damaged". Police are following up leads regarding Mr Mahobe's whereabouts. — Sapa

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Police on new trail in R10m fraud case

Post Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — Police are following a new lead regarding the whereabouts of former Mamelodi Sundowns football club boss, Zola Mahobe, who is wanted in connection with alleged computer fraud.

But members of the police Commercial Branch are still in the dark regarding R10,3 million missing from the Standard Bank.

This emerged in evidence in the Johannesburg Regional Court yesterday when Miss Snowy Tibellos Masheshoe appeared on a bail application in connection with fraud while she was a clerk at the bank.

Major Louis Esterhuizen, of the Commercial Branch, said a liquidator had been appointed to deal with the estates of the accused and her alleged accomplice, Mr Mahobe.

It was also stated that the police were following up new leads.

The bail application was refused. — Sapa

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R8 1/2-m bank theft charge: woman clerk refused bail

By Inga Molzen

An application for bail for Miss Tebello "Snowy" Moshoeshoe (29), a R1 100-a-month checking clerk at the Standard Bank who is accused of stealing R8,5 million, was refused by the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court yesterday.

A police Commercial Branch officer said that after another two weeks of investigation, the present allegations could be extended to include the balance of the R10,3 million theft alleged initially.

Major Louis Esterhuizen said documentation on the alleged crime was being examined at present by senior bank officials. Unfortunately, documentation on the earliest of the alleged illegal transactions, dating back to October 22 1984, had been da-

maged.

He added that the police were at present following up information on the whereabouts of Miss Moshoeshoe's alleged accomplice and millionaire boyfriend, Mr Zola Daniel Mahobe.

Miss Moshoeshoe, employed at Standard Bank in its computer department and ledger section for six years "in a position of responsibility and trust", allegedly debited inter-branch transmission accounts and credited the accounts of certain businesses owned by Mr Mahobe.

Passport affidavit

The charge-sheet refers to 85 occasions between October 1984 and February 13 this year when Miss Moshoeshoe allegedly stole

from the bank's Southern Transvaal regional division.

Miss Moshoeshoe has been in custody at Diepkloof since her arrest on May 25.

An affidavit, in which she promised to attend trial, submit her passport, and abide by any further conditions of bail, was handed to the court.

Prosecutor Mr L van Vuuren said Miss Moshoeshoe was facing serious charges, was unmarried and without fixed assets or children to keep her in South Africa, so she "has nothing to lose by not standing trial".

The court heard that Miss Moshoeshoe, after matriculating in 1977, worked for three years at Klerksdorp Hospital, obtaining her general nursing diploma.

Her father died when she was 10, and until her arrest she lived in Orlando East, Soweto, with her mother.

She said in a statement: "I know the police are looking for one Mahobe in connection with a R10 million fraud. Since my arrest I have not had contact, indirect or direct, with the said Mahobe."

The magistrate, Mr A G A du Toit, said Miss Moshoeshoe had not satisfied the court that the interests of justice would not be prejudiced by the granting of bail. "I would have been surprised if she had said under oath that she would stand trial if granted bail."

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Doctor acted disgracefully, council rules

Medical Reporter

A doctor who advertised himself as a specialist anaesthetist and medical doctor and sent out accounts charging for services not rendered was found guilty by a disciplinary committee yesterday on nine counts of disgraceful conduct and two of improper conduct.

Doctor W J Verbossche of Louis Street, Northcliff, Johannesburg, who appeared before the committee of the SA Medical and Dental Council (SAMDC), pleaded guilty to improper conduct — by advertising his services and sending out incorrect accounts — which, he said, he had done in ignorance and not out of avarice.

The committee recommended he be suspended for three months.

There was evidence that in October 1986 he distributed circulars to medical practitioners claiming he was a specialist anaesthetist.

He displayed the same circular on a noticeboard at the Park Lane Clinic and the Main Reef Hospital.

The committee heard that in October last year he had sent an account to a Mrs C Joubert in which he overcharged her and on which he also described himself as a specialist anaesthetist when he was not registered as such with SAMDC.

Dr Verbossche said he came to South Africa from Holland in 1983 and believed his qualifications as a specialist anaesthetist overseas enabled him to practise in South Africa.

Vandals wreck Langa deaths memorial stone

By MONO BADELA

THE huge R6 000 tombstone erected for the 29 Langa and KwaNobuhle victims shot dead by police on March 21 1985 has been desecrated by vandals.

Residents told *Weekly Mail* that six men wearing balaclavas were seen entering the KwaNobuhle cemetery at 11pm on Thursday last week.

Five figures carrying heavy hammers, alighted from a blue minibus, according to witnesses. They then started breaking down the tombstone. Only five names of the Langa shooting victims were legible.

The driver of the minibus started hooting when he noticed that they had been spotted by residents in the nearby homes.

One of the men was recognised as a former member of the Uitenhage Youth Congress. He has joined an opposition political grouping.

The tombstone was erected last year and unveiled at a ceremony addressed by the United Democratic Front's patron, Dr Allan Boesak.

A statement issued by the Uitenhage Residents Civic Organisation, the Uitenhage Youth Congress and the Uitenhage Students' Council has condemned the vandals' "Satanic act" and said it "revealed mental retardation on the part of those perpetrators".

Residents claimed that two days before the tombstone was desecrated, a blue Sierra car was seen arriving at the cemetery and two white men took photographs of the tombstone.

A group called AmAfrika has been terrorising KwaNobuhle residents since the beginning of this year.

In another development, residents of KwaNobuhle are to sue Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok following alleged connivance of the police in a vigilante attack in which three UDF members were killed.

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'Too soon' to reduce premiums

Car theft figures plummet with the temperature

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CAR THEFT in the Johannesburg area had declined by about 30% since November last year, police liaison officer Lieutenant Pierre Louw said yesterday.

However, insurance companies maintain it is too soon to consider reducing premiums, although they are monitoring the situation carefully.

Brian Wilkinson, deputy-MD of SA Eagle, said if the decline in car theft proved to be an enduring trend, the company would pass on the reduced risk to the insured in its rating structures. However, it would wait to see what the figures for June and July would be.

A General Accident spokesman said it was looking into the situation, but would wait until the theft rate was dramatically down before considering reduced premiums.

An insurance broker, however, was sceptical about insurers' lowering premiums. He said it was more likely to be

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postponed.

A police spokesman described the decline in the number of cars stolen in the area in recent months as "dramatic". He ascribed this to a number of factors, including the cold weather. "Winter is always a good policeman."

He said the stayaways on various occasions, extra police observation duty, surveillance of locksmiths and the use of more anti-theft devices had also contributed to the drop in the number of vehicles stolen.

The Automobile Association (AA) recently congratulated the Motor Vehicle Theft Branch of the South African Police on its recent successes in recovering stolen cars.

The AA said courts were now taking increasingly stern action against car thieves and tended to mete out heavy prison sentences to first offenders.

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Former Minister charged with 28 counts of fraud

PRETORIA — A former Deputy Minister of Co-operation and Development, Mr Hennie van der Walt, was granted R5 000 bail today when he appeared in the Potchefstroom magistrate's court on 28 charges of fraud, alternatively of theft.

He was not asked to plead and the hearing was adjourned to July 10, police said.

No charge sheet outlining the alleged offences was handed in today.

The Johannesburg newspaper Beeld quoted senior police sources as saying that an amount of R1,2 million was involved.

The charges allegedly stemmed from business transactions.

Mr Van der Walt was elected MP for Calvinia and then re-elected as MP for Schweizer-Renecke in 1974, a constituency he served until 1981.

He resigned on January 22, 1981, and the following day was appointed as the nominated MP for the Transvaal by the then Prime Minister, Mr P W Botha.

Mr Van der Walt was appointed Deputy-Minister of Co-operation and Development and resigned both as deputy-minister and MP on September 14, 1983 for reasons of health. — Sapa



Mr HENNIE
VAN DER WALT

Spares racket uncovered

DANIEL SIMON

A POLICE swoop on a Laudium, Pretoria, garage on Tuesday recovered more than R1m worth of brand new motor spares and led to the arrest of two suspects, Silverton detectives said yesterday.

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DEFENCE Minister Magnus Malan's aid offer to movements fighting Marxist governments in Southern Africa was yesterday strongly rebuked by a clutch of senior foreign diplomats in SA.

Significantly, however, neither the US nor Britain would comment on Malan's statement. Holland and Austria were also among the demurers.

Jan Lundvik, envoy to the Swedish Legation in Pretoria, said he regarded Malan's statement with "grave concern".

"It sounded very ominous and we think it will aggravate tensions in Southern Africa."

Lundvik said that similar statements from the SA military leadership were usually followed by security actions.

A senior diplomat from a major European nation, who did not wish to be named, said Malan's statement highlighted the rift between the military's "openly interventionist" approach to SA's regional policy and the "classic diplomacy" of the Department of Foreign Affairs.

Diplomats reject Magnus's offer

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He said pre-emptive military strikes were justified if "sovereign rights" were threatened. "But I believe many cross-border security actions have been made without consulting Foreign Affairs," the diplomat said.

Speculation that Foreign Affairs' role in policy decisions on Mozambique is slipping to the military and intelligence services was strongly denied by the department's deputy director-general Glenn Babb earlier this week.

Malan said at the weekend SA would consider pleas for help from pro-Western movements in Southern Africa to check Soviet expansionism.

Britain would not comment directly on Malan's statement. Martin Griffiths, Press attaché at the British Embassy in Pretoria, said the Nkomati Accord with Mozambique contributed towards peace in the region.

"And we welcome Foreign Affairs' statement saying it has no intention of undoing the accord," Griffiths said.

The US Information Services said: "We've no comment to make on Malan's statement or its implications."

Senate approves vote to label food imports

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WASHINGTON — The Senate voted yesterday to require labelling of food imports by country of origin as it resumed action on a sweeping trade Bill.

"Let's give consumers an opportunity to make a choice," Republican Alan Simpson said as the measure was approved.

The plan would require the Food and Drug Administration to draw up rules providing for the labelling of virtually every type of food that comes into the US.

Critics had urged a delay in action until more could be learned about the potential impact of such a measure on US agriculture.

Imported food has made major gains against rival US products in the last two years. The country lost mon-

ey in agricultural trade for several months last summer.

The amendment was one of 120 awaiting action as the Senate pushed forward with the 1013-page Bill, which is the product of nine committees.

Floor managers for the Bill were uncertain about when the Senate would act on four major amendments viewed as key to approval of the complex measure.

The issues are advance notice to workers of plant closings; import relief for threatened industries; an oil import fee, and stepped up retaliation against unfair foreign trade practices.

Legislators continued to express confidence the Senate would eventually resolve the problems.

Soweto Council gets tough

B/Day 2/7/87 SOPHIE TEMA

SOWETO Council yesterday announced new moves to break the year-old rent boycott that has cost R294m in unpaid rents so far.

Town clerk Nico Malan said families who moved back into homes after being evicted would be charged with contempt of court and trespassing on council property.

Malan said the council had evicted 72 families since October. Some had paid the arrears, but others had moved back without permission.

Last week 21 families were arrested in Zola North and Chiawelo for having moved back into their houses without the council's permission. They were due to face charges of contempt of court in the Protea Magistrates Court, but the case collapsed as the charge was based only on hearsay evidence from an investigating officer.



Zola still on the run

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MAMELODI Sundowns owner, Zola Mahobe is still on the run, police said yesterday.

The R10 000 reward for information leading to his arrest was last week increased to R50 000.

He is wanted in connection with a R10 million fraud at the Standard Bank and has been missing since May 25.

ZOLA Mahobe wanted.

His girlfriend, Miss Snowy Moshoeshoe, was

arrested on May 25 following the alleged fraud. She has appeared in court twice. She has been refused bail. Mr Mahobe's disappearance and allegations of his involvement in the alleged R10 million fraud, have made him one of the most-talked-about man.

R27 000 THEFT IS ALLEGED

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By MANDLA NDLAZI

THE chairman of Sizamani Burial Society in Dobsonville, Mr John Maduna (46), appeared in the Roodepoort Magistrate's Court yesterday charged with the theft of R27 000.

The State alleges that he committed the offence between 1982 and 1986. He has pleaded not guilty.

The society's secretary, Miss Constance Legalatadi, told the court there were 87 members of the society and each one paid R32 as joining fee and thereafter a monthly fee of R11.

She said the money was given to Mr Maduna in her presence. She recorded it in her book and Mr Maduna scribbled the amount in some book and later transferred these amounts into another book at his home.

Burial Society Chief in Court

she said. But, continued Miss Legalatadi, Cebekhulu Undertakers denied knowledge of this.

She said Mr Maduna was then asked for a statement that would reflect the expenditure and balance for that period. He failed, she said.

Miss Legalatadi identified a book exhibited in court as the one that was used to record the money paid in by the members. The case was postponed to August 7. Mr Maduna's R500 bail was extended.

Mr Maduna refused that the money should be kept in a bank, she said.

Mr Maduna was expected to give the members a statement reflecting the expenditure and balance of the contributed money. It was obligatory that Mr Maduna issues such a statement each year.

Miss Legalatadi said when Mr Maduna was approached to assist a society member who needed money for a burial, he said the coffers were empty. He told the members that the money had been spent on eight coffins bought from Cebekhulu Undertakers.

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She said Mr Maduna told the society members that the money would be given to Cebekhulu Undertakers for safe-keeping.

Bus driver was paid R1 400 for trip but . . .

Church delegates 'left stranded'

By Pat Devereaux
Star-Line

About 60 Soweto church delegates who attended a conference in Potgietersrus were left stranded in the town when the bus driver deserted them after they had paid the full fee to hire a bus, according to their minister.

Reverend J B Matebesi, of the Reformed Apostolic Faith Mission Church, in Soweto, said he hired a bus from Mr David Masher of Clover Coaches in Lenasia to transport delegates to and from a weekend conference at Potgietersrus.

"I paid R1 200 in cash to hire a bus but at the eleventh hour Mr Masher demanded an extra R200 which I also paid. The bus driver then took us to the conference but he never collected us," said Mr Matebesi.

He said other transport had to be hired at a cost of R900 when the group realised they were stranded.

Mr Matebesi said he had since tried to claim a refund from Mr Masher who was not forthcoming.

Mr Masher was contacted by Star Line on the pretext of hiring a bus and said the total cost to and from Pietersburg, which is further than the distance travelled by the churchgoers, would be R1 200.

He denied being the owner of

a bus company and said he was simply the liaison person between bus drivers and those who wanted to hire buses.

Later a woman who said she was Mrs Masher said her husband, Mr David Masher owned Clover Coaches which hired out buses.

When asked about the incident with the churchgoers Mr Masher said he had done Mr Matebesi a favour. "As I had no buses for hire at the time I asked a bus driver, who I did not know, to take them up to the Northern Transvaal.

"The driver was paid the total amount of R1 400. I introduced him to the Reverend and stressed that he was not from

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The logo for Star Line, featuring the words "STAR" and "LINE" stacked vertically in a bold, blocky font, enclosed within a rectangular border.

my company," said Mr Masher.

He added: "The bus driver was not from Johannesburg and I have no way of tracing him."

Mr Matebesi said he was led to believe the driver was from Mr Masher's company.

R15-m fraud case: businessman faces trial on 33 counts

A trial date was set in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court yesterday for businessman Mr Ken Rosenthal (66), who faces 33 counts of fraud for allegedly borrowing almost R15 million from banks and friends to run a business that did not exist.

Mr Rosenthal of Boundary Road, Illovo, was not asked to plead to allegations of fraud involving R14 739 743.

Mr Rosenthal is alleged to have defrauded Mr Leonard Starfield, Ms Joan Starfield, Mr Jeffrey Starfield, Mr Richard Starfield and RS Trust, Harris Starfield Trust, Starfield Charitable Trust and Ms Deborah Golding of almost R6 million between 1976 and 1986.

Misrepresentations

Anglo American Shipping Company (Pty) Ltd, Mr Joseph Riverkind and International Shipping Company (Pty) Ltd were allegedly prejudiced by almost R4 million as a result of misrepresentations made between August 1977 and April last year.

Between June 1982 and April 1986, Nedbank Ltd and/or Mr Michael Woods and/or Mr Michael Geoffrey Coysh had allegedly been taken for R5 250 027.

Managing director of Texchange (Pty) Ltd, which for 10 years appeared to be a respectable and profitable yarn brokerage, Mr Rosenthal held half of the company's share capital.

He is alleged to have employed staff, taken out insurance on bad debts with the Credit Guarantee Insurance Corporation of Africa Ltd, paid insurance premiums and income tax on fictitious profits, to have printed a series of 14 different invoices representing fictitious creditors and misrepresented that Texchange Ltd owed money to creditors for goods purchased by them.

Similarly false invoices were allegedly created in the company's name to fictitious debtors — misrepresenting that the debtors owed the company money for goods sold to them.

Allegedly Mr Rosenthal had borrowed almost R15 million from investors who believed the fictitious transactions were true and had misrepresented that all loans, advances and investments were safe and secure and that the company was willing and able to repay any finance obtained.

Bail of R10 000 was extended and Mr Rosenthal was warned to appear again in court on October 12.

Mr J J B Esterhuysen was on the Bench, Mr K E Taubs appeared for the State. Mr Rosenthal was not represented.

Trail of nightclub attacks leads to battered body in car

Net closes on vicious gangs of hired killers

MIKE COHEN

Members of a vicious gang, who are already being sought for various attacks on young nightclub patrons, are being investigated in connection with a hired-killer operation which this week left a Johannesburg man battered to death in his car.

The killers are believed to have been hired by a prominent Sandton businessman to "rough up" the man. But the attackers apparently went too far. The man died on the back seat of the car in the parking area of the Bryanston shopping centre on Monday night.

Police are known to be in possession of the names of the gang members. A dossier, compiled by the mother of one of the attack victims, was handed to Hillbrow police four weeks ago.

Brigadier Dries van den Heever, divisional CID chief for the Witwatersrand, has launched a special investigation into the assaults and the murder.

"These allegations will not be tolerated. The people involved will be investigated and charged," he said.

Brigadier van den Heever began his probe yesterday and has placed all the information obtained so far in the hands of the head of the Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad, Brigadier Wessel Fourie.

At least 25 witnesses to the attacks at nightclubs and bars are prepared to appear in court to give evidence.

The police investigation only began in earnest this week when they received information that at least two of the gang members may have been involved in the killing on Monday.

Now at least four assault cases and the murder are being investigated at top level. Police at Hillbrow, Fairland, Randburg, plus the crack Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad, are involved in the investigation.

The dossier has been presented to the senior public prosecutor of

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Huge police crackdown on Johannesburg streets

In the biggest South African Police operation launched in Johannesburg, thousands of policemen hit the streets last night in an attempt to arrest suspects for crimes ranging from robbery, murder and trespassing to any illegal activity.

Reinforcements from both the West Rand and East Rand police divisions were brought in to assist in the operation. More than 900 policemen from Soweto also took part.

Members of the Johannesburg Traffic Department were also involved and road-blocks were set up across the city. The traffic department followed up on outstanding warrants for arrests for those people who had failed to appear in court.

Hundreds of traffic offenders, those with outstanding warrants for their arrests and summonses were rounded up last night by members of the Johannesburg East Rand, West Rand and Midrand traffic department officials. The John Vorster Square charge office

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was full of people arriving to pay bail for those arrested. Bail was no less than R1 000 for any particular offence.

In some cases the police were lenient but the bail amount of R1 000 for the first offence and R300 each for any additional offences was the going rate.

Large amounts of cash were handed over the counter last night as traffic department officials attempted to ease the backlog on outstanding fines.

In the city centre and in neighbouring suburbs there was a strong police evidence last night.

On almost every street corner, at least three policemen were seen patrolling.

Police vans with arrested people were seen ferrying various offenders to the closest police station.

For those who could not afford the bail money, a weekend in jail was their lot. They will appear in court on Monday.

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Many more to be prosecuted for tax defaulting

Dispatch Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — Many more than the 60 000 defaulting taxpayers being summoned countrywide annually could be prosecuted if the courts were able to cope, the chief director of Inland Revenue, Mr Schalk Albertyn, said.

Efforts to reduce the large number of reluctant taxpayers, who delay or fail to submit returns, were being intensified, he said.

Currently, about 1 200 summonses a week were being served, but if the courts and magistrates were available, the numbers could rise sharply.

Mr Albertyn said the availability of courts was the pace setter. "We regulate the volume of summonses issued according to the ability of the courts to handle the cases."

Pretoria heads the defaulters list, with more than 300 people being summonsed every week. In Johannesburg, the number is 200, and in Cape Town and Durban 100 each.

In addition to being fined by the courts, defaulters exposed themselves to a maximum Inland Revenue penalty of triple taxation.

Mr Albertyn said Johannesburg's chief magistrate had decided the current fine for a year's delay in submitting a return should be doubled.

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'I'm not Zola Mahobe says harassed Peter Mampuru



THE real Zola Mahobe.

MR Peter Mampuru

MILLION DOLLAR PROBLEM

By NAT DISEKO

OFFICE clerk Mr Peter Mampuru is landed with a million-dollar problem because of his uncanny resemblance to Mr Zola Mahobe who is a fugitive from the law.

Flamboyant businessman Mr Mahobe, who also owns top football club Mamelodi Sundowns, is being sought by police in connection with a multi-million rand bank fraud.

Mr Mampuru (32), has been stopped in the street several times by policemen who are hard on the heels of Mr Mahobe. He has even been refused service at a branch of his bank because of his

Bank is offering R50 000 for Zola's arrest

resemblance to the fugitive millionaire. Soft-spoken Mr Mampuru who works for a transport company in Midrand near Halfway House, resembles Mr Mahobe from the top of his peep to the tip of his nose. Mr Mampuru also looks about the same height and build. But there the resemblance ends.

Mr Mahobe's look-alike, who lives in Ekangala in KwaNdebele, wakes up at 4am to be able to catch the 5,10am bus to Tembisa and then waits for another in order to reach his place of employment at 8am.

These are little inconveniences that Mr Mahobe certainly could not complain about.

Looking at Mr Mampuru go through the paperwork in his draughty office contrasts to seeing Mr Mahobe in his swivel chair, telephone in hand and computer console in front of him.

Mr Mampuru's problems started about a month ago when he was spotted by police waiting for a bus in Tembisa. He was on his way to work.

The two policemen who

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Mistaken identity, says Zola double

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couldn't believe their eyes, stopped and accosted him. One demanded to see his ID while the other kept saying: "That's him. That's him." Mr Mampuru was befuddled by it all.

They were eventually convinced they had the wrong man.

Two weeks ago, Mr Mampuru had a similar experience when he had gone to Pretoria to visit his brother. He said the police asked him to produce his ID, which was at home.

He said: "We drove all the way back to Ekangala about 40 kilometres away to get the ID. But the police still asked me whether I was a brother or other relative of Mr Mahobe."

"Only last week, I had gone to Bronkhorstspuit to draw

some money from the bank. I was still busy filling in the withdrawal forms when two policemen pounced on me and took my forms and ID.

"Outside the bank, they said they recognised me as Zola Mahobe. But they later let me go after being convinced I was not the man they were looking for."

Mr Mampuru said when he went back to the bank to withdraw money, the teller would hear nothing of it and he ended up not having any money.

Mr Mampuru said another case of mistaken identity happened last week when police confronted him in Kempton Park. He said they asked him whether he went to soccer or whether he liked Sundays. They later asked him where his "brother" was.

He said he was afraid he might one day end up being shot by the police if he happened to be

running in the street. "They might just think I am evading arrest when I might be running to catch a bus," Mr Mampuru said.

He said his wife Elizabeth (25), jumped with fright at every knock on the door.

Standard Bank, which Mr Mahobe is alleged to have defrauded, has increased a reward for his arrest to R50 000.

Lieutenant Pierre Louw, SAP public relations officer for the Witwatersrand region, said yesterday that the police were still looking for Mr Zola Mahobe. "Your guess as to where he could be is as good as mine," he said.

He said Mr Mampuru could lessen his problems by carrying his ID with him all the time. "The next time he is taken to a police station, he should ask the police for a letter saying he is definitely not Zola Mahobe," Lt Louw said.

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The PFP and fighting city crime

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urban crime and violence appears to derive from unemployment. While this assumption does not condone crime, we have suggested in Council and elsewhere that the only long-term solution to the problem lies in full employment opportunities. Although this is easier said than achieved, it is extraordinary that central government has cut back on the funds it provided Johannesburg with to implement public works programmes' utilising the unemployed.

8. — However, a suitably-trained and adequately staffed police force operating "on the beat" in the suburbs and CBD can achieve two important, and interlinked, ends: firstly, to help restore the lost right of security to the people of Johannesburg, and, secondly, to help change perceptions about crime and policing.

Dear Sir,
I REFER to the report headlined "Special crime fighters to hit streets" (Business Day, July 28), which dealt with Johannesburg City Council's resolution to investigate establishing a police unit controlled by City Hall.
It is important to more fully (than the space constraints of the report permitted) elaborate the Progressive Federal Party approach to the issue as it was detailed during the debate and elsewhere:
1. — Most PFP (and other) public representatives receive persistent complaints from their constituents about escalating crime, inadequate policing of neighbourhoods, and the fortress-like conditions which residents have been obliged to endure in their own homes. Consequently, people are unable to enjoy the normal amenities of suburban and city life.
2. — Policing is not a municipal

function in SA. However, since central government is unable to adequately fulfil the security needs of its citizens, it was felt that a local initiative was required.
3. — The PFP, which first initiated the concept of a city-based police force, is conscious of the fact that the most basic right which each citizen is entitled to enjoy is that of security in his person and property. That, after all, informs the original purpose of civil, and civic, government.
4. — We believe that the establishment of a city-controlled police force gives practical expression to our commitment to neighbourhood law and order. Equally, however, we are opposed to oppression, and the misuse of certain sections of the SA Police in this regard is a matter which the PFP has chroni-

cled and acted upon over time. It was therefore stressed, during the debate, that we do not perceive of the force performing any of the functions for which black local authorities' municipal "kris konstabels" have become notorious (e.g., evicting tenants, demolishing shacks and allegedly assaulting squatters).
5. — We believe that the characteristics of a municipal police, on commitment from the SA Police but controlled by civic authorities, can, in addition, perform a unique function. It was suggested that such a force be sent on a special course on race relations in order to

display the requisite sensitivity which is required in the racially-charged atmosphere of sections of Johannesburg.
6. — The PFP also indicated that while certain residents look at every black on the street corner as a potential criminal, the reality (as borne out by the Institute of Race Relations research published in your newspaper) is that greater incidents of violent crime against person occur in racially segregated suburbs rather than in grey, or defacto integrated, parts of the city. It is important thus to deracialise the emotive question of crime.
7. — Where there is a coincidence between race and crime it is important to understand that only a limited number of criminals are pathological. The major cause of

8. — However, a suitably-trained and adequately staffed police force operating "on the beat" in the suburbs and CBD can achieve two important, and interlinked, ends: firstly, to help restore the lost right of security to the people of Johannesburg, and, secondly, to help change perceptions about crime and policing.

TONY LEON
City Councillor, Johannesburg

Whites fear over Capeen murder

By SANDILE MEMELA

THE charred and mutilated body of a white man found sprawled in a veld in Diepkloof last weekend has sent waves of fear among whites who regularly visit Soweto over weekends and holidays.

It is also believed that the authorities may impose stricter regulations on white people - mostly jour-

nalists, leaving students, employers and foreign visitors - who frequent shebeens, parties and private homes in the townships over weekends.

However, this could not be confirmed by Major Noel Heartwell, SAP public relations officer for Soweto.

"It is not possible for the police to restrict the move-

ments of, nor escort every white person who comes into the townships, but they have been requested to let us know whenever they whites are coming in for safety reasons," said Heartwell.

The past few months has witnessed a flood of white people coming into the townships to experience life in Soweto first hand.

Some others come in to provide transport for their employees during stayaways.

Almost every weekend it has become normal to see the face of a white person among crowds of black faces either in a shebeen, party or a private home.

Mostly, the white people are male who come into the townships in the company of black girls who are their neighbours or lovers in flats in the city.

Speculation is rife that the man may have been killed in the white suburbs and dumped in the townships. Also, some people believe that the man was a victim of black anger.

But Heartwell told City Press that evidence at the scene of the murder pointed to the fact that the man could have been killed inside the township.

Early this week the burnt and mutilated body of Allan Green, of Bellevue, Johannesburg, was discovered by schoolchildren as it lay sprawled in a veld near the Roman Catholic school in Zone 2.



The clothes Allan Green wore when he was murdered.

Diepkloof.

The man's face had been bludgeoned almost beyond recognition. He also had numerous wounds on his face and body and an attempt had been made to set the body alight.

Two empty cans of oil were found nearby. Curious on-lookers gathered near the scene.

The body lay in the veld for over four hours and was collected shortly before noon after security police and SAP members had come to make a check on the scene.

No arrests have yet been made.

Ciskei to wipe Chief Magoma's name off its walls

CP Correspondent

THE NAME of Chief Magoma will be obliterated from all buildings in public places in the Ciskei bearing his name, this was passed and adopted in the Ciskei Legislative Assembly early this week.

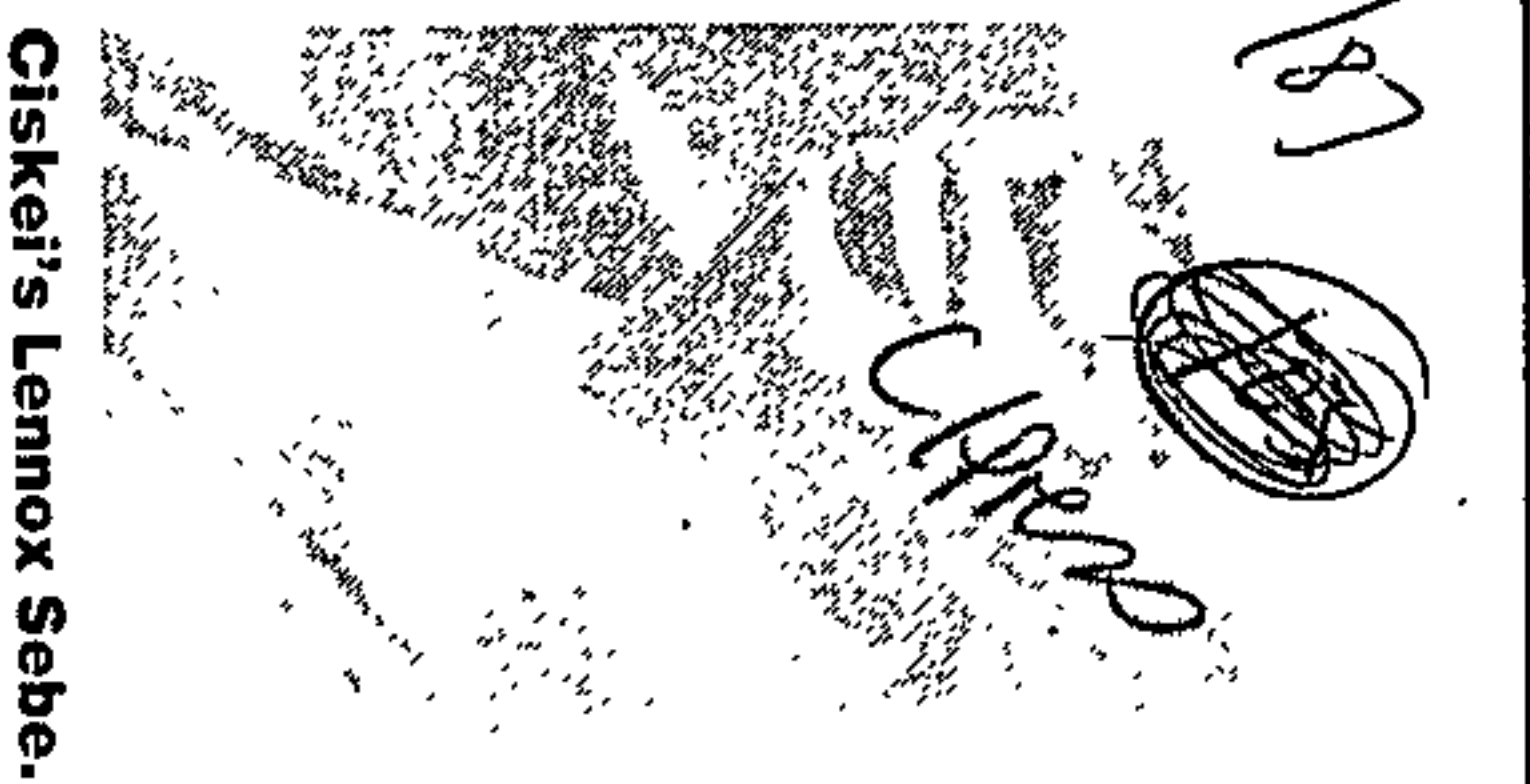
It was decided by the House of Ciskei Legislative Assembly on its last day of business after a motion was put forward by a Zwellitsha MP, Stanley Nyinywa.

Death

The speaker, H Ncwana opened the motion for discussion and members shouted "agreed".



He said that Morama



Ciskei's Lennox Sebe.



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HEARTLESS car thieves have found a cruel way to make themselves rich, while depriving needy, physically disabled and severely mentally handicapped children, by stealing their only means of transport to and from school - four mini-buses.

Hundreds of school children at the Pumla Training Centre, Phomolong in Soweto, have been left stranded since the beginning of last month after car thieves stole their buses.

The school solely depends on donations to buy mini-buses to transport their pupils, who have already missed more than a month of schooling and medical treatment.

On each occasion police have been called in to investigate the heinous crimes to no avail. It is suspected that the buses are doing their rounds in Soweto as taxis or, perhaps, have been sold to people in neighbouring countries.

The buses are used by the school to fetch the children from their homes for the centre, where they, besides being trained to use their hands, also receive their medical treatment.

The children have not been able to get to the centre and only a few do attend classes.

Disabled forced to foot it

DERRICK LUTHAYI



The thieves first pounced last year when they forcibly broke the gates and drove away in a bus which was later found burnt near Emadwaleni High School, in Dube, Soweto.

No sooner had the school authorities -

through the kind generosity of the public - bought another bus, did the thieves strike again and it was never found.

On July 1, thieves stole another bus which was parked at the home of one of the teachers, Dichabe Monnathebe. Monnathebe

said they came at night and drove off in the bus.

Last week Monday, driver Methyl Mokone was on his way to collect the children from their homes at about 7.45 am when he was confronted by three heavily-armed men near a Orlando West service station. The registration numbers of the bus hijacked from Mokone is HRB 136 T.

As a result of the latest theft, the children, some of whom are cerebral palsied with severe mobility impairments, are now without transport.

Mokone said as he approached a stop street, the three men swiftly opened the doors of the bus and forced him off the driver's seat, and before he could ask any questions he was struck with two heavy blows on his face.

"I was forced to sit in between the front seats and ordered to keep quite and not to look out of the windows. I was dumped at Mofolo Park and they vanished," said Mokone.

Acting principal Aaron Sedibane said they were appealing to businessmen and members of the public to help them with donations to buy other buses.

"We humbly appeal to the community to come to our rescue so that we are able to continue to render this badly needed service to the children of Soweto.

"It is a tragic experience that this kind of institution, which looks after the needs of mentally handicapped kids in Soweto, should become a target of vehicle thefts," said Sedibane.

It would seem that these heartless car thieves have, for some time, been preying on the helpless handicapped children by stealing their buses.

Other centres which have lost their buses in a similar manner are Tsepung in Katshehong, Uncle Ted, Johannesburg, and Phillip Kushlick, Soweto.

YESTERDAY

By Montshiwa Moroke

Building of phase two of the service centre for the National Institute for Crime Prevention and Rehabilitation of Offenders (Nicro) in Soweto begins soon.

The centre will consist of workshops providing on-the-job trade training and skills development.

They will serve both ex-offenders, some of whom have been partially trained while in prison, and other people, especially early school-leavers who are unable to enter technical schools.

Also catered for will be the retrenched, unemployed, wives of prisoners and young people at risk of conflict with the law.

Mr Isaac "Tshombe" Meletse said unrest in South Africa had caused

Centre to provide training

an escalation in the number of school-leavers. This had led to many people not having the necessary skills to compete in the open labour market.

"For these reasons, the necessity to provide vocational skills training facilities for the people described has become a matter of urgency."

The people most at risk in terms of conflict with the law were school-leavers and truants. They lacked the skills to earn enough to meet the most basic of their needs, Mr Meletse said.

Soweto club has its first birthday

By Montshiwa Moroke

The National Institute for Crime Prevention and Rehabilitation of Offenders (Nicro) Soweto Youth Club, founded during the schools boycott, will celebrate its first anniversary this month.

The Nicro Soweto Youth Club, was formed last August by Mrs Seja Tsanwani, a social worker.

"During 1986 there was virtually no schooling in Soweto due to boycotts. Groups of youths could be seen idling with nothing

worthwhile to do. The aim was to offer them alternative positive activities which they accepted," Mrs Tsanwani said.

The youth elected a committee to steer the club. They then received basic training to enable them to perform their roles as office bearers. They drew up a constitution to guide their activities.

DEBATES

The new club received First-Aid audio-visual education and lectures from the Red Cross.

The group had a series of debates to sharpen their wits, brush up their vocabulary, improve their communication and negotiation skills.

The last activity for the year was to organise a seminar with the object of making Nicro known

among the youth and to test their skills at organising. Ten youth clubs were invited.

The seminar topic was: "Junior achievement" and was presented by the University of the Witwatersrand's School of Business.

The club members do voluntary work at the Nicro centre. They help with filing, sealing envelopes and other administrative activities.

On the future of the club, Mrs Tsanwani said:

"The club intends reaching out to other youth in the surrounding townships with a view to increasing its membership.

"They also aim to investigate the needs in the Soweto community and help where possible with the guidance of social workers," she added.

Challenging

year for Nicro branch

By Montshiwa Moroke

The past year was one of the most challenging in the history of the Soweto branch of the National Institute for Crime Prevention and Rehabilitation of Offenders (Nicro).

This is the view of former branch director Mrs Welhemina Bodibe, in the Nicro-Soweto annual report released this week.

Mrs Bodibe said branch staff worked hard to face challenges, especially when the "detainees' dimension" was added to their work load.

"The agency experienced a high percentage intake of detainees' relatives."

These people were helped with:

- Tracing the whereabouts of detained relatives.
- Linking relatives with detainees and arranging visits.
- Informing the family of detainees' whereabouts.

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Year was good one for Nicro-Soweto

By Montshiwa Moroke

Mr Themba Ntshalintshali, chairman of the Soweto branch of the National Institute for Crime Prevention and Rehabilitation (Nicro), described the past year in his annual report as "a good one in many ways".

The branch had never had a more enthusiastic management committee, he said.

Nicro-Soweto had been able to motivate some township youth into playing a role in the community and had a youth club operating under the guidance of a social workers.

The completion of the first phase of the building project of Nicro-Soweto had given Nicro a physical presence in the community it served.

PRISON FERRY

"Nicro-Soweto has, although with some difficulty, been able to provide the much-needed services of ferrying families and relatives of prisoners and detainees to various prisons in outlying areas of the Transvaal," he said.

Fund-raising had not been easy. Most donors had either not been in a position to donate anything at all or had cut their donations by 50 percent.

Commendably, the branch had been able to avoid falling into the red.

A full-time fund-raiser, Mr Isaac Meletse, had worked successfully on the building project.

Phase One of this project had been completed during 1986/87. This had

done Nicro immeasurable good. There was no better advertisement than a structure of that magnitude and at such a prominent location.

Mr Ntshalintshali added that members of the management committee had untiringly endeavoured to recruit new members, but with little success.

However, plans were afoot to make contact with the black clergy in the hope that once they had shown interest their congregants would follow suit.

"An all-out attempt will be made to the business people of Soweto.

"On a long-term basis, with the interest growing among young people, one can hope that the Nicro seed will grow with them so that they will perpetuate the good work of Nicro".

Mr Ntshalintshali commended the "enthusiastic" management committee and the centre's staff for their "unending" commitment and loyalty to the agency over the past year.

"The coming in of the new branch director, Mr Shimane Kumalo, will no doubt instil new vigour and initiative among the staff."

Mr Ntshalintshali and most of his committee were returned to office except for Mr I Makapela, who was succeeded by Mrs M Mdladlamba, former second vice-chairman, as first vice-chairman. Mrs Pinkie Mohajane was elected second vice-chairman.

Others who elected were Dr Steve Musi, who replaced Mr Ben Nteso, and Mr Bernard Moleke.

African Bank currency fraud trial postponed

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The Rand Supreme Court trial of four senior bank employees accused of a multimillion-rand currency fraud was yesterday postponed to February 1.

Mr Justice G Gordon ruled that the postponement of the hearing of Mr Sam Motsuenyane, charged in his personal capacity as a director of the African Bank of South Africa, and three other bank employees, be a final one for trial purposes.

The men, allegedly involved in unlawful, foreign exchange transactions resulting in R100 654 681 profit, were not asked to plead to 105 counts of fraud, relating to financial rand transactions, and 314 alleged contraventions of the Exchange Control Regulations.

It is alleged that foreign currency of almost R120 million unlawfully left the country.

A former co-accused, Mr Monty Moses Jacob Maubane (44) of Atteridgeville, has since died.

State witnesses, Mr D Leon and Mr L Kruger and two co-accused, the general manager of the bank's foreign exchange division, Mr Alan Young (36) of Florida Park, and the general manager of the money market division, Mr Henry Alexander Harper (43) of Fairland, had worked under the supervision of the managing director, Mr Maubane.

Because the assets of Mr Young, Mr Harper and another accused, assistant general manager of the foreign exchange division, Mr Arthur Edward Ferreira (40) had been impounded, they intend to apply to the Reserve Bank to unfreeze their assets to obtain funds to brief defence counsel.

Tycoon's girl jailed for R7,7-m fraud

By Duncan Guy

Snowy Tebelo Moshoeshoe, the 30-year-old girlfriend of a fugitive Soweto tycoon, was yesterday sentenced to 10 years' jail by a Johannesburg Regional Court magistrate for embezzling R7,7 million from Standard Bank.

Passing sentence on Moshoeshoe, who worked as a computer checking clerk, magistrate Mr T S Veldman acknowledged that her lover, Mr Zola Mahobe, had been a strong influence.

Moshoeshoe filled in forms giving the impression that cheques — sometimes in the names of fictitious companies and individuals — had been deposited and credited to accounts held at Standard Bank branches.

She then channelled vast sums to accounts allegedly operated by Mr Mahobe.

Mr Mahobe, who owned Mamelodi Sundowns Soccer Club, absconded after the fraud racket was exposed.

Moshoeshoe pleaded guilty to 129 fraud counts, taken as one for purpose of sentence.

Zola Mahobe's lover sentenced

SNOWY GETS 10 YEARS

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SNOWY Tebello Moshoeshoe (30), girlfriend of runaway soccer boss, Zola Mahobe, was jailed for an effective 10 years after being found guilty of 129 counts of fraud by a Johannesburg magistrate yesterday.

By
ALI
MPHAKI

A hushed silence filled the courtroom when magistrate Mr T F Veldman passed sentence. This took less than five minutes.

Scores of people who were eager to hear the outcome of the case were disappointed when told that it was all over. They received the sentence with mixed feelings.

Moshoeshoe pleaded guilty to 129 counts of fraud amounting to R7.7-million. She originally faced 152 counts but 23 were dropped as the Standard Bank recovered R300 000 of the money she fed into other people's accounts.

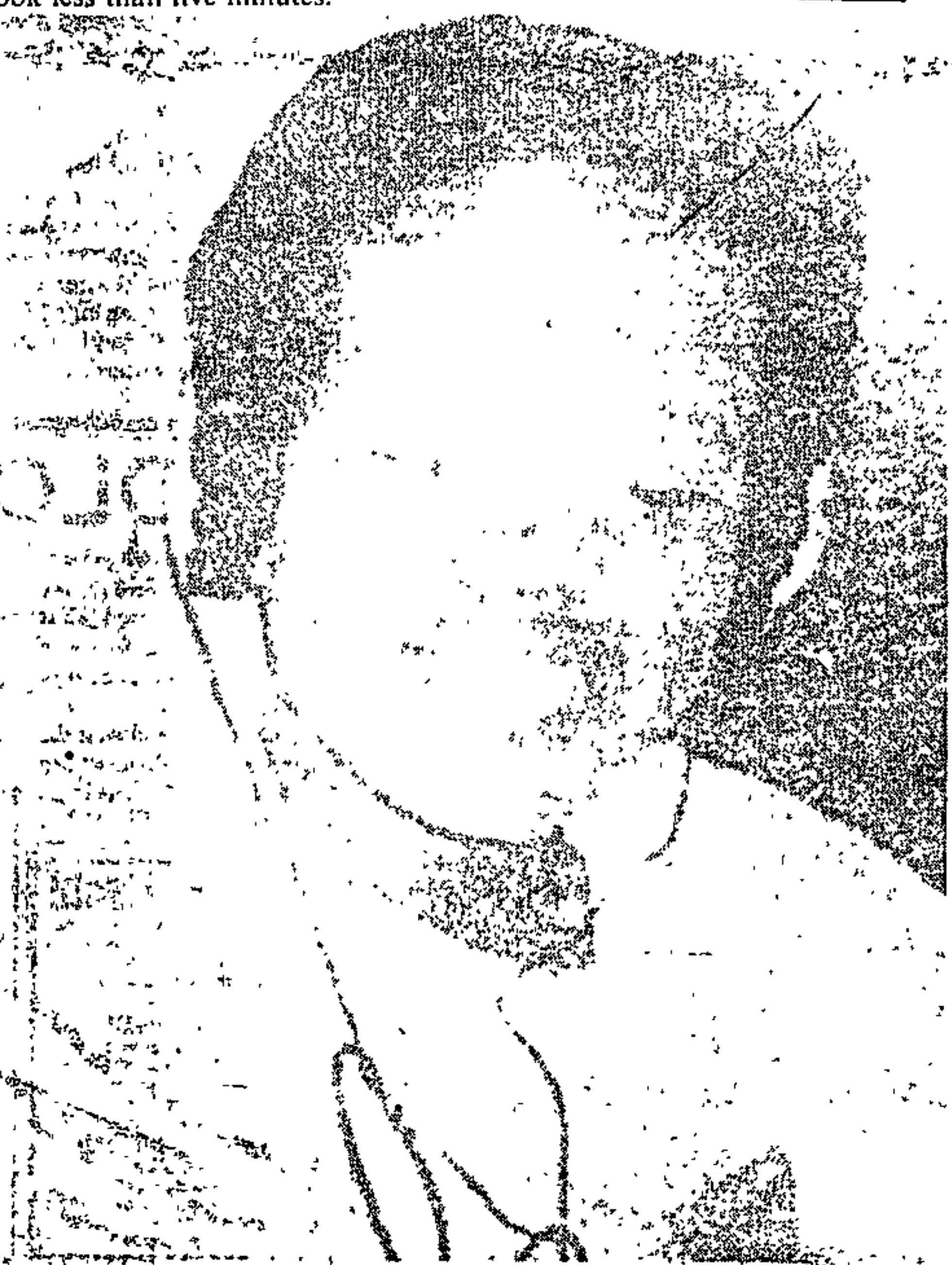
She had worked in the special clearance department of the Johannesburg Standard Bank since 1981. The name of her sister, Pinkie Moshoeshoe, was among those used to deposit some of the money.

Deposit

The charge sheet says that the stolen money was deposited into the accounts of Z D Mahobe, M M Moshoeshoe, D R Shoba and Snowy's personal account.

A clinical psychologist, Dr J J van Onselen, who gave evidence in mitigation for Snowy, said she gave Mahobe the money with the hope that

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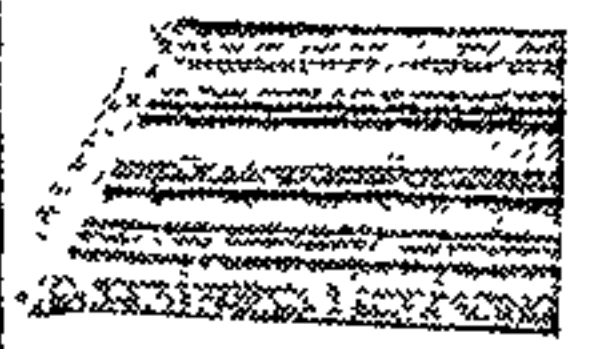


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Snowy

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he would pay it back as he had promised.

She was in matric when she met Zola who happened to be the first man in her life.

The psychologist said Zola spoiled her by taking her on a holiday overseas where they stayed at top hotels.

By Craig Koize
and Janine Simon

Homeless gang 'used in thefts'

Johannesburg police have arrested a man and woman who allegedly used a gang of homeless Hillbrow youths to commit a series of housebreakings involving goods worth at least R30,000.

Robbery reaction unit detectives also arrested five of the youths, aged between 14 and 16, after stolen goods, including TV sets, video machines, expensive cameras and radios were recovered from a Hillbrow flat earlier this week.

The couple and the youths are expected to appear in the Hillbrow Magistrate's Court today. Both adults face charges of theft and possession of stolen goods, while the youths will be charged with housebreaking and theft.

The gang has been linked to at least three recent burglaries in Parkview and another in Linksfield Ridge. Two of the housebreakings were committed on Monday, said Witwatersrand police spokesman Major Dries Jacobs.

Detectives made the arrests and recovered the goods after four youths were found polishing a copper ornament in the city centre on Monday. Further investigations led to a shelter for Twilight Children in Hillbrow, where another youth was questioned. He pointed out a flat in Hillbrow in which the stolen goods were found, Major Jacobs said.

Mr Greg Jacobson, vice-chairman of Twilight Children, said although the organisation had co-operated with the police regarding the arrests, the shelter was not responsible for all the boys' actions and it had never claimed this responsibility. "We are a shelter and will remain one. We are there to help such boys and not prosecute them and we don't question them about their records," he said.

Mr Jacobson said most of the 80 boys at the shelter freely participated in its daily activities. But there was an element

among the boys who did not and, if they took part in criminal activities, it was of their own volition.

"For many boys, Twilight is the only way they can pursue the road to rehabilitation — the reformatories for black children are full, leaving street life and crime as the only alternative," Mr Jacobson said.

Police said the owners of most of the stolen goods had not yet been traced and they appealed to people who had been burgled to contact the Hillbrow police at 643-4811.

Another big insurance fraud being probed

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By Craig Kotze, Crime Reporter

Police are investigating the alleged misappropriation of about R1 million out of short-term insurance trust funds by a prominent Johannesburg-based broker.

It is not known whether policies sold by the broker to the public — believed to be between 13 000 and 15 000 — have been affected.

Insurance sources said at least six well-known insurance companies, including Guardian and National, Aegis and Protea, had lost money in the alleged fraud.

Some companies may have lost up to R250 000, according to one source.

The full amount involved is not yet known, but one reliable source said that probably not more than R1 million had allegedly been misappropriated.

Initially it was thought about R2 million was involved, but industry investigations had reduced the amount.

Funds had apparently been taken for about 15 or 18 months before investigations began.

Money paid by clients to the broker was apparently taken from the trust fund instead of being forwarded to the insurance company concerned.

The police investigation stems from the provisional liquidation in the Rand Supreme Court of three companies, Robin Marter and Company (Pty) Ltd, Robin Marter and Company (Pty) Ltd (Natal) and Robin Marter (Pty) Ltd (Cape), on April 14.

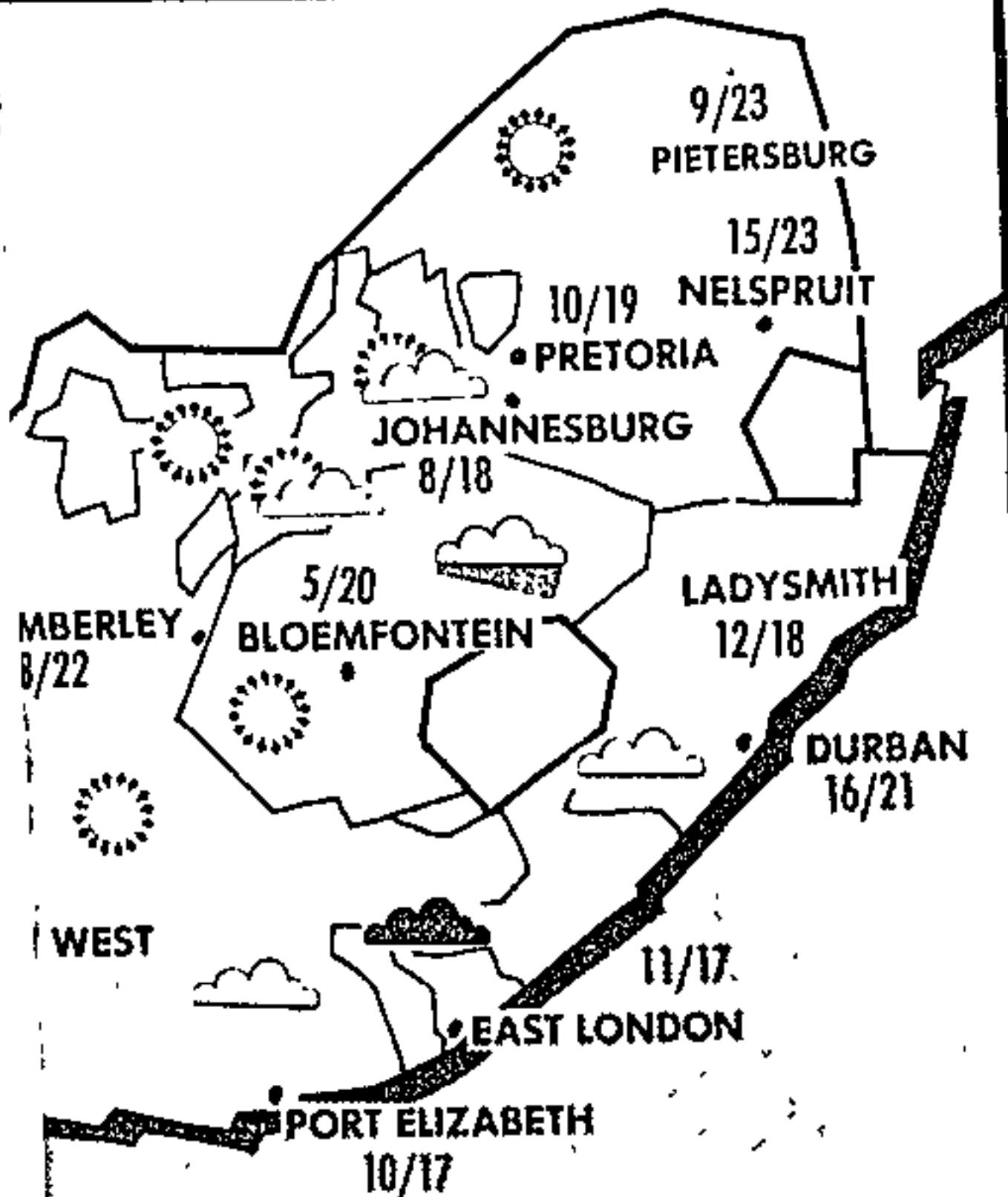
A police spokesman at John Vorster Square confirmed that a fraud docket had been opened.

Reliable sources also said police had seized the passport of the broker concerned, but police declined to comment.

● This is the second major insurance fraud investigation, allegedly involving brokers, to come to light within the last two weeks.

Durban police are still investigating an allegedly fraudulent insurance operation said to have netted about R2 million, leaving thousands of luxury vehicle owners without cover.

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Ennerdale squatters given deadline

The Ennerdale families who were forcibly evicted from unfinished housing units on Wednesday have been given until Monday to decide what to do.

About 100 adults were yesterday released on warning in the De Deur Magistrate's Court, near Vereeniging, according to Mr Sidney Leaman, chairman of the Ennerdale Residents' Action Group (Erag).

The families had moved into houses which are yet to be completed and allocated.

A police spokesman confirmed that 101 adults and 37 children were arrested.

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Residents meet police

CP Correspondent

A DELEGATION of six people - appointed by over 1 500 residents of the faction-torn Uitenhage townships - met high ranking police representatives and Kwanobuhle Town Council officials this week in a bid to curb the on-going violence in the townships.

The delegation was led by UDF-affiliated Uitenhage Residents' Civic Organisation executive member, Sam Haas.

Haas said the discussion at last week's meeting was on "hooliganism".

He said the delegation spoke about balaclava clad gangsters who attacked township residents and destroyed property.

The community felt they had the right to defend themselves against criminal elements and wanted to form defence units in the townships.

Haas said in the past the residents had organised themselves into defence units, but the police would often take action against the residents when they were defending themselves.

"So we wanted to inform the council and the police that the community wanted to form defence units," said Haas.

He said the response was not favourable when the words "street and area defence units," were mentioned.

"When you mention street and area committees they see red and think it's the M-plan. We'll give the defence units a different name but we'll use the same tactics as in the past," he said.

Kwanobuhle Town Clerk Eddie Coetzee confirmed that the meeting had taken place. He said he had warned the delegation that the community should "not take the law into their own hands".

Haas said it would be put to the community at a meeting at the end of the week that a responsible figure should be elected in each area.

Haas emphasised that the delegation was against street patrols as they were dangerous and "often caused trouble". - ECNA

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BEWARE CONMAN

A WELL-SPOKEN and persuasive conman has faked in large sums of cash in "donations" from businessmen by posing as a member of a fake black education organisation.

The man, who calls himself Mr David Molope, solicits funds from businessmen claiming he represents the Soweto Parents' Board, a non-existent body which he says is raising money to improve the facilities in 297 schools in Soweto.

SOWETAN Reporter

He tells his prospective victims that he and the Soweto Parents' Board work closely with the mining giant, Anglo Vaal. He gives donors a Soweto phone and post box number.

But it has been established that the phone number belongs to a Soweto resident who says he has never heard of Mr. Molope.

"My phone hasn't stopped ringing for weeks with people asking about a Mr David Molope. I have never heard of him," he said.

Johannesburg businessman Mr Jimmy Best said that last month a man, who was very businesslike and glib, phoned and asked to speak "to the director".

He said he needed a quote urgently for the installation of alarms in almost 300 Soweto schools within two days.

"I was completely taken in by him and gave him R60. However, when I telephoned the number he gave me I became very suspicious as I was told no such person lived there."

An Anglo Vaal spokesman said he had received 15 complaints from the public about a Mr David Molope who was using Anglo Vaal's name.

He said the mining company had absolutely nothing to do with Mr Molope.

Police report 12 (38) murders, 5 armed robberies in Soweto

Twelve murders were reported to the police in Soweto at the weekend.

CID chief Brigadier J J Beeslaar said the victims included an 18-year-old youth from Eldorado Park who was found with a bullet wound in his head at about 3 am yesterday. Police found a 9 mm pistol near his body.

On Saturday at about 6 pm two men fired shots at a 24-year-old man in Orlando West. He died from a bullet wound in the back.

Brigadier Beeslaar said there were also one attempted murder, five armed robberies, 17 muggings, seven rapes and nine thefts.

Twenty people were arrested for dealing in liquor and a huge quantity of beer and spirits was seized.

Eleven cars were reported stolen and 40 other stolen vehicles were recovered.

About 250 people were arrested in a special crime prevention operation in Soweto on Friday night.

Brigadier Beeslaar said the operation was aimed at "protecting the law-abiding citizens of Greater Soweto, Eldorado Park and Lenasia".

"The co-operation of the public was good and we appreciate it. We can assure the law-abiding citizens of Soweto that we will look after their interests."

He declined to comment on whether police would conduct more raids "because just as the criminals do not tell us when they commit their crimes, we will not tell them when we will raid."

Sadness over failed appeal

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POLITICAL organisations and trade unions yesterday decried the decision by the Bloemfontein Appeal Court to turn down the appeal by the "Sharpeville Six" against their convictions and death sentences for killing a Lekoa town councillor.

Mojalefa Reginald Sefatsa, Reid Malebo Mokoena, Oupa Moses Diniso, Theresa Ramashamola, Duma Joshua Khumalo and Francis Don Mokgesi appealed against their convictions for the murder — without extenuating circumstances — of Mr Kuzwayo Jacob Dlamini on September 4, 1984, and against the death sentences imposed on them.

Two others, Motseki Christiaan Mokubung and Motsidi Gideon Mokane, appealed against their sentences of five years for public violence.

By SELLO RABOTHATA
and MZIKAYISE EDM

They were all convicted by Mr Acting Justice W J Human on December 13, 1985.

The Azanian People's Organisation said the death sentence should be abolished in keeping with progressive countries which have identified the death sentence as state revenge on the guilty.

"We believe that all people guilty of committing crimes should be rehabilitated rather than that the State should take its pound of flesh by executing them.

"In the case of the Sharpeville Six, whatever they may have been accused of and finally sentenced to death for is a direct result of apartheid.

"The final resolution of this problem will not be found in the execution of those the State regards as their enemy but rather in heeding and accepting to the demands of the majority," Azapo said.

Mrs Albertina Sisulu, president of the United Democratic Front, said: "We were hoping that the authorities were

going to reverse their earlier decision.

"This is really sad. Our last hope is the State President, Mr P W Botha. He is the only one who can now save the lives of the six. We appeal once more to him to reconsider the decision of the Appeal Court," Mrs Sisulu said.

The deputy president of the Congress of South African Trade Unions, Mr Chris Dlamini, appealed to the authorities to reconsider the Appeal Court's decision to hang the six.

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"We appeal to the authorities, including the State President, Mr P W Botha, to spare the lives of the six," Mr Dlamini said.

In a statement, the East Rand People's Organisation said: "We are deeply saddened by the outcome of the 'Sharpeville Six' appeal. The State's intention to go ahead and execute people accused of 'political crimes' despite national and international clemency pleas, must serve as an indica-

tor that they are not willing to negotiate a peaceful resolution to our problems.

"It is with great regret that we have learnt of the unsuccessful appeal of the Sharpeville Six and in particular the daughter of the Sabmawu women's unit, Theresa Ramashamola, the first woman activist to be sentenced to death for a political reason.

"We in Sabmawu will do all in our power to try and save the 'Sharpeville Six' and our petitioning to that end will start immediately," the South African Black Municipal and Allied Workers' Union said in a statement.

The National Council of Trade Unions said in a statement: "We regret that the Appellate Division has turned down the appeal. We further hope that the State President as a last resort left now will grant them clemency.

"Nactu pledges that we will give every support for continued legal action to obtain clemency for them. Nactu pledges to continue support to the family of the persons concerned."

'They had intent to murder'

Appeal of 'Sharpeville Six' against death sentences is rejected

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BLOEMFONTEIN — The appeal of six Sharpeville residents against their convictions and death sentences for the murder of a Lekoa town councillor and deputy mayor, Mr Kuzwayo Jacob Dlamini, was dismissed by the Appeal Court in Bloemfontein yesterday.

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The eight people were convicted and sentenced by Mr Acting Justice W J Human in the Transvaal Supreme Court on December 13 1985.

Comprehensive judgment

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The two convicted of public violence and subversion in the original trial were Motseki Christiaan Mokubung and Motsidi Gideon Mokone.

The Appeal Court judgment of 121 pages was delivered yesterday by Mr Justice Botha, with the concurrence of Mr Justice Heffer, Mr Justice Smalberger and acting judges of appeal Mr Justice Boschhoff and Mr Justice Steyn.

Mr Justice Botha said that, in a comprehensive judgment on the merits of the case, Mr Acting Justice Human analysed all the evidence in detail and furnished full reasons as to why the trial court accepted the evidence of certain witnesses.

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On the evidence, neither of these findings could be faulted. In the case of each of the accused, the conduct ascribed to them plainly proclaimed an active association with the purpose which the mob sought to, and did, achieve — the killing of Mr Dlamini.

The inference was inescapable that the requisite criminal intent for murder was present. The six accused, by their conduct, actively associated themselves with the achievement of the common purpose and each had the requisite "mens rea" for murder, said the judge.

There could be no doubt that the individual acts of each of the six convicted of murder manifested an active association with the acts of the mob which caused the death of Mr Dlamini. These accused shared a common purpose with the crowd and each of them had the requisite "dolus" in respect of his death. Consequently, the acts of the mob which caused Mr Dlamini's death must be

imputed to each of the six persons, said the judge.

● The Star Bureau in London reports Anti-Apartheid Movement president Archbishop Trevor Huddleston has called on Mrs Margaret Thatcher to intervene on behalf of the "Sharpeville Six".

In a letter to the British Prime Minister, Archbishop Huddleston urged Mrs Thatcher to initiate a joint European Community intervention for clemency at the European summit in Copenhagen later this week. — Sapa.

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On the question of extenuating circumstances, it had not been shown that the trial court misdirected itself, nor was it suggested that a court could not have reasonably arrived at the conclusion reached by that court.

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Consequently, there were no grounds in which the Appeal Court could interfere with the trial court's findings that there were no extenuating circumstances (and the resultant death penalties).

On the convictions for subversion, the finding of the trial court was rightly not challenged on behalf of the appellants that the conduct of the mob, which included all eight appellants, fell within the ambit of Paragraphs (A) and (E) of Section 54(2) of the Internal Security Act.

Mr Justice Botha said the record showed that the trial court had good and sufficient grounds for rejecting the evidence of each of the accused on this count. Accordingly, there was no room for the Appeal Court to interfere with its finding.

In regard to the convictions of Mokubung and Mokone for public violence, the judge said it was clear that the same conduct on which their convictions for public violence was founded, constituted the essential basis for their convictions for subversion.

It was, thus, not proper to convict them both for subversion and for public violence. Their convictions and sentences for public violence were set aside. — Sapa.



TWO-YEAR-OLD Masetatsa Sefatsa is like any child her age: bouncy and just full of life. What she does not know is that soon she may not have a father. Reginald Sefatsa is one of the six Sharpeville residents whose appeal against the death sentence was turned down yesterday.

COUPLE SHOT DEAD



TSHIDISO Matosi stayed whole night with bodies.

A FORMER Bophuthatswana policeman and his nursing sister wife were shot dead in their home in Temba township, near Hammanskraal on Monday night.

The bodies of Mr Richard Tumelo Matosi (35) and Sister Irene Matosi (30), of 538 Block D, Temba, were found in the house yesterday morning.

Their six-year-old son, Tshidiso Matosi, who was unhurt, was left crying alone the whole night in the house, apparently because he did not know

what to do with the bodies.

The PRO of the Bophuthatswana police, Colonel David George, said at 10pm on Monday three armed men raided

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'Apartheid killings' — plea to PW

GERALD REILLY

PRETORIA — The killing of people who were perceived to be collaborators with apartheid should be seen as politically motivated and not a criminal act in the current political climate.

This, said a Southern African Catholic Bishops Conference (SACBC) administration board spokesman, should be a mitigating circumstance, adding the SACBC appealed to President P Botha to commute the death sentences imposed on the "Sharpsville Six".

The six were convicted for murdering a Leboa town councillor and deputy mayor in 1984. The Appeal Court has dismissed their appeal against the death sentence.

A final appeal has been made to Botha, "because we cannot condone the taking of life by the State either", the spokesman said.

He added: "Our intervention should be seen as a moral, not a political, gesture."

This was in line with moral guidance of the Pope who had pleaded for worldwide abolition of the death sentence, especially in cases involving political offences.

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HOPPE LIVES ON

HOPE that their loved ones would return was etched on the faces of the relatives of the condemned Sharpeville Six yesterday.

This was in spite of the news that the appeal to save them from the gallows had failed in the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court in Bloemfontein.

Mr Basie Mokhesi (75), the father of Francis Don Mokhesi who is one of the Six, said:

"All I did until today was sit in this kitchen and wait for news of my son, any news. But I am confident he will return."

Mr Mokhesi said he believed Don was innocent. "I hate all those responsible for my grief. I have never loved white people since the day my son was sentenced to death," he said.

Masefatsa, the two-year-old daughter of Reginald Sefatsa, played innocently at her home, oblivious of the gloom in her family yesterday.

Contrary to African belief, Masefatsa romped in the yard wearing only one shoe. Tradition holds it that it is a bad omen for a child to walk

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about wearing only one shoe.

Masefatsa's mother, Mrs Regina Sefatsa, was away and relatives said she had gone to the Pretoria Central Prison to be with her husband on Death Row.

Dwelling

The Ramashamole household,—a typical township four-roomed dwelling, stood empty yesterday. Theresa Ramashamole is also on Death Row for the murder of Lekoa town councillor Jacob Dia-

mini on September 3, 1984, during the outbreak of violence in the Vaal.

Mr Dlamini was set alight as he fled from his house which had been set alight by a mob on September 3, 1984.

Miss Julia Ramashamole, Theresa's mother, was said to be at work at Sebokeng Hospital,

BY THEMBA MOLEFE and Sapa

when the Sowetan visited her house.

Nervous colleagues at the hospital's X-ray unit told contradicting stories when Miss Ramashamole's whereabouts were sought.

Some said she was present while others said she did not turn up for work.

Speaking in harsh tones the colleagues said they knew nothing about yesterday's failure of the appeal.

A Sharpeville resident, Mr Moses Kooma, said:

"One shudders at the reaction of the people of this township when the news eventually breaks."

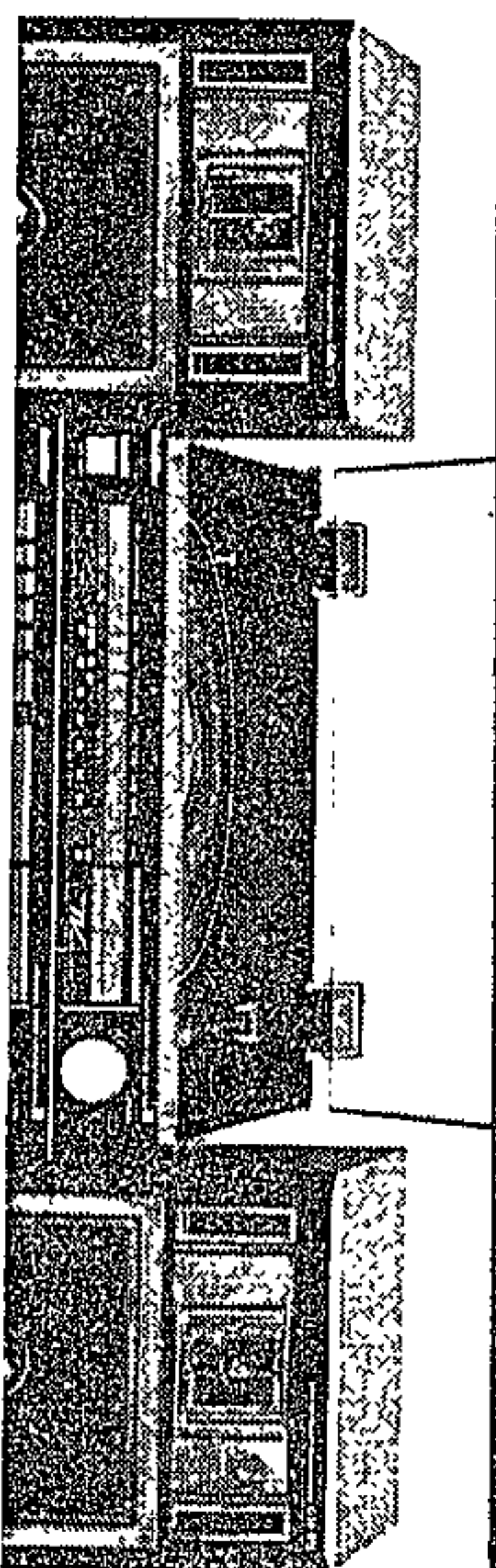
The Southern African Catholic Bishops Conference asked the State President, Mr P W Botha, yesterday to commute the death sentences on the "Sharpeville Six".

"As church leaders we cannot condone the taking of a life," a SACBC statement made available to Sapa said.



MR BASIE MOKHESI (75) believes his son Francis Don Mokhesi is innocent.

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COSATU, along with other "democratic" organisations, called on the Government not to go ahead with the execution of the "Sharpeville Six", the trade union federation said yesterday.

"We are aligning ourselves with other democratic organisations who have expressed concern about the impending hanging," the statement from the Congress of SA Trade Unions said.

The Six, five men and a woman, face the gallows after the Appellate Division's recent decision to dismiss their appeals against the death sentence.

Cosatu rejected the use of the death sentence for political activists, the statement said.

The "escalation of conflict" can be attributed directly to the political policies of the Government, Cosatu added.

"Successive governments have attempted to deny the majority of people any democratic means to redress grievances."

The "only solution" to the conflict was for the Government to allow "full and open democratic political participation, to end repression of political opponents, to lift the state of emergency," Cosatu said.

'Don't visit The Wilds alone'

Manpower shortage hampers patrolling

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By Craig Kotze, Crime Reporter

Johannesburg's municipal security services provided maximum round-the-clock protection at The Wilds — now one of the city's most dangerous crime spots — but incidents still happened because the public did not take the necessary precautions in the area.

This was the response of Brigadier Jan Visser, senior deputy director of security at the municipality, to two more muggings at the weekend at the scenic spot.

"We give 24-hour protection at The Wilds and do what we can," Brigadier Visser told The Star.

He said there were two full-time guards who patrolled the area. In addition, the park was also visited regularly by the council's Mobile Unit.

Mounted guards

A further security measure — deployment of mounted guards in The Wilds and other major Johannesburg parks — was being experimented with at the moment, said Brigadier Visser.

"However, the public still insist on going to the area alone and with a lot of money and jewellery," he said, referring to one of the recent attacks in which a woman was robbed of almost R700.

Brigadier Visser said people should not go to The Wilds alone, but in groups. This advice had been given many times by police.

This year the park — situated in one of Johannesburg's most affluent areas and once a popular relaxation spot — has experienced a wave of violent crime which has left one man stabbed to death and resulted in at least two gang rapes. Numerous other rapes and muggings have taken place.

Police say they are aware of the trouble but stress that they have a manpower problem.

"When the manpower situation allows, we put people in The Wilds, but we cannot be everywhere at once," a police spokesman said.

AAM drive to save Sharpeville 6

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LONDON — The Anti-Apartheid Movement launched its "Save the Sharpeville Six" campaign in London with an hour-long picket of the South African Embassy in London yesterday.

Scores of pamphlets calling on support for the campaign have been distributed to London institutions over the past two weeks. Several other groups in Europe and the United States are reportedly planning to launch campaigns for the Sharpeville Six early next year.

The campaign aims to focus international attention on the fate of

By MOJALEFA MOSEKI

six activists who were sentenced to death on December 13, 1985, for their participation in the rent protest that broke out in the Vaal Triangle on September 3, 1984, the day of South Africa's tri-cameral elections.

Their appeal was rejected at the beginning of this month and the only option left is the petitioning of the State President, Mr. P. W. Botha, for clemency.

Another phase of the campaign will be a letter-writing programme to Mr Botha.

EC calls for mercy for 'Sharpeville Six'

The Star's Foreign News Service

STRASBOURG — Top European Community leaders have called on President Botha to save the "Sharpeville Six" who face the gallows on Christmas Day for murder.

Lord Plumb, president of the European Parliament, has written to President Botha urging him to exercise his power of clemency for the six, who were sentenced to death in 1985.

Mr Claude Cheysson, the European Commission's Foreign Affairs Minister, and Mr Rudi Årndt, leader of the parliament's Socialist Group, also gave their support to the plea.

South African officials here said the pleas were politically motivated.

They noted that there had been no similar protests when two whites faced the gallows.

Christmas shoplifting loss totals R200m

Daily Dispatch Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — Shoplifting over the festive season is set to cost retailers R200m countrywide — a quarter of the year's estimated total loss, says the public relations spokesman for the Chamber of Commerce here, Mr Ken Warren.

Adding to the retailers' headaches are the "inside jobs" committed by employees, which rocket over the festive season.

Mr Warren said losses from shoplifting during the whole of 1987 could reach R800 million.

He said last year's predicted losses of R144m over the festive season had been reasonably accurate.

With the drop in inflation, improved consumer spending and estimated retail sales of R40 billion, we should be reasonably close again this year.

The managing director of Checkers, Mr Clive Weil said the November-January period was by far the worst quarter when it came to stock losses, which ran into millions.

He said: "We have taken stock of the situation and increased security."

By the end of the year we expect to have over 8 000 shoplifting convictions.

"The man in the street is paying high prices to

absorb the loss of stock from shoplifting, which is on the increase. Crime in South Africa has reached epidemic proportions."

The assistant manager for Greentmans, Mrs Bea Swarts said the shoplifting problem was no worse than last year but that extra staff had been hired.

She said: "When we spot potential shoplifters, we refer them to a straight sales person. We work on a system of prevention."

She added records were not kept in connection with shoplifting incidents.

A spokesman for a major retail chain said it was impossible to give a precise figure on the extent of shoplifting over the festive season.

"Shoplifting increases steadily as the festive season approaches and people come to shop."

A Witwatersrand police spokesman said precise figures for arrests in connection with shoplifting incidents were not immediately available.

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Plea for Sharpeville 6

REPRESENTATIVES of three countries as well as the United Nations have called on the State President, Mr P W Botha, to commute the death sentences of the "Sharpeville Six" to life, writes JOSHUE RABOROKO.

In telex messages received by the *Sowetan* this week, representatives of the United States of America, Austria and Israel, said their governments would "highly appreciate" any gesture of reconciliation on humanitarian grounds.

The six, Theresa Ramoshamola, Reid Mokoena, Moses Diniso, Joshua Khumalo, Reginald Sefatsa, Francis Mokhesi, were convicted for the death of the Lekoa Town Council deputy mayor, Mr Khuzwayo Jacob Dlamini, on September 3, 1984, during riots which followed rent increases.

The US embassy in Pretoria said: "We believe that carrying out the

sentences would further weaken efforts toward reconciliation and set back attempts to negotiate over the political future of South Africa, a process which we support and encourage.

"We consequently hope that the South African Government will respond to the clemency appeal with compassion," the US statement said.

The Austrian embassy appealed to the State President to make use of his power "to spare the lives of these persons."

"It is our belief that such a humanitarian act would constitute a gesture of reconciliation highly appreciated by my country and the international community as a whole", the embassy said.

The Israel embassy said it was concerned over the death sentences imposed on the six.

Teacher - 45 days for pen 'theft'

A 25-YEAR-OLD primary school teacher found guilty of stealing a pen has been sentenced to 45 days of imprisonment.

Mr Jacob Mametja of Venus Primary School appeared before Mr F R Van Heerden in the Pietersburg magistrates court and pleaded not guilty.

The State alleged that Mr Mametja stole a ballpoint from the CNA store on Marce Street in Pietersburg. He paid for three other pens on October 17, but put the stolen one in his pocket, it was charged.

Disgrace

Mr Mametja said he had "forgotten" to pay for the pen.

Before passing sentence, Mr Van Heerden said it was a disgrace that a teacher could be involved in such a petty theft. "What are you teaching the children who must emulate you if you do things like this," Mr Van Heerden said.

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(2) No. : Pretoria: offences

(a) and (b) Fall away. 196. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Law and Order:

(i) The opening of Township Registers in terms of section 46 of the Deeds Registries Act is receiving attention.
 (ii) As and when Local Authorities submit applications for the opening of Township Registers and the Deeds Office is enabled to do so.

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

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(i) PRETORIA	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
Pretoria Central	21	11	150	513	40	536	799	231	889	2
Sunnyside	5	9	31	331	30	57	967	245	905	1
Pretoria West	5	11	94	322	36	118	280	167	631	1
Brooklyn	10	22	74	275	21	93	1 369	204	1 678	1
Wierdabrug	16	10	116	132	17	78	474	91	770	—
Erasmia	19	10	138	188	23	90	78	116	405	1
Ateridgeville	36	13	507	580	81	307	58	541	152	—
Lytleton	7	7	54	99	8	45	420	67	615	2
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Pretoria North	21	35	126	362	41	130	656	159	1 097	—
Rosslyn	—	2	7	29	1	18	14	14	184	—
Soshanguve	23	18	389	387	58	237	77	278	125	—
Assen	3	5	14	18	5	7	4	5	32	—
Kameeldrif	7	13	136	107	26	30	40	47	155	—
Britz	25	25	414	349	55	122	234	157	754	1
De Wildt	7	11	36	52	15	32	28	26	107	—
Hammanskraal	4	17	81	106	13	39	42	44	166	—
Hartbeespoortdam	7	19	137	167	10	36	44	54	275	—

Group Areas Act

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

Whether, with reference to the reply of the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning to Question No 310 on 11 September 1987, the South African Police have served all of the notices issued in terms of section 41 of the Group Areas Act, No 36 of 1966; if not, in respect of which properties have notices been

served; if so, when were the notices served in respect of each property?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

No. Notices in respect of several properties at different addresses which are dealt with during the normal cause of duties, have not yet been served. However, because the work involved in compiling these addresses countrywide would be so voluminous and time-consuming, it is not practically feasible to furnish this information.

Krugersdorp: workers' union Kroonstad: workers' union

508. Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Law and Order: 509. Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Law and Order:

(1) Whether officials of a certain workers' union in Krugersdorp, the name of which has been furnished to the South African Police for the purpose of the Minister's reply, laid any complaints with the Police in May 1987 regarding threatening telephone calls and the vandalising of office premises; if so, (a) on what date, (b) what was the nature of the complaints, (c) what action was taken by the Police as a result of these complaints, (d) what were the results of this action and (e) what is the name of this worker's union?
 (2) whether any persons have been arrested in connection with these incidents; if so, (a) how many and (b) when?

Whether any action was taken on or about 11 May 1987 in respect of the (a) offices and (b) officials of a certain workers' union in Kroonstad, the name of which has been furnished to the South African Police for the purpose of the Minister's reply; if so, (i) what action in each case, (ii) why, (iii) what was the result of this action and (iv) what is the name of this workers' union?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(a) and (b) No, as far as could be ascertained, the South African Police has no record of such action.
 (i) to (iv) Fall away.

MONDAY, 5 OCTOBER 1987

†Indicates translated version.

For written reply:

General Affairs:

Black farmers: loans

570. Mr R J LORIMER asked the Minister of Finance:

- Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 106 on 8 June 1987, Black farmers are eligible to apply for loans from the Land and Agricultural Bank; if not, why not; if so, whether any Black farmers have applied for loans from this bank; if so, (a) how many, (b) when and (c) what was the outcome of each application; if not,
- whether this bank has at any time taken any steps to encourage Black farmers to make use of its services; if so, (a) what steps and (b) with what results; if not, why not;
- whether he will make a statement on the matter?

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Shooting of 3 businessmen

HUNT FOR GUNNMEN

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THE Brixton, Murder and Robbery Squad has intensified its manhunt for gunmen who shot three businessmen — two of them fatally — around Johannesburg in the past two weeks.

By SOWETAN REPORTER

This was confirmed yesterday by Major A S Eager, who said the latest victim of the shooting was Mr Peter Godfrey Pillay (28), of Eldorado Park, near Johannesburg.

Mr Pillay, who owns a fleet of taxis and expensive cars, was found shot dead in one of his cars near Riverlea on Tuesday after he was reported missing from his home on Sunday.

He is the brother-in-law of another businessman, Mr Bernie Ogle, the director of Andiro Export and Import Company, who was shot dead outside his Ennerdale home last Tuesday.

Reward

The Ogle family is offering a reward of R10 000 for information leading to the arrest of his killers.

Mrs Rose Pillay, whose husband was shot this week, said numerous shootings have taken place at her Eldorado Park home last month.

"We are living in fear because we do not know who might be the next victim," she said.

Another businessman, Mr Ernest Tsiretsi Malokoane, owner of Ma-Afrika Building Construction in Soweto, who was shot and wounded outside his Mapetla Extension home, has been discharged from a Johannesburg hospital.

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6 arrested as police smash car theft ring

JOHANNESBURG — Johannesburg detectives yesterday smashed a sophisticated car theft ring which allegedly operated from a Soweto panel-beating workshop, recovering 18 vehicles worth R500 000 and making six arrests, police reported.

Police are looking for the owner of Triple Jay panelbeaters, Mr J Mokoena, to help them with

their investigations, and have appealed to the public for information on his whereabouts.

John Vorster Square vehicle branch detectives under Captain Paul Loock swooped yesterday after receiving information that stolen vehicles were allegedly being "processed" for resale at the Naledi premises.

Police seized equipment, including grinders,

stencils and chassis numberplates, used to remove identifying marks and numbers from stolen vehicles.

The entire operation was very sophisticated and those who ran it had contacts within the motor industry because unmarked chassis numberplates can only be obtained from factories.

BMW and Nissan plates

were among those seized, he said.

Piles of blank police clearances issued to the "owners" of the refurbished stolen vehicles were also found on the premises, said Captain Loock.

"Where they got them from we don't yet know, but it is plain that this syndicate was extremely well organised," said Cap-

tain Loock.

One of the suspects was arrested when he arrived at the premises and asked for "his" allegedly stolen car, said Captain Loock.

The recovered vehicles — allegedly stolen from across the Witwatersrand — included BMWs

The men arrested are expected to appear in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court soon.

Inkatha youths are jailed for murder

DURBAN members of the Inkatha Youth Brigade were yesterday each jailed for an effective 12 years after being convicted in Maritzburg of murder with extenuation and attempted murder.

Cleophas Mbatha (20), Sikhumbuso Buthelezi (21) and Thembinkosi Ngwane (23) of Kwa-Mashu were jailed for 10 years for the murder of Mr Nathi Basi at Dark City Sundumbili near Mtunzini on December 16 last year.

They were sentenced to seven years' jail, five of which are to run

concurrently with the 10-year sentence for the attempted murder of Miss Hlengiwe Mkhize, Mr Basi's girlfriend.

Mr Basi was shot in the head with a home-made shotgun and Miss Mkhize was shot in the head with a pistol.

Threats

Mr Justice Page found extenuating circumstances in that the Inkatha group in which the convicted men were had been provoked by death threats. The subsequent impairment of their sense of

judgment and self-control; as well as their relative youth, was also taken into account.

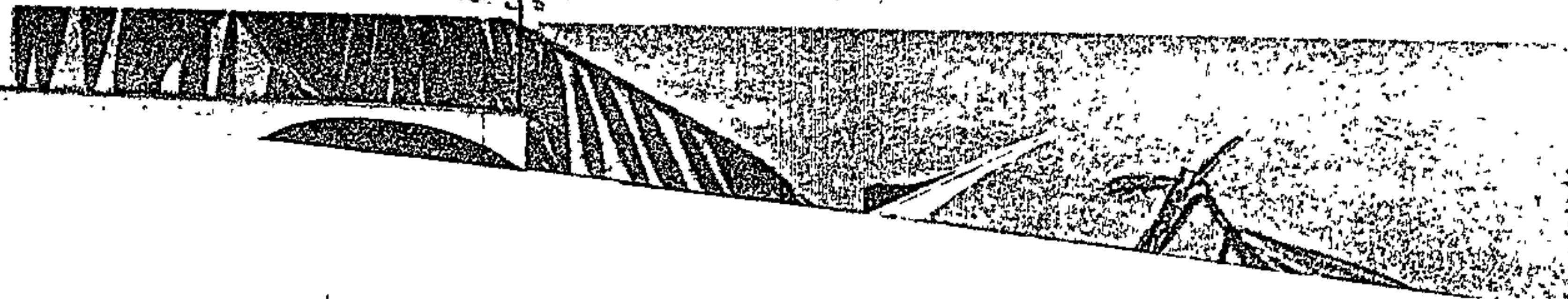
Mbatha was found to have fired the fatal shot and Buthelezi the shot which wounded Miss Mkhize. The court found that all three accused were responsible for the shots fired by the others.

— *Sowetan* Correspondent.

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Schoolboy dies after stoning by whites

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JOHANNESBURG. — A black schoolboy died in hospital yesterday after being hit on the head by a stone hurled by whites on Monday, police said.

The incident happened at Honeydew, near Krugersdorp north-west of Johannesburg.

Ronny Pitso, 6, was hit on the head by a stone after a Landrover occupied by five young white men drove past a group of black schoolgoers.

One of the men in the Landrover allegedly threw a stone at the children.

Ronny was hit on the forehead and fell. He was taken to Hillbrow Hospital in Johannesburg and died yesterday, Major Dries Jacobs, a police liaison officer, said.

Police were investigating a charge of murder, the major said, and he appealed to anyone with any information to contact their nearest police station.

— Sapa

De Beer rejects calls to quit

b/daw PATRICK BULGER *16/10/87*

HILLBROW MP Leon de Beer last night rejected calls for him to resign his seat.

De Beer, who is facing 139 counts of electoral fraud, met the NP's Transvaal leader F. W. de Klerk briefly at Jan Smuts Airport yesterday.

De Beer's political future hangs in the balance. Senior party officials are to meet, probably today, to discuss his fate.

"I can see no reason why I cannot serve the voters of Hillbrow," De Beer said. "I am not guilty until I have been proved guilty."

He appeared in court briefly on Wednesday, along with his electoral agent Chris Snyman and Home Affairs Department official Adriaan Janse van Rensburg. He was released on bail of R2 500.

De Klerk said in a brief statement: "The National Party has taken notice of the actions taken against Mr De Beer."

"The implications for the party are at present being considered by the executive committee of the NP in the Transvaal in conjunction with the party management of the constituency of Hillbrow."

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YOUTHS KILL SCHOOLBOY (7)



RONNIE Pitso
struck on the head.

By **SY MAKARINGE**

A seven-year-old Dobsonville, Soweto, school-boy died at the Hillbrow Hospital this week after a group of white youths struck him on the forehead with a stone on Monday afternoon.

Ronnie Pitso, a Standard A pupil at Oliweenbosch Primary School in Honeydew, died of head injuries a day after he and fellow pupils were attacked by five white youths travelling in a brown Land Rover.

Witnesses told the *Sowetan* yesterday that Ronnie and his friends were returning from school when a huge stone was hurled at them from the back of a moving vehicle.

"The young boy was hit on the head. He collapsed and lost consciousness," one of the witnesses said.

He said the white youths, who sped off soon after the incident, had not been provoked.

Ronnie, who at the time of his death was staying with his parents at a plot in Honeydew, will be buried at Dobsonville Cemetery next Sunday.

A senior police spokesman in Randburg has appealed to anyone who might have information leading to the arrest of the culprits to contact them immediately.

They can contact Lieutenant Trevor Johnstone at (011) 789-3136, 787-4517 or 787-4614.

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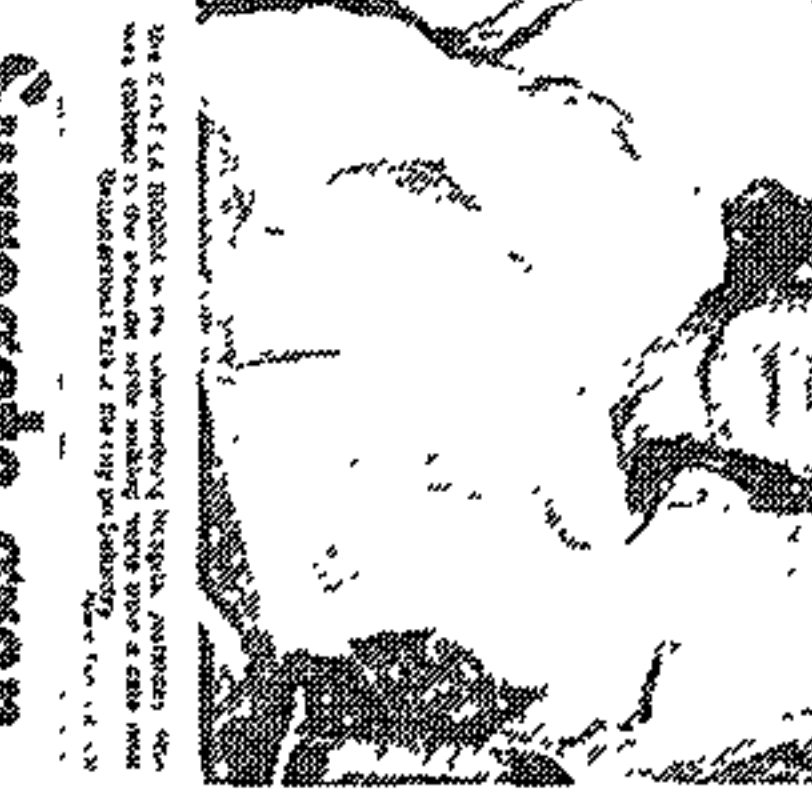
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Wild in the streets: A mob kindles white paranoia

THERE is an anarchical, surreal quality about the knifing to death of two middle-aged white men by unknown black youths in Johannesburg last weekend.

They were cut down in the precincts of a citadel of white power: Ellis Park, scene of many a triumph by white South African manhood on the rugby field.

Like several of the victims who were injured but luckily escaped with their lives, the dead men, Basil Delorme and Ledge van Druuten, had been watching the match between the visiting South Pacific XV and the South African Barbarians.

The attacks took place on October 10, a public holiday which used to be known as Kruger Day in honour of the 19th-century Afrikaner patriarch and defender of Afrikanerdom, Paul Kruger.

The upsurge of black-on-white violence on that day led Sam Bloomberg, National Party MP for Bezuidenhout, and Geoff Stark, an independent member of the Johannesburg City Council, to conclude that it must have been politically motivated.

Both men cited the "organised" inflow of young blacks into Johannesburg parks in support of their view.

But police investigations have found no evidence to support the contention that the violence was political, Lieutenant Pierre Louw told *Weekly Mail*. Fourteen youths had been detained for questioning about the murders but were later released, he said.

Clashes between black picnickers and police at two parks, Bezuidenhout and Rhodes Park, preceded the rampage by the angry youths, suggesting that they may have been enraged by the clashes.

Police, acting on complaints from white residents of unruly behaviour and drunkenness by the picnickers, went to Bezuidenhout Park. There, according to an official police statement, they used teargas to disperse black crowds after they were attacked by stone and bottle-throwing youths.

Later a police constable was attacked at nearby Rhodes Park, forc-

It seemed to happen from nowhere: an explosion of violence near Johannesburg's Ellis Park, leaving two men dead. The immediate reasons remain unclear, but the root causes of the conflict have been spiralling over the years.

PATRICK LAURENCE on the demography of violence

ing him to fire birdshot at the attack-ers, injuring two of them.

The unfortunate Delorme and Van Druuten may have encountered blacks en route to the Ellis Park train station from the two parks about 4 km away.

But if the immediate causes of the surge of murderous violence are still unclear, its deeper, underlying origins are less obscure.

The burgeoning population of the black townships which encircle Jo-

How The Citizen portrayed the weekend park riots

Johannesburg is obviously an important factor.

The white population is growing slowly, with its reproduction rate already "below replacement levels", according to demographer Johan Grobelaar of the Unit for Futures Research at Stellenbosch University.

Against that the black population is multiplying rapidly. Its reproduction rate — defined in terms of the number of live daughters born to women during their child-bearing years — is more than twice that of the whites.

Between 1980 and the turn of the century the total South African population will grow from 28.6 million to

44.9 million. Blacks will contribute more than 14 million of the anticipated increase against a combined total of barely over two million for whites, coloureds and Indians.

There is another crucial demographic dimension. Not only will blacks form an increasingly large proportion of the overall population — between 1980 and 2000 their proportion of the total will rise from just over 72 percent to nearly 78 percent — but young blacks will form a rising percentage of the black total.

Between 1980 and 2000, blacks in the school-going age group of five to 19 will rise dramatically. In 1980 blacks between the ages of five and 19 constituted about 75 percent of the total black population. By 2000 they will form about 83 percent.

By 2000, there will be nearly 16 million young South Africans between the ages five and 19. More than 12 million of them will be black.

These demographic forces are at work already; 1990 is no fewer than three years away.

The growing black population in the townships on the peripheries of the cities is already making increasing demands on available facilities.

One sign of it is the conspicuous, often dominating presence of blacks in many Johannesburg parks, which were desegregated as far back as 1974.

The underlying demographic forces, however, combine with another factor to form a socially explosive mix: the high drop-out rate at black schools.

As educationist and researcher Ken Hartshorne has shown, for every 100 black pupils enrolling in Sub-African schools, only 50, fail to complete primary school and only 10 reach Std 10. Of the 10 who reach matric, only five pass and only one gains a matric exemption certificate entitling him/her to go to university.

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Many of the drop-outs become alienated desperadoes, unemployed and, after a time, unemployable. They can and do degenerate into a *lumpen proletariat* to whom violence is a daily occurrence and life is cheap.

These social forces are integral to the wider canvas against which the senseless knifings of Delorme and Van Druten took place. They are central to the context in which the sudden flurry of security proposals by the Johannesburg City Council should be seen.

The proposed steps to prevent further violence include the erection of fences around parks, the recruitment and deployment of special municipal police to maintain control at parks and the charging of an entrance fee of between R2 and R3 for adults and 50c for children on public holidays and at the weekend.

But, argued Progressive Federal Party city councillor Tony Leon, these measures will not succeed on their own and may even exacerbate the situation.

Unless the city council stopped thinking only of whites when it planned for the future, unless it started to plan for blacks, too, the presence of armed guards at parks could precipitate an even greater tragedy.

Leon, who estimated 2 000 blacks live on the streets of Johannesburg without any form of shelter, not even squatter shacks, urged the city council's management committee to hold discussions with accepted black leaders on how best to control crowds at parks.

The problem is not new. There has been violence before. On December 16, 1983, a man was killed and 22 people injured in fighting at Gillooly's Farm on the outskirts of Johannesburg.

In 1983 a report calling for fences and entrance fees at Johannesburg Parks was submitted to the city council. In 1984 it was reportedly accepted by the city council's management committee.

But unsurprisingly the problem was not solved. It could hardly be as long as Johannesburg has more than 700 parks and Soweto barely 40 parks and playgrounds.

Pointing fingers aplenty. But the facts don't match up

BEHIND the Kruger Day race riots lie a tangled mesh of contradictory and politically expedient explanations.

National Party MP Sam Bloomberg blamed "truckloads of blacks". Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok blamed "rowdy youths" and seized the chance to take a swipe at the Detainees' Parents Support Committee. And SABC-TV news insinuated the Soweto Students Congress was involved.

Five Freedoms Forum member and Troyeville resident David Webster said he spent part of Saturday afternoon in Rhodes Park. "There were lots of people, lots had drunk too much and there was a disturbing amount of litter and broken glass. But the atmosphere was good."

Another picnicker recalled one potentially explosive incident when a white wedding party arrived. "A lot of little kids crowded around the couple, to get in on the video being filmed. The party left quickly, but nothing else happened."

The bare facts around which the versions are built are the following: Hundreds of black Johannesburgers converged on parks in white suburbs to enjoy Saturday's rare sunny weather. There was drinking and rowdy frolicking and the police were called in by white residents.

By 8pm two white men had been stabbed to death outside Ellis Park. Nine people were wounded and 17 were arrested by police.

One of the first commentators to capitalise on the suburban unrest was Bezuidenhout MP Bloomberg. Blaming the Progressive Federal Party for stalling NP attempts to police the parks, he pinned the cause of Saturday's violence on "truckloads of blacks descending on Rhodes Park with vast quantities of liquor, apparently with the intention of causing trouble".

Bloomberg told *The Citizen*: "It doesn't take a genius to work out that the violence was timed to coincide with Kruger Day and to give the dis-

Officials lost no time in uncovering political conspiracies to explain the violence. But attempts to pin the blame on black radicals don't hold together. JO-ANN BEKKER reports

tinguished press delegates to *The Star's* centennial press symposium the impression that our country is ungovernable and that our cities are seething with bloodshed and unrest."

Sunday night SABC-TV news also attempted to enlighten viewers as to the reasons behind the apparent anarchy. While the reporter read a grim inventory of murders, stabbings and injuries, the screen showed film footage of black youths showing off for the camera. The reporter noted solemnly that the picnic at Rhodes Park had been organised by the Soweto Students Congress.

This claim was denied by Sosco members who said it was an attempt to criminalise the congress. Eyewitnesses said there had been no political banners or T-shirts displayed at Rhodes Park.

Early in the week, liaison officers for the South African Police offered a sketchy reconstruction of Saturday's events.

According to *The Star's* crime reporter, the first incident was reported at 5pm at Bezuidenhout Park when crowds pelted police with bottles and tried to set a road grader alight. Riot police used teargas to disperse the crowds, which then streamed through the streets of Bezuidenhout Valley and Dewetshof to Ellis Park. People damaged cars and property on their way.

Insurance assessor Basil Delorme, about 50, and 58-year-old Ledge van Druten of Benoni, who were leaving the stadium, were stabbed to death when the mob reached Ellis Park. Other spectators were injured.

At about 7pm at Kensington's Rhodes Park, a crowd of about 150



Vlok: drunk youths to blame

cornered police Constable J Willemse, who fired birdshot to escape. He was injured and two people — an 18-year-old man and a 21-year-old woman — were wounded and later arrested.

Seventeen people were arrested that day. However, by Monday all but three had been set free unconditionally. Police said the three would face charges of public violence, assault and murder.

Vlok, meanwhile, blamed drunken youths for the violence. "Those people who continually plead the innocence of so-called youths, such as the DPSC, must take note of the ghastly events of the past weekend," he added.

In a statement, the DPSC asked whether people were detained because of drunk and disorderly behaviour. "If so, what are the ordinary laws of the country for? ... He (Vlok) has resorted to ridiculous ir-

situations from any platform to try to discredit the DPSC and justify an unjustifiable system."

The police took the opportunity to appeal to whites — who according to Bloomberg were itching to form vigilante groups — to join their police reserves and form legal neighbourhood watches.

And the Johannesburg City Council rushed through a set of recommendations which would turn the city's parks into fenced-off zones whose gates would only unlock to those paying entrance fees — and then only until the quota of one person per 20 square metres of usable space was filled.

The recommendations are almost certain to be ratified by the National Party-dominated Independent Ratepayers' Association at the end of the month. Meanwhile, the weekend mayhem will reportedly speed up negotiations between the city council and police aimed at establishing a municipal police force for white areas.

But among some white residents in Johannesburg's eastern suburbs there is strong resistance to this trigger-happy response.

Webster and a Kensington resident who asked not to be named described how green-suited security guards carrying 9mm automatic pistols and armed men on horseback had created tension at the park two weeks earlier. At that time the boisterous crowd at the park were white country music fans who were watching a festival.

The resident said the guards had instructed picnickers to keep their dogs on leads and ordered an ice-cream vendor to leave the park. "Two uniformed men on horseback cantered across the lawn, terrifying the young children in our group," Webster said. "It was very unpleasant."

"Sealing off the parks would be an outrage," he added. "There are no decent parks in Soweto so obviously people are going to seek more decent surroundings on public holidays. I would rather have lots of people in the park than guys with guns."

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"ONLY DULL BROWNS AND GREYS WILL BE ACCEPTABLE"**

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Korean War hero in secret nuclear trial

Supreme Court Reporter
FLYING ace and arms dealer Brigadier Johann "Jannie" Blaauw is facing trial behind closed doors on charges of attempted extortion, fraud, corruption and contravening the Nuclear Energy Act.

Such is the secrecy surrounding the Supreme Court trial that the press have been refused access to anything other than the brigadier's identity, a bald statement of the charges and the information that he has surrendered his passport and is on bail of R50 000.

It is known, however, that the list of state witnesses reads like an extract from a South African "Who's Who", including leading business and political figures.

Brigadier Blaauw is being charged in terms of Section 70 of the Nuclear Energy Act which makes it an offence

— punishable by a fine of R20 000 or 20 years in prison or both — to receive any information about nuclear licences, sites or installations "knowing or having reasonable grounds to believe" that such information is communicated without the written permission of the Atomic Energy Corporation.

Brigadier Blaauw was a hero of the Korean War, in which he commanded the South African Air Force's "Cheetah Squadron", winning a decoration for bravery from the United States Air Force and the Distinguished Flying Cross.

The trial of Brigadier Blaauw is proceeding.

Mr Justice G Friedman is presiding with two assessors. Deputy Attorney General Mr F Kahn is prosecuting. Mr M Hannon SC, instructed by Werksman of Johannesburg, is appearing for Mr Blaauw.

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'Uncompromising' arms dealer is a

man of mystery

By CHRIS STEYN

BRIGADIER Jan Blaauw, Korean air ace, arms dealer — and at present the accused in a top-secret Supreme Court trial on charges of attempted extortion, fraud, corruption and contravening the Nuclear Energy Act — is a man of mystery.

He never speaks to the press. Secrecy surrounds his every move, although in the past few years he has not been able to avoid publicity, thanks to a series of controversial court cases in which he has been involved.

He adopts such a low profile that this week a reporter covering the start of the trial — which is taking place behind closed doors in the Supreme Court, Cape Town — had to identify the grey-haired, goateed accused from old photographs taken in less hush-hush times.

The only facts supplied to the press at the start of the current trial were Brigadier Blaauw's identity, a statement on the charges and the information that he has surrendered his passport and is on bail of R50 000.

However, it is known that police investigations into the activities of Brigadier Blaauw and Mr Frans Wephton, former private secretary of Mr Fanie Botha (former Minister of Manpower) and an associate of the brigadier's, began in November 1983.

Because the matter is *sub judice*, little can be revealed about the trial at this stage, except that leading business and political figures are among the state witnesses.

Brigadier Blaauw attracted public notice as far back as January 1985,



Brigadier Blaauw... At the time of the Korean War (left) and, years later, in 1983.

When the then Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, confirmed police had been tapping his telephone as part of a 13-month investigation concerning national security.

The national security probe was brought into the open when a police officer, Captain Dirk Coetzee, was suddenly suspended from duty after making an affidavit in which he alleged that the police were tapping

telephone lines illegally in investigations unrelated to national security.

Captain Coetzee was subsequently suspended without pay and as far as is known his claims were not taken any further.

Brigadier Blaauw was a legendary figure in the South African Air Force during service which spanned World War II and Korea, where he commanded the SAAF's famed 2

Squadron, the "Flying Cheetahs", and was decorated with the Distinguished Flying Cross.

One of the stories still told about him is that he stopped a proposed South African invasion of Rhodesia dead in its tracks by informing the then Prime Minister, Mr John Vorster, of the plans afoot in military circles. Mr P W Botha, who was then Minister of Defence, dismissed these claims as "nonsense".

Described by close associates as "proud, arrogant and uncompromising", very active and still super-fit, although in his mid-sixties, he is a very private man.

His high-powered business activities have brought him into the limelight on several occasions.

In March the following year Brigadier Blaauw — as a member of an international syndicate — sued Sasol and other parties in one of the biggest lawsuits in South African history.

Among the defendants in the case, in which more than R270m was at stake, were the Strategic Fuel Fund Association and the honorary Peruvian consul-general in Cape Town, Mr H Storch-Nielsen.

The case was brought by Brigadier Blaauw and a mysterious British businessman, Mr Maurice Sellier, who had close connections with Ms Susan Guinness, member of a prominent titled British family.

In March of 1985 Brigadier Blaauw launched a Supreme Court action against the state over West Coast diamond concessions which he claimed were granted to his company, Ondombo Beleggings (Pty), by Mr Fanie Botha.

Firm sells stands it doesn't own

By SY MAKARINGE

A JOHANNESBURG home building company is "selling" residential sites it does not possess, an investigation by the *Sowetan* has revealed.

Property Express (the advertisement is on the right) which operates from a building in Jeppe Street, Johannesburg, has been advertising in newspapers that it would soon be building new homes in areas such as Dobsonville, Thokoza and Siluma View.

Potential home buyers were required to pay a deposit of R2000 to secure a site.

But the *Sowetan* has established that the sites in these areas have not been allocated to building contractors yet.

The Dobsonville project, for instance, will only be formally announced today.

The Family Housing Association — which developed land in these areas — has categorically denied having allocated sites to Property Express.

In a statement the association said that it took strong exception to people selling sites they did not have. It said it was very tragic that certain people took advantage of the plight of the homeless.

Property Express is also selling sites which it says will soon be available at New Canada. The land in that area has not been developed yet. The Diepmeadow Council has also not approved the proposed development.

Mr Andre Wolfardt, general manager of Property Express, conceded that although he had applied for sites, the Family Housing Association had not allocated them to his company yet.

He said he was confident of acquiring some of the sites he had applied for.

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"We have applied for 300 sites in Dobsonville and we are hoping to get at least 70. We might get 47 in Siluma View and 50 in Thokoza," Mr Wolfardt said.

He said if his company failed to secure sites for some of the applicants, the R2000 deposits would be refunded in full.

Mr Wolfardt said applicants' deposits were currently in a trust fund. He said the money did not accumulate any interest, but if it did, the interest would be payable to the Estates Agency Board.

An official of the board denied that the EAB received interests accumulated by initial deposits.

Another said people with complaints about the alleged misleading advertisements should lodge them with the board so that the matter could be investigated.

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**White group's
Mayfair threat**

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — The Blanke Bevrydingsbeweging (White Liberation Movement) leader, Professor Johan Schabort, has threatened to evict "illegal" residents of Mayfair if the government failed to enforce the Group Areas Act there by January 31.

A Ministry of Law and Order spokesman, Brigadier Leon Mellet, said yesterday that the Minister, Mr Adriaan Vlok, had "taken note of the provocative statements" made at a meeting on Wednesday in Boksburg.

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1 500 Soweto cars searched

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Seven stolen vehicles were recovered and six people arrested in Soweto on Saturday night.

Brigadier A S Venter, divisional inspector of operations in Soweto, said 1 487 vehicles were searched for weapons, drugs and stolen possessions by the large police contingent on duty.

A large amount of Mandrax, dagga and liquor was confiscated.

A spokesman for the police directorate of public relations said a man died when attacked by a group of men, and another died in a separate incident in Edendale on Saturday.

In the second incident, the man was fatally wounded when a group of people gathered illegally. They fired at police when they arrived.

Police fired a warning shot to disperse the mob. Five men were arrested.

In an incident at Mpumulanga in the Hammarisdale area, arsonists damaged a house.

Several deaths were reported yesterday:

Mr Gert Karels (42) drowned in a dam on Sewefontein farm at Robertson in the Boland.

Mr Samuel Isaacs of Genadendal drowned in the town's reservoir.

A brother and sister, Mr Jan Williams (21) and Miss Sarah Williams (25), drowned off Disaville Beach at Saldanha Bay.

Miss Williams got into difficulty while swimming. Her brother went to her assistance and they both drowned.

The body of Mrs Sannie Malan (65) was found among bushes in the Koekenaap area.

Sixteen-year-old Arnold Phillip Meisserheim was found dead in a room at Macassar.

He had complained earlier of feeling ill.

The body of Miss Anna Cleophas was found in the bush at Malmesbury in a state of decay.

She was reported missing some time ago.

The police are searching for Miss Dora Ebrahim of Cape Town in the Wolwekloof Mountains at Ceres. She went missing while climbing.

The body of a man in his twenties was recovered from Middelburg's Kruger Dam after a two-day search by police divers.

He had been fishing with friends.

Feast of ^{Soweto} 5/1/89 38 thieves

SOWETO thugs had no rest over the New Year weekend with the police reporting 13 murders and 31 cases of rape in the township.

Three people were arrested in three of the murder cases and eight others arrested in connection with four of the rape cases. Soweto police liaison officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Fanyana Zwane, confirmed yesterday.

He said 10 cases of attempted murder were reported, 11 cases of armed robberies and 15 cases of muggings to the police. Two people were arrested in two of the attempted murder cases.

Eight cars were stolen and 11 theft out of cars cases reported.

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Suspect found hanged

PRETORIA. — A prisoner awaiting trial on charges of indecently assaulting children was found hanged in his cell in Pretoria central prison on Sunday, the Department of Prisons said in a statement yesterday. Mr Gert Wallace was found hanging from a belt. He was to have appeared in the Pretoria Regional Court at the end of January on charges of indecent assault.

14-year-old is raped

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FOUR people were killed and 10 women raped in various acts of violence in Soweto at the weekend.

The youngest rape victim was a 14-year-old girl. Police arrested one man in connection with one of the rape cases, according to police liaison officer Lieutenant-Colonel Fanyana Zwane.

The four murder victims had wounds caused either by knives or sharp instruments. Three people were arrested in connection with one of the cases.

Five cases of attempted murder were reported. In one case an unknown man fired four shots at a couple in a Naledi shebeen. The couple escaped unhurt, but police have not yet been able to trace the man.

Three people were robbed of their cars by armed gangs. Twelve cases of muggings were reported with three arrests in three cases.

Two white men were arrested for stealing a motor car. One white woman was arrested for dealing in two mandrax tablets.

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Court gives ex-Sundowns boss a stiff sixteen years

THE former owner of Mamelodi Sundowns football club, Zola Daniel Mahobe, was yesterday sentenced to an effective 16 years behind bars for theft involving R6-million.

Passing sentence before a Johannesburg Regional Court packed with supporters and friends of the accused, Magistrate AB Booysens sentenced Mahobe to a total of 29 years, 13 of them to be served concurrently.

In passing sentence on the 34-year-old Mahobe — who transformed Sundowns from also-rans into one of the country's leading teams — Booysens said the accused had been a "very unreliable witness".

He said Mahobe's claim that he was unaware that the R6-million his girlfriend, Snowy Moshoeshoe, passed on to him had been stolen from the Standard Bank was implausible.

Moshoeshoe, who was found guilty of fraud last year and sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment, testified that she had told Mahobe the money came from farms and properties sold by her relatives in Lesotho, headed by King Moshoeshoe.

Booyens said he acknowledged that Mahobe was a first-time offender and had already spent a year in prison. But Mahobe, he said, had not committed the theft merely to survive.

He said the banks had a vital role to play in society and — like individuals — had a right to expect the courts to make an example of those who broke the law.

Mahobe's attorney, J Seriti, called for a suspended sentence coupled with an order to repay the amount Mahobe had been found guilty of stealing. He asked the magistrate to take into account that Mahobe had a wife and two children and had shown a commitment to the community and to black football.

Booyens said he could only agree to this if there was reasonable chance of the bank being repaid. The interest alone could amount to R80 000, he said, and the chances of Mahobe repaying the money were remote.

Seriti said he intended to lodge an appeal.

Legal observers say this is the first time a case involving such a massive sum of money has been heard in the Johannesburg Regional Court. Mahobe was arrested in Botswana last year after eight months on the run from the South African Police.

NEWS MAMLODI SUNDOWNS



Zola Mahobe... 'The fact that Mamelodi Sundowns made big strides in soccer circles could be attributed to the stolen money.'



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Soweto's weekend crime count: 8 slain, 16 raped

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Eight murders, 37 robberies and 16 rapes were reported in Soweto at the weekend, police said.

Spokesman Major Noel Hartwell also said that nine cars had been stolen and 20 burglaries reported.

Five suspects had been arrested in connection with drug-related offences and five others were detained under the Liquor Act.

Fourteen stolen cars had been recovered.
Crime Reporter.

State hangs 2 murderers

TWO convicted murderers went to the gallows in Pretoria on Friday, the first hangings of 1989 in South Africa which has one of the highest execution rates in the world.

Nelson Bakari (29), and Johannes Mangate (41), were convicted of multiple murders. They were not among the 48 people on Death Row for politically motivated crimes.

Some 117 people — 76 blacks, 38 coloureds and three whites — were hanged last year at Pretoria Central Prison, where all executions in South Africa are carried out.

In 1987, 164 people were executed. Human rights campaigners say there are about 217 people on Death Row at present. — Sapa-Reuter.

Mayor charged

Stellenbosch 17/1/89

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THE R677 327,02 theft case against two former officials of the Thokoza Town Council resumes in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court today.

The case, which has been going on for the past two years, involves Mr Gerald Mamabolo

(45), former mayor and Mrs Doris Thinane (42), former town clerk.

The State alleges they stole R513 083 from the council on April 16, 1986 and R164 243,96, also from the council on June 9, 1986.

They have both pleaded not guilty.

39 stolen ⁽³⁸⁾ minibuses recovered

By Craig Kotze,
Crime Reporter

Police yesterday recovered 39 stolen minibuses in a massive search operation at one of Soweto's busiest taxi ranks.

The operation, which lasted 2½ hours, involved the deployment of 500 policemen from as far afield as the Krugersdorp Vehicle Branch.

They searched 300 minibuses and seized a large quantity of stolen goods other than vehicles, said a spokesman.

Deputy Minister of Law and Order Mr Leon Wessels took part in the operation, which was led by Lieutenant-General Mulder van Eyk and Soweto Divisional Commissioner, Brigadier Johan Viktor.

PETROL-BOMBED

Police sealed off the entire Baragwanath taxi rank in Diepkloof and searched all minibuses that entered and left the area.

After the operation, Mr Wessels visited Bhukulani High School in Zondi, which was petrol-bombed early yesterday.

Mr Wessels said the operation was requested by residents and businessmen of Soweto.

"The police cannot work without the co-operation of the public, who also have a right to effective policing in their communities," he said.

Further operations were planned in the area, he added.

Last year police recovered 4 400 stolen vehicles in Soweto.

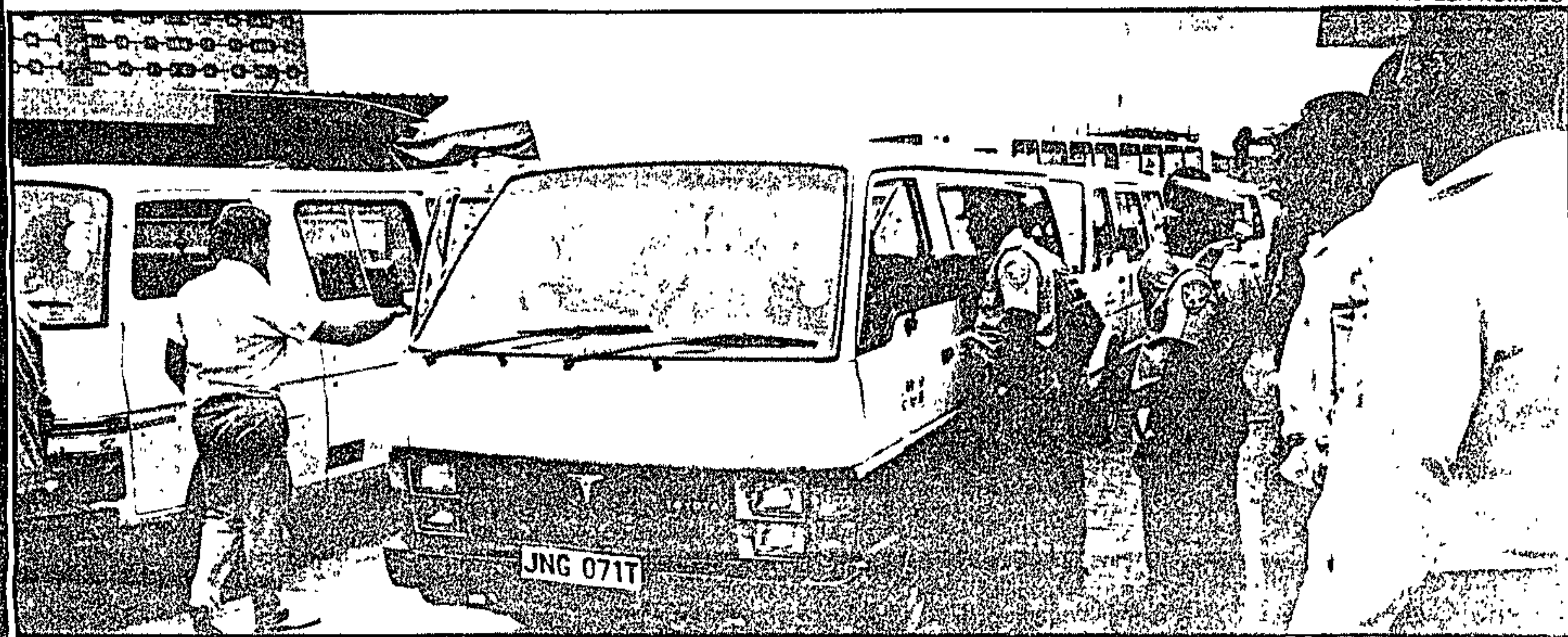
POLICE and traffic officers yesterday carried a massive blitz on taxis at Baragwanath rank and recovered 39 stolen minibuses. Mr Leon Wessels, the Deputy Minister of Law and Order, was present during the operation.
Pic LEN KUMALO

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COPS BUST TAXI RANK

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THE Deputy Minister of Law and Order, Mr Leon Wessels, joined police in a massive swoop on Soweto yesterday which netted 39 stolen cars in three-and-

By ALI MPHAKI

a-half hours.

In one of the biggest crime prevention drives which involved about 500 policemen, police surrounded the Baragwanath taxi rank where all 39

vehicles were recovered and 39 people arrested.

The blitz on the taxi rank — which took the taxi people by surprise —

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Taxi rank raid

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was started at 12 noon and ended at 3.30pm.

A number of passersby were also stopped and searched for dangerous weapons. In one incident a man wearing a T-shirt bearing a union logo was stopped and his briefcase was thoroughly searched. He was later set free.

The Deputy Minister told the Press after the blitz that Soweto police recovered 5 500 stolen vehicles in the township last year. He said the theft of motor vehicles was a big problem in the area and without the help of the public police would be unable to recover the vehicles.

He said police worked in conjunction with members of the defence force who played a supportive role, but in yesterday's blitz no SADF personnel were present.



Bara racket 'spies'

By MANDLA
NDLAZI

THE Security Services Consultants used numerous informers when it investigated the "theft racket" at Baragwanath Hospital for a R10 000 fee.

This was said by the company's official, Mr D Condon, when he was cross-examined by Advocate G Aber, counsel for the defence in a theft case at the Orlando Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Appearing before Mr P J Coetsee was Miss Irene Tshabalala (26) of Phiri Township, Soweto, charged with theft. The State alleges she stole a towel and three sheets at Baragwanath Hospital on November 18 last year.

Theft

Miss Tshabalala, a member of the National Education Health and Allied Workers Union, was employed in 1983 as a cleaner at Baragwanath Hospital. She has pleaded not guilty and is represented by Mr Aber, instructed by Bell-Dewer and Hall.

Still under cross-examination, Mr Condon said the fee to investigate "the theft racket" was R10 000, but the figure was adjusted. He said his company did not promise its client of any arrest or conviction when it took up the job to investigate.

Mr Condon said the Soweto police were informed after his company had signed the contract to investigate. His company, he said, did not operate as a "cover agent" and Brigadier Venter and Brigadier Meyer of the Soweto police wanted to know all what his company was doing and they were told he said. (Proceeding)

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Soweto taxi rank searched

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ABOUT 500 SAP members cordoned off the Baragwanath taxi rank in Diepkloof, Soweto, yesterday afternoon and conducted a systematic search of about 300 vehicles while Law and Order Deputy Minister Leon Wessels looked on.

The operation, part of the SAP's crime prevention campaign in Soweto, resulted in 39 arrests and 39 stolen mini buses and other goods were recovered. The value of the vehicles was about R585 000.

Commenting on his first-time participation in such an operation in Soweto, Wessels said he appreciated the public's co-operation with the SAP and the smoothness with which the operation was carried out.

To live and die in Soweto

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By ALI MPHAKI

SOWETO continues to seethe with crime with figures for last year showing that at least three people were murdered daily in the township.

Murder cases reported to the police between January and November last year show that 1135 were killed in various acts of violence. Of these murders, 190 were committed with the use of firearms.

Other weapons like knives, pangas and sharp instruments claimed 945 lives.

The murder figures show a slight decline when compared to those of the same period in 1987.

Concern

In that year, 1152 murder cases were reported to the police. Of these, 234 were committed with firearms, while 818 were committed with the use of other weapons.

Cause for concern has been the escalating number of rape cases in the sprawling township. Between January and November last year, 1820 rape cases were reported.

In December only last year, 21 cases involving girls between the ages of one and 21 years were reported. Sixty-seven cases involving girls from

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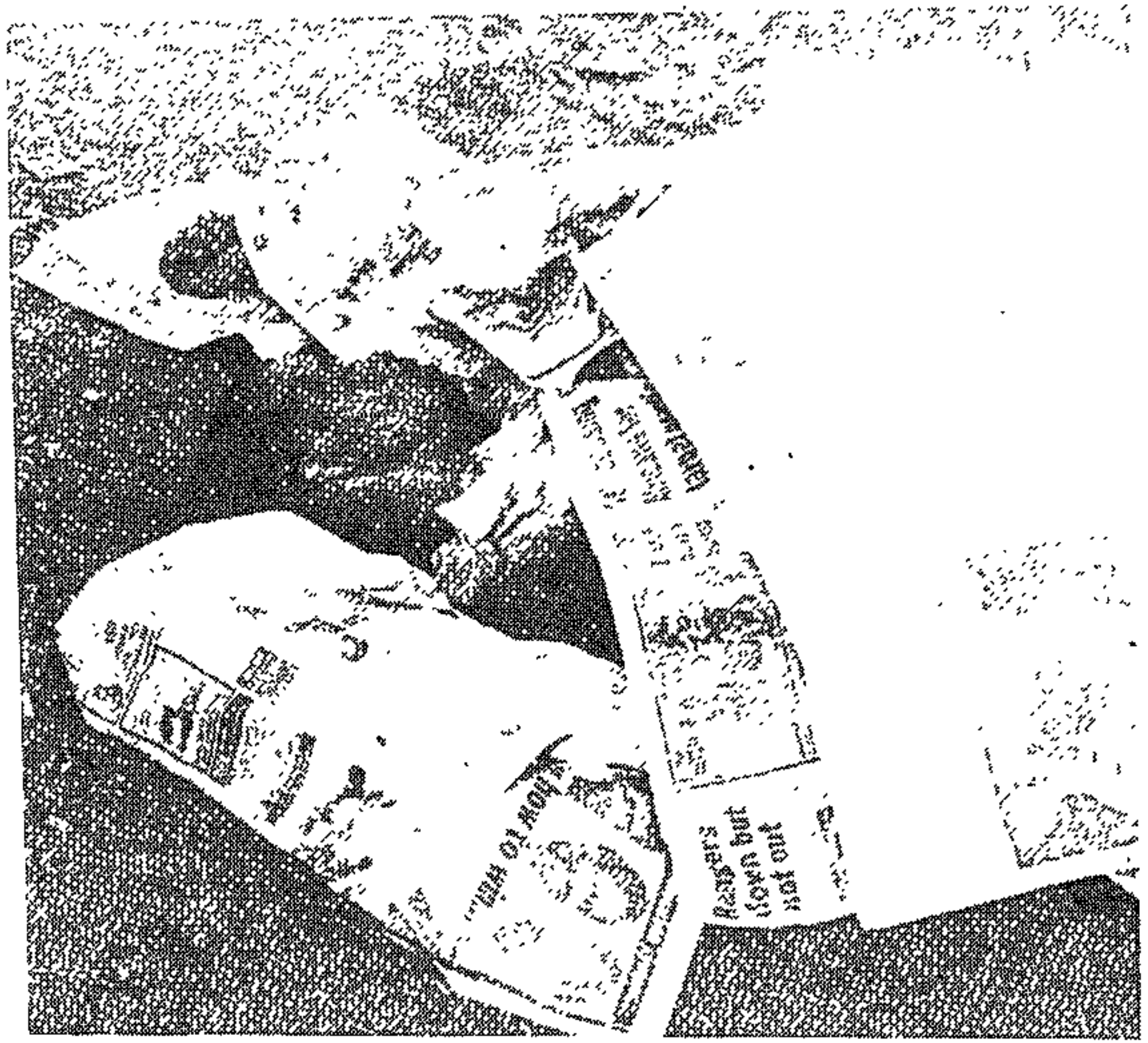
the age of 11 years to 16 years were also reported in the same period.

This means 88 cases of rape on girls between one and 16 years were reported in December only.

Burglary

The Soweto police liaison officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Fanyana Zwane, said the increase in the number of rape cases was disturbing. He said the figure could be higher considering that some of the cases were not reported.

Housebreaking cases on residential houses



numbered 2045, while on business premises amounted to 577. Motor car thefts amounted to 1661.

The stealing of cars has been declared one of the biggest problems facing owners and the police in Soweto. During the visit

by the Deputy Minister of Law and Order, Mr Leon Wessels, to Soweto this week, he made mention of this.

The Minister said a total of 5500 stolen vehicles in Soweto were recovered by police last year.

The police have put the blame for the escalating crime in the township squarely on booze. Their contention is that many quarrels which start at the shebeens — be it over a bottle, a girl or merely one stepping on the foot of another by mistake — are not settled verbally.

Poverty

Social workers and community leaders think the socio-economic situation most blacks find themselves in is responsible for crime.

The National Institute for Crime and Rehabilitation of Offenders (Nicro) believes that if crime is to be contained properly, the partnership between the State and the private sector must become a working reality.

EX-CONS GET TOGETHER

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

A GROUP of ex-prisoners have formed an association aimed at rehabilitating them by creating and finding job opportunities for them in the Transvaal.

The National Union of Ex-Prisoners for Crime Prevention and Re-adjustment also aims to develop ex-prisoners, instil confidence, hope, dignity, a spirit of help and to solve problems facing them.

This is the second organisation formed to help ex-prisoners after another was launched in Natal last month, according to executive members of the newly-formed Transvaal

region.

The Transvaal chairman, Mr Kenneth Twala, who served 12 years for robbery, yesterday told the *Sowetan* ex-prisoners were faced with problems of:

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- Receiving very little support and help from welfare and state agencies;
- Being rejected by a large part of the society; and
- Having no jobs and being isolated and alone.

He said: "The area groups are roots of our organisation. They must be strong; united, must share the vision of teaching others, and start working out solutions to the problems of ex-prisoners."

"Each ex-prisoner in the group must participate, be disciplined and eventually organise other prisoners. Our slogan here is 'Each one organise one'."

He said the association will create jobs for those prisoners who have skills in bricklaying, plumbing, welding, cooking, carpentry, painting and many others. They learnt these skills while in jail, he added.

The association will also run courses in bookkeeping, administration, secretarial jobs



FROM left to right are Nueptocar members Mr Prince Morare, Mr Stephen Morel and Transvaal chairman Mr Kenneth Twala.

and others during February.

Another ex-prisoner, Mr Prince Morare, who served 10 years for robbery, said criminals are people and should be treated as such. "They are people who

need to be pardoned for their deeds. They need guidance," he said, adding, "we need honest people who are dedicated to society."

He believed that it was the ex-prisoner himself who must take up the

challenge and reshape his life, he said. Criminals can be converted.

Mr Stephen Morel, another ex-prisoner, said they intend to embark on literacy courses and skills training. He appealed to welfare organisations to help them.

Boksburg's 'crime drop' not borne out

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By Anna Louw,
East Rand Bureau

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East Rand police say they know nothing about Boksburg's crime rate dropping by 40 percent since the Conservative Party has governed the town.

A spokesman for Divisional Headquarters in Springs yesterday said they had no knowledge of such statistics.

He was reacting to claims made in a morning newspaper by the chief whip of the Boksburg Town Council's CP caucus, Mr T J Ferreira, that the re-introduction of petty apartheid in the town had cut the crime rate by almost half.

He said before they closed the lake to blacks, several muggings and murders had been reported in the area.

LITTERBUGS

According to Mr Ferreira the closure of the lake had resulted in dwindling crime.

He said the problem of litterbugs had been greatly reduced since the council had implemented its policies:

National Party MP for Boksburg, Mr Sakkie Blanche, is reported to have said it was grossly unfair to blame other race groups for Boksburg's crime rate.

According to him the crime rate had been dropping steadily anyway.

Police are investigating allegations by the CP Council that the Boksburg Alliance, its chairman, Mr Issy Kramer and six shops had contravened the emergency regulations by encouraging a boycott.

A spokesman for police headquarters in Pretoria said he was unaware of a significant drop in Boksburg's crime rate.

Bank tip-off leads to arrests

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A tip-off from Nedbank led to the arrests last week of three Pretoria bank employees in connection with illegal foreign exchange transactions amounting to more than R1,8m.

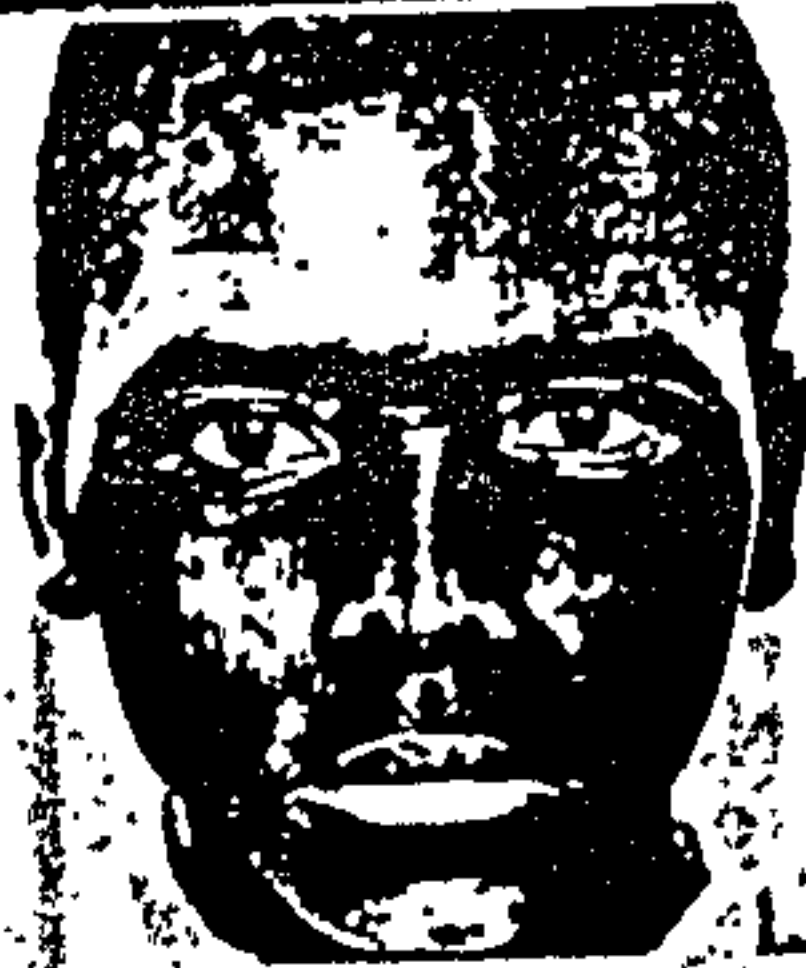
A spokesman for Nedbank said at the weekend that one of the suspects had still been in the bank's employ at the time of the arrests. Two others, who had previously worked for Nedbank, had already left the bank and were working for another bank when they were arrested.

Police said a fourth man, described by police as a "middleman", had also been arrested.

Police are expected to arrest more bank employees in connection with the illegal deals.



ON THE RUN . . .
Shelela Alphas
Nyavusa.



ON THE RUN . . .
Zakhele Hlekisana
Mbatha.

Hunt for 2 killers hots up

POLICE are closing in on the killers of Dr Abu-Baker Asvat after releasing the identikits of two suspects yesterday.

The names of the suspects were given as Shelela Alphas Nyavusa (23), formerly of Nancefield Hostel, Soweto, and Zakhele Hlekisana Mbatha (25).

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Shot twice

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Two men posed as patients on January 27 at Dr. Asvat's Rockville, Soweto, surgery before killing him after gaining access to his examination room. One of the men shot him twice with a 9 mm pistol, killing him instantly.

At the time one of them had given his name as Mandla Nkwangane of J. 11, Nancefield Hostel.

Police have appealed to anyone with information regarding the matter to contact Captain Heslinga of the Murder and Robbery Squad at (011) 980-8104 during working hours and (011) 665-2277 after hours.

Terre'Blanche and Tutu to face trials

B/Am SUSAN RUSSELL 38 9/2/89

AWB leader Eugene Terre'Blanche will be charged with malicious damage to property and crimen injuria, Witwatersrand Attorney-General Klaus von Lieres told a Press conference yesterday. The charges arise from the incident at the Paardekraal Monument, Krugers-

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Terre'Blanche and Tutu to face trials

dorp, on December 26. Terre'Blanche, while with Sunday Times columnist Jani Allan, allegedly drove his car into the gates of the monument.

Von Lieres also announced he had decided to prosecute Trevor Tutu on three counts of crimen iniuria.

These relate to incidents at Langlaagte in October, Jan Smuts Airport on December 31 and Kempton Park Magistrate's Court on January 3.

Tutu also faces three charges for alleged contraventions of the Police Act,

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the Civil Aviation Offences Act and malicious damage to property.

Von Lieres said he had decided Tutu's co-accused in the Jan Smuts airport incident, Joan Helen Rhodes, would be tried separately.

He will also prosecute Willeboer Bruno Venter on a charge of crimen injuria for an incident involving Archbishop Desmond Tutu at Jan Smuts Airport on June 30 as passengers were boarding a flight to Cape Town.

Employment
book just the
job — police

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An employment book for domestic and other workers has been launched by a Johannesburg company and has been welcomed by the SAP, which has repeatedly called on employers to collect relevant information before hiring.

The booklet is to contain information to protect both workers and employers. It was produced by J S Holborn and Associates with the help of 16 organisations including the Black Sash and Citizen's Advice.

Called "Staff Book", it is to contain all relevant information pertaining to workers carrying it, including photographs.

Entries are to be made for overtime, sick leave, bonuses, loans and other detail.

A police spokesman said that although police could not endorse any particular product, they welcomed any attempt to help in the fight against crime.

Many murders and other crimes had been committed by domestic or other workers, most of them virtual enigmas to their employers.

Those interested in the booklet should contact 726-8755.

Weekend violence claims 10 lives

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GUNS and knives claimed 10 lives in incidents of violence in Soweto at the weekend, police spokesman Major Noel Hartwell said yesterday.

By ALI MPHAKI

Of the 10 victims, three were shot.

Major Hartwell said

nine cases of attempted murder were reported, and nine women were raped in various incidents. Twelve armed robberies were reported while six people were arrested in five of the 26 robberies reported to the police.

Housebreaking cases on residential areas reached 19, with police making three arrests in two of the cases.

Seventeen cars were reported stolen with the police recovering eight.

Four people were arrested for being in possession of three suspected stolen cars.

Murder docket on Stompie

POLICE yesterday opened murder dockets on Stompie Moeketsi (Sepei), 14, and Maxwell Madondo, 19, a member of the Mandela football club, whose bodies were positively identified yesterday.

Moeketsi has been missing since last December. He disappeared after allegedly being abducted and assaulted by the Mandela club.

His body was found with stab wounds, but the degree of assault was difficult to determine because of the state of decomposition, police spokesman Capt Ruben Bloomberg said.

Madondo's body was found in Orlando West on Monday. He had been hacked to death.

Meanwhile, a man believed to be a member of the football club was taken by police yesterday on the airport high-

way outside Johannesburg, minutes after he met Winnie and Zinzi Mandela at Jan Smuts Airport on their return from Cape Town.

The man, not named by police, was taken for identification and dropped off at his home afterwards, Bloomberg said.

He could not say why police had travelled all the way to the airport to speak to the man.

Winnie and Zinzi Mandela visited jailed ANC leader Nelson Mandela in Paarl yesterday. Mandela is said to have discussed her controversial football club and Moeketsi's death with her husband, said Sapa.

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Police open murder docket on Stompie

They refused to speak to the large Press contingent at the airport in Johannesburg later. But they looked cheerful and were met by a young man in a tracksuit. It was he who was stopped by police on the highway shortly afterwards while driving with the Mandelas in a kombi.

After speaking to the police, the Mandelas changed cars. Police later said her car was impounded "for examination purposes" in connection with the Moeketsi investigation but she was allowed to proceed home immediately.

The man was driven off by three security policemen. Bloomberg said the incident was in connection with the top-

level investigation into events surrounding the football club.

Police identification of Moeketsi and Madondo brings to three the number of deaths being investigated.

The third is that of Dr Abu-baker Asvat, who reportedly saw the injured Moeketsi at a house in Soweto. Asvat was killed in his surgery the next day.

□ EDYTH BULBRING reports that the SACC's national executive committee yesterday called for restraint by the community in the controversy surrounding Mandela and the football club.

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HOUSE OF DELEGATES

INTERPELLATIONS:

General Affairs

Dr Abu-Baker Asvat: inquiry into death

Mr M Rajab asked the Minister of Law and Order:

- (1) Whether the South African Police are conducting an inquiry into the death of Dr Abu-Baker Asvat in January 1989; if so, what progress has been made to date;
- (2) whether an inquiry has been made by or on behalf of the Police into alleged political killings of anti-apartheid activists in the Republic; if so, what are the relevant details?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER: Mr Chairman, the reply to the first part of the question put to me is: Yes, the investigation into the death of Dr Abu-Baker Asvat is at an advanced stage. Two suspects, namely Shelela Nyavusa and Zakhela Mbatha have been identified as a result of descriptions received from eye-witnesses.

Identikit of the suspects were compiled and made available to the media for publication on 6 February 1989. An appeal was also made to the public to assist the police in tracing the suspects. Up until now no further information has been received. However, at present the police are following up a number of clues and all possible endeavours are being made to trace those responsible for the killing.

My answer to the second part of the question is that I wish to point out to the hon member that one cannot refer to alleged political murders without qualification. In the investigation into a murder case, it is often not possible to identify a specific motive for the murder. More than one motive is often raised. However, in some instances, as the police investigation progresses, it becomes possible to identify a motive. In most instances the motive for a murder is only confirmed beyond doubt during the trial of the perpetrator. In those instances where the perpetrators are not traced, it is difficult to ascertain beyond doubt the motive for a murder.

The fact of the matter is that in all instances where it is evident or it is alleged that a person died as a result of unnatural causes, the SA Police investigate the cause of death. If it is evident that the person was murdered, a murder docket is opened. Otherwise an inquest docket is opened. However, in both instances all resources at the disposal of the SA Police are utilised to obtain as much information as possible.

If it appears that the unlawful act of another person or persons was the cause of the unnatural death, all possible attempts are made to trace and charge that person or those persons. In the meantime the provisions of the Inquests Act, Act 58 of 1959, are put into action and all the relevant evidence is submitted to the public prosecutor for the holding of an inquest.

MR M RAJAB: Mr Chairman, I appreciate the reply given by the hon the Minister. However, I want to express my disappointment that since 6 February there has been no further progress in regard to the apprehension of the two people whom the SA Police suspect of being involved in the murder of Dr Asvat.

I also appreciate the explanation given by the hon the Minister as to the difficulty involved in identifying a murderer as a political murderer or just an ordinary one.

I want to tell the hon the Minister that my concern is that there is a growing perception in the wider South African community that right-wing death squads are believed to be involved in carrying out assassinations on and abductions of key anti-apartheid activists. These are perceptions that one cannot just wish away, because if one looks at the record it shows that since 1985 the murders or assassinations of something like 11 key anti-apartheid activists have not been resolved.

We cannot deny that over the past few years there has been a marked increase in the number of attacks on such people. There has been an increase in the number of attacks on premises which belong to such people and such organisations. What is disturbing is that few, if any, of these cases are ever brought to court or solved. In these circumstances the perception remains therefore that had these perpetrations been on the property or persons of Government-suppor-

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ting individuals, arrests or convictions would have followed immediately.

There is also the perception that in these circumstances respect for the concept of law and order—something which we all hold very dear in this House and in this country—has diminished. It concerns me that it should not diminish any further particularly in the Black community.

It is against this kind of background that I want to ask the hon the Minister why it is that the mysterious killing of the banned University of Natal lecturer and political scientist Dr Rick Turner in 1978 remains unsolved to this day. I want to ask the hon the Minister why it is that the brutal slaying of Griffiths Mxenge, a former Robben Islander and a civil rights lawyer who was killed in 1981, remains unsolved. [Time expired.]

REV E J MANIKKAM: Mr Chairman, whilst we appreciate the reply of the hon the Minister of Law and Order we still urge him to ask his department to further pursue the investigations that are being made so that the requests of the hon member for Springfield will come to fruition with regard to the alleged murder of the political activists in the past few years whose cases have not yet been solved.

We realise that it is difficult—there are many diverse perceptions in this country—but we are sure that we will get the fullest cooperation possible from our colleague the hon the Minister of Law and Order.

MR J V IYMAN: Mr Chairman, I thank the hon the Minister for his reply to the question but it still leaves us hanging in mid-air. There is world-wide concern—it is not only in the greater South African community—for the killing of anti-apartheid activists. Our great concern at the moment is why none of these murders has been solved up to now. Were any suspects arrested? What have the Police been doing for the past eleven years in connection with the disappearance of anti-apartheid activists whose murdered bodies have been found in some cases.

We would like the hon the Minister to shed some light on these issues. As I have said, it is not only the concern of the greater South African community but of the whole world. The eyes of the world are focused on us. I am not trying to castigate the hon the Minister and his department but something seems to be amiss somewhere

along the line where these unsolved murders are concerned.

MR M S SHAH: Mr Chairman, Dr Asvat, besides being a political activist, was also a great humanitarian by virtue of the services rendered by him especially to the squatter community in and around Lenasia. He was a highly respected professional man and we are all grieved by his death. We owe it not only to ourselves but to the community and especially those whom he served and to his family that the circumstances surrounding his death be brought into the open. There have been speculation, rumours and a great deal of controversy recently. I want to ask the hon the Minister if there has been any investigation linking Dr Asvat's death to the Mandela Football Club. If so, we would like to know how far that investigation has progressed.

MR M RAJAB: Mr Chairman, before my time ran out the last time, I was listing a catalogue of unsolved murders and I would like to mention a few more to the hon the Minister this afternoon. I would like to ask the hon the Minister what, if anything, has happened about the investigation into the deaths of Matthew Goniwe and Fort Calata who were killed in the Eastern Cape. I would also like to add to the list of names that of Dr and Mrs Rabeiro in the Transvaal and of course the name of Mrs Victoria Mxenge, the attorney who was killed in Durban.

I again want to tell the hon the Minister that unless these are all resolved, can one prevent people from believing that the killers responsible have escaped prosecution because the sympathy of the security forces preclude rigorous investigation? This is a perception that we have to eradicate. When we are talking about perceptions, I would also like to remind the hon the Minister—taking the point further that my colleague, the hon member for Camperdown made earlier on—that there has been international reaction to the fact that so many of these so-called political slayings remain unresolved in this country.

I would like to remind the hon the Minister that in their report to the Human Rights Commission, the local functionaries have in fact highlighted the lack of resolution in regard to these slayings. I understand it is a sensitive issue and it is not for us to pour oil on troubled waters as regards what is happening in Soweto at present. I do believe, however, it is in fact the hon the Minister's

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responsibility to state loudly and clearly this afternoon . . . [Time expired.]

*The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER: Mr Chairman, now I do not know what I have to state "loudly and clearly", but I shall try to reply briefly.

†First of all I would like to give some more information to my friend the hon member for Lenasia Central with regard to the shooting of Dr Asvat. Dr Asvat was shot in his surgery at approximately 16h30 on Friday, 27 January. Today is 16 February and the hon member for Springfield . . .

*Already he is angry because we have not apprehended the people.

†I can assure the hon member that we are doing our utmost to catch them. I would like to give him the assurance that we will not stop investigating, as is the case with each and every murder case. We never stop looking for the man. We never stop looking for the suspect. We will continue and that docket will remain open as long as the South African Police are there. I assure him that we will carry on with the investigation and we will pursue the matter with the utmost urgency.

With regard to Dr Asvat, he had an entrance wound in the chest and the bullet passed through both lungs. Although two empty cartridge shells were found at the scene of the crime, the body had only one gunshot wound. Mrs Sisulu stated that two unknown Black males entered the surgery at 16h00. One of the males furnished his name as Moundla Nkanwane of 111 Nancefield Hostel. He asked to see the doctor. Because he claimed to be illiterate, Mrs Sisulu put his right thumbprint on the patient card. The Black male

entered Dr Asvat's examination room alone at approximately 16h30. Shortly thereafter she heard two gunshots. She and other patients waiting to see the doctor ran outside while the two Black males fled. An ambulance, summoned earlier to take a patient to the hospital, arrived at that moment and the ambulance men gave chase. They failed to arrest the two suspects and returned to the surgery to assist Dr Asvat, who had apparently died instantly. Mrs Sisulu telephonically reported the incident to the Maroka Police Station.

This is the further information that I have in this regard. I want to assure the hon member that we will do our utmost to try and catch these two people who were allegedly responsible for doing this. We will carry on doing this as quickly and urgently as possible.

As regards the other remarks made by the hon member for Springfield with regard to these so-called political murders, I wish to assure him once again that where the police are concerned a crime is a crime, and a murder is a murder. It does not matter whether it had been committed against a political activist or done as part of an ordinary crime. The murder of a politically inclined person is also a crime and the police do not make distinctions. When a man has been murdered we will search for the culprit. I want to give the hon member that unqualified assurance.

I do not have all the information regarding the names that he mentioned to me, but I suggest that he gives me another opportunity. Maybe we can have another interpellation and I can then come back with the information on the names that he mentioned here. I do not have any problem with discussing it here and putting the facts to the House. [Time expired.]

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Football club killing: man in court

A FORMER member of the Mandela United Football Club appeared briefly in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court yesterday in connection with a murder charge.

Sapa reports Andrew Leretedi Ikaneng, 20, was arrested by the Soweto murder and robbery squad in connection with the murder of a Mandela bodyguard, Maxwell Madonda, 23, who died in Soweto last week after being stabbed.

Ikaneng, with a knife wound from one ear to the other, was not asked to plead.

DIANNA GAMES reports two men appeared briefly in the Soweto Magis-

trate's Court yesterday in connection with the murder of Soweto community leader Dr Abu-baker Asvat, shot dead in his Soweto surgery last month.

Thabo, Cyril Mbatia and Nicholas Dlamini, will appear in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court tomorrow.

Asvat's father Abdula Haq was present at the court but missed the men's appearance. He said did not know why anyone would want to kill his son.

Police said yesterday they were still holding four men arrested at Mandela's Soweto home on Sunday. They could not confirm whether the men would be re-

leased or would appear in court. They also would not confirm reports they were seeking another four members of the football club.

Mandela Committee member Frank Chikane said he did not see the ANC's statement urging the community not to ostracise Mandela as being contrary to the UDF/Cosatu call for such action last week.

He said: "They have to act like leaders of the country and make sure that if

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there's trouble on the ground, they come in as responsible people and try to avoid more conflict."

A Mandela family friend, Fatima Meer, said yesterday Mandela was a victim of a hate campaign and a "sinister trial by the media".

Police refused to confirm a Beeld report that Katiza Cebekhulu, the youth who laid a charge of sexual assault against Methodist minister Paul Verryn (cleared of such charges by the church), was under police guard in hospital.

Sapa-AP reports from London that Mandela was quoted in a British newspaper yesterday as saying a hate campaign against her had been orchestrated by white churchmen angered by allegations of homosexuality.

She told the Daily Express the SA Council of Churches had plotted her disgrace.

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'Armed struggle' is burgeoning in Katlehong

The "armed struggle" seems to be heating up in Katlehong — municipal policemen, special SAP constables or members of the SAP, are the target.

Injured when Soviet-made F1 grenades were flung on to a parade ground at the Hlabisi municipal police barracks.

Katlehong near Germiston on the East Rand has in recent months become one of the hottest townships in the country in terms of terror attacks on security forces, rivaling even Soweto. Crime Reporter CRAIG KOTZE reports.

Soweto is the group of other main Reef townships where several attacks on security forces have taken place and, once again so far as is known, remain unsolved.

So far this year, two members of the security forces, a special SAP constable and a municipal policeman, have been killed in attacks apparently launched by an ANC hit squad in Katlehong. But the number escalates to about seven over the past few months when Soweto figures are included.

Last week, five grenades were flung at special SAP constables at their old railway stables, killing one and injuring nine. Gunners sprayed a municipal police barracks with AK-47 gunfire.

The most recent incident happened at the weekend, when Soviet-made SPM limpet mine was planted at the home of the Katlehong SAP station commander, a Colonel Diamond.

No one was injured but the blast damaged part of the bathroom. A baby was killed in the room. The spate of attacks on Katlehong "hard targets" seems to herald a change of tactics since the October 26 municipal elections last year, when Katlehong was the scene of several limpet mine terror blasts at a polling booth and at local government installations.

Intensive investigations are believed to be under way into the attacks, although police tend to hold back on reporting individual breakthroughs and save them up for mass press releases.

Attacks have also concentrated on municipal police and SAP members. But the targets are apparently not the only link binding the Katlehong and Soweto incidents. Police said recently they were investigating whether their attacks were carried out by the same group.



Bleak municipal policemen... the target of armed attacks

Stompie: football club 2 on murder charge

TWO members of the Mandela Football Club appeared in the Soweto Magistrate's Court yesterday charged with the murder of 14-year-old "Stompie" Moe-ketsi James Seipei.

Team "coach" Jerry Richardson and team member Jabu Sithole were also charged with the abduction and assault of Seipei and his companions. The case was remanded to February 28.

The men were among four people arrested on Sunday at Winnie Mandela's Diepkloof home during a police raid.

A police spokesman in Pretoria said

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the two others, both minors, were released into the custody of their parents and would be dealt with in terms of the Child Care Act.

□ Former club member Andrew Ikaneng, who appeared in the Soweto Magistrate's Court on Monday in connection with the murder of former club member Maxwell Madondo, will appear in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court today.

□ A storm has blown up over the question of an interview by London Express reporter John Ellison with Mandela

which took place on Saturday in contravention of a directive from her husband Nelson not to give interviews.

Ellison said yesterday Dr Fatima Meer had said Mandela had denied giving any such interviews, but Meer told Business Day last night she did not know if Mandela had denied the interview.

Ellison said although Mandela had said on Saturday she could not give interviews, she had begun talking and had not said the interview was "off the record", even when he took out his tape recorder and turned it on.

Accused tells of struggle, shooting, at Asvat surgery

TWO MEN appeared in the Johannesburg Magistrates Court yesterday charged with the murder of Azapo health secretary Dr Abu-Baker Asvat at his Rockville, Soweto, surgery on January 28.

Zakhele Mbatha, 21, of Soweto, pleaded not guilty to murder and robbery with aggravating circumstances. He pleaded guilty to being in possession of an illegal firearm and ammunition.

Toelana Dlamini, 20, of no fixed address, pleaded not guilty on all four

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counts. He said he knew nothing at all about the incident. Mbatha said Dlamini had not been with him when Abu-Baker was killed. He had never seen him before the court hearing.

Mbatha admitted he had entered Abu-Baker's offices and had stolen R135. He said he had demanded money from Abu-Baker at gunpoint, but Abu-Baker had run towards him and tried to hold him. Mbatha had pushed him back and fired a shot at his feet in

order to stop him.

Mbatha said someone had tried to open the office door and Abu-Baker had then held his legs.

Mbatha pushed him away, tried to loosen his leg, and shot him in the chest.

He said he had done this as Abu-Baker was much bigger than himself.

Mbatha said he did not know whether Abu-Baker was dead or not.

He said the office door opened, and a friend of his, Johannes, entered and kicked the doctor.

Mbatha said he put the gun to his own head as he wanted to kill himself.

He then tried to open the security door leading out of the office, but it could only be opened from the outside. When he saw someone on the other side of the door, he demanded they open the door at gunpoint.

Mbatha then called Johannes and told him to leave.

He said he did not know if Abu-Baker was dead at that time.

The case was postponed until March 7 in order for the State to collect further evidence.

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I shot Asvat in chest, says murder accused

23/4/87
By Celeste Louw

Mr Zakhele Mbatha yesterday told a Johannesburg magistrate that he shot Dr Abu-Baker Asvat after he had gone to his consulting rooms to rob him.

Mr Mbatha (21), of no fixed address, told the court that a certain Johannes had planned the robbery.

He went to Dr Asvat's consulting rooms in Rockville, Soweto on January 27 with a pistol that Johannes had given him and demanded money from the doctor while holding him a gunpoint.

"Dr Asvat managed to grab me and I fired a warning shot at his feet because I could see that he was much stronger than me," Mr Mbatha said.

SHARED STOLEN MONEY

Dr Asvat then grabbed his legs and Mr Mbatha shot him in the chest. Johannes arrived and took R135 which he and Mr Mbatha shared, the court heard.

Mr Mbatha said that he did not know his co-accused, Mr Toelane Dlamini (20), and that he had not been involved in the incident.

Mr P Bredenkamp accepted Mr Mbatha's pleas of guilty on charges of illegal possession of a firearm and ammunition. Pleas of not guilty were entered on murder and robbery charges. He found Mr Mbatha had not admitted that Dr Asvat died as a result of the shooting.

Mr Dlamini pleaded not guilty to all charges.

The hearing was postponed to March 3.

Only witnessed Madonda killing — accused

By Celeste Louw

A former member of the Mandela United Football Club told a Johannesburg magistrate yesterday that he had only witnessed the killing of Mr Maxwell Madonda, whose body was found in Orlando last week.

S/W 23/2/89
Mr Lerotodi Andrew Ikaneng (27), of Orlando West, pleaded not guilty to the murder of Mr Madonda.

The court heard that Mr Ikaneng was working in Uncle Tom's shebeen on January 13 this year when he was called outside because "Sponge is about to kill a

person".

He went outside and saw his friend Sponge holding a big stone over the head of an unknown man who was lying on the ground.

"He dropped the stone on the man's head and people helped him to move the body across the street," Mr Ikaneng said.

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Accused brothers witnessed murder

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Football Club murder trial: 3 more charged

THREE men appeared in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court yesterday, bringing to four the number of people charged with the murder of Mandela Football Club member Maxwell Madondo.

Nhlanhla Blanket, 18, and his brother Sandilo, 20, both of Orlando West, Soweto, pleaded not guilty to the charge. In their evidence to the court, they outlined events of the night of January 13, when Madondo died, but said they had not known Madondo and had nothing to do with the murder.

Isaac Mazibuko, 22, of Orlando West, refused to plead until he had an attorney assigned to him.

Lerotodi Ikaneng, 23, of Orlando West, pleaded not guilty to the same charge on Wednesday.

State prosecutor Dawie Marais requested that Magistrate PJ Bredenkamp refrain from extracting further names of possible witnesses from the Blanket brothers as their mother's house had been set alight the previous night and people had been shot as a result of evidence heard in court.

Nhlanhla Blanket said he and his friends had been near the scene of the crime in Orlando. He saw a man called

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Sponge among a group of people hitting Madondo on the back of the head with a brick.

Blanket said he told his friends to move away, and they all went and sat on the street corner.

He said another man, Bonny, and four others, arrived and wanted to know what was happening. He told Bonny Sponge was hitting someone.

Bonny and Sponge then removed the victim's pants and stabbed him. He could not see if the man was alive.

Grandmother

Blanket said he warned his friends to leave as he feared the police would arrive. When they returned later that night the body was gone.

Sandilo Blanket told the Court that while visiting his grandmother, who lived near Uncle Tom's shebeen — the scene of the crime — he saw Sponge hitting a man with a big stone.

He said his aunt had called him just after he saw Sponge throw the man across the street. He did not know whether the man was alive or dead.

Bredenkamp did not extract anymore names from the accused.

The case was postponed until February 27.

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Stompie, Madondo, Msomi murder probes continue More suspects are sought

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POLICE are still hunting more suspects in connection with the murder of teenage activist Stompie Moeketsi Sepei (14), and former Mandela XI "soccer team" member Mr Maxwell Madondo (23), a spokesman said yesterday.

Major-General Jaap Joubert, who is investigating the killings, told the *Sowetan* detectives were still looking for more suspects linked to the two murders.

However, he could not say how many more were involved.

General Joubert said police were also still looking for the killers of 13-year-old Finkie Msomi, who was last week shot dead by AK-47 gunmen in a revenge.

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attack for Mr Madondo's murder.

"These investigations are forging ahead without pause. We have much follow-up work to do and many statements to take. People should not think that because the issue is not enjoying as much publicity as it did before we are slacking off," General Joubert said.

Results

He said all the allegations surrounding the Mandela XI "soccer team", who are in fact Mrs Winnie Mandela's personal bodyguards, were being investigated, including those of kidnapping.

The results of forensics tests carried out on a bus used by the team would

only be made known in court.

In a related matter, General Joubert said police had still received no word of two youths, said to have been abducted by members of the Mandela XI, who went missing in November last year.

"We do not know whether they are still alive," General Joubert said.

He added police would like to make contact with all members of the Mandela XI team.

So far, General Joubert and his team have arrested two people, including a woman, in connection with Mr Madondo's murder, while five suspects linked to Stompie's killing have also already appeared in court.

Stompie

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ANOTHER three suspects — including two members of former members of the Mandela XI "soccer team" — have been arrested in connection with the murder of teenage activist, Stompie Moeketsi Seipei (14), police said.

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In a statement issued last night, Major-General Jaap Joubert, who is investigating Stompie's murder, said the three suspects would appear in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court today in connection with the murder.

One of the suspects is a woman, said General Joubert.

"The two men arrested have links with the Mandela XI soccer team," said General Joubert.

The latest arrests bring to seven the number being held for Stompie's death.

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No rest
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MORE WARDS TO AID BARA

By MOKGADI PELA

OVERCROWDING at Baragwanath Hospital will be eased with the expenditure of R4 million to build additional wards to cater for more than 300 patients, it has been announced.

According to Professor D J du Plessis, chairman of the fund-raising committee appointed by the University of Witwatersrand last month, patients sleeping on the floor will soon have beds.

He added that it was proposed to enlarge each of the 13 existing medical wards with the addition of an interleading annex with 25 beds and basic services. Prof Du Plessis said an architect has been engaged and tenders would be called for each phase.

The committee hoped that the project would be completed before the end of the year. The cost of each annex will be R312 500.

This announcement comes in the wake of continuing public outcry over lack of medical facilities at Baragwanath.

It also comes after a letter signed by 101 doctors at the hospital exposed terrible conditions under which patients were kept in September 1987.

The new extensions will not alleviate medical and nursing staff shortages but will improve the care of patients and administration.

At a Press conference addressed by Professor Rosendorff on January 25 this year, it was announced that Bara had a bed occupancy rate standing at 155 percent. He also stated at the time that additional hospital facilities in Soweto were urgently needed.

A LARGE contingent of police yesterday carried a massive crime operation in Soweto looking for stolen vehicles, dagga, liquor and unlicensed weapons.

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During the operation, which lasted several hours, police paid attention to the entire spectrum of possible criminal activity including drugs, stolen vehicles and the illegal possession of weapons.

By PHANGISILE
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Shebeen

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High murder, rape figure

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SAP were very concerned about high murder and rape figures, other crimes such as housebreaking and theft were no more prevalent than in other cities of similar-sized populations.

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• Possession of Man-

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Police sweep in Soweto: 54 arrests

By Craig Kotze, Crime Reporter

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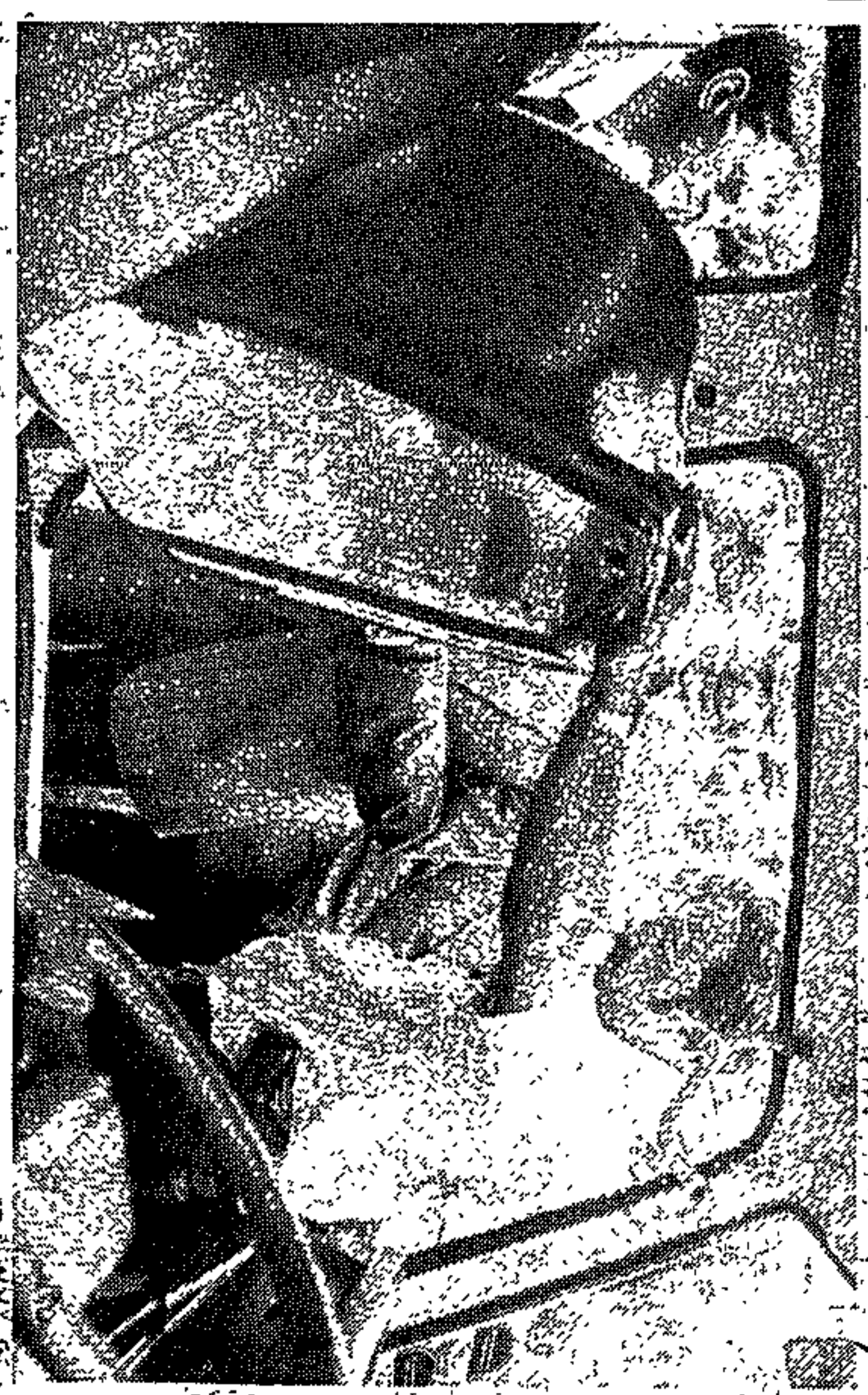
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After a crime swoop by police, the Deputy Minister of Law and Order, Mr Leon Wessels, examines the serial number of a stolen minibus in Soweto yesterday. ● Picture by Ken Oosterbroek.

Thinane denies theft charges

THE former acting town clerk of the Thokoza Town Council, Mrs Doris Thinane denied the R677 327 theft allegations against her when she addressed the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court yesterday.

She also denied that her co-accused Mr Gerald Mamabolo, ex-mayor of Thokoza, was her "partner in crime" as suggested by the prosecutor, Mr C B S Erasmus when he urged the magistrate, Mr I J J Luther to convict them as charged.

The State alleges they stole R513 083,06 from the council coffers on April 16, 1986 and R164 243,96 on June 9 of that year, also from the council coffers.

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They have pleaded not guilty and are conducting their own case.

In her arguments for an acquittal, Mrs Thinane said the theft case was brought against her and Mr Mamabolo by council officials and councillors who wished to see them kicked out of the council.

Mrs Thinane said there was a conspiracy against her and Mr Mamabolo. In her lengthy argument, Mrs Thinane said a council resolution taken in March 1986, authorised her and Mr Mamabolo to open a banking account at the Alberton Barclays Bank

branch. But, she said, that council resolution had since disappeared.

There were documents, she said, that were also not brought to court by the policeman who arrested her. She said these were documents that would have reflected the transactions she made, when she "called up" investments at the merchant bank and the Sandton Bank to the Barclays bank account.

She said these documents could prove that these monies were not stolen. But, she said, these documents were "conveniently" not brought to court because of the "conspiracy" against her and Mr Mamabolo.

(Proceeding).

Stompie: 3 more appear over killing

THREE more people, including a 17-year-old youth, appeared before a Johannesburg magistrate yesterday in connection with the murder of child activist, Moeketsi Stompie Seipei — bringing the number of people alleged to be involved in the crime to eight.

The case now includes three minors, a girl aged 16 and two boys aged 17, who may not be named in terms of the Children's Act.

Mr Thandanani Kubheka (25), of Diepkloof, Ms Xoliswa Falati (35), of Pimville and a boy aged 17, who may not be named, appeared before Mr G Van Wyk. No evidence was led and the magistrate postponed the case to March 10 when

By SONTI
MASEKO

the three will appear with five others on the same charge.

On Tuesday a 16-year-old girl appeared with 21-year-old Mr Katiza Cebekulu in connection with the murder and their names were added to the charge sheet.

The Mandela United football club coach, Mr Jerry Richardson (41) and Mr John Morgan (61) and a 17-year-old boy appeared earlier on the same charge. Meanwhile, four Soweto youths charged with murder of Maxwell Madondo, a young man who was associated with the club, will appear today for a bail application.

Crime crackdown in Soweto

By SOPHIE TEMA

A MASSIVE police operation involving roadblocks, searches and cordons surprised criminal elements and ordinary Soweto residents on Wednesday.

The surprise six-hour crime crackdown - involving 850 policemen - was carried out in most parts of Soweto and netted 55 stolen vehicles, property and other goods.

More than 30 shebeeners were held, while 13 people were found in possession of dagga and one with eight units of mandrax.

Other offenders were those in possession of unlicensed firearms and

those who contravened the traffic ordinance. 5/3/89.

Deputy Minister of Law and Order Leon Wessels, Soweto Divisional Commissioner of Police JJ Viktor, and other high ranking police officials formed part of the operation.

Wessels visited the sites of several of the search operations, cordons and roadblocks in busy parts of the townships east of Protea.

He said it was a misconception that crime was rampant in Soweto.

He said although the SAP was very concerned about the high incidence of murder, rape, housebreaking and theft, these were not more

prevalent in Soweto than in other cities of similar size and population.

Wessels said: "The purpose of such operations is to protect the community of Soweto against activities of criminal elements and to bring about a feeling of security among law-abiding residents.

"In future, the prevention of crime will remain a team effort involving the SAP and the citizens of towns and cities such as Soweto.

"Similar operations conducted in the past appear to have been very successful and proved that primarily the interests of the public were served."

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Handcuffed man led by armed policemen

POLICE yesterday brought a handcuffed man to the Soweto home of Miss Dudu Chili, who is an accused in a murder case of Mr Maxwell Madondo who was associated with the Mandela "football club."

The handcuffed man is believed to be Miss Chili's son, Sibusiso, also known as "Sponge", who has been on the run since the death of Mr Madondo, whose body was found next to the Chili's Orlando West home.

Miss Chili, who is a member of the Federation of Transvaal

By PHANGISILE
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Women (Fedtraw), is presently out on R500 bail.

Presently police are investigating two murder cases involving the controversial Mandela "football club." Five people are appearing with Miss Chili in connection with the Madondo murder and eight people have appeared in connection with the murder of the child activist, Moeketsi "Stompie" Seipei.

Captain Ruben Bloomberg, police liaison officer in Pretoria, confirmed yesterday's raid but said police do not comment on routine police investigations.

During yesterday's raid, police

arrived in two vehicles, a van and a private car. Neighbours came out and looked on as the police, one of them carrying a rifle and another leading a police dog, entered the house with a handcuffed man.

A police photographer was also present and took pictures around the house as the handcuffed man pointed at some things. He was later taken to a neighbouring house where he also pointed

objects to the police.

Miss Chili's home was petrol-bombed two weeks ago and a 13-year-old schoolgirl was killed in a hail of AK-47 bullets. Police said the bombing could be a revenge killing following the death of Mr Madondo. The attack came only hours after Miss Chili was arrested

by the police.

Theft accused's family hungry

THE family of Mrs Doris Thinane, former town clerk of the Thokoza council went hungry and she could not afford to engage a lawyer to defend her in the R677 327 theft case against her.

**By MANDLA
NDLAZI**

This was shortly after she had been suspended without pay from her job, arrested and charged with theft of the money from the council's coffers. Mrs Thinane said this court should consider at the Johannesburg this and also bear in mind

that she was a lay person and found it difficult to present her case against a charge of this nature.

She said the council suspended her without pay and did not bother to assist her and her co-accused, Mr Gerald Mamabulo, ex-mayor of Thokoza, because there was a conspiracy to get them out of the council.

Mrs Thinane (40) and Mr Mamabulo (43) are appearing before Mr JJ Luther. They have pleaded not guilty and are conducting their own defence.

The State alleges they stole R513 083 06 from the council's coffers on April 16 in 1986 and R164 243 96, also from the council's coffers, on

June 9 of that year.

Mr Mamabulo said a banking account was opened at the Alberton branch of the Barclays Bank following a resolution taken by the council on March 20, 1986.

He denied that he and Mrs Thinane were sole signatories.

Mrs DORIS Thinane
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By MANDLA
NDLAZI

THE two young men who allegedly shot and killed the anti-apartheid campaigner, Dr Abu-Baker Asvat were remanded in custody after a brief appearance in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court yesterday.

They are Mr Zakhele Cyril Mbatha (21), and Mr Toelane Nicholus Dlamini (20) — both of no fixed abode. They appeared before Mr D J Dafel who postponed their case to March 28.

The State alleged they shot and killed Dr Asvat at his Rockville consulting rooms on January 27 and robbed him of R145. They are also charged with unlicensed possession of a firearm and ammunition.

Robbery

At an earlier hearing, Mbatha told a magistrate, Mr P Bredenkamp, that he shot and killed Dr Asvat. He said a man named Johannes had planned the robbery.

He said Johannes got to the scene and took R145 that they later shared. He said he did not know his co-accused, Dlamini, and that he was not involved.

Dlamini has pleaded not guilty to all the charges and Mbatha guilty of illegal possession of a firearm and ammunition and not guilty of murder and robbery.



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8 held on charges of intimidation

Crime Reporter

Carletonville police have arrested eight suspects on intimidation charges since the black consumer reaction to the reintroduction of petty apartheid in the town recently, police said.

Western Transvaal police spokesman, Captain Ben van Heerden, said the suspects were linked to six cases of intimidation.

He said no other incidents relating to the consumer action had been reported.

Claims have been made that the crippling of the local economy was brought about by wholesale intimidation designed to prevent blacks from shopping in the town's white central business district.

Police probe violence and rape of six schoolgirls

By Craig Kotze

A police team is investigating the wave of Soweto school violence which has reportedly left two high school pupils dead, one wounded and resulted in the mass rape of six schoolgirls in the township yesterday.

Two men have already been arrested in connection with two of the shootings, police said.

Brigadier Gert van Zyl, Soweto's CID chief, said today that a team of detectives was investigating the violence.

In the latest incident, six schoolgirls from Lofentse High School, Orlando East, were yesterday reportedly gang-raped by schoolboys, allegedly from Orlando West.

One of the girls said the boys doused her and her friends with beer then took turns in sexually assaulting them.

Police said the rapes had not been reported to them.

● On Monday, Jonathan Morwatshehla (19) a pupil at Moletsane High School, died after a classmate shot him.

A suspect was arrested.

● A pupil at Tladi Secondary School was killed at 10 pm on February 26 by a schoolmate who shot at him.

● On March 3 Tshepo Manoto, a pupil at Orlando West High School was shot and wounded when a "former pupil" fired into his classroom.

A Soweto police spokesman said a man had been arrested in connection with the incident.

Information can be given to Captain Henk Heslinga at (011) 980-8104 (office hours) and (011) 980-8300 after hours.

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Police close in on gang

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hideouts in Mofolo, White City and Dube to be raped.

The callers, who feared being identified, were reacting to an article which appeared in the *Sowetan* yesterday about a gang of youths who sexually assaulted six Lofentse High School girls on a hillock in Orlando West on Tuesday afternoon.

A squad led by Lieutenant Andre Vorster of the Orlando Police yesterday began closing in on the gang after statements were taken from the six girls raped on Wednesday.

One girl who said she was a pupil at Orlando High School told the *Sowetan*: "I know these boys and escaped when they tried to force me into a car boot at gunpoint. I am so afraid and have not been to school for the past four weeks."

Parents

Another girl said: "My parents advised me to leave our home because of these gangsters and I have been going to school irregularly for about six weeks now. I even fear to venture into the streets."

A Pace Commercial College girl said her fear of the gang was so that "I am always accompanied by my brothers when I go to school."

The schoolgirls refuted claims that schoolboys were responsible for the terror campaign.

They said the gang used luxury cars and went to schools where they would take girls by force.

Dockets

- Police have said murder dockets have been opened following the fatal shooting of 2 schoolboys over the past two weeks.

- Soweto parent, Mr Seth Mazibuko yesterday called on the community to get together in stopping the school violence.

Mr Mazibuko was reiterating a similar call made by the chairman of the principals council in Johannesburg, Mr H S Lekgetho, who said he would consult principals with the view to combating the violence.

We won't plead!

TWENTY-ONE members of the Paper Wood and Allied Workers' Union yesterday refused to plead to various charges, including murder. They demanded that the State give them more details relating to their cases.

The 21 are appearing in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court on 34 counts including six allegations of murder, attempted murder, assault, kidnapping and intimidation.

The men, represented by Mr G Rautenbach, said they will pursue their application in a higher court following a ruling by the presiding magistrate, Mr D J Dafel, that they are not entitled to more details and that they should plead.

Mr Rautenbach said his clients were unable to plead and prepare their

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Charge sheet is too vague, say unionists facing murder rap

By SONTI MASEKO

defence without fuller details about the alleged crimes.

Mrs T Rossouw, for the State, argued that the men were not entitled to further particulars as they are at the preliminary hearing. He said more detailed charges could be given at a higher court with the jurisdiction to try them.

All are charged with the murder of Mr Fyzel Jappie, Mr Johannes

Abraham, Mr July Mahlaula, Mr John Lesering, Mr Udhan Singh and Mr William Rosenberg in Johannesburg last June 10. Some of the victims were assaulted and then thrown off trains, the State alleges.

Other offences were also allegedly committed during the same period of April 19 to June 10 last year. The men will appear again on April 3.

The accused are Michael Machepe (30), Jerry Rantekoa (41),

David Molebana (26), Sydney Dlamini (35), Zacharia Modise (33), Robert Mbatha (36), Simon Mandzera (29), Alex Ndaba (28), Stanford Gumbe (21), Godfrey Pooe (30), Patrick Galane (38), Lucas Malatji (33), Kenneth Mogale (25), David Koeberg (31), Franklin Hadebe (37), Frank Thabakgale (30), Elias Phasha (45), Joseph Sithole (26), Norman Makhubu, Eusfaile Ludidid (35) and Bonganiso Mazibuko (37).

Transvaal bribery under spotlight

PRETORIA. — The Advocate-General, Mr Justice P J van der Walt, yesterday confirmed that he was investigating a complaint of "large-scale bribery and corruption" in the Transvaal Provincial Administration.

The allegations were made by the MD of a Pretoria radio supply company, and concern the supply of two-way radios. The MD said that tender specifications had been compiled in such a way as to benefit only one supplier.

In another deal, he said, the most expensive service contract had been awarded to the same supplier, which had cost the province more than R500 000 a year in excess.

It was also alleged that the tenders had been processed in terms of obsolete regulations.

● Mr Justice Van der Walt said his report into former Manpower Minister Mr Pietie du Plessis was expected to be tabled in Parliament shortly after the Easter recess. — Sapa and Own Correspondent

Business watch 'has had good results'

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By Craig Kotze

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Johannesburg's pioneer business watch system will almost certainly be expanded to other centres in the country, Chief SAP Deputy Commissioner, Lieutenant-General Mulder van Eyk, said in Sandton yesterday.

The business watch project was expanded in Johannesburg in January this year after a six-month trial period in the city centre, said General van Eyk, who was speaking at a "Crime against Business" seminar.

He said the good results had been obtained over the past six months and the number of policemen involved had been increased.

The business watch was launched in September last year as a joint effort between the SAP and the Witwatersrand Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

"We are almost certain the system will expand to other centres in the country," said General van Eyk.

The business watch concept differs from the neighbourhood watch system only in that policemen are stationed near businesses.

CODE OF ETHICS

General van Eyk also announced yesterday that the Security Officers Act, already passed by Parliament, would come into effect on April 4.

The Act calls for a board of control to regulate the security industry, set minimum standards and set up a code of ethics.

The board will consist of a police officer — Major-General Chris Swart — and representatives of the security industry.

General van Eyk's announcement was yesterday welcomed by the Security Association of South Africa.

About 100 top security representatives from across the country attended the Crime Against Business seminar.

Speakers covered topics ranging from white collar crime and software piracy to foreign exchange control.

General van Eyk said political and economic reform in South Africa needed a strong and firm foundation based on economic strength.

He praised the co-operation between the police and the private sector in fighting the "destructive consequences" of crime.

ACTOR TELLS OF
SEX WITH BOYS

JOHANNESBURG —

Actor Mr. Don Lampbrecht yesterday admitted in the Regional Court that he had shown pornographic videos to boys.

Mr. Lampbrecht, 48, pleaded guilty to six counts of committing indecent acts with boys between 1981 and last year. He has also pleaded guilty to two charges of committing sodomy and of possession of pornography.

Mr. Lampbrecht said he had induced two of the boys to allow him to make video recordings of them masturbating.

He told the court that sex formed only a minor part in his relationships with the boys.

The hearing continues. — Sapa

Sex with boys: Plea for 'crucified' actor

Weekend Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Actor Carel Trichardt handed a petition signed by members of the acting profession to a magistrate asking that Don Lamprecht be sentenced with mercy because "his pound of flesh has been given".

Mr Trichardt gave evidence yesterday in the trial of Lamprecht, 48, who was found guilty of committing indecent acts with four young boys, of sodomy and of possessing pornography.

Among those who signed the petition were director Lucille Gillwald and actors John Kani, Vanessa Cook and Claire Stoppard.

The petition read: "We, as actors, believe that he has been sufficiently punished as a result of the extensive media coverage that his case received.

"We have noted that he has been crucified by the media. We wish to point out that actors thrive on public adulation and we are of the opinion that the effect of the extensive publication of this case has been that Don has become totally rejected by society."



Don Lamprecht

During cross-examination Mr Trichardt said Lamprecht's case had received more prominent media coverage than similar cases.

They were not condoning Lamprecht's actions but were asking that he be treated humanely.

Actors Louis van Niekerk and Lerina Erasmus also attended court.

The hearing continues.

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Actor 'untroubled by sex acts'

The Argus Correspondent

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JOHANNESBURG. — Actor Mr Don Lamprecht might not have realised that committing indecent acts with young boys was morally wrong, because his actions didn't trouble him, a clinical psychologist told a Johannesburg Regional Court.

The psychologist gave evidence in the trial of the 48-year-old actor who was yesterday found guilty on charges of committing indecent acts with four boys, ranging from 11 to 17 years, two counts of sodomy and possession of pornographic material.

"Mr Lamprecht gets emotionally

very involved with people," the court heard.

The psychologist said that with the four boys, Mr Lamprecht converted an emotional relationship into a sexual one.

"I am of the opinion that he did not know where to draw the line," the court heard.

He said the sex with the young boys had not been an over-riding factor in Mr Lamprecht's life.

The psychologist said Lamprecht had become very motivated to change after his arrest.

Soweto's violent weekend

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Soweto 21/3/89

By ALI MPHAKI

AT LEAST 14 people were killed and 27 women raped in separate incidents of crime in Soweto at the weekend.

Four of the dead had

bullet wounds while 10 were stabbed, according to Soweto police liaison officer, Major Noel Hartwell.

No arrests have been made in any of the 14 murder cases.

Six cases of attempted murder were also reported.

Police arrested six rape suspects.

Six armed robberies were reported and 25 ordinary robberies, with

one arrest being made.

Sixteen cars were reported stolen and police recovered two stolen vehicles and 31 suspected stolen vehicles. Three people were arrested in connection with the thefts.

Housebreaking cases on business premises amounted to six with the police making one arrest in one case. Housebreaking cases on residential areas amounted to 18 with no arrests.

Stompie murder: youth in court

An 18-year-old youth appeared briefly before a Johannesburg magistrate yesterday in connection with the murder of 14-year-old Stompie Seipei.

There are now nine accused in the murder trial, after Mr P Bredenkamp added the name of Mr Sibiso Brian Mabusa of Diepkloof to the charge sheet.

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No formal charges were put to Mr Mabusa and he was not asked to plead. The other accused (some were members of the Mandela United Soccer Club) are: Mr Jeremy Richardson (41); Mr John Morgan (61); Mr Katiza Cebekulu (21); Mr Jabulani Khubeka (25); Zolisa Falati (35) and three youths. The case was postponed to April 21.

Report reveals state theft in Venda

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THOHOYANDOU. — Rampant theft and general irregularities in almost all state departments of Venda have been uncovered by a sessional committee of the Venda National Assembly.

In a report tabled yesterday in the assembly, the committee recommended that the Minister of Public Works, Posts and Transport, Mr George Ramabulana, and the rector of the University of Venda, Prof P W du Plessis, be made to repay R400 000 which was taken from the Mphephu local council to buy a farm near Louis Trichardt.

The committee said that although the farm was bought by the council it did not belong to it, but to a corporation known as Amsa owned by the two men.

It recommended that both men repay the money within six months.

The report also called for strict adherence to treasury instructions on expenditure and "deplored" the assembly's payment of R865 514 in bank overdraft charges for the year under review.

House for rector

It also criticised the acquisition of a R149 000 house in Louis Trichardt for the use of Prof Du Plessis as rector of the university. It called for the immediate sale of the house and the provision of a rector's residence within the boundaries of Venda.

The committee also reported that staff members at the university were being overpaid because they were granted various allowances.

It called for the departments of Education and Finance to conduct a survey on staff salaries.

Should the outcome of the investigations show that the salary structure of the university is higher than those of other similar universities, any future general salary increases should be withheld until such time as salary scales fall into line.

The committee said it found that "expatriate" staff members of the university were being given a housing allowance which was "a housing subsidy in disguise".

It said these expatriates owned houses outside Venda and called either for the subsidy to be stopped or for it to "be applied without discrimination among all employees". — Sapa

Thieves, muggers and drug pedlars are taking over the streets of Yeoville and Bellville East, Johannesburg. Residents are living under siege and want the police to clean up the area.
DAWN BARKHUIZEN reports.

It took Progressive Federal Party councillor Martin Sweet just 10 minutes to buy 26 packets of dagga from a dealer on Rocky Street, Yeoville, Johannesburg.

The transaction would have taken a matter of seconds had the councillor wanted a smaller amount. But for 26 packets he had to wait for the dealer to go around the corner and fetch the extra amount.

For 26 packets Mr Sweet was to pay the full price of R13,50 a packet. For 36 packets the dealer would give him a discount.

Martin Sweet has not taken to smoking pot. He was demonstrating to police the ease with which one could buy dagga on the street in his suburb.

While police might arrest the drug-trafficker, he said it would be a matter of minutes before another appeared to take his place.

It was time to get down to business and tackle a problem that was taking on mafia-style proportions.

Car theft

Drug dealing was however, only a part of the crime problem that led Mr Sweet and the MP for Yeoville, Mr Harry Schwarz, to call a public meeting between residents of Yeoville and Bellvue East and police next week.

Car theft was so frequent that people feared leaving their vehicles in the streets, Mr Schwarz said. Theft from cars was commonplace, as was daring and sophisticated theft from houses and flats.

Burglars dropped into flats from rooftops, they appeared miraculously inside houses and disappeared with the goods without alerting dogs or setting off intricate alarms. They stole while residents were asleep or

Artful thieves rob people while they sleep

Johannesburg suburbs besieged by crime wave

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PFP Councillor Martin Sweet . . . demonstrated to the police how easy it is to buy dagga in Rocky Street, Yeoville, Johannesburg.

watching TV. They followed elderly people from automatic tellers and mugged them.

Residents had even had their cars snatched from under their noses while they were locking their garage doors.

There were in fact, not many people in the area who had not been burgled, robbed or mugged at least once.

One Yeoville resident interviewed by The Star arrived home to find the contents of her third floor flat had been removed. She remains mystified as to how the burglars arrived and left without breaking a window or a lock.

While making house calls Mr Sweet found most residents were concerned, if not downright frightened, and he vowed to tackle the daunting task of making his area safe.

The Hassidic Jews, who did not drive on the Sabbath and frequently walked to their study classes, were afraid of being mugged, he said.

Parents were concerned about their children who had been chased by the growing number of vagrants in the area. Vagrants lit fires, drank on pavements, slept in alleys, school sandpits and even on rooftops.

A Jewish Family and Community Council spokesman in Yeoville said elderly people were generally anxious about security and that with vagrants loitering on the streets they were more at risk.

Police liaison officer, Lieutenant Colonel Frans Malherbe, agreed that the crime rate in the area was high. But he said it was no higher than in any other densely populated area and that it had in fact dropped recently. He declined to provide figures.

"This is due to effective policing and the co-operation of an aware public," he said.

He acknowledged the vagrancy problem but said this was for the politicians to sort out because since the scrapping of influx control, police were prevented from acting against black vagrants unless they were actually caught committing crimes.

Mr Schwarz — known for his tough line on security — held a different view. He believed the situation was deteriorating and was worse than in other areas, that crime was committed by outsiders attracted by the night life.

The suburb with its large contingent of elderly folk and

flat dwellers (who often had no car garages) was also a haven for car thieves and muggers. Drug trafficking by members of large syndicates hung over Rocky Street like a shadow. In his view the problem was largely due to a shortage of police and police vehicles. "We need bobbies on the beat," he said.

He did not believe the problem was a racial one. He had received representations from residents — both black and white — concerned about the situation.

Caring people

"The black residents are a stabilising influence and a very caring group of people. The crime problem basically arises from the economic mess that we are in," Mr Sweet said.

Rabbi Chagie Rubin of the Sha-Arei Torah Primary School would definitely like to see police on patrol.

His school has been robbed four times in the last year. He had to close the sandpit because vagrants urinated and slept in it. He had to install extra burglar proofing and employ a night watchman. He chased vagrants from the school two to three mornings each week. He was afraid that one of their fires would burn down his school.

Headmaster of the Yeoville Boy's School, Mr Leon Hamman, had a similar problem with "truculent vagrants who lie around and get up to all sorts of mischief".

He was fearful that one would "pull a knife on one of the pupils". He stressed the problem was not specific to his school, but "an unpleasant one incurred by residents in the area".

23 murdered in bloody Soweto Easter

Mayor's son is shot

THE son of a mayor of Mpumalanga township, in the Hammarsdale area, was shot dead at the weekend in one of the many incidents of crime recorded in townships at the weekend.

Mr Rodger Sishi said yesterday that his son, Mr Themba Lincoln Sishi (38), died after he was shot three times on Sunday.

He said Themba and two friends went visiting one of the sections in the township. At about 8pm they left the house and when they got into a car Mr Sishi was attacked by an unknown man who shot him three times.

Mr Sishi is survived by a wife and two children. He will be buried on Saturday.

At Kwandengezi, Shongweni, a three-year-old boy was knifed to death by an 18-year-old boy. Sihle Mdladla was stabbed in the neck about

dead

five times, allegedly by a relative. A youth is due to appear in court over the incident.

At least seven killings

woman were shot dead in their house. In Soweto, 23 people were murdered over the Easter weekend. A police spokesman, Lieutenant - Colonel Noel Hartwell, said police also reported nine attempted murders and 31 muggings. Thirteen armed rob-

beries and 26 theft cases were reported. Thirty-three women were raped. Twenty-eight business premises and nine houses were broken into, and 18 tape-decks were stolen from cars. There were 28 cars stolen and 11 people were arrested in connection

with stolen vehicles. Police recovered 19 stolen cars. Colonel Hartwell said four white men in a stolen car were arrested. He said the Liquor and Drug Squad police arrested six shebeen owners. Nine people were arrested for dealing in drugs. — Sapa.

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Released youth leader arrested by mistake

Staff Reporters

AP 2/14/87
 Youth leader Mr Simon Ntombela, who was granted his freedom last week after escaping from detention in a Durban hospital and taking refuge in the United States consulate in Johannesburg, was back in police custody for about 10 hours yesterday.

Mr Ntombela (27) was arrested at about 11 am in his home township of kwaMashu, outside Durban, said his attorney, Miss Daya Pillay.

A police public relations division spokesman said last night that the arrest was made by a

security policeman who was unaware of developments involving Mr Ntombela.

When the mistake was realised, Mr Ntombela was again released — at about 9 pm yesterday.

The spokesman said a charge of escaping from custody was being investigated.

Earlier, a spokesman for the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, said the arrest had been in connection with a charge of car theft. The police public relations division issued another statement saying this incorrect information had been received from the police in kwaMashu.

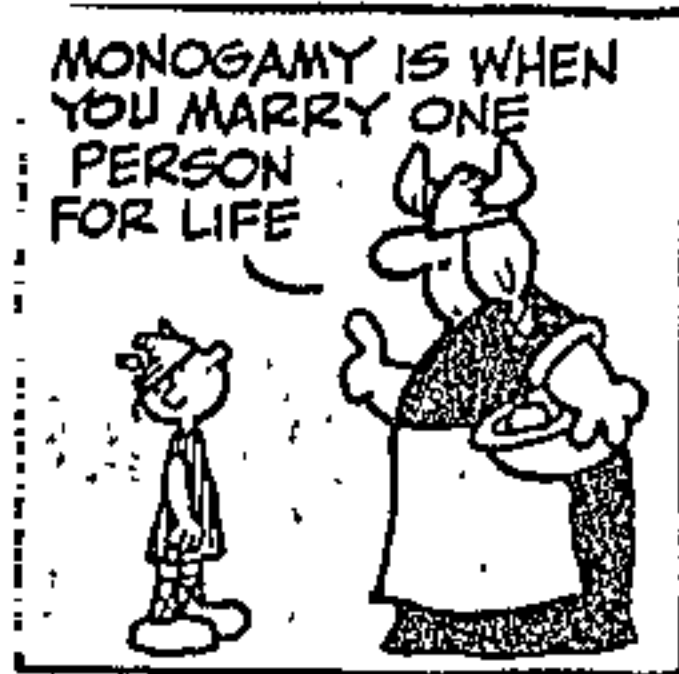
After the victim was run down, the motorist stopped and got out of his car. The enraged crowd hurled stones and bottles at him.

He fled but the crowd overturned his Ford Laser and tried to set it alight. Police extinguished the flames.

Police were themselves pelted with stones and bottles but baton-charged the crowd, which dispersed.

The motorist, who fled, later returned and was arrested, police said.

By Dik Browne



Man killed, 14 injured by grenade

Crime Reporter

AP 2/14/87
 An argument in a Soweto shebeen at the weekend resulted in a handgrenade attack on the premises, leaving one person dead and 14 injured, four critically, police said.

The attack was one of three grenade and bomb incidents in the township over the weekend.

A grenade was flung into a car at a house

in Rockville. The car was badly damaged but there were no injuries.

A blast damaged a substation in Protea last night, plunging Protea North into darkness. No reports of injuries had been received at the time of going to press.

A Soweto police spokesman, Lieutenant-Colonel Fanyana Zwane, said a man, asked to leave an Orlando West shebeen after an argument, threw a Soviet-made F1 grenade into the crowded yard.

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UK visit for bishops against sanctions

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LONDON — Two prominent black South African churchmen opposed to the use of sanctions and violence to end apartheid would visit Britain from April 11 to 25, the right-wing Freedom Association said yesterday. The FA said it was organising the visit of Bishop Isaac Mokoena of the Reformed Independent Churches Association and Archbishop Mzilikazi Masiya of the United Apostolic Council to counter pro-sanctions Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu. "The two bishops represent a group of Christians more than three times the size of the Anglican community in SA," the FA said. — Sapa.

Stompie: man sent for observation

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A JOHANNESBURG magistrate yesterday ordered that a man appearing in connection with the death of child-activist Stompie Seipei be sent to Sterkfontein Hospital for psychiatric observation. State psychiatrist Dr Michael Slutzkin, who conducted a preliminary psychiatric examination on Katiiza Cebekhulu, 21, said the behaviour of the accused cast doubt on his mental health. Cebekhulu, of Hammarsdale, had previously appeared with seven others in connection with Stompie's death.

Malawi-Mozambique talks on refugees

LILONGWE — An eight-man delegation from Mozambique is in Malawi on a six-day visit to work out ways of repatriating Mozambicans now living in refugee camps here. Malawi is host to more than 600 000 Mozambican refugees. The delegation, led by Interior Minister Manuel Jose Antonio, has six other members of the Mozambican government and two members from the resident office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees in Mozambique. German ambassador to Malawi Wilfried Rupprecht promised at the weekend his government would help flood victims in the Chikwawa district of Malawi by sending in food supplies and clothes. An estimated 500 000 people have been made homeless by the floods. — Ano.

Murder accused is sent for observation

By Helen Grange

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Mr. Katiza Cebekhulu (21), one of nine accused of the murder of activist Stompie Seipei, is "hearing voices in his head" and is to be sent to Sterkfontein hospital for psychiatric observation.

Mr. Cebekhulu of Diepkloof, and his co-accused — Mr. Xolisa Falatsi (35) of Pimville, Mr. Jerry Richardson (61), a former coach of the Mandela United Soccer Club, Mr. John Morgan (61), a former bus driver for the club, and four youths — have not yet pleaded to the charge of murder in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court.

Dr. Michael Slutzkin, a state psychiatrist, said yesterday: "On being examined, Mr. Cebekhulu told me he was hearing voices in his head. He could not explain the reason for this and appeared very agitated."

Dr. Slutzkin added that Mr. Cebekhulu insisted there was nothing wrong with him.

The hearing was postponed to April 10.

Crime rate low at this year's show

By Paula Fray

The 1989 Rand Show ended on Sunday with a record attendance of 848 332 people over 16 days.

The previous record was 846 767 at the 1983 Rand Show at Milner Park, while the highest Nasrec attendance, which has housed the show since 1985, was 806 376 in 1987.

As the show wound down after the hectic activity of the last fortnight, the organisers were already looking to next year.

Rand Show general manager, Mr Anton Post, said the organisers were aiming for a higher standard next year.

The huge demand for exhibition space meant they were looking at additional temporary halls such as the tented terrace.

Craig Kotze reports that only 126 crimes were reported to police over the 16 days.

Witwatersrand police spokesman, Lieutenant Eugene Opperman, said no serious crimes such as murder or rape were reported.

'EXCELLENT POLICE WORK'

He said the low crime figures represented excellent work by the police and the mounted soldiers deployed at the Nasrec centre south of the city.

"Considering the number of people which streamed to the show, the crime figures were extremely low. This is the result of a well-planned crime prevention operation.

"I think the low figure shows the effectiveness of the SAP and the Defence Force members on duty at the show," said Lieutenant Opperman.

He said only 49 car thefts were reported, out of the more than 140 000 cars parked in the area.

However, according to the organiser's statistics, only 25 cars were stolen.

Another 47 thefts were reported, excluding the 17 cars stolen.

Only four bag snatchings were brought to the SAP's attention, but show figures indicated 26 snatchings of all kinds.

Lieutenant Opperman said five common assault cases were reported.

One person was arrested in connection with possessing drugs, while three cases of damage to property were opened.

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Brunette hits back at Harms

JOHANNESBURG. — It was Mr Justice Louis Harms's duty to make the Harms Commission's evidence on Pretoria attorney Mr Albert Vermaas available to the Attorney-General, Transvaal Attorney-General Mr Don Brunette said yesterday.

He was reacting to criticism in the Harms Commission report on Mr Vermaas levelled at his reasoning in dropping criminal charges against Mr Vermaas and Pretoria advocate Mr Eugene Berg.

Mr Justice Harms said in the report that Mr Brunette employed a "gimmick" which embarrassed the commission when the charges were suddenly dropped.

At the time Mr Brunette said that because he did not have any of the commission's evidence in his possession, he did not have any information on which to base charges.

When asked what had caused his change of heart a week later when charges were suddenly reinstated, Mr Brunette said: "That came after discussions with the Minister of Justice."

Now thugs join in booze joint raids

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By ALI MPHAKI

A SUNDOWNER at your favourite joint may soon become a thing of the past in Soweto.

A series of attacks on shebeens lately by gun-toting thugs has forced the closure of some of these drinking places.

The scenario is such that shebeeners (unlicensed) have now to contend with police raids on the one hand and attacks by thugs on the other.

"These attacks are becoming all too common. It's just pointless running a shebeen today," lamented

popular shebeen king Mr Victor Banda of Zone 10 Meadowlands.

The method used by these gun-toting gangs is the same, fueling suspicion that there may be a well orchestrated movement which has declared war on shebeens.

Patrons

What is frightening is the fact that both the shebeen owner and patrons suffer when the thugs attack.

On March 18 an eight-man gang attacked the Meadowlands Zone 8 shebeen of Mr Morgan Kgoroba, robbed him of R7000, a video machine and sound system.



SOWETAN staffer Rex Pulo stands next to a "Place Closed" sign outside Banda's Shebeen in Meadowlands, Soweto.

"The gang first cornered one of my security men at the gate. They then entered the house and ordered all the patrons to lie on the floor at gun point.

"The patrons were searched and those with money were robbed and beer poured on their heads as they lay face down," Mr Kgoroba said.

Death

He added: "Everything came to a standstill and in the ensuing confusion I was also held up and had to give them money. I had to choose between life and death."

Mr Isaac "Ma-Dice" Maishoane, owner of a shebeen in Dobsonville, also had his share on the same night when a four-man gang raided his place.

He was robbed of a video machine, had his

inside doors broken and his truck's window smashed.

"Fortunately they did not get the money as I had to put up a fight," Mr Maishoane said.

These attacks have affected business for the shebeeners. Many patrons have kept away.

A sign saying "Place closed" hangs sadly on the entrance of Banda's shebeen in Meadowlands, rated as one of the finest shebeens in Soweto.

Banda's Shebeen was raided by thugs three weeks ago and a security man at the gates was

wounded. This was one of several attacks made on the shebeen in two years.

"How can you operate when you are constantly raided by thugs. It does not pay," Mr Banda said

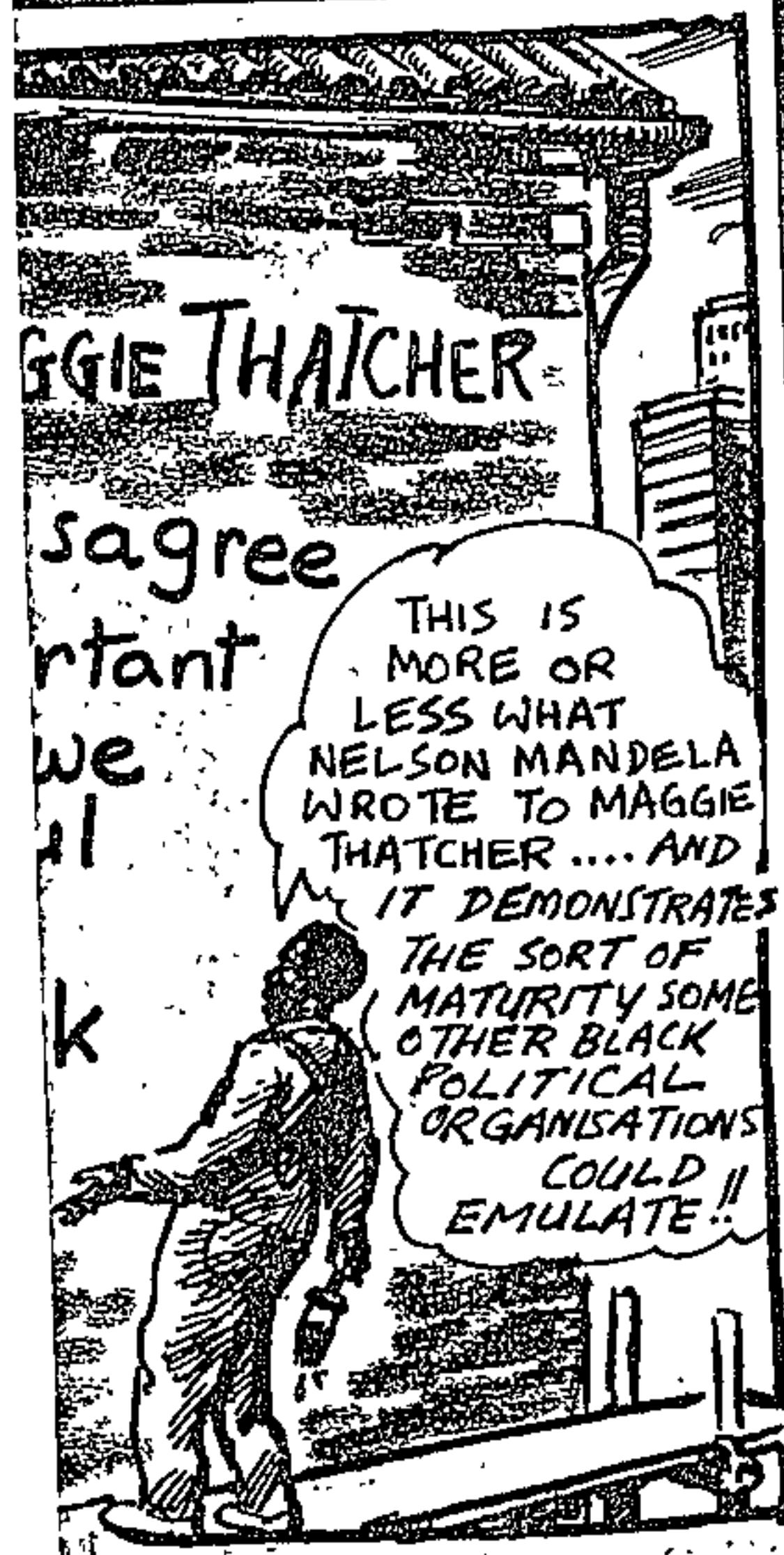
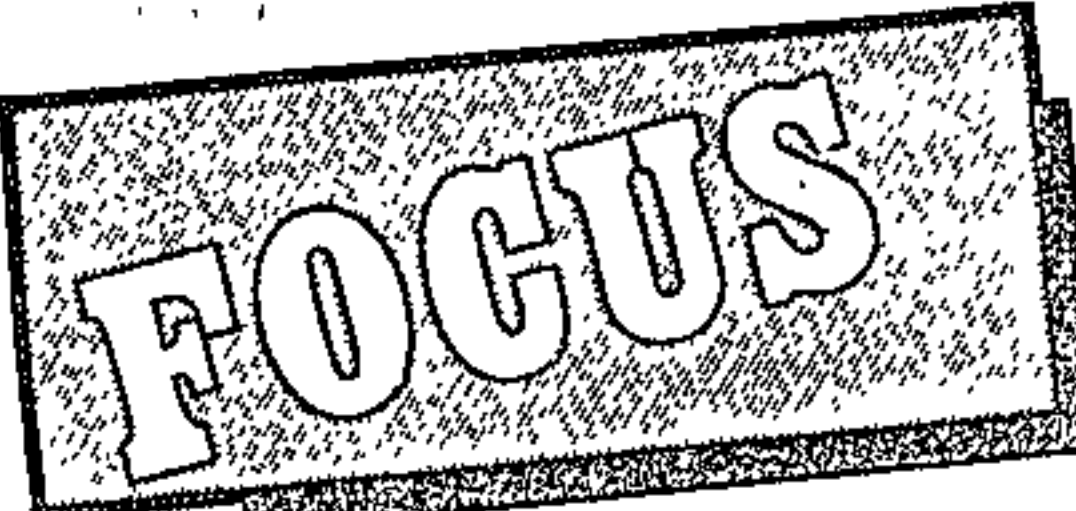
Studies

Shebeens have always been a permanent feature of township life. They serve a need created by the absence of recreational facilities in the townships.

Although in some quarters shebeens are regarded as breeding grounds for crime and immorality, a number of professional people have been able to pursue their studies because their mothers ran shebeens.

Soweto police liaison officer, Major Noel Hartwell, appealed to shebeen owners who have been attacked by thugs to come forward.

He said police investigated all cases thoroughly and all information was treated confidentially.



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9 die in Soweto crime 38

WEEKEND crime in Soweto claimed nine lives, three of whom were firearm victims. *Sowetan 15/4/59*

No arrests have been made on all the murder cases, six of which were committed by knives or sharp instruments, according to police spokesman, Major Noel Hartwell.

Rape cases reported to the police amounted to 19, with no arrests in all the cases.

Theft of cars numbered 20, with the police recovering five positively identified vehicles.

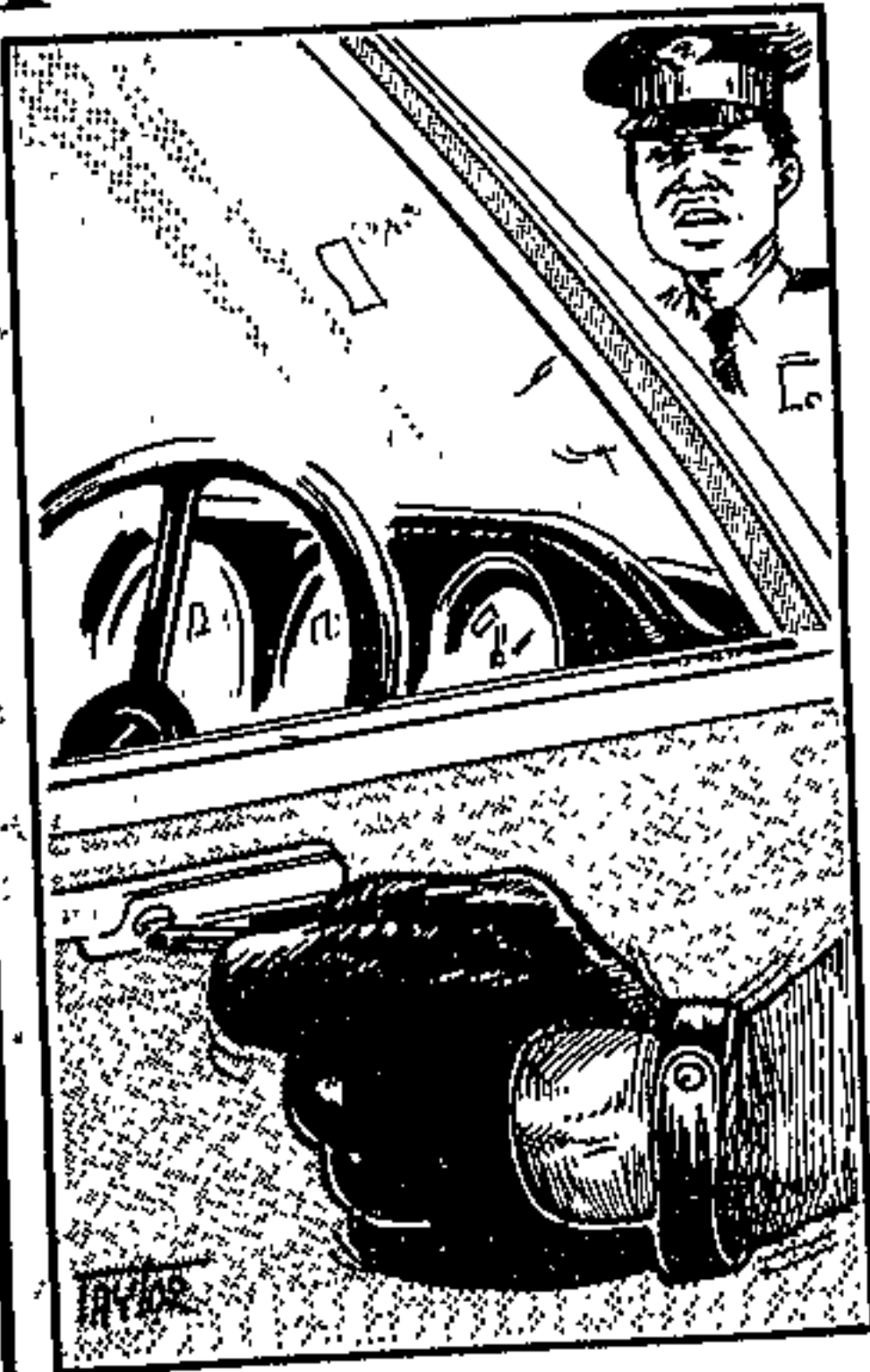
Meanwhile the East Rand murder and robbery squad is investigating a

R20 000 robbery at a house in Daveyton near Benoni at the weekend.

According to Lieutenant Willie Meyer, spokesman for the East Rand police, three men arrived at Mr Oliver Thobejane's house about 5,30pm on Saturday and demanded money.

Two of the men were armed with guns and one with a firearm. Shots were fired through the roof and the thugs were able to get keys to the safe and made off with R20 000. The owner of the house together with two of his friends were assaulted. No arrests have been made.

The war against car theft pays off



Car thieves prefer stealing from shopping centres.
HELEN GRANGE reports.

The car theft rate in the Witwatersrand has fallen over the past few months — as a result of stepped up security in shopping centres, several car theft syndicates being smashed and improved public awareness.

According to the latest police figures, between 30 and 40 cars are stolen daily in Johannesburg and surrounding suburbs.

“Although this sounds alarming, the situation has improved greatly. About 1 400 cars are stolen every month compared with the old monthly figure of 2 200,” said Major Willem Smith, at the police vehicle theft headquarters in Pretoria.

Major Smith added that 65 percent of vehicle theft countrywide took place in the densely populated PWV area.

“The police have addressed this serious problem by intensifying police training and promoting public co-operation. As a result, we have had a lot of success in busting car theft rings, largely through information gained from the public,” said Major Smith.

But Major Smith pointed out that public awareness tends to decline if there is a decrease in car theft. “It is imperative that this does not happen. Without the co-operation of the public, the police cannot operate with total success.”

To encourage public co-operation, the police together with the SA Insurance Association has introduced a fund used for rewards to members of the public who have contributed to the arrest of a car thief.

Major shopping centres are favourite spots for professional car theft gangs because the high concentration of cars presents the car thief with a wide selection, says Major Smith.

“These gangs also tend to move from one shopping complex to another — and their methods are often very professional.”

This problem is highlighted at Cresta shopping centre where up to five cars are stolen a day, according to police.

“Cresta Centre is a particularly easy target because the highway to Soweto is just down the road,” says Warrant Officer Basie Bronkhorst of the Linden police station.

Shopping complex managers have recognised this vulnerability and have introduced security measures in an effort to address the problem.

At Eastgate, Sandton City and Alberton City, plainclothes security officers patrol the car parks on motorcycles. Dog patrols have also been introduced and at Sandton City a security officer with binoculars is stationed at a high point to watch over the car park.

“Car theft at these shopping centres has been reduced substantially since these measures were introduced,” says Mr Gavin Main, director of shopping centres at Rapp and Maister Security.

At Cresta Centre, the car theft problem is to be investigated before further security measures are introduced.

“In spite of police reports, Cresta Centre has a very good record of car theft prevention,” said general manager Mr Vincent Reinders.

He said 90 percent of car theft reports received by management had turned to be a case of shoppers forgetting where they had parked.

“Also, not everybody reports car thefts to management. Many go straight to the police, in which case we are unaware of the extent of theft,” he said.

Although introducing a watch tower had been considered, the matter had to be “fully investigated” before costs were incurred.

Police say that another problem to be addressed is the “cry wolf” effect of car alarms.

“Car alarms are often not much of a deterrent — because they are set off by mistake so many times that nobody takes any notice of their sirens any more,” Warrant Officer Bronkhorst said.

KILLERS SOUGHT AFTER ATTACKS

PRETORIA police investigating a series of attacks on black people have repeated their appeal to victims and witnesses to come forward.

One of the alleged victims died in February after allegedly being beaten and kicked to death by two white men before being mutilated.

Local murder and robbery squad detectives believe at least four other cases of vicious assault could be linked to the murder.

They repeatedly appealed to victims and witnesses of the other cases of assault — all on black people — to come forward.

The known cases reportedly occurred in Visagie Street, Pretoria West and near the President Hotel in Potgieter Street.

The victim of the first alleged case was a black

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man who was killed in Elandspoor. His body, with both ears and some fingers missing, was found two days later in Olifantsfontein.

Police believe the man's parts were cut off to make the killing look like a "muti-murder."

It is known that the

two alleged killers, who are being held in custody, always travelled in a dark brown Toyota Corolla, registration HXW 298 T, during their alleged crime spree.

Anyone who can shed light on the investigations is asked to call detective Warrant Officer Andre Oosthuizen at 325-1800 Ext. 316 (office) or 323-0530 (home).

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At least three murders reported daily in teeming Soweto

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It pays to watch your back

Just as Washington is the US crime capital, so Soweto — through a combination of high unemployment, lack of recreational facilities and politically motivated attacks — is increasingly becoming a thoroughly dangerous place to live, reports **MONTSHWA MOROKE**.

What do Washington DC and Soweto, South Africa's largest black residential area, have in common?

Crime and still more crime, but especially murder.

A recent report says there is "a shooting war going on" in Washington. It has become the murder and drug capital of the US, with the killing escalating this year to one every 16 hours.

"At this rate, one person in 1 000 living in Washington will be murdered in 1989," according to another report.

The killing of black teenagers in Washington drug wars is a daily event. There were 308 murders between January and November last year in the city of barely 800 000. Most of the victims were 15 or younger.

Soweto, consisting of 35 townships, continues to seethe with crime. Statistics for last year showed that at least three people were murdered daily.

Desperate shortage

No one, including officials, wants to hazard a guess as to how many people live in the area. Town clerk Mr van S Rensburg last week put it unofficially at 2.1 million.

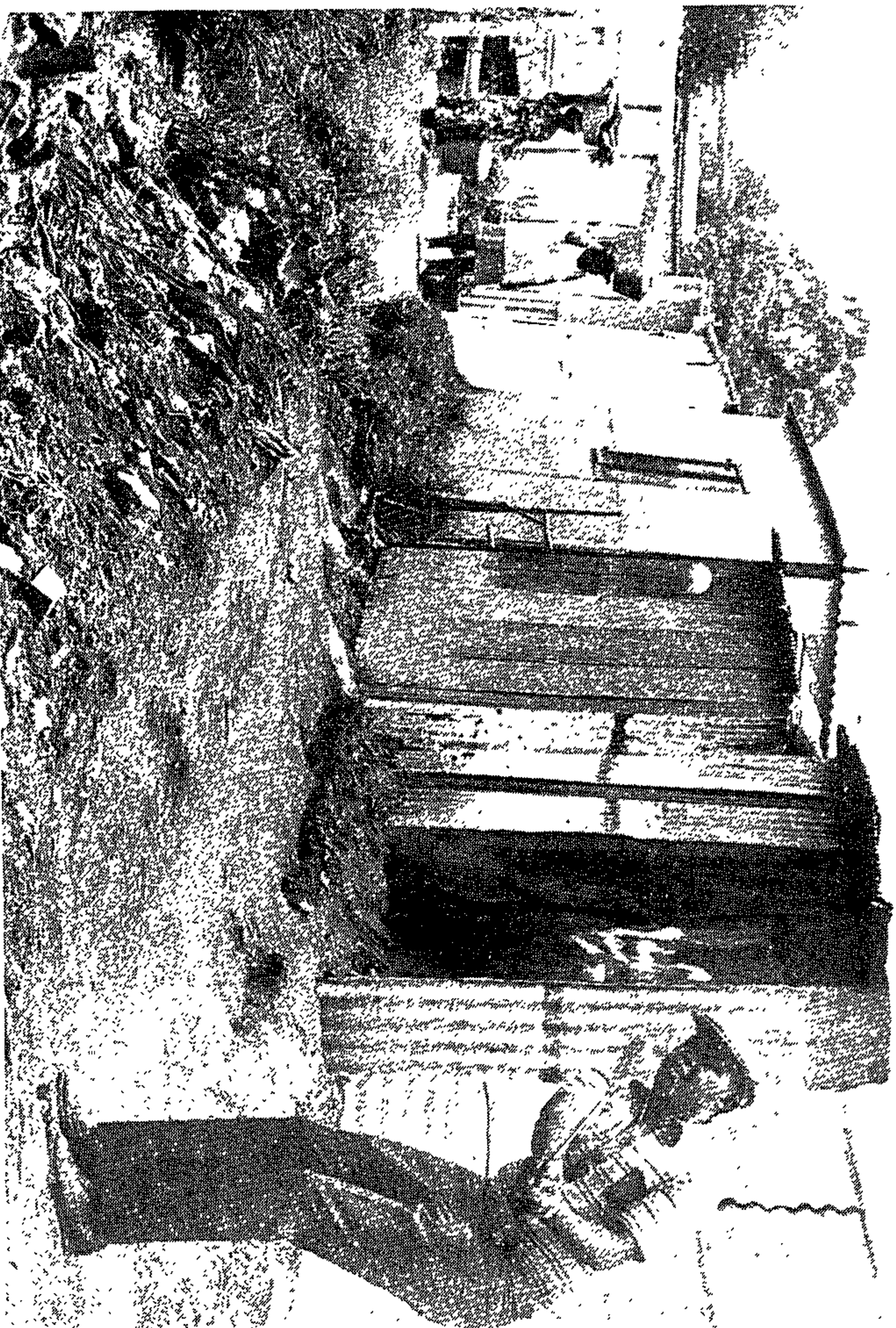
Why the massive crime rate?

Judging by the four municipal swimming pools, one golf course and a sprinkling of tennis courts for all the inhabitants, one would agree with the director of parks and recreation in Soweto, Mr Gary Watson, that "there is a desperate shortage of facilities".

Soweto is impoverished as far as entertainment is concerned. There is not one theatre or art gallery. Shebeens have become alternatives in an area where there are no conventional pubs or hotels. The shebeens are places where people meet and often dance the night away.

Most of Soweto has a depressing physical uniformity to both visitors and the residents. There is also an ever-increasing number of tin shacks in the backyards of homes.

"In many ways, people are



Forel . . . Golfer Shadrack Molefe demonstrates what happened to one of Soweto's few recreational areas, the Motolo golf course. Because of pressure on land and housing, it was turned into the shantytown of Mshenguville.

desperately trying to lead normal lives under totally unacceptable conditions", the editor of the *Sowetan*, Mr Aggrey Klaaste, once wrote.

There are the men's hostels, where migrant workers stay in-between the Christmas holidays. These have become nests of violence, and it is from these places where "hit-men" are sometimes recruited for political, criminal and other killings. There is an average of eight murders in Soweto on a "normal" weekend, especially at the end of the month. Sometimes it

drops to two or three; on long weekends it can rise to 18.

Every Monday, when police release crime statistics, it reads more or less the same.

Last Monday's figures were no different. Police reported nine people killed. This is typical weekend crime report: nine murders, 11 attempted murders, 19 rapes and 43 robberies.

A police spokesman said 14 suspected car thieves had been arrested, 25 stolen and suspected stolen vehicles recovered and 20 cars stolen.

Five suspects were arrested in connection with possession of and dealing in dagga. Three were detained for alleged contraventions of the Liquor Act.

Murder cases reported to the SAP between January and November 1988 showed 1 135 were killed in various acts of violence. Of these, 190 were committed with the use of firearms.

Weapons such as knives, pangas and other "sharp instruments" claimed 945 lives. The murder figures showed a slight fall when compared with those of the same period in 1987.

In that year, 1 152 murder cases were reported to the police. Of these, 294 were committed with the use of firearms.

As in all ghettos, life has become cheap in black townships all over the country. The chilling thought is that it could happen to anyone, any time.

Getting killed in the townships is easy. You could be stabbed coming back from work or killed returning from visiting a neighbour.

Some innocent people have been killed purely on the

strength of a rumour, only for those responsible to later discover the wrong person had been murdered.

The killings have come in all forms in the past five years. In some cases, residents reach a stage where they have grown tired of being terrorised by individuals and so they resort to the law of the jungle.

For instance in Diepkloof, Soweto, an alleged rapist and murderer was recently cornered by a mob, hacked to death and set alight.

There are numerous political, economic and social forces that impact on the lives of township folk. There is an alarmingly high rate of unemployment, there are the "comrades" — who are sometimes school dropouts — and there is drug dealing.

Rape cases

Police in Soweto have said crime figures in the township could be higher than they been reflected because some acts are not reported. This has especially been the case in rape cases where some women have preferred to keep silent.

While drug-dealing in this country is not as rampant as in the US, there is an increasing number of firearms making their way into the township, most of them stolen from white suburbs and parked cars.

Soweto Divisional Commissioner of Police Brigadier J J Viktor says there is growing concern over the use of firearms in murders, attempted murders and armed robberies, and of people being robbed of their vehicles.

Police have often put the blame for the escalating crime in the townships on drinking habits. They have said many fatal killings occur after quarrels at shebeens.

But social workers and community workers have put the blame squarely on the Government's shoulders. They say the socio-economic conditions most blacks find themselves in have led to this cycle of violence.

Soweto has a bloody weekend

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SOWETO'S weekend violence claimed 14 lives, two of whom were gunshot victims.

Twelve of the victims were stabbed with knives or sharp instruments, according to Lieutenant-Colonel Fanyana Zwane, media liaison officer for the Soweto police.

Rape cases reported to the police numbered 10, with three arrests in three

of the cases. Twenty-three cases of muggings were reported and eight cases of attempted murder, with one arrest in one of the cases reported.

Recovery

Twenty-six suspected stolen vehicles were recovered, while 16 thefts of motor vehicles were reported to the police.

Ten people were arrested for dealing and possession of 587 grams of dagga. Twelve people were arrested for dealing in liquor without licenses and 193 dozen 750 ml cases of beer confiscated.

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Man would have died of strangulation, says doctor

The Argus Correspondent

WITBANK. — If the Ogies man who died after being tied with rope and dragged behind a bakkie had not died from head injuries, he would have died from strangulation, a doctor told the Supreme Court here.

Dr Johannes van Tonder, Ogies's district surgeon, was giving evidence in the case against Benoni businessman Mr John Augustine Perreira, 53, who is charged with the murder of Mr Molefe "Tholi" Nzima on November 18, 1987.

Mr Perreira has pleaded not guilty.

Earlier the court heard from witness Mr Michael Charles van Rensburg that Mr Nzima had been suspected of stealing chickens from Mr Perreira's Ogies smallholding.

Mr Perreira had tied up Mr Nzima with a rope, attached the rope to a bakkie's towbar, then drove off, dragging him over dirt and tar roads.

Mr Nzima died soon after the bakkie stopped, after travelling more than one kilometre.

In his evidence Dr van Tonder said Mr Nzima had died of brain injuries.

The back of his skull had been broken resulting in bleeding of the brain.

Mr Nzima also had multiple strangulation marks on the neck.

Dr van Tonder said Mr Nzima would have died of strangulation from the rope around his neck even if he had not sustained the head injury.

Dr van Tonder also said Mr Nzima had abrasions on the upper part of his body. He believed the body must have been dragged about 50 m to receive such injuries.

The hearing continues on June 8.

White youths guilty of murdering black boy

By Cathy Stagg

Two white youths were yesterday found guilty of the murder, with extenuating circumstances, of an eight-year-old black schoolboy.

Shane Mitchell (18) and Timothy Lee Bedingfield (20) appeared before Mr Justice Roux.

Mitchell threw a prefabricated hexagonal paving brick which killed Ronnie Pitso, who was walking with a group of schoolchildren on the Muldersdrif road in Honeydew north of Johannesburg on October 12 1987.

The stone cracked his skull and he died of brain damage.

Bedingfield was convicted on the grounds of common purpose.

There was a plan to stone pedestrians and he did nothing to stop Mitchell when he "hurled the missile like a discus", said the judge.

BUNKED

Mitchell was 16 years and 11 months old and Bedingfield three days short of 19 when they decided to "bunk" from the Florida High School. They had a picnic with other teenagers at a pleasure resort and used Mitchell's stepfather's Land Rover.

Two teenagers in the Land Rover allegedly threw bottles at pedestrians on the way to the picnic which could have provided the germ for later events.

The accused said they smoked dagga and drank a lot of beer.

Mitchell said he drank three 750 ml bottles of beer early in the morning and nine at the picnic. The judge said this amounted to 27 cans and he did not believe it.

On the way home the Land Rover stopped at a cafe and four boys loaded stones in the back of the Land Rover. The judge said the question was why.

It was against all probability that four people independently hit upon the idea unless there was some agreement.

They drove off and one of the girls in the front saw a cyclist swerve. She asked the boys at the back to stop throwing stones.

Then someone spotted the schoolchildren. Mitchell threw the brick. One of his friends said "Shane, Shane, you have hit him, there are brains on the road."

The State had proved despite the use of drink and drugs they knew what they were doing.

Bedingfield also had a stone in his hand when Mitchell picked up the brick. They knew that it was unlawful to stone people and this was a common purpose to commit an assault. Neither cared if someone was injured or killed.

Their youth, the mild influence of liquor and the interaction of one upon the other were found to be extenuating circumstances.

The trial was postponed to May 22 pending a probation officer's report. The accused were remanded in custody.

Sharp decline in Jo'burg muggings 38

Muggings in Johannesburg's city centre have seen a dramatic decrease over the past three years, Lieutenant Tiny Nortje, commander of the Robbery Reaction Unit says.

Lieutenant Nortje said there were

only 30 to 40 muggings a month being reported — as opposed to the 1986 figures of 20 to 30 muggings a day.

The unit had two sections operating undercover 24 hours a day in the city centre, Jeppe and Hillbrow.

Prisoner shooting probed

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THE East Rand Murder and Robbery Unit are investigating the death of an awaiting trialist who was shot dead while allegedly attempting to kill an investigating officer in Tembisa last week.

The death of Mr Joel Vilakazi (29), of White City Jababu, Soweto, has also baffled his family who now ask how it was possible for their son to get hold of a gun when he was arrested in September last year.

The spokesman for the East Rand police, Lieutenant Willie Meyer, said it was impossible to say how Mr Vilakazi got hold of the weapon. "But I do not want to go into detail about the matter as it is still being investigated," he said.

Mr Vilakazi was a suspect in a Standard Bank robbery case in Katlehong last year and has been held since September 3. He and two others escaped from custody on April 27 while in transit from the Katlehong court to the Modderbee Prison.

Police believe Mr Vilakazi was a member of a gang which may be responsible for armed robbery attacks on banks in other areas as well. Police say the three were assisted by other gang members who cut the locks at the back of the police van.

Tar and feather — bail for 7

By Craig Kotze, Crime Reporter
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Seven men arrested in connection with the tarring and feathering of Welkom mayor Mr Gus Gouws at the weekend were last night granted bail during a special court appearance, police said.

The suspects were released after paying R200 each, said a northern Free State police spokesman.

They are Mr Dirk Ackerman (41) of Brandfort, Mr Andrie Kriel (44) of Bloemfontein, Mr Jacques

Botha (32) of Welkom, Mr Steven Terblanche (32) of Theunissen, Mr Daniel Ackerman (31) of Senekal, Mr Hermanus Crause (25) of Welkom and Mr Petrus Nel (19), also of Welkom.

Police said they would appear in court again tomorrow.

They said any political connotation in connection with the incident would be investigated.

Mr Gouws was attacked by the men after he opened a nonracial wheelchair marathon in the northern Free State city on Saturday.

The seven were initially detained by police under the Internal Security Act but they now face charges of public violence.

Mr Gouws was not injured in the attack, but concern was expressed for his eyes.

Yesterday, Mr Gouws told The Star he was "all right" after his eyes had been treated.

It is believed police arrested the suspects under Section 50 (1) of the Internal Security Act, which deals with public disturbances, to prevent any further disruption of Mr Gouws's activities.

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Fedtraw member accused

A MEMBER of the Federation of Transvaal Women appeared in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court yesterday on a murder allegation arising from the death of a man associated with the Mandela Football Club.

Miss Dudu Chili (45) who is out on R500 bail, appeared with five men and a teenager before Mr P. H. Bredenkamp. No evidence was given and the case was postponed to June 27 for the Attorney General's decision.

The other accused are: Mr. Andrew Ikaneng (23), Mr. Isaac Mazibuko (22), Mr. Nhlanhla Blanket (18), Mr. Sandile Blanket (22), Mr. Sibusiso Chili (24) and Mr. Chili (22), all of Orlando West.

The State alleges they murdered a Mandela "Football Club" associate, Mr. Maxwell Spokes Madondo who was stoned, stabbed and hacked with pangas at or near Uncle Tom's Hall in Orlando West, on January 13, this year.

Lawyers quit Lekoa trial ³⁹

By Melody McDougall,
Vereeniging Bureau

Two advocates defending the secretary of Lekoa City Council in an fraud case, yesterday announced their withdrawal "because of lack of funds".

Mr. Ben Scott is appearing in the Vereeniging Regional Court on 104 counts of fraud.

The amount involved is said to be more than R400 000.

The prosecution says he obtained money from the council after claiming to be providing security equipment for the homes of officials and municipal police.

It is claimed he authorised payment for materials, but failed to check if the work had been done.

SCHOOLGIRLS ARE VICTIMS OF TERROR

By SONTI MASEKO and PHANGISILE MTSHALI

A SPATE of abductions, rapes and gang violence is causing concern among Soweto schoolgirls who are the victims of this terror.

The gangsters are said to pounce on girls outside school gates and dragging them to their cars. They are then driven to "hideouts" where they are gang raped and beaten up for hours. Parents have telephoned *Sowetan* saying their children are threatened even at weekends.

The abductions are said to take place during tea-breaks and lunch hours. An interview with pupils at a Soweto private school revealed that at least seven girls from that school have been kidnapped for a night and that "the gangsters seem to know whom to victimise."

"I have had three narrow

escapes from the Dube gang driving in a powder blue car," said a girl who asked not to be named for fear of victimisation.

The reign of terror is said to be rife in Diepkloof, Dube, Orlando East and Naledi.

Teachers at a school in Diepkloof said they had at least five rape incidents reported by students last year and a few cases of abduction reported this year.

"The sad thing is that those victims become disturbed emotionally and they later leave

school. We have reported cases to the police but nothing came out of the reports," said one teacher.

The pupils said the gangsters had friends inside the school and believe the victims could be selected by the friends for the rapists.

The Soweto police said they were not aware of any recent incidents even though *Sowetan* quoted incidents and where they were reported.

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31 slain in Soweto over the weekend

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SOWETO's weekend murder figure rocketed to 31 at the weekend, with 12 attempted murders also reported, said a police spokesman.

Major Noel Hartwell said 26 people were stabbed to death while another five were shot dead at the weekend.

He said it was difficult to ascertain why murders had increased dramatically over the weekend but added Soweto's crime rate varied from weekend to weekend.

Difficult

"It is unusually high but it is difficult to ascertain why," he said.

Figures as high as 31 are rarely reported, with less than 20 murders the usual average in the township.

Robberies

Hartwell said 17 rapes and 27 robberies were also reported.

Fourteen cars were stolen but detectives recovered 51 stolen or suspected stolen vehicles.

Six suspects were detained in connection with dealing in dagga, while 13 suspects were arrested in connection with contraventions of the liquor act.

Crime breeds a better kind of bank robber

A NEW breed of robbers — more daring and ruthlessly successful than even the infamous Stander gang — is wreaking havoc with Reef Banks.

They have created the agonising problem of trying to maintain direct service to the public in the face of mounting security problems. *Sowetan* crime correspondent, Craig Kotze, examines the issue.

Welcome to the era of the "mega-heist".

In the early 80's the Stander gang grabbed R565 000 — in cash and cars — in an extended spree of bank holdups.

Grabbers

These days gangs can count themselves unfortunate if they make off with less than R400 000 after a single holdup. Heists of up to R800 000 a time are not uncommon.

In recent weeks, gangs have grabbed almost R2 million from Reef banks. Three of the robberies, all at Nedbank, involved

amounts of more than R400 000.

At the weekend, a gang snatched more than R500 000 from Nedbank in central Johannesburg.

According to banking and police experts, several factors have contributed to astonishing success of bank robbers lately.

The first is that a new breed of bank robbers has evolved in recent years.

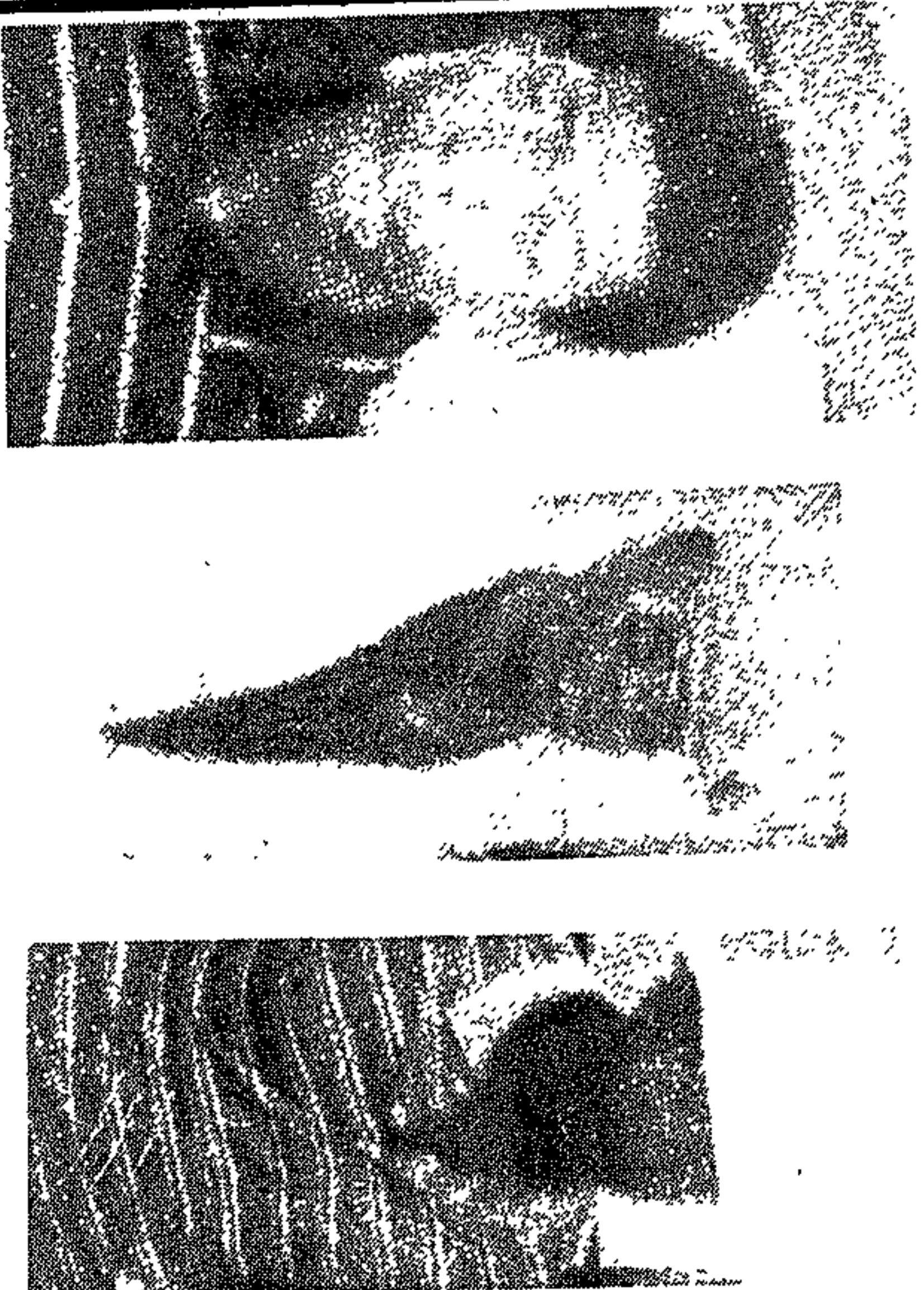
Instinct

Better informed, possessed of vastly greater planning abilities than predecessors and with virtually unerring instinct for the "big one", the new generation of "stick-em-uppers" has presented police and the banking world with a major challenge.

Says Lieutenant-Colonel Chris Earle, acting commander of the Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad, which deals with most of the important cases:

"We're dealing with a new breed which has come a long way since the

'Smile, you're on candid camera'



Police are looking for these men in connection with the armed robbery involving R38 769 committed at the First National Bank in Elandsfontein on the East Rand on March 20. They were photographed by the bank's staff when everybody ran for cover in the bank.

Stander gang. "Robbers are today more scientific, act on more detailed inform-

ation than in the past and carry out well-planned crimes. "They're more ef-

ficient and deadly and seem to know just where, when and how to strike." Another factor is that

there is far more money in circulation in 1989 than there was at the beginning of the 80s — public demand forces banks to keep huge amounts of cash on hand.

The money, therefore, acts as an irresistible magnet for robbers.

Mr Frans Britz, Nedbank's executive general manager, operations, says: "The amount of cash in circulation is increasing and we are very far from the 'cashless society' mooted in the past. One only has to look at the queues at automatic banking tellers to observe the great demand for note money."

Irony

Nedbank has had five robberies in recent weeks, losing more than R1,2 million and is now upgrading its security measures. These are primarily in the area of staff training and improved security camera techniques.

Ironically, the way banks do business also exerts a powerful

influence on the issue. The life-blood of a bank is its accessibility and contact with the public and the "come in and see us anytime" philosophy adopted by all the groups makes sound economic sense.

But it also presents the bank robber with excellent opportunities, such as easily accessible tellers and spacious entrances which are open invitations for them to "come in and get their slice."

Passive

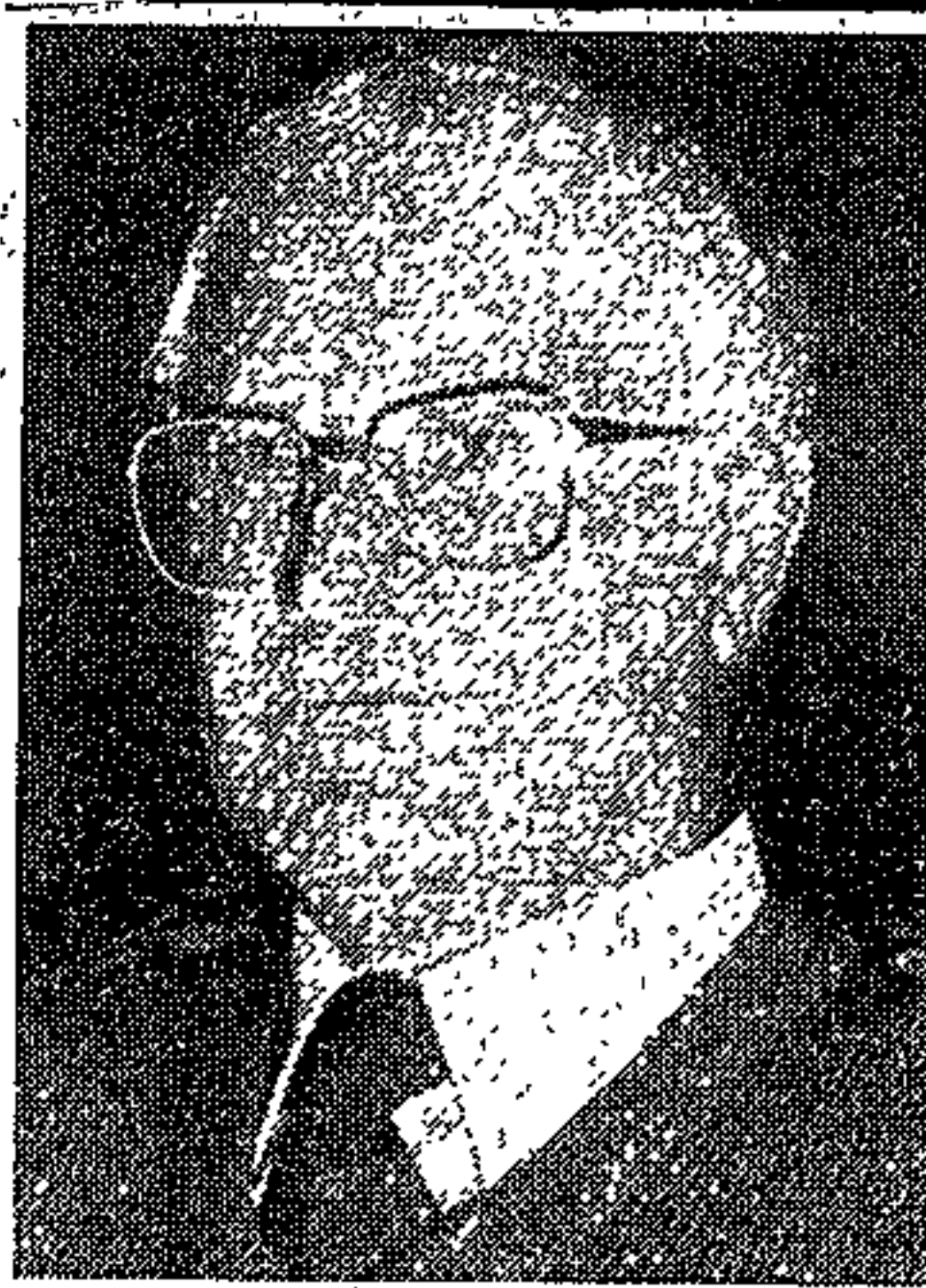
Banks are loathe to turn their branches into impregnable fortresses which would deter robbers — and therefore concentrate primarily on passive security measures such as video cameras, lightly-equipped security guards and barriers in certain areas.

Police would like to see banks raise the stakes by making holdups more dangerous for robbers by encouraging more active security policies, but banking executives see this as potentially dangerous to clients and rule out that strategy.

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Brigadier Gerrit Erasmus . . . feels the public also has a responsibility to prevent crime.

Public must help us to fight crime

— police chief (38)

By Craig Kotze,
Crime Reporter

The Witwatersrand's new Divisional Commissioner of police, Brigadier Gerrit Erasmus, believes firmly in co-operation between the public and law enforcement agencies to prevent crime.

But he believes just as firmly that the public should shoulder its share of responsibility in the fight against crime.

"I wish to work very closely with the public, but I also feel it is their duty to look after their own before the police do so.

"From experience I know that we can depend on the people of Johannesburg, Randburg, Midrand and Sandton to work with the police," Brigadier Erasmus told a press conference.

Brigadier Erasmus is a policeman with 26 years' service in the security branch.

Prior to his new posting, he served at security police headquarters in Pretoria after being transferred there from Johannesburg, where he was chief of security police.

He is the first policeman with an almost exclusively security police background to be appointed Divisional Commissioner of the Witwatersrand and takes over the most important and demanding posting of its kind in the country. "Everything starts and ends here," he says.

Brigadier Erasmus joined the SAP in 1957. He has been decorated with the Star for Outstanding Service, called the SOO (Stella Officia Optimi).

Chief told
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to pay back
loan at once

THE former Minister of Finance in the Lebowa homeland, Chief LC Mothiba, has been ordered to pay back immediately R22 474,34 of a R140 000 loan granted to him by the Lebowa Development Corporation.

The loan was granted to pay overdue sales tax, but the R22 474,34 was in fact used to buy shares in Lebowa Breweries in the name of his wife, the Dekker Commission, whose report was tabled in Parliament yesterday, found.

The commission found that the granting of the loan of R140 000 was soundly based. However, in a statement issued yesterday, the Lebowa cabinet said it found it irregular on the part of the Lebowa Development Corporation to have granted the loan with the approval of only one director.

Springs Town Council sets up probe into mixed worshipping

THE Springs Town Council says in a statement this week that the council wrote a letter to the police after receiving complaints about "blacks littering, loitering and robbing senior residents in the area of the St Michael's Presbyterian Church".

The letter led to an "informal enquiry" into mixed worshipping at the church.

In the statement, issued by public relations head Mr Frank Swart, the council denied that it had any intention of

linking mixed worship at a local church with the complaint in the letter.

It was disclosed last week that the police completed the "informal enquiry" into mixed worshipping at the St Michael's Presbyterian church after the minister, the Reverend Martin Young, was informed of the inquiry by the police. No charges were laid against the church or against Mr Young.

Last week the chairman of the management committee, Mr Gert

Parsons, denied any knowledge about an inquiry, as did Mr Swart.

In this week's statement, Mr Parsons says: "It is procedure for council to react on every complaint received but it was never the intention to link mixed worshipping with this particular problem. It was merely a step in the orderly management of a town."

Mr Young said of the allegations in the complaint: "We have never received a complaint of littering, loitering or mugging.

That is a new one for me. There is a senior citizens' club right across the road and we get on very well."
— *Sowetan Reporter.*

Plum for advertisers

THERE will be a new plum for advertisers this year — the Business Day Financial Advertising Awards.

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Plans put pressure on Gencor shares

MERVYN HARRIS

SHARES of mining house giant Gencor and parent Federale Mynbou came under pressure on Diagonal Street yesterday after plans for a massive rights issue were announced.

Gencor's intention to raise about R1,6bn in the market's biggest ever rights issue pushed the shares down from R86 to R80 before recovering to close at R82 — the price at which the offer was expected to be pitched.

Fed Mynbou, which will itself hold a 22-

Killers strike every 4 hours

MIKE ROBERTSON

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CAPE TOWN — A person was killed every four hours in the Greater Johannesburg-Pretoria area last year, according to figures released by Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok yesterday.

Replying to questions from DP MPs Peter Soal, Helen Suzman and Wynand Malan, Vlok said 2 352 murders were reported to police stations in the Johannesburg, Germiston, Randburg, Pretoria and Soweto East and West police districts.

The figures also showed that:

- A person was raped every 150 minutes;
- A vehicle was stolen every half-hour; and
- A house was burgled every 16 minutes.

In all, 3 508 rapes, 19 918 vehicle thefts and 32 184 burglaries were reported.

A total of 1 201 murders were reported to stations in the two Soweto police districts.

Constitutional Development Minister

Chris Heunis yesterday said in reply to a separate question from Jasper Walsh (DP Pinelands) that Soweto's population last year was 852 066.

This meant that one in every 709 people — or 0,1% of the total population of Soweto — was killed last year.

In Johannesburg, 334 cases of murder, 242 cases of culpable homicide, 1 529 cases of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, 4 110 cases of common assault, 387 rapes, 3 441 robberies, 8 663 vehicle thefts, 2 308 cases of damage to property, 9 693 burglaries and 24 drug possession cases were reported.

The figures were compiled from crimes reported to the John Vorster Square, Langlaagte, Mondeor, Jeppe, Booyens, Cleveland, Brixton, Park Station and General Johan Coetzee police stations.

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AWB posters, ammunition seized

110 arrested in swoops on nine hospitals

Star 30/1/89

By Craig Kotze, Crime Reporter

Private investigators and police have raided nine major Transvaal hospitals — among the most important in the country — and have arrested at least 110 suspects in a huge probe into theft and corruption in hospitals.

Investigators from the Special Operations Division of Sandton-based Security Service Consultants (SSC) and police detectives swooped on hospitals in Johannesburg, Pretoria, on the East Rand and western Transvaal over the past seven weeks.

Those raided were the Johannesburg Hospital, JG Strijdom Hospital, Hillbrow, Pretoria's HF Verwoerd and Andrew McColm Hospitals, Boksburg-Benoni, Natalspruit Hospital in Germiston and two Klerksdorp hospitals. The Star has learnt.

Guards and nurses

Suspects arrested included a 49-year-old maintenance manager at the JG Strijdom, security guards, nurses, catering staff and others. Stolen goods recovered included various kinds of ammunition, drugs, towels, toilet bowls, welding equipment, food and surgical instruments.

The maintenance manager concerned was allegedly found in possession of AWB posters and five types of ammunition. Investigators found a full R-1 rifle magazine, shotgun rounds and a machinegun ammunition belt at his home in Westdene, Johannesburg.

Also seized were several car radios, believed stolen from the hospital's parking area. The latest raid took place at the JG Strijdom Hospital yesterday.

Most of those arrested have either appeared in court or are being handled departmentally by the hospitals.

The latest investigation was conducted by SSC's Special Operations Director, Mr Declan Condon, and various branches of the CID, including Johannesburg's Robbery Reaction Unit.

The SSC swoops have apparently reduced theft and corruption at many hospitals.

"Our feedback is that our action is bringing down the incidence of theft, the word is getting round that we are at work," Mr Condon said.

Police closely monitored the raids and ensured they were conducted according to the law, Mr Condon said when approached for comment.

The cases were ultimately handed over to the police for further investigation and the actual arrests were done by them.

Responding to criticism from hospital workers' unions that only black staff were arrested, Mr Condon said his men acted on available information.

Where information was received on white suspects, it would be acted on, as happened yesterday at the JG Strijdom.

The following arrests were made: JG Strijdom — 10 by late last night; Johannesburg Hospital — 15; HF Verwoerd — 10; Andrew McColm — 14; Hillbrow — 10; Boksburg-Benoni — 21; Klerksdorp hospitals — 15; Natalspruit — 11.



Mr Declan Condon (left) of Security Service Consultants and Sergeant Johan de Wet of the Robbery Reaction Unit with some of the drugs taken at JG Strijdom Hospital. Mr Condon holds two truncheons and a machinegun ammunition belt, allegedly found at the home of one of the hospital employees. Picture by Saan

Willie Mtolo — Comrades

By Mark Etheridge

The experts' money for tomorrow's Comrades Marathon between Maritzburg and Durban is on Natalian Willie Mtolo.

Mtolo, who runs for Hillcrest Villagers, is favoured by Swaziland Tattersalls to come home ahead of the record field of 13 550 that will line up for the 6 am start outside Pietermaritzburg City Hall.

Bookmakers quote Mtolo, the South African marathon champion, at 29-10.

Last year's runner-up, Mark Page, commands odds of 7-2.

The Rocky Road Runners' Hungarian import, Attila Kovacs, is at 11-2, but it's further down in the betting that a killing could be made.

Magnolia's Philemon Mogo-shane, eighth in the Comrades



Bidding for glory... Hosea Tjale (left), Mark Page, Willie Mtolo, Derek Tivers and Graeme Fraser.

last year and third in the Standard Bank Challenge 100 km in Stellenbosch earlier this year, is quoted at 7-1.

So, too, is his Magnolia teammate, Nic Bester, and these two northern Transvaal stars are definitely worth a flutter.

Hosea Tjale, the Johannesburg Harriers athlete who has given eight-time winner Bruce Fordyce a thing or two to worry about in the past, is a snip at odds of 8-1.

Other betting gives odds 1 on Charl Mattheus (last year), 12-1 on Johannesbeistadt (former runner), 1 on top triathlete/marathoner Danny B... on Frenchman Jean-M... locq, the best of the over... trants in the Standard Challenge, and 20-1 on four... winner Alan Robb... van Staden. The others? At this...

Brief let-up from big chill

Staff Reporter

If you are literally and figuratively blue from the cold, cheer up. The weatherman in Pretoria anticipates a respite from the Big Freeze and warmer temperatures over the next few days.

But keep the winter woollies and heaters close at hand as the next cold front is already on its way. It will be nipper from Friday and the country can expect icy conditions over the weekend.

Participants in the Comrades Marathon lemming run will start off in chilly conditions in Maritzburg early tomorrow, but should be complaining about the heat by midday. The high at the Durban destination is expected to hit 26, said a spokesman for the Weather Bureau.

Stay-at-home Transvaalers can expect a pleasant Republic Day tomorrow. Tem-

peratures today are expected to be four degrees higher than yesterday and the warmer trend is expected to persist for at least a couple of days.

Johannesburg temperatures will be between 14 and 16 deg C and in Pretoria the maximum will be 17 deg C tomorrow, with clear conditions.

Showers are expected in Cape Town, caused by the approaching cold front, but the rest of the country should be dry.

The south-western Cape can expect no let-up in the current chilly conditions.

Snow fell over the Maluti mountains over the weekend but began melting yesterday.

The sub-zero temperatures experienced in Bloemfontein are also expected to disappear for the next couple of days.

Pik's statement not new

LUSAKA — The African National Congress has reacted coolly to statements made in Europe by South African Foreign Minister Mr Pik Botha, who said his government had accepted white domination must end.

The ANC said in Lusaka that the statement was aimed at diverting world attention from the problem of apartheid while the Government prepared for the September election. "If the Government is serious about changes, why do they go to the international audience instead of to our people..."

It appealed to South Africans to help end Natal violence. — The Star's Africa News Service.

Mayor's casting vote keeps Durban beaches white

DURBAN — Durban's remaining white beaches will not be opened to all races.

The city council rejected an amenities committee recommendation last night that this form of discrimination be abolished.

The council was split 15-15 on the issue and the mayor, Mr Derrick Waterson, was forced to use his casting vote in favour of maintaining closed beaches.

Mr Waterson had earlier voted for opening the remaining white beaches.

South, Addington, Anstey's, Brighton and Treasure.

He said this was not the first time he had been forced to use his casting vote and on previous occasions he had done so according to council traditions.

"It is normal that the casting vote be taken to maintain the status quo," he said. "Even though my personal inclination is to vote for opening the beaches, I do not want to establish a principle whereby the mayor can be expected and be entitled to vote regardless of council tradition."

The recommendation to open the beaches was opposed by the National Party caucus, the Civic Action League and the councillors for the beachfront wards.

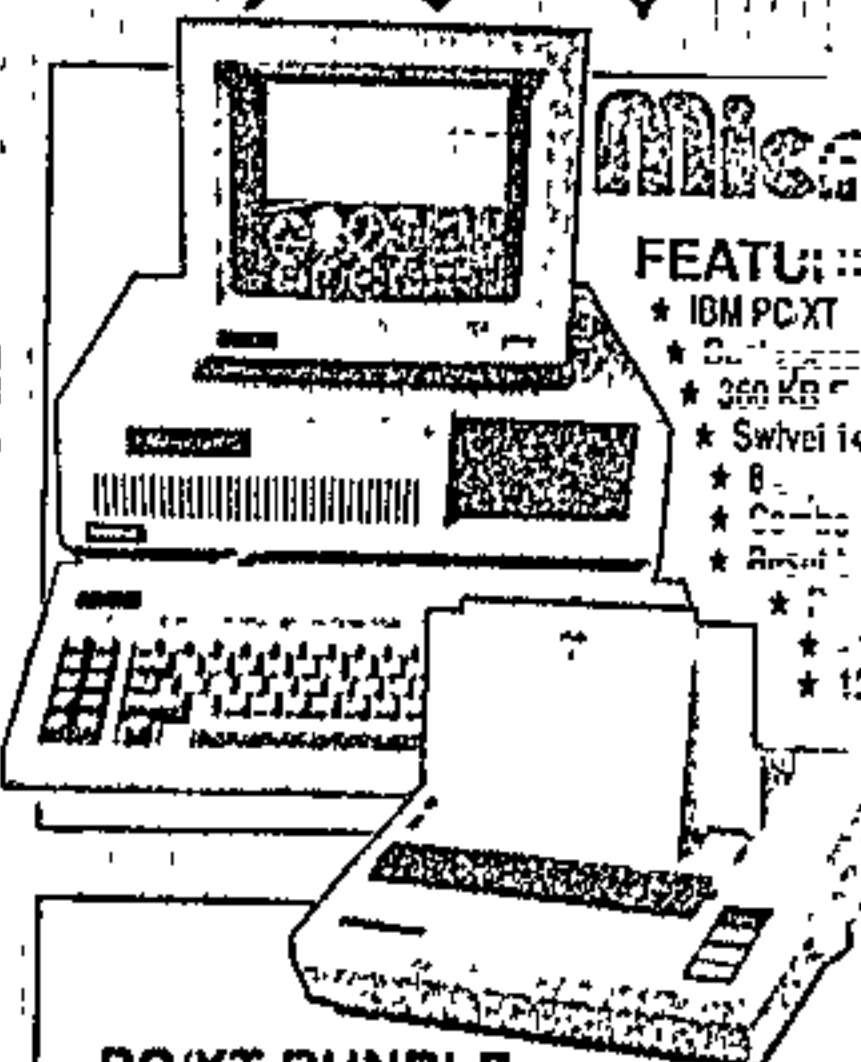
Their arguments against the opening were predictable — overcrowding, the need to protect group interests and cultural differences, and the possible effects on the tourist trade.

Councillors in favour of open beaches spoke about the need to show the right image. — Sapa.

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110 arrested in Vaal hospital corruption raid

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Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) Hospital Services administration director Mr Koos Olivier said the investigation and arrests so far were just the tip of the iceberg.

"We are looking at bigger stuff and are continuing with the investigation. All 78 provincial hospitals will be investigated," he said. — Own Correspondent and Sapa

Nurse held for theft from hospital

East Rand police have arrested a 52-year-old nurse who allegedly stole medical equipment from the Nigel Hospital and who may have injected a child from KwáThema with a drug, police said.

The arrest was made after private investigators of the Security Services Consultants company in Sandton conducted an investigation of theft at the hospital on behalf of the Transvaal Provincial Administration. JFA 31/5/89 (38)

SSC and police have struck at nine hospitals and arrested 110 suspects to date in a crackdown on thefts from TPA hospitals.

An East Rand police spokesman said the female nurse was to be charged with theft, but further charges, relating to the injection of a child with a substance, could follow. — Crime Reporter.

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THIRTY-ONE men appeared in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court on several charges of murder, attempted murder, assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, abduction and intimidation. Relating to a strike by furniture employees last year.

ed murder and three of serious assault.

They appeared before Mr P H Bredenkamp and

were not asked to plead. Twelve were released on

bail of R500 each and the rest will remain in

custody until June 30. Those out on bail were

warned not to interfere with state witnesses.

employees last year.

Their appearance is a sequel to a strike by furniture workers last year. They are facing 17 counts of abduction, five of intimidation, five of murder, four of attempt-

Nation-wide hospital theft costs millions

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The large-scale theft found in only nine of Transvaal's provincial hospitals, probably extended nationwide, including private clinics and military hospitals, a spokesman for a security firm involved in the investigation said yesterday.

Security Service Consultants (SSC) director special operations Mr Declan Condon said he had no doubt similar theft rings were operating in most hospitals and clinics throughout the country.

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He said it was difficult to estimate the cost to taxpayers but it would run into "millions of rands".

For example, if one hospital lost R200 worth of goods a day through pilfering, Transvaal provincial hospitals were losing more than R5.5 million a year.

'Tip of the iceberg'

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Mr Condon said he believed that only the tip of the iceberg had been exposed. "We have caught the small fry so far. We know there are doctors and chemists involved and they, for example, would be receivers of large quantities of stolen goods."

Investigations showed large numbers of hospital staff involved in pilfering in one way or the other.

"We found that within a month or two of starting work at a hospital, staff can become caught in the web. Some staff told us they have been doing this for eight or nine years," he said.

Witwatersrand police said 10 people were expected to appear in court today in connection with pilfering hospital goods.

Goods ferried in coffins

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Coffins containing bodies were being used to ferry pilfered food, linen, medicine and medical equipment out of provincial hospitals, Security Service Consultants (SSC) director special operations Mr Declan Condon said yesterday.

Mr Condon said coffins, in particular, were used regularly for smuggling stolen goods because they were never checked by security. At one hospital a coffin being carried out of a mortuary was found to contain 136kg of T-Bone steaks packed round the body.

Other ingenious methods were also used. Female staff put produce between their legs — one nursing sister was caught carrying three chickens this way — and would wrap towels and sheets round their bodies under their clothes to get stolen goods out undetected, he said.

One hospital employee who had shares in a local chemist was found to be supplying it with medicines and other things stolen from the hospital he worked at.

Another hospital employee earned R75 000 in three months from selling stolen TPA goods, he said.

In another case a nursing sister operated a clinic out of her home using equipment and medicines stolen from the hospital. She earned R400 a month but was living in an R80 000 house.

"There are a lot of people earning a lot more than that," he said.

Cafes, shebeens, hawkers and dry-cleaning shops were most often the recipients of stolen TPA equipment and goods, he said.

"We know of one cafe which actually took orders for stolen goods."

An X-ray machine valued at more than R200 000 is another item that was "pilfered" by hospital staff.

Mandela 38 FC case men ask for bail

A BAIL application by two brothers on a murder charge arising from the death of a man who was associated with the Mandela United Football Club has been postponed to June 27.

The hearing was before Mr P H Bredenkamp in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court.

The brothers are Mr Sibusiso Chili (24) and Mr Mpika Chili (21), the sons of Mrs Dudu Chili (45), a member of the Federation of Transvaal Women.

In his request for a postponement, Mr G Raütenbach, for the defence, said an essential witness for the defence was not available. The two brothers are in custody.

Hacked

The murder allegation arises from the death of Mr Maxwell Madondo who was allegedly stoned, stabbed and hacked with pangas at or near Uncle Tom's Hall in Orlando West, Soweto, on January 13 this year. Madondo was associated with the Mandela United FC.

The brothers are charged together with their mother, Mrs Chili and four other men. Mr Andrew Ikaneng (23), Mr Isaac Mazibuko (22), Mr Nhlanhla Blanket (18) and Mr Sandile Blanket (22), all of Orlando West.

Hospital scams 'make fortunes'

TRANSVAAL provincial hospital staff had made fortunes by smuggling goods out in coffins, running private clinics, stealing to order and even diverting goods by the truckload, an investigator said yesterday. Coffins — with stolen goods packed around the bodies — were used to ferry out pilfered food, linen, medicine and medical equipment. Security Service Consultants (SSC) director, special operations, Declan Condon said.

Almost 200 people have been arrested in the past seven months by police, following investigations by SSC on behalf of the Transvaal Provincial Administration. People involved in this pilfering racket were making personal fortunes Condon said. Coffins, in particular, were used regularly for smuggling stolen goods because

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they were not checked by hospital security. At one hospital, his investigators found a coffin being carried out of a mortuary had 136kg of T-Bone steaks from the hospital kitchen packed around the body.

Other ingenious methods were also used. Female staff put produce between their legs — a nursing sister was caught carrying three chickens this way.

Goods were also stolen for specific purposes. One nursing sister admitted delivering stolen TPA towels and facecloths, dyed to hide the TPS markings, every Friday for the past two years to the owner of five hairdressing salons.

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He had no idea how staff at one hospital managed to organise the removal of a bulky X-Ray machine valued at more than R200 000. It had not been recovered.

At another hospital, 17 000 theatre trou-

sers valued at R170 000 were stolen and sonar equipment worth thousands of rands had been stolen from various hospitals' radiology departments.

One employee was found to have a huge hoard of pills for the treatment of gonorrhoea and syphilis which he was selling from his home for R5 each.

In many cases employees did not have to steal from hospitals — truckloads of goods were diverted before they arrived, although the goods had been signed for at the hospitals, Condon said.

A hospital security guard was found with five shovels wrapped up and ready for mailing to his home in a "homeland". He told SSC investigators that anything he found useful for use at his home eventually found its way there.

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Thefts 'cost Transvaal hospitals R5,5m a year'

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He said it was difficult to estimate the cost to taxpayers, but it would run into "millions of rands daily".

If one hospital lost R200 worth of goods a day through pilfering — a conservative estimate according to Conlon — then Transvaal provincial hospitals were losing more than R5,5m a year.

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only caught the small fry so far. We know that there are doctors and chemists involved."

Investigations showed many hospital staff were involved in pilfering.

Hospital staff told SSC investigators those who did not pilfer were often intimidated and coerced into participation, he said.

While all those arrested so far in connection with the thefts were found with suspected stolen TPA goods, it could not always be proved in court, Conlon said.

"Medicines are often not marked with names or dates, labels have been cut off blankets and towels dyed so we cannot prove they came from a TPA hospital. In one case telephones and typewriters which we suspect were stolen from the hospital were not marked."

Stolen goods were smuggled out in coffins, on thieves' persons, given to visitors, in doctors' cars (not subject to security checks), and carried out in bags.

□ A Witwatersrand police spokesman said 10 people were expected to appear in court today in connection with pilfering hospital goods.

White youths 'did not care who was killed'

2 get 10 years for killing black boy

By Cathy Stagg

Shane John Mitchell and Timothy Lee Beddingfield were yesterday each sentenced to 10 years' jail for murdering an eight-year-old black schoolboy.

Mr Justice Roux said in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday Ronnie Pitso had been part of a group of schoolchildren innocently walking home.

They had not provoked the two youths — they had merely attracted their attention.

"Mothers and fathers have every right to expect that children can walk home in the faith that they will not be bludgeoned down as this child was."

Ronnie was walking with a group of fellow pupils on October 12 1987 when Mitchell, Beddingfield and a group of friends drove past. They had played truant and had a picnic where alcohol and dagga were used. Some of them had picked up stones to

throw at pedestrians.

Mitchell threw a 2 kg paving brick which hit Ronnie, cracking his skull.

Beddingfield was convicted on the grounds of common purpose. There had been a plan to stone pedestrians, and the judge found he did nothing to stop Mitchell, who hurled the missile like a discus. Beddingfield also had a stone in his hand.

They were convicted of murder with extenuating circumstances on May 8. Sentence was postponed for reports from social workers and psychologists.

Rejected

After expert evidence yesterday, the judge said he was grateful for the assistance of the experts, but what they had to say was no surprise.

He rejected the submission of both defence counsels that the two youths should spend a cou-

ple of years attending a reform school. The court heard that they would be allowed to leave the institution for school holidays after six months of satisfactory behaviour.

The judge said rehabilitation could take place in prison. He did not believe a reform school was the place for criminals.

Regarding the accused's personal circumstances, he said they were both young. Mitchell, now 18, was a month short of his 17th birthday at the time of the crime. Beddingfield, now 20, was three days short of 19.

Both had unfortunate family backgrounds, and while he took this into account, he was sure if one delved into the background of every criminal there would be something unfortunate.

The judge said he had not heard anything which convinced him that an unfortunate background entitled anyone to drive on the back of a Land Rover and throw rocks to "batter this unhappy child" to death.

The demands of the community were important in the case and jail was the solution.

The judge could see no difference in the moral culpability of the two accused. "You planned it, discussed it, selected rocks, sighted those children at a long distance, and I don't think it mattered to you which one was maimed or killed. That behaviour cannot go unpunished."

Mr MC Erasmus, instructed by Terblanche and du Preez, appeared for Mitchell. Mr M Wagener, instructed by Rutledge MacCullum, appeared for Beddingfield.

Two jailed for paying brick death of boy

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Two young men who committed the "outrageous" crime of murdering an eight-year-old schoolboy were each sentenced to 10 years imprisonment yesterday.

Passing sentence in the Rand Supreme Court, Mr Justice Roux said a group of young schoolchildren were walking home, totally innocently. They had not provoked Shane John Mitchell or Timothy Lee Beddingfield, they had merely at-

tracted their attention.

"Mothers and fathers have every right to expect that children can walk home in the faith that they would not be bludgeoned down as this child was," the judge said, referring to Ronnie Pitso, 8.

Ronnie was walking home from school with a group of friends on October 12, 1987, when the accused and a group of their friends drove past.

The teenagers had played truant, been on a picnic where

alcohol and dagga were used, and some of them had picked up stones to throw at pedestrians.

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NEW WAVE OF CAR ROBBERS JUST DO IT IN FRONT OF YOU

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SOWETO thugs no longer wait for you to sleep before stealing your car. These days they take it with your eyes wide open — at gunpoint.

These gun-toting thugs stalk their prey either at their homes, on the road or at stop signs.

Dozens of motorists have had their cars forcefully seized by these thugs in a new wave of crime which has claimed several lives. Motorists fear that unless drastic steps are taken to combat this scourge, the situation could worsen.

Professional and business people seem to be particular targets as they own expensive cars such as Mercedes Benzs and BMWs which the thieves seem to prefer.

A lawyer, two doctors, nurses and several businessmen have been attacked recently and their cars forcibly taken from their homes and in the streets.

In some instances residents have been woken at night and thieves demanded car keys at gunpoint. If a car has an immobiliser the

By ALI MPHAKI



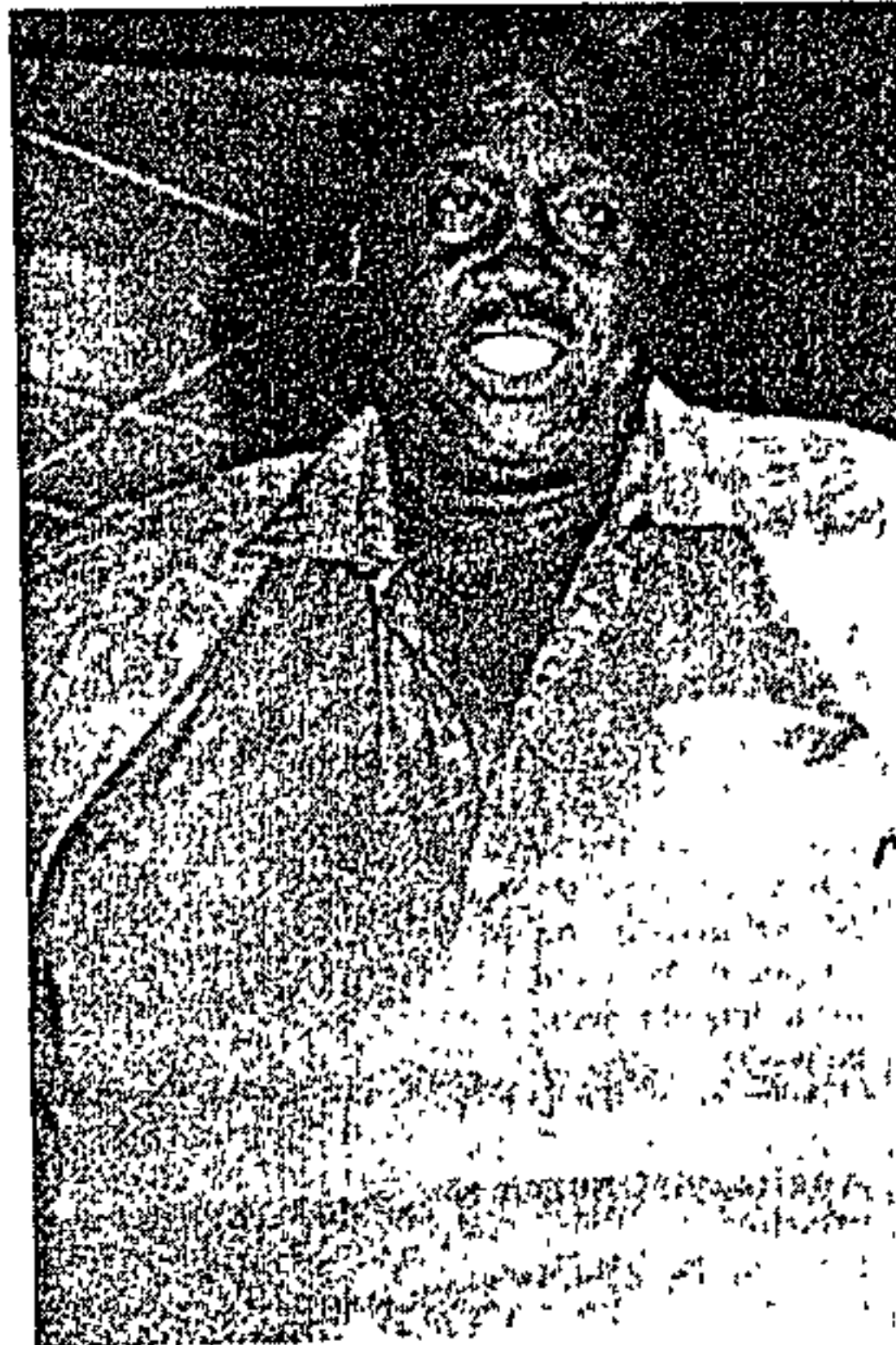
thugs ask the owner to start it up before they roar off with it.

The general belief is that since police have declared war on car thieves in the Johannesburg area, the thugs now settle for easier targets in the townships.

Decrease

Recent police statistics show a dramatic decrease in car thefts in Johannesburg.

It is difficult to pinpoint the spots these thugs operate from, but care should be taken when driving at the Maonya intersection in Phefeni, Cross Roads in White City Jabavu, Phiri, Mapetla, Zola, Emdeni, Zondi and Dube.



One of the victims... Mr Shasha Sishange.

In fact, western Soweto, normally referred to as the "Wild West," has become a happy hunting ground for these gangs.

The seizure of cars in the township is not new. During the 1986 riots it was done in the name of The Struggle.

Vigils

"Comrades" would simply stop a motorist and demand his car, saying they were going to attend a night vigil or a funeral. If a driver knew what was good for him he was quick to co-operate.

But these days thugs are calling the tune.

A liquor representative, Mr Shasha Sishange, had a brush with death when a gang of four boys raided his Mzimhlope home and demanded his car keys

armed with a firearm and the three others with knives, cornered him.

The thugs demanded his car keys and when he showed some resistance they administered light knife blows on his hands, which are still bruised from the attack. He ultimately gave them the car keys and they sped off at great speed in his Toyota stationwagon.

Since that day, he has not seen his car.

A teacher in the township, Mr Eddie Sedibe, also had his car stolen in this fashion.

Ambush

He had just stopped at a traffic light in Zondi when, with hair-raising speed, five armed men surrounded his car. "I just saw guns pointing at me and in panic I stalled the car. The men were already trying to open the doors of my car and forcefully ejected me from it."

"It was about 9pm and as I stood there dazed they sped off in my car, which I'd only bought in March," he said.

When youths tried to hijack taxis during unrest, the taxi fraternity put an abrupt stop to it by routing the thieves. Some of the thugs lost their lives.

Anti-hijack groups were started in various townships but as unrest receded so did the number of cars forcibly taken from motorists.

Worried motorists are saying that the spectacle of the hijacks seems to be rearing its ugly head in a new and menacing form of gunmen lurking in the night and on the street corners waiting for their prey.

The Soweto media liaison officer for the police, Major Noel Hartwell, said there was an increase in this type of crime in the township and warned motorists always to lock their doors when driving.

"The police have taken special measures to curb this crime but the public must be warned never to drive with their doors and windows open. In no circumstances should motorists give lifts to people they do not know. Prevention is better than cure," he said.

NEGOTIATIONS...WITH BLACK LEADERS HAS IMPROVED SLIGHTLY...



THIS WILL ONLY MAKE SENSE WHEN THE GOVERNMENT STARTS TALKING TO THE RIGHT LEADERS... REFUSAL TO RELEASE MANDELA IS GOING TO CREATE PROBLEMS

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Businessmen and police plan strategy to stem crime rampage

Alert over wave of Reef robberies

By Craig Kotze, Crime Reporter

As a wave of armed robberies continued to sweep across the Reef yesterday, business and police planned to launch new moves to combat the banditry.

As a top-level meeting between businessmen and police was being organised, masked gunmen struck again, making off with more than R469 000 from a First National Bank branch in Lenasia.

The security committee of the Association of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (Assocom) will confer with police in Johannesburg tomorrow to discuss the upsurge in robberies.

Four people have been wounded and cash and goods valued at more than R1 million have been taken in Johannesburg in the past week alone.

On Monday gangs carried out 12 robberies in Johannesburg, netting nearly R300 000 in cash and goods.

Yesterday, apart from the Lenasia raid, two armed robberies were reported in the city centre.

Reaction units

● Special attention is being given by Witwatersrand police to the robbery problem, said Divisional Commissioner Brigadier Gerrit Erasmus.

● Assocom is having talks with Minister of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok.

● Police have been ordered to co-operate with local business chambers to establish or expand the Business Watch concept wherever possible, said Mr Ken Warren, Assocom's legal adviser and chairman of its security committee.

● Johannesburg police are to be asked to deploy their Robbery Reaction Unit, which has dra-



This Honda Ballade, which was stolen from Yeoville, Johannesburg, at the end of April, was discarded by the armed bandits after failed to start. The vehicle's ignition had been removed and it is likely the robbers had difficulty "hot-wiring" the car at the scene of yesterday's robbery. ● Picture by Jacob Ryklif

matically reduced robberies and muggings in the city centre, to suburban areas to counter a spate of hold-ups at supermarkets.

● Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad is conducting an intensive investigation into the robberies.

The Business Watch scheme has to be extended to cover suburban business areas, said Mr Buddy Anderson, loss control manager for Checkers.

He is a member of Assocom's security committee.

Checkers has been raided four

times in recent weeks.

Seven gunmen grabbed about R470 000 from First National Bank in the Farah Centre in Lenasia at 9.45 am yesterday after forcing staff to lie on the floor. They then rifled safes and teller trays.

A R30 000 reward is being offered by FNB for information leading to an arrest.

On Monday, robbers struck 12 times in Johannesburg and made off with cash and goods valued at almost R300 000.

Since January, armed hold-

ups in Johannesburg, Randburg, Sandton and Midrand have netted nearly R16 million.

"There must be quicker reaction to these robberies. We will ask police to deploy their Robbery Reaction Unit in suburban areas. The Business Watch concept must expand there," Mr Anderson said.

Checkers was also working on identifying vulnerable stores and would institute a "warden service" to guard stores at opening and closing times, when robbers were most likely to strike.

Assocom, (38)
police meet
over robberies

Crime Reporter

Assocom is scheduled to meet police today about the continuing spate of hold-ups on the Reef.

An Assocom spokesman earlier confirmed the meeting would take place today.

Items on the agenda include the expansion of the Business Watch scheme and talks about deploying Johannesburg's SAP Robbery Reaction Unit to suburban areas to prevent heists at supermarket counters.

Assocom has said it is "extremely concerned" about the hold-ups.

ANC DENIES LINK TO CAR THEFTS

THE African National Congress has denied any involvement in the recent wave of bank robberies in South Africa.

Reacting to police reports this week that the ANC was linked to the robberies a spokesman said from Lusaka yesterday: "It is not true. This time they are really going too far with their wild inventions."

Police are investigating leads that the ANC is involved in the robberies in which more than R4 million has been stolen by attackers using Russian-made AK-47 assault rifles.

Police sources said this week that circumstantial evidence also pointed to ANC members being involved while other firmer leads were being followed up.

These sources said the ANC already had a background of resorting to criminal activities. They said it had been

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involved for many years in their rackets in South Africa.

They said many of the cars used by ANC members in other African countries were stolen and smuggled out of South Africa.

● Sapa reports that the Parktown, Johannesburg, branch of Volkskas Bank was robbed of R300 000 yesterday.

A police spokesman said armed black men entered the bank at 9.10am and held up bank employees. They left the bank with the cash and escaped in a white Toyota Conquest. No further details were available yesterday, the spokesman said.

Armed robbers: ANC denies involvement

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The ANC yesterday denied the suggestion by Minister of Law and Order spokesman Brigadier Leon Mellet that the recent spate of large armed robberies could be ANC motivated, saying that it did not have to resort to criminal activity to "fund the struggle".

The Lusaka spokesman said that the ANC office had heard that such rumours were circulating in South Africa and described them as "utter lies".

Brig Mellet said that the possibility of the money being used to finance the ANC was just one of the leads police were investigating for the robberies which have netted more than R4 million in the past few months.

He said that in many of the robberies, terrorist weapons such as AK-47s had been used, and it was known that many of the ANC's funding sources

and much of its traditional logistical support had been cut off.

Assocom, police and representatives from banks and supermarkets meet today to discuss proposals to step up security to stem the tide of the robberies, carried out mostly by men wearing balaclavas.

Despite recent widespread publicity about stepping up security on the Reef, masked gunmen yesterday morning made off with R300 000 from Volkskas Bank in Parktown. This brings to nine the number of robberies at Volkskas banks this year and its losses to nearly R1,5m.

Assocom's security committee chairman Mr Ken Warren said it would be premature to say what strategies would be looked at, but emphasised that there had been great concern about the degree of sophistication and finesse surrounding the robberies.

Business and police in new anti-crime bid

By Craig Kotze, Crime Reporter

A joint committee was established in Johannesburg yesterday by Assocom and the police to look at long-term strategies to combat armed robberies on the Reef.

Short-term strategies to counter the crime wave immediately were also discussed at the meeting.

It was attended by a top police delegation, said a spokesman for the Witwatersrand, Lieutenant-Colonel Frans Malherbe.

The meeting, held at the Witwatersrand Chamber of Commerce and Industry's headquarters in Milpark, was attended by representatives of financial institutions and other business interests.

Witwatersrand CID chief Brigadier Wesel Fourie also attended, as did the commander of the Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad, Colonel Floris Mostert, and Mr Ken Warren, chairman of Assocom's security committee.

The agenda also included discussions that Johannesburg's extremely successful Business Watch scheme, which now involves about 271 businesses in the city centre, be expanded to suburban areas. It has reduced crime in Johannesburg dramatically.

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The officer in charge of the scheme, Major Sim de Wet, was also at the meeting.

"We have discussed short-term strategic moves to end the robberies. A committee of police and businessmen has also been established to look at long-term plans to combat hold-ups," said Colonel Malherbe.

Mr Warren said the meeting, convened as a result of concern about robberies, had acted as a catalyst to bring police and business together to discuss all aspects of security.

According to a police report presented at the meeting, the Business Watch concept had been exceptionally well received by the business sector, and promoted a general feeling of security among shoppers and businessmen.

Police involved in the scheme — the same as Neighbourhood Watch, except police do the patrolling — have arrested suspects on charges of theft, drugs and armed robbery.

According to statistics, there were 720 crimes committed in the Business Watch area between April and September 15 last year.

Between September and March, 498 crimes were committed — a drop of 220.

Almost no armed robberies take place in the area covered by Business Watch.

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Police take strong measures to counter rising Soweto crime

By Craig Kotze, Crime Reporter

Violent crime in Soweto, South Africa's largest township, has escalated by 94 percent this year compared to the first five months of 1988, police said.

Up to 185 cases of armed robbery are reported in Soweto every month and vehicle hijackings have more than doubled in the sprawling township, according to figures released yesterday.

"Relatively free access" to firearms and economic factors have been blamed for the increase. The guns used in the holdups are almost all stolen or lost guns.

But Soweto Murder and Robbery detectives have hit back hard at armed robbers — especially car hijackers — and arrested 69 suspects in March, April and May, according to the unit's commander, Lieutenant-Colonel Chris Oosthuizen.

The arrests were made in connection with 51 car robbery cases and involved vehicles worth more than R1 million.

"According to our figures, violent crimes committed with guns in the first five months of this year have increased by 94 percent over the corresponding period last year.

ROBBERIES, HIJACKINGS ESCALATED

"We are very concerned about the situation and have taken very strong measures to counter the robberies," Colonel Oosthuizen said.

He said vehicle robberies and hijackings had escalated dramatically.

"This has shown an enormous increase and seems to have gained momentum. So far this year vehicle robberies have more than doubled," Colonel Oosthuizen said.

However, he said his unit had had "good successes" under bad circumstances in combating the crime wave.

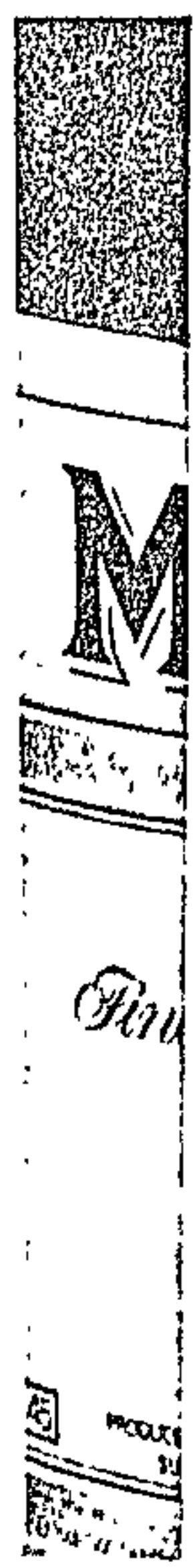
He made an urgent appeal to the public to provide detectives with vital information needed to catch robbers. Information can be provided anonymously.

Colonel Oosthuizen said an anonymous letter had led recently to the arrest of a whole gang of car hijackers.

Anyone with information on armed robbers in Soweto is asked to contact Colonel Oosthuizen at (011) 980-8108.



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Webster: no new leads, say SAP

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WHILE anti-apartheid organisations are becoming increasingly sceptical that those responsible for the assassination of Dr David Webster will ever be brought to book, police this week said they were confident the killers would be found.

Colonel Floris Mostert, head of the Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad, said "nothing spectacular" had been discovered since a second witness was found a few weeks weeks ago.

Anti-apartheid organisations have said that until the killers are found, the finger of responsibility remains firmly pointed at the South African Government.

Colonel Mostert said rumours

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that new identikits were released last weekend were false. However, he would not say whether new identikits had in fact been drawn up by the police, but were being withheld by them.

There has been widespread speculation that the second witness found after the release of three detailed identikits of the alleged assassins had enabled the police to draw up new identikits.

Colonel Mostert said: "We have experienced many difficulties. We are still checking all the information received. The public has been wonderful in giving ideas and information and we are still confi-

dent we will find the killers, but at this stage, we have decided to not release any other identikits."

Questioned on the vague similarity between the identikit of the suspect involved in the attempted attack on NP nominated MP, Dr Boy Geldenhuys, and one of the three identikits released on Dr Webster's assassination, Colonel Mostert said: "At this stage, there is no connection between Geldenhuys and Webster".

He said they would not release the colour or a description of the car driven by the assassins, because, "we are still sorting out the problems".

Dr Webster was gunned down outside his Troyeville home

Court told 'thief' towed behind bakkie, dies

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JOHANNESBURG. — A Benoni man told the Supreme Court in Witbank yesterday how he held a pistol in one hand while he tied up a suspected chicken thief with a tow rope.

Mr John Augustine Perreira, 59, said he then drove off in his bakkie, towing the man behind for about four kilometres over dirt and tar roads. The man died of head injuries after the bakkie stopped.

Mr Perreira has been charged with the murder of farm labourer Mr Molefe "Tholi" Nzima in Ogies in 1987. He has pleaded not guilty.

Giving evidence yesterday, Mr Perreira described how he tied up Mr Nzima, who he believed had been

stealing his chickens.

He bound the rope twice around the man's chest, once around his neck, between his legs and twice around his body.

He said that he told Mr Nzima to get into the back of the bakkie but Mr Nzima refused, saying: "Baas, please, I will take you to the thief and to some of the chickens." Mr Perreira said he then tied the rope around the bakkie's tow bar and gave an end to Mr Michael van Rensburg, who was sitting in the back of the bakkie.

He said Mr Nzima fell about seven times during the ride. Each time Mr Perreira stopped and got Mr Nzima up. He said he drove at about 10km/h.

The hearing continues. — Sapa

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Spinach farmer jailed 15 years for murder

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By THERESE ANDERS
Weekend Argus Correspondent
JOHANNESBURG. — A spinach farmer who towed a labourer behind his bakkie for four kilometres has been convicted of murder and sentenced to 15 years' jail.

John Augustine Pereira, 59, of Boksburg, was found guilty by Mr Justice Smit in the Supreme Court in Witbank yesterday of murdering Mr Molefe "Tholi" Nzima in Ogies in November 1987.

Mr Nzima died of head injuries soon after the bakkie stopped.

The judge said he found in extenuation that Pereira had no direct intent to kill.

He was sorry to have to imprison a man of that age for such a long time, but because of the seriousness of the crime, he had to be taken out of the community.

Mr Justice Smit said Pereira should have foreseen that his actions could have killed the man. He also found much of Mr Pereira's evidence to be false.

Earlier the public prosecutor, Mr Deon van Wyk, asked for the death sentence to be passed, even although an extenuating circumstance had been found "because of the sadistic and gruesome nature of the crime".

Defence counsel Mr Johan Engelbrecht said Pereira had no other convictions. The semi-retired farmer earned a pension of R2 000 a month.

Mr Justice Smit gave permission for Pereira to appeal against the murder conviction. Mr Engelbrecht said Pereira would not appeal against the sentence.

Pereira was taken into custody after sentence.

Dube bank

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robbed

THE First National Bank branch situated in Dube, near Johannesburg, was robbed of about R800 000 last night.

Two senior bank officials, who are the principal key holders, were attacked by several men as they left the branch and were forced

to re-enter the bank and open the safe. No one was injured in the incident.

First National Bank has offered a reward of R50 000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the perpetrators.

No link between Webster's death and Zululand visitors

By Craig Kotze, Crime Reporter

Any reported links between the murder of activist Dr David Webster and men who visited his Zululand home after his death were "wild rumours", police said yesterday.

Witwatersrand police spokesman, Lieutenant-Colonel Frans Malherbe, said the Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad had sent detectives to Zululand to follow up any possible leads.

He said the detectives had traced a Potchefstroom University anthropology postgraduate student — a Mr Van Niekerk — and three men who were with him at the time.

"At no time were Mr van Niekerk or any of the three men who accompanied him on the visit considered to be suspects, and none of them matched identikits issued by the police.

"Mr van Niekerk does not figure in the investigation and his visit to Zululand was a mere coincidence. Reports that Mr van Niekerk and his three companions jumped into a dinghy and sped across a Zululand lake after being followed by a Mr Amos Ngubane, an assistant of Dr Webster, are exaggerated," said Colonel Malherbe.

No arrests have been made in connection with Dr Webster's assassination.



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Looters in SAP clothes

TWO whites wearing police uniform allegedly went on the rampage in Meadowlands, Soweto, late on Monday night, looting residences and holding occupants at gunpoint.

Maggie Duba, a domestic worker, said the family was interrupted by loud knocking in the early hours of the morning. A man wearing a police uniform demanded entrance and began ransacking the house, claiming he was looking for dagga. When Duba asked for identification the man held a gun to her head and told her to "shut up".

Still brandishing the firearm, the man forced her husband Culumbus out of bed and searched under the bedclothes. The uniformed man made off with R45 and a Rolex watch.

Another white man allegedly kicked down the door of an adjoining house, and demanded passes. He allegedly beat Meshak Sibiyi, occupant of another house on the property, and snatched a plastic bag containing R1 150.

The two men drove off in a yellow car, described by Duba as "identical to those private cars used by Soweto police", but it was too dark to see the car's registration number.

Two other houses were also attacked, allegedly by the same men.

Colonel Fanyana Zwane, public relations officer for the Soweto police division, confirmed yesterday that charges of housebreaking, theft, malicious damages to property and assault have been laid. "We are investigating the case," he said.

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receive provisional voters lists soon although the offi-
cial list will not be published until later.

Webster killers: the cash rolls in

UNIVERSITY of the Witwaters-
rand lecturers this week repeated
their determination to continue
campaigning for the capture and
trial of the killers of anti-apart-
heid activist Dr David Webster.

More than R25 000 has been
pledged by people towards a re-
ward for information leading to
an arrest, said Dr Alan Mabin, a
member of the Union of Demo-
cratic University Staff Associa-
tions (Udusa), this week.

He said: "Already six weeks
have elapsed since David's assas-
sination and there are no signs of
positive leads.

"It seems under the circum-
stances that the only way the case
will be solved is with information
from someone privy to the deed."

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Dr Mabin said about 60 South
Africans had been killed in similar
circumstances, and the police's
record with those made it unlikely
that the Webster killers would be
found.

The total reward offered now
stands at more than R50 000, in-
cluding the police offer of R10 000,
and the equivalent offered by Wits
University.

Colonel Floris Mostert, head of
the Brixton Murder and Robbery
Squad, supported the Udusa offer
and said it could help to activate a
person to come forward with in-
formation.

He said he suspected there were
people who could contribute to
solving the case who had not yet
come forward.

"Other witnesses are needed. It
may take a long time for them to
come forward, but eventually peo-
ple will start talking."

He said the investigation was
continuing, but there had been no
further leads during the past few
weeks.

"The investigating officer has
not had a weekend off since Dr
Webster was murdered," said Col-
onel Mostert.

● Udusa pledge forms can be ob-
tained by writing to the Treasur-
er, Udusa, University of the Wit-
watersrand, Johannesburg. Tele-
phone: 716-2864.

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Your car or your life - to thugs ³⁸ it's all the same

RECENT newspaper reports state the crime rate in Soweto has rocketed by 100 percent. It is part of a countrywide escalation in crime which has the police, commerce and industry, and private citizens deeply concerned. ALI MPHAKI of the Sowetan reports on how brazen the township's car thieves have become.

SOWETO thugs are not as fussy as they used to be.

There was a time when they would wait until you were asleep before stealing your car. No longer.

These days they will take it anytime — while you are asleep, awake or even while you are driving it.

Dozens of motorists have had their cars forcefully seized by these thugs in a new wave of crime which has claimed several lives. Motorists fear that, unless drastic steps are taken to combat this development, the situation could worsen.

Professional and business people seem to be particular targets as they own expensive cars such as Mercedes Benzs and BMWs which the thieves prefer.

A lawyer, two doctors, nurses and several businessmen have been attacked recently and their cars forcibly taken from their homes and in the streets.

In some instances residents have been woken at night with the intruders demanding car keys at gunpoint. If a car has an immobiliser the thugs ask the owner to start it up before they roar off with it.

The general belief is that since police have declared war on car thieves in the Johannesburg area, the thugs now settle for easier targets in the townships.

In fact, western Soweto, normally referred to as the "Wild West", has become a happy hunting ground for gangs.

The seizure of cars in the township is not new. During the 1986 riots it was done in the name of "The Struggle".

"Comrades" would simply stop a motorist and demand his car, saying they were going to attend a night vigil or a funeral. If the driver knew what was good for him he would quickly co-operate.

But these days, thugs are calling the tune.

A liquor representative, Mr Shasha Sishange, was recently visited by a gang of four boys who demanded his car keys.

"These guys were all armed with guns and I had no option but to give them my keys," he said.

Although Mr Sishange's car has an immobiliser — which gave the thieves a problem when they wanted to start the car — they went back into the house and demanded that he start his car before they drove off in it.

Knife blows

Another motorist, Mr Solomon Mkhwanazi of Dube, should be thanking his lucky stars that he lived to tell the story of how his car was taken.

He had just parked outside a Dube shop when four things, one armed with a firearm and the three others with knives, cornered him.

The thugs demanded his car keys and, when he showed some resistance they administered light knife blows on his hands, which are still bruised from the attack. He ultimately gave them the keys and they sped off.

When youths tried to hijack taxis during unrest, the taxi fraternity put an abrupt stop to it by routing the thieves. Some of the thugs lost their lives.

Anti-hijack groups were started in various townships but as unrest receded so did the number of cars forcibly taken from motorists.

Worried motorists are saying that the spectre of the hijacks seems to be reappearing in a new and menacing form of gunmen lurking in the night and on the street corners waiting for their prey.

Soweto media liaison officer for the police, Major Noel Hartwell, has warned motorists always to lock their doors when driving.

Rammala should be convicted, probe told

Sowetan 22/6/89

By MONK NKOMO

THE town clerk of Atteridgeville, Mr Solly Rammala, should be convicted on six of 12 counts of irregularities, an inquiry was told yesterday.

One of these was the "serious" charge of failing to disclose his interests in a local liquor outlet.

Advocate David Smith, who is leading evidence, also submitted that Rammala did not act in good faith when he failed to give his full cooperation when local businessman Mr Lavius Mashile wanted to buy the outlet, Madibakwena Enterprise.

Smith said Rammala did not supply Mashile with the necessary documents for him to conclude an agreement with the African Bank, which had promised financial assistance.

He further submitted that Rammala's involvement in Madibakwena should be seen in a serious light because he misinformed the council by saying that he only purchased shares in the business.

Rammala informed the council about his involvement only after he had become a partner and did not seek prior permission from the council for his involvement.



SOLLY RAMMALA

Smith said Rammala also lied to the council when he informed it that he was not involved in the day-to-day running of the business.

Powers

Evidence led during the inquiry showed that he was not only a partner but also had powers to sign the company's cheques, Smith added.

Smith also referred the chairman of the inquiry, Mr Justice Hiemstra, to the evidence of two council officials, Mr Kenneth Matime and Mr Noel Madiba who testified that the leaseholder of Madiba-

kwena, Mr Paul Sambo, once confessed to them he was "fronting" for Rammala.

Mr Johan Stipp, representing Rammala, submitted that "none of the submitted evidence showed that Rammala had contravened any regulations". He added that his client was being wrongfully accused of irregularities perpetrated before the City Council of Atteridgeville came into being.

Rammala has denied all 12 allegations levelled against him — six of which were dropped yesterday.

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11 held in raid on hospital

A POLICE raid at Kalafong Hospital in Atteridgeville on Tuesday netted 11 employees suspected of having stolen goods from the institution.

The liaison officer for the Northern Transvaal Police, Lieutenant Hennie Crowther, yesterday confirmed the raid and said the 11 suspects arrested were due to appear in court today.

Sources at the hospital said scores of labourers and some professional nurses were selected at random and a search was made of their lockers.

They said that later in the morning, during the tea break, a number of black hospital staff were taken away in about 17 police vehicles waiting inside the hospital property.

Sources said further searches were

then made of their individual homes.

They said those whose homes were raided included a nursing sister and a number of labourers. These staff members had not arrived at work yesterday, said fellow employees.

Similar raids were conducted in a number of leading hospitals in Pretoria, Johannesburg, on the East Rand and in the Western Transvaal

during last April and May.

During those searches — conducted by the Johannesburg Robbery Reaction Unit and the special operations division of the Sandton-based Security Services Consultants — a total of a 110 people were arrested.

Stolen goods were recovered and several people appeared in various courts while others had their cases handled departmentally.

Killing 'Hill Bronx'



More than a decade ago, a daily newspaper reported that Hillbrow — Johannesburg's crime jungle of noise, violence and squalor — could be an urban sore within ears. Flat dwellers were afraid to open their doors not only at night but even during the day, for fear of being mugged, said the PFP MP for Hillbrow, Mr Alf Widman. These comments came soon after the announcement in Parliament that between 1974 and 1976, there had been 236 rapes, 45 robberies, 6 162 car thefts and 1 200 assaults reported in the Hillbrow area. It was reported in 1977, when Hillbrow was mostly inhabited by whites, that the blocks of flats were 25 percent full. During the past decade, thousands of black South Africans, initially largely Indians and coloureds, defied the Group Areas Act and moved into Greater Hillbrow — a white area — in a desperate bid for

accommodation. This movement increased rapidly in 1986, with the abolition of the influx control laws.

Hillbrow is one of the first areas in South Africa unofficially to be declared a non-racial inner city zone but black inhabitants live a life of constant worry — they are "illegals" and have no protection from exploitative landlords.

The future of this congested suburb, which is bursting at the seams with people, remains uncertain. While the Government dithers about whether to declare it a mixed area, Hillbrow, one of the liveliest suburbs of South Africa, is a melting pot which could explode.

Reporter JANET HEARD and photographers Ken Oosterbroek and Sean Woods walked the congested streets of the "Brow" to get the feel of the place.

cycle thefts, 601 cases of damage to property, 1 623 housebreakings with intent to steal and 19 reports of drug possession. (This must be seen against the population figures, which stand unof-

ficially at more than 80 000). Many residents suggest that a stronger police presence in the streets could help prevent criminal activity. Others report the po-

lice are unsympathetic and apathetic to the plight of people in distress, and the lines to the police station are often engaged when they try to contact the police station. White resident, Miss

Angie Cochrane (22), who has lived in Hillbrow for three years, dismissed allegations from right-wing organisations that the problem was one of race. "If the authorities could get rid of the dirt,

alcoholism, drugging, thieves and the hobos among all races, Hillbrow's problem would be solved," she said.

Miss Cochrane said she loved the diverse, easy-going character of Hillbrow, where "anything goes".

However, Mrs A Gregory, an elderly British immigrant who runs a curio shop in the underground flea market, said she found Hillbrow distasteful.

"I don't feel safe and will never go out alone at night. The rot set in when all the savages (sic) moved in a few years ago."

There has been an exodus of white residents over the years into the suburbs, and into adjacent Yeoville, but many who bought property in Hillbrow years ago can not sell because of the

decline in the market and Hillbrow's facilities have not adapted to the influx of people of all races and the recreational centre and nearby schools are still open to whites only.

Black children have to travel to the townships to attend school, while in greater Hillbrow, some white schools are half empty.

The declining number of white residents was highlighted this week — the whites-only Johannesburg Girls' High School is likely to be closed down because of the decline in pupil enrolment.

Hillbrow has for many decades been a suburb of transients, with people coming and going. It has always attracted young newcomers and foreigners looking for a place with easy access to the city, and which also has energy, excitement and night life.

Mr James Dryja, the co-owner of the Mini Cine, and Hillbrow resident for nine years, said there had always been a high level of crime in the area, due to the very nature of Hillbrow, which was not designed to cope with so many people.

He said the problem was one of class conflict, not race. "If there was a mixture of people of the same class, there could be less conflict, and less complaints from residents. If the landlords managed their blocks of flats, and did not charge exorbitant rents, black people would not be forced to overcrowd their flats with more than one family to pay the rent,

and the tension would ease."

Mr Dryja, a concerned resident who is actively involved in organisations attempting to address the problems facing Hillbrow, said the council did not enforce the by-laws to protect black tenants from "unscrupulous" landlords who had taken unfair advantage of the demand for housing by blacks.

Mr Dryja has not given up hope for Hillbrow, and said, if the authorities got their act together and showed genuine concern for all the people of Hillbrow, and if the residents gained a common sense of purpose and community spirit, the quality of life could improve.

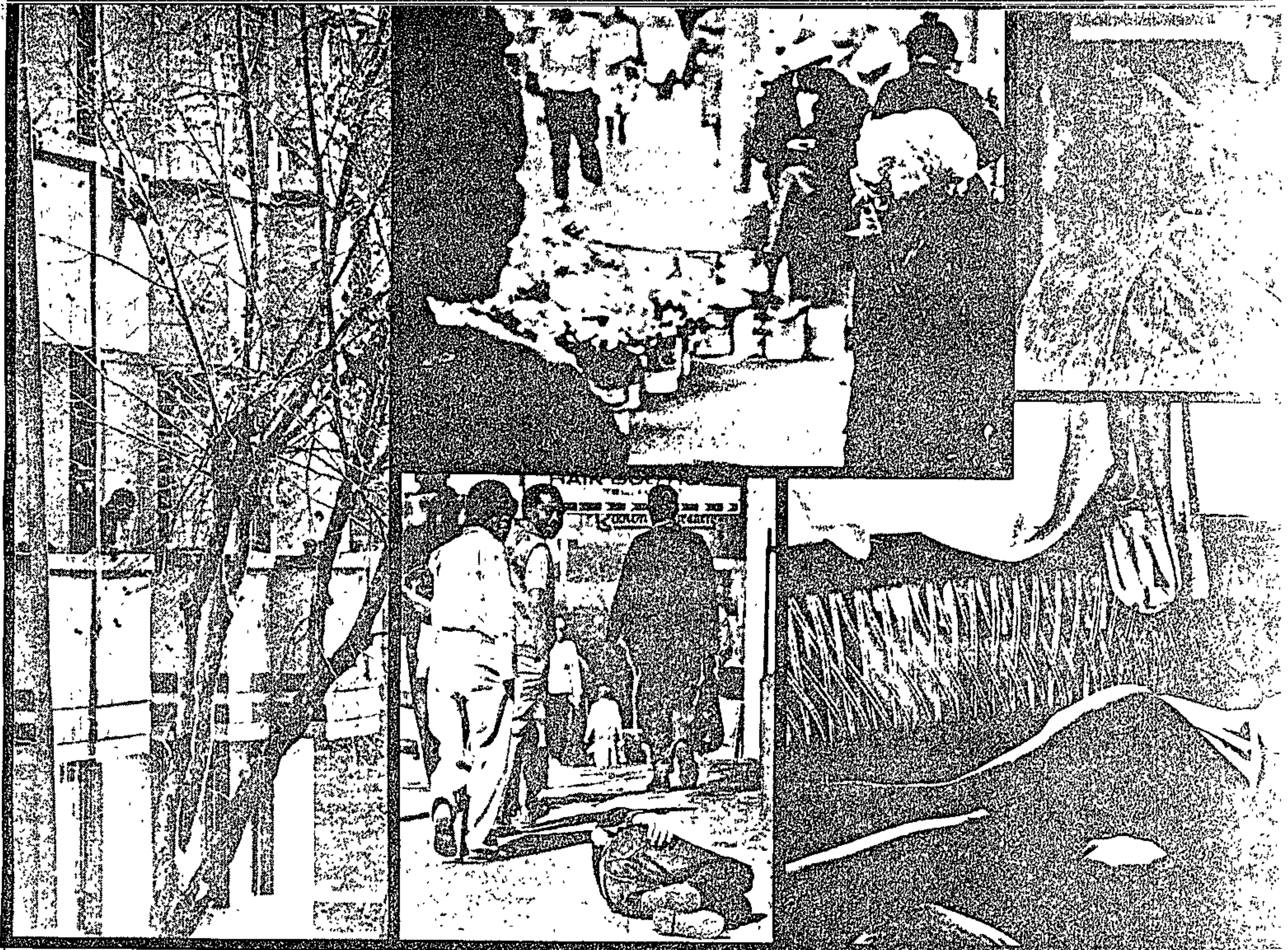
"Freddy", a black man who works at Fontanas, said Actstop, the Anti-Group Areas organisation, had done a lot to improve the lot of black "illegals" in Hillbrow. He pays R270 per month for a small flat where he lives with his wife and baby. He said blacks were there to stay, whether the whites liked it or not.

Common emotions among Hillbrow residents are apathy and despair.

They give the impression of not knowing what the future holds, and being too tired and worn out to care. They have given up trying to improve the image of the suburb by coming together as a community, and they are tired of broken promises by the authorities.

Excess is killing

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A MULTIFARIOUS cross-section of people swarm the streets and inhabit the flatlands of the "Brow".

Wherever you look you find traders of all kinds, punks, rasta-farians, smooth dudes, thieves, hobos, beggars, drug addicts, prostitutes, old ladies and street kids — all competing for their place in the sun in the "concrete jungle".

Many of the high-rise

buildings which once soared proudly on the city's northern skyline are derelict and in a state of sad disrepair. They are inhabited by thousands of lonely old pensioners who are too scared to venture into the streets at night, and tens of thousands of black residents who are forced to live in overcrowded, squalid rooms which should have been condemned as slum areas years ago.

A prominent feature of Hillbrow is the down-and-out dropouts of all

racess who loiter in the streets with nothing better to do.

Residents, both black and white, expressed fears of walking around alone at night, and leaving their children to play in the busy, crime-ridden streets during the day.

These fears are real.

Unemployment, homelessness, the recession, Government neglect, over-population and lack of town planning and resources have all contributed to an increase in criminal activity, particularly petty crime.

The latest figures released through Parliament by the SAP show that the Hillbrow police station last year had 65 reports of murder, 17 culpable homicides, 300 assaults with intent to do bodily harm, 928 common assaults, 82 rapes, 589 robberies, 3 329 car and

MORE than a decade ago, a daily newspaper reported that Hillbrow — Johannesburg's concrete jungle of noise, violence and boredom — could be an urban sore within 10 years. Flat dwellers were afraid to open their doors not only at night but even during the day, for fear of being mugged, said the then PFP MP for Hillbrow, Mr Alf Widman.

These comments came soon after the announcement in Parliament that between 1974 and 1976, there had been 236 rapes, 1 945 robberies, 6 162 car thefts and 1 200 assaults reported in the Hillbrow area.

It was reported in 1977, when Hillbrow was mostly inhabited by whites, that the blocks of flats were 25 percent full.

During the past decade, thousands of black South Africans, initially largely Indians and coloureds, defied the Group Areas Act and moved into Greater Hillbrow — a white area — in a desperate bid for

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Hillbrow is one of the most Africa unofficially to be an non-racial inner city zone. Inhabitants live a life of fear, they are "illegals" and live from exploitative landlords.

The future of this congested area is bursting at the seams and remains uncertain. While it dithers about whether to remain, Hillbrow, one of the most densely populated areas of South Africa, is a time bomb waiting to explode.

Reporter JANET HEARD and photographers Ken Coote and Woods walked the congested "Brow" to get the feel of it.

cycle thefts, 601 cases of damage to property, 1 623 housebreakings with intent to steal and 19 reports of drug possession.

(This must be seen against the population figures, which stand unof-

ficially at more than 80 000).

Many residents suggest that a stronger police presence in the streets could help prevent criminal activity.

Others report the po-

lice are unsympathetic and apathetic to the plight of people in distress, and the lines to the police station are often engaged when they try to contact the police station.

White resident, Miss

'Bank robbers' held

Sowetan 27/6/84
REWARDS totalling a massive half a million rand are up for grabs for information on gangs of

REPORTS, pictures and comments in this edition may be censored in terms of the Government's state of emergency.

Reef bank robbers who have terrorised financial institutions over recent months. Police have already paid out a R2 000 reward for help in an investigation into a Johannesburg bank robbery.

Five suspects have already been detained but police are confident

SOWETAN Correspondent

they are on the verge of a massive breakthrough against various other gangs operating on the Reef, said Witwatersrand police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Frans Malherbe.

He revealed this yesterday after the Brixton Murder and

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Robbery Squad arrested a suspected gang of five bank robbers at the weekend. The five are linked to the Reef robbery spree.

They are being held in connection with three bank robberies and 20 other holdups at businesses on the Reef, Malherbe said.

"We are following

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positive clues and believe we will make breakthroughs which will lead to the arrest of the other robbers," he said.

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He added the R2 000 reward, already paid out and approved by SAP Commissioner General Hennie de Witt, "showed how quickly the machinery can work" to reward those who assisted with investigations.

Malherbe said the half million rand reward was being offered by the Clearing Banker's Association in a special effort to obtain information on the latest spree of bank robberies.

It was not a standing reward and amounts paid out would be determined by the quality of information received.

All information would be handled by police and would be treated in the strictest confidence, he added.

SA Police pay out rewards as robbers strike once more

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By Craig Kotze, Crime Reporter

Police have started paying out rewards for information about bank robbers who have been terrorising the Reef in recent months.

In addition, a R500 000 fund is available to pay for high-quality information on the gangs.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Frans Malherbe said yesterday in Johannesburg that R2 000 had been paid out to a person who assisted in the investigation into a First National Bank hold-up in Belgravia last week.

A robber was shot and probably seriously wounded in the hold-up. He dropped the bulk of a R25 000 haul after being hit.

"The Commissioner of Police, General Hennie de Witt, has authorised the payment. This just goes to show how fast the police machinery can work to reward those who help in these investigations," Colonel Malherbe said.

A gang of five suspected bank robbers, linked to three bank hold-ups and about 20 other rob-

beries, had already been detained by the Brixton murder and robbery squad.

Colonel Malherbe said police were confident they were on the point of a major breakthrough against other gangs.

A seven-man gang pounced on two Trust Bank security guards yesterday in Randpark Sentrum, Blackheath, Johannesburg, wounding them and grabbing their guns and more than R44 000, police said.

ESCAPED UNHARMED

A third security guard escaped unharmed in the noon attack in the centre's parking lot, said Colonel Malherbe.

The Brixton murder and robbery squad has begun an intensive hunt for the gang and has appealed for information.

Colonel Malherbe said the gang might be linked to other robberies on the Reef.

The two injured security guards, one beaten

over the head with an iron bar and the other stabbed in the head, were taken to the Johannesburg Hospital.

The stabbed guard was later discharged, Colonel Malherbe said.

All three guards were robbed of their guns.

These included two 9 mm pistols and a semi-automatic shotgun.

The guards were transporting a money box to a bank.

"It would appear that they were ambushed," Colonel Malherbe said.

The robbers made their getaway in two cars, a white Ford Cortina and a blue Honda Balade, driving towards the Western Bypass highway.

The R500 000 reward fund was set up by the Clearing Banker's Association in a special effort to curb the spree of bank robberies and to obtain information which will lead to the arrest of the gangs responsible.

The reward is therefore not a standing one.

Amounts paid out will be determined by the type and value of information received.

All information would be handled by the police and treated in the strictest confidence, Colonel Malherbe said.

Any information on the robberies can be telephoned to the Brixton murder and robbery squad on (011) 838-7111 (an answering machine) or (011) 839-3322.



No P W-style party problems at Houghton last night when Mrs Helen Suzman pre-

'Mandela FC'
trial delay (38)

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THE trial of seven people charged with the murder of Mr Maxwell "Spokes" Madondo, a member of Mandela United FC was yesterday postponed to August 2, pending the decision of the Attorney-General.

The seven, Mr Andrew Ikaneng (23), Mr Isaac Mazibuko (22), Mr Nhlanhla Blanket (18), Mr Sandile Blanket (22), Mrs Dudu Chili, Mr Sibusiso Chili (24) and Mr Mpika Chil (22), appeared at the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court.

Mrs Chili is out on bail while the other accused will remain in custody.

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Robber dies in street shootout: 3 arrested

JOHANNESBURG. — A member of the public shot dead a bank robber and police arrested three of the five-man gang which held up a First National Bank here yesterday.

The dead robber was killed by Mr Leon Roux during a shootout in a parking lot in Eloff Street.

One robber escaped. Police have launched a large-scale search for him.

Police managed to recover the bulk of the R160 000 cash after a robber carrying most of the money was attacked and overpowered by a mechanic, Mr Alec Colyn.

The robbery went awry shortly after the bandits entered the Frederick Street premises. A bank employee, realising the bank was being held up, sounded the alarm.

A 21-year-old radio engineer and part-time disc jockey at Radio 702, Mr Andrew Brookes, witnessed the hold-up.

"I didn't realise it was a robbery. I didn't know what was happening until a short man grabbed me from behind and shouted at me in a language I didn't understand.

"I realised he was telling me to lie down, so I got down on the floor. But I kept looking at him.

"Then he put a gun to the back of my head."

As police arrived outside the bank, the robbers tried to make their getaway.

Police pursued one to a parking lot in Eloff street.

Mr Roux, who was in the parking lot at the time, fired at the robber, killing him instantly.

Mr Colyn said he hit one of the bank robbers with an iron bar. "We grappled, and as he tried to un-sheath his knife, he cut me on the wrist.

"I managed to overpower the man and then sat on him until the police came."

Eyewitnesses scrambled for money which was blown about by the wind.

Two of the eyewitnesses chased one of the robbers but he escaped.

Police seized a blue vehicle and four weapons left behind by the robbers. — Sapa

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Mandela 'team' man in jail cell incident?

11/7/89 - STAFF REPORTER

REPORTS that Mr Jerry Richardson, the former leader of Mrs Winnie Mandela's "football team", is being held in isolation in the Johannesburg Prison after allegedly assaulting a man charged with murdering Dr Abu-Baker Asvat remained unconfirmed yesterday.

Ms Kathleen Satchwell, legal representative for Mr Richardson said she was not aware of the events alleged to have taken place in the prison as she had not consulted with her client recently.

A Prisons Service spokesman refused to comment on whether Mr Richardson had been charged with assault. It was not policy to furnish detailed information regarding individual prisoners.

However an earlier statement confirmed an "incident" involving awaiting-trial prisoners.

According to reports Mr Richardson, one of nine standing trial for the murder of Stompie Moeketsi Seipei, had allegedly been sharing a cell with 37 other prisoners, including the two men standing trial for the Asvat killing.

Mr Richardson is reported to have broken one of the men's noses and injuring his right eye two weeks ago.

Dr Asvat, a former official of the Azanian People's Organisation, was shot by two gunmen inside his consulting rooms in Soweto in January.

Weekend crime wave hits Soweto

A weekend crime wave hit Soweto, with 27 murders reported to police. (38)

Police spokesman, Major Noel Hartwell, said today seven attempted murders, 19 rapes and 40 robberies, including 20 armed robberies, were also reported. Star 3/7/89

Fifteen cars were reported stolen. Police recovered 50 stolen or suspected stolen vehicles and made 10 arrests.

Twelve suspects were detained in connection with contraventions of the Liquor Act, while another seven were being held for alleged possession of drugs. — Crime Reporter.

Probe into R100-m forex scam ³⁸

Police are investigating a syndicate of Reef businessmen allegedly involved in a foreign exchange scam involving at least R100 million.

The investigation was initially conducted by the Reserve Bank and then handed over to the John Vorster Square Commercial Branch, a Reserve Bank spokesman said today.

Millions of rands were sent out of South Africa and then brought back as financial rands. *SM 7/7/89*

Several front companies were used in the alleged scam, including PU Manufacturing Associates Bophuthatswana, which has been liquidated.

Money was deposited in banks in Monaco, London, Paris and Zurich.

TPA seven quit over theft probe

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SEVEN employees of the Transvaal Provincial Administration have quit their jobs and another three have been suspended following investigations and arrests by policemen in Soweto into the large-scale theft of pension money.

One employee, Mr B Botha, was found guilty at a hearing last month and fined R2000 or six months imprisonment and an additional six months suspended for five years.

The seven who resigned pleaded guilty at the Johannesburg and Soweto courts. They are Mr A D Malan, Mr A Kemp, Mr B Botha, Mr A P Kruger, Mrs C M Nolan, Miss E de Lange and Mr J Howell.

A spokesman for the TPA in Johannesburg said the seven were handed

suspension forms following arrests by the police but they chose to resign instead.

The three employees who have been suspended pending the outcome of their cases are Mr Dan Sibisi, Mr John Motsei and a Mr Kotsi.

The spokesman said the amount alleged to have been stolen by the employees was about R19000 but he said it was not clear whether it was taken before it reached the pensioner or from the pensioner.

The employees, most of them paymasters, operated at payouts in Soweto and Diepmeadow.

There was no evidence suggesting that the group operated as a syndicate, the spokesman said and added that it seemed each person operated on his own.

Fewer murders, rapes in Soweto 38

Crime Reporter

The number of murders and rapes in Soweto declined over the weekend, with police reporting 21 killings and 18 rapes.

Last weekend, police

^{Star 10/7/87} reported 27 murders and 19 rapes in the township.

Spokesman Major Noel Hartwell said today one attempted murder and 40 robberies were reported.

Twenty cars were sto-

len and there were 31 other cases of theft.

Major Hartwell said detectives recovered 39 stolen or suspected stolen vehicles in the township at the weekend.

Response to Education Minister

Community poll to be held on school closure

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THE Save Our School (SOS) campaign, formed to fight the closure in December of Johannesburg High School for Girls (JHSG) in Berea, will conduct a poll of the community to establish the urgent need for the school to remain open.

SOS spokesman Sharon Bond said yesterday the idea of a poll was a response to a recent statement in Parliament by Education and Culture Minister Piet Clase that parents of pupils at a particular school could not be said to represent their community.

Bond said parents and pupils were part of the community and as such represented the educational needs of that community.

"However, we intend to poll the surrounding feeder areas — Hillbrow, Berea, Yeoville, Braamfontein and Joubert Park — to establish the degree of necessity and desire for the school to be opened to all races."

The campaign maintains the only way to save the school would be to open it to all races.

Bond said pupils at present in Standard Five would also be polled to find out how many would still be prepared to attend the high school, also known as Barnato Park, if its doors were opened to all races.

ADELE BALETA

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Clase said he had a letter dated June 15, signed by school management council chairman Jack Foster, proving the council had requested closure of the school. The Minister was replying to SOS requests that he show documentary proof that the council had requested closing Barnato Park.

Foster said yesterday the council request came only after it recommended to Clase the school be opened to all races to save it.

"As the Minister did not agree to this recommendation we felt the school would be educationally unviable and should be closed," he said.

BANKERS' BID TO HALT ROBBERIES

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PRETORIA — Minister of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok and four police generals held discussions with top bankers and private sector security chiefs in Pretoria yesterday on ways of stemming the spate of bank robberies on the Reef.

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were considering appointing certain businesses as statutory bodies so that their personnel could search members of the public. He said the answer did not lie in arming bank staff, adding: "The majority of robbers will use their firearms at the slightest provocation."

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● Another gang of armed robbers emerged on the Reef at the weekend, hitting possibly four separate Johannesburg businesses and grabbing cash and goods worth about R63 000, police said.

Detectives believe three of the hold-ups were carried out by the same gang and are investigating whether a raid yesterday was also committed by the bandits. — Crime Reporter and Sapa.

A-G still to decide on ³⁸ Stompie dossier

Soweto 12/7/87

THE Attorney-General of the Witwatersrand is to decide whether Mrs. Winnie Mandela had committed any punishable offences connected to the death of teenage activist Stompie Moeketsi Seipei, after receiving a dossier on nine suspects who were members of the Mandela Soccer Club.

The dossier was submitted to the office of the A-G after an intensive investigation by the Soweto murder and robbery unit.

A spokesman for the A-G's office said Mandela had been linked to Stompie's death in statements and evidence in the dossier.

However, it would take some time to examine the dossier, the spokesman said.

The investigation into the Mandela Soccer Club began a few months ago after allegations such as abduction and murder were made against club members.

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Sunday film decision awaited

CONFUSION reigns over when a final decision on Sunday cinema shows in Johannesburg will be taken.

After deciding last month that it was in favour of Sunday cinema shows, the Johannesburg City Council management committee announced that it would refer the issue to Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee for a final decision.

However, this week Coetsee's personal spokesman said no such request for a decision had been forwarded to the minister's office.

"We read the newspaper reports a while ago and were expecting to be approached, but it seems to be taking the council a long time to forward a request for a decision," the spokesman said.

BRUCE ANDERSON

Management committee member Cecil Long said yesterday he was sure officials in the council secretariat would have forwarded a request for a decision to the Justice ministry.

Long added that council was in recess, and he would be able to clarify the matter when he returned to office next week.

A final decision on Sunday cinema showings in Johannesburg — and, by implication, the rest of the country — is keenly awaited by the major cinema groups.

They are keeping a low profile on the issue for fear of jeopardising an affirmative decision.

BANKS SUPPORT POLICE MOVE

MAJOR banking groups supported the SAP's decision to withhold certain information regarding future bank robberies, saying the move was a measure to help combat the trend.

Amounts taken during holdups, and robbers' methods, would no longer be disclosed to the media, a directive issued by SAP public relations chief Maj-Gen Herman Stadler said. *(38)*

The directive was issued after Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok's Pretoria meeting with senior bank men and police officers early this week.

One of main grievances highlighted at the meeting by bankers was the sensationalistic reporting and publicity afforded to bank robberies.

DANIEL SIMON

Commenting on the SAP's decision, First National Bank (FNB) GM of security Gerry Christy said some Press reports dealing with robberies had been "irresponsible".

"The less known about a bank robbery, the better," he said.

Standard Bank MD Mike Vosloo said there was an apparent connection between the level of publicity associated with well-planned robberies and subsequent attempts by "amateurs".

DP justice and media spokesman David Dalling said that a "blanket of silence" on bank robberies would not contribute to public confidence.

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Police SWOOP on robbers (38)

DAWN BARKHUIZEN

NINE suspected armed robbers were arrested when members of the Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad swooped on houses in Soweto and Johannesburg in the early hours of yesterday morning.

This brings the number of suspects arrested in the past three weeks in connection with armed robberies on the Reef to 22, according to Witwatersrand police liaison officer Lieutenant Eugene Opperman.

And further arrests are imminent as police continue investigations.

All the suspects arrested yesterday were being held in connection with specific crimes, but some were thought to have been involved in other robberies.

At this stage, political motivation as indicated previously by the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adrian Vlok, seemed not to be a factor, Lieutenant Opperman said.

He said the arrests made over the past three weeks appeared to have warned off would-be robbers and, to some degree, curtailed the current crime wave.

Pretoria child killings: net closes

THE dragnet is closing on Mr Oupa Mashiane, whom police believe can assist them in the investigation into the disappearances of several Atteridgeville children. *Star 15/7/87*

Police have been flooded with information on Mr Mashiane's whereabouts since they appealed for help on Thursday, but say they need more to track him down.

Mr Mashiane's possible involvement in the disappearance of at least six Atteridgeville children became the centre of a new search after two skeletons were found near Pretoria recently.

The investigating officer, Detective Warrant-Officer Johan Koegelenberg, said that although he was happy with the information he had received, he was concerned because he had heard little from Atteridgeville people themselves.

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ERIC JANSSEN

"I get the feeling people are scared stiff of this man, but I want to tell them that all their information will be treated in the strictest confidence. They have absolutely nothing to fear," said DWO Koegelenberg, who is popularly known as "Atjo" in the area.

The South African Defence Force and municipal police have since joined the manhunt for Mr Mashiane, who is also being sought in connection with homosexual "serial killings" in the township.

Mr Mashiane (about 30) has an injured left eye and a tattoo of a cross on a dagger on his left forearm.

Anyone with information is urged to call DWO Koegelenberg at (012) 78-1729 (office) or (012) 57-4348 (home).

Armed robbery spree on the decline ⁽³⁸⁾ = police

By Craig Kotze and Kevin Udemans

The armed robbery spree on the Reef seems to be on the decline, thanks to the arrest of dozens of suspected robbers and stiffening resistance — increasingly brave and violent — by the public to hold-ups, police said.

Johannesburg businessmen Mr Bharat Morat shot dead two knifemen on Saturday after five robbers held him up in his city-centre business. Three robbers fled.

John Vorster Square police on the same day arrested two men in connection with the hold-up at the High Grade Leather Works in Plein Street.

Police also revealed at the weekend that they had arrested nine suspected armed robbers linked to a variety of holdups on Friday.

One of the men detained in the swoops in Soweto and Johannesburg allegedly escaped from the foiled R180 000 holdup at the Frederick Street First National Bank recently. One of his alleged accomplices was shot dead and another three were arrested later.

The latest successes in the fight against armed robbery on the central Reef brings the number of suspects ar-

rested to 24.

According to Witwatersrand police spokesman Lieutenant Eugene Opperman, further arrests are imminent.

But he cautioned against thinking no further raids would be carried out by robbery gangs.

Robbers have made off with goods and cash worth about R25 million on the central Reef this year alone.

According to Mr Morat, five men entered his Plein Street shop at about 11 am posing as customers.

"One of them asked me about repairing a pair of shoes but then they pulled out knives and closed the shop door."

A shaken Mr Morat said he and his shop assistant were forced into two separate rooms.

"While I was in the room I contemplated pushing the panic button but was worried that the noise would cause the robbers to panic and harm myself or my shop assistant," he said.

"I decided to use the gun which I had concealed on my body. I first shot the man outside the room and when the other three at the till started coming towards me I shot at them. One of them collapsed and the others fled."

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Three men hanged in Pretoria today

By Carina le Grange

Three men were executed in Pretoria today.

They were Joseph Lebeloane, Joseph Tsebane Manyane and Simon Tommy Selepe.

The men were convicted for murdering and robbing a man at a night club in a township in 1987.

The men's application for leave to appeal and their petition to the Chief Justice were both dismissed.

Lawyers for Human Rights said in a statement that counsel for the men was informed on July 11 about the refusal by President Botha to extend clemency to the prisoners.

The executions brought the number of people executed this year to 37. The previous execution took place 35 days ago on June 13. In 1988, 117 people were executed.

'Lift info ban on bank robberies'; Star 25/7/89

By Kaizer Nyatumba

The Anti-Censorship Action Group (Acag) yesterday condemned the police decision to withhold detailed information on bank robberies and called for the immediate lifting of all bans on news and information.

In a statement to The Star, Acag said by refusing to disclose certain details about the robberies, police were withholding important information from the public.

Acag's remarks follow protests by communications and criminology experts who said last week a clampdown on information about bank robberies would not prevent them.

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Police have said the clampdown was requested by the banks to prevent further robberies.

Acag said this explanation was "spurious". It was as concerned about the recent spate of robberies as anyone else but did not think denying the public information would eliminate them.

Intead, it would create rumour and disquiet about what happened.

"The police constantly complain that they do not enjoy the trust of the public and that their credibility is suspect. It is measures like these, which suggest the police have something to hide, that build public mistrust."



Mr Martin Sweet . . . drug dealing a big problem in the area.

Rockey Street's gangsters clear off

By Helen Grange

Major efforts to "clean up" Bellevue's Rockey Street are paying off. There has been far less gangsterism and violence over the past few months.

This is according to police and the DP councillor for the area, Mr Martin Sweet, whose campaign to upgrade the street is well in progress.

The campaign, and recent moves by Rockey Street night clubs to introduce membership schemes to "weed out" troublemakers are a response to the high rate of crime and violence in the street — which reached a peak about 12 to 15 months ago.

The major headache now, according to Mr Sweet and local police, is drug-dealing by both whites and blacks.

"We are continually conducting raids and patrols on Rockey Street to stop crime, but drug pushing remains a problem," said Lieutenant-Colonel Frans Malherbe, police liaison officer for the Witwatersrand.

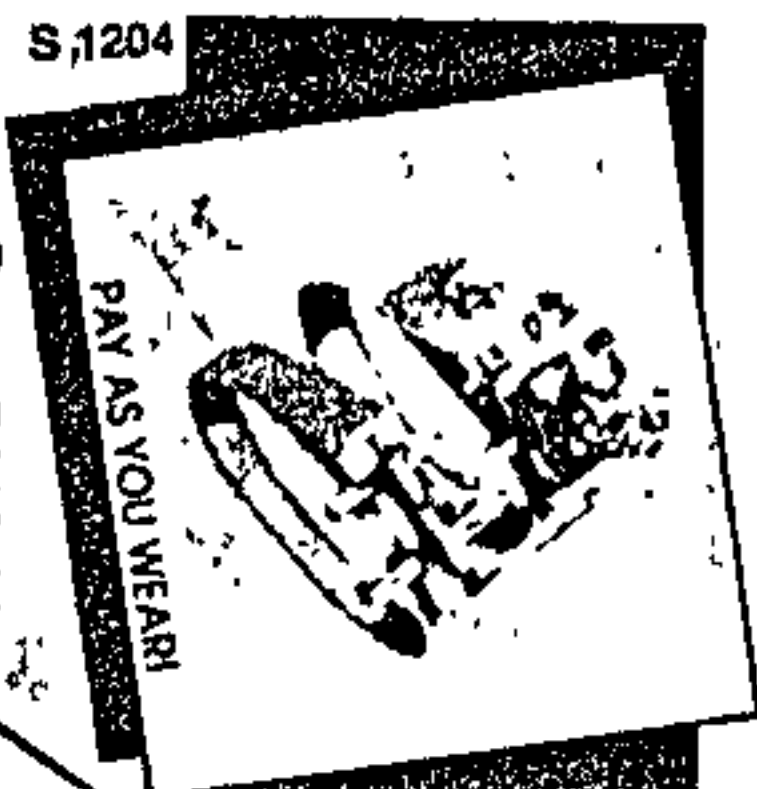
Colonel Malherbe said police were satisfied however that the level of violence and gangsterism was "well under control".

Mr Sweet is keen for police foot patrols.

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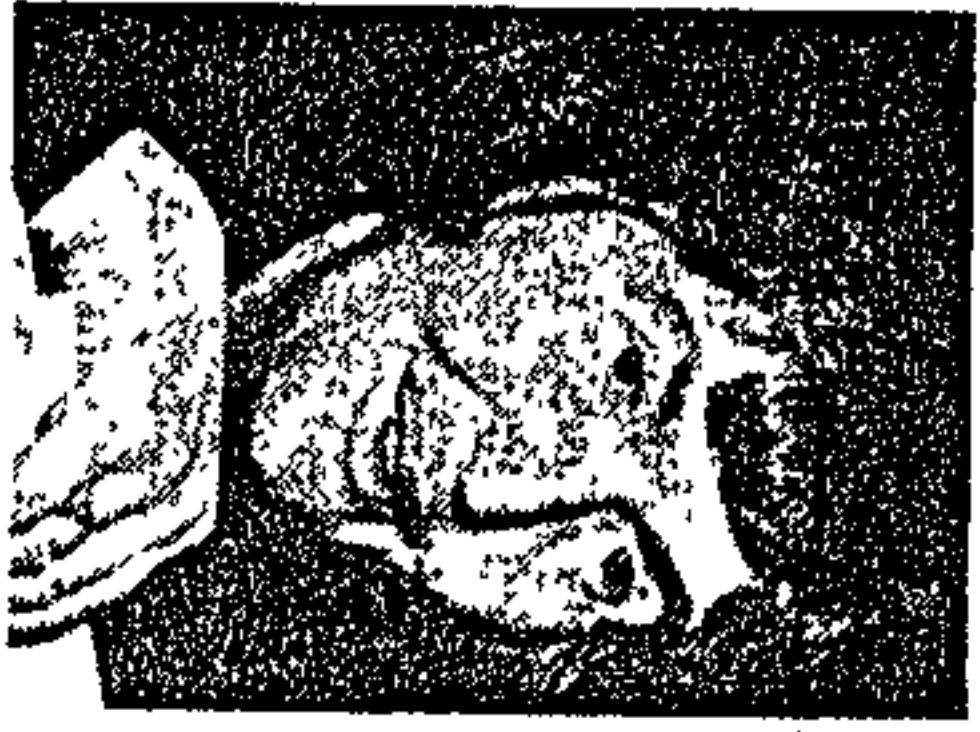
BY PHANGISILE MTSHALI

OPERATION Hunger has launched an investigation into the loss of food parcels in Soweto.

"Something drastic is happening," Operation Hunger director Mrs Ina Perlman, said.

She said her organisation had cut links with the National Institute of Crime Prevention and Rehabilitation of Offenders (Nicro) in Soweto following "discrepancies about distribution of food parcels by the organisation".

The regional director of Nicro, Mr Doug Pearce, said they would meet Operation Hunger to discuss the matter.



Ina Perlman.

"It seems that we have different information from them," he said.

Operation Hunger decided to sever links with Nicro and to re-allocate Nicro's destitute families to other centres after an internal investigating revealed that only three of

them were receiving their parcels regularly.

"Nicro's failure to give us a satisfactory explanation on the parcels that were not received by their rightful owners and yet signed for in our books has led us to this decision," Perlman said.

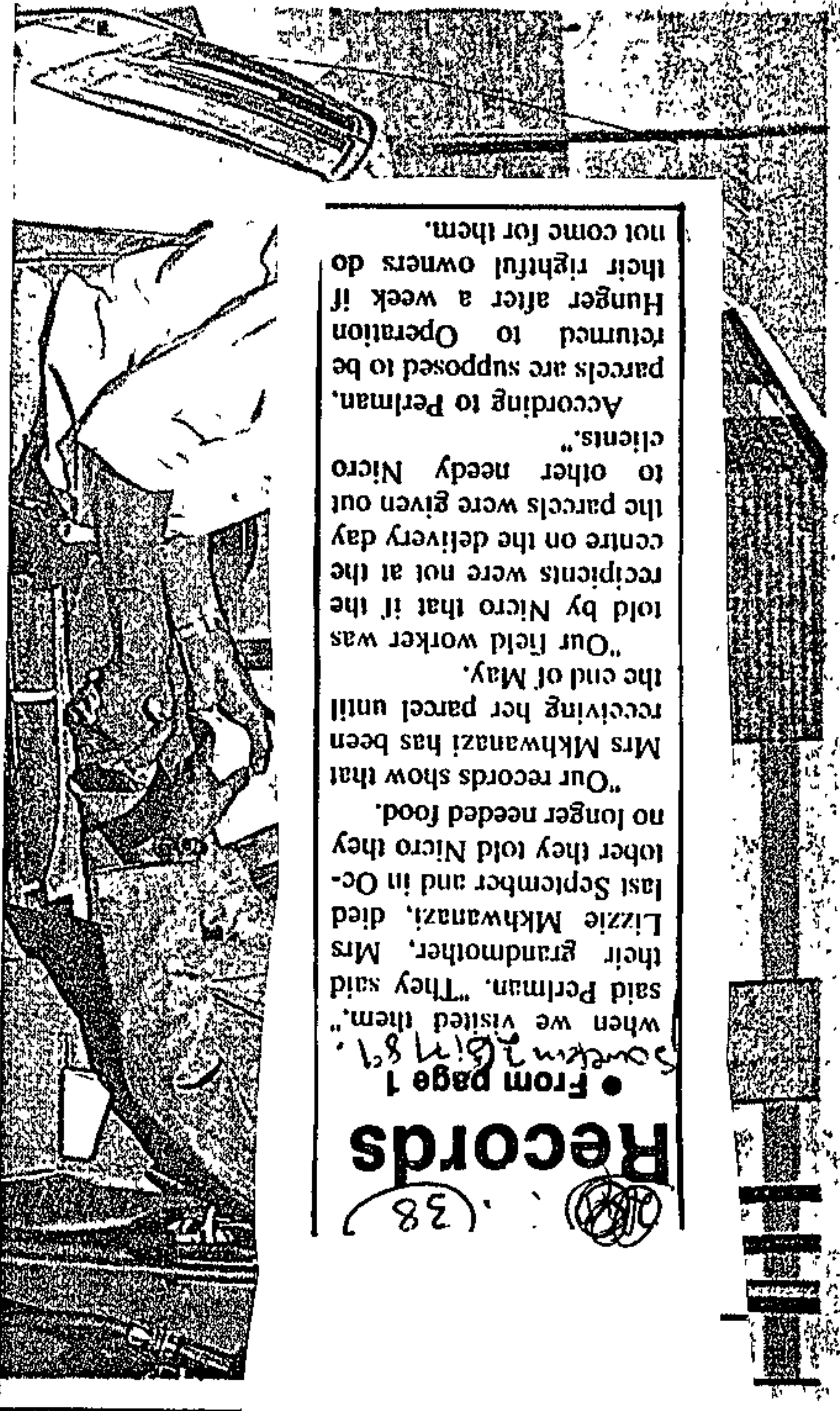
"We have not pinpointed the problem but we are investigating fully," she added.

Twenty-five families interviewed by Operation Hunger's field worker said they were told their parcels were not there when they came to collect them.

"One of the families interviewed was surprised

Records

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"Our records show that Mrs Mkhwanazi has been receiving her parcel until the end of May. "Our field worker was told by Nicro that if the recipients were not at the centre on the delivery day the parcels were given out to other needy Nicro clients." According to Perlman, parcels are supposed to be returned to Operation Hunger after a week if their rightful owners do not come for them.



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MURDER DOCKET

**Gops suspended
after taximan's
body is found
dumped in veld**

Somehow
28/1/84 **By MATSHUBE MFOLOE** (28)

AN Alexandra township taxi owner, Mr George Ndaba, was found dead in an open veld near Pretoria after police arrested him last week on suspicion of having stolen property.

Police in Pretoria said yesterday that three members of the police have been suspended from the force pending investigations into the circumstances of Ndaba's death.

They are also investigating a murder charge and a docket would be sent to the Attorney General as soon as investigations were completed.

According to Ndaba's distraught family, he was severely assaulted with a pick-handle when he was arrested with his cousin Thulani Mabaso (15) on suspicion that a video set and a micro-wave stove he had in his car was stolen property.

One of Ndaba's relatives Miss Agnes Martins (24) said Ndaba and Mabaso were locked in a toilet at Bramley where they were assaulted. Mabaso was released the following day but Ndaba remained in custody.

When family members went to the police station to investigate they were told that he had escaped but at the same time the police said they could inquire about him at Hilbrow Hospital or Baragwanath Hospital.

Puzzled

Martins said he was puzzled by this because an escaped man could not hide in a hospital.

They believed that something was "fishy" and sought a lawyer to assist them in locating Ndaba.

Ndaba's body was seen in an open veld near Pretoria earlier. The body was identified by the Ndaba family at the Pretoria government mortuary on Tuesday.



George Ndaba.

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Robbers stage 5 morning hold-ups

R200 000 stolen in Johannesburg

Staff Reporters

Armed robbers carried out a wave of hold-ups in Johannesburg yesterday morning, taking about R200 000.

At least five robberies took place.

Two robbers were arrested by police after a R125 000 hold-up at Checkers in Emmarentia at 6.10 am. Three others got away with the bulk of the loot — R103 000 — and the manager's car.

At Clive's Man Shop in Bree Street, three robbers armed with knives held up staff just as the shop was being opened at 8.15 am yesterday. Taking less than three minutes, the men made off with about R6 000 from the safe.

Also in Bree Street, the furniture store Savells was robbed of R17 000 at about 8.15 am when two armed robbers held up a woman. The men fled on foot.

Other shops known to have been hit were Morkels Furniture Store in President Street and Tony Factor's Intown Centre.

Morkels manager Mr Gerhard Rothman said the hold-up was at 8.40 am.

"I was on the first floor when I was approached by two armed men. One cocked the firearm and asked for my watch and wallet before he told me to lie down on the

floor with the other staff.

"They went to the safe, which was open, and took the money. They then calmly walked out again — the staff on the ground floor were not even aware that we had been robbed as the robbers, who were dressed in suits, behaved just like customers and did a very professional job," he said.

Mr Rothman did not want to disclose how much money was stolen.

At Tony Factor's, an armed robber entered at 8.15 am and forced a shop worker to hand over the money she was counting. The robber fled on foot.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Lieutenant Eugene Opperman said five gunmen stormed into the Barry Hertzog Avenue branch of Checkers in Emmarentia and held up manager Mr Brett Cummings and staff.

They took R125 000 after firing a shot inside the store and locking the staff in a safe.

However, the alarm was given and Parkview police arrived in time to arrest two men. Others fled in Mr Cummings' red Jetta, registration NGH137T.

The Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad is investigating and anyone with information is asked to contact (011) 839-3322.

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R363 000 stolen from First National Bank

Highveld Bureau

Five armed men yesterday robbed the Kinross branch of First National Bank of R363 000.

The five men burst into the bank at about 10 am and shouted: "Lie down or we'll shoot."

They ordered a bank employee to open the safe and bundled the money into two bags.

Eastern Transvaal CID chief, Colonel Bull Weyers, said the robbers' Cressida, with a false registration, DTD 547, had been recovered near Leslie.

He asked anyone who noticed the car or its occupants to contact Lieutenant Killian at the Evander police station (0136) 22302.

Police would not confirm the amount taken.

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Walking in fear ... a lonely section of Coronationville where mugging is rife. People are frightened to talk about soaring crime.

'Viela Cobra' youths terrorise the townships

By Thabo Leshilo

Miss Monica Klaas (27) was robbed of R221 by six teenagers in the streets of Bosmont, one of Johannesburg's coloured townships.

She would, under normal circumstances, lay a charge with the police, but these are not normal circumstances. She is afraid.

At least she is alive to tell the story and was not raped.

Unlike Monica, most people approached by The Star to recount what it's like living in the gangster infested townships such as Coronationville, Westbury and Newclare — with a population of 75 000 — wouldn't dare speak.

Those who did said they had lost confidence in the police and doubted the latter's commitment to solving the gangster problem.

The gangsters, known as the "Viela Cobra", are allegedly involved in the recent spate of gang-rapes and robberies of several women.

Some only aged 15

Dr C L Smith, the representative of Coronationville on the South-western Management Committee, claims the gangsters, some as young as 15, are well-known in the area and estimated their strength at 200.

He, too, was sceptical of police preparedness to protect residents.

"They say they lack manpower," he said.

Colonel Frans Malherbe, Witwatersrand police spokesman, disputed accusations against the police.

To prove police commitment to stamping out gangsterism in the area, the colonel cited last week's arrest of 13 alleged "Viela Cobras" as a case in point.

The alleged gangsters were arrested in an intensive anti-gang drive launched recently.

Some taximen near Coronation Hospital, who say they have been terrorised by the gang, suggested police conduct foot patrols. According to a driver, a robbery attempt by the gang was averted because of police presence.

Colonel Malherbe said such foot patrols were not about to be introduced.

"A bobby-on-the-beat will not educate children," he said. "Parents should not allow their children to join these gangs, but should instead try and make sure their children go to school," the colonel said.

The chairman of the management committee, Mrs G E Mateman, issued a warning to the gangsters and their families.

"We cannot allow gangsters and their families to live in our unit. We want a civil society where we can walk freely," she said.

The National Institute for Crime Prevention and Rehabilitation of Offenders (Nicro) expressed deep concern at the increase in gangsterism, especially among youths.

"Nicro believes that gangs are a means of survival in communities faced with social, economic and political strife, and fulfil important needs for the youth," a statement said.

Gangs were a worldwide problem in similar socio-economic circumstances.

Problems outlined

Nicro outlined problems facing SA youths as:

- A poor educational system which does not equip them for adulthood.
- Family disintegration.
- The lack of recreational, sporting and cultural facilities particularly in black and "coloured" communities.
- "Peer group pressure" which became more important for the youth because of poor parental control.
- Gangs membership in such conditions provided status and group identity.

According to Nicro, South Africa has become an increasingly violent society.

"Violence has become accepted as a way of life and a solution to problems, hence the occurrence of gang rapes and gang murders."

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Armed robbery

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Who's next?

The wave of bank robberies on the Reef seems to have abated at last, with some robbers caught and banks increasing their security.

But gangsters have switched their attentions to "softer" targets — stores and supermarkets. And Johannesburg's city centre businessmen are becoming increasingly worried.

LOUISE BURGERS reports.

"We are petrified in town these days," says Mr Benny Balsler, the manager of a clothing store in Pritchard Street.

"When we hear a car back-firing, we duck. Even if there are 10 of us in the shop, we can do nothing against heavily armed gangs. If we resist, someone will get hurt."

Mr Balsler is just one of the CBD dealers who increasingly feel they are under siege in the face of armed bandits.

Five Johannesburg shops were robbed of a total of R200 000 in a spate of robberies on Monday.

Major supermarkets have been forced to step up their security — but many small businessmen feel helpless. Armed guards and hi-tech security devices are beyond their means.

No solution

Some believe there is no solution and this is a risk they must live with as shopowners. Others feel a "bobby on the beat" system is the only answer to prevention.

The Star spoke to some who have been robbed and others who are terrified that they may be next.

Mr Pravin Jivan, a city centre tobacconist, was left lying in a pool of blood after being stabbed seven times during a robbery in February. And he has seen many people being mugged outside his shop.

"I don't think there is anything we can do. Maybe more uniformed police could patrol... they may act as a deterrent."

Mr Peter Panagiotopoulos is the owner of a fast food outlet in Harrison Street. He was stabbed during a robbery at his shop.

"Since then I never open the shop alone, but one never knows when they might strike. And it's not only the shop owners who feel that way. Many are mugged in the

streets every day. It is very serious. You never know when they will strike next."

He also believes a greater police presence is necessary.

Mr James Gray owns a jewellery shop in Commissioner Street. Armed robbers have attempted to rob him three times.

A month ago he was shot at when he reached for his gun. The bullet only grazed his arm. He has had the bullet gold-plated to remind himself how lucky he was.

"It happens all the time. The only solution is the police... there's nothing we can do. I think unemployment is part of the problem and there are too many guns around, that's a big problem."

According to the police on the Witwatersrand, there is an average of only three armed robberies a day in the Reef. Liaison officer Lieutenant Eugene Opperman says many robberies and muggings go unreported, which makes the task of the police more difficult.

Business Watch

He says the number of robberies has decreased in recent weeks due to a large number of arrests made by police in the last six weeks.

The chairman of the Central Business District Association, Mr Nigel Mandy, agrees with shopkeepers that regular police patrols in the form of the Business Watch system — which is soon to be expanded — is the only real deterrent.

"The CBD Association has been pushing for the expansion of Business Watch for a long time. It is a great success. There are regular uniformed patrols — it's not just a bobby on the beat system. The men get to know their areas and assist shopkeepers in helping themselves."



One of the lucky ones... Mr Marcel Zahra works at a shop in the Business Watch block in the CBD and believes that regular uniformed police patrols have definitely cut crime in his area.

● Picture by Stephen Davines.

Residents watch as irate pupils burn down 3 houses

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By DAN DHLAMINI

RESIDENTS of White City, Soweto, watched in horror on Friday as a group of angry youths set fire to three homes, causing extensive damages.

No-one was injured and police said the motive for the midday attack was not known.

Neighbours claimed that a clash between the occupants of one of the gutted houses and pupils had been looming for some time.

The occupants of 461 C were not at home at the time. It is believed they may have expected the attack because they had moved their belongings out of the house.

Vuyelwa Nakane lost everything in the inferno, including R200 she kept in the house.

With tears welling in her eyes, she told *City Press* that a friend of her niece had had an argument with some schoolgirls in her yard on Friday.

"Her boyfriend objected to the girls assaulting her. Schoolboys then came to the assistance of their mates and all hell broke loose," she said.

"I am sure I was the wrong target because I have not clashed with anybody."

Nakane, a divorcee living with her six-year-old son, estimated the damage at R23 000.

Matshidiso Mokgele said her family had also lost everything in the fire.

She had been horrified to see a group of youths gathered outside their house demanding her younger brother, who they accused of molesting schoolgirls, she said.

Everyone was ordered out of the house before it was stoned and set alight.

A Pretoria police spokesman, Col J Haasbroek, said no arrests had been made but police were investigating charges of arson.



A distraught Vuyelwa Nakane carries possessions out of her home.

Taximen 'robbed' — claim

Staff Reporter

The Southern Transvaal Black Taxi Association (Sabta) has claimed that whites, including highly placed government officials, have been paid millions of rands by blacks trying to make a start in the taxi business.

In an interview with a Sabta team appointed to investigate the exploitation of blacks, it has emerged that black entrepreneurs claimed they were "robbed" of about R8 000 each before they obtained their vehicles.

Police have confirmed that they are investigating various allegations.

Mr Mike Ntlatleng, acting director of Sabta public affairs, said the organisation was investigating about 20 schemes on the market.

"We've found that some of them cannot work or are outright fraud," he said.

Some of the schemes were advertised in the press with impressive guarantees of a taxi permit within 24 hours with finance and insurance available, he said.

A prospective taxi owner was expected to pay R8 000 as deposit. The company, which is financially strong with a healthy bank balance, would then lease the vehicle from a bank and supply the taxi operator with a taxi. The taximan would then pay about R600 a week for 42 months before the vehicle became his.

The company did not pay the deposit to the bank but pocketed it.

After collecting four weekly instalments totalling R2 400 from the taximan, the company then paid the bank about R1 600 a month on the lease, pocketing the difference of R800 for 42 months.

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Rapist at large

HOUSEWIVES in Pimville, Soweto, have signed a petition demanding protection by the police after the rape of several women in the posh suburb.

According to one of the organisers, Miss Punie Nkgabe, a middle-aged man is on the rampage raping women.

He has also been linked with a number of housebreakings.

According to her, two women have been raped and more than 10 cases of

Terror in posh suburb

By MATSHUBE MFOLOE

house breaking and attempted rape have been confirmed by residents.

More than 30 women attended a meeting to discuss the issue at the weekend.

A Soweto police spokesman, Captain Joseph Ngobeni, said their records reflected that one rape case was reported

to the Kliptown police at the weekend.

He said Pimville residents should approach their nearest police station so that the alleged crimes could be investigated. He assured residents that police would render help whenever needed.

Nkgabe said the petition would be submitted to the Kliptown station commander soon.

She said during the meeting it was noted that the intruder strikes between 6.30pm and 8pm. She said he took advantage of unlocked doors, bursting into the house and threatening the family with a knife. If the victim was a man he demanded cash or valuables.

She said women received the same threat before they were raped.

"With the support shown by women here, I am confident the b. . . will be caught and brought to book," Nkgabe said.

Gangsterism is on the way out

Rockey Street becomes new trendy playground

By Helen Grange

Trendy Rockey Street, the vital playground of revelling Yeoville, is slowly transcending the Chicago-style gangsterism which plagued it a year ago.

Its new image is more like that of New Orleans' Bourbon Street — an all-night, cosmopolitan pleasure zone where culture is not only seen — it is created.

But the toning down of Rockey Street to a "mellow vibe" did not come about spontaneously. It was a delicate process in which local police and club owners applied pressure on vio-

lence and rabble rousers without destroying the unique ambience of the street. And this process is steadily continuing.

This time last year, to "jol" in Rockey Street was considered a risk by many. There had been two shootouts at restaurants on the street and in one incident a man was killed.

GANG RELATED

These incidents were the peak of gang-related violence which started in 1987 with the appearance, some residents say, of Fifties-style "ducktail" extortionists with greased hair, offering the clubs "protection".

However, the clampdown

began with a campaign last year by Mr Tony Leon, then PFP councillor for Yeoville, to clean up Rockey Street.

Investigations into the practices of night clubs were ordered. Restaurateurs were warned: "Toe the line or face being shut down." Restaurant licences were inspected and police increased their vigilance.

Violence in Rockey Street has since subsided, but has not disappeared completely. Although Rockey Street night clubs have always been selective, they have not been able to eliminate troublemakers altogether, resulting in occasional free-for-alls.

To address this problem, club

Bouncers warned after club death

By Celeste Louw

Bouncers involved in the "protection" of nightclubs in popular areas were warned yesterday.

A "jol" in Rockey Street was considered a risk.

owners are embarking on an even stricter method of selection, that of membership. At the Harbour Cafe, where a recent incident of violence left the front door smashed, patrons are now being asked to sign membership forms, paying R70 upfront to be used as a "drinking account".

RESPECT

Club membership, says Mr Martin Sweet, PFP councillor for Yeoville, tends to restrict patronage to residents of the area, who have a "degree of respect" for their suburb as opposed to outsiders.

"Yeoville is a tolerant, happy

community, and the Rockey Street regulars get on well with each other. It is important to maintain this ambience, and this means vetting certain types of people who may be a threat to it," he says.

While Mr Sweet and local police are "happy" about the control gained over violence in Rockey Street over the past year, a more persistent problem faces them, that of drug dealing.

Police conduct continual raids on suspected drug traffickers, but still the problem exists, says Colonel Frans Malherbe, police liaison officer for the Witwatersrand.

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Cops held for Rand thefts

JOHANNESBURG. — East Rand police were investigating whether a shebeen owner, murdered during a robbery, was linked to the arrest of four white policemen yesterday on three charges of armed robbery of shebeen owners on the Witwatersrand.

The four policemen were allegedly involved in attacks on black shebeen owners in Tembisa, Heidelberg, Krugersdorp and Vanderbijl Park, police said yesterday.

Some of the robberies, involving more than R100 000, had been committed by men in police uniforms, who had told shebeen owners they were looking for firearms, police said.

Members of the East Rand murder

and robbery squad arrested the four alleged robbers in connection with a series of robberies against shebeen owners across the Reef.

During the robberies the gang, often in police uniform, threatened their victims with references to the leader of the so-called Wit Wolwe (White Wolves), Barend Strydom, who is on death row after being convicted of the murder of eight black people.

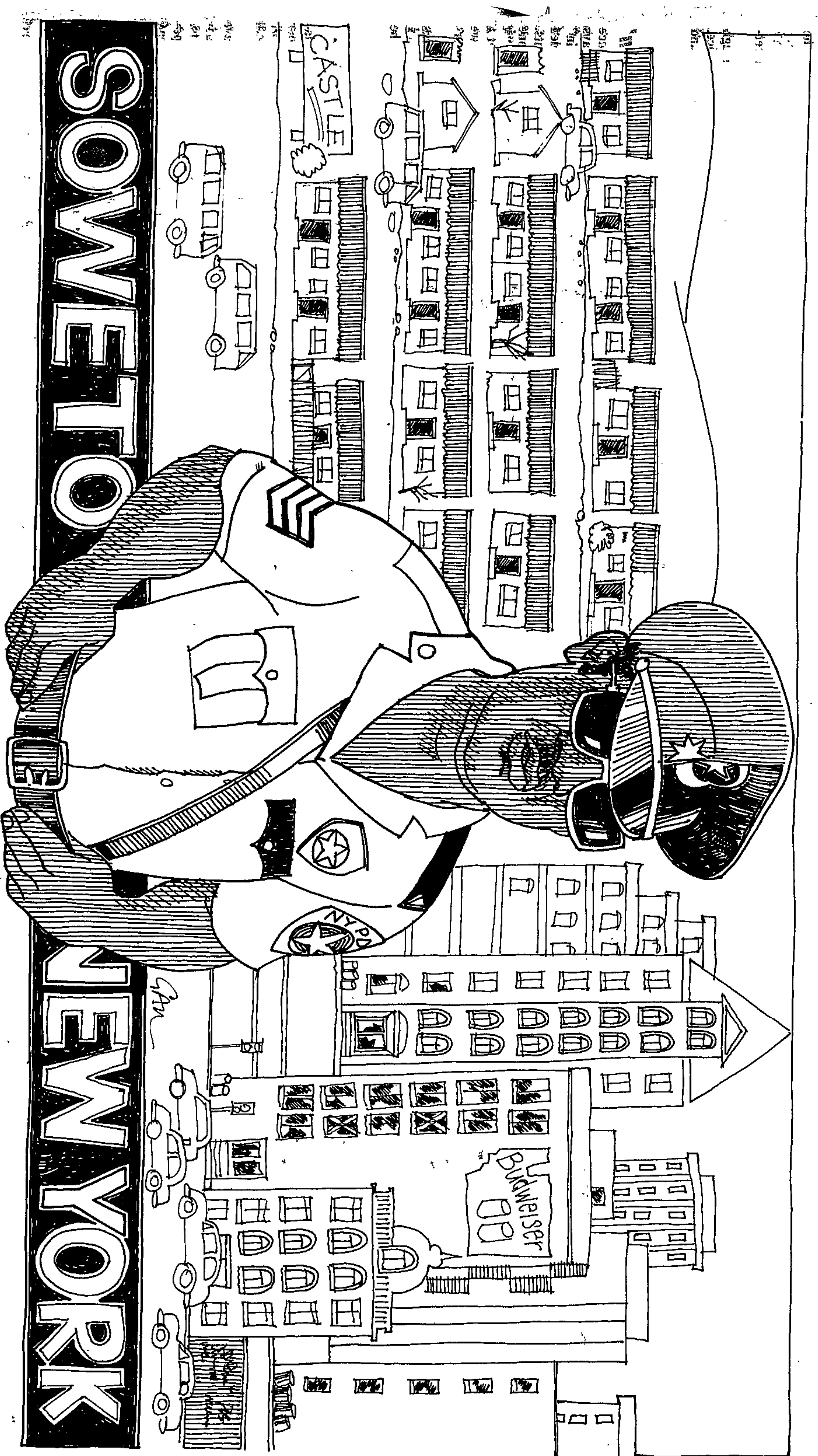
The gang allegedly hinted that they were members of the "Wolwe", according to a Sapa report. The policemen were automatically suspended.

All the suspects are expected to appear in court tomorrow. — Sapa and Own Correspondent.

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Cops, girls, booze

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Neville Jones, an American visiting South Africa, finds more similarities than differences in drawing parallels between New York and some of South Africa's townships. He found the same vibrant life in Soweto as in New York and the same oppression of blacks — 'two places, thousands of kilometres apart, yet moving in step with each other.'

THE policemen came in a large group into the packed shebeen, pushing their way through the crowded doorway.

There were perhaps a dozen of them, some carrying sjamboks, others rifles.

A fat white policeman, clearly the commander, held a large torch which he flashed angrily in the direction of the bar.

Within seconds the music was switched off, the pulsating beat of *Too Late for Mama* replaced by the guttural curses of the police officer.

Being from New York, my first instinct was to make myself scarce.

I was sitting right at the back of the joint wedged in between empty crates of Lion Lager and a woman from Diepkloof.

The cops spotted me right away.

They motioned me to the door but my friends gave me the sign to sit tight and play dumb. After a brief conference, the cops began to move towards me, searching and cursing people

Relief

"Get up," the fat one told me.

Then, reverting to Afrikaans, he asked me a series of questions, none of which I understood. He shone the flashlight into my eyes and yelled something else.

Finally one of my friends tried to explain to him that I was not from this country. He looked back at me, looked at the woman, then at his colleagues. He slowly backed away.

"I breathed a sigh of relief. "Hey, man, now you've been to the real South Africa," one of my friends said.

"Yeah." I thought, "But if I'm really in South Africa, then how come it feels so much like home?"

For a New Yorker, living and moving around the townships is at the same time a totally new experience and more of the same.

The burnt-out buildings and grim housing projects of Harlem and the South Bronx are not that much different from the run-down flats of Hillbrow or the squatter camps of Mshenguville.

The pulse of the two places are remarkably similar. If you walk down the dusty streets of Soweto, you hear the latest mbqanga, mbube and funk sounds blaring out of shops and shebeens.

Amantsoela, with their pants pulled up almost above their socks, walk in-time with the beat, trying out the latest steps.

On 125th Street in New York, the scene is the same, only the beat is different.

'The cops spotted me right away. They motioned me to the door. Friends gave me a sign to sit tight. The cops moved towards me . . .'

ent. There rap music is king and every record shop, bar and street vendor plays it.

Instead of hiked-up pants B-boys, as teenage rap fans are known, sport the latest "fade" haircuts, takkies and sunglasses.

Like New York, the townships never seem to sleep. You can be as sure of finding a Castle at 4am at Prince's shebeen as you would be of getting a Budweiser at the Stardust Lounge in New York.

The streets of Hillbrow are as alive after midnight as those of Greenwich Village in New York, where no self-respecting barman closes until 4am and plenty of joints stay open way past daylight.

Getting around Jo'burg, like New York, can be an adventure. Just as you can easily get lost in the catacombs of Times Square looking for the right subway train, so Commissioner Street can be a maze to the uninitiated searching for a taxi to Jabavu or Meadowlands.

As in New York, amatsotsi are always on the lookout for the bewildered traveller.

The taxis in Soweto also have a way of taking over whole streets just like they do in New York. At rush hour, some streets here look like a private freeway for minibuses as Sixth Avenue can at times resemble a sea of yellow cabs.

The only difference is that in Jo'burg you usually know which is a taxi and which is not.

In New York, especially in dubious uptown areas, you just stick out your arm and whatever comes screeching up to the pavement, that's your cab.

It could be a battered car or a plush Cadillac with a high-powered stereo. Either way, you just get in and bargain over the fare — in Spanish, Creole or Pidgin English — hoping you get to your destination in one piece.

Here it also helps to know several languages, especially if you make the mistake of sitting in the front seat.

Everybody will be passing crumpled bills and giving you complex instructions in different languages as to who gets what change. If you make even the slightest error, the driver will promptly accuse you of theft and unleash a string of curses.

Another similarity between New York and Jo'burg is that the people are always moving around — morning, noon and night.

Just as the subway trains are packed after midnight with club-crawlers, so you'll find plenty of Zola Budds and Mary Deckers hurtling through Soweto

on weekends ferrying people to and from parties.

And the parties in Soweto!

On a Saturday night in Jabulani, Dube or Diepkloof, the action is as hot as the jazz is cool. If you closed your eyes you'd think you were in Sugar Hill in Harlem.

The big businessmen, newspaper editors and soccer club owners will all be at the party. These guys own double-storey houses in posh areas like Prestige Park, Beverley Hills, Selection Park or Rich Man's Acre in Soweto.

When they go out, they wear newly-pressed imported suits, extra-wide flashy ties, silver cufflinks and ostrich-skin shoes.

You'll see them moving around in fancy cars. Their motto is: if you've got it, flaunt it.

The younger generation is also there in force. They dress more like we do back home — baggy pants, white turtle-necks and shiny shoes.

They come any way they can — taxis,

Flowing

lifts and jalopies.

They never know how they're going home but as long as the beat is good and the booze is flowing, you won't catch them worrying about it.

And the women! They wear tight miniskirts, jackets and fancy blouses. The make-up is perfect, you won't see a hair out of place, and if you're lucky enough to get close you'll catch a whiff of the latest French perfume.

If her man is there, the girl will come into the place on his arm, with her nose in the air. If she's there alone, her nose will still be in the air but her eyes will be darting around, like a shark looking for tonight's prey.

People come from the East Rand, the West Rand, even the Free State for a party. Soweto acts like a powerful magnet drawing people from all over the country.

If you don't know, just go to any shebeen in Kagiso, Mohlakeng or Katilehong and tell the first girl you find that you're heading for a party in Soweto. Before you can say "masehambe", she'll be in the back seat.

If you get there by 11pm you'll find the gig already live. The wide ties are a bit loosened, the lipstick a bit smeared and the jazz has given way to a funkier fusion beat. The booze is flowing.

On the stove someone is preparing huge pots of pap and chicken for the people.

Out on the dance floor, the bodies

are beginning to move. Some of the more romantic couples are already dancing cheek-to-cheek. Some of the heavier drinkers are already swaying aimlessly.

Two girls, said to be sisters from Orlando West, are gyrating fearfully — one moment going down on their knees, the next jumping upon the table.

But there's no time to wait around. Saturday night only comes once a week and there are plenty of other places to visit. Just enough time left to grab a girl, say goodbye, and split.

By the time we finish making the rounds the sun is shining.

If you think the weekend is over, though, you're dead wrong. Sunday afternoons it all happens, especially if the "People's Team" is playing at Orlando Stadium.

When the Mighty Buccaneers have dealt their opponents yet another defeat, all of Soweto seems to come alive.

Every person you meet will be wearing black and white. Every shebeen is packed and it is rumoured that you can get a beer for 50 cents with your Pirates membership card.

Cars are honking wildly, half in celebration and half in warning to any misguided Amakhosi supporters.

The whole scene is exactly the same as New York at World Series time.

If the Mets or Yankees are playing baseball the whole city will stop what they're doing when the first pitch is thrown and take off again only when the last batter has been struck out.

And in Johannesburg, like in New York, town is still buzzing the day after a big win. In the People's Restaurant on Von Brandis Street, the fans are reliving their heroes' exploits.

"Steenkamp! Did you see him turn? The goalie never saw it, I tell you!"

At the next table someone is demonstrating how Mahlangu went around two defenders and the goalkeeper as smoothly as a knife cuts through margarine.

The guys are so busy discussing the soccer, they hardly have time for their usual pastime, chatting up the school-girls.

This particular restaurant is famous for attracting pretty schoolgirls, and the guys know it.

Actually, if you want to call them schoolgirls you'll have to use the term very loosely, because you'll find the Queen of England in a shebeen long before you'll find any of these girls in a classroom.

They leave home wearing school uniforms to fool their parents, then they

make a beeline for the People's Restaurant where they can meet their boy-friends, drink brandy and spend their lunch money on the jukebox.

If you ask Vegee, the girl behind the bar, she'll tell you which ones have steady boyfriends and which ones are still shopping around.

Don't get me wrong. The People's Restaurant is frequented by only the most progressive clientele.

Drinking companions are addressed as 'comrade'. Potential girlfriends are known as 'projects'. Relationships are 'structures', to be 'revived' if they have become 'dormant'.

A girl who is playing hard to get is said to be mounting a 'defiance campaign', while rival boyfriends are referred to as 'vigilantes'.

I once asked a South African friend in the USA whether things happen the same way in Jo'burg as they do in New York City. After a few weeks here, I know why he answered "yes and no, and more yes than no."

Yes because the life in New York is in the same fast lane that you find in Soweto.

There as well as here the price of the all-day, all-night good life can often be death.

Gangsters and drug dealers roam as freely in Klipfontein and Western Township as they do on Southern Boulevard in the Bronx.

Firepower makes its own rules whether it's in Jo'burg or Brooklyn, USA.

We have a saying in New York that if the cops weren't the cops, they'd be the robbers.

Hiding

Dozens of unexplained killings by police have led black newspapers to label the New York police department an "occupying force" — just as *City Press* and the *Sowetan* denounce the kiskonstabels and SAP as a law unto themselves in the townships.

I will never forget the day in 1986 that a New York police officer shot and killed a high school student five blocks from my home.

The student's name was Edmund Perry and he was well-known in the neighbourhood as a talented, bright boy.

But the policeman only saw a black teenager wearing fancy takkies walking in the wrong place at the wrong time.

The officer said he thought he saw "something shiny" in the young man's hand which he suspected was a gun or a knife. Nothing was recovered.

If the case of Edmund Perry sounds all too familiar to you, it should. The policeman who shot Cosas leader Carl-plus Nyoka in 1987 told the magistrate exactly the same story.

Nyoka, they said, was "reaching for something gleaming."

Two young men, both leaders in their community, shot dead by police officers. Two places, thousands of kilometres apart, moving in step with one another. Two peoples, oppressed by the same system, fighting for liberation.

That must be why it feels so much like home.

Big move to halt robberies

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The First National Bank is currently installing a new locking system at all its branches to prevent further armed robberies.

Since the beginning of the year, more than R4-million has been stolen in 35 bank robberies countrywide with the FNB being the main victim.

At one stage, the

Clearing Bankers' Association offered a cash reward of R500 000 regarding the arrest and conviction of the culprits.

The divisional general manager in charge of the bank's internal audit and security division, Mr Gerry Christy, said the system was expected to provide additional

protection to staff and customers.

A time delay of one minute to 24 hours can be programmed into the unit.

"The safe door cannot be opened until the set time has elapsed. This delay period should act as a deterrent to would-be criminals whose worst enemy is time," said Christy.

Cops promise to protect traders

SOWETO police have reassured local businessmen that they will protect them following the killing of some prominent shopowners by unidentified gunmen recently.

At a meeting called by the Soweto Independent Shopkeepers Association, (Soisa), attended by more than 300 businessmen and four senior policemen, discussions centred around the poor police response to calls by businessmen when attacked at their business premises or at their homes.

A spokesman for the Soweto Murder and Robbery Unit, Colonel Chris Oosthuisen, said his department was working tirelessly to combat crime in the township and urged shop-owners to call police at the radio controlled station for prompt action. He said police would succeed in their task if businessmen trusted them.

By **MATSHUBE MFOLOE**

He said businessmen should call 980-8108 or 980-8104 for speedy police reaction in the event of an attack.

Colonel Oosthuisen said through the new contact he would do his best to resolve armed robbery attacks which he said were higher than last year's.

Armed

He said armed robberies and attacks had increased by 94 percent during January and May this year.

A spokesman for Soisa, Mr Boy Shogoe, said four members of his association had been shot dead in less than three months this year.

They were: Mr Joe Malinga of Meadowlands; Mr Leonard Tsikang of Klipspruit; Mr David Maseko of Nancefield and Mr Stan Ramagaga of Pimville.

He said the culprits were not known.

"We are attacked by a faceless enemy... somebody is prepared to see us killed. We have become targets of senseless killings... but we do not receive prompt reaction from the police," he said.

Lieutenant-Colonel Zolina Nondabula warned shopowners to be vigilant of bogus "policemen." He said residents were "entitled to their democratic right" to ask for positive identification from those claiming to be policemen.

He was reacting to a complaint by shopowners that they had been robbed of cash from their homes by people claiming to be policemen. He assured shopowners that their problems would be discussed further with Soweto Divisional Commissioner of Police, Major-General J J Viktor shortly.

Inkatha men in jail for murder

TWO Inkatha supporters are to spend 15 years behind bars for murdering a 74-year-old man and trying to murder his elderly wife. Before the matter could be finalised, however, Nkomo's home was attacked. He was killed, his wife later died and their daughter was hurt.

The case, heard in the Pietermaritzburg Supreme Court, is significant because the victim, Bhokamafa Nkomo, was an applicant in a bid to get the supreme court to extend its protection to certain members of the community who feared harassment and injury at the hands of Inkatha. Two of the original five accused, Mdideni Albert Ndlovu and his brother Mahlamvana Obed Ndlovu, were found guilty and on Wednesday were given effective sentences of 15 years. The judge found that Nkomo's wife was already ill and that it could not be proved the injuries caused her death.



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FRAUD

US probes SA dealers

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US authorities are investigating an SA-based company and two Johannesburg residents. The US Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) filed a two-count complaint in June against SA Controlled Investments (Pty) (SACI) and Steven Kelp and Brian King. The authorities say these names are aliases but will not reveal the real names.

SACI was registered in late 1987. Its last base was in Sandton.

Until it stopped operating a month ago, it dealt on behalf of clients in gold, platinum, silver and palladium.

The charge is that Kelp and King sold off-exchange futures contracts to US customers, "committing fraud in connection with the offer and sale of those contracts," according to a CFTC press release.

CFTC charges the sales, in violation of the Commodity Exchange Act, took place from July 1988 to June 30. Kelp and King are not registered with the commission, the release says.

On June 20, Maryland's Judge Edward S Northrop granted CFTC's request for a restraining order, freezing King and Kelp's US assets and granting CFTC access to the firm's books and records. The case was "continued for further action," the release says.

SACI is also under scrutiny in SA. A Reserve Bank spokesman confirms the Bank is investigating certain exchange control implications regarding SACI's activities in SA and has handed this over to the police.

"We have looked into the matter with the Commercial Branch and it seems to be related to fraudulent transactions not necessarily involving exchange control."

But Colonel Neels Taljaard of the Commercial Crime Unit confirms: "Investigations (are taking place) into contraventions of the currency control regulations alleged to have been committed by SACI and/or NBI." NBI acted as commodity broker for SACI.

Taljaard won't say what sort of fraud is being investigated or whether local investigations are the result of the US probe.

SACI and NBI are not listed at Kreditinform, a Johannesburg credit information company — possibly because they operated offshore.

make a significant impact on their self-insurance funds — because these are so large.

"These smaller claims are self-insured to avoid paying uneconomic premiums which insurers would charge for such high-risk, high-incidence losses," says Mibsa (formerly Minet) director Rod Copestake. "However, larger losses can be covered by the Bankers' Blanket Bond (BBB), an all-embracing policy underwritten by Lloyd's."

The policy covers crime losses — mostly incurred through fraud, theft, computer crime and even professional indemnity.

Losses which aggregate over a specified period can be covered by the BBB as soon as they reach an "aggregate protection level." The premium is determined by the level of cover the insured wants to buy and the level of deductible premiums he can bear.

The self-insurance fund is funded annually from trading profits. "Some banks identify this on the balance sheet, others hide it in reserves," a banker says. This is the trend worldwide, except for banks with limited ability to fund their own insurance.

Most major SA banks have self-insurance funds with high excess levels. Because details of losses incurred in recent robberies have been withheld by police and the banks, exact amounts are not known. Trust Bank and Standard Bank seem to have come off relatively lightly. Volkskas has lost about R1,5m this year, still below its excess level of around R5m. Nedbank is thought to have incurred losses in the region of R2m since January.

First National, which has borne the brunt of recent robberies, believed to be over R3m, insures through a captive in Europe which provides cover up to R100m. Above that, the captive buys reinsurance.

"Our captive covers the entire spectrum of crime risk," says FNB MD Barry Swart. "Based on valuation of operating risks, we determine the level of loss to be carried by it and reinsure the balance."

The FNB captive was formed in 1987, following the imposition of punitive renewal terms by underwriters in the wake of heavy losses in the US market. "The facility allows us to spread losses chronologically and so protect our balance sheet," Swart says.

Captives, which are being investigated by the Melamet Inquiry into the loss of premiums to overseas insurers, are able to operate in tax havens, where they have tax advantages. Money sent to the offshore captive can be taken from pre-tax funds with dividends returned tax-free. However some captives aren't allowed tax deductible premiums — depending on instructions from the Department of Inland Revenue.

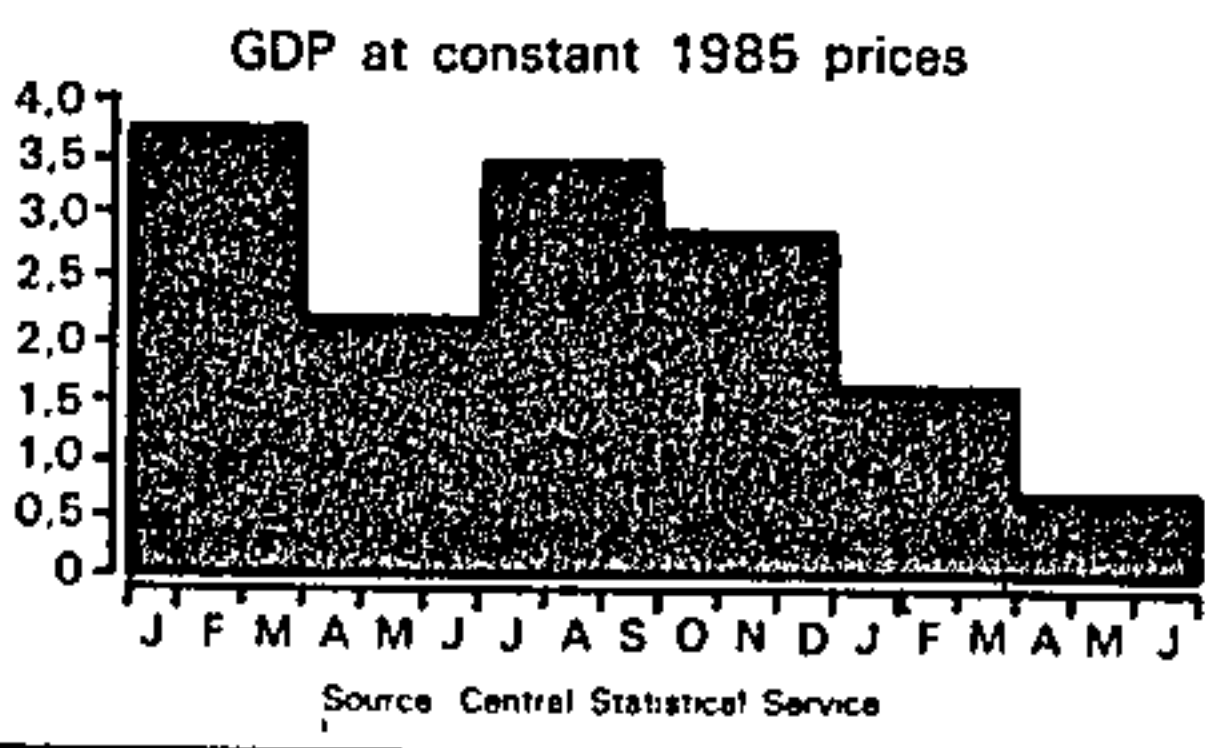
GDP GO-SLOW

It seems that measures introduced last year and early this year to slow the rate of economic growth have been effective.

Growth in seasonally adjusted real GDP fell between end-March and end-June, for the third consecutive quarter. Central Statistical Service (CSS) reports that seasonally adjusted annualised GDP grew only 0,7% in the first quarter. This compares with growth of 2,8% and 1,6% in the two previous quarters.

While agriculture grew by 17% (seasonally adjusted and annualised), the non-agricultural sector fell 0,4%. CSS attributes this to "further declines (-7,8%) in real production of mining (especially gold) and manufacturing (-2,1%)."

Tapering off



GROUP LIFE ASSURANCE

Selling out

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A technique used by marketing organisation Set for Life, to sell group life assurance policies underwritten by Standard General, is "under discussion" between the two organisations. Speculation is that either the scheme will be discontinued or the marketing agreement terminated.

Stangen MD Roberto Grandi tells the FM: "Early this year Stangen agreed to underwrite a group life assurance scheme (cover designed for a group of individuals). Such schemes used to be limited to employers providing a service to employees. But the concept has evolved to cover free-standing groups who wish to save on premiums. Premiums are based on actuarial calculations; the more people involved, the more likely the group will conform to actuarial expectations.

"The product is in line with statutory requirements and accepted practices."

INSURANCE

Bankers' umbrella

Bankers are using their own umbrellas to cover themselves against high-risk incidents including bank robbery. Most say the amounts involved in recent robberies will not

SOWETO residents, concerned by the escalating number of schoolgirl rapes, "jack-rolling" attacks and robberies at shebeens in the township, have called several meetings to address the problem.

A meeting at Orlando East's DOCC on Saturday was one of many held in Soweto over the past two weeks to organise residents against gangs terrorising the area.

Last week Pimville residents took a "vote of no confidence" in the police, saying they were meeting to take action.

Director of Adult Education at Funda Centre, the Reverend Lebamang Sebidi in an interview said there had been much talk about gangs but no-one had yet been apprehended.

Crime has become so commonplace, Sowetans say they are being forced to protect themselves.

"Jack-rolling" describes methods used by gangsters who cruise the township streets at night looking for cars, money and sex.

They stop cars, rob passengers and abduct and rape women. The women are often dropped off at their homes the following morning and their parents given a chilling warning — when the gang calls again the women should be at home ... or else.

In the latest "jack-rolling" incident, a Soweto man, Clement Mongalo, 24, was shot dead at the weekend and his girlfriend abducted and gang-raped after a group ambushed their car in Meadowlands.

The gangsters abduct and rape young girls, then drop them at home with a chilling warning: when they next call, the girls must be at home ... or else

The rape victim said she and Mongalo were driving through Meadowlands at 11pm, when the gang in a minibus forced them off the road. They demanded the couple leave the car and when Mongalo refused, he was shot dead.

The woman was dragged into their car — where she found several

other women — who were then gang-raped near Ikwezi.

The mere mention of the word "jack-roll" sends panic through the community and is synonymous with the activities of the dreaded amaJapan gang.

AmaJapan originated in Dobsonville, but the gang's violent activities have spread to Pimville, Klipspruit and other parts of Soweto.

Other gangs are springing up throughout Soweto, modelling themselves on amaJapan.

It is not known how many gangs there are in the township, or how many members they have, but most gangs have about 30 members.

They use stolen cars in their attacks — often targetted at shebeens — where schoolgirls are "jack-rolled" and shebeen owners and patrons robbed.

Several Soweto shebeens have been closed after such attacks.

Outside the popular Meadowlands nightspot, Banda's, hangs a "closed" sign after the owner was attacked, shot and robbed by a gang in May.

Some residents believe even the police are scared of the gangs.

One witness said he saw a police van chase a member of amaJapan in Dobsonville. Suddenly the gangster turned on the police, swore at them and left.

"Strange things happen here," said Sebidi. "There has been talk here for a long time but no-one has been apprehended yet."

Soweto police representative Major N Hartwell said as long as residents failed to report incidents of gang violence there was nothing the police could do.

"We have heard of these things but we cannot act on theories. People must come forward and report these things," Hartwell said.

"Soweto is a big area and we depend on the residents for help. We have established services like radio control and the flying squad especially to help them."

A speaker at the DOCC meeting said the government and Department of Education and Training in particular, were to blame for the climate of violence.

People at the meeting agreed the DET was not the only player to blame, but claimed that gangs had mushroomed this year after DET refused to readmit students who failed Std 10 last year or did not meet the age restrictions for readmission.

A Senaone principal said some youngsters organised themselves into gangs out of frustration and started attacking teachers and principals.

South African Council of Churches general secretary Frank Chikane expressed concern of "this new phenomenon which is clearly a result of the breakdown of community structures by state repression since the declaration of the State of Emergency and the inherent inability and the apparent reluctance of the state to deal with the situation".

The 'jack-roll' gangs which terrorise Soweto

Gang violence is spreading through Soweto, and the most frightening hoodlums are the 'jack-rollers' who abduct young women and gang-rape them. VINCENT MASHEGO reports

The SACC urged Soweto residents — particularly students — to exercise restraint in dealing with the situation and said it was considering calling for a conference of the people of Soweto to formulate action.

Another meeting, at Immaculata High School in Diepkloof, discussed the suspension of classes at the school.

School authorities stopped classes after pupils marched on a Diepkloof house, assaulted a

woman and damaged a vehicle in apparent retaliation for the rape of a schoolgirl and a panga attack on another.

In a statement last week, a Soweto community organisation said attempts by students to address the problems of thuggery, gangsterism, and the molesting of female students "is commendable... however, it is important to be disciplined in our approach".

Sebidi said hooliganism and lawlessness in

schools was an indication that the government had lost its legitimacy.

"The children have lost control and rightly or wrongly they associate the teacher with the government.

"While other nations are busy with education that seeks curricular relevance, we are still battling with racist education," Sebidi added.

Meanwhile, the principal of Orlando West High, Serame Lekgetho, blamed some of his colleagues for student rebelliousness by not allowing for flexibility in implementing DET regulations.

"I allow for discretion in some cases and with the rapport we have established with students and the SRC, we only have deviations like arriving at school late and not wearing uniforms, which are normal."

Lekgetho said parents could help by "keeping their side of the bargain" in disciplining children.

However, Sebidi said, whatever parents could do was limited and unco-ordinated because of restrictions on meetings.

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Mr Vusi Khanyile, the Rev Frank Chikane and Mrs Sheila Sisulu at the anti-crime conference at the weekend.

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 SOWETO residents have decided to tackle the increasing crime rate in the townships by organising mass rallies where people will be mobilised to fight the scourge.

A meeting held at the Ipelegeng Community Centre in White City Jabavu at the weekend heard spokesmen from a broad spectrum of community based organisations speak strongly about the breakdown in family life and how this had contributed to the upsurge in criminal activity.

They also focused on the role police played in crime prevention and expressed dissatisfaction at

Residents declare war on crime

By MATSHUBE MFOLOE

the way they were handling criminal cases. A committee was formed to "police" the police in their crime prevention methods.

In recent weeks gangs known as "Jackrollers" have flourished in the

townships causing serious social problems in the community

These gangsters are held responsible for the increasing number of rapes and car hijacks.

The meeting organised by the South African Council of Churches, (SACC), and chaired by

Mr Vusi Khanyile, executive member of the restricted National Education Crisis Committee (NECC), was attended by about 500 people representing social workers, students, teachers, parents, business, trade unions and welfare organisations.

"We must create structures for the physical protection of our people," said Dr Nihato Motlana, a community leader.

During the 10-hour-long conference, speaker after speaker condemned the escalating violence, lawlessness and gang-

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terism in the township and schools.

The secretary of the SACC, the Reverend Frank Chikane, said he was disturbed by the increase in violence and drug abuse among students.

It was agreed that there should be a revival of local organisations at street level, the establishment of recreational facilities and rehabilitation centres in the township.

24 murders ³⁸ as Sowetans ^{start 21/8/89} discuss ways to fight crime

Staff Reporters

A total of 24 people were murdered in Soweto at the weekend, as about 500 residents attended a meeting to discuss ways of combating crime.

Today, a police spokesman said 24 murders was "slightly above average" for a weekend in the township.

At the meeting held at the Ipelegeng Community Centre in Jabavu, residents resolved to organise rallies where people would be urged to fight crime.

A committee was also formed to monitor the effectiveness of police action against crime.

Spokesmen for community organisations said "the breakdown in family life" had contributed to the crime rate.

Residents said gangsterism had risen, leading to an increase in murders, rape and car hijackings.

"We must create structures for the physical protection of our people," said Dr Nthato Motolana at the meeting.

DISTURBED

The Rev Frank Chikane, general secretary of the SA Council of Churches, which organised the meeting, said he was disturbed by the increase in violence and drug abuse among students.

It was agreed to revive local organisations at street level, and to establish more recreational facilities in the township.

A police spokesman said Soweto detectives recovered 48 stolen or suspected stolen vehicles worth almost R1 million in a special operation this weekend. Five arrests were made.

Major Noel Hartwell said the cars were recovered in an operation by the Vehicle Branch Unit and the newly established Reaction Unit.

Major Hartwell said 24 suspects were detained in connection with murder, rape and robbery at the weekend.

He added that 13 rapes, seven attempted murders and 55 robberies were reported.

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Bank's 'inside man' guilty of fraud

JOHANNESBURG. — An emotional Gotz Gutenhoner was found guilty in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday for the role he played in defrauding Trust Bank of more than R47 million earlier this year.

Gutenhoner, 36, of Roodepoort, a chief clerk at the Eloff Street branch of Trust Bank at the time, pleaded guilty to four charges of fraud, one of theft, three of forgery and three charges of uttering false documents between January and March this year.

Gutenhoner allegedly committed the crimes with Nico Shefer and others. The court was told Shefer was at present in jail in Geneva awaiting extradition. Five others are mentioned as co-conspirators.

He told the court the role he played in the fraud was getting the money out of Trust Bank. He played no role in converting the money into Krugerrands or emeralds or getting it out of the country.

For his part in the fraud, he told the court, he was to have received R10 million from Nico Shefer. He, his wife and three daughters were all flown out the country to England as organised by Shefer. But the R10 million never materialised.

Attorney-general Mr Klaus von Lieres, who appeared for the state, described the crime as very carefully planned and thought out. He described Gutenhoner as the key player in getting the money out of the bank — the inside man on the job.

Gutenhoner admitted he and Shefer discussed at a later stage how to transfer financial rands out the country and bring them back as commercial rands.

Under Shefer's instructions, he stole nine clearance vouchers and made photostats of the signatures of other people in the bank who, apart from himself, were able to sign these forms. The forms had to be signed by more than one person.

The first fraud charge involved an amount of R26 million to buy an aircraft overseas. The second involved an amount of R19 million to be converted immediately into Krugerrands. The last fraud involved an amount of R1 million which was intended to be used to buy emeralds. — Sapa



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'Sentence must deter others'

SUSAN RUSSELL

THE Witwatersrand Attorney-General has asked a Rand Supreme Court to impose a sentence that would not only punish a former bank clerk for his part in the R47m Trust Bank fraud but also deter others tempted to commit similar crimes.

Attorney-General K von Lieres SC yesterday asked that the sentence handed down to Gotz Guntenhoner, 36 — whom Mr Justice G Gordon on Monday convicted on one count of theft, three of fraud, three of forgery and two of uttering — deter those tempted to defraud SA and big firms out of their hard-earned money.

Guntenhoner had pleaded guilty to the charges against him.

The court heard how Guntenhoner stole nine clearance vouchers and photocopies of signatures belonging to staff empowered to sign the vouchers from Trust Bank's Eloff Street branch. He gave these to Bryanston businessman Niko Shefer. Shefer — now awaiting extradition from a Swiss jail to SA — and his co-conspirators forged signatures on three vouchers and used them to transfer the R47m into an account at First National Bank.

Guntenhoner said Shefer had promised him R10m for his part in the scam.

Von Lieres said there had been an increase in white-collar crime. Society would frown if the courts employed a casual attitude towards sentencing in this type of crime, which was clearly a subversion of

public commercial morality.

Although Guntenhoner was not the mastermind of the scheme he had clearly been a critical kingpin, Von Lieres said.

He added that while it was true that Guntenhoner had come back to SA and co-operated with the authorities, his co-operation had to be seen against the reality of the situation the former clerk found himself in when he got to London.

"This included the realisation that the R10m was a dream and he had found himself penniless with a wife and three children in a foreign country."

Frustration

Von Lieres argued that in Guntenhoner's case, community service and a two-year prison sentence, as submitted by Nicro on behalf of the defence, was not appropriate.

Defence Counsel G Bornman asked the court to consider Guntenhoner's personal circumstances when imposing a sentence.

He said the financial strain endured by Guntenhoner and his wife as well as his frustration at not being promoted had made the clerk an ideal target for Shefer.

Shefer had known about Guntenhoner's unhappiness at work and gradually drew him into his net, Bornman said.

Sentence will be passed tomorrow.

JOHANNESBURG. — Gotz Guntenhoner's wife Marianne buried her head in her hands and wept uncontrollably as her husband was sentenced yesterday to an effective 14 years for his role in the R47-million Trust Bank swindle.

Guntenhoner was given 12 years for fraudulently using control vouchers, one year, running concurrently with the 12 years, for stealing the vouchers, and three years, one year running concurrently, for illegally using an account.

Rand Supreme Court judge Mr Justice G Gordon said Guntenhoner's sentence should serve as a warning to other corrupt bank officials who might be exposed to temptation.

Guntenhoner misused the trust placed in him by the bank, and caused a loss of R33,5 million to the bank as well as damaging its image and the reputation of the branch manager.

He stole control vouchers, a form of

Wife weeps as Guntenhoner gets 14 years

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guaranteed bank cheque, from the Eloff Street Trust Bank branch, and used them to swindle the bank out of R47 million.

There was still a "reasonable" chance the R19 million currently frozen in a Luxembourg bank would be recovered, which meant the amount lost would total R14,3 million.

Guntenhoner was promised R10 million for his part in the deal, but was left in the lurch by his accomplices and found himself and his family penniless in Britain after fleeing South Africa. — Sapa

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Armed gangs, killers, rapists prowl Soweto

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MURDERS, robberies, vehicle hijackings and reports of thugs abducting schoolgirls — some as young as 14 — from their classrooms and gang raping them, led to a meeting this week of about 500 concerned Soweto residents.

"People are no longer safe to drive in the townships without being stopped and having their cars hijacked. Shopkeepers are forced to close businesses early for fear of armed gangs such as the Jack Rollers", said one resident at the meeting which was organised by the South African Council of Churches.

Other residents were unhappy with police effectiveness in fighting crime: "Many of the thugs are commonly known in the townships and remain free while the police seem to focus on stopping political activists from operating."

It was reported that last weekend alone 24 people were murdered in Soweto. There were 13 rapes, seven attempted murders and 55 robberies reported, and this was "slightly lower than normal" say police.

Two committees were formed at the meeting to address the situation, said Ms Sheila Sisulu of the SACC education department. "A committee was formed to 'police the police' and monitor the effectiveness of police action against crime.

"The second committee will tackle the causes of crime at grass roots level and attempt to eliminate it," she said.

A member of the Soweto Civic Association, who is helping to set up the committees and asked not to be named, said the gang the Jack Rollers seemed to originate in Meadowlands and were recruiting youngsters. "We feel that the authorities have clamped down on legitimate structures such as students representative councils and youth groups and as a result anarchy reigns in the townships", he explained.

Police liaison officer, Captain J Ngobeni said: "Police are aware of the gang the Jack Rollers. Apparently they are responsible for a number of township rapes. We have arrested six in connection with the rapes and a murder. But we are not yet sure how they operate or how many belong to the gang."

Police spokesman, Captain Reg Crewe, denied the allegations of police effectiveness in the township. "In fact our statistics show a decrease in the number of rapes and in the past three months we have arrested over 316 criminals in the township."

Listing police rape statistics for Soweto he said there had been 217 reports of rape in the township in March, 203 cases in April and 173 cases in May this year.

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FIGHTING THE FEAR

Residents discuss old makgotla group revival

By CHARLES MOGALE

THE revival of street committees and even makgotla vigilante groups to fight crime in Soweto was discussed at a recent seminar of the South African Council of Churches.

The latest spate of gang rapes by the "Jackrollers" gang has sent shivers through the township.

The seminar was asked to call on the community to protect itself.

A man was recently killed when he tried to protect his girlfriend from being abducted and a number of women have allegedly been gangraped by the Jackrollers. The police have so far only arrested two alleged members of the large gang.

The seminar heard that some of the victims were dragged away screaming from their helpless parents by heavily armed gangsters.

The seminar was attended by delegates from political, teachers' and church organisations as well as trade unions.

The police were criticised for an apparent lack of enthusiasm in solving violent crimes in Soweto.

Community leader Dr Nthato Motlana said: "When a white woman is raped and there are no wit-

nesses, you read tomorrow that someone has been arrested. When a black woman is raped and there are witnesses, there might never be an arrest. We have to revive our organisations, like it or not."

Motlana said although makgotla could help solve crime in the township, they should not be reduced to kangaroo courts without justice and fairness.

SACC general secretary the Rev Frank Chikane said there was "nothing wrong" with the traditional makgotla if they were run properly.

The makgotla vigilante groups were a feature of Soweto before 1976. Although they were formed to stamp out crime, they became involved in family affairs, which made them unpopular.

Expanding on the new Makgotla initiative, Chikane said: "There is nothing wrong with people coming together to discuss their problems."

The seminar noted that street committees, like makgotla, became unpopular because they meddled in domestic affairs and denied people justice.

If the committees were revived,



Dr Nthato Motlana... nothing wrong with the groups if they are run properly.

they would operate under strict guidelines, it was said.

A trade union leader said it was obvious a large number of firearms in Soweto were "supplied by the system". The indiscriminate shootings indicated there was a constant supply.

Another speaker said: "Many of these gangsters are school drop-outs or unemployed people."

A spokesman for the African Teachers Association said pupils found it difficult to concentrate in class because of the constant fear of attacks by the Jackrollers.

Soweto crime - police reaction

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SOWETO police arrested more than hundred people in connection with various crimes during the month of July, Major Noel Hartwell, police media liaison officer has said.

Hartwell was reacting to the formation of a crime monitoring group which includes several leaders such as the Rev Frank Chikane which was formed about a week ago in response to the escalating crime rate in the township.

He said the Robbery Reaction Unit, which was formed two months ago, in conjunction with the Murder and Robbery Unit, arrested a total of 112 people for various crimes.

The breakdown of the arrests is as follows:

- * 21 people were arrested for murder.

- * Eleven people were arrested for attempted murder.

- * Sixty five people were arrested for armed robbery.

- * One person was arrested for rape.

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- * One person for dealing with dagga.

- * Nine people arrested for theft of cars, and

- * One person for escaping lawful arrest.

Hartwell said the two police units worked a total of 2 571 hours of overtime and "their success is tremendous," he said.

He attributed the arrests to good team work by experienced detectives and asked the community to co-operate.

Hartwell urged the community to telephone the police immediately there is trouble. The telephone numbers are as follows: 988-8108 during working hours, 980-8104 after 4pm until 10pm, or 980-8150/7 or the flying squad number 10111.

Commercial crime probes on back burner

COMMERCIAL crime cases have been put on the back burner at the Johannesburg Attorney General's office for the past five years, Attorney General Klaus von Lieres said yesterday.

While commercial crimes did not constitute more than about 15% of the total case load in his office, this kind of crimes — theft, fraud, embezzlement and currency control contraventions — was on the increase and the value of such reported cases was "more than R1 000m", including foreign exchange fraud.

Von Lieres said: "From 1985 until now we were so taxed with work arising from

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unrest that I decided it was useless to bring commercial cases to court if the community could not be safeguarded. That meant commercial crimes had to wait their turn."

During the 1985/86 unrest many policemen, including detectives who normally investigated commercial cases, were used for duties other than investigations.

"This caused a backlog which they are only now starting to dispose of," he said.

A police spokesman yesterday declined to give statistics on the number of commercial cases handled by the Commercial

Branch in Johannesburg, but said the unit "had plenty, plenty of work to keep them busy."

The Magnum case, which will be heard in the Rand Supreme Court in October, took police and the Attorney General's office almost seven years to investigate. Von Lieres said it was the longest outstanding case currently being handled by his office.

Von Lieres denied he "sat on" commercial cases. He said staffing problems and complex cases accounted for much of the investigation time.

TWO to hang for Ingg's killings

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TWO casual labourers, who raped and strangled marketing executive Gail Ingg after breaking into her Halfway House cottage on February 8 last year, each received double death sentences in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

Samuel Lucky Mzimande, 22, and Michael Mathebula, 20, entered Ingg's cottage after obtaining the keys from her domestic servant Nellie Ngoepe.

After murdering Ingg the pair set her home and car alight and then went to a friend's dwelling and had a braai.

Ngoepe was found guilty of housebreaking with intent to steal and theft and sentenced to three years imprisonment.

Mr Justice O'Donovan said given the relationship between her and her employer, and her five years of working for Ingg, the court was left with a lingering doubt that she appreciated the enormity of her actions.

Sitting with two assessors, Mr Justice O'Don-

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ovan, found both men guilty of murder with no extenuation.

He said it was a case where there was a direct intention to kill.

"It is clear from the evidence," he said, "that both knew exactly what they were doing."

"They acted in pursuance of a pre-conceived plan to break into the deceased's bungalow and to kill her."

"The method of killing by strangulation is of itself one of a deliberate nature."

Rejected

"The subsequent behaviour of both accused, particularly their behaviour in Sam's house where they braai'd is indicative of the complete callousness of both."

Mr Justice O'Donovan rejected defence submissions that the intake of alcohol of both men and Mzimande's anger at not having received his wages constituted extenuating circumstances.

He also rejected the submission that Mathebula's youth was an extenuating factor.

In using his discretion in imposing the death sentence for the rape, Mr Justice O'Donovan said it was difficult to imagine a more serious example of rape.

"The deceased was raped by both accused," he said. "She was attacked in the safety of her own home and attacked by men both of whom knew they were going to kill her after raping her."

"In my view the death penalty in that respect is the only appropriate sentence."

Mzimande was also sentenced to 11 years imprisonment for housebreaking and robbery with aggravating circumstances.

Mathebula was sentenced to nine years imprisonment for robbery and housebreaking.

Both men received a further eight years imprisonment each for arson and malicious damage to property.

Applications for leave to appeal will be made today.

Crime 'monitor' launched in Soweto

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From MONO BADELA SOWETO. — The breakdown in family life is one of the factors contributing to Soweto's alarming crime rate, say local community leaders.

During the past two weekends, 37 people were murdered in Soweto and there were 18 reported cases of rape.

Now residents have established an Anti-Crime Committee to monitor the effectiveness of police action against crime.

The move follows a recent anti-crime rally convened by the South African Council of Churches, which drew more than 500 residents from all over Soweto.

Drug abuse

Spokespersons from a range of community-based organisations discussed the breakdown in family life and how this had contributed to the upsurge in crime.

They also expressed dissatisfaction at the way police were handling crime prevention.

Soweto community leader Dr Nthato Motlana stressed the importance of creating structures for the "physical protection" of all residents.

SACC general secretary, the Rev Frank Chikane, said he was disturbed by the increase in violence and drug abuse among students.

Residents at the rally

called for the revival and promotion of street committees and local organisations as part of a community bid to curb crime.

The new Anti-Crime Committee will collect data concerning drugs and gangsters in Soweto. It will also co-ordinate residents' efforts to stamp out crime, and will organise rallies to mobilise support against crime.

The increase in lawlessness and gangsterism was strongly condemned at the rally.

Last week high-school students took to the streets to hunt down members of

Soweto's notorious "Jack Rollers" gang.

The gang has been way-laying and raping school-girls, as well as robbing and murdering residents, since the beginning of the year.

Soweto police liaison officer, Major Noel Hartwell, said the police were making a determined effort to counter crime in the area.

Last weekend they arrested 15 murder suspects and 44 suspected robbers.

They also recovered 64 stolen vehicles valued at nearly R2 million.

NINE KILLED IN SOWETO

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By ALI MPHAKI

NINE people were killed in various incidents of crime in Soweto at the weekend.

Five of the victims had bullet wounds while four were stabbed.

Soweto police liaison officer Captain Mikhane Ngobeni said nine rape cases were reported at the weekend, the youngest victim being a 16-year-old girl.

Police recovered 38 suspected stolen cars, while 15 cases of theft of vehicles were reported.

More than 500 people were arrested for various crimes in the township since last Monday.

Eleven of the people were arrested for murder while 12 were arrested for rape.

Ngobeni said 11 people were arrested for car thefts, while 15 people were arrested for reckless, drunken and negligent driving.

He said 30 people were arrested for drinking in shebeens and 58 prohibited immigrants were arrested.

Fourteen people were arrested for dealing in dagga and four for being in possession of Mandrax tablets.

Meeting ⁽³⁸⁾
Soweto 12/9/89
on crime

RESIDENTS of Pimville, Soweto, are scheduled to meet at the local St Peter Claver Roman Catholic school tonight to discuss the "shocking" crime wave in the area.

The meeting starts at 7.30pm and among other issues to be discussed is the "jackroller" gang menace that has affected schoolgirls and family life, housebreakings and car thefts in the area.

AFTER working more than 1 000 hours of overtime during the month of August, the Soweto Murder and Robbery Unit arrested 102 people for various crimes in the township.

Police spokesman Major Noel Hartwell said the arrests were due to the use of experienced detectives, longer hours of work and public assistance.

"Without the assistance of the public, there is no way the police can perform their duties

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By ALI MPHAKI

satisfactorily," he said. The largest arrests were made in cases of armed robbery, where 60

people were taken in custody for separate incidents.

Police recovered 29 stolen motor vehicles and 22 people were arrested for car thefts.

Hartwell said 13 firearms were recovered, with the police arresting five people for possession of unlicensed firearms.

Only two people were arrested for rape, although this sort of crime seems to have reached alarming proportions in the townships. Hartwell said most of the rape cases were still being investigated.

The police recovered two video machines, large amounts of jewellery and four television sets.

Meanwhile, the SAP vehicle and theft unit has smashed two motor car theft syndicates as well as arresting 65 people and recovering 89 cars valued at more than R2,2 million.

13 murders, 21 rapes in Soweto at weekend

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Serious crime held its downward trend in Soweto at the weekend, with 13 murders and 12 armed robberies reported, said a spokesman.

Detectives also recovered 42 stolen

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or suspected stolen vehicles, valued at more than R2 million, said Major Noel Hartwell, Soweto police spokesman.

Ten attempted murders and 21 rapes were reported. — Crime Reporter.

Soweto leaders say crime is not falling

19/1/89 By Stan Hlophe 38

Soweto community leaders yesterday disputed a police statement that crime statistics at the weekend indicated a downward trend of crime in the area.

Mr Shimane Khumalo, a director of the Soweto branch of the National Institute for Crime Prevention and Rehabilitation of Offenders (Nicro), said that because of high unemployment and the economic situation it was unlikely the crime rate would ever go down.

He said police statistics were based on how many crimes were reported. "In my observation, the crime rate is escalating."

A Soweto Civic Association spokesman said: "The people have decided to tackle the problem themselves, after an anti-crime conference in Soweto last month."

It was resolved at the conference to re-establish street committees and in this way eradicate crime among the youth.

Police said 13 murders, 10 attempted murders, 21 rapes and 12 armed robberies were reported in Soweto at the weekend.

Winnie's house a ravaged shell

WINNIE Mandela's controversial luxury home in "Beverley Hills", Soweto, has been stripped of its fittings and vandals have caused damage estimated at thousands of rands since it was built. (38) Star 23/9/89

The red-bricked home, which cost an estimated R400 000 to build, is still empty after completion in mid-1987. Another R300 000 was expected to be paid for fittings.

Today the house is an empty shell, surrounded by a 2-m high wall.

Inside, the walls and ceilings are peeling, the kitchen has been stripped of most of the cupboards, wooden doors have been smashed, sliding doors re-

moved and damaged and bathroom fittings have been removed.

Although it was rumoured a team of gardeners would be commissioned to landscape the grounds, rubbish and wild grass indicated otherwise.

The 22-roomed house sparked much controversy when it was built. The Star reported then that it had seven bedrooms, three bathrooms and two studies with a spacious entrance hall tiled with Italian tiles.

Soweto police said no charges of vandalism or malicious damage to property have been laid in connection with the house. Mrs Mandela could not be reached for comment.

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Vandals³⁸

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mansion

Sunday Times Reporter

THE R500 000 mansion built for the family of jailed ANC leader Nelson Mandela in Orlando West, Soweto, is being destroyed bit by bit by vandals.

The house has stood empty since its completion a year ago, when the ANC said it would be immoral for Mrs Winnie Mandela to live in such luxury amid the township's squalor.

This week the house resembled a derelict monument, with tiles, ceilings and doors ripped out. Most sliding doors have been destroyed and all fittings removed.

Nobody seems to know who is responsible for the damage, estimated at more than R100 000.

The mansion was paid for by a group of black businessmen and was built by the African Development Construction Company.

At the time Mrs Mandela said she had no intention of staying in the house until her husband Nelson was released.

But sources close to Mr Mandela have said he would prefer to live in his old matchbox house in Orlando West.

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Cafe owners worry about their safety

By Jacqueline Myburgh

Johannesburg cafe owners are becoming increasingly anxious about their safety, following the most recent attack when the owner of a Jeppe Street cafe was shot on Friday morning.

Mr Frank Swarbreck, executive director of the Catering, Restaurant and Tearoom Association, said the unusual hours of work which cafe owners kept, and because most of their sales were cash, made them prime targets for hold-ups.

But Friday's 3 am shooting at the Bonanza food shop remains a mystery as police investigate why owner Mr Basil Christodoulou was shot in the chest.

Business premises

This month, a Westdene cafe owner was shot and killed at his business premises before thieves escaped with only R50.

Mr Swarbreck said there was considerable concern among cafe owners about their safety, and hold-ups were not the only danger as a Pretoria cafe owner discovered last year when a limpet mine exploded in his stand of potato crisps.

"It takes a long time to recover after such an attack and for a while some victims sell their businesses, but they

come back because they have to live," he said.

Mr Swarbreck said the best method of securing owners' safety was the police Business Watch system. But currently uniformed policemen patrol an area in the Johannesburg CBD during normal business hours only, which meant cafe owners were not protected late at night.

Major SC de Wet of the SAP said although the safety of cafe owners was of concern, the police lacked the manpower to extend the hours of Business Watch.

Assocom's security committee also felt the security in cafes warranted attention and the vice-chairman, Mr Gerald Heine, said the matter would be on the agenda at the next committee meeting.

Although most cafe owners had hand guns on the property, these weapons were rarely at hand when a hold-up occurred, Mr Swarbreck said. It was essential that they took additional steps to defend and protect themselves and their property.

Devices such as the Stun Gun and Stun Suitcase, for example, caused a stunning shock if activated, and an infra-red button worn around the neck set off sirens in the cafe when someone came too close to the wearer.

Mandelas are robbed

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THE mansion built for jailed black leader Nelson Mandela by his wife has been ransacked by thieves and vandals, newspapers reported yesterday.

City Press, the country's largest circulation Sunday newspaper for blacks said tiles, ceiling and floors had been ripped

away, and plumbing fixtures had been removed. It estimated the cost of the damage at R100 000.

The house in Soweto has stood unoccupied since its completion two

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years ago. Mrs Mandela said she only intended living in the house after her husband was freed. But there have been reports that Mandela - jailed since 1962 - does

not want to live in the house at all.

The house has about 15 rooms and cost an estimated R500 000 to build. It was paid for by a group of black businessmen.

Fears that Joubert Park will turn into a slum

Crime alarms residents

By Jovial Rantao

Residents and businessmen in Joubert Park, Johannesburg, have expressed alarm at declining living standards and rapidly increasing crime in the area.

Several individuals who spoke to The Star believed that if nothing was done about the muggings, robberies and drug dealings in Joubert Park, it would become a slum.

The blame was laid at the door of the Government for failing to clarify the residential status of the "grey" area; uncaring, profit-seeking landlords for exploiting tenants; criminal elements for exploiting the prospects of easy picking; and the police for not enforcing the law, particularly health regulations.

The matter came to a head this month with the formation of the Joubert Park Association (JPA), which was primarily formed to reduce the level of crime in the area.

The association is made up of local businessmen, property owners and concerned residents.

Most of the residents and businessmen interviewed emphasised their complaints were not about people of a particular race committing crime, but about the rising level of unlawfulness and the apparent inability of the authorities to do anything about it.

Mr Paul Martire, a business-

man who runs a furniture shop in Bok Street, was nearly murdered three months ago when he was stabbed and robbed of a firearm and R2 800 as he entered a building two blocks away from his store. He described the crime in Joubert Park as "disgusting".

"I entered the building at about 3.30 pm and found a robbery in progress. Before I could do or say anything I was stabbed and robbed," he said. "This place is not safe for any one. I've watched elderly people being robbed every now and then during the day and nothing is done about it."

He claims there are an average of six muggings and three stabbings a week.

He also blamed the increasing rate of muggings on the "greedy" landlords who charged their tenants exorbitant rents.

"After paying rent these people have no money ... and the next alternative is to rob," he said.

Mr Martire, like most of the business people interviewed by The Star, believed if more policemen were deployed into the area on foot, the rate of crime might decrease.

Elderly residents, most of whom stay at the Park Royal block of flats, have been daily mugging victims in Quartz Street, he added.

Mrs Marian Engelby, who owns a hardware store, said the



Residents and businessmen give many reasons for lawlessness in Joubert Park, including the Government's failure to clarify the residential status of the "grey" area.

most dangerous place was the one next to the railway line.

"Most of the old residents do not leave their flats these days for fear of being robbed," she said.

A businessman who declined to be identified, said his turnover had dropped by about 16 to 18 percent.

This was simply because the streets had become too dangerous to walk in.

Mr Wolf Westphal, chairman of the JPA, said the organisation was the result of mounting concern following an increase in

car thefts, shootings, stabbings, prostitution, robberies and drug dealing.

He said JPA approached health authorities and the police to solicit help.

"We are not only concerned about the crime in the area but also about the deteriorating standard of living.

"The police have assured us that they will be implementing the bobby-on-the-beat project and we will have two policemen to watch various blocks as early as mid-November," Mr Westphal said.

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Contracts and kids

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Civil judgment for R10 000 has been obtained against a close corporation owned by a senior employee of the SABC's Nguni and Sotho services who acted as an agent for the Department of Education & Training (DET) in organising black youth camps. In a separate Bloemfontein Supreme Court action a summons for R375 000 — arising out of a contract relating to the camps — has also been served on the corporation's Renier Swart — who is the sole member. Swart is the brother of a senior DET official Gert Swart.

The action against Swart's Itumeleng CC — the name means happiness — comes as investigations of the commission of inquiry, chaired by Judge Leo van den Heever, into the camps and the role played by outside agents have entered their final stages. The *FM* first wrote about the matter last year (*Current Affairs* June 10 1988).

It was reported then that Swart had acted as an agent for DET in organising black scholars for youth camps at a Van Reenen resort, Oban.

Oban owners Sandy Berry and Garth Daneel sued Itumeleng for R10 000 owed in respect of youth courses.

An attorney for Berry and Daneel confirmed to the *FM* this week that judgment for that amount against Swart's corporation had been granted in two magistrates' courts.

At the same time Berry and Daneel are suing Itumeleng for R375 000 arising out of a three-year contract between it and the owners of Oban to provide for 80 children, six days a week, for 40 weeks a year. According to the contract, Oban would receive R17,50 a child per day (with annual increases) while Swart, as sole member of Itumeleng CC, would receive 12,5% commission per child.

Regulations

When first approached by the *FM* last year, Swart's boss at the SABC, Piet Roets, said he was not aware Swart was doing outside work. SABC regulations prescribe that employees must obtain permission for this.

This week the *FM* was told that the matter was being attended to.

Another camp owner, Leon Scholtz, of Sportweni — who wrote to former DET Deputy Minister Sam de Beer in February last year to complain about what he termed unfulfilled promises by the department to send pupils to his camp — told the *FM* he was told by Deputy DET Director-General Jaap Strydom that part of the arrangement was that agents would develop sport facilities at the camps.

Berry denies this. He says he and his partner invested R50 000 to buy additional furniture and bedding and have a soccer field and volleyball court built.

Berry said after he decided to enter into the contract Swart told him that a DET official would have to inspect Oban. A couple of days later Swart brought an official, whom he introduced as Gert Swart, to Oban. When he asked whether the two were related Renier Swart indicated they were brothers.

The civil action against Swart's corporation is the second time a resort owner has taken action against a DET agent. Last year Wally Smith, owner of the Hebron Haven Hotel near Howick, issued summons against DET agent Paul Brosnihan for R32 000 allegedly owed for accommodation.

According to Smith, Brosnihan has since made a payment to court. The matter is still pending.

Undertaking

Another camp owner, Johan Mörsner, of the Ninja Game farm near Klaserie in the northern Transvaal, confirmed this week he had written to DET to "quantify his claims" against the department.

Mörsner, a relation by marriage of former Manpower Minister Pietie du Plessis, bought Ninja from Pretoria businessman Bernie Len.

Mörsner alleges he was given undertakings by DET officials that he would receive a certain number of black children throughout the year.

This did not materialise, he says: "The previous owner made R2,5m in one year, while I have only received R300 000 from DET."

During the first leg of the Van den Heever Commission of Inquiry — which dealt with irregularities concerning printing contracts between DET and Strydom's son, Pretoria publisher Thinus Strydom — Strydom Jnr told the commission he had been employed by Len for a three-month period. Evidence was also led that various cheques from DET to Len had been paid into Strydom Jnr's bank account without being endorsed by Len.

Len has meanwhile started another resort, Lenville, near Parys. According to information received, he has tendered successfully to DET to conduct youth camps.

Various other civil actions may yet be brought to court. Legal advisers of DET are also looking at possible actions against owners of resorts who received large deposits prior to black pupils visiting the camps. Tender procedures are now strictly adhered to and some owners have failed to win subse-

quent contracts.

□ The first Van den Heever report — dealing with the printing contracts — is due to be handed over to President F W de Klerk soon.

683 arrested in Soweto (38)

Soweto police arrested 683 suspects in connection with various crimes during the past week, a spokesman said.

Major Noel Hartwell said 17 murders and 31 rapes were reported over the weekend.

Four attempted murders and 23 robberies were reported.

Major Hartwell said 53 stolen or suspected stolen cars were recovered and 10 suspected car thieves were arrested over the past week. — Crime Reporter

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Mob kills man

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He was later found murdered.

Maponyane was wanted by the youths in connection with the murder of a pupil of Hlerigwe High School in White City, Jabavu.

According to the family, Emmanuel was Maponyane's friend but was out of town at the time of the alleged killing. He had only arrived from Alberton with his girl friend, Monica Moreli, when he learned that unknown youngsters were looking for him.

His mother, Mrs Agnes Peege (50) said the youths could not find Maponyane at his home which she claimed was also attacked.

"They attacked my home minutes thereafter shattering windows and accused me of hiding Maponyane.

"I was called a liar and threatened with death," she said.

She said the mob forced its way into the house and ransacked rooms before they left.

Emmanuel's girl-friend, Monica arrived bleeding from one of her hands and with the news that he was dead.

According to Mr Steve Peege, Monica's fingers were chopped off by attackers during the raid on their backyard dwelling.

His body was found the same morning with multiple stab and bullet wounds.

The attacks could not be confirmed by Soweto police.

Houses damaged as youths rampage

MOB KILLS EMMANUEL

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Mr Emmanuel Peege

A YOUNG Soweto man was hacked and shot to death by a group of youths in his backyard room in Pimville at the weekend.

In a related incident, two other houses were

By **MATSHUBE MFOLOE**

attacked by mobs in Klipspruit later the same day. No one was injured but damage was extensive.

Soweto police liaison officer Major Noel Hartwell yesterday refused to confirm or

deny the incidents.

He said he had been told by Major-General JJ Viktor, the Soweto Divisional Commissioner of Police, that *Sowetan* newspaper was not co-operating with the police.

Hartwell referred to a list of statistics on police successes which was given to *Sowetan* and had

been edited.

He said Viktor was out and would only be available on Thursday.

Mr Emmanuel Peege (29) of 195 Klipspruit, was sought by a mob believed to be pupils from a local high school who accused him of hiding a Mr Tebogo Maponyane.

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Motive for two ^{Star} Randburg killings still a mystery ^{13/10/89} ⁽²⁹⁾

By Craig Kotze and Sue Olswang

A Randburg accountant yesterday took his two young children to school before allegedly going back home, murdering his wife and then killing himself.

Mr Abel Gray (40) died instantly at his Barkston Drive, Blairgowrie, home. Mrs Ina Gray (38) died at 9.15 am in the Johannesburg Hospital.

The motive behind the shootings is still a mystery. Police found no notes at the scene. The killings were the third and fourth family-related murders on the Witwatersrand yesterday.

Drops of blood on a concrete floor next to the Grays' garage and empty, uncollected milk bottles were the only signs of the tragedy when The Star visited the house.

Mrs Gray was shot in the kitchen of her home after her husband telephoned his brother at his Houghton home and asked him to look after the couple's two children.

Because his brother "sounded funny", Mr Peter Gray telephoned the police before going to the house. When he got there, he was too frightened to enter, but waited for police to arrive.

His brother was found sprawled dead under a kitchen table with his wife next to him.

"It seems as though Abel took the children to school, came home and then shot Ina and himself. I have no idea why he did this. As far as I know he had no financial or personal problems.



Tearful Houghton accountant Mr Peter Gray said he did not want to enter his brother's Blairgowrie home when he found it closed.

Son's suicide drove woman to shootings

By Craig Kotze, Crime Reporter

Depression caused by the suicide of her policeman son apparently drove a middle-aged Germiston woman to shoot dead her four-year-old son, critically wound his sister, and then turn the gun on herself early yesterday.

Mrs Magriet Potgieter (43) was found dead in a bedroom with a gunshot wound in her head at her Jersey Street, Dinwiddie, home at 1.30 am.

A .38 Special revolver was still in her hand.

On the bed with her was her son Stefanus, also shot in the head.

Her daughter Anzette (10) was found critically wounded in another bedroom and was fighting for her life in the Johannesburg Hospital last night.

She was originally taken to the Willem Cruywagen

Hospital in Germiston, but was later transferred to Johannesburg.

Police said the killings were apparently linked to the suicide a year ago of Mrs Potgieter's detective son, Mr J Potgieter, who had gassed himself.

Mrs Potgieter had apparently been very depressed lately.

The bodies and the critically wounded Anzette were found by another of Mrs Potgieter's daughters, Mrs Catherina Sommen (19).

Police said Mrs Potgieter's husband had been asleep in the house, and did not wake up when the shots were fired.

Speak
Out!



In 18 months, bond rates have rocketed from 12 to 21 percent. Is there not an alternative to financing homes which would reduce this extreme volatility in interest rates? Is it not possible for banks and building societies to finance homes with fixed-interest-rate bonds?

Give us your views in *Speak Out!* on (011) 834-7747 or 633-2560 this evening, between 5.30 and 7 pm. Readers' opinions will appear tomorrow

Car thief suspect was 'shot to rags' by two policemen

By Celeste Louw

A suspected car thief "was shot to rags" by two policemen when his attempt to escape could have been prevented without any shooting, a Johannesburg magistrate found yesterday.

The magistrate, Mr C de Lange, found that Constables Gerhardus Snyman and Mark Abramowitz, both of the Radio Control Unit in Soweto, were responsible for the death of Mr Velani Thula (21) of Diepkloof by shooting him last November.

The court was told that the policemen had received a report of a stolen vehicle while on duty in Diepkloof. A vehicle and five suspects were spotted. The two policemen fired shots at four remaining suspects after one fled.

They were ordered to sit on the grass when Mr Thula start-

ed running. Constable Snyman fired two shots at him and Constable Abramowitz ran after the suspected thief.

In another attempt to escape, the already wounded man limped towards a door.

"Then Constable Abramowitz turned the gun on him and started shooting continuously when the man was already dead on his feet," Mr de Lange found.

The court found it would have been easy to catch Mr Thula because he was wounded and could not move fast.

"And you were only a couple of metres away from him," Mr de Lange said.

The findings of the inquest court have been referred to the Attorney-General who will decide whether to prosecute the two policemen.

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Students give gangs a date

FIGHTING between Soweto students and gangsters could spread throughout the township if the gangs fail to meet the Anti-Crime Committee's deadline to disband by next Thursday.

At least nine students have been injured recently — some seriously — in a wave of clashes in Diepkloof between students and a gang called the Jackrollers.

Violence erupted after an 18-year-old student at Madibane High School, Thelma Kutwane, was run over by a car allegedly belonging to a member of the Jackrollers.

Students then went out to seek revenge, and several were shot and injured.

The conflict came in the wake of the apparent progress made by the Anti-Crime Committee in places like Pimville, where the ACC and the Pimville Civic Association (PCA) had succeeded in persuading a gang called the JVC to disband.

Before the clashes the Majapan gang in Pimville had indicated that it wanted to hold talks with the PCA, also on the issue of disbanding.

A meeting of concerned parents and teachers held the same day called on the students to return to classes, but by Thursday only some students had heeded the call.

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Where to get away with murder

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FOR many years it has been said that some people can literally get away with murder in South Africa — depending on their race.

Now that august body of lawmen, Lawyers for Human Rights, who can by no stretch of the imagination be described as rabid radicals or bleeding heart liberals, have come out loud and clear on this matter.

The whole marakalas began in Boksburg, (where else?), last September. The basic facts of the issue elude me now, but what happened was a black man, Mr Valedzani Rupert Tshibase was fleeing down Padua Street

what from is not clear. On to the scene came one Lionel Leon Lawrence van der Nest, 28, and he fired four shots at the fleeing man, one of which hit Mr Tshibase on the back of the head. This proved to be fatal.

The other day, Van der Nest appeared before Mr Justice G Gordon in the Rand Supreme Court and was jailed for an effective five years. He got eight years in all, with three suspended.

The learned judge described the Tshibase incident as one with racial overtones and that is when the Lawyers for Human Rights stepped in. They abhorred the "le-

nient" sentence given to Van der Nest in a statement adding: "We are unable to state whether the race of the accused and the victim influence sentencing in the trial of Van der Nest, as this is a subjective element, but what has become more apparent recently is that in cases where the accused is white and the victim black, he is lightly sentenced or acquitted."

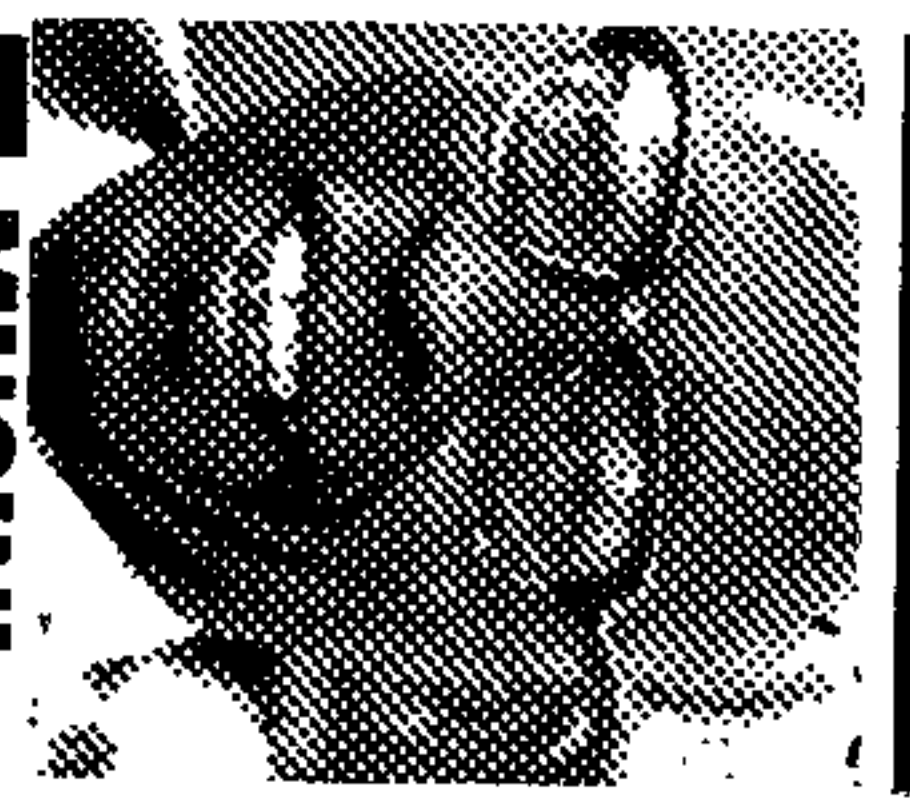
Of course one knows that the judge would not have handed down that sentence unless he had taken all the factors into consideration. Indeed one knows that we have one of the most fearlessly independent judiciary systems in the continent, but the accusation that the creepy head of apartheid somehow rears itself when the main actors in some court dramas take the stand is there.

Why, I remember years ago as a young reporter covering the now infamous Arlow trial in the Pretoria Regional Magistrate's Court. The word "Kaffir" was freely bandied about in evidence and the presiding magistrate — a senior member of the Bench — did not seem to be unduly concerned about the use of this derogatory term by both the defence and some witnesses.

In some Free State courts I have heard white lawyers who were defending black clients addressing the court like thus: "My kaffer is nie skuldig nie. Hy's net onnosel soos baie van hulle is," and on this basis he would get an acquittal.

When I first met Dr Piet Koornhof, the man Pressmen were later to nickname "Piet Promises," he was Minister of Bantu Administration and Development. That was in the bad, (if you'll pardon the unintended pun), old days. This was in Soweto and he told the then members of that late and unlamented body of toothless bulldogs, the Urban Bantu Councils to "leave politics to me as your Minister," and virtually told them to mind their own business. You can deduce from that what the good doctor wanted to hear nothing from those misguided gentry other than the good old response of "We thank the Minister."

Now Dr Koornhof wants to hear from the American public what they think of South Africa and its policies. Remember he is now South Africa's Ambassador to the US. You'll remember that when he received his posting to Washington, one of the first things he told the Americans was that being guiling promise that apartheid was dead. Anyway he seems to have mellowed a bit since settling down in the Land of Dreams and comes to face harsh reality that apartheid seems immortal.



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WITH THE COMRADES IN HIDING, THE THUGS HAVE RETURNED TO PREY ON TRAIN PASSENGERS

GANGS have re-emerged on late evening township trains in the past few months — and they have a big taste for expensive clothes and jewellery worn by some passengers.

Hotel worker Patrick Kubeka was returning from work one night earlier this month on the 8.30 train (number 9488) from town to Naledi.

"I entered a coach with a few other people. It was the third from the last one. There were some elderly women in the coach.

"When the train was in between Parkie and Braamfontein, more than a dozen men armed with 'jungles' (long, sharp, knives) entered," said Kubeka.

The gang ordered all the men in the coach to stay still as they forced women to perform indecent sexual acts.

"These were elderly women, so you can just imagine a young man doing that to your own mother," he said.

Kubeka was wearing an expensive leather jacket and trousers.

A crowded train. Suddenly, a dozen men pull out knives

"I knew I was going to be told to remove my clothes. When the train reached Braamfie, I surged towards the door and jumped out.

"I am not a staffrider, but I became one that night. One of them tried to grab me but it was too late."

Kubeka later struggled to convince the policemen at the station that he was escaping from thugs.

"They thought I was playing staff, and wanted to arrest me, but later one of them understood," he said.

Later Kubeka took a train to Nancefield which had some policemen in it. He does not know what happened to his fellow passengers in the other train.

Township gangsters are becoming bolder, and armed hold-ups of entire coach-loads of train passengers are not uncommon. MZIMKULU MALUNGA reports

A woman who chose to remain anonymous told the *Weekly Mail* that a similar incident occurred in a late evening train to Vereeniging. A group of armed men invaded a coach and forced women to perform sexual acts with them. This time it was train

number 0772.

The gang, according to the woman, also robbed people of clothes and money.

She says the thugs were on the look out for wedding rings, expensive shoes, leather clothes and other expensive items.

Some three to four years ago such incidents were virtually unheard of, when the youth of the 1980s — the comrades — rooted out crime on the trains. Criminals vanished and commuters felt safe to travel.

The comrades had effectively taken control of the trains and all ticket examiners were chased out of the township stations which meant that a per-

son could travel from Naledi to Mzimhlophe without a ticket.

They brought an end to dangerous games such as "finder, finder" — a common game played on trains.

"Finder, finder" was a card game in which a person, called "the finder", had to look for the correct card. Bets were placed on his actions. If the card was correctly identified the gamblers had to give "the finder" money.

The game was most often coordinated by a group of people who pretended to be strangers. Passengers would then be tricked into believing the game to be a fair one. However, the unsuspecting "finder" would find it virtually impossible to win and when he tried to protest would discover the game was run by a gang.

The "finder" was subjected to threats if he did not stop protesting.

The thugs have changed their methods. Now they don't try to cheat a potential victim of his money, they simply order the person to hand it over.

Before they strike, the gang sends out one or two members, who mingle with the commuters, to identify potential victims in each coach.

The reconnaissance team report back to the main group.

Once they are convinced that there are no policemen and have identified their targets, they strike.

A representative of the South African Transport Services says: "Sats is aware of the problem, but as it is crime, it falls under the South African Police. We do work in close co-operation with the police to help them solve the problem."

She says regular meetings are held between police and Sats officials to discuss the problem.

Colonel Frans Malherbe says this is an ongoing thing. "There is always crime on trains."

Asked whether the police are doing anything to prevent crime on trains he says: "The police do what they have always been doing — that is going into trains and preventing these things from happening."

He says no statistics have been compiled of the incidents which occur in trains since these travel through various police districts.

"Records of these incidents are not kept in one police station."

But Malherbe says it is impossible for the police to cover all the trains.

According to Captain Eugene Opperman, the crime rate on trains maintains a constant rate.

He said the police were not aware of crimes such as the one mentioned above and appealed to the public to assist the police by reporting such incidents.

Rollers in for tough time

By SELLO SERIPE

ABOUT 3 000 pupils from several high schools in Soweto met at Veritas High School in Meadowlands on Friday to air grievances against gangsters.

The notorious Jackroller gang was strongly condemned by students and the National Education Union of SA (Neusa).

The meeting followed an announcement earlier this week by Soweto SAP press officer Maj Noel Hartwell that a Special Unit had been established to deal with gangsters, and that four men claiming to be Jackrollers had been arrested.

Though police entered the school premises and issued warnings to disperse twice, they left after a while and the meeting continued.

Former emergency detainee Pamela Majodina said the meeting was held to air grievances. "We call on the gang to disband immediately."

Concerned Diepkloof Parents Committee spokesman Dan Maimane said a parents' meeting on Thursday night decided that boycotting pupils go back to school on Monday, and that parent/teacher committees be formed to protect pupils and teachers against aggression.

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Ex-mayor, clerk convicted of theft

By MARTIN NTSOELNGOE

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A FORMER Thokoza mayor and a town clerk were convicted of stealing R677,326 by a Johannesburg Regional Court magistrate this week.

Ex-mayor Lebetho Gerald Mmamabolo, 45, of Thokoza, and former town clerk Doris Dikeledi Thinane, 43, of Soweto, were found to have committed the theft in June.

Mmamabolo told magistrate IJJ Luther he intended calling a councillor to testify that more than R160,000 was recovered.

Although the magistrate said the recovery of the R160,000 was irrelevant to the theft charges, he granted a postponement.

Mmamabolo is on R2,000 bail.

Thinane, a social worker, said she was willing to serve her sentence doing community work.

She added that she was a divorcee supporting three children and her 70-year-old father.

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Families living in fear

A WAVE of terror which has left a family homeless and two others living in fear for their lives is sweeping through Orlando West in Soweto.

A group of armed men who have attacked the same families on two consecutive Thursdays struck again last week.

They claimed to be looking for people who they alleged were members of a rival gang they held responsible for the death of one of their members.

The occupants were held up at gun-point while the group helped themselves to food and took away furniture.

The house that was left with damage estimated at thousands of rands is that of Soweto socialite Mrs Dumile Nkosi of 8846 Mda Street.

The house was looted before being set alight.

"The gang attacked at about 10 pm while I was listening to the news on the radio," said Mr F Magugumela, a neighbour whose house is attached to Nkosi's.

"I heard the shattering of windows and went out to investigate but was turned back by gunfire. Suddenly the house was ablaze. I was helpless as I was afraid to go out. I

By KENOSI
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and groceries.

The group fired two shots, one through the back door keyhole and the other through the window. No one was injured.

Police could not be reached for comment.

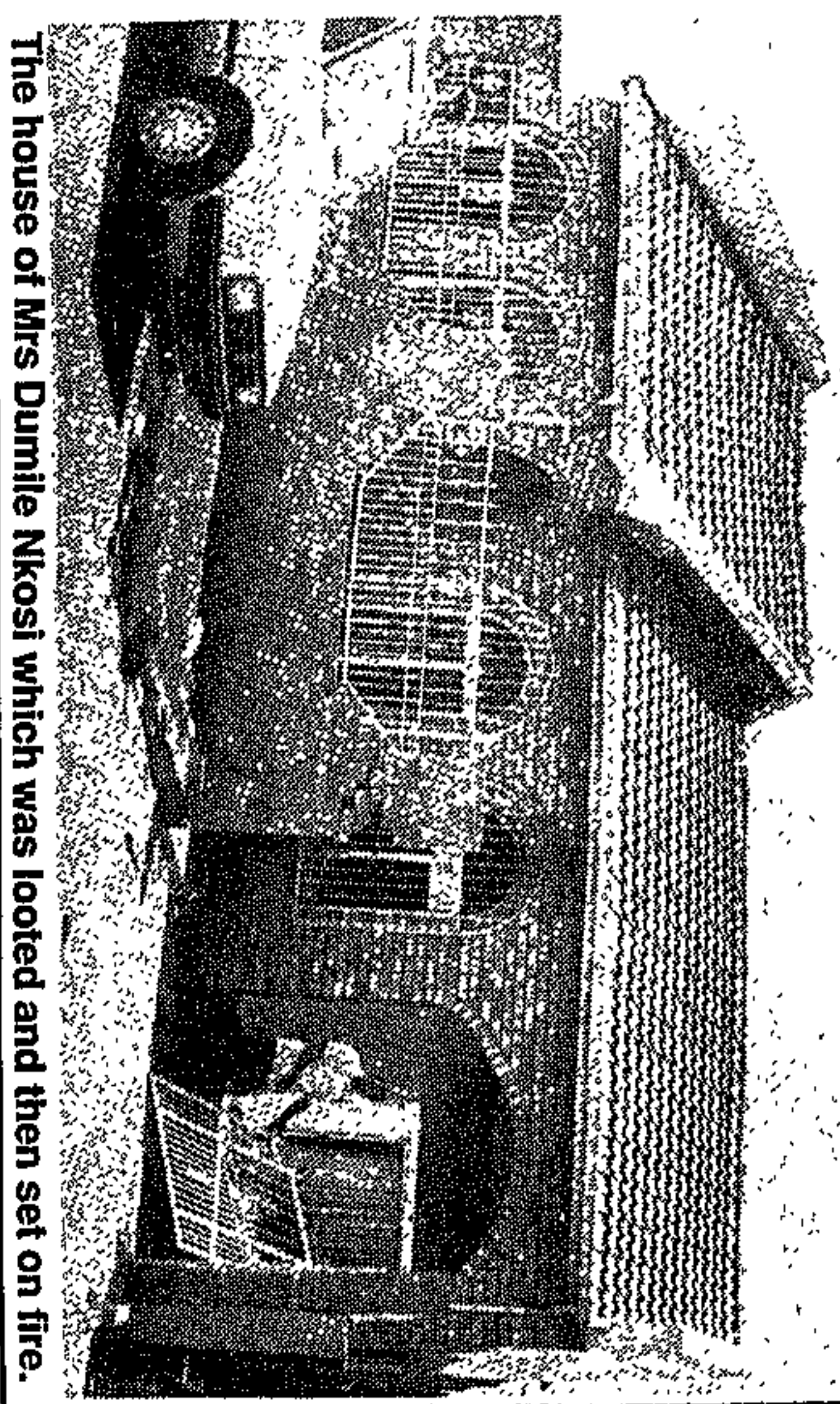
However, a Sowetan reporter was present when Zici laid charges at the police station in Meadowlands.

was worried that my house would also catch fire because it is attached to Dumile's," added Magugumela.

The first house to be attacked was that of 80-year-old pensioner Mr Job Thanzwane. He was also held at gun-point while the house was ransacked.

A TV set, a hi-fi set and linen were removed.

Fifteen minutes later the gang struck at Mr Mzwandile Zici's home where they took furniture



The house of Mrs Dumile Nkosi which was looted and then set on fire.

Man is charged with 14 counts of murder

Own Correspondent

Jan KLERKSDORP — A man appeared in the circuit court yesterday on charges of 14 counts of murder and one of attempted murder.

Mr David Motshekgwa (45) pleaded not guilty to all the charges.

The State alleges that Mr Motshekgwa attempted to murder Mrs Stompie Phika in February last year.

In his earlier plea explanation, Mr Motshekgwa said he had fled from Weskoppies Hospital. He came to Klerksdorp where he had argued with a woman in a flat. They argued and he hit and kicked the woman.

"I then saw that she lay still. I realised that she was dead and I ran away," he said.

The hearing continues.

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Organ murder accused sobs about ex-wife

By Cathy Stagg

While Mr. Victor John Lawrence was fatally assaulting Miss San-Marie Kleynhans, he kept shouting his former wife's nickname, the Rand Supreme Court heard.

Yesterday the trial resumed before Mr. Justice Irving Steyn and two assessors. At the start of the trial last month, Mr. Lawrence (24) pleaded not guilty to raping and murdering Miss Kleynhans (19).

He admitted that he assaulted her in a half-built house in Boksburg North on September 24 but said he was under the influence of alcohol and drugs.

Mr. Lawrence testified that he met the woman he was to marry after he came out of jail for motorbike theft. Lindy, as he calls her, was pregnant but he married her because he loved her. He intended to adopt the child but heard she and the child's father had registered the birth together.

He said he went straight home and tried to kill himself.

He described hitting his wife because she continued the relationship with the child's father.

Describing how he came home to their empty flat, Mr. Lawrence began to cry.

"I had a nervous breakdown. I went to Weskoppies and asked for treatment in February last year," he said.

He said Lindy telephoned and said he should come home, so he climbed through a window. Everything went well.

after a couple of weeks they had a row about the child. He hit her and she left him again. Then he saw her walking with the baby's father. That evening he went to meet her.

She did not want to go with him to the boarding house, he said, so he hit her until she did. Soon afterwards she laid a charge of indecent assault.

Yesterday Mr. Lawrence said although he had been convicted of indecent assault, he had not committed the crime. He said his testimony — that he had got the idea for the type of assault from looking at pornography — was a lie.

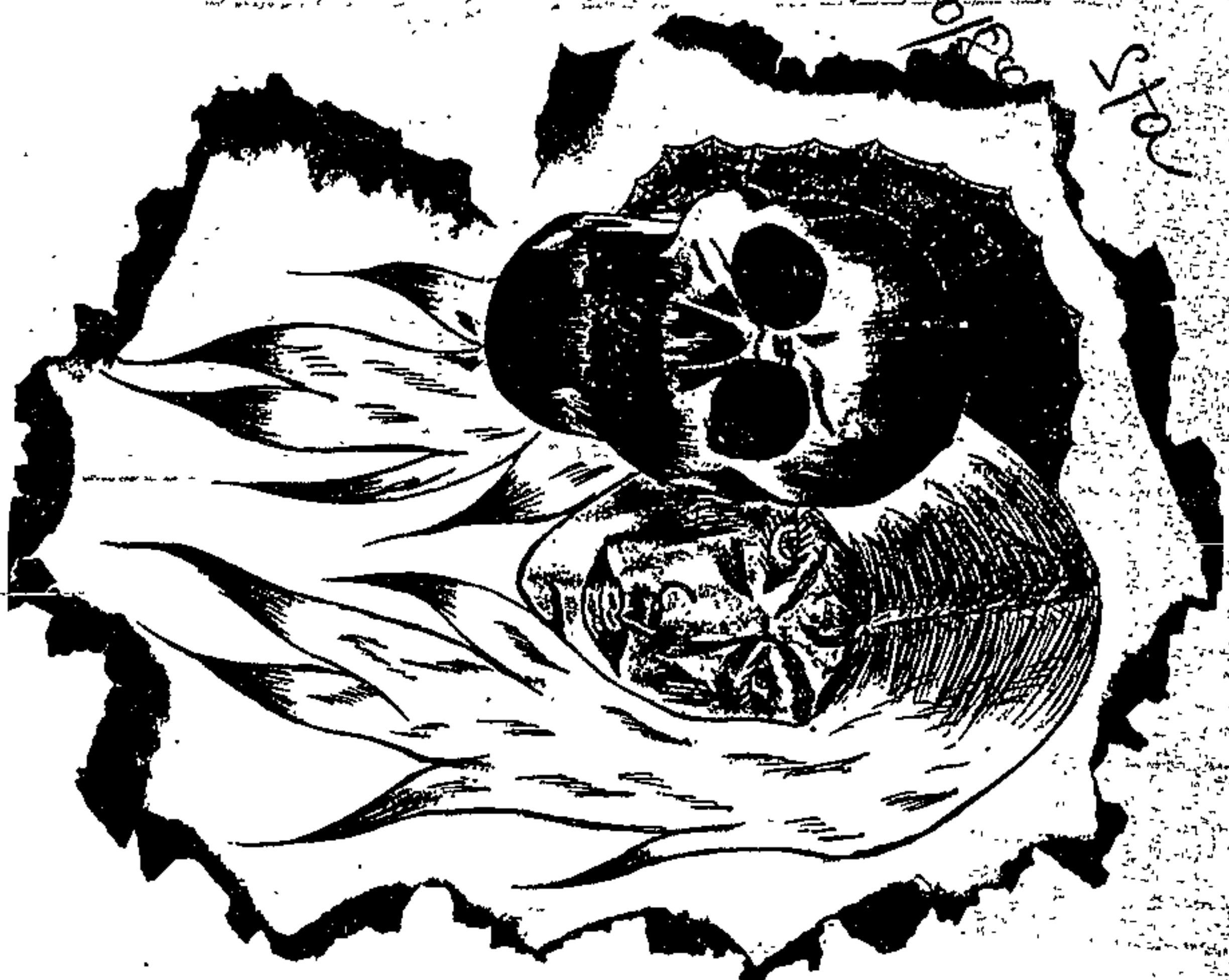
Asked to speak up

During the evidence in chief, his pro deo counsel, Mr. G. Eichhorn, asked Mr. Lawrence what went through his mind as he assaulted Miss Kleynhans. His answers were so soft that he was repeatedly asked to speak up.

After repeated questioning Mr. Lawrence suddenly yelled: "Stop it," and his head sank on to his arms and he sobbed.

The court adjourned until he had composed himself. Later he said he had kept calling Lindy's name as he assaulted Miss Kleynhans.

During the earlier part of the trial, the court heard that the cause of Miss Kleynhans's death was the removal of organs and muscle. The type of injury made it impossible to say whether sex had taken place. The trial is proceeding.



Court sees images of horror

This drawing is from a set handed into the Rand Supreme Court yesterday as part of the evidence in the trial of Mr. Victor John Lawrence, who drew this one and others containing skulls and weapons such as axes while at Weskoppies hospital. The court heard that he went to Weskoppies in February last year because of a "nervous breakdown" and absconded in March because his wife telephoned and said he must come home. In August he was re-admitted to Weskoppies after allegedly indecently assaulting his wife and left of his own accord a week later after refusing treatment. In December he was admitted to Weskoppies for the third time. Throughout these three periods he kept on drawing.

Naked body on koppie 'shown to detective'

Own Correspondent

KLERKSDORP — Mr David Motshekgwa, charged with the murder of 14 women, showed a detective where he had hidden the naked body of a woman on a koppie, the circuit court heard yesterday.

Captain E B Joubert, commander of the Stilfontein detective branch, said in court yesterday that on July 18 last year Mr Motshekgwa (45) showed him where he had burnt the clothes of a woman at the koppie near Swart Street in Old Town.

About 40 m higher up there were corrugated iron sheets. Mr Motshekgwa told him he had slept there.

"Slightly to the left I saw branches. We went closer and I asked Mr Motshekgwa to lift the branches. I saw the naked body of a woman there.

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He told me there was greater evil than what he had done.

"I understood that he meant there were more such cases. It looked as if he was counting with his fingers. He counted on all 10 fingers. He did not amplify where the other cases were," Captain Joubert testified.

Mr Motshekgwa appeared before Mr Justice W J Hartzenberg and two assessors.

He has pleaded not guilty to 14 charges of murder and one of attempted murder between January 5 and June 30, last year.

The reports of two psychologists, Dr S E Salmond of Sterkfontein Hospital and Dr Z Wolf of Johannesburg, that Mr Motshekgwa was accountable for his actions, were handed to the court.

The hearing continues.

Quote case postponed

By Celeste Louw

The case in which the publishers and the editor of *New Nation* newspaper stand accused of

Bishops Publishing Company and Mr Gabu Tugwana quoted Mr Harry Gwala between December 1 and Decem-

6 000 gold coins missing — witness

More than 6 000 Krugerrand gold coins, allegedly bought with part of the proceeds of the R47 million Trust Bank fraud, could still not be traced by police, a Johannesburg Regional Court was told yesterday.

Major William Deerans was testifying at the trial of Mr Ivan Handel (45) of Johannesburg who has pleaded not guilty to a charge of fraud involving Krugerrands valued at more than R10 million.

It is alleged that Mr Handel had pretended during police investigations into the R47 million fraud that he had been involved in only one transaction of 2 000 Krugerrands.

The trial continues. — Staff Reporter

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Mystery death (28) probed

Staff Reporter

A 63-year-old Soweto man died of unknown causes on Monday after a "business" meeting with a Rivonia man.

Police yesterday said Mr Mathews Mbatha of Senu Road, Orlando West, went to a house in River Road, Rivonia, Sandton, with three friends apparently to discuss business with a man who lived there.

The home-owner apparently greeted the men in a friendly way, then went to another room, returned with a gun and ordered them to leave.

As the men left, there was a scuffle between Mr Mbatha and the home-owner. A shot went off but no one was injured.

The four men jumped into the vehicle and drove off. They ended up in a cul-de-sac.

As they stopped the minibus, four shots were fired behind them and the men fled. When they returned later, they found Mr Mbatha dead next to the vehicle.

Police, who are investigating, said it did not appear that he had been shot.



Mr Callie Kleynhans, the father of the murdered teenager, leaving the Rand Supreme Court with his wife Aline, San-Marie's step-mother. ● Picture by Ken Oosterbroek.

I didn't want to kill her – accused

By Cathy Stagg

"I didn't want to kill her," shouted Mr Victor Lawrence in court yesterday during cross-examination in his trial on charges of the rape and murder of Miss San Marie Kleynhans.

Mr E du Toit, SC, for the State, said he must have intended at least to injure the young woman very seriously. Mr Lawrence (24) denied this.

He is appearing in the Rand Supreme Court before Mr Justice Irving Steyn and two assessors and has pleaded not guilty to both charges. He has admitted assaulting Miss Kleynhans (19) in the early hours of September 24 last year, but said he was under the influence of alcohol and drugs.

Yesterday it was put to him there was no mention of his alleged drug and alcohol addiction in any of the statements he made before the trial started. He denied he had made up the story of his addictions.

It was also suggested he had altered his version of events as the trial progressed to make it

fit in with medical evidence.

Mr du Toit said Mr Lawrence initially said he and Miss Kleynhans shared eight beers at the East Rand Hotel. Later he said she had sipped his drink.

At this point, while being questioned by Mr du Toit, Mr Lawrence demanded: "Listen, sir, were you there that day?"

Mr du Toit said he was merely comparing the various versions Mr Lawrence had put before the court.

BUNCH OF LIES

Mr Lawrence said some of his earlier statements were "a bunch of lies". He had given the psychiatrists who examined him different versions too, he said, because he was scared.

He cried several times while being questioned about the injuries inflicted on Miss Kleynhans. She died from having organs removed, the court has heard. He said he did not want to look at photographs of her.

Mr Lawrence accepted that Miss Kleynhans had died when he left her in a half-built house

in Boksburg North.

He said he had become angry because she said "something which seemed to be that his wife was a whore". Mr du Toit said Mr Lawrence's plea explanation left no doubt about the alleged insult to Mr Lawrence's former wife.

Mr du Toit put it to him that as he and Miss Kleynhans walked home, he pulled her into the empty house and in that struggle broke her chain and crucifix, later found on the pavement near the house.

Then, Mr du Toit said, Mr Lawrence wanted to force her to have sex in the bathroom. She refused; he hit her until she was unconscious, cut her with a knife and did not stop assaulting her until he was sure she was dead.

After answering "I don't know" to each step of the State's version, Mr Lawrence suddenly shouted: "I didn't want to kill her."

Mr G Eichhorn, appearing pro deo for Mr Lawrence, did not re-examine. The trial is expected to resume at 10 am today.

Brother's ^{shot} killing 'not intended' ³⁸

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By Louise Burgers

A Johannesburg security guard who allegedly shot dead his 17-year-old step-brother over his relationship with their step-sister did not intend to kill, the Rand Supreme Court heard yesterday.

Mr Andrew Krause (24) of West Turffontein has pleaded not guilty to murdering Christian James Krause on May 18 last year.

Mr Krause's sister, Mrs Yvette Hollenbach, said feelings were running high between her brother and step-brother at the time of the incident.

Mr Krause accused his step-brother of having a relationship with their step-sister, Mrs Martha van Rooyen (24).

Shortly after the argument between the two brothers on the telephone, Christian arrived at the house. Mr Krause allegedly fired four shots, one hitting Christian in the head.

"I don't think he intended to shoot Christian. He was very concerned afterwards and said he was sorry," Mrs Hollenbach said.

The case continues.

Alleged killers were 'looking for hideout'

By Louise Burgers

Two men charged with the murder of Dr Abu-Baker Asvat said they were looking for a place to hide because they had killed a Soweto doctor, a witness told the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

The witness, who may not be identified for his own protection, went to the police with this information.

Two men were arrested in a Soweto hostel shortly after Dr Asvat was found with two gunshot wounds in his Rockville surgery on January 27, this year.

Mr Zakhele Mbatha (21) and Mr Thulani Shelela Dlamini (20) have pleaded not guilty to murder, to two counts of robbery, two counts of illegal possession of a firearm and two counts of unlawful possession of ammunition.

APPEARED ON TELEVISION

The witness said the two men came to him and asked for a place to hide because the police were looking for them.

"They told me they killed a doctor in Rockville. They said they had appeared on television and in the newspapers and needed somewhere to stay."

The witness said the two accused told him they could not return home to Natal, because they had robbed a shop there. He denied that he hated the accused because they belonged to a rival faction in Natal, where he grew up with them.

Earlier a pathologist, Dr Vernon Kemp, said Dr Asvat would have died within minutes due to the seriousness of his wounds.

Mr Floyd Tshabalala, a medical orderly in a passing ambulance which chased two men running from Dr Asvat's consulting rooms shortly after the shooting, pointed out Mr Dlamini as being one of the men.

The hearing continues.

Some will quit, others to face township rage

PAT DEVEREAUX

A TWO-WEEK residents' deadline for the disbanding of notorious Soweto gangs, which have been responsible for large-scale crime in the township schools, expired this week.

By Thursday some of the gangs had met residents' committees. But other gangs have been warned that "strong action" will be taken against their members who do not agree to co-operate, according to the Soweto Civic Association's (SCA) anti-crime committee.

"We have made it clear to these gangsters to dismantle their structures immediately as it is becoming increasingly difficult for us to deal with them crudely," said a spokesman.

Deep trouble

He said local civic associations had met gang members from the Ma Japan and the JVC gangs which operate in the Primville area and held discussions on their disbanding.

"We believe it is possible they will disband or else they could find themselves in deep trouble if residents take action against them. Most are youngsters who must be reintegrated into youth structures and rehabilitated."

He said residents believed the setting of a deadline for gangs to disband had caused a decline in gang activities.

However, one gang, the Jack Rollers, continues to be a problem. At least nine pupils have been seriously injured in a wave of battles between pupils and members of the Jack Rollers gang in Diepkloof.

Violence erupted after a Makhane High School pupil Thelma Kutwane (18) was run over by a car allegedly belonging to gang members.

Pupils apparently then went out to seek revenge and some were injured by shots. The most recent attack was

on restricted Soweto Students Congress (Sosco) member Archie Mahuleka who was shot at by gang members.

In reaction to the gang harassment at certain schools, Sosco said it had decided to suspend classes at the Diepdale, Naledi, Bopa Senatia, Immaculata, Isicebe, Fidelitas and Makhane high schools which have been made targets by the gangsters.

Meanwhile gangs have re-emerged on township-bound trains in recent months, according to commuters. A number of commuters have told of how armed gangs had robbed passengers in coaches of their clothes, money and jewellery and forced some women to perform indecent sexual acts.

They had even raped them. Another gang-related activity was the large scale theft of vehicles. A Post Office employee working in Soweto said in the past month at least five vehicles had been stolen by gangs.

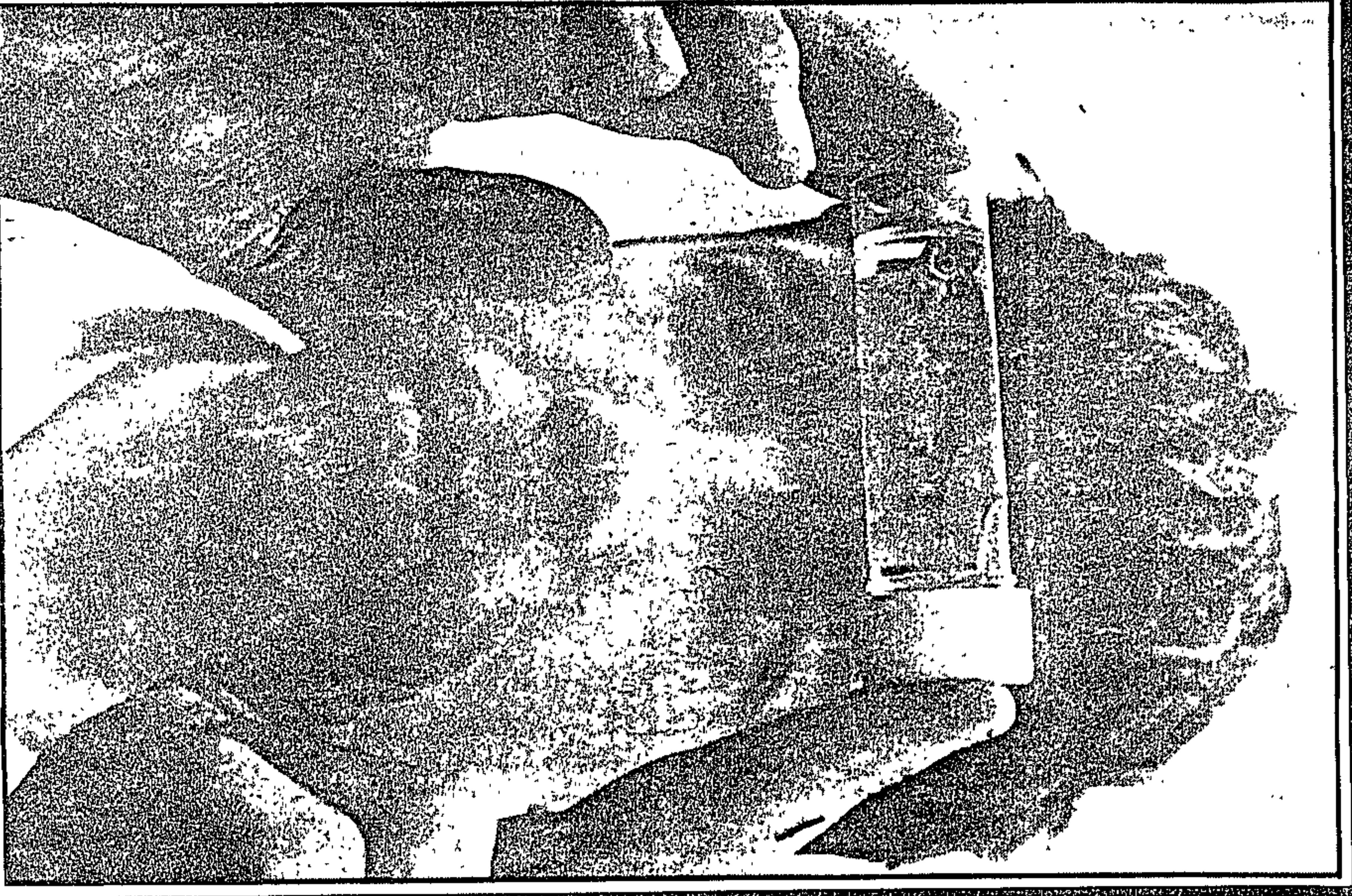
"On Wednesday this week a post office employee was attacked by a panga wielding gang. They took his vehicle and drove off with it," he said.

Major Noel Hartwell said: "Police have formed a special unit to investigate violence at Soweto schools and have already arrested 108 suspects and opened 50 case dockets which included rape, assaults, five murders as well as 12 cases of public violence in schools."

He added that the special police unit investigating these cases was formed four weeks ago for more continuity in police investigations.

"Many residents don't come forward and therefore we can't emphasise information given will be regarded as confidential," he said.

Anyone with information can phone Colonel F Geyser at (011) 990-8120, ext 245.



ROACH RECORD. Fisheries assistant Nick Brombridge holds one of the thousands of baby roach being caught in the canals of Norfolk. A survey of the area has found a record increase in spawning of the fish due to the hot summer in England.

Lab test charges in line with set tariffs, say funds

TONI YOUNGHUSBAND
Medical Reporter

FEWER than 10 percent of private laboratories apparently charged above the gazetted tariff for medical tests, medical and administrators claimed this week.

In response to Health Minister Dr Rina Venter's allegations that some private labs were "profiteering" from tests, medical aid schemes said they had had few complaints.

Mr Les Hollis, of Medscheme, said 95 percent of payouts to pathologists last year were in line with tariffs laid down by the Medical Association of South Africa. "I don't see where the profiteering comes in."

Dr Venter said at a conference in Johannesburg earlier this week that the cost of laboratory investigations formed a disproportionately high percentage of the total health costs. She expressed concern about a lack of quality control at these institutions.

Mr Hollis and a spokesman for the National Medical and Dental Association (Namda) said the blame should perhaps be apportioned to doctors rather than the pathologists.

Solely on referrals

"The pathologists perform tests solely on referrals from doctors and I believe that doctors may order a whole string of tests without thinking of the cost involved," the Namda spokesman said.

There had, however, been a significant increase in the number of tests performed this year compared to the same period last year.

Statistics compiled by Medscheme showed that over a four-month period the number of tests had gone up 32,86 percent.

Mr Hollis said more tests were being requested but that seemed to be the fault of the doctor. A spokesman for Medicaid medical administrators said there appeared to be a greater demand for tests.

Dr Tjaart Erasmus, of the National Pathology Group of the Masa, said pathology practices were highly cost-incentive. A survey conducted by the University of Pretoria in 1987/88 found that overhead costs in private pathology practices averaged 84 percent.

Laboratory technologists have claimed that if they were allowed to operate their own laboratories, costs would be reduced. They said technicians did 99 percent of testing anyway and a pathologist usually only signed the test report at the end.



Some of the 20 municipal policeman who have complained of ill-treatment. They are (back-row) Ben Lipholo, Stephen Ramokhall and David Seroto. (Front-
 row) Sibaya, Abram Thaele, Zacharia Xaba, James Manganyi and Petrus Kollisang.

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Week ends on a very high note

By PHANGISILE MTSHALI

NATION Building Week yesterday ended on a cultural note when a mass choir of more than a 1000 voices sang

me grow. It was aimed at the growth of our people, for them to seize opportunities and exert themselves. We hope we have created the spirit of usefulness and fuelled our people to be in-

TWENTY Lekoa municipal policemen yesterday claimed that senior white municipal officers and a former town council official were involved in a sex-for-jobs rack-

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No clue to Zungu's killers

26/10/89 By Abel Mushi

The son of murdered socialite and businessman Mr Joseph "Gagani" Zungu (62), of Mofolo North, Soweto, who was shot dead while visiting friends in Dube on Friday, said yesterday the family had no clue as to who the murderers were or what the motive behind the act was.

Mr Vusi Zungu (38) said the only information the family had on the killers was that they sped away in a white kombi.

The late Mr Zungu was shot six times while having supper at a friend's home, by three armed men wearing balaclavas.

Mr Zungu is survived by his wife Christina (56), two sons and a daughter and three grandchildren.

Soweto police are still investigating.

Mr Zungu will be buried at Nquthu in Vryheid, Natal, on Saturday.

Police hunt for killers of shop manager

By Anna Louw, East Rand Bureau
East Rand Murder and Robbery Squad
detectives have launched a manhunt
for the four killers of an Alberton
wholesale store manager.

The robbers are also being sought in
connection with the fatal shooting last
month of a factory foreman in Alrode,
Alberton.

A police spokesman said Mr Daniel
Frederick Kruger (50) was shot in the
head at close range on Tuesday. He
died in the Willem Cruywagen Hospital
in Germiston several hours later.

According to the spokesman, the four
men, one with a gun and the other
three armed with knives and pangas,
entered the store in Volschenk Street,
Alrode, at 2.30 pm. They approached
Mr Kruger and demanded money.

Before Mr Kruger could react, the
gunman shot him in the head at close
range.

The robbers grabbed R11 000 cash
from a safe and fled in a yellow 1985
Cressida, registration KKC 114 T.

● On September 29, Mr Dave Buxton
(34), foreman at an engineering firm in
Alrode, was gunned down at close
range.

By HAPPY ZONDI

A SIX-YEAR-OLD child told Springs Magistrate HW Hoffman how a man did "snakse" things to her while she was on her way to buy chips at a shop.

Amos Mbatha, 36, was this week sentenced to seven years for attempted rape.

The child, who is a sub pupil, earlier testified that Mbatha had approached her and taken her to a house in the neighbourhood.

She said Mbatha then told her if she took her panties off and lay down,

Man gets seven years for attempted rape of 6 year old

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he would accompany her to the shop.

She told the court that Mbatha then pulled down his trousers and did "snakse" things to her.

She said although she did not know what he was doing, she felt pain and

cried.

Another witness, Lettie Nxumalo, told the court she saw Mbatha lying in a strange position. She said when she approached him he stood and pulled up his zip.

Nxumalo said when she

saw the child getting up, she started screaming for help as she realised the child had been raped.

Witness Marcus Ntambeni told the court that when he heard screaming he came to see what was happening. He saw Mba-

tha pulling up his zip and the child pulling up her panties and running away.

The doctor asked to conduct tests after the incident told the court he found traces of sperm in the child, but penetration did not take place.

Passing sentence, Hoffman said Mbatha was fortunate penetration did not take place, for he could have easily sentenced him to 10 years.

Mbatha, who has a record of nine crimes since 1971, said he did not remember when last he was employed.

Soweto police arrest 600

SOWETO police working long and arduous hours arrested more than 600 people for various crimes in the township last week.

Spokesman for the police Major Noel Hartwell, attributed the arrests to co-operation between the various police stations and good detective work.

The breakdown of the arrests is as follows:

Twenty-four were arrested for murder, 24 for armed robbery, 33 for housebreaking, 31 for ordinary thefts, 16 for thefts of motor cars, 113 for assaults, 31 for possession of dagga, six for possession of mandrax-tablets, 22 for malicious damage to property, 20 for ordinary robberies, five for armed robberies, 74 for dealing in liquor without licences, six for arson, five for crimen injuria and three for fraud.

R1-m theft is allegeded

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THE Mamelodi City Council has laid charges of theft against several white officials who allegedly stole 29 transformers and other electrical equipment valued at nearly R1 million.

Mr Zikhali Ndlazi, the mayor, yesterday said the charges followed complaints from council employees said to have witnessed the alleged thefts.

Ndlazi said that the council would hold a special meeting today to discuss the alleged theft of council property and to take action against the suspects.

A spokesman for the South African Police con-



Mayor Zikhali Ndlazi

firmed that the council had laid charges against certain white officials in connection with the al-

leged theft of transformers and other electrical equipment valued at R883 793.

The transformers were allegedly stolen during the period January to June this year.

Police are also investigating allegations that a white official sold quantities of copper wire to a company in Watloo near Mamelodi.

Electric poles removed from the streets during improvements to the electricity network were also allegedly stolen.

12 charged with murder of police

Shebeen queen tells of shooting

By Jovial Rantao

An Atteridgeville shebeen queen said she saw two men acting suspiciously outside her home minutes before one of them opened fire and killed three policemen, the Delmas Circuit Court heard yesterday.

Giving evidence for the State in a trial in which 12 alleged African National Congress (ANC) members have pleaded not guilty to charges of treason, murder and attempted murder, Ms Tikkié Maleka, who ran an illegal shebeen when the incident took place, said Constables Andrew Mphahlele, Barnard Mmope and Nelson Phenyane had arrived at about 9.30 pm on March 18 last year and bought beer.

Socks over faces

They sat outside and drank the beer. After a few minutes Andrew asked me to play some music for them. As I walked to the house I saw two suspicious-looking men, dressed in brown overalls, walking towards my house.

"As they approached my house they pulled what I took to be socks over their faces. One took out a gun and started to fire. I screamed and was hit on my left leg," Ms Maleka testified.

She said she ran into the house and found Constable David Mdawo, who switched off the lights.

After the shooting had stopped they went outside and found the three policemen lying on the ground.

Police and an ambulance were then called.

Earlier in the trial Constable Mdawo told the court he was drinking beer with his three colleagues when they heard gunshots.

He said the shooting happened quickly and he could not tell from which direction the shots came.

Mr Ananias Nkoana (32) of Atteridgeville was also at the shebeen that night and was hit in the testicles. He said as the result of the injury he was now unable to make love to his wife.

Recounting that day's events, Mr Nkoana said he had been sitting outside Ms Maleka's house when two men appeared from behind a kombi.

"They stood directly opposite us, pulled down their hats and one of them started firing. I don't know what happened after that because I passed out," said Mr Nkoana, who spent three weeks in hospital.

Constable Robert Vukele (23), who was sent out to the scene of the incident, said they were told that an AK-47 assault rifle had been used.

He said he followed a blood spoor which led him to a shack in one of the houses in Moloantoa Street, Atteridgeville. At the gate empty cartridges were found. Three overalls were later found hidden under flowers next to the shack, he said.

Constable P W Botha testified that Constable Vukele had handed him the empty cartridges and the overalls. One of the pairs of overalls, which had a hole and some blood, was submitted to the Police Forensic Department for further investigation, Constable Botha testified.

The accused are: Mr Godfrey Mokube (41), Mr Francis Pitso (24), Mr George Mathe (21), Mr Ernest Ramadite (24), Mr Johannes Maleka (25), Mr Peter Maluleka (34), Mr Bernad Mokgonyana (26), Mr Joseph Nkosi (29), Mr Reuben Khotso (23), Mr Reginald Legodi (22), Mr Alfred Kgasi (25) and Mr Rodney Toka (25).

Mr Justice J van der Merwe is sitting with two assessors, Mr J J. Booyens and Mr A C van Schalkwyk.

The hearing continues.

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Squatters spurn their new home

By SONTI
MASEKO

DISGRUNTLED Mshenguville residents will march to the home of former Soweto mayor Mr Ephraim Tshabalala to protest against their removal to Orange Farm and to demand that he honour alleged promises he made about building the houses.

At a meeting called by the Masakhane Mshenguville Shacks Committee, members said they would present a letter to him giving their reasons for rejecting Orange Farm.

A copy of the letter would also be handed to Soweto mayor Mr Sam Mkhwanazi.

Residents said for over six years they had supported Tshabalala and the Sefasonke Party by votes and donations and that they were promised houses in Soweto.

"After waiting for six years they want to move us from shack to shack. We want Tshabalala to give us an explanation."

Last month, scores of families left Soweto's massive squatter camp of more than 3 000 families to settle at Orange Farm near Vereeniging, a piece of land secured for them by the Soweto Council.

Mkhwanazi said there was no other place in Soweto where the council could settle the Mshenguville families.

A spokesman for the committee said the number of families leaving for

Orange Farm was dwindling. He said most people were returning to their old homes as they found Orange Farm unsuitable.

Transport was expensive, the place had no facilities like clinics, graveyards and schools and residents spent a lot of money on transport for children who attended schools in Soweto.

Other squatter families have resolved not to leave Mshenguville.

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Young shopkeeper shot in face

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A Germiston shopkeeper was shot in the face after a hold-up by three gunmen at the weekend.

A police spokesman said Mr Stewart Dosramos (24) was approached by the men about 8 pm on Sunday.

One fired at Mr Dosramos at close range. He fired back but missed.

Police have arrested three men.

Mr Dosramos is in a satisfactory condition in Willem Cruywagen Hospi-

tal in Germiston.

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● In Kempton Park yesterday, the manager of a cash-and-carry store, a Mr du Plessis, was hit on the head by five robbers. They took R40 000.

Armed with guns and knives, they ordered Mr du Plessis to open a safe, then assaulted him.

They drove away from the premises in a beige Toyota Cressida.

Anyone with information should contact the East Rand Murder and Robbery Squad at (011)845-2820.

5 robbers held in supermarket shooting

By Karen Stander
and Anna Louw

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A gang of robbers abandoned their getaway vehicle and fled on foot after the gunman carrying the vehicle keys was wounded and arrested in a shootout with security guards at Checkers in Eastgate yesterday morning.

Five of the six gunmen, who had robbed a supermarket of R25 000 and had shot and wounded three security guards, were apprehended. One is being treated in the Boksburg-Benoni Hospital for a bullet wound in the leg. The sixth is still at large.

Police recovered all but R1 200 of the money snatched.

Mr Patrick Nungu, a security guard for Edgars store, said he was passing the Checkers staff entrance on his way to work yesterday about 7.30 am when an-

other security guard told him that a robbery was in progress. The man had been inside the store, but had slipped out of a side door.

"I saw three security guards running and shouting near the entrance just as a group of men came out of the building. The first man was carrying a paper bag. I grabbed the second one by the belt. The first one was trying to pull out his gun."

He said the robbers and the security guards started shooting.

"I looked around and saw the two security guards were lying wounded on the ground. As the men tried to run away I shot one robber in the leg and again in the arm and then he fell."

The other gunmen were forced to flee on foot as the one arrested by him was carrying the keys of their vehicle.

A Bedfordview traffic officer, Mr Clive Dickinson (29), arrested two of the gunmen after they pointed a firearm at him. Mr David Lekhatu, of the Bedfordview Council's security department, arrested two others.

Police said the men had entered the Checkers store and held up Mr Gary Musikanth (32). They took R25 800 and fled.

Security guard Mr Shane Shelver (20) was shot twice in the left leg, Mr Anton Hall (23) was wounded in the left shoulder and Mr Alan Vosloo (23) was wounded in the right thigh.

They were admitted to Milpark Hospital in Johannesburg.

Police took possession of two pistols and a revolver and recovered most of the money.

Detectives from the East Rand Murder and Robbery Squad are searching for the sixth suspect.

R218 000 P O theft charge

A POST Office clerk who allegedly stole 90000 US dollars valued at R218000 appeared in the Johannesburg Regional Court this week on two counts of theft.

Mr Harrison Pholoholo (25) of Kagiso II, Krugersdorp, pleaded not guilty before the mag-

istrate, Mr J J B Esterhuizen to having stolen the amount in July last year.

The state alleges that Pholoholo, who was a counter clerk at the Rissik post office stole the dollars which were posted in envelopes by Rennie's Travel Agency to Durban

and Cape Town on July 18 and 25 last year.

According to the charge sheet Pholoholo stole 60 000 dollars posted to Cape Town and Durban on July 18 and 30 000 dollars posted to Durban on July 25. The value of the amount stolen is R218 231 79.

Electrician shot dead in Soweto

A WHITE electrician was yesterday shot dead in front of his co-workers by two black assailants in Dobsonville, Soweto, who sped off in a stolen car.

The 46-year-old man, whose name has not been released, was attacked while wiring a house in Dobsonville Extension 3.

His assailants arrived at the house pretending to be beggars.

A spokesman for the Soweto police said one of the dead man's co-workers said the two men approached him and asked for some electrical wires.

He then referred them to the white men while he remained outside the half-finished house. A few minutes after the men entered the house he heard gunfire.

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The two men then left the house and ran to the dead man's car which was parked outside. They had the dead man's keys and tried to drive away. Their attempts were thwarted by the car's immobiliser.

In desperation, the two thugs stopped an oncoming car at gunpoint. They ordered the driver out before driving away in it.

Captain Mikhichane Ngobeni, Soweto police media liaison officer, said charges of murder are being investigated by the

police. No arrests have been made.

He said the men drove away in a Mazda.

Meanwhile, a 35-year-old man of Duduza was attacked by four men in Milpark, Johannesburg, who threatened him with a knife and stole his Isuzu light delivery vehicle worth R20 000.

Firearm

Three of the men drove off in his vehicle and the fourth was arrested with the help of a traffic policeman stationed in Johannesburg.

The car's registration number is MXJ 927T.

In another incident, a 32-year-old man working for a transport company, was confronted by four black men, one with a firearm, at a shop in Jeppe Street, Johannesburg. The men drove his truck to a place near Roodepoort where they forced him out.

The truck is a white Mercedes Benz with registration numbers MPZi006T with a trailer NTB763T with a total value of R190 000.

Guard held after security van robbed

Crime Reporter

Detectives have arrested a security guard and three other suspects — including two awaiting trial for rape — in connection with a R402 000 hold-up of a Fidelity Guards van in Johannesburg last week, a spokesman said.

The arrests were made soon after gunmen held up the van in Devlin on Friday.

Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad detectives launched an intensive investigation and arrested a Fidelity Guards employee and three other suspects in Ennerdale.

The security guard was allegedly at the hold-up scene and was supposedly held up at gunpoint by the robbers.

Detectives have recovered R100 000 of the money and are still searching for the rest.

Two of the suspects were out on bail after allegedly holding up a woman at gunpoint and raping her several months ago.

The four suspects are expected to appear in court today.

Stompie: Richardson accused

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OF THE nine people arrested in connection with the murder of activist Stompie Seipei earlier this year, only a former coach of the Mandela United soccer club, Mr Vusi Richardson was charged with the murder of the 14-year-old boy.

Mr Richardson (41), of Orlando West, heard in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court yesterday that his murder trial would start in the Rand Supreme Court on February 12 1990.

Seven other accused will stand trial in the Protea Magistrate's Court on eight charges each,

including kidnapping and assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm. Their cases were postponed to March 5 1990.

The last accused, Mr Guybon Kubheka (25), will stand trial on only one charge of assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm. His trial will start in the Protea Magistrate's Court on April 29 1990.

Mr Richardson will stand trial on four counts of kidnapping, five counts of assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm, one count of at-

tempted murder and the count of murdering Stompie.

According to the indictment Mr Richardson went with other people to the house of a Methodist clergyman, the Reverend Paul Verry, where Stompie and three other men lived.

Assault

Stompie and the three men, Mr Kenneth Kgase, Mr Barend Mono and Mr Gabriel Mckgane, were allegedly kidnapped and taken to the house of Mrs Winnie Mandela.

The four abducted men were allegedly severely assaulted. It was

alleged that Mr Richardson and the other men hit them in their faces, kicked them, threw them on the ground and then stamped on them.

According to the indictment, Mr Richardson took Stompie away from the Mandela house on January 1 this year. He was not seen alive again.

His badly decomposed body was found in the veld near Noordgesicht on January 6. The cause of his death was "penetrating incised wounds of the neck and subcutaneous contusion."

One of the abducted men, Mr Kgase, allegedly escaped from the Mandel-

la home on January 7 and the two other men were taken to Bishop Peter Storey on January 16, the indictment said.

The fourth count of attempted murder against Mr Richardson relates to an incident on January 3 this year, when a Mr Lerotodi Kaneng was stabbed in the neck with a pair of scissors. Mr Kaneng was allegedly left to die in the veld, but he was found and taken to the Baragwanath hospital.

The eight people who are to stand trial in the Protea Magistrate's Court, were each granted bail of R500. Mr Richardson is in custody.

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Stompie's death — man charged

By Celeste Louw

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ping and assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm.

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Mr Richardson will also be tried on four counts of kidnaping, five of assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm and one of attempted murder.

According to the indictment, Mr Richardson went with other people to the house of Methodist clergyman the Rev Paul Verryn, where Stompie (14) and three men lived. Stompie and the three men — Mr Kenneth Kgase, Mr Barend Mono and Mr

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Body in dry river raises spectre of ritual killing

TENSION has gripped the Pietersburg region of the Northern Transvaal after the suspected ritual killing of a 25-year-old white man.

The partly dismembered body of Mr Johannes Hermanus Labuschagne, a trainee manager for a chain store in Pietersburg, was discovered by black schoolchildren in the dry bed of the Mogwadi River in the Mediorong area, between Pietersburg and Dendron.

By BOETI ESHAK

He was contacted at his home in Pietersburg on 01521-71535. He described the murder as "the most gruesome in many years", adding that Mr Labuschagne was definitely not murdered in the riverbed.

He was partially buried, with the upper half of his body above ground and his throat slit. He was dressed in a tracksuit and T-shirt.

His vehicle, a 1975 or 1976 cream-coloured Dodge Avenger, registration LEB72726, is still missing and police believe the killers may be using it.

Not much is known of Mr Labuschagne. The young bachelor lived alone in a block of flats in Pietersburg. He had apparently arrived in the town only a few days before he was murdered.

Police believe he may originally have been from Tzaneen.

Gruesome

Police from Lebowa and the northern Transvaal have joined forces to track down the killers, using a helicopter last Wednesday in the search.

Major Johan Venter, commander of the murder and robbery unit of the Lebowa police, said: "We are following every possible lead, including the possibility that this may be a ritual killing."

"Certain parts of his body were cut and his throat was slit."

"We appeal to anyone who saw Mr Labuschagne or his vehicle after Sunday to contact the police. He was last seen alive on Sunday."

"The informant can remain anonymous if he wishes."

Major Venter said information could be given to him or to his answering service on 01529-35182. He could also

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Ex-mayor's trial again postponed

FORMER Kagiso mayor Mahutsana Jeremiah Mangope appeared in court again this week on a charge of attempted murder.

Mangope, 54, of Kagiso, was not asked to plead and the case was postponed until November 23.

Mangope, principal of the Athlolang Higher Primary School in Kagiso, allegedly shot Lucas Morobyane on August 8 this year.

Two Dobsonville killers are still on the loose

By JAPIE MOKWENO

A 46-YEAR-OLD white electrician was gunned down by two armed black men in Dobsonville on Wednesday morning.

The two men later tried in vain to flee in the dead man's car.

Hijacked

It would not start and the killers hijacked another car and drove off.

Soweto police public relations officer Cpt Joseph Mkhachani Ngobeni said the white man, Nicholas Scales, was installing electricity at a house in Dobsonville Extension 3.

Two men approached his black assistant and asked to be given some electrical wires.

"The man told them to ask his white superior. The two then walked towards Scales, produced

guns and started firing at him from point-blank range," said Ngobeni.

The man died instantly. "The two ran to his car and tried to start it.

High speed

"The killers then stopped a passing Mazda car and drove off at high speed.

"The two killers are still at large and police are investigating," Ngobeni said.

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Asvat murder: trial starts soon

By Celeste Louw 6/10/89

The trial of the two alleged murderers of former Azapo health secretary Dr Abu-Baker Asvat will start in the Rand Supreme Court on October 16.

An indictment presented to Mr Zakhele Mbatha (21) and Mr Toelane Dlamini (20) by a Johannesburg Court magistrate alleged they shot Dr Asvat in his Rockville, Soweto, surgery on January 27 this year.

It was also alleged the two men robbed Dr Asvat of R140 and that they had illegally been in possession of a firearm and ammunition.

In previous evidence Mr Mbatha told the court he had shot Dr Asvat in his consulting rooms after he had gone there to rob the doctor.

The court heard that Mr Mbatha had shot Dr Asvat in the chest when he grabbed Mr Mbatha's legs. Dr Asvat died from a bullet wound in the chest.

Man robbed of R45 000 after car breaks down

A company employee whose car broke down while he was on his way to a Westonaria bank was robbed of R45 000 in cash yesterday after being shot in the face with a gas pistol.

Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Halgryn, police liaison officer for the West Rand, said Mr Michael Vermeulen was on his way to the bank from Egoli Livestock near Westonaria when his car broke down. Two men stopped to assist him. While they were busy, one took out a gas pistol and fired it into Mr Vermeulen's face.

The men grabbed a briefcase containing R45 000 and fled. Mr Vermeulen fired four shots at them, but it is not known if he hit either, or their vehicle. — West Rand Bureau.

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'Come and help me,' dying man told friend

By Brendan Templeton

Mr Justin John Howe Smith, who was allegedly shot dead by a housemate, telephoned his other housemate minutes after he was shot, a Rand Supreme Court judge heard yesterday.

Mr Gino Allasio was giving evidence in the case where Mr Andrew John Oliver (25) of President Park, Midrand, has pleaded not guilty to murdering Mr Smith in December 1987.

The three men were sharing a house at the time.

Mr Allasio told the court he had settled down to supper with his girlfriend and his mother shortly after being dropped off by Mr Smith, when the telephone rang.

Mr Smith was on the line and said he had been shot by "Ollie".

"I then asked him where he had been shot and he said in the chest and in the hip. Then he said, 'Come help me, I'm dying'", Mr Allasio told the court.

He rushed over to the house to find Mr Smith sitting on the bed clutching a pillow to his chest.

"I took the pillow away, cut his shirt off and applied two bomb bandages to his chest," Mr Allasio said.

Mr Smith was taken by ambulance to hospital where he died later.

A policeman, Constable A J Burger, who arrived at the scene shortly after the shooting, said Mr Oliver arrived at his office the next day and said: "AJ, I have come to give myself up. I shot Justin."

Constable Burger said Mr Oliver was drunk at the time so he did not take a statement.

Mr Smith had told him he was shot by "Ollie". When he took a photograph of Mr Oliver off a bedroom wall and showed it to Mr Smith, he said: "That's him, that's Ollie. He shot me."

The hearing continues.

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No evidence that mother tried to kill her children

By Celeste Louw

A 32-year-old mother was acquitted yesterday on charges of attempting to murder her two young children by forcing them to take an overdose of sleeping tablets.

Johannesburg Regional Court magistrate Mr L Vertue said no evidence was laid before the court that Mrs Barbara Knezovich had tried to kill her daughter and son, aged 10 and eight years, on May 14 last year.

The defence for Mrs Knezovich said Mrs Knezovich had a history of drug addiction and was under the influence of sleeping tablets.

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The court was told that Mrs Knezovich found her son lying on a carpet and she tried to arouse him by shaking him.

She then found her daughter lying at the bottom of the stairs and assumed that the girl had fallen and bumped her head.

It could only be assumed that the children found their mother's sleeping tablets and took some themselves, the court heard.

Dr Graeme Guttenberg said he had examined Mrs Knezovich briefly after the incident and had found her speech to be slurred.

Mr Vertue said there was no evidence before court to implicate Mrs Knezovich of attempting to murder her children.

The court was told the children were no longer in Mrs Knezovich's custody and that she was allowed to see them only under supervision.

Stabbing

A Johannesburg taxi driver is in a critical condition in the Hillbrow Hospital after three men allegedly stabbed him and made off with his money and watch.

Mr Zacharias Modise was approached by three men at a taxi rank in town and asked to be taken to the suburb of Tulisa Park, south of Johannesburg, at about 2.30pm yesterday.

When the car got to Tulisa Park, one of the men pulled out a knife

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103-year-old dies in blaze

A 103-year-old bedridden man was burnt to death in Tsakane on the East Rand while his 60-year-old daughter and neighbours tried to extinguish the blaze with buckets of water.

Mr Mpiyakhe July Methula of 1156 Hlophe Street, Tsakane, was asleep in his backyard shack when the fire started yesterday afternoon. He was alone in the three-roomed shack.

"I was doing my domestic chores in the main house when I heard an explosion," said Miss Selina Methula (60).

"I thought that a car had crashed into the shacks. When I opened the door to look I was met by leaping flames.

"I ran around shouting for help. We could not get inside the shack to save my father because the fire was too strong."

The chairman of the

By PHANGISILE
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Tsakane Shackdwellers Association, Mr Lawrence Skele, said: "We notified the local police and the fire station immediately after the fire was discovered. Eventually we went to the town council offices and the police station before we got any response. By the time they arrived we had smothered some of the flames. All along we were trying to reach the old man."

A senior officer of the Brakpan Fire Brigade said they got the call at about 3 pm but "we had to wait for the police to escort us as we do not know the area".

Mr Methula's corpse was removed late in the afternoon when the police arrived.

The Tsakane police have opened an inquest docket.

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Traffic officer shot in the leg 38

A Johannesburg traffic officer was shot and wounded with his colleague's gun after the weapon was "lifted" while they were writing out a ticket yesterday, police said. *Stor*

Mr Louis Piridy (21) was hit in the right leg during the incident which happened at about 1.30 pm on the corner of Main Reef and Edison roads. *9/11/89*

He and a colleague, Mr I Placido, were writing out a ticket for a motorist when two pedestrians passed by. One of the men grabbed Mr Placido's gun and both he and his companion fled.

Mr Piridy and his colleague gave chase but one of the men turned and fired a shot, hitting Mr Piridy in the leg.

The two escaped by jumping on to a departing train at a nearby station. — Crime Reporter.

Row led to killing, court told

By Brendan Templeton

Murder accused Mr Andrew John Oliver (25) yesterday said in the Rand Supreme Court that he had shot his housemate because he thought his friend was about to attack him.

He said under cross-examination that he owed money for rent and this had caused tension between himself and Mr Justin Smith.

Mr Smith was shot twice — in the hip and chest — in December 1987 and died later in hospital. Medical evidence showed that the bullet in his chest had entered from behind.

HI-FI SET PAWNED

Shortly before the shooting, the two men and another housemate, Mr Gino Allasio, discussed — at a restaurant close to their home — Mr Oliver's failure to pay his rent, Mr Oliver said.

He was told that his stereo set had been pawned to pay his rent and his television set would be

sold next if he did not pay up.

Although the matter appeared to be settled at the end of the discussion, there was still tension between them, Mr Oliver said.

He returned to their Midrand home while Mr Smith dropped off Mr Allasio and his girlfriend at his mother's house. Mr Oliver was going to pay the money to Mr Smith at their house, but "I think my nerves got the better of me", he said.

Mr Oliver said he feared that Mr Smith would attack him, and took Mr Smith's revolver out of his room in case he had to defend himself.

A shot went off while he was handling the gun because he did not know how the revolver worked, he said.

When Mr Smith arrived and opened the door to the house, Mr Oliver pointed the gun at him and told him to stand still because he wanted to keep as much distance between himself and Mr Smith as possible, Mr Oliver said.

"He did not keep still. He came forward and I tried to move away and the shot went off. The deceased fell down to the slasto. Then I turned around and was tackled from behind by him," Mr Oliver said.

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They wrestled and another shot went off, hitting Mr Smith in the back. He fled after Mr Smith managed to get control of the gun, he said.

Mr Oliver said he was sorry when he shot Mr Smith as he did not intend to shoot him.

"I am still sorry," he said.

After he shot Mr Smith a second time, he fled from the house and went to a party where he told a friend that something terrible had happened and he needed to get away.

But he changed his mind and handed himself over to the police the next day, he said.

The case was postponed to Tuesday.

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Killed businessman's widow takes pill overdose

Wife's suicide attempt

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THE wife of slain former businessman and reporter, Mr Ali Zamele Ncana, has been admitted to a Johannesburg private hospital after taking

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an overdose of tablets. Mrs Gloria Ncana of Spruitview, near Germiston, was admitted to hospital two weeks ago and

her condition was yesterday described by hospital authorities as serious but out of danger. She was unconscious when taken to hospital. Her husband was shot dead by an unknown gun-

man on October 2 while watching TV at home. His relatives claimed that his firearm went missing two days before he was killed but his wife has denied this. Police are investigating the allegation and are still searching for the missing cartridge used in the shooting.

Remorse

Ncana expressed remorse at her attempt to commit suicide. She said: "I have been living in misery since my husband's death with some people accusing me of causing his death. I could no longer stand the accusations and I decided to take my life. I regret what I did and I will never attempt it again."

She appealed to the community to give her a chance to lead a normal life. Ncana said she was not even aware that her husband owned a firearm. She said: "The first time I heard about this was through newspaper reports. If he had one, he did not tell me about it."

Armed men grab firearms, car from Alberton couple

By Anna Louw, East Rand Bureau

Two men armed with a gun and a knife held up an Alberton couple yesterday and robbed them of three firearms and jewellery valued at more than R300 000 before driving off in their car.

Police said the incident happened at the home of Mr and Mrs Peter and Olga Stathoilis in New Redruth at 9.30 am. The robbers gained access to the house through a door in the TV room.

They held up the domestic worker, Mrs Flora Nkosi, and demanded money.

Mrs Stathoilis (50) was confronted by the robbers when she arrived home. They demanded the keys to the safe.

When she told them she did not have the keys, one of the robbers struck her on the head with a blunt object.

Police said another domestic worker telephoned Mr Stathoilis at work. He arrived at the scene with his brother and was also held at gunpoint.

The robbers grabbed the safe keys from Mr Stathoilis and took the firearms and the jewellery. They also demanded cash.

They drove off in his Volkswagen Jetta, registration KWT 472 T. Anyone with information can contact the East Rand Murder and Robbery Squad at (011) 845-2820.

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Striker raped

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A MEMBER of the South African Chemical Workers' Union was allegedly raped while three of her colleagues were stabbed and axed by 12 men, the union said yesterday.

This happened during a lock out of 48 workers at Plastic Bag (Pty) Ltd near Booysens in Johannesburg. Sacwu has reported the matter to the police.

The union said the lockout was a sequel to the wage dispute between it and Plastic Bag.

In April Sacwu demanded a R187 across the board increase while the company offered R15. After a deadlock which proceeded to the Industrial Court, Plastic Bag upped its offer to R28 and Sacwu reduced its demand to R50.

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Spaza shop owner killed

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A Katlehong entrepreneur was shot dead at his spaza shop after four armed men demanded money from him.

Mr Albert Makhubela (40) of 809 Twala Section died instantly. His neighbour, known only as Thomas, who rushed to Makhubela's home after hearing gun shots, was wounded.

Thomas was rushed to the Natalspruit hospital where his condition was yesterday described as stable.

A spokesman for the East Rand police, Lieutenant von Sweel, said the four men took an undisclosed amount of money from the spaza shop.

No arrests have been made.

In another incident five black men entered the Knights Mini Market in Primrose and demanded money from the owner, Mr J da Silva. Two of the men had firearms and after the owner had given them R2000, they shot him in the head. He died later at Willem Cruywagen hospital.

A woman worker at the shop, known as Aranija, was

By ALL MPHAKI

hit with a firearm on the head. She sustained no serious injuries.

No arrests have been made.

Robbers hauled more than R56000 in eight separate raids around Johannesburg.

In one of the cases, Mr Andreas Hyrtalides of 10th Avenue Lower Houghton, was serving clients at the Spar shop in Bryan Park when three armed black men entered, threatened him and forced him to lie on the floor before opening the safe and taking about R20000 in cash.

In Soweto 13 people were killed in violence at the weekend.

Five of the victims were shot, eight were stabbed. Two people were arrested.

Police also arrested 46 men in connection with rape cases - 21 cases of rape were reported at the weekend. Police recovered 57 stolen vehicles.

Family puzzled by fatal stabbing of Vaal man

By Melody McDougall,
Vereeniging Bureau

Relatives of a 37-year-old Vanderbijlpark man found murdered at his home on Sunday were still baffled about the crime yesterday.

Mr Giep Pretorius, of Rennie Street, was described as a quiet and gentle man.

It is suspected he was stabbed to death by intruders. Mr Pretorius's body was found by a friend, Mrs M M Erasmus, when she went to his house to borrow vegetables.

Mr Pretorius's brother, Mr Dana Pretorius of Pretoria, said yesterday the family and friends were still shocked by the killing.

His brother would never have harmed anyone, he said.

Mr Pretorius, who was divorced two months ago, had lived alone in the house for several months. He was apparently last seen alive while walking down Frikkie Meyer Boulevard on Friday evening.

It has not yet been established whether he was robbed. The house was found in a state of disarray.

Mr Pretorius, who is survived by a son aged 13 and a daughter aged four, will be buried in Vanderbijlpark tomorrow at 4 pm.

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Youth shot
dead

A YOUTH was shot dead by a special constable at Lamontville yesterday after a gang tried to force entry to the A.J. Mwelase High School.

The constable who had been posted outside the school fired a shot killing a youth instantly after allegedly being confronted with a knife.

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Four hurt in car chase

Suspect arrested

TWO people, including a woman bystander, were shot and wounded and another two knocked down during a high-speed car chase between police and a suspected car thief in Soweto yesterday. The mission was monitored by helicopter.

The four victims were all taken by helicopter to the Baragwanth Hospital, said Soweto police spokesman Major Noel Hartwell.

They included the suspect, who was shot in the neck by police, and a 46-year-old woman bystander, hit in the shoulder when police opened fire.

Police helicopter

Hartwell said the two pedestrians were allegedly run down by the suspect, who is now under guard in hospital. One was a woman who suffered a fractured knee and the other was a man who left the scene afterwards.

He said the drama began when detectives from the Soweto Reaction Unit received information on a stolen vehicle, which was spotted soon afterwards in White City.

The detectives gave chase and a police helicopter was called in to monitor the chase from the air.

Tried to flee

The vehicle drove erratically and ignored all traffic lights and signs.

Just before Inhlanzane Station, the driver leapt from the still-moving vehicle and tried to flee on foot.

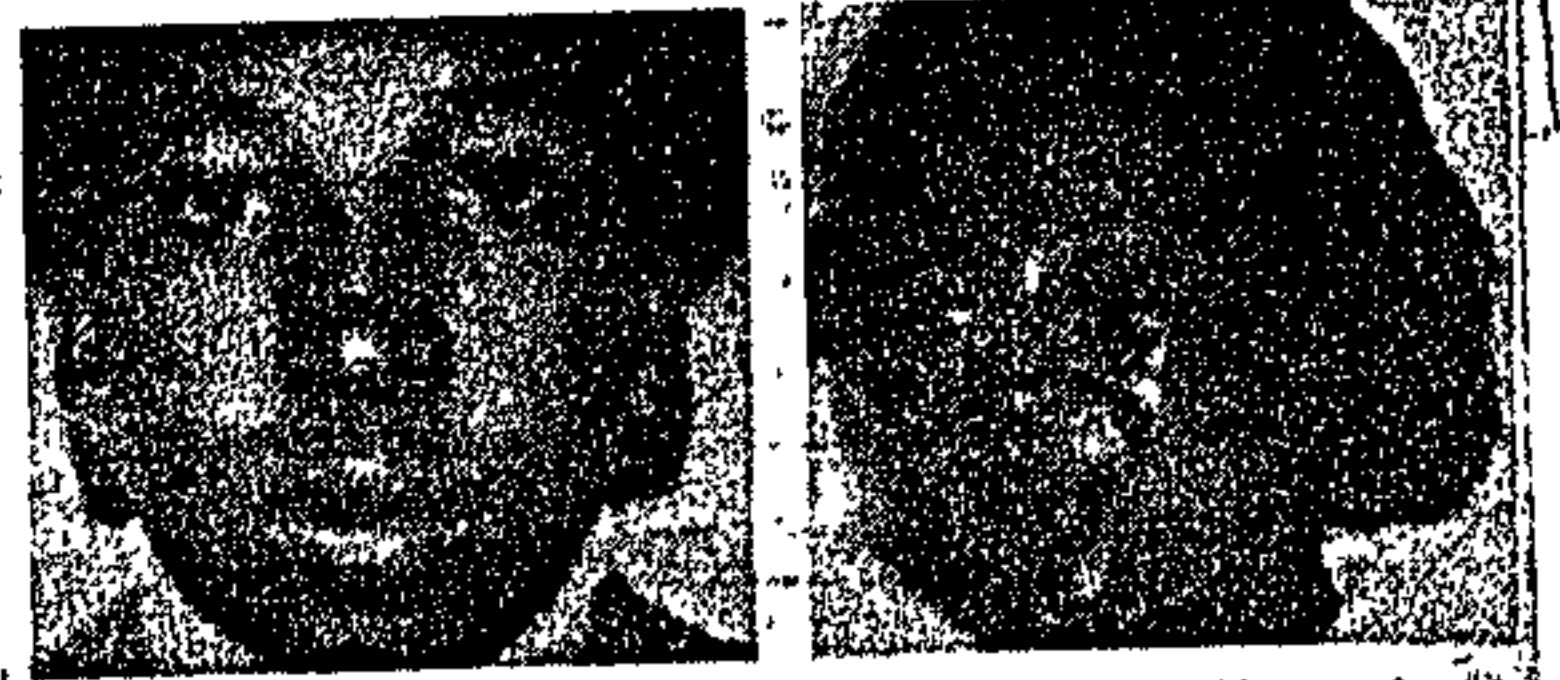
Pursuing policemen shot and wounded him. The car smashed into a fence.

The police helicopter immediately landed and assistance was given to the injured, who were flown to hospital.

Hartwell said police had opened two attempted murder dockets against the suspect.

Suspect hands himself to the police

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Gloria Masango

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BIRTHDAY

By PHANGISILE MTSALI



Captains of Moroka Swallows and Double Action Sundowns Goodman Hlongwane and Ernest Chirwall pose with the BoB Save Super Bowl trophy that is at stake in tomorrow's final at the FNB stadium in Crown Mines. The Dube Birds have been tipped to romp home with the Cup judging from their recent performance. See page 40

TWO Soweto sisters and their pet dog were shot dead while their sons watched in horror yesterday morning.

The two women, both of Zone 1 in Diepkloof, were Mrs Gloria Masango (35), a senior nursing sister, and Mrs Constance Nxumalo (41) a supervisor at a Johannesburg hotel.

Mrs Masango met her death while visiting her sister.

A man later handed himself to the Olifantsfontein police station near Kempton Park. Soweto police are investigating a murder charge.

The two victims were still in their nightgowns when they were shot.

They died instantly.

Their mother, Mrs Jane Dakile, said: "My daughters were in the bedroom when 10-year-old Nkanyenzi Masango opened the front door after a knock. The gunman apparently went straight to the bedroom where the two women were sleeping."

Philani, 16-year-old son of Constance, said he entered the bedroom when he heard screams. He found his mother, aunt and the man wrestling for the gun and joined the

Pet dog also killed

scuffle. "He pleaded with the assailant to put the gun away. The man pretended to hand him the gun before opening fire on the two women, starting with Constance and then Gloria. After shooting my daughters, Philani said, the man tried to shoot Nkanyenzi who ran away."

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A stray bullet hit the window. He then shot the pet dog. When he tried to fire again the gun jammed." said the grieving Mrs Dakile.

According to a brother of the slain women, Mr Khulu Dakile, he found a teargas cannister inside the house and a gun in the backyard after he was fetched by his nephew from his home a few houses from his sister's place.

Mrs Nxumalo leaves another child, Nomsa (15).

Mrs Dakile is now left with two sons and one daughter.

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Aids fears after boys molested

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JOHANNESBURG. — An unknown number of young boys in the Vaal Triangle, Secunda and Hendrina power station areas may be unaware that they could possibly be infected with Aids.

This follows the disclosure in the Vereeniging Regional Court that a 30-year-old man, who yesterday was convicted on three counts of sodomy, has tested positively for the disease.

It is now feared that the discovery "could lead to a major tragedy involving young, innocent boys", according to Regional Court prosecutor Mr Louis Venter.

Jan Abraham Sadler, who formerly resided in the Vaal Triangle area and now lives and works in Secunda, was sentenced to three years' imprisonment by Magistrate Mr Dries Visagie after being found guilty of committing indecent acts with a 15-year-old Vanderbijlpark boy on three separate occasions.

The offences were committed towards the end of last year against the teenager's will while Sadler, a bachelor, boarded with the boy's parents. He initially admitted guilt on the three counts, but a plea of not guilty was entered by the court.

The possibility that he had associations with other young boys has not been ruled out.

The court yesterday heard that Sadler was found to be infected with Aids after blood samples were taken from him while he was being held in custody pending the hearing.

He was positively identified as an Aids sufferer on Thursday.

Sadler, a process controller at the Sasol 3 plant in Secunda, told the court that he had not been tested for Aids previously, adding that he had no idea he was infected with the virus.

Before sentence was passed the prosecutor, Mr Louis Venter, requested that Sadler be removed from society and imprisoned in an attempt to protect other children.

He stressed that there was no way of telling how many other potential victims could be infected by the accused if he was not jailed.

In passing sentence Mr Visagie stated that offences involving indecent acts towards children were on the increase, and that no less than four other similar cases were heard in Vereeniging Regional Court yesterday.

He said that from the evidence led in the trial it was obvious that the accused tried to curry favour with the 15-year-old boy and his sisters by buying them presents.

It appeared that the accused was also responsible for the boy running away from his home after indecent acts were carried out on him against his will.

During a brief press conference after the hearing, Mr Venter appealed to all young boys who were possibly "involved", or had any association, with Sadler to confide in their parents or house doctor and to have Aids tests immediately.

"The accused refused to say whether he was involved with any other boys apart from the Vanderbijlpark teenager. It is thus vitally important for anyone who was in any way involved with the accused to report for an Aids test without delay."

"A major tragedy involving innocent young children could be looming," said Mr Venter.

Meanwhile all members of the police who investigated the case, as well as prison staff who were in contact with Sadler while he was in custody, are to be tested for Aids. — Sapa

Three die in Soweto shooting

By CHARLES MOGALE

AT least three people were shot dead when a crazed gunman opened fire on a group of revellers outside a tavern in Zondi, Soweto, last week.

Witnesses said five people were killed in the incident, but the police could only confirm three deaths.

The shootings took place near a shopping complex. The gunman reportedly sprayed gunfire at several people.

The three men died on the spot.

The gunman is reported to have unwittingly turned the weapon on his brother, killing him instantly.

Neighbours, still stunned by the shootings, were even more shocked when a group of men appeared on the scene and, on recognising one of the dead men, attacked the tavern premises.

When they failed to find the gunman they allegedly assaulted a friend of his, who also reportedly died.

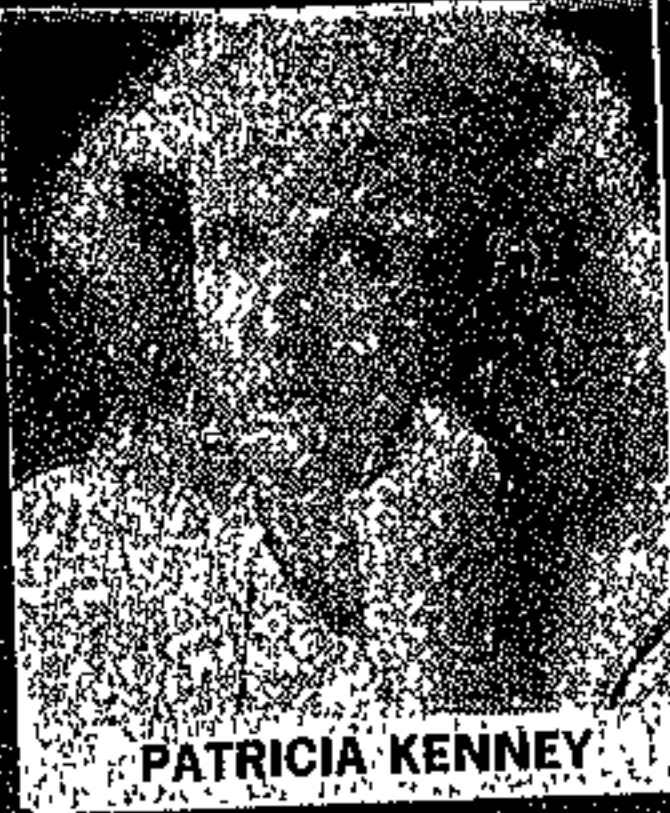
When *City Press* visited the area the situation was still tense.

Soweto police PRO Capt. Mkhachane Ngobeni said the police were investigating three murder cases.

Nobody had been arrested and he could not give more details.

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PATRICIA KENNEY

GRUESOME DISCOVERY BY NEIGHBOUR

Top woman journalist raped and murdered

S Times By SUSAN DENNY 19/11/89
A TOP financial journalist was raped and brutally murdered in her suburban home this weekend.

A neighbour found the body of attractive blonde Miss Patricia Kenney, 44, spreadeagled and bound to her bed with scarves and with her face covered by gauze, yesterday.

Miss Kenney, a senior editor at the Financial Mail, had apparently been raped before her attacker stabbed her in the heart with a screwdriver.

The bedroom of her Kensington, Johannesburg, home, where she lived alone, was in disarray but there was no sign of forced entry and nothing appeared to have been stolen.

Neighbour Peter Beard became concerned when he noticed Miss Kenney's dogs were in distress.

"They were crying and barking all night on Friday," said Mr Beard yesterday.

"Pat loved her animals and she would never have left them without water or food so, when I couldn't reach her on the phone, I went to the house."

Ransacked

"The back door was ajar and I climbed over the gate and went inside."

"I found Pat in her bedroom, which had been ransacked. There were things lying all over the floor and she was lying spreadeagled on the bed."

Police yesterday seized two screwdrivers they found on the floor of Miss Kenney's face-brick house.

Nothing had been disturbed in the rest of the house.

Miss Kenney bought and moved into the house last year and had extremely good security.

"In addition to her dogs and security gates, she always made sure the doors were locked," said a friend yesterday.

Respected

"Just nine days ago, she had a burglar alarm installed and put in extra burglar-proofing after an attempted break-in."

A quiet, unassuming and friendly person, Miss Kenney knew her neighbours well, but didn't socialise much.

Colleagues yesterday described her as a highly respected investment writer.

Born in Zimbabwe, she graduated from the University of Cape Town with a BA in economics before joining bankers Hill Samuel and stock brokers Davis Borkum Hare as an economist.

She joined Financial Mail in November 1985 as a staff writer and rapidly rose through the ranks to become a senior editor.

Two sisters shot dead

Son tried to wrest gun from the killer's hand

By SAMKELO KUMALO

TWO sisters were shot dead in front of their children in what police believe was a family argument.

The sisters, Gloria Masango, 36, and Constance Nxumalo, 41, were killed together with their dog. An attempt was allegedly made to kill Gloria's nine-year-old son, Nkanyezi.

Capt Mkhachane Ngobeni, the Soweto police liaison officer, said a 47-year-old man had handed himself over at Olifantsfontein police station.

Gloria Masango was killed at Constance's house — 1008 in Diepkloof Zone 1 — on Thursday morning. She had left her husband at their Jabulani home two months ago.

A grieving Khulu Dakile, the

women's brother, and a teacher at Pheteni Secondary School, said he was woken by his 16-year-old nephew, Philani, who told him he had seen a gunman shoot his mother and aunt.

"By the time I arrived the gunman had left. The gun was found behind the house as if he had jumped the fence and it had fallen. In the house I found my sisters' bodies.

"Constance was on top of Gloria, as if she died protecting her from the gunman. Both were lying on their backs. Their dog was also dead nearby," he said.

Philani Nxumalo, Constance's son, told City Press he had been woken by his mother and aunt.

"While I was in the bathroom, I heard a knock and my nine-year-old cousin, Nkanyezi, opened the door as our mothers

were still in bed. Later I heard a noise accompanied by screams. I went to the bedroom and found my mother and aunt with a man. He had a gun, and they were pleading with him not to shoot, while trying to wrest the gun from his hand.

"I joined in the scuffle and my mum and aunt told him to give the gun to me. He appeared to be agreeing but suddenly he freed his hand and immediately shot my mum in the back.

"I decided to get my baseball bat in my room and another shot rang out. My mother called me to go and call police just a few houses from us.

"On my way to the gate I heard another two shots. I left my cousin, Nkanyezi watching the whole episode.

"When I came back with my

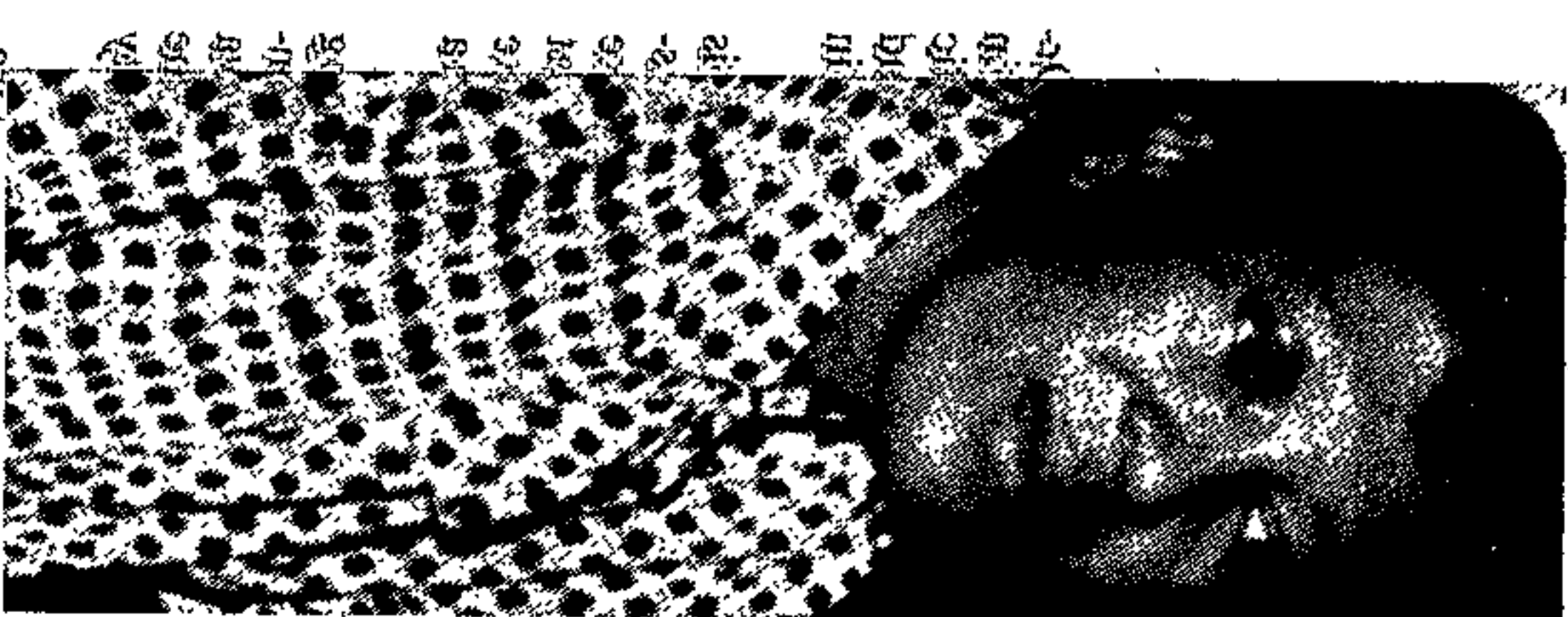
uncle Khulu both my mother and my aunt were dead. I remember my mother was pleading with the gunman not to shoot my aunt Gloria. All the time my mother was shielding aunt Gloria.

"Nkanyezi told me that he ran away when the gunman aimed the gun at him and it appears that it jammed because he said he heard a click just before he ran away," said Philani.

The dead women's brother said their deaths were the second major blow to the family in three years.

"This thing happened just three years after my younger brother, Nduku, disappeared from the East London beach where he went with friends to swim at sea."

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Constance Nxumalo. Her son saw her shot in the back.



Gloria Masango. Her son escaped when the killer's gun jammed.



The sons, Philani Nxumalo (left) and Nkanyezi Masango saw their mothers slain. Pic: BONGANI MNGUNI

Revenge for murder mob

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By MARTIN
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A GRIEF-STRICKEN widow broke down and wept in the Rand Supreme Court this week as she described finding her husband's mutilated body.

Thandi Mabanga was giving evidence before Judge Vermooten and two assessors against sev-

en men facing two counts of murder.

She said that on August 31 she and her husband Mandla were watching TV when a car and a minibus stopped in front of their house.

Two shots were fired, windows were broken, and teargas was thrown into the house.

Later the doors were thrown open.

She rushed the children to the back of the house, and when she went out of the yard, she saw the semi-naked body of her husband.

He had been hacked with pangas, shot in the back and a car had been driven over his body.

The mob murdered Mabanga after he allegedly stabbed to death a friend of theirs in March that year.

The seven are: Isaac Vusi Mazibuko, 33; Themba Masuku, 19; Mlungisi Gugu Zitha, 25; Obed Mayisela, 26; Sydney Barrel Ngubo, 26; Zacharia Mayisela, 39; and Meshasck Nkabinde, 26; all of Senaone, Soweto.

Farmer held over alleged thief's death

By Therese Anders,
Highveld Bureau

One of five men taken into custody on Tuesday last week after being arrested by a local farmer for the alleged theft of fertiliser, died in the Mid-delburg hospital on Saturday.

The man and at least three of the others are believed to have been assaulted. The police have opened a murder docket and assault dockets for injuries inflicted on the other accused.

Eastern Transvaal police spokesman Captain Ogies van Straaten said the farmer had been ar-

rested and would appear in court today. He said the farmer had himself arrested the five men on the night of November 13 after fertiliser had apparently been stolen from his farm.

The police had been called in after midnight and had taken the workers into custody. One of the men, who had signs of being physically assaulted, had complained of a stomach ache and was taken to the district surgeon to be treated.

The man, whose name has not yet been released, was admitted to hospital on Friday and died the next day.

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Gold hops, skips and jumps to tease \$400

By Derek Tommey

The gold price hopped \$3.20 in New York on Friday to \$394.60 and skipped another 30c in Hong Kong this morning to open at \$394.90.

Will it jump today (or sometime this week) the \$5 needed to reach \$400?

The chances seem good. The gold price has been rising much faster than many believed possible.

Only three weeks ago some prominent analysts were seriously talking down prospects of a higher gold price.

The gist of their remarks was that gold was not going to rise or, if it did, the improvement would not be permanent.

Clearly, the almost \$35 jump in the gold price in four weeks has disproved the first part of their belief. And a \$400 gold price, only recently referred to as a major barrier to a further rise, looks as though it won't be a barrier at all.

However, we have to wait and see whether the rise will be just a temporary aberration or not.

But the experts, having been proved wrong on the first count, could well be proved wrong on the second.

The reason is that there appears to be new influences at work in the market of which they had no knowledge or expectation. Their forecasts, therefore, were not based on the full facts.

One of these influences is the unexpected switch by investors into gold and gold shares because they see them as a store of wealth.



The gold price movement

Analysts have said this was unlikely to happen unless inflation took off in Europe and the US.

But it seems that the possibility of a fall in industrial share prices in Europe and the US has been sufficient to generate the switch to gold.

Analysts have apparently under-estimated the growth in individual wealth overseas and that the owners of this wealth are likely to see things differently from the experts.

However, a word of caution. The amount of money being switched into gold has been fairly small when compared with the volume of funds invested in equities.

But in the oversold situation

gold was in, little extra demand for the metal was needed to generate a major rise in the price. So, after passing \$400, the rise in the price could slow down considerably.

But it seems that as long as there is uncertainty about the outlook for the major US and European stock exchanges, gold must benefit.

Another influence in the gold market, which could have tremendous implications, is the US suggestion that the Russians issue a gold-backed rouble.

According to the *International Gold Mining Newsletter*, published by the respected *London Mining Journal*, the US suggested this to the Russians about three months ago.

The newsletter says that an official of the US Federal Reserve Board visited the Soviet Union in August and urged the Russian authorities to "monetise" their economy and to adopt the gold standard for the rouble.

Gold convertibility was the only practical way to restore confidence in the currency, he said.

A gold standard would offer the Soviet Union a path in the transition to managed money.

If the state sector required credit, it could issue gold-backed bonds. Also, and a point of considerable interest to South Africa, is that a gold standard backing the issue of fresh currency could, in principle, generate the necessary foreign exchange without bringing the gold onto the market.

Therefore, on a longer-term basis, gold convertibility would be likely to reduce the amount of gold sales to the market, says the newsletter.

This is all speculative stuff, but it is well known that Russia is desperate for foreign currency. Any scheme enabling it to acquire more foreign currency without having to sell gold must get favourable attention.

Russian gold sales this year are estimated at 400 tons, or just under a quarter of the newly mined gold going to the market.

Any reduction in Russian gold sales next year, as a result, say, of the better use of its gold, obviously would have a major impact on the price.

And this could be another factor behind the present strength of the metal.

14 die in Soweto

By ALI MPHAKI (62)

FOURTEEN people were killed and 20 women were raped in separate incidents of crime in Soweto and Johannesburg at the weekend. *Soweto 2/1/89*

Thirteen of the murders were in Soweto.

Firearms were used in three of the Soweto murders.

A man has been arrested for stabbing Elliot Moyo (20) of Protea Street, Gallo Manor, in Morningside. Moyo was attacked at Lete Drive and Riviera Road.

In one of the 20 rape cases, eight men raped a 24-year-old Eldorado Park woman in an open veld near Ellis Park station on Sunday morning.

The woman was also robbed of her wristwatch and cash. Four men were later arrested in the area.

Soweto thieves got away with 10 stolen cars, and five people had their cars hijacked in the Johannesburg area.

Soweto police liaison officer Captain Mikhichane Ngobeni said Soweto police arrested 559 people for various crimes in the township during the past week.

The breakdown of arrests is as follows: murder 11, attempted murder three; rape 17, robbery 27, housebreaking 44, theft 35, theft of cars 7, assault 89 and offences relating to liquor, 79.

Police also recovered 44 stolen vehicles and confiscated 137g of dagga and 49 mandrax tablets. (6)

Scam alleged

'Stolen cars given clearance'

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PRETORIA police are investigating a scam at the Pretoria testing grounds in which more than 40 vehicles were allegedly given police clearance in spite of having been stolen.

Four people have already been arrested, including two police constables who allegedly passed the vehicles at the testing ground and two businessmen who allegedly masterminded the operation.

All four cases were postponed until December 13 and the dockets on the

policemen will be forwarded to the Attorney-General. The constables have been suspended pending the outcome of the trial.

Investigations have shown that at least five stolen vehicles were given police clearance by the two constables and another 38 are now being

scrutinised.

However, police believe these 43 vehicles could be the tip of the iceberg, the two constables having worked at the grounds since January this year.

The vehicles were allegedly stolen from all over the Transvaal, delivered to a Mabopane

businessman who then arranged for the police clearance at the testing grounds.

A police spokesman said yesterday the scam was uncovered when a detective noticed a car at the testing grounds which had police clearance in spite of its engine and chassis numbers having

been altered. Subsequent investigations revealed that the two constables allegedly issued police clearance certificates in return for cash payments, tyres, car radios and free panelbeating.

It is alleged the constables never physically inspected the vehicles "submitted" by the businessman but simply issued certificates.

Robbery foiled

THREE people - including a policeman - were wounded in a wild mid-morning shoot-out with robbers after Business Watch policemen thwarted a bank robbery in central Johannesburg yesterday.

The injured were Mr E Hampson of Weltevreden Park, Mr MB Naphtal (19) and Constable Steven Parker.

The three were taken to hospital after the 9.55am shoot-out at a First National Bank branch in Market Street.

Parker was shot in the arm, Hampson in the left thigh and Naphtal in the left shoulder and face.

Police and emergency service personnel arrived at the scene in force immediately after the attempted robbery and it was feared one of the rob-

bers had holed up inside the building. Robbery Reaction Unit policemen and members of the Business Watch cordoned off the area and combed the building for the suspect who was eventually arrested without giving any resistance.

According to police on the scene the robbers had stormed into the bank but bank staff had managed to set off an alarm.

Business Watch policemen ran to the scene in time to thwart the robbery and ran straight into the robbers.

"One looked at us, cocked his pistol and ran down firing. Steven was hit and he ran straight past us. That is when we started shooting.

"We fired quite a few shots at him but he managed to get away," said Constable G Smith.

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Killer who ate heart jailed

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By MANDLA NDLAZI

RICHARD Motha who killed his brother and ate his heart, was convicted of murder and sentenced to 16 years imprisonment by a Rand Supreme Court judge yesterday.

Mr Justice Le Grange, sitting with two assessors, found that there were extenuating circumstances. He said: "We feel that your mind was clouded by dagga when you com-

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Ate his brother's heart

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mitted the crime, but you could still distinguish between right and wrong."

He said Motha's drinking habits could also have played a part.

Motha (24) murdered his brother Mr Raphael Mahlaba and ate his heart at their Emdeni township home in Soweto on December 22 last year.

After he was convicted Motha, who conducted

his own defence, was asked whether he had anything to say in mitigation. The judge warned him that "you are standing in the shadows of the gallows. If the court finds there are no extenuating circumstances you will get the death sentence."

After a brief adjournment during which Motha was given time to think about extenuating circumstances, the judge considered the state's evidence.

Asked if he had any-

thing to say before sentence was passed, Motha admitted having killed his brother but denied eating his heart. The judge showed him pictures of the dead man and told him that a doctor confirmed that the heart was missing.

In passing sentence the judge said: "If the court does not send you to jail for a long time you might start smoking dagga again and think of taking somebody else's heart to eat."

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Activists fight the gangs for Soweto's streets

A RESURGENCE of gangs who vir-
tually control Soweto has left resi-
dents stunned and terrified.

People want to know why this re-
emergence of organised crime has oc-
curred, said representatives of the
Anti-Crime Committee, which was
formed in response to the increased
crime rate in Soweto.

The ACC is an arm of the Soweto
Civic Association and its members
are teachers, students and parents
from various areas in the township,
particularly Diepkloof and Pimville
where the gangs are most active.

A representative of ACC says the
gangs look more organised than the
ones which strolled the townships
streets in the 1950s. "This crime is
orchestrated and well organised — it
is not spontaneous."

The gangs have always been
present in Soweto but township resi-
dents are more concerned than ever
before.

The ACC says the gangs of the
1950s restricted their activities to
street battles whereas those operating
today appear to be opposing town-
ship structures such as the street and
block committees. They have attacked
students and former detainees who
are now restricted.

An ACC representative says that in
1985/86, when the emphasis was "on
the advancement to 'people's power'.

**Soweto's activists are involved
in negotiations of a different kind
— persuading the gangsters to
end their reign of terror.**

By MZIMKULU MALUNGA

and establishment of alternative struc-
tures to those formulated by the gov-
ernment, the gangsters were nowhere
to be seen."

He attributed the disappearance of
organised crime during that time to
the existence of street and block com-
mittees. "Hence it was difficult for
criminals to infiltrate or harass the
residents because anything which
could endanger the safety of the peo-
ple was quickly reported to the struc-
tures and was dealt with."

That time — the "period of ungov-
ernability" — gave people a taste of
what a future South Africa would
look like, he says.

It might have been called the
"period of ungovernability" but it did
not mean people were undisciplined
— they were opposing government-
created structures.

Organised crime resurfaced when
the State of Emergency was declared,
Joint Management Committees were
formed and "people's structures"
were destroyed, according to the
ACC representative.

"It is more than a co-incidence that



Soweto gangs ... leaving residents terrified Drawing: CARL BECKER

the inflow of drugs into the country
occurred at the same time when peo-
ple's structures were being de-
stroyed," he said.

When "jackrolling" (gangster activi-
ties) first hit the streets of Soweto a
series of meetings were held in an at-
tempt to deal with the situation. This
culminated in the formation of the
ACC.

The committee also was assigned to
find ways to bring the gangsters to
the negotiating table and asked to dis-
band in order to avoid a confrontation

between students and the gangsters.

In Pimville the ACC and the local
civic association held talks with JVC
gang which indicated it was prepared
to disband.

And the Majapan gang, which is
also based in Pimville, has also
agreed to meet the ACC to discuss
disbanding.

However, in areas like Diepkloof
where the Jackrollers operate, noth-
ing appears to have been achieved.

The ACC representative said stu-
dent leaders met the Jackrollers in

September and asked them to stop ha-
rassing the community. The meeting
was a failure.

"These are hardened criminals who
are employed full-time in this busi-
ness and they are always high on
drugs," he says.

Early last month eight Diepkloof
students involved in the attempt to ne-
gotiate with gangsters were detained.

The Diepkloof Parents Association
(DPA) sent a memorandum to the
South African Police Soweto Divi-
sional Commissioner, Major-General
Jl Viktor, voicing their concern over
the continued detention of the eight.

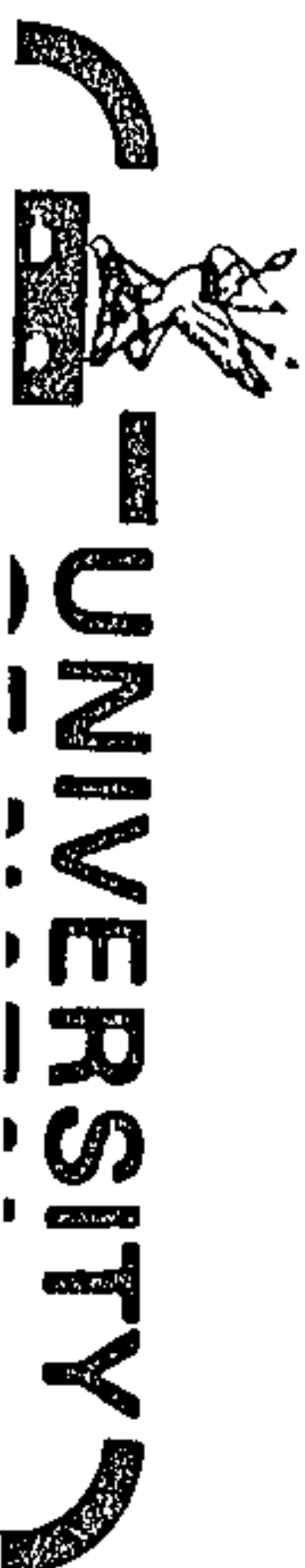
"There is a growing feeling in the
community that the SAP are quick to
act against anti-apartheid activists and
their organisations but they do noth-
ing to stop criminals presently terror-
ising us," the memorandum read.

The DPA also requested a meeting
with Viktor but he did not respond.
The students were later released.

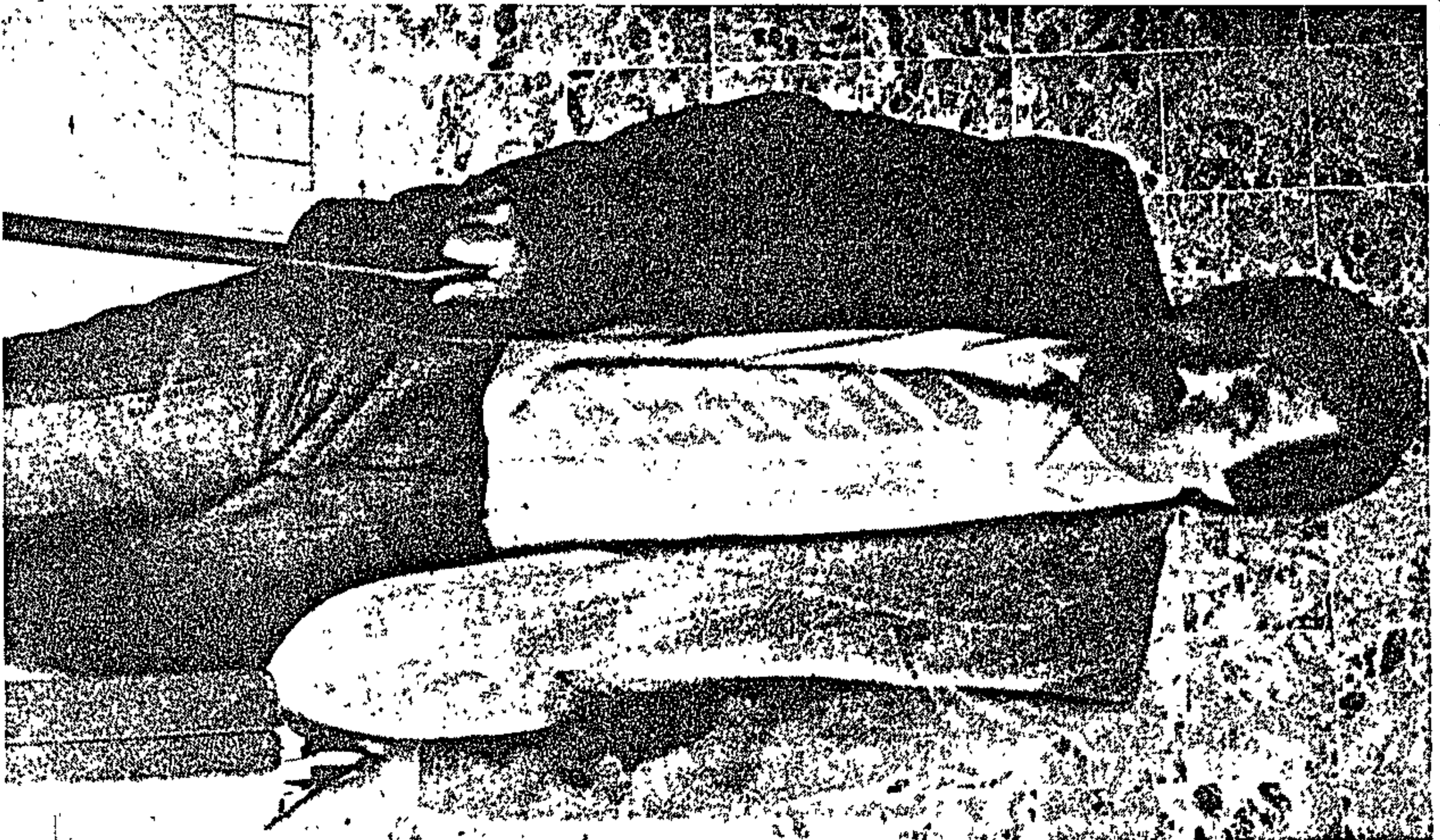
The Soweto police public relations
officer, Captain Ml Ngobeni, denies
the ACC's claim that police are not
doing anything to stop solve the
crime situation. "The police are doing
everything to combat crime in the
township and they are in full control.
If members of the public come across
any crime being committed, they
should report it to the nearest police
station."

Ngobeni says he has not received
new reports of Jackroller activities.

Socio-economic problems such as
poverty contribute to an increased
crime rate, says Ngobeni.



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is an organisation committed to
the facilitation of communication
between conflicting groups as a



Plet Greyling... blasted Tom Mkhabela three times with .357 Magnum.

Gunned down after accident ... but what really happened?

By DESMOND BLOW

THE evidence of controversial Middelburg District Surgeon Dr Andre Johannes Louw, who is under investigation by the Attorney-General, will be vital in deciding whether Benoni businessman Louis Greyling will be found responsible for the death of Everette truckdriver Tom Mkhabela.

Greyling shot Mkhabela, a 30-year-old father of a young child, three times with a .357 Magnum in July 1988 after a minor car accident outside Middelburg.

This week Regional Court magistrate PL Olivier decided to call Louw to give evidence after both the State and the defence had closed their cases. Greyling had appeared on a charge of culpable homicide.

However, Louw was not available and the case was postponed to February 26 next year.

In June this year Judge van der Merwe ordered the AG to investigate the Middelburg mortuary after he found Louw had performed an autopsy on the wrong body when Patrick Nkosi, 28, died after being assaulted by police.

In that case, two policemen and a civilian were found guilty of culpable homicide.

Last year Transvaal AG Don Brunette, SC, sent the docket on Mkhabela's death back to the Mid-

delburg police because he was not satisfied with the police investigation. There were discrepancies between the statement to the police by Greyling of how the shooting had occurred and the autopsy report.

The post-mortem showed powder burns on Mkhabela's body from only one of the three wounds on his body, whereas Greyling said Mkhabela was close to him for all three shots.

The report was not handed to the court this week as Greyling admitted he had fired three shots, one in the heart, which had killed Mkhabela.

Greyling claimed he had acted in self-defence.

Greyling and one of the witnesses, John Khumalo, gave contradictory evidence of the shooting.

Greyling alleged Mkhabela, who he said had attacked him, was drunk and under the influence of dagga.

In his post-mortem, Louw did not take a sample of Mkhabela's blood to prove or disprove this.

In cross-examination by Advocate SC Brand, who represented Greyling, Everette employee William Duibe - who was with Mkhabela in the truck - denied they had been drinking.

He said they were on duty and did not drink while working. Khumalo, who did not know ei-

ther the deceased or the accused, said he was a road worker and was in his tent on the side of the road about 25m from the incident when he heard a shot.

He said he went outside to see what was happening and saw Mkhabela running from Greyling's car. Greyling was following him with a revolver. He heard two more shots and Mkhabela fell.

He said Mkhabela had his back to Greyling when he was shot.

Greyling told the court he fired the first two shots in quick succession as Mkhabela "stormed" him from two metres away.

He said Mkhabela grabbed him after the second shot and as he pushed him away, Mkhabela fell to the right and the third shot went off.

Greyling, who walks with the aid of a cane, said he had been injured in an accident shortly before the incident with Mkhabela.

He said although he warned Mkhabela he would shoot him with the revolver he was holding, Mkhabela ignored his warning.

Greyling said he was "terrified" when Mkhabela charged at him.

Prosecutor JJ Pleenaar asked: "You had a powerful firearm pointing at the deceased, who was unarmed, and you were terrified?"

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and neither Hall-Green, the SABC apologised to Maqabi for the incident.

the summons served on him a week, Maqabi claims her rights, dignity, good name and reputation were injured by the incident.

she is claiming R30 000 damages for defamation and R100 000 damages for injuria.



Mabel Maqabi

Azapo five not guilty

CP Correspondent

FIVE members of the Azapo members were acquitted in the Grahamstown Supreme Court this week on one count of murder, and two attempted murder charges.

Tembekile Nxakala, 21; Zola Derick Omelo, 19; Mbuyiseli Ringo Mancapa, 19; Lithabo Papie Qhogi, 19, and a 15-year-old youth were charged with the murder of UDF member Ngangelizwe Madlavu, 20, in April 1987.

They were also charged with the attempted murder of UDF members Mabaso Grootboom and Mzwandile Nkosana. The accused pleaded not guilty to all charges.

No burial yet for Gloria

By STAN MHLONGO

A BIG question mark still hangs over the cold-blooded shooting of two Soweto sisters a fortnight ago.

A last-minute court interdict issued on Thursday resulted in the indefinite postponement of the funeral of 35-year-old Soweto nursing sister, Gloria Masango.

Her sister Constance Nxumalo, 41, a supervisor at a leading Johannesburg hotel, was buried at the Avalon cemetery last week.

Gloria's son Nkanyezi Masango, 19, who witnessed the shootings, narrowly escaped death.

Her grieving brother, Khulu Dakile, earlier told *City Press* he found the body of Constance lying on top of Gloria's, as if to shield her from the gunman.

Soweto police public relations officer Capt Joseph Ngobeni said the court had barred Gloria's burial.

He confirmed a 47-year-old man had handed himself over to the Oli-

fantsfontein police station in connection with the shootings.

The man is believed to be related to the Masango family.

Asvat killers' appeal denied

By STAN MHLONGO



Dr Abu-Baker Asvat

THE two killers of the "people's doctor," Dr Abu-Baker Asvat, were this week refused leave to appeal against their death sentences.

The two men, Zakhele Mbatha, 21, and Thulani Dlamini, 20, were sentenced to death earlier this month in the Rand Supreme Court.

Their main submission for the appeal - that of youthful immaturity - was rejected by Judge RA Solomons.

He ruled that Dlamini was fully aware of what he was doing and he was well over the age of 18 -

Cannibal gets 16 years' jail

C. Press
By MARTIN NTSOENGOE

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RICHARD Motha was a drug addict and drop-out at the age of 12. By the time he was 23, he had become the monster who ate his brother's heart.

This week Judge G le Grange and two Rand Supreme Court assessors sentenced Motha, from Emdeni, Soweto, to 16 years in jail for murdering Raphael Mahlaba, 18, on December 21 last year.

He stabbed his brother three times in the chest, ripped him open, tore out his heart and devoured it.

One of his brothers, 16, who shared a bedroom with Raphael, told the court he was awoken that morning by Raphael's cries as Richard stabbed him.

He fled to call a sangoma to help, but the sangoma refused to accompany him.

When he returned he saw Richard pulling Raphael's body to the diningroom and heard him say: "Yes, Satan, I have got you today, and I need your blood."

He watched Richard pull what looked like a heart from Raphael's chest and start eating it.

Richard's other brother, Vincent Mahlaba, said he had armed himself with an axe to try to save Raphael, but could not get to him as the door had been barricaded.

Raphael's body was found in the house.

Richard later admitted killing his brother, but denied committing cannibalism.

Psychiatrists who observed Richard at Sterkfontein Hospital found he was not suffering from any mental disorder at the time of the murder.

At the start of his trial early this week, Richard dismissed his *pro deo* counsel and conducted his own defence.

He told the court that the night before the murder, his brothers had wanted to kill him after he argued with his father over a missing T-shirt, which he believed his father had taken to a witchdoctor so that a spell could be put on him.

3 ex-traffic officers in fraud trial

By Anna Louw,
East Rand Bureau

Three former traffic inspectors briefly appeared in a Boksburg Regional Court on Friday on charges of fraud and corruption involving road safety certificates.

Mr Chris Reynders, Mr Cornelius de Beer and Mr Gerhardus Swanepoel appeared before Mr J J Jonck.

Mr Reynders faces 152 charges of fraud and 152 counts of corruption; Mr de Beer faces 16 charges of fraud and 16 alternatives of corruption and Mr Swanepoel faces three counts of fraud and three alternatives counts of corruption.

They were not asked to plead and the hearing was postponed to January 8.

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Toilet rapist is jailed for 10 years

By Anna Louw,
East Rand Bureau

A Germiston regional magistrate yesterday jailed a 22-year-old man for an effective 10 years for raping a teenage girl and sexually assaulting another while holding them at knife-point in a hotel toilet.

Mr J J van der Watt sentenced Edward Gray to 10 years' jail on a rape count and three years for indecent assault. The sentences will run concurrently.

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The crimes were committed in a toilet at the Alberton Hotel on September 20 last year, nine days after Gray's parole ended for another crime.

One of the victim's hands were slashed with a knife.

The prosecutor, Miss Theresa Smit, said the young women had suffered the worst degree of degradation not only at the hands of Gray, but also in court where they had to relate all the details of their horrific experience.

The magistrate said society demanded that the likes of Gray be removed from the community.

He added that Gray came from such a pathetic background, it brought tears to the eyes.

The court heard how Gray's father, an alcoholic, beat up his children when they refused to drink with him.

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Taverners chief is accused of armed robbery

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By ALINAH DUBE

WELL-known Soweto socialite and president of the National Taverners Association Mr Ephraim Peggy "Bel Air" Senne together with his two sons and an East Rand man yesterday appeared before a Pretoria magistrate facing a charge of armed robbery.

Senne (60), his sons,

Mr Tony Senne (35) Mr Duke Senne (29) and Mr Kaizer Mkhonto (37) of Nigel were not asked to plead when they appeared before Mr W A J van Zyl who postponed the case to January 16 next year.

Senne is out on bail of R10 000, his sons R8 000 each and Mkhonto R1 000.

Warning to jackrollers

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JACKROLLING and the hijacking of cars must stop, media liaison officer for the Soweto police Captain Mikhichane Ngobeni said in his Christmas message yesterday.

He called on the tsotsi

element to stop causing concern among the peace loving residents and to disband their gangs forthwith.

"Those in possession of deadly weapons should

By ALI MPHAKI

hand them over to the police before it's too late. He who surrenders escapes punishment," he said.

Ngobeni urged the people of Soweto to consider the festive period as a time for rest and reflection after a hard year's work.

He said to those who have been so busy that they had not even gone to church "this is the right time to talk to God. We must all go to church on Christmas Day."

He said parents should try and spend more time with their families. "See that all your children are



Capt Ngobeni

safe and indoors just like a farmer who looks after the safety of his stock."

He urged children not to indulge in liquor and drugs or take wrong advice from friends.

"One has to choose between good and bad friends. Bad friends can lead you to suffering and problems," he said.

Police would be out in full force over the festive period and offenders would not be given a second chance.

"We must make this Christmas a spotless and crime-free one," he said.

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Malan has record — SAP

PRETORIA — The only record the SAP had of Mervyn Malan, who claims to be Defence Minister Magnus Malan's cousin and a former member of the alleged police hit squad, is a string of criminal convictions dating back to 1982, a spokesman said. *P 1094 20/11/84*

The police spokesman said Malan apparently left SA in September last year for Swaziland, where he asked for political asylum.

The Dutch government yesterday granted temporary residence to Malan.

Malan, 27, who claims he was a lance-corporal in the elite Reconnaissance Unit, has appealed for asylum on the grounds that his life would be in danger if he was sent back to SA.

Malan, who openly admits he has a criminal record, says he fled to Holland several months ago from Swaziland after an attempt to kidnap him there failed.

Malan, the police spokesman said, was arrested for fraud in 1982. He was convicted in Bloemfontein on two counts of fraud.

GERALD REILLY

In 1986 he was convicted on a drunken driving charge, and in the same year he was also convicted on a charge of malicious injury to property after setting a car alight.

In 1987 he was convicted in the Tzaneen Magistrate's Court on two counts of housebreaking and theft, said the spokesman.

The Dutch government indicated yesterday that at this stage his allegations were not the issue to be considered — only his appeal for refugee status.

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Malan has been accorded temporary refugee status. He is allowed to stay in the country, but not to work.

Defence Minister Magnus Malan said that he had never heard of the man. "This Mervyn Malan is unknown to me. I do not know of such a family member."

The minister said he had asked the Chief of the SADF to institute an investigation.

Sawyer 30/11/89

AN off-duty policeman wounded by shotgun fire in Westbury, Johannesburg, on Tuesday night, killed one of his attackers and seriously wounded another three as he lay bleeding in the street, police said.

A civilian was also wounded when five men, armed with a shotgun and a pistol, opened fire on the policeman as he walked in Solomon Street, Westbury, at 11pm on Tuesday, police spokesman Capt Eugene Opperman said.

Injured cop kills attacker

The policeman fell when he was struck by shotgun fire in the back and hip, but when a civilian who came to his assistance was also wounded by shotgun fire in the leg, he returned fire.

One attacker escaped, apparently taking the weapons with him.

Getting caught in the crossfire

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INNOCENT bystanders are getting caught in the crossfire as Wild West shootouts escalate in Johannesburg's streets.

In the past three months — since September 1 — there have been a total of 48 reported shootouts in the central Johannesburg and suburban areas.

Four reported shootouts occurred this week. On Wednesday a policeman was injured when a "kitskonstabel" accidentally shot him after firing into a crowd of Cosatu protesters in Bree Street. During the same confrontation five union members were sent to hospital after shots were fired.

On Tuesday afternoon two suspected car hijackers were shot in Jeppe Street by members of the Robbery Reaction Unit.

Two days earlier a woman was shot in the ankle in a shootout in Rosebank between a motorist and a suspected car robber.

And last Thursday two bystanders and a policeman were wounded during a gun battle after police had foiled a bank robbery in Market Street, Johannesburg.

Figures compiled for the past three months from news reports show that a total of 36 people have been wounded and 13 killed in such shootouts.

This figure includes eight totally innocent bystanders who were wounded by stray bullets in shootouts between criminals and police or security guards.

48 shootouts in 3 months in Jo'burg

PAT DEVEREAUX

The total also includes 15 suspected criminals who were wounded and nine suspects who were shot dead.

Shootouts are occurring in broad daylight, in crowded urban areas, and in most cases during or after robberies of vehicles, banks or stores. They involve armed criminals and members of the public, security guards and members of the police force.

Senior bank managers, First National Bank's Mr Jimmy McKenzie and Trust-Bank's Mr Jerry van Vuuren, this week warned the public against "being heroes" and trying to apprehend robbers, which could lead to the endangering of others' lives.

Mr van Vuuren said the advice to customers and staff was to do whatever the robbers demanded, without resistance.

Police liaison officer Captain Eugene Op-

perman also warned armed members of the public not to open fire hot-headedly in public places if robberies or muggings were in progress.

He added that licenced gun owners had to face up to the responsibility of owning guns.

Reacting to criticism levelled at the police for perhaps being too quick to draw their guns, which could lead to dangerous public confrontations, Captain Opperman said this week: "Shootouts are becoming more common because criminals are more sophisticated and are likely to be armed. The police have a duty to perform but take the necessary precautions where possible.

"However, in a situation where a policeman is being shot at, he cannot be expected to endanger his life and not return fire — sometimes innocent people do get shot.

"Our police are trained according to American methods and are taught to assess the situation before shooting but every situation is unique. They are also trained to shoot to injure rather than kill but it is extremely difficult with a moving target."

He added that often the public was to blame. "They don't move out of an area where there is shooting even if they see a policeman with a firearm."

He said in last Thursday's bank robbery shootout in which two bystanders were shot people just stood around and watched.

Diarracne Hair Awareness contest held in Dobsonville.

13 die in Soweto

At least 13 people were murdered and more than 380 were arrested in Soweto at the weekend, the Soweto police public relations officer said yesterday.

Captain M J Ngobeni said 382 people were arrested for various crimes.

He said 10 attempted murders, 22 armed robberies, 37 muggings and 16 rapes were reported.

Ngobeni said 35 ordinary theft cases and 29 cases of car break-ins were reported. Seven houses and 18 business premises were also broken into.

Police further reported 28 stolen cars and 29 stolen vehicles that were recovered.

Unisa results

EXAMINATION results for University of South Africa students will be released at 4pm on December 15, the university said in a news release yesterday.

Results will be posted up at the entrance to the Theo van Wijk Building on the campus in Pretoria, at the Johannesburg Study Centre at the Tony Factor In-Town Centre, and at the Pietersburg, Durban, and Cape Town regional offices.

Individual examination results will be mailed to all students.

Students will not be given examination results over the telephone.

Students who obtain their results on Friday, December 15 may re-register from Monday, December 18.

Lax controls and 'lies'

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■ The Van den Heever report unveils incompetence and wrongdoing in the DET

Last year, the FM reported on certain alleged irregularities in the Department of Education & Training (DET). A commission of inquiry under Judge Leo van den Heever was set up to investigate the affair and this week her first report was released.

For a start, the attorneys-general of the Transvaal and Natal will be asked to consider criminal charges of fraud and forgery arising out of the R2,5m printing contracts between the DET and Pretoria publisher Thinus Strydom, son of DET Deputy Director-General Jaap Strydom.

Judge van den Heever — assisted by commissioners Willem van Zyl and Gerald Barrie — has also instructed that the report be referred to the Commercial Branch for further investigation of possible fraud in connection with quotations favouring a Pretoria printing firm, Publication Scan.

The Van den Heever report was made public this week by DET Minister Stoffel van der Merwe, who succeeded Gerrit Viljoen as the department's political head.

While the commission finds that there is no indication of any desire by Viljoen to cover up the irregularities, "he may have

been eager to believe that there were no irregularities and that the press was merely playing political games."

Van den Heever also blames the many cases of negligence and irregularity which came to light — including forgery and fraud — on faulty administrative procedures. Some officials performed tasks beyond their capacity; there was slack supervision and control; a shortage of competent staff in certain divisions of the department; inadequate guidance, poor judgment and deficient communication.



Jaap Strydom Thinus Strydom

Strong criticism is levelled at the department's community communications section — Gemkom — and its covert actions which led to irregular printing contracts amounting to R1,2m with Strydom jr: "Covert action, because of the opportunity it creates for dishonesty, unfairness, nepotism and all sorts of wickedness, should normally be regarded as evil," the report says. It quotes attorney Michael Katz at a recent conference on business ethics: "Where businessmen are able or think they are able to use a section designed to help them to keep clandestine strategic information in the context of sanction busting, there is an inevitable spillover to use that provision to disguise poor management and dishonesty."

The commission recommends that statutory steps be taken to ensure that only the minister has the power to give written permission for actions classified as "covert" or "highly confidential" (see *Current Affairs*).

What of Jaap Strydom? No evidence was unearthed that he had been enriched or had given instructions to his officials to favour his son. However, "it is difficult to believe that Jaap Strydom was not aware of the irregu-

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larities in the sections which reported to him ...

In its evaluation of Strydom snr's evidence the report says he had made a good impression as a witness. However, "whether his evidence can be accepted in every respect is ... another question. It contains certain improbabilities and is contradicted or not supported where one would expect support if Jaap Strydom had been correct."

Dealing with the *Cradock Courant*, a local newspaper which Thinus Strydom started during the unrest in Cradock and which received a substantial amount of work from the DET, the commission says Jaap Strydom had more to do with the birth of the paper than he is telling now. Strydom snr apparently distanced himself from his son's other and later transactions with the DET — among them the sale of posters. However, he had to admit he was shown some of the printed matter by a senior DET official, Jan Vermaak, and that he had been in favour of its distribution: "He (Strydom snr) was definitely aware that Thinus had been doing business with the DET on a relatively large scale."

The commission states that Jaap was responsible for his son receiving print work from the DET while in Cradock. But, as the *Cradock Courant* had been useful to the DET, it could not be said that this was intended to benefit Thinus.

Referring to evidence given in camera, the commission says Strydom snr was absolutely (*beslis*) prepared to create opportunities for his son which gave him the chance of clinching a deal. It was he who proposed that his son be given a job as a journalist within the department when the vacancy arose; and "there are many indirect indications that Jaap did influence people to supply Thinus with work."

Despite suspicions that Strydom snr may have been responsible for his son's contracts, the commission concludes that this is based on speculation and probability only. It notes that regulations applicable to contracts with "dependants" of civil servants are not wide enough to combat nepotism and recommends that "the relevant regulations should be revised and applied even more strictly."

Thinus Strydom is judged harshly: "We would not share his father's opinion that Thinus had 'an inspirational vision' of solving Cradock's problems. He is, like the officials who favoured him, a liar."

According to the report, Strydom jr assisted in inventing false proposals by replacing invoices which did not reflect the correct facts of relevant transactions: "Thinus Strydom was aware that officials overstepped their powers and he assisted them to provide false invoices to enable them to cover up irregular actions. He also helped to obtain false quotations and ordered his employees to create and sign falsified documents."

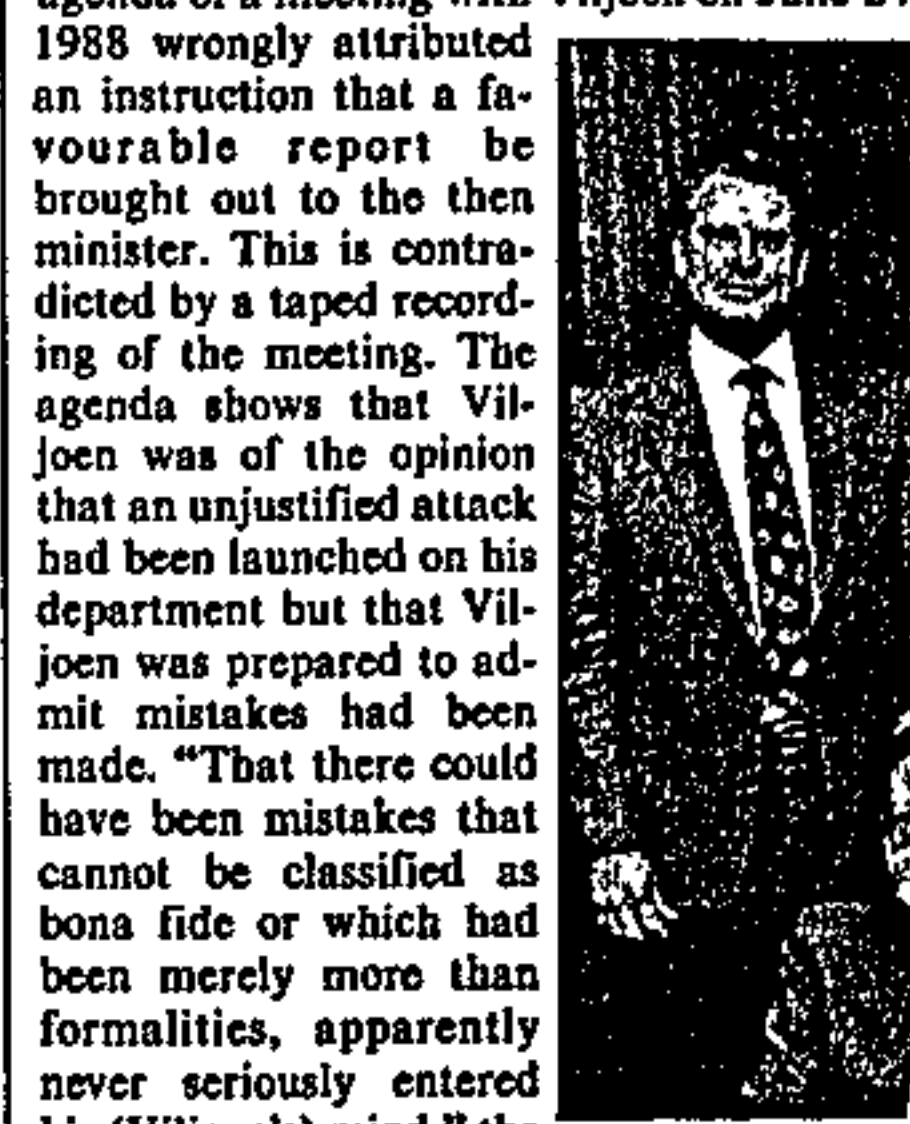
In the year ending March 1987, Thinus Strydom conducted business with the DET using different company names. However, officials of Gemkom and the department's

social service section knew they were dealing with one and the same person.

At that time, Strydom jr conducted his business from the premises of Vink Kloppers, owner of Publication Scan, whose involvement with the DET has been referred to the police for investigation. The next year — probably after Viljoen ordered a departmental investigation — there were indications that various documents had been fabricated as part of a cover-up.

Various senior DET officials also face the commission's censure. The report states that both Gemkom's Vermaak and his sidekick, Richard Beech, had *prima facie* perjured themselves. Vermaak's lies, the commission says, place doubt over the judgment of Jaap Strydom, who earlier described Vermaak as 'n man uit een stuk (a man of integrity).

Philip Engelbrecht, who reported directly to Jaap Strydom, conducted an internal investigation on Viljoen's orders — yet had himself acted irregularly on a number of occasions. According to the commission, the agenda of a meeting with Viljoen on June 24 1988 wrongly attributed an instruction that a favourable report be brought out to the then minister. This is contradicted by a taped recording of the meeting. The agenda shows that Viljoen was of the opinion that an unjustified attack had been launched on his department but that Viljoen was prepared to admit mistakes had been made. "That there could have been mistakes that cannot be classified as bona fide or which had been merely more than formalities, apparently never seriously entered his (Viljoen's) mind," the report comments.



The commission: Van Zyl, Barrie, Van den Heever

Engelbrecht's memorandum to Viljoen on the allegations said that top management was of the opinion that there had been no purposeful attempts to favour any specific supplier. That report was initiated by Engelbrecht, Jaap Strydom and another senior official. While there was no evidence that Engelbrecht had benefited by the favouritism shown to Thinus, the commission finds that he "definitely" helped cover up past irregularities.

Eben Coetzee — the Natal official suspended since he gave evidence to the commission earlier this year — attempted, like Vermaak, to link his irregular deeds to patriotic motives, the commission says. "There is virtually no irregularity that has not been committed by Coetzee, including obtaining bogus quotations and the alteration of documents in an effort to hide these irregularities when his actions were questioned."

The commission also notes the "strange behaviour" of Natal regional director Pietie

Nicholson, who insisted that one of his subordinates, Johan Strydom, hand over a sworn statement which had been prepared for the commission. "(He) could not provide us with an acceptable explanation which could have justified (this action)."

Former Wonderboom school principal Chris Schutte — who placed large orders with Thinus Strydom — should never have been trusted with the amounts under his control, the commission finds. "While there is no evidence before us of any dishonesty on Schutte's part, it seems that the deduction that he is stupid (*dom*) can be justified ... that he was promoted beyond the level of his incompetence."

Viljoen



The commission judges the evidence of another senior official, Gert Swart, in the same light: "Unless he was too stupid (*onnose!*) to be appointed to the job that he was in, he must have been aware that the quotations he received were ... eye-wash."

The question of sponsorships has also been addressed by the commission. In his evidence, Thinus Strydom stated that African Oxygen had got a foot in the DET's door with a R10m contract. A book written by Jaap Strydom and colleague Bill Staude was also financed by an unspecified sponsor. "If Thinus (Strydom) is telling the truth (the sponsorships) ... could result in embarrassment — to put it mildly."

Administrative and financial controls within the department were often negligent, says the commission. It is also "inappropriate" that ex-schoolteachers engage in covert actions or be placed in charge of huge amounts of money and widely divergent administrative functions without the necessary training.

There is no safety valve within the civil service which would make it possible for the dishonesty of senior officials to be brought to light by subordinates, according to the commission. It therefore recommends that a post be created through which alleged irregularities and favouritism can be investigated independently, without fear of intimidation. The proposed expansion of the functions of the Advocate-General simply do not go far enough, Judge van den Heever believes.

Clearly, whatever controls may have existed up to now have proved deficient.

□ The enquiry continues in February, when the commission will deal with the DET's involvement in black youth camps. ■



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By Anna Louw,
East Rand Bureau

A 73-year-old Primrose woman was hacked to death with an axe yesterday. A police spokesman said Mrs Christina Smith of Wychwood was found in a pool of blood in her lounge at about 5 pm.

Detectives found the murder weapon, a blood-stained axe, in the pantry.

Mrs Smith's husband, Mr Pieter Smith (63), and the couple's daughter, Mrs Elsie Vorster (38), last saw Mrs Smith alive at 11 am.

According to the police spokesman, Mr Smith telephoned his home in the afternoon. When he received no reply, he asked a neighbour, Mr Jacobus Gel-

Woman hacked to death with axe

denhuys, to investigate. Mr Geldenhuys and Mrs Vorster went to the house together and found Mrs Smith's body.

Police believe that robbery was the motive for the slaying.

Detectives from the East Rand Murder and Robbery Squad have launched a manhunt for the killer.

Anyone with information is asked to call the investigating officer, Detective Sergeant Leon Nel, at (011) 845-2820 during office hours or at (011) 54-6344 after hours.

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Woman locked up after rape attempt

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A 44-year-old Meyerton woman managed to break out of an overturned clothing cupboard in which she was locked by two intruders who attempted to rape her and robbed her of goods worth about R2 000.

According to police the woman was alone at home last

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week when two men, one of whom she knew, approached her for food.

Shortly afterwards, the men overpowered the woman in the entrance hall and demanded money while assaulting her.

After they were handed R75, the intruders attempted to rape her before ransacking the house.

No arrests have been made.

17 murdered in Soweto

SEVENTEEN people were murdered and 18 women raped in Soweto this weekend, according to Soweto Police PRO Mr Mikhichane Ngobeni.

Police yesterday also reported five attempted murders and 26 muggings.

Four business premises and 243 houses were broken-into.

Thirty three ordinary thefts and 15 from motor vehicles were reported.

Cars

Twenty four cars were stolen.

Police confiscated 1244 bottles of beer and 10 people were arrested for dealing in dagga or liquor.

Various crimes,

including theft, robbery, grievous bodily harm, possession of stolen property and unlicensed firearms, and assaulting a policeman resulted in 496 arrests, police reported. - Sapa.

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Body found on doorstep

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A MEADOWLANDS family woke up to find a blood-soaked woman's body on their doorstep yesterday.

Mr Robert Mangwegape at whose house the body was found in Zone 1 said he was woken by screams and banging on the door just after midnight.

"I saw a group of men scaling over my fence when I looked through the window. And on going out to investigate I found the blood-soaked corpse with several stab wounds right on my doorstep," said Mangwegape.

Meanwhile, police reported 17 murders, three done with firearms, in their weekend report for the Soweto area.

Other crime figures for the weekend are: five attempted murders, 19 armed robberies, 18 rapes, 25 car thefts, 33 other thefts, 26 other rob-

By KENOSI MODISANE

beries, four break-ins in business premises, 24 housebreakings in residential areas and 12 other crimes.

Soweto police arrested 496 people last week on crimes ranging from assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm (63), drinking in shebeens (42), illegal squatting (27), prohibited immigrants (33), rape (24), and murder (18).

Cars

They also recovered 36 stolen cars.

*Witwatersrand Police liaison officer Captain E A Opperman reported only three robberies totalling R192 000 in his district.

"It was one of the most quiet weekends crime-wise on the Witwatersrand," he said.

Bizarre twist in muti case

A BIZARRE twist of events led police to the shallow grave of a Pretoria man - mutilated by muti killers.

A routine car theft investigation by members of the Pretoria vehicle theft unit resulted in the

arrest of five suspects last week for the alleged murder of Mr Frederik Philipus Olivier (44), of Suikerbekkie Street, Jan Niemand Park.

They will appear in a Siyabuswa, KwaNdebele court today.

Olivier was apparently murdered about three weeks ago after he was last seen leaving home on November 1.

According to Detective Sergeant "Klippiess" Kritzinger of the Pretoria Vehicle Theft Unit the victim was allegedly hacked to death with an axe at the home of a witchdoctor at Waterval, near Siyabuswa.

His private parts was cut off for muti purposes before the body was buried in a shallow grave nearby.

Police first stumbled onto the killers' trail when a routine investigation revealed that a partly disassembled car at a Waterval garage was reported stolen in Pretoria on November 1 by Mr Andries Olivier - brother of the victim.

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Bizarre twist in muti case

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A suspect was arrested on a charge of alleged car theft and during questioning at the Siyabuswa police station he confessed to the muti-killing.

He then led police to Olivier's grave in the veld near Siyabuswa.

On Thursday night police arrested four more suspects, one of them a witchdoctor.

Axe

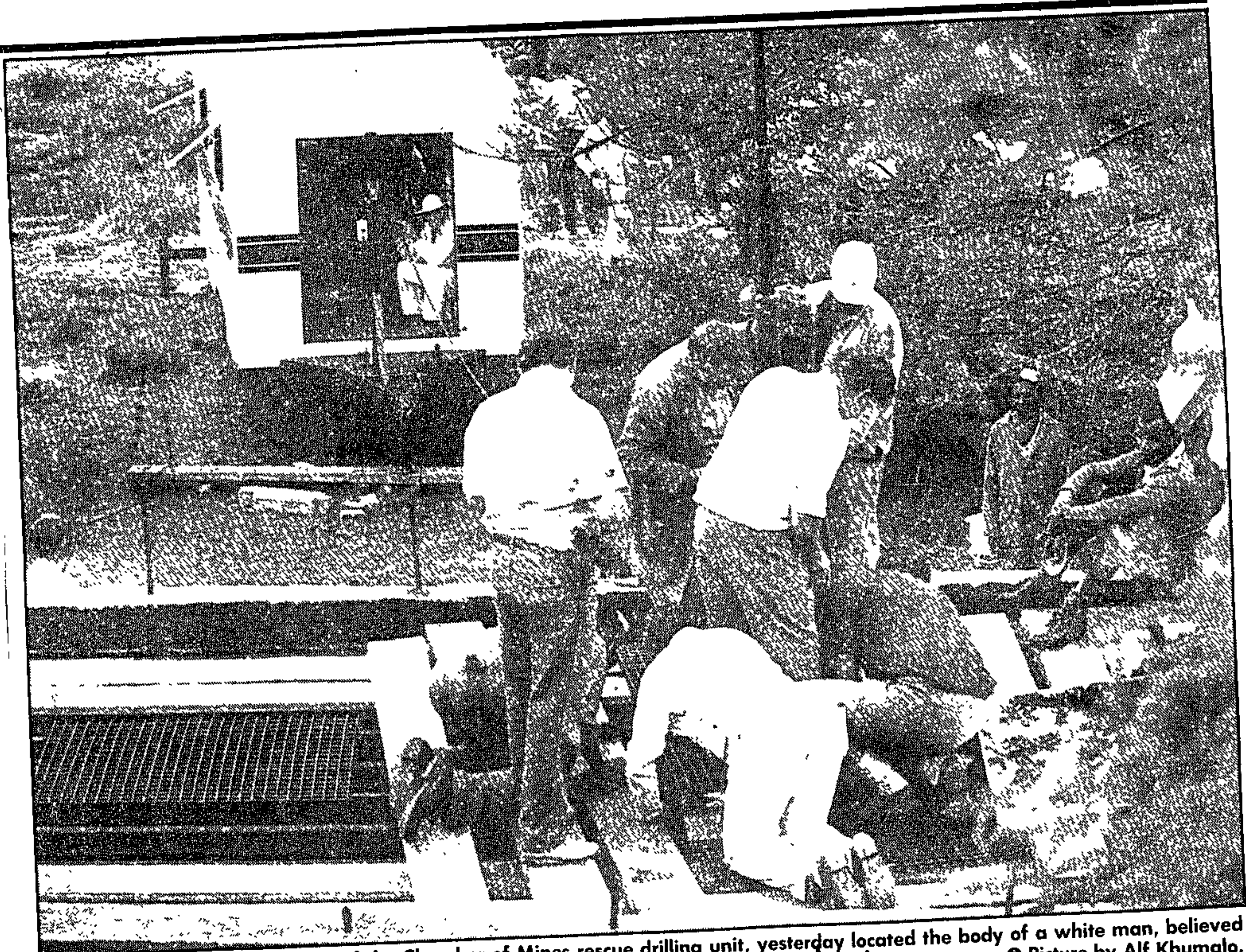
Police believe Olivier, driving his brother's car, picked up two hitchhikers.

He was then forced to the witchdoctor's home where he was killed with the blunt end of an axe.

According to police, one of the suspects was to appear in court on car theft charges and believed muti made from the victim's private parts would protect him in court.

Siyabuswa police are about to make another arrest in connection with the killing.

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Siyabuswa



The circular television probe, part of the Chamber of Mines rescue drilling unit, yesterday located the body of a white man, believed to be Mr Sydney Robson. The camera was lowered down the Selby mine shaft. ● Picture by Alf Khumalo.

Police in tussle to get body out of mine shaft

By Louise Burgers

Police were battling last night to retrieve the body of a white man, believed to be the murdered Johannesburg school caretaker Mr Sydney Robson, from the disused mine shaft in Selby after it was located only 140 m down yesterday.

Police and Chamber of Mines officials decided to try to bring up the body last night after they had spent the whole day setting up a surveillance camera. They were monitoring the material relayed by

the camera.

Large mirrors were used to reflect light down into the 600 m vertical shaft, now being used as a ventilation shaft.

If the body had been much lower down, it would have been too dangerous to bring to the surface and evidence collected using the camera would then be used in court.

Police have been trying to find the body since Mr Robson disappeared three weeks ago from King Edward VII School. One of three suspects arrested in connection with

the case told police Mr Robson had been killed with fighting sticks and his body dumped in the mine shaft.

Firemen were lowered to a depth of 100 m before the search was abandoned as too dangerous. The search was suspended two weeks ago after supports were found to be rotting and there were fears that parts of the shaft could fall in if disturbed.

The suspects have already appeared in court in connection with Mr Robson's death.

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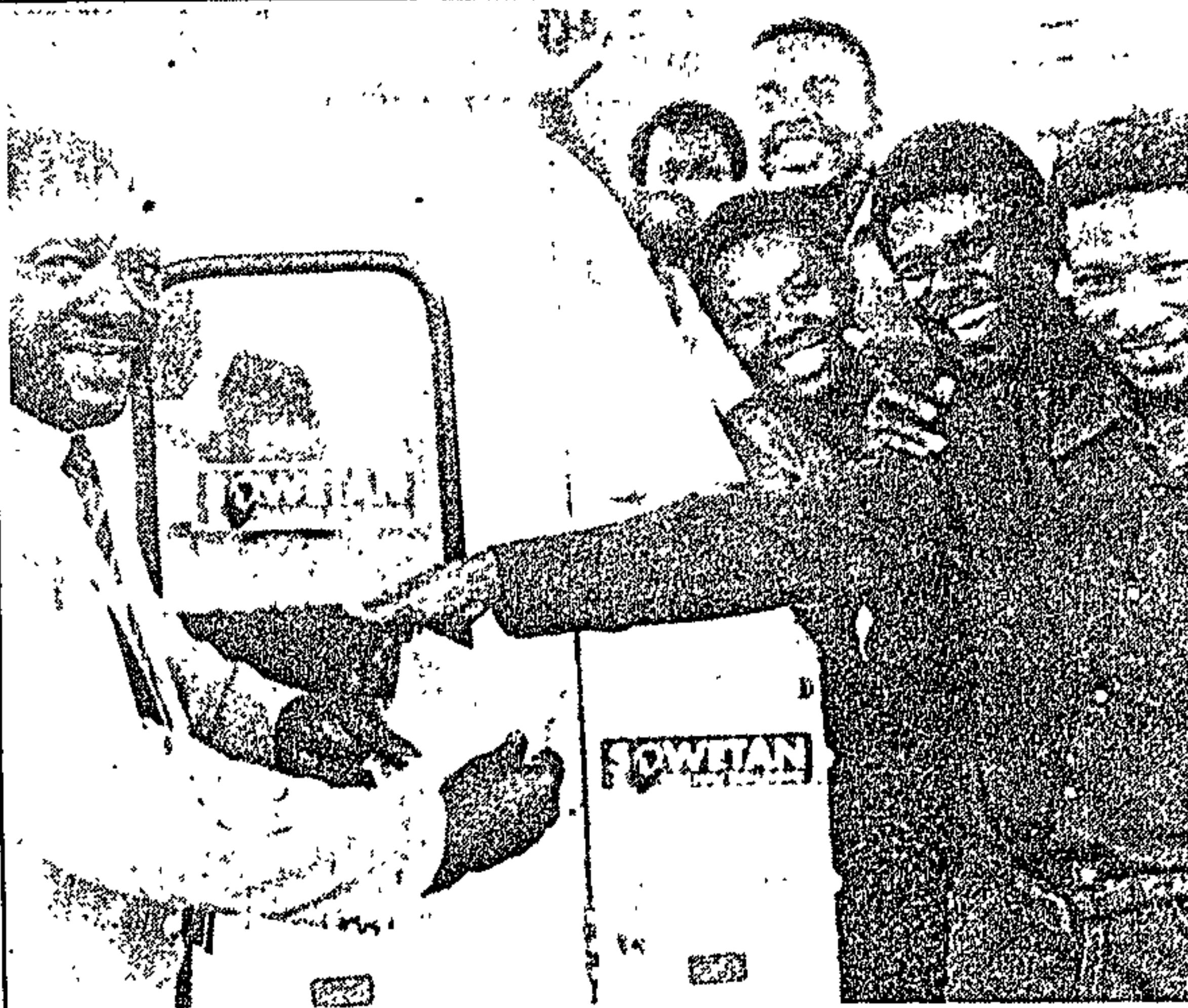
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SA agents accused

LONDON - Armscor agents posing as South African diplomats had contacts with the Protestant Ulster Resistance terrorist movement months before the alleged Paris Blowpipe missile deal was uncovered in April this year, a television documentary screened here on Monday night claimed.

French security police co-ordinating with their British counterparts arrested South African diplomat Mr Daniel Storm in a Paris hotel with three members of the Ulster Resistance, allegedly exposing a deal whereby Armscor was to obtain stolen missile technology from Northern Ireland in exchange for small arms. - Sapa.



Mr Elijah Tshabalala (right) of Tembisa is congratulated by well-wishers as he receives R100 which he won in Sowetan's Bumper-Sticker competition. The director of Esangweni Motors, Mr Peter Moerane, handed over the money.

Blast victims

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day and they were "very upset about it."

Raja said the police brought with them some documents which made it easy for the family to identify Akhalwaya.

When Akhalwaya did not arrive home late on Monday night, the family reported him missing "because it was unusual for him not to be at home late at night."

The family contacted the police and hospitals in an attempt to locate Akhalwaya, according to Raja.

Although Raja confirmed that Akhalwaya was active in the struggle against apartheid, he could not say whether he was a member of any particular political organisation.

"We knew that he was involved but we did not know to what extent," said Raja.

Raja told Sowetan Akhalwaya was named "the softie" in the family.

Meanwhile, a second explosion is believed to have rocked central Johannesburg on Monday night - 10 minutes after the men were killed in an explosion at the Rotunda railway station.

Crash

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speed at the time of impact.

Eye witnesses at the scene said the R22 highway between Johannesburg and Witbank was strewn with clothing, bags and money as rescue workers struggled for hours in the dark to free the injured and dying.

Killed for stealing R1

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A SOWETO teenager died a few hours after he and two friends were assaulted by alleged members of a street committee for robbing a man of R1 at the weekend.

Seventeen-year-old Peter Mandla Tshabalala died at his Mzimhlope home.

His friends, Muzi Mekhojane and another known only as "Chippa", were admitted to Baragwanath Hospital in a serious condition.

The attack allegedly followed a neighbour's complaint to street committee members that the three youths had robbed him of R1 near the Mzimhlope station on Sunday night.

"The three were hunted down and taken to a house where they were severely assaulted with sjamboks and an assortment of weapons for more than three hours," Mandla's grandmother, Mrs Catherine Mthetwa, said.

"Neighbours awoke us after midnight and told us our son was lying on a street pavement about a kilometre away.

"He was semi-conscious with wounds in his head.

"He had sjambok weals all over his body. We bathed him and he fell asleep, not to wake up again," Mthetwa said.

Mandla was an unemployed school dropout. Funeral arrangements have not been finalised yet. The case has been reported to the police.

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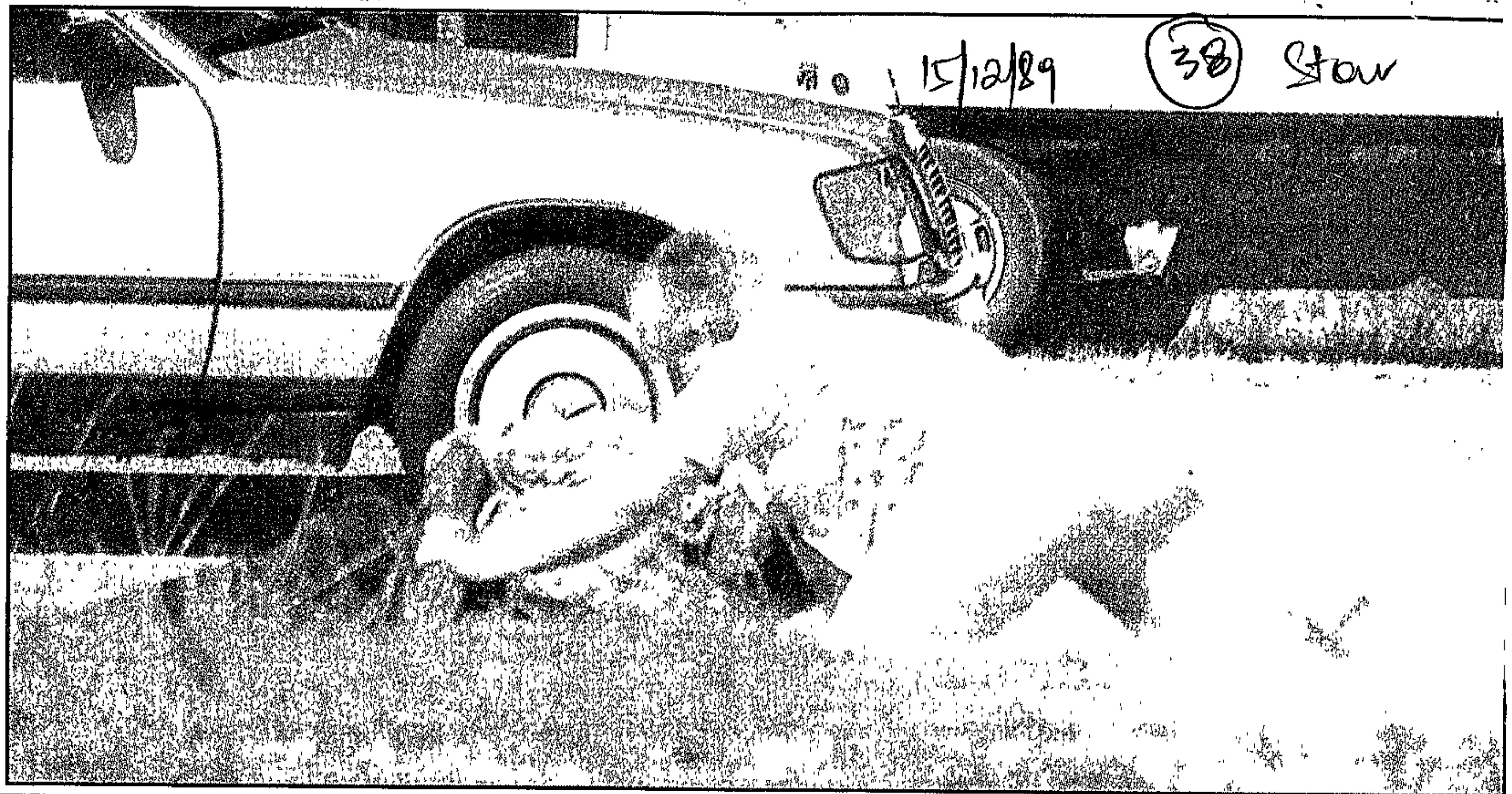
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Five young men attack taxi driver

Five men in their late twenties, driving a red Mazda without registration plates, stopped a mini-bus taxi on the William Nicol Highway, between Sloan Street and Bryanston Drive, in Sandton at about 4.30 pm yesterday. The driver, Mr Derek Makwetsa, was pulled from his vehicle and beaten up (right and below), mainly by a man in a yellow shirt. Three of the men marched the driver to his taxi and drove towards the Bryanston Post Office. They were forced to stop by a man driving a truck and abandoned the driver and his taxi, but took the keys with them. The men drove off towards Randburg (bottom). Mr Makwetsa reported the attack to the Randburg police station. The incident was witnessed by several motorists, including Mr John Miller, who took these pictures.



Colonel Denard lands in SA this afternoon, will stay temporarily

Mercenaries fleeing the Comoros today

By Ken Vernon,
The Star's Africa
News Service

Moroni

Colonel Bob Denard and his band of mercenaries are fleeing the Comoros today. Two transport planes have been supplied by South Africa and are expected back in South Africa this afternoon.

Attempts will be made to place most of the mercenaries on flights to Europe soon after their arrival at Jan Smuts Airport at about 4 pm.

A temporary residence permit will be issued to Colonel Denard but a Department of Foreign Affairs

spokesman was adamant today that none of the mercenaries would be allowed to stay in South Africa.

He said the permit to Colonel Denard would be for only one month while the question of his final destination, in France or elsewhere, was sorted out. Restrictions would be placed on him and he would, among other things, probably not be allowed to speak to the press.

There are court proceedings pending against him in France.

Before Colonel Denard and his men left the Comoros, they "handed over" authority on the island to French military officers at a brief ceremony at the Moroni airport.

The French troops arrived at Moroni at 9 am today from the French-ruled island of Mayotte.

They are expected to stay only

long enough to ensure that a presidential election, scheduled for next month, is free and fair.

Colonel Denard and the presidential guard he formed 10 years ago after a coup that installed President Ahmed Abdallah, have ruled the islands since Abdallah was assassinated three weeks ago.

Caved in

During that time Colonel Denard tried in every way to withstand intense pressure from South Africa and France to quit the island before finally caving in yesterday.

At a press conference yesterday, he made impossible demands for money, recognition of his "good work" for the country as well as a demand for a public handing-over ceremony "to preserve his honour".

This, it appears, was a cynical attempt to mislead the world into believing he was not leaving.

It is known he and his men will not receive any money for the assets they will leave behind.

A French indemnity against prosecution will cover only their Comoran venture, not previous crimes.

The SA Trade Commissioner in the Comoros, Mr Marco Boni, said the South African Government had laid on the aircraft taking the mercenaries off the island only to "facilitate" their removal from the Comoros for the good of the country.

The withdrawal of the mercenary band began last night when all wives of the mercenaries and five leading members of the band boarded an Air France flight to Paris.



Killer 'surprised' woman attorney

By Karen Stander

A prominent 50-year-old woman attorney was apparently surprised in her home by an intruder who bound her wrists and ankles before suffocating her.

Ms Nola Levy, niece of Rand Supreme Court judge Mr Justice Levy, was found dead in her Bramley home early yesterday.

Police said she had died by suffocation, either through strangulation or by a pillow placed over her face.

Ms Levy's body was found at about 6 am by her maid, Mrs Aletta Legobata, who called her husband, Mr David Moroke. He hailed a passing police van.

Ms Levy's feet were bound and her hands tied behind her back with cloth. She was lying on her bed.

She was last seen alive by her staff at about 6 pm on Wednesday.

The house had been ransacked and a television set was missing. Her car, a champagne-coloured BMW 3-series sedan, registration MZC 353 T, was also missing.

Ms Levy was divorced and lived alone with her children, who are away on holiday.



Mrs Nola Levy ... found dead in her Johannesburg home yesterday morning.

Witwatersrand police liaison officer Captain Eugene Opperman said it was first thought the back door of the house had been forced open but it was later established that the locks had been broken previously.

Captain Opperman said there was no evidence that she had been sexually assaulted.

Ms Levy had three children, an elder daughter, Toni Joosten, and 13-year old twins, Gallia and Aaron Joosten.

The motive appeared to be robbery.

All police units have been placed on alert to trace the missing car.

Kids burnt to death

TWO children were burnt to death and three grown-ups were seriously injured when the house of a senior employee of the South African Transport Services was gutted by fire in Atteridgeville, Pretoria, yesterday morning.

Joseph (12) and Thabo (8) Mogale were burnt beyond recognition after

By **MONK NKOMO**

their 17 Khudu Street home caught fire at about 5am.

The children's mother, Mrs Sarah Mogale, grandmother Mrs Annah Mogale and a relative, Mrs Mahlodi Sathekge, were taken to the Kalafong Hospital after sustaining injuries and

suffering from shock.

Relatives yesterday said they suspected the house had been deliberately torched.

A spokesman for the police, however, refuted the claims that the house had been petrol-bombed and said they suspected the fire was caused by an

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Kids burnt

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electrical short circuit "or overloading".

The fire started about 30 minutes after the boys' father, Mr Ephraim Mogale, a public relations officer at Sats in Johannesburg, had left for work.

The two boys were the couple's only children.

Mr Mogale was told about the deaths over the telephone.

Mrs Maria Malematsa, the boys' aunt, said Joseph and Thabo were trapped inside the diningroom which was engulfed in flames.

The three survivors were plucked to safety by neighbours who heard the screams.

The neighbours smashed windows to get into the house.

The four rooms of the house were gutted and the roof caved in.

Police combed the ashes for clues.

Joseph and Thabo were pupils at Mabafeng Primary School.

Joseph this week got his school report informing him that he had passed Standard 2.

Thabo was still waiting for his report.

Funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

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Gardener jailed for raping his employer

KLERKSDORP — Goliath Phillips (46) was found guilty in the Klerksdorp Regional Court on Friday of raping a woman who employed him as a gardener.

The magistrate, Mr P J L Venter, also found Phillips guilty of attempted murder, kidnapping, robbery, theft, driving a vehicle without the permission of the owner and escaping from custody.

He was sentenced to 16 years and six months' imprisonment. As some of the sentences will run concurrently, he will serve 13 years and six months.

Phillips told the court he had gained access to the house by asking for water and money on March 1 this year. He stole chips, sweets and coke.

He then strangled his employer and, when she lost consciousness, put her into the boot of her car and drove towards Hartbeesfontein where he raped her in the veld. He then took R30 from her handbag.

He was arrested at Paardeplaas near Hartbeesfontein the following day but escaped from custody.

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Robbers lock butcher in freezer

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By Melody McDougall,
Vereeniging Bureau *STW*

A Vanderbijlpark butcher and his two assistants were locked in a walk-in freezer after a hold-up at the industrial butchery in Vanderbijlpark at the weekend.

According to a police spokesman, the incident happened on Saturday morning when five men, armed with guns and knives, stormed into the shop and confronted Mr Manuel C P Taria (44)

and two female employees.

Mr Taria was then hit on the head with a firearm before being robbed of his gold watch and R1 500 in cash. Afterwards he and the two assistants were locked in a walk-in freezer. They managed to free themselves shortly after the robbers fled from the building.

Mr Taria sustained a minor injury to his head during the attack. Last night no arrests had been made.

Hunt for killer of Jo'burg attorney

By Louise Burgers

An intensive manhunt is under way for the killers of Johannesburg attorney Mrs Nola Levy, found murdered in her Bramley home on Thursday morning.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said police had no idea how many people were involved and were concentrating on the search for Mrs Levy's champagne coloured BMW 3-series sedan, registration MZC 353 T, which was missing.

Mrs Levy, niece of Rand Supreme Court judge Mr Justice D Levy, was attacked in her home which was protected by a sophisticated security system. She was apparently suffocated after her wrists and ankles were bound.

Captain Opperman said there was no evidence that Mrs Levy's murder was linked to that of financial journalist Miss Patricia Kenny, but that police were investigating all possibilities.

Mrs Kenny was also found bound on her bed. Her attacker or attackers managed to gain access to her home despite her newly installed security system.

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West Rand man fires at servant and friends

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By Gien Elsas,
West Rand Burea

A Randfontein man is expected to appear in the local court soon on charges of attempted murder after apparently firing shots at a domestic servant and friends who were visiting her on Friday night.

A West Rand police spokesman said the man had asked the domestic servant to quieten down.

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Later the man again went to the servant's room, this time with a shotgun. He fired several shots into the room.

A woman, only identified as Emma, was shot in the right knee while a man, Isaac, was shot in the right arm.

Both were taken to the Leratong Hospital where they are being treated.

Twelve murdered in Soweto

Twelve people, including a policeman, were murdered in Soweto over the weekend.

The SA Police public relations officer for Soweto, Capt N J Ngobeni, said the 24-year-old Jabulani policeman was gunned down by an unknown man in Diepkloof, Zone 6, and his official firearm stolen at 9pm on Sunday.

The policeman's name has not yet been disclosed as his next of kin have not been told of his death, Ngo-

beni said.

He said police also reported seven attempted murders, 12 armed robberies and 11 ordinary robberies. Twenty-two women were raped.

He said police also reported 21 theft cases and five thefts out of motor cars.

One business and 12 houses were broken into.

Twenty cars were reported stolen and 46 were recovered by police. Sapa.

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Gangsters and their relatives holding hands after making peace.

A GANG war that set blood-relatives against one another in Zola, Soweto, has ended.

Youngsters who used to stalk each other with guns and swords every night since June now joke nonchalantly and share meals with one another.

They are the once-feared Ninjas and Achievers, who many wished to see dead.

A month ago they laid down their arms. Their war, sparked off by a quarrel over a schoolgirl, halted schooling in the area as boys, some as young as 13 years old, took to the streets with weapons, screaming for blood.

Many of their relatives left their homes in fear of their lives and those who remained hurled insults at each other over the telephone.

Six people died in the violence and damage to property ran into hundreds of rands.

Gangs flourish in poor communities around the world and Zola is no exception.

The Soweto police, however, have been saying they have seen no

Sowetan journalist PHANGISILE MTSHALI interviewed former members of the two fierce gangs, the Ninjas (formerly known as Mshiqi gang) and the Achievers (Shivas), just after they made peace in November. One of the people she interviewed, Ma-ada Patrick Mhlanga (24) of Zola North, Soweto, is dead. He was shot dead last week in an American gangland-style killing by people driving in a Colt Gallant car.

Inside the mind of a gangster

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sign of syndicated or organised crime in the area but residents whisper about AmaJapan, AmaKappa and Hotboys and make sure that nobody is eavesdropping.

This week the police admitted that there were a number of gangs operating in the area and say

their investigations are successful.

Here is a translation of the interview I had with the Ninjas and Shivas just before Ma-ada was gunned down.

Mtshali: What turned you into gangsters?

Sapas (Shivas): The Shivas were formed as a vigilante group to protect school pupils in Zola North from the Ninjas but the situation got out of hand.

Ma-ada (Ninja): Women, as usual, set us at each other's throats.

Coolboy (Shivas): We were told that the Ninjas had jackrolled (Soweto slang for kidnapping and raping) a schoolgirl.

Girl

I was there when this girl was jackrolled. She was talking to my bra and when a Ninja in a *transi* (car) stopped, got out of the *transi* and slapped her.

He then forced her into his car.

Women started the war and also kept it going by making up false stories to appeal to our pride and ego.

Mtshali: Did you have any initiation rituals in the

gangs?

Sapas: No. We were mainly school pupils. We saw it as our duty to defend our honour.

Ma-ada: I was not around when things started but when they heated up I was invited by members of Mshiqi's gang.

Mtshali: For the past six months your gangs' names have been linked with indiscriminate gang rapes.

Ma-ada: We know jackrolling is in but I want it to go on record that most of the girls who landed in our *transi* were our girlfriends or their friends.

There were some girls who went out of their way to provoke the Shivas and we would be drawn into revenge killings.

Mtshali: Did you plan your attacks or did you go out on random attacks?

Pa (Ninja): We made our plans for the night at stokvels and shebeens.

Sometimes you would go to check your *juju* (girlfriend) and find that she had left with another girl for the enemy territory (Zola 1 where the Shivas live).

When you met the girl who left with your *juju* you would toss her into the *transi* and she would have to explain your *juju*'s disappearance.

Sapas: Although we have never really had open warfare we hit selected targets.

Ma-ada: We used to strike at the neighbourly hour of 8pm. Sapas and his crowd used to attack the dead of the night.

Early evening was good for us because later we could go into other operations like stealing cars in downtown Johannesburg.

Mtshali: How did you feel after a successful attack?

Ma-ada: Let me say we were like animals....

Sapas: Yes, people used to fear us and yet somehow we fascinated them.

Movie

There were times when I felt as if we were in a movie.

Ma-ada: We decided to turn this place into a small Beirut. We had no consciences left.

The main thing was to get back at the enemy. We were trapped in this thing. Even our grannies and sisters knew this was a matter of life and death and were joining in the fighting.

Coolboy: After every hit we felt satisfied, much better and useful.

Mtshali: How do you feel now that you have made peace?

Sapas: A burden has been removed from our shoulders. We are proud about ourselves but the community seems disappointed.

Coolboy: Yes, it is as if they are disappointed we have stopped killing each other.

School

They do not want to accept us and are mocking our efforts. Now I only want to go back to school and get a profession.

Ma-ada: Members of the community pass sarcastic remarks to make us feel like cowards.

They make us feel as if we did the wrong thing by making peace. But we know it is not so because we are enjoying our new found freedom.

Pa: We have done our part as responsible young people, now it is up to others to meet us halfway and accept us back rather than ostracise us.

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Rockman 'brought peace' to Flats



Lt Rockman

By PETER DENNEHY

SUSPENDED policeman Lieutenant Gregory Rockman demonstrated support from unusual quarters yesterday when he introduced a "Mongrel gang leader" to the Cape Town Press Club.

Lt Rockman, the speaker at yesterday's Press Club function, stressed he saw his guest, Mr Edwin Daniels, as "a person worthy of respect".

Mr Daniels said: "Mitchells Plain was a killing field. We in the Mongrels used to kill people. Rockman brought peace. Now it is the valley of peace. I, who am a Mongrel, say that if Rockman leaves Mitchells Plain, I am going to object."

Lt Rockman said that 14 members of the organisation he leads, the Police

and Prisons Civil Rights Union (Pop-cru), had now been suspended and faced a "black Christmas".

He himself had not wanted to ask the police for a portion of his salary while under suspension. He said other members of his union had been offered "R100 for single guys and R200 for those who are married".

He had suggested that the money should be sent back to Pretoria.

Lt Rockman hinted yesterday that he might stay on in the police force if he is able to do so.

"I am still prepared to stick it out, because my community have asked me to stay on, even though I was going to resign," he said.

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Police seize fakes valued at R500 000

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POLICE are searching for the owner of a Johannesburg printing company following the discovery of faked R50 notes worth R500 000.

Three men were arrested after police allegedly caught a suspect tendering a counterfeit R50 note at a well known nightclub in Bree Street.

According to Captain Eugene Opperman, the Witwatersrand police liaison officer, the suspect then pointed out a print shop in Abbey House,

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Commissioner Street known as Presto Print.

"Inside the print shop three other suspects were caught printing counterfeit R50 notes. One of the three managed to escape," said Opperman.

The police seized three

boxes containing the faked R50 notes worth about R500 000.

Opperman said the police suspected that there were more of these counterfeit notes in circulation in the Johannesburg area and appealed to the public to be on the lookout for R50 notes with the following numbers: AJ 6385878 E

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and AM 2193139 E. He said the police suspected that the counterfeit notes would be used at nightclubs or places where it is dark in order to get change in real money.

Anybody with information about Mr Dalson M Ramasilele, the owner of the print shop, or is in possession of these counterfeit notes, is urged to immediately contact Major Koehn or Constable van der Vyer during office hours at (011) 838-8363 ext 236 or (011) 838-5445.

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Spate of violent crime on Reef

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Police have issued a stern warning to the public not to carry large amounts of cash following a number of daring and violent assaults and robberies in the period leading up to Christmas.

Since Wednesday seven people have been attacked, stabbed or shot at their homes in the Johannesburg area alone, according to SAP liaison officer Captain Eugene Opperman.

● A Woodmead Extension man, Mr Thomas William Jones (53), was shot in the stomach when an armed robber accosted him as he pulled up in front of his garage on Thursday. The robber tried to escape in Mr Jones's car, but could not start it because an immobiliser had been installed.

● On Wednesday three armed men accosted Mr Andre Johan Pretorius (36) outside his Parkmore home, hit him over the head with a gun and made off with his R63 000 Mercedes Benz, registration number NMN 851 T.

● On Wednesday a Whitney Gardens couple were stabbed by five men who entered their house through an unlocked door and demanded money.

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● On Thursday a Homestead Park man, Mr Joseph Adam (62), and his wife were attacked outside their house and robbed of R25 000 cash and cheques worth R15 000.

● Armed men on Thursday held up the owner and employees of Kavalier Foods in Benrose, taking cash and jewelry worth R38,100. They escaped in a company vehicle.

● Also on Thursday three armed men held up Mr Bhikoo Vallabh Patel (39) at his King George Street shop and took cash and goods worth R12 000.

● A gun-wielding robber made off with R2 000 cash after holding up Mr Ronald Todd (68) in his Norwood shop and forcing him to open his safe. The robber bound Mr Todd's feet and hands before escaping.

● Early yesterday four armed men attacked 71-year-old Mrs Evita Gregory in her Glen Austin home. She was hit in the face with a hard object and suffered serious head and body injuries. It has yet to be ascertained what was stolen.

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