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Son shot dead in filling station raid

By ALINAH DUBE

Mr Nelson Mbhalathi (35), son of Mamelodi Community leader Mr OK Mbhalathi, died instantly when he was shot during an armed robbery at the family's filling station at the weekend.

Lieutenant Hennie Crowther, Press liaison officer for the Northern Transvaal police, said the incident took place about 9.30pm last Friday. He said Nelson and his father and brother were counting the day's takings when they were held by a group of unknown persons with guns.

The Mbhalathis were robbed of R15000 and Nelson was shot in the stomach with a shotgun.

Crowther said a traffic control officer who was in the vicinity of the filling station in Mamelodi East heard gun shots and went to investigate.

Although other alleged robbers fled from the scene, he said, one man from Soweto was arrested. He said the man was found in possession of a shotgun and a bag containing R15000.

Police are investigating.

Funeral arrangements are still to be made.

Alleged 'BMX' gangsters held

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EAST Rand police have arrested five alleged members of the notorious "BMX" gang in connection with the killing of eight Katlehong residents.

The residents were from the township's Nhlapo Section where the gang was based. The five were arrested this week.

Police are also investigating allegations of robbery, rape, assault and house breaking against the men.

Two of their alleged victims, Mr Edwin Motsamai and Mr Aaron "Pepe" Ndimande, will be buried in the township on Saturday. They were killed last week.

A Katlehong pupil, Phillip Kgelebi Modisakeng, was buried last week. He was murdered two weeks ago.

Early yesterday about 80 people went to the local police station to lay various charges against the gangsters after news of the arrests spread.

A police spokesman said they were still looking for two other members of

the gang, including its leader who apparently lives in Tshiwelo, Soweto.

Two of the alleged gangsters were arrested while picnicking at the Germiston Lake on New Year's Day. The rest were picked up the next day.

The spokesman said the men, whose ages range between 18 and 25, will appear in court as soon as investigations have been completed.

Katlehong residents yesterday expressed joy over the arrests.

The seven-member gang, formed eight months ago, operated along the same lines as the infamous Soweto gangsters known as the "Jackrollers".

They allegedly raided shebeens and stokvels where they robbed patrons, assaulted them and abducted women, later raping them.

People were attacked with an assortment of weapons, including garden forks, spades, pangas and iron bars.

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

Minister's fury: I'll demand probe into police action

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PIK BOTHA...
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By DRIES van HEERDEN
and HERMAN JANSEN

AN ANGRY Mr Pik Botha yesterday lashed out at the arrest of his youngest son Piet on fraud charges.

"I will demand a thorough investigation into the circumstances that led to this humiliation of an innocent man," the Foreign Minister told the Sunday Times after his musician son's release.

Mr Botha flew into the personal storm after a highly successful trip to Budapest, the capital of Hungary, where he became the first South African Minister to pay an official visit to a Warsaw Pact country.

"What disturbs me is why it was not possible for the police to ascertain that they were dealing with a simple civil case," Mr Botha said.

"On the face of available evidence, any Fonn, Dick or Harry could have made a few phone calls to establish the truth.

"When I first heard about the case, my view was that



PIET BOTHA... 'target of somebody's jealousy'

Cheques

During this period he and a local branch of a well-known bottle store chain agreed that his outstanding bill would be paid with three post-dated cheques.

However, in December 1988, the club was finally sold. The contract stipulated that the new owners would take over all liabilities, including the liquor bill. The liquor store agreed to the arrangement.

"I am a simple man. I make my music and I play my guitar. The band played in Cape Town and Durban and I thought everything in the business had been sorted out," Mr Botha said.

Until Thursday. At 1pm Constables Ernie Pieterse and Dwaine van Onselen of the Sunnyside branch of the SAP arrived at his Pretoria North home to arrest him on fraud charges.

It transpired that the bottle store had turned over its bad debts to a debt collector, who then put the police on Mr Botha's trail.

His wife Vivian, his daughter Jessie, 4, and his mother-in-law, Mrs Rita Viljoen, were also present.

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the law should take its course, because I believed from the outset in my son's innocence. Naturally, I am overjoyed by the Attorney-General's decision not to prosecute.

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"I will, however, demand a thorough investigation. A few phone calls could have proved that there was no case against my son. I want to know why this wasn't done."

And yesterday, Mr Piet Botha — a musician and member of the pop group Jackhammer — spoke for the first time about his surprise arrest on Thursday and the treatment he received at the hands of the police.

The drama finally ended on Friday when Transvaal Attorney-General, Mr Don Brunette, dismissed all charges against him.

"I am certain that I am the target of somebody's jealousy or that there are political motives involved," Mr Piet Botha said.

"They were waiting for me. The day before they watched my house through binoculars.

"My suspicion is that there are people who are using this to get at my father. They knew very well who I was. Why did they wait for my father to leave for Hungary before they pounced?

"There is absolutely no fraud involved. I can't understand why charges were brought in the first place," he said.

Mr Botha said he and some partners were operating a Pretoria music club, Grand Central, which was sold in October 1986. However, the new owners later requested him to take the business back, which he did in November 1987.

Pik slams his son's arrest

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to be allowed to make a few phone calls to prove my innocence. They refused. They also denied me the right to call my attorney."

He was taken to the Sunnyside police station. In an office, where a picture of a white wolf was hanging on the wall, he was photographed.

"I again begged them to allow me to prove my innocence. I told them one phone call to the bottle store would clear everything up. They again refused.

"They told me to shut up. These are your cheques. Here is your signature. This is fraud," they said.

After three hours in custody Mr Botha was taken to the Pretoria Magistrate's Court. It was already closed, so he appeared before a magistrate in his chambers. He was released and warned to ap-

pear in court on January 23.

Yesterday Mr Brunette withdrew the charges. And the attorney representing the liquor store group, Mr Joseph Rabinowitz, confirmed it was all a misunderstanding.

"I have examined the matter thoroughly and am convinced the charge should never have been laid.

"I believe the new owner undertook to pay the debts in terms of the contract but did not do so.

"Mr Botha obviously thought the cheques would be honoured. My client subsequently turned the claim over to a debt collector."

Mr Botha said he was dismayed at the police treatment he received. "They treated me as if I was a common criminal. They denied my every attempt to sort out the problem.

"I am a peaceful chap. I don't make waves. All I want

is to be left alone to make my music.

"I never robbed a bank or shot anybody. Why did they have to do this in front of my family? My little daughter watched everything and she can't understand what happened.

"This has caused a lot of pain and suffering to my family. This is what hurts the most."

Yesterday the head of Police Public Relations, Major Gen Herman Stadler, said a charge of fraud had been laid against Mr Botha some time ago. It was investigated according to normal procedures and referred to a senior prosecutor. He then issued a warrant.

"As far as I know there is nothing sinister about this case. The normal procedure in all cases is for policemen to arrest people after a warrant has been issued."

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Mandela friend wrecks writer's house

By CHARIS PERKINS 38

ST Times 7/1/90

WINNIE MANDELA was involved in a new row this week when a young man, often seen at the Mandela mansion, hurled bricks and stones through a neighbour's windows.

She has since apologised to the neighbour, Sunday Times journalist Ezra Mantini.

The man allegedly responsible for the vandalism is a 25-year-old whose name was linked with the murder of child activist Stompie Sepei early last year.

He is due to stand trial in March on a charge of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

The man allegedly gate-crashed a party at the Diepkloof, Soweto, home of Mr. Mantini on New Year's Eve.

Eyewitnesses say he was ordered to leave but later returned with a group of youths.

He threatened the revellers with a hand-grenade.

Smashed

After the youths were forced outside they hurled bricks and stones through the windows of the luxury house, damaging a car and smashing a hi-fi set.

Mr. Mantini, holidaying in Durban, was phoned with the news the next day.

"My lounge, family room, kitchen and bedroom windows were all smashed," he said.

"I was furious. It is terrible when one's neighbours turn out to be vandals."

He immediately phoned Mrs Mandela who "expressed her regret" about the incident. "She said she was sorry and gave an undertaking that it would never happen again," he said.

A mutual friend of the two neighbours, musician Chicco Twala, offered to fork out the R1,000 for damages.

Policemen searched Mrs Mandela's house but could not find the hand-grenade or the man allegedly responsible.



FORGIVEN: Winnie Mandela promises Ezra Mantini it won't happen again
Picture: JOE SEFALE

Queen dies

QUEEN Kitakifa, one of the widows of King Solomon ka Dinuzulu — the Zulu king's grandfather — died on Friday and will be buried today.

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Winnie denies

A report linking Mrs Winnie Mandela to the vandalism of a neighbour's house in Soweto was flatly denied by the president of the South African Youth Congress, on her behalf at a press conference at her home yesterday.

According to an article in a Sunday newspaper, bricks and stones were hurled through the windows of Mr Ezra Mantini's house last week and Mrs Mandela expressed her regret over the incident.

Reading a statement, Sayco leader, Mr Peter Mokaba, said: "We reject the article as malicious, dishonest, dangerous and aimed at discrediting the Mandela family."

"Our mother was not in any way connected with the incident nor did she have any control over the culprit who was allegedly responsible for the vandalism and consequently has nothing to be sorry about as the article stated," Mokaba said. He explained that the photograph which appeared alongside the article was taken at the request of Mr Mantini and Mrs Mandela consented to the picture as a sign that there were no hard feelings and a sign of good neighbourliness.

Report linking Winnie with vandalism denied

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A report linking Mrs Winnie Mandela to the vandalism of a neighbour's house in Soweto was flatly denied by the president of the Soweto Youth Congress (Soyco), Mr Peter Makaba, on her behalf, at a press conference at her home yesterday.

Members of the Soweto Students' Congress and the Soweto Youth Congress were also present at the conference to show support for Mrs Mandela.

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Mr Makaba said reports that Mrs Mandela had given an undertaking that such vandalism would not happen again were a gross misrepresentation of the facts.

"Our mother was not in any way connected with the incident nor did she have any control over the culprit who was allegedly responsible for the vandalism," said Mr Makaba.

The 25-year-old alleged culprit has been linked to the murder of child activist Stompie Sepei.

Mr Makaba said Mrs Mandela would inform her husband Mr Nelson Mandela about the "dishonest and destructive report" when she saw him on January 17 and 18. — Sapa.

65 people arrested on drug charges

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PRETORIA NARCOTICS detectives last week arrested 65 people for drug-related offences.

About 40 people were arrested for trading in dagga(semi), four for dealing in Welconel tablets and four for dealing in Mandrax, while a total of 15 people were arrested

for possession of dagga.

Vice squad detectives also arrested eight women in the city centre for soliciting, and three more people were arrested after being found in possession of pornographic material.


Altogether six people were arrested for the forging and uttering of medi-

cal prescriptions and one person for dealing in schedule seven medicines.

Police also arrested 40 people for illegal trading in liquor and for contravening the Liquor Act.

One city man was arrested for illegal possession of firearms and police confiscated four weapons.

Webster killing linked to drug group — claim

CAPE TOWN — Police are searching for a man who approached the Cape Times with sensational claims about a drug syndicate's part in the assassination of Wits academic David Webster.  38

Police have issued an identikit picture of a man calling himself Alan Peres, who has disappeared after making the claims.

Peres, who described himself as a Jo-

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hannesburg Mandrax dealer, claimed Webster had found out about drug deals involving an "informant" on the Wits University campus, and several senior police officers, all members of a drug syndicate.

Police and Cape Times investigations have concluded that certain crucial aspects of his story are false.

Thefts mean new controls on car hire

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JOHANNESBURG. — Car rental firms are to start implementing stricter customer controls in a bid to curb further losses which cost the industry R8m last year when 366 vehicles were stolen.

Vehicle thefts in the industry during the first three weeks of this year have already been higher than in the corresponding period last year.

Most thefts occur in the Transvaal's PWV area.

Commenting on the trend, Imperial Car Rental marketing director Ms Maureen Jackson said that on Friday alone, two Imperial cars were hijacked by thieves in Soweto and Hillbrow.

"One of our drivers was stabbed and a client ended up in hospital," she said.

Ms Jackson said that in 1989, Imperial lost 122 vehicles to thieves. The 68 vehicles not recovered represented a loss of R2,4m.

She said Imperial was to implement a plan — modelled on a European version — whereby credit card customers would have to produce two credit cards instead of one, to cover possible losses.

Budget Rent-A-Car fleet and risk MD Mr. Tony Gregor said his company had lost about 100 vehicles during the past year through theft. Some were recovered but the net loss was around R2m.

Budget would start checking card-holders' credit worthiness through banks.

Avis Rent-A-Car MD Mr. Tony Langly said that between April 1989 till last Friday, Avis had lost vehicles worth R3,5m.

The company would soon phase out weekend rentals as most thefts occurred over this period.

All agreed that their companies were not adequately compensated through their insurance schemes.

● Members of the SAP's central Johannesburg Car Theft Unit are at present investigating a syndicate which rents luxury cars, reports them stolen in Soweto and then sells them in Namibia.

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Police arrest 5 in Soweto over 11 murders, attacks

By Craig Kotze

Police have arrested five men in connection with 11 murders, including those of policemen, and a series of handgrenade and AK-47 rifle attacks in Soweto.

Soweto Police spokesman, Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Halgryn, said yesterday that security police had arrested the five on Friday after receiving information from the public.

Detectives seized an AK-47 rifle, two magazines and 38 revolver in the raid.

He said the men were being held in connection with a series of long-unsolved grenade and AK-47 attacks.

ANC CONNECTION

Colonel Halgryn said police would investigate whether the men were ANC members.

He said weapons were available in Soweto and the men did not necessarily belong to the ANC.

The five are expected to appear in court soon.

They are being held in connection with the following attacks:

- The murder of a State witness, Mr Kenneth Dlamini, in October 1988.
- A hand grenade and AK-47 attack on the Sofasonke Party headquarters in Orlando in May 1988 in which four people died.
- A hand grenade and AK-47 attack on the home of police Sergeant Edward Mogetse. The AK-47 used in the Dlamini murder was used in this attack.
- The murder of five other people, including two policemen, in December 1988. Police did not release details of the individual killings.
- The murder in Orlando of a person in February last year.
- An AK-47 and hand grenade attack at the Jabulani Municipal Police barracks in March last year.

Gunmen hit the home of

Cape unionist

EAST LONDON — Unknown gunmen launched a handgrenade and machinegun attack on the home of a Madantsane trade unionist early yesterday — the second time in 13 months he has narrowly escaped death.

Mr Jeff Wabena, an organiser for the South African Domestic Workers' Union, was shot in the leg and sustained cuts from flying glass during the 1 am attack on his NU 10 home.

His wife and six children were away from home. Mr Wabena's car, which was standing in front of the house, was damaged and all the tyres were shot out.

Furniture in the room where Mr Wabena was sleeping was riddled with bullet-holes, as were inside walls.

In a similar attack at the same house a year ago, two women were shot dead, and Mr Wabena, another unionist, and a civil rights lawyer, Mr Hintsa Siwisa, were injured.

A shaken Mr Wabena said he woke to the sound of gunfire. He turned on an outside light and saw a white Toyota Corolla drive off. A neighbour called an ambulance, and he was taken to Cecilia Makiwane Hospital for treatment.

Ciskei police could not be reached for comment.

Revenue official guilty of fraud

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A former assistant director in the Receiver of Revenue's office in Pretoria was found guilty in the Pretoria Regional Court yesterday on three charges of fraud involving more than R188 000.

Johannes Francois van Aswegen (41), of Stasie Street, Pretoria North, pleaded guilty to the three charges before Mr W A J van Zyl yesterday.

He admitted that on April 8 1987 he falsely, and with the intent to defraud, pretended to the Commissioner of Inland Revenue that a J Adam made a request to the Commissioner for a new cheque for unclaimed money.

The money was paid out and Van Aswegen deposited the amount into his personal account.

Van Aswegen admitted that in March 1988, in the same manner, he claimed R33 559 in the name of J F van Oswagen. This money was also deposited into his personal account.

Between March 1989 and September 1989, Van Aswegen admitted he claimed R133 559 in the name of J van As.

In mitigation of sentence, Mr A J Kachelhoffer, for Van Aswegen, said the Department of Finance had requested the accused to resign following his arrest in October.

Van Aswegen was currently unemployed. Mr van Zyl said he needed time to consider the various aspects of the case and postponed the trial to February 6 for sentencing. Van Aswegen's bail of R10 000 was extended.

Swart fulfils his promise as

Casspirs pull out of Soweto

By Craig Kotze

Soweto's new police chief yesterday fulfilled his promise to withdraw Casspirs from the township when six of the armoured vehicles were sent back to Pretoria in a blaze of publicity.

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Police focus on Soweto crime

RECENT police action in Soweto, has led to arrests and positive leads on criminals in the township, says Soweto murder and robbery unit commander Lt. Col. Chris Oosthuizen.

Speaking at a media gathering in Soweto yesterday, Oosthuizen said police wanted the public to know what they were doing to combat crime in Soweto.

Appealing for the public's help, he said people saw crimes being committed but were afraid to inform the police.

"They can contact us by phone, or post," he said, "and they need not give their name." — Sapa.

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Women to march over daily rape

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A MARCH by women and other concerned members of the community will take place on Saturday in Soweto to highlight the rising daily incidence of rape in the townships.

The march will end with a prayer rally at Orlando West koppie opposite the Orlando West High School at 9am.

A spokesman for the group, Mrs Maggie Nkwe yesterday said the community was appalled at the high incidence of rape in the townships and lack of action by authorities.

"As many as 22 women are raped in a weekend, and people do not even bat an eye. They think it is normal for young girls to be attacked and abused in this way. And what is frightening is the long-term psychological effects on the rape survivors," said Nkwe.

She cited numerous cases of Jackrollers who at times line up to 12 women on the ground and rape them in turns.

These women are abducted while travelling with their boyfriends or forcibly taken from parties and stokvels in the

By ALI MPHAKI

townships to be sexually assaulted.

Mrs Nkwe said appeals have been made to the police to be on the lookout for the rapists but it appears no one was concerned and they blame the women as responsible for inciting rape.

The attitude of the authorities is that women wear mini-dresses which attract men to commit rape. They also blame women for walking alone at night thus inviting trouble for themselves.

But many of the victims of rape are angry at the attitude of the authorities. They say that there is lack of policing and lack of understanding of their situation.

"Once a person is raped she fears to report the incident because police think she is responsible for her own rape. Many of us get traumatised after such acts and our lives are destroyed forever," a victim, who cannot be named said.

The march starts at the Diepkloof Zone Four grounds and ends near the Orlando West High School.

Stompie's killing: man appears in Supreme Court

By Cathy Stagg (38)

Mr Jerry Vusi Musi Richardson (41), of Orlando West, who is accused of murdering James Moeketsi "Stompie" Sepei (14), appeared briefly in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

Mr Richardson was not asked to plead and Mr Justice Irving Steyn postponed the hearing to Thursday when Mr Richardson's defence counsel will be available.

Mr Richardson also faces a count of attempted murder, four counts of kidnapping and five counts of assault with intent to commit grievous bodily harm.

According to the indictment, in December 1988 Mr Richardson and a group of people arrived at the house of Methodist Minister, the Rev Paul Verryn, in Orlando West, removed four young men and took them to Mrs Winnie Mandela's home at 585 Diepkloof Extension.

They were: Stompie, Mr Kenneth Kgase (30), Mr Barend Thabiso Mono (20) and Mr Gabriel Peló Mekgwe (21).

The young men were allegedly assaulted. Stompie's body was found on January 6 last year in the veld between Noordgesig and New Canada and the cause of death was given as "penetrating incised wounds of the neck and bruising under the skin", according to the indictment.

On January 7, Mr Kgase escaped from Mrs Mandela's property and on January 16 last year, Mr Mono and Mr Mekgwe were handed over to Bishop Peter Storey.

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'Hit list' found in Winnie's home

A "hit list" was found in Mrs Winnie Mandela's home by police who searched it, the Rand Supreme Court heard yesterday.

This was disclosed by Sergeant J D van Zyl, investigating officer in the murder of Mr Maxwell Sanele Madondo of the Mandela United Football Club.

The list, exhibited in court, contained the names of some of those accused of Mr Madondo's murder and those of Mr Elliot Sisulu and Mr Siphosiso Sisulu.

Sergeant van Zyl said this at the murder trial of seven accused, among them Mrs Dudu Chili (47), of the Federation of Transvaal Women, and a youth aged 17.

The accused have pleaded not guilty to the murder of Mr Madondo on February 13 last year.

Stompie trial: accused on ^{STATE} 14/2/90 R5 000 bail (38)

By Cathy Stagg

Mr Jerry Vusi Musi Richardson (41) of Soweto, who is accused of murdering activist Stompie Seipei (14), was yesterday granted bail of R5 000 in the Rand Supreme Court. The hearing was postponed until May 2.

He appeared briefly before Mr Justice L le Grange and was not asked to plead to one count of murder, one of attempted murder, four counts of kidnaping and five counts of assault.

According to the indictment, Mr Richardson and others arrived at Rev Paul Verry's Orlando home on December 29 1988 and kidnaped Stompie, Mr Kenneth Kgase (30), Mr Barend Thabiso Mono (20) and Mr Gabriel Pelo Mekingwe (21) and took them to Mrs Winnie Mandela's home where they were kept in rooms and assaulted.

Mr Richardson took Stompie from the outside room on the night of January 1 or 2 1989 and Stompie was not seen alive again, the indictment states. His body was found on January 6 in open veld between New Canada and Noordgesig. The cause of death was given as a stab-wound in the neck and bruising.

How long can Winnie's demure image last?

RADIANT AT the side of Mr Nelson Mandela, Mrs Winnie Mandela appears to have been "politically reinstated" and to have adapted to the role of demure wife without so much as a backward glance.

However, problems have been predicted for the couple in both their political and private lives.

The first warnings of dark clouds on the political horizon came this week with the start of the trial of former Mandela United Football Club soccer coach, Mr Jerry Richardson.

Although she has not been charged in connection with the murder, Mrs Mandela is said to have been implicated.

Thuggery

Members of the football team formed her personal body guard but they had a reputation in Soweto for widespread gangsterism and thuggery. The ANC later ordered that the soccer club be disbanded.

In the trial, the State alleges Mr Richardson murdered child activist 14-year-old James "Stompie" Mokeisi Sepele after assaulting him at Mrs Winnie Mandela's Soweto home in December 1988.

Mr Richardson is also charged with four counts of abduction and five counts of assault.

However, Mr Richardson was released on bail of R5 000 on Thursday by the Rand Supreme Court and the trial was postponed to May 2 this year.

This means that the events which took place at the Mandela household and Mrs Mandela's possible implication involving the Stompie murder and beatings of three other young men will not be unravellled until mid year.

In a separate incident this week, damaging allegations about Mrs Winnie Mandela and her daughter, Zina, were reported to have been

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made during the police interrogation of the late Mr Clayton Stowe Sibhole, the father of Zina's third child who died in detention.

The Goldstone Commission of Inquiry into Mr Sibhole's death ruled that these allegations could not be heard in court.

In another case this week — the murder trial in which seven people stand accused of murdering a member of the now defunct Mandela United Football Club, Mr Maxwell Sanele Madondo — it was disclosed before the court that police had found a "hit list" at Mrs Mandela's home containing the names of some of the accused.

From these latest developments it is clear the State has in its possession information which could further seriously damage Mrs Mandela's now said to be "rehabilitated" image.

Last year the South African African National Congress (ANC) students visited Nelson Mandela's Soweto home yesterday, ending up doing the "koyi koyi" liberation dance and chanting slogans hailing his African National Congress.

20 whites serenade ANC leader

Black residents of the township had the rare sight of whites chanting ANC slogans in Zulu, including "Nelson Mandela is calling you."

"I think it's really good fun," said Kate (20). "But I am not sure that most of us know what we are singing."

But their performance was good enough to earn them a brief doorstep chat with Mandela, who came out of his tiny home to greet them.

— Sapa-Reuter.

Council of Churches expressed fears that the State would time Mr Mandela's release with the start of the "Stompie" trial in a bid to discredit the Mandela name.

According to visitors who have met with Mr Mandela he is not likely to distance himself from his wife, despite the allegations, because he views himself as "traditionally responsible for her".

Meanwhile, Garner Thompson reported from London this week that British psychologists have predicted problems for the couple in their personal lives. Dr James Thompson this week warned that the danger point for Mr Mandela could come about a month after his release.

"I think his real difficulties will be renegotiating his working relationships with everyone and getting back to the hectic pace we now live in and the pace that is demanded of him because of his inevitable saviour role," said Dr Thompson.

After years of a penfriend relationship, getting to know each other again is another problem the couple will have to confront after more than 20 years apart.

Another leading British psychologist, Dr David Lewis, also expects the reunion to be fraught with problems.

Strangers

He claims the couple didn't have time to establish an emotional bond in the early stages of a short marriage. "They will now feel as though they are living with a complete stranger".

He believes one pitfall could be Mrs Mandela's reaction to the change in their respective statuses — he no longer a faceless mystery, and she probably toppled from her position as an international celebrity.

But Professor Fatima Meer, his authorised biographer, believes Mr Mandela will have no trouble making the transition back to public life.



PRESSURE URGED. Mr Nelson Mandela yesterday urged the international community to press South Africa to lift a three-year-old state of emergency and release all political prisoners in on hour-long closed meeting with ambassadors and senior diplomats of some 20 countries represented in South Africa. Mr Mandela and his wife Winnie then went on to meet the Ambassador of Austria, Dr Alexander Christiani, at Jan Smuts Airport as he was on his way through to Namibia.

● Photograph: Roy George Mathim.

Dunhill brings a new dimension of lightness

Cheque theft: no arrests

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NO arrests have been made so far in connection with the theft of six cheques - one of which is for R42 800 - from the Ateridgeville City Council three months ago.

BY MONK NKOMO

Mr Theo Van Strijp, treasurer and acting town clerk, confirmed that the cheques were stolen from the treasury department in November last year. He added that only one of the cheques was used to deposit R42 800 at a building society. R11 000 was later withdrawn from the account.

A spokesman for the police yesterday said no arrest have been made. He added that the docket had been transferred from the South African Police in Ateridgeville and the matter was now being investigated by detectives

in Brooklyn.

Van Strijp said a lump sum of R10 000 was first withdrawn from the account in which the money was deposited. The other R1 000 was withdrawn through autobanks.

Van Strijp said the fraudulent transaction was discovered by the council's treasury department which informed the bank and the account was immediately frozen.

Police are also investigating the whereabouts of the other five missing cheques.

Nelson sent us, say thieves

14/2/90 Vereeniging Bureau (38)

A group of about 20 men allegedly walked into a De Deur store on Monday and started helping themselves to a variety of goods before informing the shop owner they had been told to do so by Nelson Mandela.

One of the men was wounded in the face when three shots were fired during the incident. He was not seriously injured and is recovering at the Sebokeng Hospital under police guard.

A police spokesman last night said the incident happened after the group arrived in a taxi at a shop owned by Mr Manuel de Sousa (39) on a smallholding at Sweetwaters, De Deur.

The men apparently walked into the store and informed Mr de Sousa that Mr Mandela said they could "come and take goods in the shop".

The police spokesman said although reference was made to Mr Mandela, the crime was criminally and not politically inspired.

NEWS

How long can Winnie's demure image last?

RADIANT AT the side of Mr Nelson Mandela, Mrs Winnie Mandela appears to have been "politically reinstated" and to have adapted to the role of demure wife without so much as a backward glance.

However, problems have been predicted for the couple in both their political and private lives.

The first warnings of dark clouds on the political horizon came this week with the start of the trial of former Mandela United Football Club soccer coach, Mr Jerry Richardson.

Although she has not been charged in connection with the murder, Mrs Mandela is said to have been implicated.

Members of the football team formed her personal body guard but they had a reputation in Soweto for widespread gangsterism and thuggery. The ANC later ordered that the soccer club be disbanded.

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In a separate incident this week, damaging allegations about Mrs Winnie Mandela and her daughter, Zazi, were reported to have been

made during the police interrogation of the late Mr Clayton Sizwe Sibole, the father of Zazi's third child who died in detention.

The Goldstone Commission of Inquiry into Mr Sibole's death ruled that these allegations could not be heard in court.

In another case this week the murder trial in which seven people stand accused of murdering a member of the now defunct Mandela United Football Club, Mr Maxwell Sandle Madoondo — it was disclosed before the court that police had found a "pile" of Mrs Mandela's home containing the names of some of the accused.

From these latest developments it is clear the State has in its possession information which could further seriously damage Mrs Mandela's now said to be "rehabilitated" image.

Last year the South African Council of Churches expressed fears that the State would time Mr Mandela's release with the start of the "Stompie" trial in a bid to discredit the Mandela name.

According to visitors who have met with Mr Mandela he is not likely to distance himself from his wife, despite the allegations, because he views himself as "traditionally responsible for her."

Meanwhile, Garter Thompson reported from London this week that British psychologists have predicted problems for the couple in their personal lives. Dr James Thompson this week warned that the danger point for Mr Mandela could come about a month after his release.

"I think his real difficulties will be renegotiating his working relationships with everyone and getting back to the hectic pace we now live in and the pace that is demanded of him because of his inevitable saviour role," said Dr Thompson.

After years of a pent-up relationship, getting to know each other again is another problem the couple will have to confront after more than 20 years apart.

Another leading British psychologist, Dr David Lewis, also expects the reunion to be fraught with problems.

Strangers

He claims the couple didn't have time to establish an emotional bond in the early stages of a short marriage. "They may now feel as though they are living with a complete stranger."

He believes one pitfall could be Mrs Mandela's reaction to the "Nelson Mandela Is calling you" change in their respective statuses.

"I think it's really good fun," he says, "but I am not sure and she probably toppled from her position as an international celebrity."

But Professor Fatima Meer, his authorized biographer, believes Mr Mandela will have no trouble making the transition back to public life.

20 whites serenade ANC leader

SOWETO — Twenty white South African students visited Nelson Mandela's Soweto home yesterday, ending up doing the "toy" liberation dance and chanting slogans hailing his African National Congress.

Black residents of the township had the rare sight of whites chanting ANC slogans in Zulu, including Mrs Mandela's reaction to the "Nelson Mandela Is calling you" said Kate Zito. "But I am not sure that most of us know what we are singing."

But their performance was good enough to earn them a brief door-to-door stop chat with Mandela, who came out of his tiny home to greet them. — Sage-Beater



PRESSURE URGED: Mr Nelson Mandela yesterday urged the international community to press South Africa to lift a three-year-old state of emergency and release all political prisoners in an hour-long closed meeting with ambassadors and senior diplomats of some 20 countries represented in South Africa. Mr Mandela and his wife Winnie then went on to meet the Ambassador of Austria, Dr Alexander Christian, at Jan Smuts Airport as he was on his way through to Namibia. © Photograph: Roy George Mathini.

Dunhill brings a new dimension of lightness

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Winnie encouraged me to go into hiding, says accused

Mandela FC man 'an informer'

By Marguerite Moody

A former member of the Mandela United Football Club was labelled an "informer" and was encouraged to go into hiding by Mrs Winnie Mandela after he claimed her daughter's lover, Mr Sizwe Sithole, had shot and killed a member of the club, it was alleged in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

Mr Sithole, the father of Miss Zinzi Mandela's child, was found hanged in a shower room at John Vorster Square police station on January 30.

Yesterday Mr Lerotodi Andrew Ikaneng (23), one of four people accused of killing a former club member, gave evidence in his own defence.

He told Mr Justice R A Solomon and two assessors that Mrs Mandela told him she would find a hiding place for him as the police would want to question him on the death of the club member, known as "Tole".

Mr Ikaneng, Mr Isaac Mazibuko (22), Mr Sandilo Blanket (22) and Mr Sibusiso Chili (25) have pleaded not guilty to murdering former club member Mr Maxwell Madonda, who was alleged-

ly beaten to death in Orlando West, Soweto on February 13 last year.

Three other accused, Mrs Dudu Chili (47), her son Mr Mphika Chili (22) and Mr Moses Nhlantla Blanket (18) were last week acquitted of murdering Mr Madonda, after defence counsel Mr Norman Kades made an application for their discharge on the grounds that there was no evidence against them.

Mr Ikaneng testified yesterday he had joined the football club in 1986 and lived in Mrs Madonda's house in Orlando West. After an argument with Mr Sithole and the death of "Tole" he had left the club.

Disciplinary committee

He said he had been arrested and detained by the police for most of 1987. On his release he returned to Mrs Mandela's home. He left the house in 1988 and was later called an informer by Mrs Mandela and her daughter Zinzi at a meeting of a "disciplinary committee" at the Mandela home in Dube.

He said the meeting appeared to have been led

by Mr Sithole.

Mr Ikaneng said Mrs Mandela had urged him to go into hiding after "Tole" was killed near a shebeen later that year. He had been at the shebeen with "Tole" and had seen him lying in the street after hearing a shot go off. He had earlier seen Mr Sithole carrying an AK47 rifle.

Mrs Mandela summoned him again after he went to the police and made a statement regarding "Tole's" killing.

On a later date, Mr Ikaneng said, he was stabbed in his neck by the club's coach, Mr Jerry Richardson.

He said that at the time of Mr Madonda's death, he had worked at a shebeen in Orlando West and had gone to the scene of the crime after hearing that one of his colleagues at the shebeen, Mr Sibusiso Chili was involved in a "fight".

Mr Ikaneng said he had seen Mr Chili drop a large stone on Mr Madonda's head.

Under cross-examination, Mr Ikaneng denied having known Mr Madonda and said he had had no part in the assault on Mr Madonda.

The hearing continues.

Former boxer and wres

Madonda killing
Star 21/2/90 (3p)
— accused man ill

The trial of four men accused of murdering a member of the Mandela United FC has been postponed until March 5 because one of the men, Mr Sibusiso Chili, is ill. Mr Chili (25), Mr Lerotodi Andrew Ikaneng (23), Mr Isaac Mazibuko (22) and Mr Sandilo Blanket (22) have pleaded not guilty to murdering Mr Maxwell Madonda in February last year. — Staff Reporter.

Police

Chili convicted for soccer club death

Star 9/3/98 By Cathy Stagg

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The actions and threats of the Mandela Football Club did not relieve Sibusiso Chili of responsibility for killing a member of the club, but provided the court with a "powerful ground to find that there were strong extenuating circumstances".

In judgment in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday, Mr Justice R A Solomon and two assessors found that extenuation existed in the murder which Chili committed on February 13 last year.

That morning, Chili heard that Mr Maxwell Madondo was the "hit man" who was going to kill him. But it was Mr Madondo who died, as a result of Chili dropping a large stone on his head.

MOTHER ACQUITTED

Seven people went on trial when the hearing began.

At the end of the State's case last month, a 17-year-old youth, Mr Mpeaker Chili (22), and Mrs Dudu Chili (47) — mother of the twin Chili brothers — were acquitted.

Yesterday Mr Lerotodi Andrew Ikaneng was also acquitted. The court heard he was stabbed in the neck by Mr Jerri Vusi Musi Richardson, another Mandela Football Club member. Mr Richardson was allowed bail, and his trial is expected to begin in May.

Isaac Mazibuko (24), who threw stones which hit Mr Madondo on the chest and stomach, was convicted of common assault. Sandilo Blanket (22), who threw

half-bricks at Mr Madondo, was convicted of assault with intent to commit grievous bodily harm.

Sibusiso Chili (25) dropped a 30cm-long stone on Mr Madondo's head as he lay on the ground. The judge said the photographs were a "mute but adequate testimony of the damage such a blow could cause". Mr Madondo died of fractures of the skull and brain damage.

Mr N Kades, who appears for the accused, instructed by Mr C Waters, told the court that they were kept in jail for more than a year — not because there was any fear they would not stand trial, but so they could not be "got at" if they were released on bail.

Regarding Chili, Mr Kades submitted that there was no pre-meditation in the crime, and that the intention was to take Mr Madondo to Mrs Chili to see if she could find a solution. Although Chili's brother was armed with a pick-axe handle, they walked 90 metres to her gate.

Then Mr Madondo tried to run away, was stoned, and the whole incident was over in a couple of minutes, Mr Kades said.

Mr Z van Zyl, for the State, said it had been "astounding" to see how little life was worth in Soweto. He referred to murders and attacks on people and property which had been mentioned during the trial.

He said Mr Madondo's murder had been a horrible crime and suggested a short term of imprisonment.

Sentence is expected to be passed today.

New South Coast complex a lifeline for craft traders

DURBAN. A new complex of stalls has saved the livelihood of about 400 craftswomen from the Umbumbulu area.

Until last year their future seemed bleak as the new four-lane N2 on Natal's South Coast bypassed their colourful craft village.

The traders, who had been doing business at the Umgababa curio centre, faced the loss of thousands of rands in tourist trade, because their stalls were no longer "on the road".

They had also just spent R61 000 of their own money on a new building, as their old stalls burnt down in 1984.

But help was at hand — and they began moving into 160 picturesque handicraft stalls at the new Ultra City service station on the N2 near Umnini.

BREADWINNERS

Financed by the Kwazulu Finance and Investment Corporation (KFC) and Shell South Africa, the complex has been the saving grace of the traders, some of whom are sole breadwinners for large families living in Umgababa.

About 450 traders are now able to display their handicrafts in the colourful stalls.

And numerous holidaymakers who pass the complex are treated to a display of leather goods, woodcarvings, pottery, basketware and crochet and needlework — as well as many tropical fruits.

"Business is quiet at the moment," said Mrs Doris Cele, a basket-maker. "But at Easter we will be very busy."

Mrs Cele and other stallholders said they were "very happy" with their new premises.

The lock-up facilities were a great advantage — and the new situation of the market was "very good".

The Umnini craft stalls are a 15-minute drive south of Durban on the N2.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

QUESTIONS

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For written reply: Hansford

General Affairs: 21/3/90

Hillbrow police station: estimated numbers

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

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

B29E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

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

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

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

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

Hillbrow police station area: offences

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

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

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

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

Note

(1) Local by-laws regarding vagrancy have fallen into disuse as a result of the fact that they are not enforceable.

(2) The South African Police does not keep records of the race of persons charged with these offences, therefore the total number of persons that were arrested, is supplied.

Point police station: offences

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

How many cases of (a) murder, (b) culpable homicide, (c) assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, (d) common assault, (e) rape, (f) burglary of business premises, (g) burglary of residential premises, (h) robbery with aggravating circumstances, (i) robbery, (j) common theft, (k) theft from motor vehicles, (l) theft of vehicles and cycles, (m) possession of drugs and (n) dealing in drugs were reported at the Point police station in the Durban police district of the Port Natal Division in 1989?

Hansford 21/3/90 B39E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

- (a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) (g) (h) (i) (j) (k) (l) (m) (n) 17 — 67 263 12 153117 41 81 866294361 4 18

Note: Because the South African Police is not satisfied with the crime situation in the

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

C R Swart police station: offences

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

- (a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) (g) (h) (i) (j) (k) (l) (m) (n) 92 35 335 831 96 75 232 658 313 290 1978 17 41

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B91E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

- (a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) (g) (h) (i) (j) (k) (l) (m) (n) 23 15 37 190 14 — 598 99 — 903 959 747 —

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SAP: policemen employed

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

(1) Whether he will furnish any information on the number of policemen employed by the South African Police as at 31 January 1990; if not, why not; if so, how many of them were (a) Whites, (b) Coloureds, (c) Indians and (d) Blacks;

(2) how many policemen of each population group resigned from the Police from 1 February 1989 up to and including 31 January 1990?

Hansford 21/3/90 B161E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

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

Cape Town police district: offences

77. Mr C W EGLIN asked the Minister of Law and Order:

How many cases of (a) murder, (b) culpable homicide, (c) assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, (d) common assault, (e) rape, (f) robbery, (g) theft of vehicles and cycles, (h)

Vehicle thefts alarm insurers

MATTHEW CURTIN

VEHICLE theft was costing the economy more than R900m a year and insurers at least R300m each year, the industry said yesterday.

Santam Insurance Witwatersrand assistant GM Ockie van Wyk said theft was at an unacceptably high level, and an increase in vehicle hijackings in recent months was compounding short-term insurers' problems.

In 1987, 60 000 vehicles — worth on average R30 000 — were stolen, of which 62% were recovered. But only 10% or 3 400 of these recovered vehicles were identified and returned.

Santam's concern was echoed by fellow insurers.

SA Eagle operations GM Jimmy Mackintosh said vehicle theft, after a lull since 1987's high, was once more becoming cause for concern.

The hijacking of commercial vehicles was becoming prevalent, forcing insurance companies to pay out for stolen loads, invariably exceeding the value of the vehicle.

Mackintosh said police records showed 43% of stolen vehicles left SA's borders.

Old Mutual MD Ken Siggers said thefts were on the increase, but stressed, of the 60 000 vehicles stolen annually, less than a third were insured.

Pay-outs due to thefts were less dramatic than the rise in claims for vehicle accidents,

Repair costs had increased by 40% and the numbers of accidents had risen by 4%-5% in the last year. Insurers were having to phase in substantial price rises for the consumer.

SA Insurance Association chairman Ron Carter described the situation as "horrific", referring to both vehicle theft and accident claims.

Careless

Vehicle owners would have to expect higher premiums and he expected South Africans to abandon comprehensive vehicle insurance for third party fire and theft cover in line with their European counterparts.

Guardian National acting MD Andy Jack said there had been a significant rise in thefts in Natal, and suggested people were becoming careless in the use of vehicle immobilisers.

Guardian National recovered their own vehicles, he said.

The Vehicle Security Association (Vesa) said yesterday a range of car anti-hijacking devices were available in SA.

A spokesman said Vesa was investigating an extension of its coding for immobiliser systems to accommodate anti-hijacking devices.

Murders up by more than 10%

CAPE TOWN — More than 10% more murders were committed last year than in 1988, commissioner of police Gen Johan van der Merwe said yesterday.

This meant that 11 750 people were murdered last year, as opposed to 9 368 the year before.

These figures were presented in the commissioner's annual report, which was tabled in Parliament.

Van der Merwe said he ascribed the dramatic increase "to the extraordinary occurrence of murders in certain areas, particularly Natal and the Witwatersrand where a total of 55,7% of all the reported cases occurred".

The high incidence in Natal was "mainly due to the power struggle between the various factions among the Zulus", he said.

Only 305 of the 11 750 had been white victims, he said.

Factors affecting the increase in crime were unemployment and the weakening of the economy, Van der Merwe said.

Crimes of morality have shown "an alarming increase" over the last year. These included crimes

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related to prostitution, sodomy, statutory rape or intercourse with a female imbecile, cruelty towards children, child stealing and indecent assault.

The number of indecent assaults reported rose by 26,9% and the number of statutory rapes rose 23,2%.

"It is unknown whether this increase should be ascribed to an increase in the incidence of these crimes or merely to a higher number of these crimes being

reported as a result of greater awareness among members of the public," Van der Merwe said.

There had also been a 15% increase to 795 cases of sodomy reported and a 5,6% increase in the number of rapes, which last year totalled 20 458.

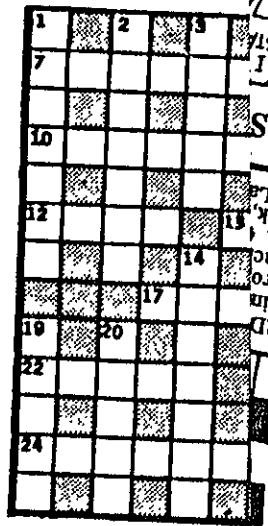
Van der Merwe also said that 610 children were stolen last year, an increase of 9,9% from 1988; and 1 590 children were cruelly handled in ways other than sexually, by assaults or by murder, representing an 11,1% increase.

10 MINUTE X-WORD 7570

- ACROSS**
- 7 Mass (6)
 - 8 Enclosing (6)
 - 10 Gaunt and careworn (7)
 - 11 Telephonic code (5)
 - 12 Song-bird (4)
 - 13 Overbearing type (5)
 - 17 Dessert (5)
 - 18 Mugger's weapon (4)
 - 22 Pursue (5)
 - 23 Zinc alloy (7)
 - 24 Modulate (6)
 - 25 Thrown up (6)

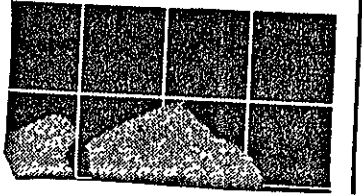
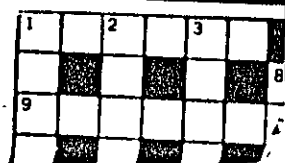
- DOWN**
- 1 African tongue (7)
 - 2 Digits (7)
 - 3 Grain crop (5)
 - 4 Complain verbally (7)
 - 5 Indian dish (5)
 - 6 Lazy person (5)
 - 9 Lacking all smell (9)
 - 14 Death (7)
 - 15 Confrontation (7)
 - 16 Travesty (7)
 - 19 Small piece (5)
 - 20 Stringed instrument (5)
 - 21 Central store (5)

SOLUTION TO CROSSWORD PUZZLE No 7569— Across: 1 Stocking, 7 Trade, 8 Interfere, 9 End, 10 Lurk, 11 Jester, 13 Depart, 14 Blight, 17 Depict, 18 Hang, 20 Lee, 22 Sculpture, 23 Crave, 24 Pendulum. Down: 1 Swirl, 2 Outcrop, 3 Kerb, 4 Needed, 5 Safer, 6 Verdict, 7 Textile, 12 Propose, 13 Deflect, 15 Gradual, 16 Accuse, 17 Decay, 19 Gleam, 21 Aped.



30 MINUTE X-WORD 7781

- ACROSS**
- 1 Sample trees (6)
 - 4 Earlier member in aircraft construction (6)
 - 9 Shudder — fag lit! Terrible thing to see! (8,5)
 - 10 Egghead in mistakenly heroic farewell (7)
 - 11 One distribution of cards in contract (7)



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Soweto
18/4/90

18 murders in Soweto

EIGHTEEN murders and 22 rapes were reported to Soweto police over the Easter long weekend, a spokesman said. He said 54 robberies were also committed, as were 31 car thefts and eight attempted murders.

A police constable killed himself at Soweto police barracks.

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- Blouberg — April 1967
- Penguin — October 1989
- Proteus — March 1990
- P P I — October 1983
- P P II — October 1983
- (c) Susan Kruger — Purchase price of boat was R295 000. The replacement of the boat's engines after purchase amounted to a further R205 000.
- Dias — This boat was taken over from the South African Navy during 1961. The value of the boat at that stage was R300 000.
- Blouberg — The value of the boat upon procurement was R500 000. During 1984 the boat was completely rebuilt which amounted to R750 000.
- Penguin and Proteus — ±R3,3 million each according to estimate. The final figures are not yet available.
- P P I — R116 000
- P P II — R116 000
- (d) Susan Kruger — 1959 Westernman Batteryer Norway
- Dias — 1955 James Brown Durban
- Blouberg — 1957 Globe Engineering Cape Town
- Penguin — 1989 Dorbyl Marine Cape Town
- Proteus — 1989 Dorbyl Marine Cape Town
- P P I — 1983 Air Steel Cape Town
- P P II — 1983 Air Steel Cape Town
- (e) Susan Kruger — 1 skipper; 1 machinist; 3 deckhands = 5
- Dias — 1 skipper; 1 machinist; 3 deckhands = 5
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- Proteus — 1 skipper; 1 machinist; 3 deckhands = 5
- P P I — 1 skipper; 1 machinist = 2

- P P II — 1 skipper; 1 machinist = 2
- (3) (a) Susan Kruger — 1 022
- Dias — 812
- Blouberg — 368
- Penguin — 98
- Proteus — —
- P P I — 127
- P P II — 180
- (b) Susan Kruger — R594 905
- Dias — R293 415
- Blouberg — R575 052
- Penguin — R16 518
- Proteus — None (purchased March 1990)
- P P I — R56 361
- P P II — R107 144
- (4) No, not at this stage. The replacement supplementing phasing out of boats is accorded continuous attention and changing functional requirements dictate the measure in which it occurs.
- (a), (b), (c) and (d) Fall away.
- During 1989 a total of 33 661 persons were transported which included visitors to prisoners as well as visitors to Robben Island in general.
- Case Numbers 13082/86 and 13803/86: computer equipment
- 265. Mr R V CARLISLE asked the Minister of Justice:
 - Whether, with reference to the cases of the *Methodist Church in Africa v The Minister of Law and Order* and *P N Mzanga and 20 others v The Minister of Law and Order* (Case Numbers 13082/86 and 13803/86 of the Cape Town Supreme Court between September 1987 and March 1990), any computer equipment was purchased or leased by the State for use in these cases; if so, (a) what equipment, (b) for what purposes, (c) what was the cost of lease or purchase to the State and (d) what (i) has been done with this equipment since settlement was arrived at in the cases in question and/or (ii) will be done with it? B699E

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE:

The Department of Justice did not purchase or lease any computer equipment for use in these cases.

Alexandria: poachers

279. Mr E K MOORCROFT asked the Minister of Justice:

- (1) Whether a case against poachers was heard in Alexandria in February 1990; if so, (a) what were the charges in the case, (b) who were involved and (c) what was the outcome;
- (2) whether any convictions were obtained; if so, (a) who were convicted and (b) what sentences were handed down;
- (3) whether any persons were acquitted; if so, (a) who and (b) for what reasons? B724E

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE:

(1) Yes.

Count 1: Contravention of section 21(1)(a) of the National Parks Act, 1976 (Act 57 of 1976) (the Act) — entering of the Saurberg National Park.

Count 2: Contravention of section 21(1)(b) of the Act — conveying into the National Park a weapon or to be in possession thereof.

Count 3: Contravention of section 21(1)(c) of the Act — to hunt any animal (one bush-buck ram) in the National Park.

Count 4: Contravention of section 21(1)(d) of the Act — to disturb any animal in the National Park.

Count 5: Contravention of section 21(1)(g) of the Act — introduce any animal (a dog) to enter the National Park.

Count 6: Contravention of section 21(1)(h) of the Act — to remove from the National Park any animal, whether alive or dead, or any part thereof (one bush-buck ram).

William Hendrik Vermeulen and Andries Cornelius van Rooyen

(b) Vermeulen was convicted of counts 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6. Count 4 was withdrawn against him. Van Rooyen was convicted of count 1. Counts 2 to 6 were withdrawn against him. Vermeulen was sentenced to R-50 or 10 days' imprisonment on each of counts 1, 2, 5 and 6 and on count 3 to

R500 or 3 months' imprisonment suspended for 5 years on condition that he will not be convicted again of the contravening section 21(1)(c) of the National Parks Act, 1976. In terms of section 24(9)(a) of the above-mentioned Act, Vermeulen's 308 Mousion rifle was declared forfeited to the State. Van Rooyen was sentenced to R50 or 10 days' imprisonment on count 1.

(2) Yes.

(a) and (b) please refer to the answer at (1) (c).

(3) No.

(a) and (b) Fall away.

Black persons: unemployed

281. Mr P H P GASTROW asked the Minister of Home Affairs: *Hansara* 18/4/90

- (a) How many Black persons were unemployed as at the date of the latest current population survey and (b) what is the date of this survey? B726E

The MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS:

(a) * 719 000 according to the strict definition of unemployment.

(b) 845 000 according to the expanded definition of unemployment.

* The strict definition of unemployment is that which is officially measured, requires that a person who is otherwise unemployed, should look for work while the expanded definition of unemployment stipulates that such a person should only have the desire to work.

Certain police stations: offences

287. Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Law and Order: *Hansara* 15/4/90 (38)

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 (i) possession of drugs were reported at the (i) Sandton, (ii) Bramley, (iii) Wynberg/Alexandra and (iv) Lombardy East police stations in 1989?

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

- (i) Sandton 12 40 70 229 27 171 676 345 1685 -
- (ii) Bramley 18 30 111 227 27 681 813 314 1282 -
- (iii) Alexandra 168 19 949 486 146 343 169 345 23 -
- (iv) Lombardy-East 5 15 27 68 9 132 389 97 724 -

Note:

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Extradition of certain person

296. Adv S C JACOBS asked the Minister of Justice:

Whether the South African Government has received any applications from other countries for the extradition of a certain person, whose name has been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of his reply, so that he may stand trial on certain charges in the Transkei; if so, (a) from what other countries, (b) for what reasons were the applications made, (c) what was his decision on each of the applications and (d) what is the name of the person concerned?

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The MINISTER OF JUSTICE:

No applications have been received.

Own Affairs:

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Patient/doctor/nurse: ratio

60. Mr M J ELLIS asked the Minister of Health Services, Welfare and Housing:

What was the (a) patient/doctor and (b) patient/nurse ratio in 1989 at each specified

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hospital falling under the control of his Department in (i) Natal, (ii) the Orange Free State, (iii) the Cape Province and (iv) the Transvaal?

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The MINISTER OF HEALTH SERVICES, WELFARE AND HOUSING:

Hospital Patient/Doctor ratio Patient/Nurse ratio

Natal

Grey's Hospital 6,3 : 1 0,4 : 1
Hillcrest Hospital 93 : 1 1,43 : 1
Greytown Hospital

All the patients in this hospital are private patients and are treated by private doctors. 0,37 : 1

Orange Free State

Voortrekker Hospital 3,34 : 1 0,75 : 1
Bethlehem Hospital 1,49 : 1 0,51 : 1
Sasolburg Hospital 1,81 : 1 0,51 : 1
Jagerfontein Hospital 5 : 1 0,59 : 1
Zastron Hospital 2,04 : 1 0,54 : 1

Cape Province

Volks Hospital 57 : 1 1,68 : 1
Walvisbay Hospital 0,8 : 1 1,27 : 1
William Slater Hospital

Groote Schuur Hospital 0,86 : 1
re-der medical services when required.

Port Elizabeth Hospital 17 : 1 2,2 : 1

Hospital Patient/Doctor ratio Patient/Nurse ratio Hospital Patient/Doctor ratio Patient/Nurse ratio

Transvaal

Andrew McCollm Hospital All the patients in this hospital are private patients and are treated by private doctors. 0,92 : 1

Bernice Samuel Hospital 7,31 : 1 1,31 : 1
Bloemhof Hospital 4,76 : 1 1,85 : 1
Brits Hospital 2,81 : 1 1,11 : 1
Delareyville Hospital 8,82 : 1 2 : 1
Duiwelskloof Hospital 4,81 : 1 1,67 : 1
Edenvale General Hospital 2,68 : 1 0,77 : 1
Elsie Ballot Hospital 27,2 : 1 2,3 : 1
Evander Hospital 42,8 : 1 1,98 : 1
F H Odendaal Hospital — 1,33 : 1
De La Rey Hospital 19,1 : 1 1,9 : 1
Groblersdal Hospital 1,14 : 1 1,9 : 1
H A Grove Hospital 8,7 : 1 2 : 1
Hendrik Van der Bijl Hospital 1,38 : 1 1,23 : 1
J G Strijdom Hospital 1,71 : 1 2,28 : 1
Kempson Park Hospital 1 : 1 0,78 : 1
Louis Trichardt Memorial Hospital 7 : 1 1,59 : 1

Ondekkers Memorial Hospital 2,1 : 1 0,93 : 1
Paardekraal Hospital — 1,14 : 1
Phalaborwa Hospital 14,28 : 1 1,31 : 1
Pretoria West Hospital 1,36 : 1 0,98 : 1
Sannieshof Hospital 1 : 1 1,14 : 1
South Rand Hospital 3,06 : 1 1,42 : 1
Sybrand van Niekerk Hospital 3,5 : 1 1,22 : 1
Van Velden Memorial Hospital 5 : 1 0,98 : 1
Ventersdorp Hospital 6,25 : 1 1,9 : 1
Vereniging Hospital — 0,98 : 1
Far East Rand Hospital — 0,98 : 1
Voortrekker Hospital — 0,98 : 1
Hospital 6,25 : 1 1,28 : 1
Warmbad Hospital 8,74 : 1 1,27 : 1
Waterval Boven Hospital 27,2 : 1 2 : 1
Hospital 27,2 : 1 2 : 1
Willelm Cruywagen Hospital 3,93 : 1 1,38 : 1

Those hospitals where a patient/doctor ratio is not indicated form part of hospital complexes where separate White and non-White hospitals exist, but with a joint establishment of doctors that render services at both hospitals as circumstances require. It is therefore not possible to determine exactly how many of these posts belong to the White section of these complexes.

I Mahomed and H E Mall, hold the distinction of Senior Consultants. *Hansard 18/4/90*

Legal training courses

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

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

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The MINISTER OF JUSTICE:

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

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

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

Brits/Rustenburg road: collisions

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

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

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

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

Johannesburg police district: offences

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

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

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
John Vorster	78	44	388	857	91	1986	2827	590	2230	3
Square	30	13	83	238	36	192	234	173	325	1
Langlaagte	23	71	99	222	33	136	319	168	1003	-
Mondeor	90	53	352	479	84	609	992	349	1413	-
Jeppie	41	63	156	809	54	434	2016	480	1952	1
Booyens	25	14	71	215	19	211	575	145	894	-
Cleveland										

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

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Police stations: distance from city centres

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

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

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- (a) Park Station
- John Vorster Square
- Jeppie
- Hillbrow
- Yeoville
- Brixton
- Booyens
- (b) Cape Town Central
- Table Bay
- Woodstock
- Sea Point
- (c) C R Swart Square
- Umbilo
- Berea
- Maydon Wharf
- Point
- Berea satellite station
- (d) Louis Le Grange Square
- Sellaar
- Boats setting Robben Island

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The MINISTER OF JUSTICE:

- (a) Susan Kruger
- Dias
- Blenberg
- Pengujin
- Proteus
- P P I
- P P II
- (b) (i) and (ii) The South African Prisons Service owns and runs all the above-mentioned boats.
- (c) Susan Kruger—Transport of passengers and small quantity cargo/supplies.
- Dias —Transport of passengers and small quantity cargo/supplies.
- Blenberg —Transport of mass cargo and fresh water.
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- P P I —Patrol and emergency services.
- P P II —Patrol and emergency services.
- Susan Kruger—November 1977
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Reef robbers grab R188 000

KWATHEMA pensioners stood by helpless while four armed robbers snatched R188 000 after attacking paymasters at the township's pensions payout point yesterday.

Witnesses said three men ambushed the paymasters as they were entering H H Ngakane Hall after 9am. They got away with two guns and two trunks of money.

They sped off in a white bakkie after shooting once in the air.

Pensioners sat patiently for three hours waiting for their money after paymasters had told them they had been robbed.

By PHANGISILE
MTSHALI

"This was the coolest robbery I have ever seen," a pensioner who was at the entrance of the hall during the incident said.

"Three black men, walked in. Two wore overalls and one, who was very young, wore a municipal uniform.

"The young one pointed a gun at one paymaster's chest and thrust out his hand. He took the trunk and gave it

to his companion and passed to another paymaster who was already at the counter.

"The trunk and his gun were on top of the counter. The robber pointed him with the gun before grabbing the trunk and his gun and dashed away. We stood rooted and watched as this happened."

The robbers then ran outside, jumped into a bakkie that was parked a few meters away from the hall's entrance, and shot once in the air before their getaway car sped

off.

A Transvaal Provincial Administration worker said they had just arrived when he saw three men running towards him.

"One already had his gun out," the worker said.

"He thrust it at me and said 'Moenie 'n kans vat, ons soek geld' (Don't take a chance, we want money). When he realised I did not have money they went into the hall and came out a few minutes later with the two trunks and a calculator."

Police are investigating.



'Reef one of world's crime capitals'

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The Reef had become one of the crime centres of the world with twice as many murders each day as New York, director of the University of the Witwatersand's Project for the Study of Violence Mr Lloyd Vogelman said here.

Mr Vogelman was speaking at a meeting on violence and negotiations organised by the Johannesburg Democratic Action Committee at the university.

He said of the 32 murders committed daily in the country, 10 occurred on the Reef.

He said the violence which had engulfed the country since the beginning of this year could not be blamed on the African National Congress or President F W de Klerk's unbanning of organisations and the release of Mr Nelson Mandela but was a product of the legacy of apartheid.

He said that no single organisation seemed capable of stopping the violence, especial-

ly in Natal. Not even Mr Nelson Mandela could stop it because no one person could destroy the apartheid legacy.

Mr Vogelman said violence usually occurred because of the deprivation people who lived in poverty felt in relation to those who were better off. This "relative deprivation" led to rising expectations and could lead to violence if such expectations were not met.

He said the violence of black youths could be traced to events of June 16 1976 when hundreds of people either died or were maimed during widespread violence.

Such children were mostly from large families, had no education or skills and had nothing to gain from the formal economy, which was more in recession than out of it. They viewed the world as hostile and uncaring.

Referring to the gruesome killing of Rastafarian, Mr "Sugar" Nkomo, Mr Vogelman said violence had assumed extreme proportions because of mob psychology. During mob kill-

ings, people acted irrationally and thought their acts to be socially acceptable when they attracted no condemnation.

To curb the violence, the government should speed up the pace of reform and introduce a comprehensive crime prevention and welfare programme.

Democratic Party MP Mr Pierre Cronje said police in the Natal area found it difficult to be neutral when dealing with the United Democratic Front/Inkatha feud because they had been told the UDF was the aggressor during their briefing.

He claimed to have personally witnessed acts of collusion between Inkatha impis and the police against the UDF.

Township slaying: ~~2/28/70~~ hunt for ³⁸ white man

POLICE are baffled by the execution-style killing of a Mamelodi woman at the weekend.

The head of Pretoria's Murder and Robbery unit, Colonel K J "Sulker" Britz, said no motive could be established for the apparently senseless slaying.

Murder and robbery detectives are looking for an unknown white man, believed to be the murderer. ~~South African 2/28/70~~

According to police an unknown white man kicked down the back door of the house of Mrs Lettie Lenoa (68) on Saturday night.

The suspect fired one shot, which penetrated Lenoa's skull through the back of the neck.

The gunman drove off in a vehicle with the registration MAD 756 T. Robbery was ruled out as nothing was taken from the house.

Police would not react to speculation that Lenoa was the victim of a "Wit Wolf" style killing.

Winnie assaulted me, man tells court

By Cathy Stagg

Mrs Winnie Mandela told a group of young men that they were not fit to be alive, the Rand Supreme Court heard yesterday.

With these words, Mr Kenneth Kgase (31) began a description of a series of interrogations and hearings that he and three other young men allegedly endured at Mrs Mandela's home at 585 Diepkloof Extension, Soweto.

He was testifying at the trial of Mr Jerry Vusi Musi Richardson (41) of Orlando West.

At the start of his trial, before Mr Justice B O'Donovan and two assessors, Mr Richardson pleaded not guilty to four counts of kidnapping, five of assault with intent to commit grievous bodily harm, one of attempted murder and one of murder.

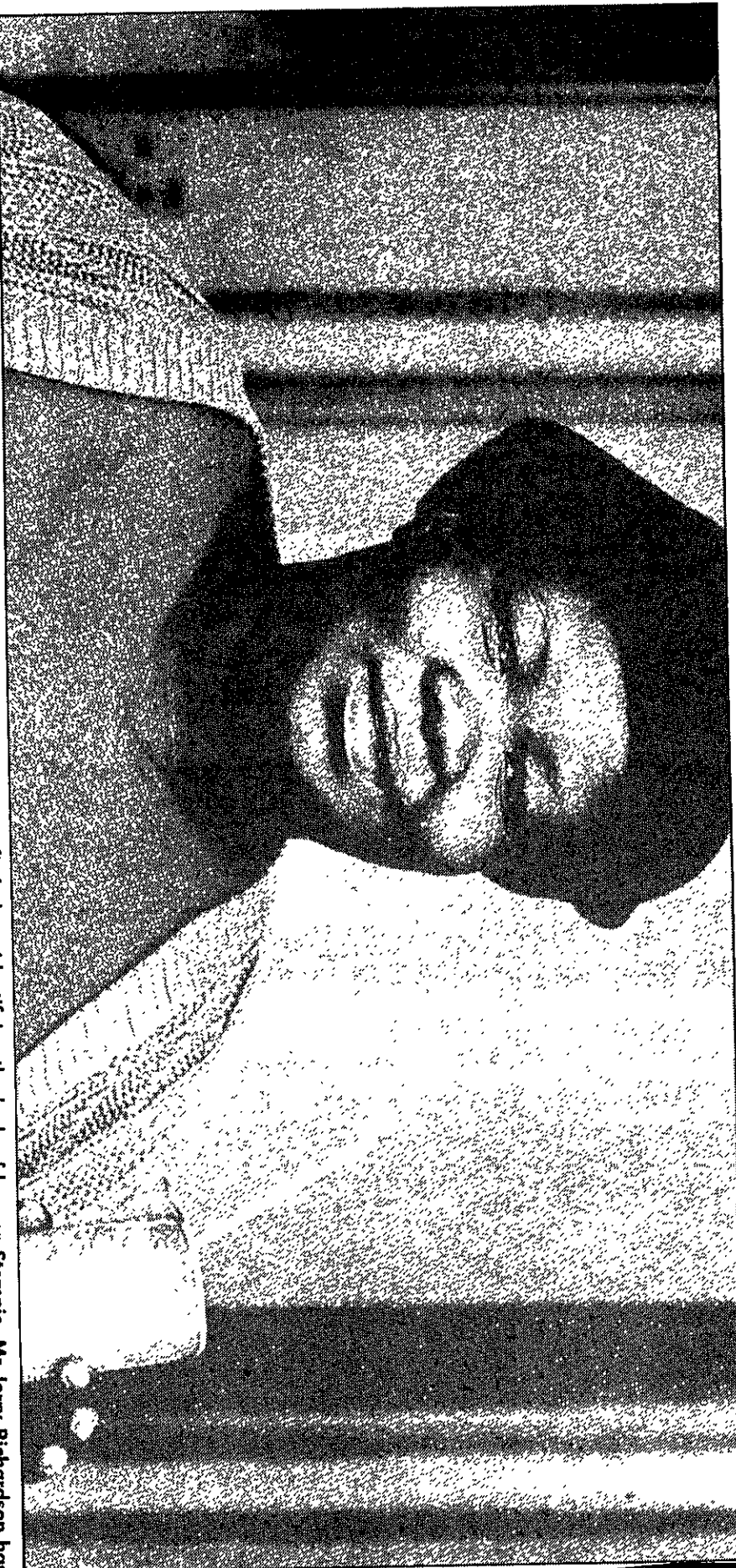
No explanation

The murder charge arises from the death of James "Stompie" Mokelesi Seipei (14). No plea explanation was given.

Mr Kgase said he had lived at the Methodist Church manse in Orlando West with 16 to 18 other people. There was often conflict between groups from different areas. Mr Kgase, who worked for the church, said Stompie had not identified with any group and a rumour had circulated that he was an "mimpipi" (police informer).

He said that on the night of December 29 1988 he was playing cards with Stompie, Mr Barand Thabiso (20) and Mr Gabriel Pelo Mekingwe.

Someone burst into the lounge and ordered them into the kitchen, where he saw a tall, well-built man, whom he now knew as Jerry Richardson. Everyone from the manse was rounded up and driven to Diepkloof Extension in a bus, where they were taken into a house with a swim-



Grieving mother . . . Mrs Joyce Seipei outside the Rand Supreme Court, where she testified about identifying the body of her son Stompie. Mr Jerry Richardson has pleaded not guilty to Stompie's murder and 10 other charges. ●Picture by John Hogg.

ming pool and a spa bath.

Mr Kgase said that after freedom songs had been sung, he was separated from the others and interrogated.

Then supper was served. Mr Kgase said he had difficulty eating because he was scared and the food was badly prepared.

He said more people arrived before Mrs Mandela entered the room. "There was an intense quietness," Mr Kgase said. Mrs Mandela then said they were not fit to be alive, he said.

Mr Kgase said Xoliswa, a woman who lived at the manse, accused him, a Mr Mono and Mr

Mekingwe of sleeping with the Rev Paul Verryn. She also accused Stompie of selling out comrades who were killed by police in Parys, he said.

Mr Kgase said Stompie had also complained about sexual misconduct.

He said Mrs Mandela then grabbed him by the hair and punched him and asked him how he could have been so irresponsible as to let the alleged sexual misconduct continue.

She then went over to Stompie, he said, and grabbed him by the shoulder and interrogated him about using cameras to spy

on everyone. Stompie said he knew nothing about this. Mr Kgase said. After each person had been interrogated by Mrs Mandela, she asked for slams-boks, the court heard. He was then beaten up.

Punched

Mr Kgase said Mr Richardson was the first person to touch him, but many other people had joined in.

He was punched, lifted up above shoulder height and dropped to the floor, stamped on and hit with an empty bottle.

Two people had plastic bags, but when they tried to push Stompie's and Mr Mekingwe's faces into them, Mr Richardson stopped them, saying that was enough for that night, Mr Kgase said.

In earlier evidence, Dr Patricia Klepp said Dr J W C Cook had performed a post-mortem examination on an unidentified youth on January 13 last year and a month later.

After discussing newspaper reports, he had wondered if it could have been Stompie, she said. The next day another post-mortem examination was performed.

The cause of death was given as penetrating, incised wounds of the neck, and bruising under the skin. Two of the three wounds had been caused by a double-bladed object, she said.

Outlining the sequence of evidence, Mr Chris van Vuuren, for the State, said Mr L A Ikaneing would testify on the attempted murder charge, alleging Mr Richardson stabbed him with the blade of a pair of garden shears.

It is alleged that Stompie was murdered on January 1 or 2 last year. His body was found on January 6 in the veld between Noordgesig and New Canada. The hearing continues.

Mandela beat me - witness

By ALI MPHAKI

A WITNESS in the Stompie murder case testified yesterday that Mrs Winnie Mandela had pulled his hair, punched and sjambokked him.

Startling evidence of how four youths, including James "Stompie" Mokhesi Scipei (14), were sjambokked by Mandela was heard before Mr Justice B O'Donnovan in the Rand Supreme Court.

Mr Kenneth Kgase told the court this assault on him took place at Mandela's house in Diepkloof Extension, Soweto, where they had been taken to in a bus.

He was giving evidence in the trial of Mr Jerry Vusumuzi Richardson, (41), of Orlando West, Soweto, who has pleaded not guilty to 11 charges, including murder, kidnapping and assault.

He said after he and the three youths were "interrogated" Mandela was very angry and said they were not "fit to be alive".

This followed allegations that Stompie had "sold out" four comrades in Parys who were subsequently killed by the police.

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No to plea for evidence in camera

The State launched an unsuccessful application for a hearing in camera of the remainder of Mr Kenny Kgase's evidence and that of the two other men who allege they were assaulted by Mrs Winnie Mandela and members of her soccer club.

Mr Kgase testified that he feared for his life. He said the political situation in the country had changed since January last year.

Since his assault his lifestyle had not been normal. "Now I want to tell the whole truth, but one doesn't have anything left in terms of security. I am afraid to give evidence in open court."

Gross-examined, he said although Mrs Mandela's name was mentioned during January and February last year, it was only speculation, not evidence.

Mr Thabiso Mono said he would testify later in the trial

and would prefer to do so behind closed doors and without the press present because he was concerned about his safety.

Pressed to explain, he said: "The situation is not the same in connection with the very lady."

The lady was later identified as Mrs Mandela.

Under cross examination he said there had been a rumour that Stompie (the youth whose death forms the murder charge against Mr Jerry Richardson) had been a police informer and now he (Mr Mono) was giving evidence in the trial and could be seen as one of the people who talked about what happened.

After listening to argument from the State and the defence, Mr Justice B O'Donovan ruled that the application failed but could be reopened if there were any new developments.

Kgase 'asked to join Winnie's team'

By Cathy Stagg

A Rand Supreme Court witness yesterday said he was assaulted by Mrs Winnie Mandela and members of her soccer team — and was then asked to join the team.

Mr Kenny Kgase said that a few days later he was taken along when team members caught and stabbed a man.

Mr Kgase was testifying in the trial of Mr Jerry Richardson. Mr Richardson (41), of Orlando West has pleaded not guilty to four counts of kidnapping, five of assault with intent to commit grievous bodily harm, one of attempted murder and one of murder.

On Wednesday, the first day of the trial, Mr Kgase (31), a church worker, described how he was abducted from the Methodist manse in Orlando West with Mr Thabiso Mono (20), Mr Pelo Mekgwe (21), and James "Stompie" Moketsi Seipei (14).

Man called Slash

He said on December 29 1988, they were taken to Mrs Mandela's house in Diepkloof Extension where Stompie was accused of "selling out" four comrades in Parys and the other three were accused of sexual misconduct. They were assaulted by Mrs Mandela and many other people, including Mr Richardson who was present throughout the events, Mr Kgase said. At one stage Mr Richardson stopped the assaults saying "it was enough for one night".

Continuing his evidence in chief yesterday, Mr Kgase said he and the other three were guarded

that night by Mr Richardson and a man called Slash.

Mr Kgase said Mr Richardson spent a lot of time with them and told them how stupid they had been to allow their bodies to be used by the white man (a reference to the Reverend Paul Verryn). Later a "tall, muscular man" arrived and asked who they were. Mr Richardson repeated the allegations against the four young men and the newcomer became very angry with Stompie.

"He said that is the last thing that can happen when people are fighting for a just cause. He kicked Stompie and asked why he did it. Stompie couldn't answer and he became more angry. He kicked Stompie around the room," Mr Kgase said.

Mr Richardson told the man the other three were a different case. They had made a small mistake and had been punished.

Mr Kgase said the next day various people arrived at the house and looked at the four young men. Some made comments about them and it was said Stompie would not be alive long. On New Year's day last year, Mr Kgase said, Stompie was told to write his address on a piece of paper because he was going home. Various men spoke to Stompie before Mr Richardson told him to collect his belongings.

"There was a lot of movement outside. In the distance there was an echo of chanting. The next day was not normal, people were quiet," Mr Kgase said.

He saw Mr Richardson's shoes, which appeared to have blood spots on them and this terrified the three young men. The shoes were among other washing Mr Richardson hung out on the line.

Mr Richardson later came into the house and asked Mr Kgase if he played soccer.

He said before he gave his answer, everyone was taken out to a piece of open ground to do strenuous exercises.

They then returned to the house and there was a debate about who should be taken with Mr Richardson and other team members. Mr Kgase said they were not sure what was happening but eventually were escorting a man in a red shirt to see "Mummie".

When the man broke free, Mr Kgase intended to make his own escape but when he jumped over a fence, he found the rest of the team had caught the man and he was part of the group again. Later he was ordered to hold the man's legs while Mr Richardson sat on the man's chest and stabbed him with a blade from a pair of garden shears.

The hearing continues.

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Youths tell Rand judge they fear for their lives

SUSAN RUSSELL

ONE of four youths allegedly beaten by Winnie Mandela and her football team told a Rand Supreme Court judge yesterday he wished to give the rest of his evidence in camera as he feared for his life.

This was after the youth, Kenneth Kgase, a young church worker, had recalled how he and teenage activist James Stompie Sepel, Barend Thabiso Mono and Gabriel Pelo Mekwge had been abducted from the Soweto home of Methodist minister Paul Verryn by Mandela's football team and taken to Mandela's house, where the assaults took place.

Kgase said the assaults occurred on the night of December 29 1988, while Mandela questioned them about their alleged sexual misconduct with Verryn.

Stompie, he said, had been interrogated about allegations that he had "sold out" four comrades to the police.

Kgase's evidence forms part of the State case against former Mandela football team coach Jerry Richardson, who has pleaded not guilty to murdering 14-year-old Stompie Sepel on January 1/2 last year, and other related charges.

When the trial resumed yesterday the State applied for the rest of

Kgase's evidence and that of Mono and Mekwge to be heard in camera.

This was opposed by defence counsel H Joubert, who said the names of the people and events about which the three would testify had been made public already.

In support of his application, Kgase said he wanted to continue with his normal life after what had happened to him.

"I fear for my life," he said. "I believe no-one cares."

Involvement

In cross-examination Joubert asked him whether his evidence contained anything new which was not part of the affidavit he made last year about events at the Mandela home.

"It was new about Mrs Mandela," Kgase said. He said that at the time he had not mentioned her involvement "in public".

Mono told the court he also wished to give his evidence in camera.

"What I am going to say, which is the truth, will put my life in danger because of the present situation in our country," he said.

Refusing their applications, Mr Justice O'Donovan said while both appeared to be genuinely concerned

about their safety, they had failed to make any basis whatsoever for such fear.

Resuming his evidence Kgase said after Mandela and members of the football team had assaulted them, they were told to wash in three basins. Richardson gave them clothing and blankets with which they were told to make their beds.

Kgase said Stompie was badly hurt at that time, sobbing and shivering. "He wasn't keeping a firm hold on himself."

He said the next day Richardson told them to clean the blood from the room and the surface next to the nearby jacuzzi.

"Stompie was given the task of washing the clothes we were wearing when the assault took place. I did not see him doing it," said Kgase.

He told the court that Richardson stayed with them most of the time.

"He said how stupid we had been to allow ourselves to be used by the white man and that was the last thing they were going to allow."

Kgase said that later that night another man had come into the room and repeatedly kicked Stompie after Richardson told him the teenager had sold out some comrades.

He told the court that by Sunday Stompie had not been able to eat. The trial continues today.

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Football team beat Stompie for four days — evidence

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FOR four days, Stompie Mocketsi Seipei was continuously beaten by members of the Mandela football team in Winnie Mandela's house in Diepkloof Extension, the Rand Supreme Court heard yesterday.

During the assault, he confessed to being a police spy.

On New Year's Day last year, the 14-year-old was taken away by the team's coach, Jerry Richardson, and was never seen again.

Kenneth Kgase, one of the four youths allegedly abducted by Richardson from the Methodist Church house in Orlando West, said this in evidence in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

Richardson is being charged with the murder of Seipei, the attempted murder of Andrew Ikaneng, four counts of abduction and five counts of assault.

Kgase said that Seipei had been targeted for assault because Mandela and the football team believed he was a police informer.

He related how, while being assaulted by Mandela, Richardson and other members of the team, Stompie had screamed: "Yes, I am a police spy."

"Jerry often said Stompie is not going to live," Kgase added.

The day after the four boys were assaulted, a tall muscular man is said to have visited the house. He began kicking and swearing at Stompie when Richardson told him Stompie was a spy.

While kicking Stompie, the man said: "I'm not going to use my hands — if I use my hands, I can kill you," Kgase related.

Earlier Richardson had said that the others, Kgase, Barend Thabiso Mono and Gabriel Pelo Mckgwe, who he accused of sexual misconduct in the church house, would not be assaulted any longer. But they were not allowed to leave the house.

Apparently Stompie had suffered the most injuries — he had a lump on his head, a cut under his eye and after the first day of "interrogation" he was shivering, continuously sobbing and could not even eat.

Just before sunset on New Year's Day, "Jerry put on his khaki overall and asked Stompie for his address because he was taking him home. The atmosphere was tense. After it had become dark, Jerry told Stompie to take everything that belonged to him, and Stompie got up and followed him," Kgase said.

The next day Kgase saw that Richardson's shoes had spots of blood on them. At midday he saw Richardson washing the clothes he had worn on the previous day.

Apparently Jerry said that Stompie had been "dumped".

Richardson also allegedly told Kgase "that they had links with peo-

Mandela football team members assaulted Stompie Seipei for days before his death, the Rand Supreme Court heard this week.
By CASSANDRA MOODLEY

ple in exile and he (Kgase) was part of those to be recommended for training at that establishment". Kgase said he was not told the name of the "establishment" but he refused to agree to the proposal.

Evidence was also led on how Richardson and a few other members of the football team took Kgase, Mono and Mckgwe to hunt down a man in a "red shirt".

They found the man in the red shirt. According to Kgase, the man was taken to an open field outside Orlando West township and Richardson pushed the man to the ground and jumped on his chest. Richardson told Isaac, one of the football team, to stab the man with a pair of garden shears.

Then Richardson got angry, and grabbed the shears from Isaac. From where Kgase stood, he could see Richardson "moving his hands to stab the man.

"Jerry said, 'This man is not dead,' and he continued the process again, and then he stood up.

"I was told to drag the man into a ditch," Kgase testified.

The man has not been identified in court, although in the indictment Richardson is accused of stabbing Andrew Ikaneng on January 3 in an open field near Orlando West.

On Wednesday, Kgase told the court how Mandela had interrogated and beat him, Mckgwe, Mono and Seipei with a sjambok and her fists.

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Discussion 2: Socialist Models - Yugoslavia - Hungary

Speakers

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Venue: Senate House
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Stompie could not eat after beating, trial told

JAMES "Stompie" Mokhesi Seipei could not eat after he and three others were assaulted at Mrs Winnie Mandela's home in Diepkloof, Soweto, during December 1988, a witness told a Rand Supreme Court judge yesterday.

Mr Kenneth Kgase said Stompie was swollen, had a cut near the eye and looked sickly before he was ordered to accompany Mr Jerry Richardson.

Richardson is facing 11 charges, including those of murder, assault and kidnapping.

Kgase told Mr Justice B O'Donnovan that he

By ALI
MPHAKI

never saw Stompie again.

Testifying after his request to give evidence in camera was declined, Kgase told the court that Stompie vomited and appeared the most seriously injured of the four who had been taken from Orlando West to Mandela's home in a bus.

He said several people who came to see the four youths, who were kept in one of two backrooms at Mandela's home, said Stompie would not live.

The next day he saw bloodstains on Richardson's shoes. They

were later told not to ask what had happened to Stompie.

Kgase said the mood at Mandela's home had changed and the three were now being referred to as comrades. "We were told the past was forgotten," he said.

He also described how he witnessed a man being stabbed with a pair of garden shears.

The man had been brought from Mzimhlophe by Richardson, who held him by his belt before he was taken to an open veld where he was stabbed and thrown into a ditch.

(Proceeding).

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Mrs Mandela was first to beat us, witness tells court

CATHY STAGG

MRS Winnie Mandela was present when Mr Kenneth Kgase and three other young men were assaulted, Mr Kgase reiterated under cross examination in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

Mr Kgase was in the witness box for the third day testifying during the trial of Mr Jerry Richardson.

Mr Richardson, a member of the Mandela football team, has pleaded not guilty to four counts of kidnapping, five counts of assault with intent to commit greivous bodily harm, one count of attempted murder and one of murder. The murder charge arises from the death of James "Stompie" Moketsi Seipei (14).

It was put to Mr Kgase by Mr Richardson's counsel that Mrs Mandela left her Diepkloof Extension home on the morning of December 29 1988 — so could not have been present when Mr Kgase (31), Stompie, Mr Thabiso Mono (20) and Mr Pelo Mekingwe (21) were assaulted there that evening. Mr Kgase said he definitely saw Mrs Mandela.

Earlier, during his evidence-in-chief, Mr Kgase described how he and the other three young men were kidnapped from the Methodist manse in Orlando West. He said they were assaulted at Mrs Mandela's house and that Mrs Mandela herself was the first person to strike each one of them.

Then Stompie was taken away, never to be seen alive again. Stompie had been accused of being an mpimpi (police informer) but Mr Kgase said he had no proof that this was so.

After Stompie's disappearance the three remaining young men were told the past would be forgotten. They had been accused of sexual misconduct. They were referred to as comrades. They were included in duties at Mrs Mandela's house, such as guarding the house. Mr Kgase had a shift between 4 am and 6 am on January 7 last year — the first time he had been left alone with only one other person, the court heard. He jumped over the wall and eventually got transport to the Central Methodist Church in Pritchard Street.

The trial adjourned early yesterday for consultations.

Mr Justice B O'Donovan is on the bench with two assessors. Mr Chris van Vuuren appears for the State. Mr H H Joubert, instructed by Kathleen Satchwell, appears for Mr Richardson.

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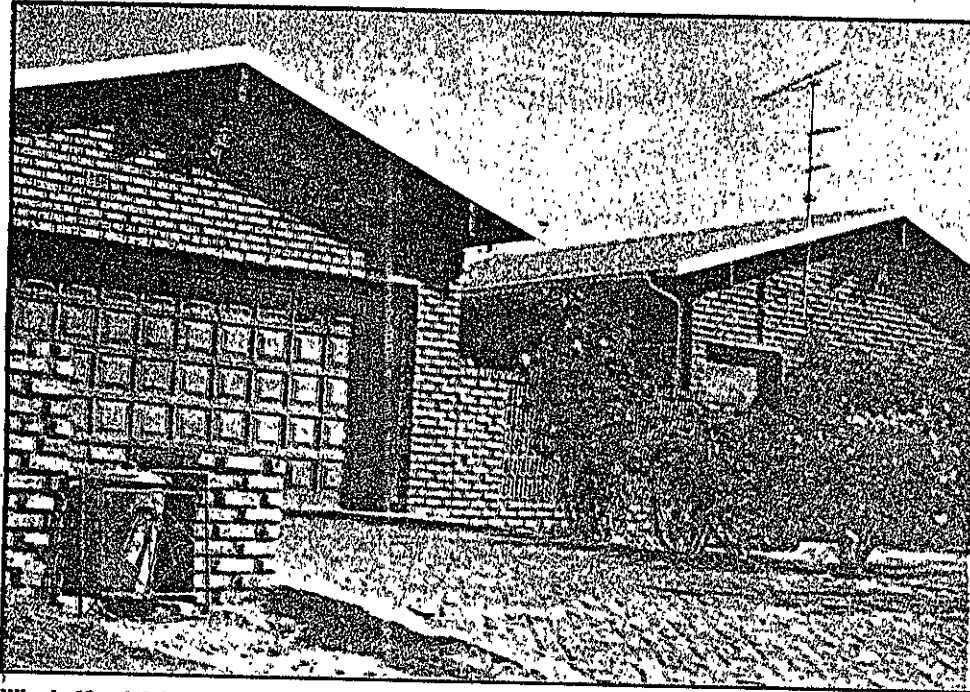
The impish face of James Stompie Moeketsi Seipei, photographed shortly before he was tortured and murdered at the beginning of January 1989 — and (below) the man accused of killing him, former Mandela XI coach Jerry Richardson, 41, with Mrs Winnie Mandela in her Diepkloof home a week before his arrest. The Rand Supreme Court was told that Mrs Mandela beat and sjambokked Stompie before he was taken away by Richardson on January 1 or 2.

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The final, tragic days of Stompie Seipei

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Winnie Mandela's Diepkloof Extension home: Stompie Seipei, Kenneth Kgase and others were allegedly made to toyi-toyi around an empty jacuzzi before she sjambokked them.

Witness recounts harrowing ordeal of child activist

By MARTIN NTSOENGOE and DESMOND BLOW

THE TRAGIC last days of James Mooketsi Stompie (Stompie) Seipei, 14, were recounted this week when Kenneth Kgase gave evidence against former Mandela Football Club manager Jerry Vusumusi Richardson in the Rand Supreme Court.

Besides Stompie's murder, Richardson faces charges of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm and the attempted murder of Lerotodi Andrew Ikaneng.

Richardson, who is on bail of R5 000, appeared bored as he listened to Kgase's evidence.

Kgase alleged he was abducted from the Orlando West Methodist manse with Stompie and two others on December 29, 1988, by club members. He told Judge B Donovan that within 24 hours of constant assault by Richardson and other club members, the child activist was a physical and mental wreck.

When he tried to eat he vomited.

Stompie and Kgase were among about 18 people who fled to the manse to escape unrest. As Stompie did not fit in with other refugees at the Methodist manse, rumour had it that he was a "sell-out".

Kgase said that although Stompie had admitted to being a "sell-out" during the assaults, there was no proof that he had been a police spy or caused the death of four comrades, as club members alleged.

The four young men were taken to outside rooms Winnie Mandela's Diepkloof Extension home and accused by a woman named as Xoliswa of sexual misconduct with Methodist minister Rev Paul Verryrn.

Kgase said that after obeying orders to toyi-toyi around an empty jacuzzi, Mandela arrived. She told them they were not fit to live as they had committed indecent acts, and then sjambokked them. Other youths - led by Richardson - assaulted them.

Stompie's head was kicked against a wall.

Among the court exhibits this week were two sjamboks - one alleged to have been wielded by Winnie Mandela - and Stompie's ragged clothing.

Kgase told the court Richardson said Stompie was going to die. Two days later, after more harsh treatment, Richardson took Stompie away.

A week later the child's decomposed body was found in a Soveto ditch. His throat had been cut.

The day after Kgase gave this evidence he and two others applied to give evidence in camera. When refused, Kgase described Ikaneng's attempted murder.

Kgase said he was compelled to accompany Richardson and others to search for Ikaneng and help hold him down while Richardson stabbed him with garden shears.

Richardson ordered Kgase to roll Ikaneng's body into a ditch.

Ikaneng survived.

Kgase said he fled the Mandela home while ostensibly on guard duty early one morning.

Advocate HH Joubert, for Richardson, said his client would tell the court Mandela was not at home when the assaults were alleged to have taken place.

The case continues.

Mystery surrounds death of man who posed as policeman

By SELLO SERIPE

A SOWETO man has died of head injuries in the Hillbrow Hospital after being arrested for allegedly posing as a policeman.

Archibald Dlamini, 23, of Chiawelo Two, was arrested in the Yeoville area on April 21. He died four days later.

His family is puzzled that he was not under police guard in hospital and that the "unknown" written in place of his name on his bed-letter had been changed to Archie Dlamini.

The dead man's mother, Cindy Makamo, 43, said a policeman known only as Hutchinson told her Dlamini was healthy when arrested.

A Witwatersrand police spokesman told City Press Dlamini was arrested for posing as police officer, possession of false police identity and two dangerous weapons.

Police were investigating the death, he added.

Dlamini's mother said he had phoned his aunt in Chiawelo to tell her he had been arrested.

Makamo, who is a clerk at Hillbrow Hospital, said her husband had tried to visit Dlamini at Hillbrow police station on the night of his arrest but was refused admission.

When he attempted to visit again the following day he was told Dlamini had

been taken to hospital. He was not told what was wrong with him.

When the couple visited their son that night he was unconscious.

"His bed-letter showed he suffered brain haemorrhage, a cut behind the left ear and bruises on his back. His left hand was uncomfortably twisted," she said.

Hillbrow Hospital medical superintendent Dr MG Rankin said of Dlamini: "If he had head injuries, then he died because of them."

One of the nurses who attended Dlamini confirmed that Archibald was unconscious when admitted and died in the same state.

The nurse said the doctor had diagnosed sub-archnoid haemorrhage - bleeding in the brain.

When the dead man's mother contacted Hutchinson at the police station on April 23, he told her Dlamini was in court, and that it was possible he might be released if she could pay bail.

"He appeared to be shocked when I told him my son was in hospital.

"He told me he did not assault him and he was in good health when he locked him in the cell. He promised to investigate," she said.

Hillbrow State mortuary commander W/O Charles Helem said a post-mortem had been held.

Dlamini was buried yesterday at Avalon cemetery.



Archibald Dlamini

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COURT TOLD OF BEATINGS BEFORE STOMPPIE KILLED

SENSATIONAL evidence on the gruesome death of a teenage activist has come to light in the murder trial of Mandela football team coach Jerry Vusi Must Richardson.

By MARION DUNCAN

Mr Richardson, 41, of Orlando West, is being tried in the Rand Supreme Court on four counts of kidnapping, five of assault with intent to commit grievous bodily harm, one of attempted murder, and one of murder arising from the death of James "Stompie" Moeketsi Seipei 14, in January last year. The name of Winnie Man-

broken collar bone. Stompie was last seen alive on the night of January 1 or 2 last year when he was allegedly taken from Mrs Mandela's home by Mr Richardson.

Mr Richardson has been granted bail of R5 000.

Stompie's partially decomposed body was found in a patch of open veld. A post-mortem revealed that he died from three deep wounds to his neck — made by a double-edged blade. The examination also revealed internal bruising, extensive external bruises and a

not guilty to all charges. But the testimony, so far heard by Mr Justice B O'Donovan and two assessors has shocked the country.

Kenneth Kgase, one of four young men allegedly kidnapped by Mr Richardson from the Soweto home of Methodist minister Paul Verryn, alleged

that Mrs Mandela had assaulted him, Stompie and their two friends.

"She grabbed me by the hair and punched me.

"Then she went over to Stompie, grabbed him by the shoulder, chucked him on the floor and interrogated him about his relations with the police."

Mrs Mandela then allegedly punched Stompie before confronting the other two — Barmond Mono and Gabriel Mkgwe — with allegations of having had sexual relations with Mr Verryn. She then again turned

her attention to Stompie, and "a lot of physical hammering took place", Mr Kgase said.

He claimed Mrs Mandela inflicted yet more punches on all four of them, then asked for sfamboks and beat them.

They were allegedly kicked, trampled, punched and hit on their knees with empty bottles by Mrs Mandela, Mr Richardson and others.

Mrs Mandela told the four they were "not fit to be alive", Mr Kgase said.

The court heard that the al-

leged assaults took place at Mrs Mandela's home in Diepkloof, Soweto, in December 1988.

Feelings about the trial are running so high that Mr Kgase and Mr Mono petitioned the court on Thursday for proceedings to be held in camera.

Mr Kgase said he feared for his life if the public attended the trial and the media reported on it.

The judge rejected the applications on the grounds that the witnesses had failed to make out a valid basis for their fears.

Stompie case: accused will deny key points

By Cathy Stagg

Mr. Jerry Richardson will deny much of the testimony given by Mr. Kenneth Kgase, the Rand Supreme Court heard yesterday.

Mr. Kgase (30) completed his evidence after four days in the witness box.

He was the first complainant to testify about the alleged kidnapping of four young men from the Methodist manse in Orlando West, Soweto, on December 29, 1988.

He has said they were taken against their will to Mrs. Winnie Mandela's house in Diepkloof Extension where they were assaulted, first by Mrs. Mandela, and then by several other people.

Mr. Richardson, a member of the Mandela Football team, has pleaded not guilty to four counts

of kidnapping, five counts of assault with intent to commit grievous bodily harm, one count of attempted murder and one of murder.

The murder charge arises from the death of James "Stompie" Moketsi Seipei (14).

Mr. Richardson's counsel told Mr. Kgase Mr. Richardson will deny:

- Ever saying he could not live with people who sell out to "the system".

Informer

- Accusing Stompie of being a police informer who caused the death of four comrades in Parys.

- That he was present on the night Stompie disappeared from Mrs. Mandela's house.

Mr. Kgase repeated the allegations he had made during his evidence-in-chief and said everything had happened as he had described.

Under re-examination, Mr. Kgase said Mrs. Mandela interrogated each of the four young men in turn and was the first to hit them.

He said the interrogation followed by a beating was repeated twice.

Relating to the attempted murder charge, Mr. Kgase said a man named Isaac pushed Mr. Ikageng down while Mr. Richardson stabbed him with the blade from a pair of garden shears.

The hearing continues.

Accused said Stompie 'was not going to live'

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SUSAN RUSSELL

CHURCH worker Kenneth Kgase told the Rand Supreme Court yesterday that he had repeatedly heard murder accused Jerry Richardson say Stompie Seipei "was not going to live", after their alleged abduction from the Soweto home of Methodist Minister Paul Verryn.

Kgase said this during cross-examination before Mr Justice B O'Donovan and two assessors.

He was giving evidence at the trial of Richardson, 41, who has pleaded not guilty to murdering Seipei on January 1/2 last year.

The former coach of Winnie Mandela's football team has also pleaded not guilty to abducting Seipei, Kgase and two other young men, Barend Thalliso Mono and Gabriel Pelo Mekgwe, from Verryn's house and taking them to Mandela's Diepkloof home on December 29 1988.

Richardson has also pleaded not guilty to five counts of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm and one count of attempted murder.

During his three days of testimony, Kgase told the court that he, Stompie and the other two were assaulted by Mandela after she had questioned them about alleged sexual miscon-

duct involving Verryn.

He told the court allegations were also made that Stompie had "sold out" four comrades.

During cross-examination yesterday it was put to Kgase by Richardson's counsel H Joubert that the former coach would testify the four of them were only questioned about the alleged sexual misconduct at Verryn's house.

"No, only two of them were," Kgase said.

Joubert: He will deny your allegation that Stompie was accused of selling out four people.

Kgase: That's what he said to him.

Joubert put it to Kgase the reason the four of them were kept at the Mandela house was because they wanted to stay there and discuss the matter when Verryn came back from holiday.

"No, we were just taken away like that. We didn't know anything about Mrs Mandela, Jerry, nobody," Kgase said.

Joubert: The accused will say that you people agreed to stay there until Mr Verryn came back.

Kgase: It was nothing like that. The trial continues today.

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Spy ring

'No cell for 3 whites'

By MATHATHA
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Soekmeaar 8/5/70

A BLACK cafe owner in Soekmeaar, who wanted to have three whites arrested for trespassing was allegedly told by the local police station commander this was impossible as they had no cells for whites.

Mr Frans Motheta said he had also wanted to lay charges of theft and fraud against one of the three men, a Mr Jan Sterken, for allegedly stealing and cashing a cheque.

Motheta has written a letter to the Divisional Commissioner of Police in the far northern Transvaal and sent a copy to Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok.

Charges

The station commander later accepted the charges.

Police spokesman Captain Cas Jones confirmed that two charges had been laid.

Police

Motheta said Sterken, who is the son of the man from whom he (Motheta) had rented the cafe, had arrived with the other men at the cafe and started loosening the geyser in the kitchen.

When Motheta told them to get out, they threatened to shoot him. He called the police but the men refused to listen to the two black policemen who had been sent.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENCE:

(1) and (2)(a) As far as could be ascertained from the Judicial Inquest and investigation to determine the causes and factual circumstances of the person's death have not been completed by the responsible Department. *12/5/88 8/5/1/10*

(b) The name supplied by the hon member.

MR R R HULLLEY: Mr Speaker, arising from the hon Deputy Minister's answer, could he justify how more than two years could go by without the parents knowing what the cause of death was? They are in possession of a death certificate which simply says of the cause of death "Being investigated". Could he also tell us what the responsible body or bodies is or are that he has referred to now?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER: Mr Speaker, I have great understanding for the fact that two years have elapsed since the death of this boy. However, the investigation is not being done by the SADE; it is an ongoing police investigation. I suggest the hon member directs his question to that Department.

Robertson Civic Hall: dispersal of crowd

*8. Mr J H MOMBBERG asked the Minister of Law and Order:

(1) (a) What is the rank of the officer in charge of the members of the South African Police who allegedly used bird-shot and teargas to disperse a crowd that had gathered at the Robertson Civic Hall on the night of Wednesday, 11 April 1990, and (b) in terms of what statutory provisions or regulations did he issue instructions to disperse the crowd;

(2) whether he will disclose the name of this officer; if not, why not; if so, what is his name? *12/5/88 8/5/1/10*

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THE MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) and (2).

The investigation into this matter by a senior Police officer has been completed and the docket has already been submitted to the Attorney-General for his decision. In view of this fact, I do not consider it advisable at this

the Regional Court, Rustenburg on charges of murder and kidnapping and were acquitted.

Business interrupted in accordance with Rule 180C (3) of the Standing Rules of Parliament.

Thabazimbi autopsy

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

(1) Whether an autopsy was held in connection with the death on or about 13 December 1982 near Thabazimbi of a certain person, whose name has been furnished to the South African Police for the purpose of the Minister's reply; if not, why not; if so, (a) when, (b) by whom and (c) what were the findings;

(2) whether any evidence suggesting a connection between this person's incarceration by his employer and his death was found; if so, what are the relevant details;

(3) whether this matter was referred to the Attorney-General; if not, why not; if so, when? *12/5/88 8/5/1/10*

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THE MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) to (3)
I refer the hon member to my reply to oral question 9.

Removal of crimes from penal code

*11. Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Justice: *12/5/88 8/5/1/10*

With reference to paragraph 1.5 (g) on page 4 of the Annual Report of the Department of Justice for the period 1 July 1988 to 30 June 1989, which crimes are currently under consideration for removal from the penal code?

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THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE:

During the debate on my budget vote in 1987 and 1989 I already indicated that minor traffic offences in particular are under consideration in the whole process of decriminalisation and depenalisation. The legislation referred to in the Annual Report is still under consideration.

Nthorwane: residents moved to schools

*12. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Education: *12/5/88 8/5/1/10*

Whether there are any schools in the area to which the residents of Nthorwane, near Greylingstad, are being moved; if so, (a) what is the (i) name and (ii) pupil capacity of each such school and (b) how many teachers are employed or are to be employed at each; if not, why not? *12/5/88 8/5/1/10*

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THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION:

No.
To date only 16 housing units have been erected by residents in Nthorwane. At least 95% of the residents are still living in the old township where there is a school catering for 840 pupils from Sub A to Std 6.

Lenasia bus service

*13. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Transport: *12/5/88 8/5/1/10*

(1) Whether a certain bus service, the name of which has been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of his reply, has a monopoly on bus transport in the Lenasia area; if so, (a) on whose authority, (b) in terms of which statutory provisions or regulations and (c) since when;

(2) whether his Department and/or the Local Road Transportation Board has received any representations in this regard; if so, what was the (a) purport of and (b) response to each such representation? *12/5/88 8/5/1/10*

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THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT:

(1) No. The following bus companies render services in the Lenasia area:

- * M I Tilly trading as Golden Highway Bus Lines;

- * A Kandasamy and A K Govender trading as Lenasia South Bus Service; and

- * Lenasia Bus Service (Pty) Ltd.

(a), (b) and (c) Fall away;

(2) Yes.

- (a) A Kandasamy as well as S K Bus Lines applied to the Local Road Transportation Board (LRTB), Johannesburg, for public carrier per-

Court told of plan to kill youth

Soweto 8/5/90
Mr Kenneth Kgase yesterday told a Supreme Court judge that the former coach of the Mandela United Football Club and some youths took another youth to a place which the coach said was the right one to kill "the dog".

The youth to be killed was Lerotodi Andrew Ikaneng whose throat was cut with a pair of garden

By SONTI MASEKO

shears.

Kgase was giving evidence in the trial of Mr Jerry Vusimuzi Richardson (41) of Orlando West, Soweto, the former coach of the Mandela United Football Club.

Richardson faces five counts of assault, four of abduction, one of attempted murder and one of murder.

He is alleged to have murdered child activist Moeketsi Stompie Seipei, whose decomposed body was found by the police early last year.

Richardson, who is appearing before Mr Justice B O'Donovan and two assessors, has pleaded not guilty to all the charges.

Kgase said he, Richardson and other youths had gone looking for Ikaneng whom they found walking up a street with a friend he knew as Moss.

Ikaneng had agreed to come with them but at

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some point tried to run away. He was caught and taken to a bridge near a road which Richardson said was the right place where they should kill the dog.

He, Slash, Thabiso and Pelo held him down while Richardson sat on his chest.

Richardson then ordered Isaac to stab Ikaneng with a blade he had between his hands. Isaac was trembling and it seemed he was not sure of what to do.

He said Richardson then shouted at Isaac to give him the blade and he (Kgase) said he saw Richardson's arms moving as he cut Ikaneng's throat.

At one stage Richardson stopped and remarked that "the dog is not dead" and repeated the movement.

He said he was then ordered to throw the body in a ditch.

Counsel for the

defence, Mr L C J Van Vuuren, put it to Kgase that Richardson went to fetch Ikaneng because he had taken a soccer jersey from him.

Van Vuuren also said Richardson would say at the bridge Ikaneng had started resisting and pulling back and he (Richardson) became angry, pulled out his knife, and stabbed him.

Although there were garden shears, they were not used on Ikaneng and were taken from Mrs Mandela's house because Slash wanted to take them to his girlfriend's house. (proceeding)

Civic body slams people's courts

YOUTHS sentencing citizens at "kangaroo people's courts" do not have the experience to carry out justice and their punishment is barbaric and a disgrace, an Alexandra Civic Association spokesman said yesterday. Publicity secretary Mr Obed Bapela said the ACA had on several occasions ordered elements of the township's youth to end the kangaroo courts, which have been running since the beginning of this year, but they had apparently continued.

Bapela said the township's crime problems were being taken to the youth instead of the police because residents had lost confidence in the authorities.

"We say no, the youth cannot solve your problems. Crime in Alexandra is escalating every day but that the kangaroo court is a crime in itself."

The ACA will hold an anti-crime conference on May 13. - Sapa. *Sweetan 815790*

Ten killed, 18 raped in Soweto violence 38

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TEN people were killed in various acts of violence in Soweto at the weekend, spokesman for the police Captain Mikhachane Ngobeni said yesterday.

Nine of the victims had stab wounds while the other was shot.

Ngobeni said 18 cases of rape and seven of attempted murder were reported to the Soweto police.

Fifteen cases of armed robbery, 24 cases of housebreaking and theft, four of which involved business premises, were also reported. A total of 17 motor vehicles were reported stolen.

Ngobeni said police had arrested 104 people for various crimes and recovered 36 stolen vehicles.

He said the newly launched "Operation Watchdog" had recovered 33 stolen vehicles since April 30 and also found three stolen engines, three firearms and three packets of dagga.

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Mandela sent lawyer to remove youths, court told

NELSON Mandela sent lawyer Ismael Ayob to his wife Winnie's house to remove two young men days after they were allegedly abducted from the home of the Rev Paul Verryn and assaulted by her and members of her football team, the Rand Supreme Court was told yesterday.

This was the evidence of Barend Thabiso Mono, one of the two youths Ayob was instructed to take into his care by the then imprisoned ANC leader. Mono was testifying at the murder trial former Mandela football coach Jerry Richardson.

He has pleaded not guilty to murdering James "Stompie" Seipei on January 1/2 last year.

Richardson, 41, has also pleaded not guilty to kidnapping Mono, Seipei, Gabriel Pelo Mekgwe and Kenneth Kgase from the Soweto home of Methodist minister Verryn on December 29 1988 and assaulting them at the Mandela house.

The former coach has also pleaded not guilty to attempting to murder Lerotodi Andrew Ikaneng on January 3 last year.

Mono yesterday told the court Seipei was taken away by Richardson on Sunday, January 1, after he was told he was being taken home.

"Stompie's face was swollen and his eyes were not as wide open as usual," Mono said.

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Mono testified the remaining three were taken on an expedition by Richardson and members of the team to a house in Soweto, from where a man fetched them. He said he had held one of the man's legs while Richardson stabbed the man in the neck.

Asked by State counsel Chris van Vuuren why he had participated in the attempted murder of Ikaneng, Mono replied he had done it because the coach had instructed him to do so.

"I was afraid of him at the time."

He told the court the three of them were told to stand guard at the Mandela house after this incident.

Impression

Guard duty was done in pairs, he said, and he, Pelo and Kgase were paired with people who had been at the house before their arrival.

"He (Richardson) said if any of us three escaped he did not know what would happen to those who remained."

Van Vuuren: How did you understand this?

Mono: By then I'd seen what type of person he was and what he'd done. The impression I got was that should one of us escape, those remaining would be dumped."

Mono said after Kgase escaped,

Richardson did not want to leave Pelo and himself alone.

Some days later Ayob arrived at the house and they were introduced to the lawyer by Winnie Mandela.

"Ismael Ayob told Winnie that (Bishop) Peter Storey wanted to see her," Mono said.

Ayob then returned to the house a day or two later. Richardson told him and Pelo they were supposed to be going to another place with Ayob and were to refuse to do so.

At this stage attorney Krish Naidoo arrived.

He said Richardson told them they were to make a statement to Naidoo and should tell him Verryn used to sleep with them. Mono said Richardson also told them not to say anything about the assaults.

Mono testified that the next day Ayob arrived and told Richardson he was instructed by Nelson Mandela to take the pair to stay with him (Ayob).

After being removed from the house by other people there for short while, they were returned there and delivered to Ayob's house on Winnie Mandela's instructions.

He and Pelo were eventually taken to Naidoo's offices in town on January 16. From there they were taken from to a meeting in Soweto by Storey. He told the court he gave the meeting an account of what had happened to him as he had told the court.

The trial continues today.

Clampdown³⁶

THE police have made more than 8 000 arrests since the start of "Operation Watchdog", one of the country's largest crime prevention operations to date.

A spokesman for the Public Relations Directorate, Colonel Steve van Rooyen, said in Pretoria that it was one of the most successful crime prevention exercises yet undertaken. SABC radio reports. *Journalist 09/5/90*

Court told of Mandela bid to help youths

Nelson Mandela, while still in prison, had made a fruitless attempt to have two kidnapped youths — allegedly assaulted by his wife Winnie at her Soweto home — placed in the care of his attorney, the Rand Supreme Court heard yesterday.

This was said by Thabiso Mono (20), testifying in the trial of Jerry Richardson (41), who is charged with the murder of teenage activist James "Stompie" Mokerisi Seipei.

Mr Richardson (41) has pleaded not guilty to the murder charge and to four counts of kidnapping, five counts of assault with intent to commit grievous bodily harm and to the attempted murder of Andrew Ikageng.

In his evidence-in-chief before Mr Justice B O'Donovan and two assessors, Mr Mono said Mr Mandela had instructed his attorney, Ismail Ayob, to remove the youths from the Mandela home, where they were allegedly being kept against their will. Mr Mono said he, Stompie, Kenneth Kgase (31) and Pelo Mekgwe (21) had been taken to Mrs Mandela's house on December 29 1988.

Stompie was accused of being a police informer and the others were accused of having slept with the Reverend Paul Verryn in whose house they lived.

Mrs Mandela had told them they were "not fit to be alive". She asked them some questions then

punched each of them with her fists. Then all four of them were assaulted by a number of people, but Stompie was the most severely beaten, he said.

Mr Mono said Mr Richardson used the word "dump" to describe what he was going to do to Stompie.

The next day Mr Richardson said he was taking Stompie home.

"That was the last time I saw Stompie," Mr Mono said. The court has heard that Stompie's decomposing body was found on January 6 last year and that it had fatal wounds in the neck.

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Mr Mono said he and other people who had been living in Mrs Mandela's house had forced a man in a red shirt — identified as Mr Ikageng — to accompany them into the veld, where Mr Richardson hit him on the head.

Mr Richardson also allegedly told the man he was going to be "dumped".

Mr Mono said he held one of Mr Ikageng's legs while Mr Richardson stabbed him in the throat, because Mr Richardson had instructed him to do so and he was afraid of Mr Richardson. Mr Ikageng was thrown into a ditch, and they returned to Mrs Mandela's house.

He could not remember the date, but knew that Mr Kgase had escaped, Mr Mono said.

A few days later, Mr Ayob arrived and told Mrs Mandela that Bishop Peter Storey of the Central Methodist Church wanted to see her. Mr Mono said he and the others were told by Mr Richardson that Mr Ayob would ask them to accompany him but they were to refuse. A second attorney, Mr Krish Naidoo, also arrived.

"Jerry told us to make a statement to Mr Naidoo but we should not mention the assault. We were told to tell him that Paul (Mr Verryn) used to sleep with us and we must mention that was the reason we went to Winnie's place. I was afraid of Jerry so I carried out his instructions while I was in that place," Mr Mono said.

He said Mr Ayob had told Mr Richardson and a woman identified only as Xoliswa that he (Mr Ayob) had been told by Mr Mandela to take Mr Mono and Mr Mekgwe away with him.

Mr Richardson told Mr Ayob he could not agree.

Mrs Mandela's name does not appear on the list of witnesses attached to the indictment. Usually the accused is informed of the names and addresses of people who will be called to testify. The three complainants' names are on the list but their addresses are not supplied.

Cop shoots woman dead, then himself

A POLICEMAN yesterday shot dead a woman who constantly turned down his advances - and later turned the gun on himself.

The dead are Miss Portia Tumahole (20), of Monaheng Section, Kaitleng, and Mr Joe Ndlovu, who was attached to the SAP in Gernison and lived at Kaitleng, two streets away from Tumahole's home.

The tragedy occurred at about 7am.

Public relations officer for the East Rand police, Lieutenant Ida van Zaal, yesterday confirmed the incident.

She said police were still investigating the circumstances leading to the killings.

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

Tumahole's aunt, Mrs Getrude Sibanyoni, said her niece had been complaining for the past few weeks that Ndlovu had threatened to kill her after she had constantly turned down his advances.

Scream

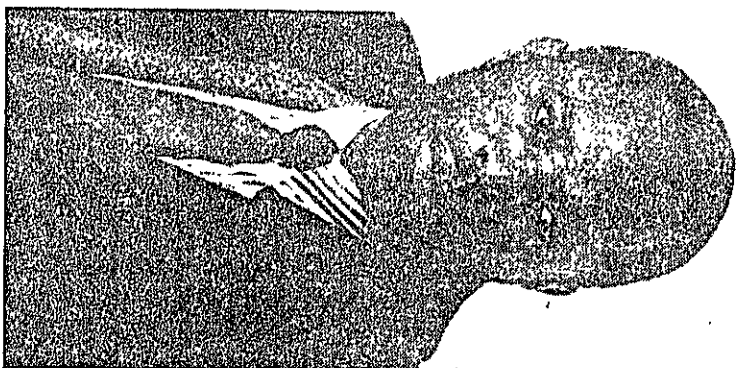
"Ndlovu assaulted my niece on Monday and also threatened her with a firearm after she had refused his advances again. She had to receive medical treatment," she said.

Sibanyoni said Ndlovu had gone to their home (Sibanyoni's) yesterday morning where he found Tumahole alone in the house. She was preparing to go to work.

"According to neigh-

bours, Portia screamed for help before two shots were fired. The neighbours found the couple lying next to each other in the diningroom. Ndlovu's service revolver was found next to his body and there was blood all over the place," Sibanyoni said.

Tumahole leaves her mother, Doris. Funeral arrangements have not yet been finalised.



ALTON MASHABA

Gospel singer Alton is dead

GOSPEL singer Alton Mashaba is dead.

He was shot and controversy surrounds the death, which his family blames on the police.

They claim he was killed by the police, who have denied the allegation, claiming Mashaba committed suicide by shooting himself with a police firearm while trying to escape.

Mashaba (36), of Yeoville, Johannesburg three weeks ago for alleged car theft and held at Hillbrow Police Station, in Johannesburg.

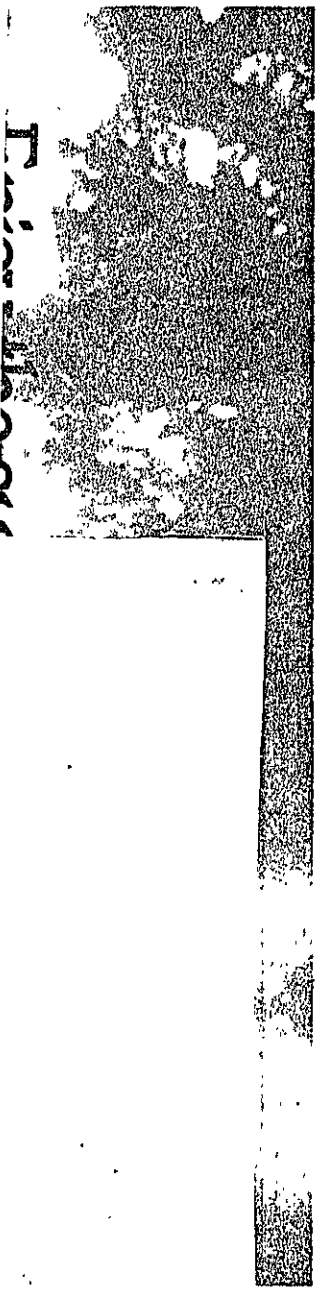
His family only knew about his death at the weekend.

A spokesman for the Soweto police, Colonel Mf Halgryn, said two policemen were taking Mashaba to Soweto on April 26 to investigate the alleged car theft when they were stopped by a Mr

When they reached Diepkloof, Ndlovu produced a firearm and threatened the policemen. Mashaba managed to grab a firearm from one of the policemen and shot the cop in the left foot. He fled together with Ndlovu," Halgryn said.

Halgryn said Mashaba's body was found by police in Moroka the next day with a bullet wound in the forehead.

Mashaba's brother, Lazarus, said yesterday: "My brother was with two armed policemen and there was no way he could have escaped. Police are just covering up because they know who killed my brother."



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Winnie took youths on a shopping trip, court told

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WINNIE Mandela took two young men shopping for clothes, days after they were allegedly abducted from the house of the Rev Paul Verryn and assaulted by Mandela and members of her football team, the Rand Supreme Court heard yesterday.

One of the two youths, Barend Thabiso Mono, gave an account of the shopping trip during evidence at the murder trial of former Mandela football team coach Jerry Richardson.

Mono is one of three youths allegedly abducted with teenager James Stompie Seipei by Richardson on December 29 1988.

Richardson, 41, has pleaded not guilty to murdering Seipei on January 1/2 last year.

He has also pleaded not guilty to kidnapping Mono, Seipei, Kenneth Kgase and Gabriel Pelo Mekgwe.

The former coach has pleaded not guilty to five further counts of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm and one count of attempted murder.

During five days of evidence the court has heard testimony that the youths were beaten by Mandela and other people staying at the house while they were questioned about allegations of sexual misconduct with Verryn and that Seipei was a police informer in Parys.

Evidence has also been heard that Seipei was taken away by Richardson on Sunday, January 1, after he was told he was going home.

Kgase escaped some days later.

Mono told the court that in addition to his and Mekgwe's shopping trip with Mandela, they had left the house a number of times.

He said on one occasion he and Mekgwe were taken to a funeral and on another to clean Richardson's house.

They had also took part in a soccer game outside the Mandela house, he said.

Mekgwe began his evidence yesterday.

He told the court he and the others were forced to leave Verryn's house by a group of strangers who had entered the premises.

Verryn was not at home.

At the Mandela house the four were separated and given food.

At a later stage, when they were all in one room together, Mandela entered and after they were introduced to her, she accused him, Kgase and Mono of sleeping with Verryn.

Mandela also accused Seipei of being an informer in Parys, Mekgwe said.

"After we were introduced Winnie started assaulting us," he said.

Asked by State counsel whether Mandela had said anything to them at that stage, Mekgwe replied: "I remember the words she said. She said we are not fit to be alive. She started hitting us with open hands, fists as well and also with a sjambok."

The trial continues before Mr Justice B O'Donovan and two assessors.

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Winnie and others beat me, witness tells court

By Cathy Stagg

Pelo Mekgwe (21) was kidnapped with "Stompie" Seipei and taken to Winnie Mandela's house where he was accused of being a police informer and having slept with the Rev Paul Verryn, the Rand Supreme Court heard yesterday.

Mr Mekgwe was then assaulted by several people, including Mrs Mandela, the court heard.

Mr Mekgwe was testifying during the trial of Jerry Richardson (41) who has pleaded not guilty to four kidnappings, five assaults, the murder of Stompie and the attempted murder of Andrew Ikaneng.

Mr Mekgwe described being kidnapped on December 29 1988 with Kenny Kgase, Thabiso Mono and Stompie. He said they were taken to Mrs Mandela's house where Stompie was accused of being a police informer in Parys and the other three of having slept with Mr Verryn.

He described an assault during which Mrs Mandela and many others took part. The next day Stompie was taken away by Mr Richardson, Mr Mkgwe said, and when Stompie left, his eyes and face were swollen from the previous beating. They did not see Stompie again.

Stabbed

He described how the remaining three young men had to assist in forcing Mr Ikaneng to accompany a group of men who lived at Mrs Mandela's house.

Mr Richardson stabbed Mr Ikaneng in the neck, he said, then instructed them to throw him into a ditch. Back at Mrs Mandela's house, the three young men were warned not to speak about the stabbing.

Later, Mr Kgase escaped. After that, lawyers Ismail Ayob and later Krish Naidoo visited Mrs Mandela's house.

After a number of visits to both lawyers and one to Bishop Peter Storey at the Central Methodist Church, Mr Mekgwe was taken to a church in Soweto where he disregarded the instructions which he said Mr Richardson had given him, and told the meeting what had happened to him, Mr Mekgwe said.

Earlier yesterday, Thabiso Mono said under cross-examination he had attended a funeral and had been to Mr Richardson's house during the period he alleges he was kept against his will at Mrs Mandela's house.

Mr Mono (20) denied that Mr Richardson had taken him shopping but said he did remember a trip into Johannesburg with Mrs Mandela, her daughter Zinzi and several men in a minibus.

The hearing continues.

Quiet companion ~~(38)~~

Where was Winnie Mandela on the night of December 29 1988? (38)

She says she was away from her Diepkloof Extension home. Kenneth Kgase says she was not only at home but beat him and three others — including Stompie Moeketsi Sei-

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pei, the 14-year-old activist who died a few days later, allegedly at the hands of Jerry Richardson, coach of the so-called Mandela football club.

Kgase and Barend Thabiso Mono testified before Judge Bryan O'Donovan at Richardson's trial in the Rand Supreme Court that they were kidnapped, along with Stompie and Gabriel Pelo Mekgwe, from a Methodist Church home in Soweto on December 29 by Richardson and members of the team, which acted as Mandela's bodyguard.

They said they were taken to the plush Mandela home where they were accused of having had sex with the Rev Paul Verryn, the white Methodist minister who ran the church home. Stompie was also accused of being a police informer, Kgase testified.

Richardson is accused of killing Stompie and dumping his body in the veld near Soweto where police found it on January 7 1989. He has pleaded not guilty to murder and charges of kidnapping, grievous assault and attempted murder.

Early last year Richardson told a Johannesburg newspaper that he did assault the four but Winnie Mandela didn't know anything about it. "I gave them a few smacks to make them tell the truth," he told *City Press*. He also claimed that Stompie ran away from Winnie's house and he never saw him again.

Winnie Mandela figured prominently in the first week of the trial though she has not been charged with any crime and did not testify. ■

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Youth said he learnt to kill — court told

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THE first thing a young church-worker told the Rev Paul Verryn the day he escaped from the home of Winnie Mandela was: "I learnt to kill".

The youth had allegedly being abducted and assaulted by Mandela and members of her football team, the Rand Supreme Court heard yesterday.

Verryn said when he saw Kenneth Kgase at the Central Methodist Church in Johannesburg on January 7 last year the youth had a bloody eye, a swollen lip and about 20 marks on his back which were beginning to heal.

"The first thing he told me was that he had learnt to kill. What he told me was quite confused and all over the place," Verryn said.

The Methodist minister was testifying at the trial of former Mandela Football Team coach, Jerry Richardson, 41, who has pleaded not guilty to murdering teenage activist James Stompie Seipei on January 1 or 2 last year.

He has also pleaded not guilty to kidnapping Seipei, Kgase, Barend Thabiso Mono and Gabriel Pelo Mekgwe from Verryn's Soweto house on December 29 1988, and other related charges.

Kgase, Mono and Mekgwe have testified they and Seipei were abducted from Verryn's house by Richardson and members of the football team and taken to Mandela's house.

Yesterday Verryn denied any incidents of sexual misconduct had occurred at his house.

Kgase, he said, came to the manse because he did not have anywhere to go during his leave. Mono and Mekgwe were staying there because they had been traumatised by detention.

Verryn said there had been two incidents which caused trouble at the house. In one, Seipei had been accused of being a sell-out.

"After we had a house meeting it was decided he would continue to stay in the house."

Verryn said Mono and Mekgwe had also told him that Xoliswa Falati — a woman living in the house with her daughter — had threatened them with the football team because they were not prepared to wash dishes.

Verryn said he left the manse on December 22 to go on leave and returned briefly on December 28 on his way to Potchefstroom.

That was the last time he saw Stompie, he said.

Police probe white-collar crimes of R3bn

PRETORIA — The police Commercial Crime Unit (CCU) was investigating 3 061 cases of white-collar fraud involving R3,065bn at the end of February.

Of this, R1,7bn involved fraudulent financial rand manipulation.

CCU commander Maj-Gen J A Hulme told a Pretoria University Institute of Strategic Studies conference yesterday that sophisticated white-collar criminals were proliferating and commercial crime was escalating fast. *8/10/90 11/5/90*
Last year, the amounts involved in com-

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mercial crimes totalled R2,986bn.

Hulme said the white-collar criminal was constantly on the lookout for legislative loopholes. An example was the criminal manipulation of the financial rand mechanism where mammoth amounts were being played around with.

Sketching the profiles of white-collar criminals, Hulme said: "They are the 'good' citizens or businessmen who have good

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White-collar crime

addresses; who leave home every morning in their company cars; whose membership of various clubs is paid by employers; whose children attend the best schools and whose wives have charge accounts at the better stores in town."

White-collar crimes were on the increase throughout the Western world.

"They are becoming more sophisticated in their execution and monetary values involved are escalating," he said.

Crimes were often not reported, or criminals were let off the hook after signing admissions of guilt and deeds of settlement

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for the amount stolen. They were then dismissed, only to join another company or bank to further their criminal activities. Quite often they stole from their new employer to settle debts with the previous one, Hulme said.

Another problem was that job applicants were often not thoroughly enough screened. *3/10/90 11/5/90*

He said it had been established that bribery and corruption escalated in private and public sectors, especially where employees were entrusted with purchases.

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Winnie won't be called for Stompie trial

Winnie Mandela will not testify in the Rand Supreme Court where Jerry Richardson, the Mandela football team coach, is charged with the murder of teenage activist Stompie Seipei. Mandela had been mentioned on numerous occasions in the evidence.

Richardson also faces four charges of abduction, five counts of assault and a charge of attempted murder. He has pleaded not guilty to all charges.

LCJ van Vuuren, for the state, told the *Weekly Mail*: "Mrs Mandela is not on the state's list of witnesses. And she will not be called by the state."

Witwatersrand attorney general Klaus von Lieres said he had given no instructions for Mandela to be called as a witness. He added that the prosecutor did not have an obligation to subpoena every name mentioned during evidence.

The defence team also confirmed they would not subpoena Mandela to testify.

Three of the boys allegedly abducted, Kenneth Kgase, Thabiso Mono and Gabriel Pelo Mekgwe, said they were forcefully taken to Mandela's house in Diepkloof extension and that Mandela was the first to sjambok them and Stompie.

This was followed by assaults from other team members, including Richardson.

Stompie's corpse was found on January 6 1989 in an open field between Noordgesig and New Canada near Soweto. He is said to have died from wounds to the neck and subcutaneous contusion.

On January 16 1989 a community meeting in Dobsonville near Soweto decided that community leaders would approach Mandela to discuss Stompie's disappearance after the meeting had heard the testimonies of Mono, Mekgwe and Katiza Cebekhulu concerning the alleged abduction and assault.

This evidence was given in court

Despite being mentioned often in the Stompie case, Winnie Mandela won't be appearing, reports CASSANDRA MOODLEY

yesterday by Methodist minister Paul Verryn. The boys were allegedly abducted from Verryn's Orlando West manse. Apparently Mandela also accused the boys of sexual misconduct with Verryn before beating them. Verryn denied these allegations yesterday.

Relating his first contact with the boys after the alleged kidnapping, Verryn said that on January 7 1989, he received a telephone call from the Central Methodist Church informing him of Kgase's escape.

He found Kgase at the church, with a bloodshot eye, a swollen lip and 20 scars on his back.

"The first thing he (Kgase) told me was he had learned to kill." Kgase also intimated to Verryn that Stompie was no longer alive.

Earlier this week Mono and Mekgwe recounted the events leading to their release from the Mandela home.

According to their evidence, Nelson Mandela's lawyer, Ismail Ayob, visited the house on two occasions during their alleged captivity. The first time Ayob came he informed Mandela the Methodist bishop Peter Storey wanted to see her, Mono said.

On the second occasion Ayob brought a message from Nelson Mandela in prison that the boys should be released and allowed to stay at his (Ayob's) house. Apparently Richardson refused this second request saying he would not agree to "his players being taken to a place unknown to him".

According to the boys Winnie Mandela's lawyer, Krish Naidoo, also visited the house and Richardson instructed them to tell Naidoo that they

were at Mandela's house because of sexual misconduct in Verryn's home.

Later that day Mandela did order Richardson and Xoliswa to take the boys to Ayob's place, Mono said.

But Richardson wanted to remain with the boys at Ayob's place. Ayob said they should return with the boys if they were not prepared to leave them there.

On January 16, Mono, Mekgwe and Cebekhulu were taken to Dr Nthato Motlana's house in Soweto, and at 1pm Motlana took them to Verryn's house, which was empty.

Motlana then took them to Naidoo's offices where Bishop Peter Storey met them. Apparently Richardson told Storey his name was "Manyways Maseko". They were then taken to the Dobsonville meeting.

... (07) to the He grabbed one of the gun- arrested six suspects and reco- vered a stolen car and R1 500.

Mandela team used as threat, court told

Star 11/5/90
By Cathy Swagg

A day before four young men were taken from the Orlando West Methodist Church's manse, two of them told the Rev Paul Verryn that they had been threatened that the Mandela Football team would be called because they had refused to wash the dishes.

This evidence was given in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday by Mr Verryn during the trial of Jerry Richardson (41).

Mr Richardson has pleaded not guilty to four kidnappings, five assaults with intent to commit grievous bodily harm, the murder of teenage activist Stompie Seipei and the attempted murder of Andrew Ikageng.

Mr Verryn said he was aware of allegations of sexual misconduct at the manse but said he knew nothing of such goings-on.

He said about 20 people lived in the three-bedroomed house. Every bed was shared and peo-

ple also slept on the floor. In December 1988 Kenneth Kgase, Thabiso Molo, Pelo Mekgwe, Stompie and Xoliswa Fulati lived there.

Mr Molo and Mr Mekgwe had both been traumatised by detention and Stompie was brought to him by Mr Martin Chaskalson, who did part-time work at the attorneys' firm Priscilla Jana, Mr Verryn said.

No further suspicion

He said there had been a house meeting after an allegation that Stompie was a "sell-out".

"I felt a 14-year-old could not be held responsible for decisions taken by adults. We agreed that he would not leave the house so that there would be no further suspicion," said Mr Verryn.

On December 28 1988 Mr Verryn, who was on leave, called at the manse.

Mr Mono and Mr Mekgwe told him Miss Falati had threatened them with the Mandela Football Team.

When Mr Verryn spoke to her, she confirmed she had difficulty with the two young men who resisted her discipline. He told her not to call on the team.

On January 7 last year, while still on leave, he received a telephone call and as a result went to the Central Methodist Church.

There Mr Kgase told him a confused story of events, including an escape from Winnie Mandela's house.

Mr Kgase's face was swollen, one eye was bloodshot and he had about 20 scabs on his back.

Mr Verryn said that at a community meeting in Dobsonville on January 16 last year Mr Kgase, Mr Mono, Mr Mekgwe and Mr Ikageng gave evidence and a decision was taken that a group of community leaders would try to see Mrs Mandela.

Mandela club coach 'slit my throat with shears'

By MARTIN NTSOE, LINGOE

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A SOWETO man told the Rand Supreme Court in chilling detail this week how he escaped death after his throat was slit with garden shears by a member of the Mandela Football Club.

Judge B O'Donovan and two assessors also heard Lerotodi Ikaneng, 28, tell of events which led to the killing of "Stompie" Mooketsi Seipei.

Seipei's semi-decomposed body was found in a ditch by police on January 6 last year.

Former coach of the club, Vusi Jerry Richardson, has pleaded not guilty to the murder. He has also pleaded not guilty to the attempted murder of Ikaneng, four kidnapping charges and five of assault.

Ikaneng told the court he joined the football club in 1987.

One day someone known as "Shoes" told him Winnie Mandela wanted to see him in her Orlando West "office".

He was accused by Winnie's daughter Zinzi of having given information to Soweto police. Ikaneng said Winnie slapped and punched him before she

ordered two youths to take him to her Diepkloof home.

He escaped and fled to Sharpeville, but met Richardson and a group of youths in Mzimhlophe on January 3 last year. He tried to flee but was caught.

He was taken to open veld, where Richardson sat on his chest, and ordered one of the group to stab him with garden shears. The youth was afraid so Richardson took the shears and cut his throat, said Ikaneng.

Ikaneng was then thrown into a nearby ditch. Richardson later went back to where Ikaneng was lying and allegedly said: "The dog is not yet dead." He then stabbed him again.

Ikaneng told the court that when the group had left him for dead he struggled out of the ditch and summoned help from a nearby women's hostel.

He spent two weeks recovering at Bargwanath Hospital.

Witness Gabriel Mekgwe, 21, told the court that in January last year Nelson Mandela's attorney, Ismail Ayob, told Richardson he had been instructed by Mandela to place Mekgwe and Barend Mono in his care.

Richardson and a woman identified as "Xoliswa" took the pair to another house in Soweto, but they were brought back to the Mandela house after Ayob had left.

The case continues.

By MARION DUNCAN

MRS WINNIE MANDELA, wife of ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela, will not be called to testify in the murder trial of Mandela football team coach Jerry Vusi Musi Richardson.

Both the prosecutor, Mr Chris van Vuuren, and the defence counsel, Mr H H Joubert, said her testimony "was not required".

Mrs Mandela's name continued to feature prominently this week in evidence in the Rand Supreme Court where Mr Richardson, 41, is charged with kidnapping, assault, attempted murder and murder.

Church worker Kenneth Kgase, one of four young men allegedly abducted from the Soweto home of Methodist minister the Rev Paul Verryn on December 29

last year and subsequently assaulted by Mrs Mandela in her home, ended a week of testimony by telling how he "escaped" from the Mandela house.

He had done so, he said, because he feared for his life.

He jumped over the back wall during his "guard shift", ran to the Baragwanath taxi rank and hitched a lift to the Central Methodist Church in Johannesburg, from where he contacted Mr Verryn.

The second witness, Mr Barend Mono, described how he had been abducted, beaten and held against his will in Mrs Mandela's home.

She had accused the four of having a homosexual relationship with Mr Verryn, he said, and had also accused young activist Stomple Seipel of having "sold-out" four "comrades" to police in Parys.

"After we had been introduced (to Mrs Mandela), Winnie started assaulting us," Mr Mono said. "She hit us with her fists and a sjambok."

Blood

Mr Mono was threatened with death if he tried to escape from the house. He and his friends had been forced to wash their blood from the floor and windows of the room where they were beaten.

He said he and and Mr Gabriel Mekgwe — also allegedly beaten and held prisoner — were forced to clean Mr Richardson's house.

Mrs Mandela then took them shopping for new clothes.

Mr Mono also testified that Mr Nelson Mandela — who was still in Pollsmoor prison at the time — then become involved. He sent his lawyer, Mr Ismael Ayob, to Mrs Mandela in an attempt to remove both Mr Mono and Mr Mekgwe to the lawyer's home.

Mr Richardson initially refused, saying he would not agree to "his players being taken to a place unknown to him".

Later he told the youths to take their belongings and leave "to give Mr Ayob the impression we had been

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Lawyers say they don't need Winnie to testify in Stompie case



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freed". But the two were taken to the wrong house and then returned to Mrs Mandela's home.

They were eventually escorted to Mr Ayob's house a day or two later on Mrs Mandela's instructions, but were taken from there to the offices of Mr Krish Naidoo (Mrs Mandela's attorney) and

then to a meeting in Soweto with Bishop Peter Storey.

Evidence was also given by Mr Verryn, who denied any sexual misconduct at his home.

He said he had seen Mr Kgase after his "escape" from Mrs Mandela's house and had noticed the youth's bloody eye, a swollen lip and about 20 marks on his back which were starting to heal.

"The first thing he told me was that he had learnt to kill. What he told me was quite confused," Mr Verryn said.

Bishop Storey then testified that Mrs Mandela's involvement in the kidnapping and assault of the young men had made the situation "extremely sensitive". For that reason, police had not been called in.

The absent witness

Stompie case 'too sensitive' for cops

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POLICE had not been called in when three kidnapped youths surfaced after being held at Mrs Winnie Mandela's home, because of the "sensitive situation" in Soweto and because it involved Mrs Mandela, the Rand Supreme Court was told on Friday.

Bishop Peter Storey was testifying in the trial of Jerry Richardson (41), charged with the

murder of teenage activist Stompie Seipei Mooketsi.

Richardson is also accused of attempted murder, kidnapping and assault.

Meeting

Storey told the court that after Mr Barend Thabiso Mono (20) and Mr Gabriel Pelo Mkgwe (21) were released from the Mandela house on January 6 last year, a meeting had been arranged be-

tween community leaders and church representatives in Dobsonville, Soweto.

Under cross-examination as to why community leaders and not police were involved, Storey said that this was the case by the time he became involved.

The situation at that time in Soweto was extremely sensitive and the involvement of the police could have been misunderstood by one or other section of a fairly

volatile community, he said.

Stompie, Mr Mono, Mr Mkgwe, and Mr Keneth Kgase (30) were allegedly kidnapped on December 29 1988 by members of the Mandela United Football Club from a Soweto Methodist Church, taken to Mrs Mandela's house in Diepkloof Extension, Soweto, and kept prisoners.

The case continues on Monday. - Sapa.

Stompie case: Winnie won't be prosecuted

THE Attorney-General had decided not to prosecute Mrs Winnie Mandela although a docket concerning her alleged involvement in the assault of four young men at her home had been forwarded to him.

This was heard during evidence led in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday in the trial of Mr Jerry Richardson, accused of the murder of teenage activist Stompie Seipei, the attempted murder of Andrew Ikaneng, four counts of kidnapping and five counts of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

He has pleaded not guilty.

Investigating officer

SOWETAN Correspondent

Captain FH Dempsey told Mr Justice B O'Donovan that two cases were pending against a number of individuals in the Regional Court - but Mrs Winnie Mandela was not one of them.

Asked if there was a case against Mrs Mandela who, according to evidence heard in the Supreme Court struck the first blows in the assault of four young men at her Diepkloof Extension home, Dempsey said a docket had been forwarded to the A-G and "at that stage he decided not to proceed against her."

The court has heard that Stompie was last seen in January last year leav-

ing the Mandela home with Richardson.

On February 2 last year Dempsey was instructed to open a case as a result of the wide media coverage of the alleged kidnapping of the young men and the alleged disappearance of Stompie.

He said he had to work through a number of people, including an attorney, because the complainants were scared to speak to him.

Dempsey said he had followed up the allegation that Stompie was a police informer and had found that he was not.

Stompie had been charged with a crime in Parys, he said, "but I deny he was ever an informer."

Admissions made in court yesterday included that a minibus registered in Mrs Mandela's name was seized on February 15 last year near Jan Smuts Airport.

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Arms stolen from commando base

SECURITY at various military installations is to be stepped following the theft of yet another cache of weapons - this time from a commando base in Johannesburg.

Police reported that the strongroom at the Wemmer Pan commando unit was found open on Saturday morning and a large quantity of weapons and ammunition was missing.

They included nine R-1 rifles, five

9mm Star pistols and thousands of rounds of ammunition. Two padlocks of the strongroom had been broken.

Police said 2879 rounds of 7,62mm R-1 ammunition, 700 rounds of 9mm ammunition, 10 9mm magazines and 19 R-1 magazines were also missing.

A spokesman for the SADF said a joint investigation had been launched in conjunction with the SAP.

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Blood on Winnie's vehicle, court told

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POLICE forwarded a docket to the attorney-general in connection with Winnie Mandela's alleged involvement in events surrounding the death of teenager Stompie Seipei, but he had decided not to prosecute "at that stage", the Rand Supreme Court heard yesterday.

This evidence was given by the police officer, Capt Frederick Dempsey, who investigated Seipei's murder.

Police forensic experts also testified that traces of blood were found in a Volkswagen mini-bus, belonging to Mandela, that was confiscated near Jan Smuts Airport.

Dempsey and the forensic experts were called by the State to testify at the trial of former Mandela football team coach Jerry Richardson, who has pleaded not guilty to murdering Seipei on January 1/2 last year.

Richardson, 41, has also pleaded not guilty to kidnapping the 14-year-old and three other young men from the Soweto house of Methodist minister the Rev Paul Verryn on December 29 1988.

He has pleaded not guilty to five further counts of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm and one count of attempted murder.

It has been alleged that the four young men were taken to Mandela's

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Diepkloof Extension home where they were accused of sleeping with Verryn and assaulted by Mandela and members of her football team.

Seipei was also accused of being a police informer in Parys.

Dempsey told the court that during his investigations he found no proof that Seipei was an informer.

He said there were two other court cases pending, arising from the incidents forming the subject of the charges against Richardson.

Room

Dempsey said he had launched his investigation on the orders of head office after media coverage of the events.

According to forensic evidence yesterday, traces of blood were also found in the room in which Seipei and the three others were kept at the Mandela house.

Blood was found on all four walls, the ceiling and the curtains.

The court was told that blood was also found on three walls and one of the curtains in a nearby room.

The trial continues before Mr Justice O'Donovan and two assessors today.

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Winnie not present at interrogation, court told

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WINNIE Mandela was not present when teenager Stompie Sepei and three other youths were questioned about alleged sexual misconduct, the former coach of Mandela's football team told the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

Jerry Richardson, 41, denied he had killed Sepei when he took the witness stand after State counsel Chris van Vuuren closed his case.

He said he and a football team member known as Slash had slept in an outside room at the Mandela house with Stompie and the three other youths from the time the four were fetched for questioning from the Rev Paul Verryn's house on December 29 1988.

The former coach said on the night of January 1 he, Slash, Stompie, Kenneth Kgase, Barend Thabiso Mono and Gabriel Pelo Mekgwe went to sleep in the room.

When they awoke Stompie was "absent". "We were amazed for the whole day because we did not know where he was," he said.

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Richardson denied testimony by Mekgwe, Mono and Kgase that he had taken Stompie away the night before.

Richardson has pleaded not guilty to Stompie's murder.

He has also pleaded not guilty to kidnapping Stompie, Mono, Kgase and Mekgwe from Verryn's house and assaulting them while questioning them about alleged sexual misconduct with Verryn.

He pleaded not guilty to a further count of attempted murder.

Richardson denied that Winnie Mandela was present when the youths were questioned or that she assaulted them.

Mono, Kgase and Mekgwe have testified they were assaulted by Mandela after she accused them of sleeping with Verryn.

Richardson said that a woman living at Verryn's house — Xoliswa Falati — came to the Mandela house on December 29 and told him there was a problem with

"small boys sleeping with a white man by the name of Paul Verryn".

"Mrs Mandela was absent. If she had been there I would have taken this problem to her," he said.

Richardson said he and team members went to Verryn's house.

He said he told the youths the matter could only be discussed at Mandela's house.

"On our arrival I told Slash we were going to separate the boys and see if we could get the truth.

"Kenny said it was the truth. He said Paul Verryn sometimes touched his feet (legs) when he woke up."

Richardson said he hit Kgase. The other three had also agreed the allegations were true, he said.

Richardson said he had hit all three, but denied they had been assaulted with sjamboks or repeatedly dropped onto the ground.

He also denied Stompie had been accused of being a police informer.

The trial continues today.

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Criminal cases 'suppressed'

TIM COHEN

THE Hienstra Commission of Inquiry yesterday heard evidence of suppressed criminal cases, security department officials tapping each other's phones and the channeling of personal files to the military and security police.

Col Cornelius Heysteck, a former Johannesburg City Council security department employee, said twice investigations into potential criminal activities were halted after the intervention of other security department employees.

Heysteck said he worked for the council for two years, leaving "dissatisfied" in 1987.

He had learned his phone and that of the senior deputy director of the security department, Manie Carstens, had been bugged. BIDcom 15/5/90

He had, with the consent of his immediate superior, Frik Barnard, instigated the monitoring of two unregistered trade unions which had members employed by the council.

He said he was aware that copies of security reports he compiled were given to the military and to the police.

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Winnie not yet in the clear over Stompie

Staff Reporters

Winnie Mandela is not yet in the clear concerning her alleged involvement in the assault of teenage activist Stompie Sepei and three other young men.

Acting Attorney-General Jan Swanepoel yesterday said Mrs Mandela could still be prosecuted, depending on what evidence was presented during the murder trial of Jerry Richardson.

Mr Richardson (41) has pleaded not guilty to charges of murdering 14-year-old Stompie, attempting to murder Andrew Ikaneng, four counts of kidnapping and four counts of assault on December 29 1988.

Mr Swanepoel yesterday declined to give reasons for a decision last year not to prosecute Mrs Mandela after a docket concerning her alleged involvement had been forwarded to the Attorney-General's department. But he said the matter could be reassessed after Mr Richardson's trial was complete.

Investigation

During the trial, a number of other people have been mentioned. Eight individuals are expected to appear in the Regional Court on May 29 when a trial date is likely to be set.

Yesterday, during Mr Richardson's trial, the court heard that the investigating officer, Captain F H Dempsey, received instructions from police headquarters to begin an investigation following widespread media coverage of allegations of kidnapping, assault and Stompie's "disappearance".

On February 17 he succeeded in having personal interviews with the three young men who claimed they had been assaulted at Mrs Mandela's home on December 29 1988. The interviews were arranged through third parties.

Forensic evidence was led that human blood was found in two outside rooms on Mrs Mandela's property and on a multi-coloured sjambok.

The trial is expected to continue today with the final aspects of the State's case.

Richardson denies killing 'Stompie'

Sowetan Reporter

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Mr Jerry Richardson, who is accused of murdering teenage activist Stompie Seipei, said in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday that he was "amazed" when Stompie disappeared from Mrs Winnie Mandela's house.

Richardson (42) described himself as the former coach of the Mandela United Football Team, which he said, was disbanded in 1986 after 13 of his

players were arrested. In November 1988, he moved into a room on Mrs Mandela's property because his own house was extensively damaged during a shoot-out in which a white policeman and two players from Hartley Pool Football Club died.

Mrs Mandela was not at home on December 29 1988, Richardson said, when a woman named Xoliswa told him boys were allegedly sleeping with Reverend Paul Verryn.

He and other men collected four young men and took them, with their consent, to Mrs Mandela's house.

He denied they were forced to go, denied that Mrs Mandela was present that day and denied there was an assault.

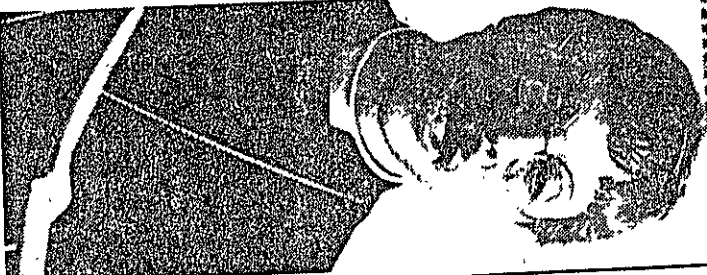
He admitted he slapped and punched Mr Kenneth Kgase and said that was because he laughed when accused of sleeping with Verryn.

He said the four young men, including Stompie, agreed to spend the night at Mrs Mandela's house.

They stayed there for three days waiting for Verryn to return to ask him for an explanation to the allegations.

On January 2, the court heard Stompie disappeared.

"We were amazed for



Rev Verryn

the whole day because we didn't know where he was," Richardson said. He denied that he killed him. Mrs Mandela returned that day from her trip, he said.

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I didn't kill ³⁸ Stompie, says Richardson ¹⁰²

By Cathy Stagg

Jerry Richardson denied in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday that he had murdered Stompie Seipei and denied also that Winnie Mandela was present when Stompie and three other young men were assaulted.

Mr Justice B O'Donovan and two assessors, who are presiding over the trial, have heard three witnesses claim that they, and Stompie (14), were kidnapped on December 29, 1988 and taken to Mrs Mandela's home.

The court heard that Stompie's beaten body was found in the veld on January 6 1989.

On December 29, 1988, Mr Richardson said, a woman came to Mrs Mandela's house and said young boys were sleeping with the Rev Paul Verryn. If Mrs Mandela had been there, he would have taken Xoliswa Fulati to her, Mr Richardson said.

He and other men who lived at Mrs Mandela's house went with Xoliswa, who had pointed out four boys at the manse. The boys agreed to go to Mrs Mandela's house, he said.

Vicious assault

He admitted he had slapped and punched Kenny Kgase (20).

Asked about the "vicious assault" described by the witnesses, Mr Richardson denied it had happened.

The next morning they all helped cut the grass and the next day they listened to music and then they went to sleep.

"When we woke up Stompie was absent," he said.

Asked if he had killed Stompie, Mr Richardson replied: "No".

When Mrs Mandela returned from her trip, he said he told her some boys had stayed on the property and one had disappeared.

On January 3 1989, Mr Richardson had received a report about where he could find Lerotodi-Ikaneng.

They found Mr Ikaneng, who agreed to go with them, but then ran away, he said. When he was caught, Mr Richardson stabbed him with a knife to prevent him "attracting people's attention".

One morning he found that Mr Kgase had disappeared.

The trial adjourned early yesterday for the State to prepare cross-examination.

Durban North police district: offences

332. Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Law and Order: *Answer 17/5/90*

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

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
Durban North	5	18	23	87	9	39	174	156	332	—
Glendale	9	1	115	42	15	13	4	29	71	—
Greenwood Park	29	66	105	503	40	204	338	498	771	5
Isanda	465	62	284	519	158	530	83	471	642	—
Newark	3	3	36	24	3	7	3	7	51	—
Stanger	68	54	226	139	68	210	113	186	758	2
Tongaat	42	37	204	408	51	197	126	205	421	2
Umlahl	26	36	93	117	27	66	37	64	337	—
Vernham	82	23	215	428	51	228	117	270	463	3
Phoenix	27	53	388	1 307	74	435	385	1 177	571	11

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

Durban South police district: offences

323. Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Law and Order: *Answer 17/5/90*

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

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)
Amanzimtoti	33	20	68	232	19	75	295	191	342
Louis Botha Airport	—	3	—	6	—	1	35	16	2
Montclair	98	38	150	344	53	201	245	247	410
Wentworth	11	6	190	503	32	67	106	325	192
Brighton Beach	23	10	75	262	18	63	230	139	443
Island View	—	1	—	4	—	—	—	—	1

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Fire-arms: licences

345. Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Law and Order: *Answer 17/5/90*

(1) How many persons in the Republic were as at 31 December 1989 licensed to possess fire-arms and (b) what was the total number of licences issued as at that date: *Answer 17/5/90*

(2) how many applications for licences were (a) received and (b) granted in 1989;

(3) how many fire-arms were reported lost or stolen in 1989;

(4) whether, in 1989, any persons were declared unfit to possess fire-arms; if so, how many? *Answer 17/5/90* B835E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) (a) 1 114 738
 (b) 2 880 050

(2) (a) 130 655
 (b) 123 415

(3) 7 760

(4) Yes, 8 367 persons.

Persons under 18 years awaiting trial

373. Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Law and Order: *Answer 17/5/90*

How many persons under the age of 18 years were awaiting trial in police cells as at 31 December 1989? *Answer 17/5/90* B901E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

742 persons.

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
Hillbrow	103	59	412	1 272	128	814	2 678	894	1 762	21
Lombardy East	5	15	27	68	9	132	389	97	724	0
Norwood	14	12	43	119	13	149	673	286	1 091	0
Parkview	6	8	86	181	11	120	691	299	1 190	2
Yeoville	10	3	45	141	17	75	684	254	651	5
Fairlands	1	2	42	89	9	21	231	75	356	1

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Germination police district: offences

406. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Law and Order: *Answer 17/5/90* B953E

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

SADF: members killed/wounded

378. Lt-Gen R H D ROGERS asked the Minister of Defence: *Answer 17/5/90* B906E

How many members of the South African Defence Force were (a) killed and (b) wounded in 1989?

The MINISTER OF DEFENCE:

(a) 2 members were killed in military operations.

(b) The hon member is referred to the reply to part (b) of the written question number 167 of 1984.

Johannesburg North police district: offences

382. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Law and Order: *Answer 17/5/90* B910E

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 Johannesburg North police district in 1989?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
Germiston	42	30	234	365	50	266	721	342	1 210	—
Katlehong	282	53	1 597	1 099	268	749	335	844	546	—
Primrose	19	5	88	166	15	67	380	162	437	—
Alberton	42	51	339	558	69	349	1 447	392	1 925	—
Bedfordview	17	45	63	200	23	132	559	119	693	—
Edenvale	7	9	35	210	4	144	546	179	869	—
Elsburg	18	25	82	176	18	61	218	103	420	—
Thokoza	133	31	674	461	100	430	137	276	251	—

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

Own Affairs:

Cape Province: rationalisation of school board offices

(2) whether he will make a statement on the matter? B803E

116. Mr A GERBER asked the Minister of Education and Culture:

- (1) Whether his Department has undertaken an investigation into the rationalisation of school board offices in the Cape Province; if so, what decisions has his Department taken in this regard;
- (2) no.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE:

- (1) Yes, it was decided to collect further relevant information during the course of 1990;

HOUSE OF DELEGATES

QUESTIONS

+ Indicates translated version.

For oral reply:

General Affairs:

*1. Leader of the Official Opposition — Justice:

The CHAIRMAN OF THE MINISTERS' COUNCIL: Mr Chairman, . . .

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: On a point of order, Mr Chairman: Is the Chairman of the Ministers' Council capable of taking further questions? If not, I request that this question be deferred.

The CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES: Order! I think that the hon the Chairman of the Ministers' Council should be given the opportunity to answer the questions. I do not think it is fair to prejudice the issue at this stage.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: On a point of order, Mr Chairman: the hon the Chairman of the Ministers' Council is an own affairs Minister. This is a general affairs question. He is not a member of the Cabinet, and if he does not have the ability to answer further questions — since further questions are very significant — I move that this question be deferred.

The CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES: Order! I suggest that we adjourn for five minutes, since there may be precedents, in which case the point of order of the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition may not hold water. Let us, therefore, be fair in this regard. I shall check up on this. Business will now be suspended until the bells are rung.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Mr Chairman, we have reached consensus that this question should stand over.

The CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES: Order! The ruling is as follows. On the basis that a Deputy Minister may act on behalf of any Minister while the Deputy Minister himself is not a member of the Cabinet, I find it in order that a member of the Ministers' Council may act on

behalf of a member of the Cabinet, and the latest precedent we have is in this House where a Minister of the Ministers' Council on 8 May moved a motion on behalf of a Cabinet Minister from the general affairs cabinet.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Mr Chairman, notwithstanding your ruling, I request that this matter be deferred.

The CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES: Order! The hon the Chairman of the Ministers' Council may now answer the question.

The CHAIRMAN OF THE MINISTERS' COUNCIL: Mr Chairman, I abide by your ruling. I want to preface my reply with these words: If there are questions arising out of the reply which I will read on behalf of the hon the Minister of Justice, I am not in a position to have information to provide answers. On that basis I will read this reply.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Mr Chairman, on a point of order: In the light of that submission made by the hon the Chairman of the Ministers' Council, I hereby withdraw the question.

The CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES: Order! The question is now withdrawn.

*2. Mr M Rajab — Defence. [Withdrawn.]

For written reply:

General Affairs:

Sydenham police station: offences reported

21. Mr M RAJAB 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) rape, (e) burglary of (i) business and (ii) residential premises, (f) (i) robbery and (ii) robbery with aggravating circumstances, (g) (i) common theft, (ii) theft from motor vehicles and (iii) theft of vehicles and cycles, (h) possession of drugs and (i) dealing in drugs were reported at the Sydenham police station in the Durban police district of the Port Natal Division in 1989?* D129E

'Sex complaint led to boys' removal'

SUSAN RUSSELL

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FOUR boys were questioned about alleged sexual misconduct with Methodist minister the Rev Paul Verryn after a teenager living in his house complained Verryn had "tried to sleep with him like a girl", the Rand Supreme Court heard yesterday.

Former Mandela United football coach Jerry Richardson, 41, said this during cross-examination on the sixth day of his trial for the murder of Stompie Seipei. Richardson has pleaded not guilty to murdering Seipei on January 1/2 last year.

He has also pleaded not guilty to kidnapping Seipei and three other youths from Verryn's house on December 29 1988 and assaulting them at Winnie Mandela's Diepkloof Extension home. Richardson has also pleaded not guilty to one count of attempted murder.

He has denied evidence by Kenneth Kgase, Barend Thabiso Mono and Gabriel Pelo Mekgwe that they and Seipei were assaulted by Mandela after being taken from Verryn's house.

According to Richardson's evidence Mandela was not at home on December 29 1988.

Richardson said he hit Kgase because the youth laughed when questioned about the sexual allegations. He also testified he had hit and punched Seipei, Mono and Mekgwe once each.

Richardson said he decided to question the boys about their alleged sexual misconduct with Verryn after being informed of the matter by Xoliswa Falati — a woman

who was also living at the minister's Soweto house.

He said Falati, accompanied by the teenager, arrived at the Mandela house on the evening of December 29.

Richardson said the teenager told him that Verryn had wanted to "sleep with him like a girl" and "had wanted to make him a girl".

Falati, he said, told him four boys in the house had slept with Verryn on different nights.

It was decided to go to the house to question the boys.

"I introduced myself to them. I said Gents, I am Gerry. I said there was a problem which we had to solve. They agreed. . . I said we had transport and that we should leave."

In reply to a question from State counsel Chris van Vuuren whether he had given them a choice, he said no.

Asked what had prevented him from questioning them at the church house, he replied there were too many boys there. When asked if it could not have been discussed at the church next door, Richardson said he had no answer.

He said during his subsequent questioning of Kgase, the youth had admitted the truth of the allegations against Verryn.

"Kenny (Kgase) told me Paul used to touch his thighs in the morning. . . I asked him why do you agree to that . . . He started laughing and I hit him with an open hand."

He had hit the four youths for not reporting the Verryn matter.

"What right did you have to hit those boys because they did not report?" asked Van Vuuren.

"I was using my discretion," Richardson replied.

The trial continues today.

Wheelbarrow man quizzed by policemen

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POLICE yesterday questioned collapsible wheelbarrow inventor Johan Conradie during an investigation into the authenticity

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I implicated Winnie to get out of jail - accused

By Cathy Stagg

Murder accused Jerry Richardson, on trial for the murder of Stompie Seipei (14), yesterday told the Rand Supreme Court he had made a statement about Winnie Mandela and two "dangerous men" only because he wanted to be released from detention.

In the statement, he

said Mrs Mandela had asked him to provide accommodation for two men, who later described themselves as "dangerous".

Yesterday, he agreed he had made the statement, but said he had done so only because policemen had indicated they would approve if he could cause trouble for

Mrs Mandela.

Richardson (42) has pleaded not guilty to 11 charges, including the alleged murder of Stompie in January last year, but has admitted assaulting Stompie and others at Mrs Mandela's home.

The statement, read out in court, said Mrs Mandela had asked Richardson in August

1988 to provide accommodation for two men. On November 4 she brought the first man to him. This man had claimed to be dangerous and had shown Richardson an AK-47 rifle.

When the second man arrived, Richardson's guests spoke about "suitable targets" in Johannesburg and Krugersdorp, he said.

● People in the public gallery murmured, scoffed and laughed while Richardson was being cross-examined.

He said he had removed four young men, including Stompie, from the Rev Paul Verryn's house on December 29 1988 after allegations that they had allowed the Methodist minister to sleep with them.

Richardson: "I told them they must go along with us."

Mr Chris van Vuuren, for the State: "Must?"

Richardson: "Must ... please."

(Laughter from the gallery.)

Richardson said he had assaulted the four at Mrs Mandela's house after they had allegedly confessed to allowing Mr Verryn to fondle them. Mr van Vuuren asked why he had done so.

Richardson: "Because they had not reported the matter."

Mr van Vuuren: "What right did you have to hit these boys for not reporting it?"

Richardson: "I was using my discretion."

(Laughter.)
The hearing continues.

Dr Asvat killed to destroy evidence against clergyman'

By Cathy Stagg

The reason Dr Abu-Baker Asvat was shot dead down in his Soweto surgery, Xoliswa Falati told the Rand Supreme Court yesterday was to destroy the evidence of sexual molestation against the Reverend Paul Verryn which she (Ms Falati) and Winnie Mandela had gathered.

Ms Falati (37), was the second witness to testify in defence of Jerry Musi Vusi Richardson (42), of Orlando West.

Earlier yesterday, Mr Richardson, who described himself as the former coach for the Mandela United Football Team, admitted that he had attempted to murder former Mandela United Football Team member Leratodi Ikaneng (23).

Mr Richardson denied he kidnapped four youths, including Stompie Seipei (14), from the Methodist Manse on December 29 1988, took them to Mrs Mandela's house where he, and others, assaulted them; assaulted Stompie again on December 30 or 31, then murdered Stompie early in January last year.

Mr Richardson consistently

denied that Mrs Mandela was at home on December 29, 1988. Three witnesses told the court that Mrs Mandela had interrogated them and struck the first blows in an assault which was then continued by a number of other people.

Ms Falati said Mrs Mandela was home late that afternoon.

She said she reported to Mrs Mandela that a youth told her Mr Verryn had sexually abused him. There was a hiss from the gallery as this evidence was given.

Traumatized

Mrs Mandela said she wanted to hear it "from the horse's mouth", Ms Falati said, so she returned with the youth, who told Mrs Mandela his story, crying continuously.

Mrs Mandela said the child had been traumatized and suggested going to Dr Asvat.

Ms Falati said she saw Mr Richardson in the backyard and told him what had happened at the manse.

Questioned about the discrepancy between her version and

Mr Richardson's regarding Mrs Mandela's presence, Ms Falati said she saw Mrs Mandela in the main house, spoke to Mr Richardson outside in the courtyard, and when she went back into the main house, Mrs Mandela had gone.

It was put to her there was not a word about sexual molestation on Dr Asvat's medical record of his consultation with the youth.

The date on the card was December 30, not 29, as Ms Falati claimed.

Ms Falati replied she was sure it was on December 29 because Mrs Mandela was not at the house on December 30 or 31.

She insisted Dr Asvat spoke about the homosexuality and had said Mr Verryn was psychologically disturbed.

Asked why a complaint was made to the police about the allegations of sexual misconduct only on January 26, Ms Falati said the Reverend Verryn was "in the struggle" and she had gone to Mrs Mandela as a community leader.

The hearing continues.

I know why Asvat was killed, witness tells Stompie trial

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SOWETO doctor Abubaker Asvat was gunned down in his surgery last year because he was the only professional person who could prove Methodist minister Paul Verryn was sexually abusing boys, a witness told the Stompie Seipei murder trial yesterday.

Xoliswa Falati was being cross-examined by prosecutor LCJ van Vuuren in the Rand Supreme Court, where Mandela FC coach Jerry Richardson is charged with the murder of teenage activist Stompie Seipei, the attempted murder of Andrew Ikaneng, four counts of abduction and five counts of assault.

Falati was previously mentioned in evidence by Kenneth Kgase, Thabiso Mono and Gabriel Mckgwé, who were allegedly abducted.

They said she participated in their kidnapping from Verryn's Orlando West manse and also assaulted them at Winnie Mandela's house.

Falati denied these allegations.

She said that on December 29 1988, the day of the alleged abduction, one of the boys who lived at the manse, Katisa Cebekhulu, told her that Verryn had sexually abused him.

Falati discussed the matter with Mandela, who decided Cebekhulu should be examined by Asvat.

Late that afternoon in Asvat's surgery Mandela and Falati told of the allegations of sexual misconduct and Cebekhulu was examined, according to Falati.

"Dr Asvat came out and said Rev Verryn is sick. He said we should come after 10 to 15 days and he would make an appointment with a psychiatrist for Cebekhulu and Katisa," Falati said.

She claimed Asvat also said he would contact Mandela's lawyer, Krish Naidoo, because this was not the first time Verryn had been accused of sexual misconduct.

The prosecutor said the medical examination could not have taken place on December 29 as Falati testified, because Asvat's medical card was dated December 30, 1988.

The card did not reflect any of the allegations of sexual abuse but referred to Cebekhulu as "mentally confused, occasionally cries, occasional headaches and insomnia", Van Vuuren added.

"The date was changed to destroy evidence and Dr Asvat was killed so nobody could give evidence in this case. He was the only professional man who could prove what I am saying," Falati replied.

"Dr Asvat did not write the allegations on the card because he said he would discuss it with Krish Naidoo and Dr (Nithato) Motlana — he was also in the struggle."

Falati added that the day Asvat was killed he had phoned Mandela to arrange to fetch a letter concerning the incidents and "at 3.30pm he was gunned down". Asvat was killed on January 27 1989.

Falati said that after they returned from the surgery Mandela "disappeared".

The "Stompie trial" is told of another killing. CASSANDRA MOODLEY reports

She told Richardson about the allegations against Verryn. She said Stompie had complained to her that Mckgwé and another boy at the manse were sexually abusing him.

She and Richardson decided to fetch the boys and keep them at the Mandela house until Verryn returned from leave and they could confront him with the allegations.

Falati denied the boys were taken by force and said she had not seen Richardson assault them.

Richardson did grab Kgase and shake him but Falati claimed she warned him against this because Verryn would use this as a "loophole" and "turn this against them".

Falati denied they accused Stompie of being a police informer.

Earlier yesterday, Richardson admitted under cross examination that he had attempted to murder Andrew Ikaneng.

Richardson also denied that Mandela was there on December 29, 1989 and during the alleged abduction and assaults.

The case continues.

THE STOMPIE TRIAL FIM 18/5/90

The good wife (38) ~~(38)~~

ANC leader Nelson Mandela, obviously feeling the sting of criticism about his wife, said in Nigeria on Sunday that the persecution she suffered while he was imprisoned for 27 years continues.

He told a crowd of 30 000 that Winnie "has been the victim of the most scandalous persecution by the government and its agencies. Even now, as I am talking to you, she is still being persecuted in SA."

He did not refer specifically to the murder trial of Jerry Richardson, coach of the so-called football club that acted as Winnie's bodyguards. Richardson has pleaded not guilty to killing Stompie Moeketsi Seipei, a 14-year-old activist whose body was found in a Soweto field early last year. Three men have testified in the Rand Supreme Court that Richardson and Winnie Mandela beat and whipped them, along with Stompie, at her Diepkloof Extension home in December 1988.

Taking the witness stand for the first time on Tuesday, Richardson said he did not kill Stompie Seipei. He did admit having taken part in removing the boy, along with Barend Mono, Gabriel Mekgwe and Kenneth Kgase from a Soweto Methodist church to the

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Mandela house — but said Seipei had run away during the night. He also admitted that he slapped and punched Kgase when he laughed at the allegations of having had sex with a white minister who ran the church.

Winnie Mandela has not been charged with any crime and the prosecution and defence do not expect her to testify. But on Monday, acting Attorney-General Jan Swanepoel said she could still be prosecuted, depending on what transpired during the remainder of the trial.

Even if she is not on trial now, she was judged guilty of certain actions last year by the UDF and Cosatu, the trade union federation, which told the black community to distance itself from her.

"We are outraged at Mrs Mandela's obvious complicity in the recent abductions," the groups said in their statement last year. "Had Stompie and his colleagues not been abducted by Mrs Mandela's 'football team,' he would have been alive today."

Five months after her ostracism for having "violated the spirit and ethos of the democratic movement," she was welcomed back into the fold. Since her husband's release she has played the role of quiet companion. With Mandela's latest statements, the rehabilitation of Winnie Mandela continues. ■

Asvat's death tied to sex abuse claim

COMMUNITY leader Dr Abu Asvat was murdered because he was the only man who could prove allegations that Methodist minister Paul Verryn had sexually abused a young boy living in his house, a witness at the Jerry Richardson trial claimed yesterday.

This evidence was given by Xoliswa Falati, who was resident at Verryn's Soweto home when teenage activist James "Stompie" Seipei and three other young men were allegedly kidnapped from the house by Richardson.

The court has heard Falati reported to Winnie Mandela on the alleged acts of sexual misconduct by Verryn.

Richardson, 41, has pleaded not guilty to murdering Seipei on January 1/2 last year. He has also pleaded not guilty to kidnapping Seipei and three youths from Verryn's house and assaulting them.

Falati claimed one of the boys had been sexually abused by Verryn, and the others were practising homosexuality among themselves. "It was a school for that and the teacher was Paul," she said.

Falati said Seipei told her he had been sexually molested by three boys, including Thabiso and Pelo.

"I scolded them. Then Father Paul Ver-

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ryn came out of his room. He said Xoliswa, why do you behave like a 14-year-old."

Falati said she went to the Mandela house on December 29 and told Mandela what had happened. Mandela instructed her to bring the youth to see her.

"After I told her she said, so this white reverend is still doing this."

Falati said she took the teenager to the Mandela house. "Mrs Mandela said the child was traumatised and suggested we take him to a doctor." They took him to Dr Asvat.

Falati said Asvat took the youth into his room. Afterwards he said he would arrange for a psychiatrist to see both the youth and Verryn. The doctor, she said, also told them he would contact attorney Krish Naidoo.

Falati said Asvat was aware of a previous incident involving Verryn and a 14-year-old youth staying at the manse.

She had informed Richardson of what had occurred, and after he had discussed it with the youths it was decided the boys involved should stay with them until Verryn returned from his holiday. Falati's cross-examination continues today.

No plan to disrupt unions, hearing told

JOHANNESBURG City Council deputy security head Frik Barnard denied at the Hiemstra Commission yesterday that his department disrupted union activities, assaulted union

TIM COHEN

members or performed political favours by spying on councillors.

Under cross-examination by Advocate Wim Trengove for the Five Freedoms Forum (FFF), Barnard was referred to a surveillance report which suggested a wedge could be driven between Transport and General Workers' Union (TGWU) members as a result of the low credibility of one of the union leaders. Barnard admitted he had written next to this suggestion "must be exploited", but denied that by doing so he had intended disruption.

Examined by Advocate Dennis Fine SC, for the commission, Barnard admitted he had told key witness Hannes Gouws to "sort out" a "troublesome" council guard, but denied this

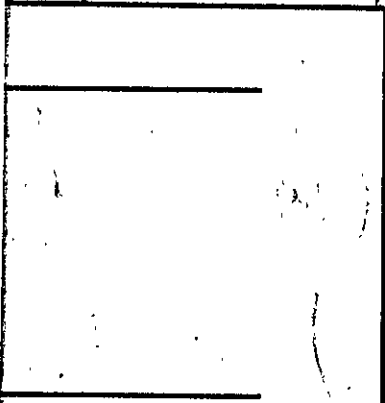
implied the guard should be assaulted. Gouws testified earlier in the commission that Barnard had told him: "It doesn't matter if he dies", a statement Barnard denied. He intended Gouws to talk to the guard and find out his problems.

Barnard admitted he heard later that the guard had been locked in his house and teargas thrown through the window. He said he had reprimanded the four people concerned.

Fine asked whether, as a former major in military intelligence, he had realised the men concerned were prima facie guilty of a criminal offence. Barnard said he could not say, and denied being a major in military intelligence.

Barnard, who earlier had said he had "infiltrated" the NP, said he had also "monitored" NP members on two or three occasions.

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500 police in Hillbrow crime sweep

MORE than 500 policemen took to the streets in the Hillbrow-Berea area last night in one of the biggest displays of crime prevention there to date.

It was the second in the area this month, and part of the nationwide Operation Watchdog.

Police liaison officer Captain Eugene Opperman said the aim was to prevent and combat crime, and a public relations exercise to let the public know that police were out to protect them.

Roadblocks

Drug squad and child protection unit members took nightclubs by surprise to check for drugs and teenage drinkers.

Roadblocks were set up by Hillbrow police and the dog squad, with traffic po-

lice at hand with alcohol testers.
 Captain Opperman said particular attention was paid to taxis and the possession of unlicensed firearms.

Hundreds of revellers travelling within the area were caught at the roadblocks. Streets were cordoned off for blitz searches.

Hundreds of policemen patrolled the area on foot, hunting for bag snatchers and car thieves.

Before the raid, Lieutenant-General Dorf Mathee, in charge of the operation, warned the police to be disciplined and reasonable — "there will be no kicking down doors or windows unless absolutely necessary".

Within an hour, two stolen vehicles were recovered and quantities of alcohol was confiscated in shebeen raids.

Nearly a 100 litres of homemade skokiaan and "barberton" were taken from a shebeen in Olivia Street, Berea.

Delighted

A plainclothes sergeant infiltrated the premises and bought a beer before about 15 uniformed men moved in and arrested the two owners and a few dozen drinkers.

A resident in a flat across the road expressed delight at the evening's event.

"We've frequently complained of noise and traffic outside the house, and are really glad the police are now taking action."

Children burnt in torch accident

MELODY McDOUGALL

VEREENIGING — An undisclosed number of school children were treated for burn injuries at the Sasolburg Hospital last night after an accident during a torch-light procession.

A witness, who phoned the Vereeniging office of The Star, said pupils of the Sasolburg High School were taking part in the procession — part of a German festival — when the incident happened.

According to unconfirmed reports one of the participants in the procession knocked over one of the paraffin-filled torches. Chaos ensued and several children suffered burns.

Shell gives activists' pleas on SA a hearing

SUE LEEMAN

LONDON — Denis Goldberg, who was an accused in the Rivonia trial, and other anti-apartheid activists were allowed to address the Shell annual meeting this week to put their case for disinvestment from South Africa.

The Shell management which, in recent years, has become accustomed to anti-apartheid demonstrators disrupting annual meetings, agreed to allow an hour for discussion of the South African question.

Last year, chairman Sir Peter Holmes refused to bow to pressure for an intensive debate on Shell's involvement in South Africa.

On Thursday, he allowed Mr Goldberg and two others to speak, each for seven minutes. This avoided a repetition of the shouting match which usually ensues as activists, most of whom hold one share each, clamour to be heard.

The Anti-Apartheid Movement has been responsible for a sustained boycott campaign against Shell. In Holland, the campaign has involved a number of arson attacks at Shell petrol stations.

Top jockey suspended

ROBERT GARNER

A TOP South African jockey Rhys van Wyk, has been suspended for six months by the Mauritian turf authorities.

Van Wyk, champion jockey on the Highveld last season, was suspended after being found guilty of not giving his mount every chance to win in a race on the island last Saturday.

Van Wyk appealed, but failed to attend the hearing on Thursday and the suspension is now in force. The suspension applies in all racing countries.

See Star Racing.

Lawyer told Winnie not to testify, court hears

NELSON Mandela's attorney advised Winnie Mandela not to make herself available to give evidence during Jerry Richardson's trial, the Rand Supreme Court heard yesterday.

Kathleen Satchwell, the attorney representing Mr Richardson, wrote to Ismail Ayob on May 9 this year asking if Mrs Mandela would be prepared to consult with Ms Satchwell and advocate H H Jourbert "with a view to possibly giving evidence for the defence".

Mr Richardson (42) is on trial for allegedly murdering teenage activist Stompie Seipei, four counts of kidnapping, five counts of assault with intent to commit grievous bodily harm and the attempted murder of former Mandela United member Leratodi Ikaneng.

Mr Richardson has denied committing

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any of the crimes, except the attempted murder, which was admitted to during cross-examination.

His trial began in the Rand Supreme Court on May 2.

In her letter, Ms Satchwell referred to a telephone conversation with Mr Ayob on May 4 and said that although Mr Ayob was Mr Mandela's attorney, she was not aware whether Mrs Mandela was individually represented by any firm of attorneys.

The letter continued: "As you are aware, there has been mention in the trial of certain events which allegedly took place at the home of Mrs Winnie Mandela at 585 Diepkloof Extension,

Soweto, during December 1988 and January 1989.

"Furthermore, allegations have been made concerning the conduct of Mrs Winnie Mandela herself during that time period. It is absolutely essential for preparing and presenting the defence of Mr Richardson that we have the opportunity to consult with Mrs Mandela timeously with regard to various of these allegations.

"Once consultations have taken place, we would then be in a position to make a decision whether or not Mrs Mandela could or should be called as a witness for the defence," the letter says.

In his reply, Mr Ayob said Mrs Mandela had accepted his advice not to make herself available to give evidence.

Argument is due to begin on Monday.

Where was Winnie when Stompie was murdered?

CONFLICTING evidence about Winnie Mandela's whereabouts at the time murdered teenage activist Stompie Moeketsi Seipei disappeared was given in the Rand Supreme Court on Friday - the last day of the defence case. *C/Jan 20/5/90 (38) (22)*

Jerry Richardson, 41, former "coach" of the so-called Mandela United Football Team, has pleaded not guilty to the murder of 14-year-old Stompie, whose decomposed body was found in open veld in Soweto early last year.

Richardson also pleaded not guilty to the attempted murder of Andrew Ikaneng, of Soweto; to four kidnapping charges, and five charges of assault.

Evidence was given on Friday that Winnie Mandela was in the Free State on December 29, 1988, when Stompie; Barend Mono, 20; Gabriel Mekgwe, 21; and Kenneth Kgase, 30; were allegedly kidnapped from the Rev Paul Verryn's Soweto church and held prisoner at the Mandela house.

Norah Moahluli, of Brandfort, Free State, said Mandela arrived in Brandfort on December 29 and left again on December 31 after consulting community project leaders in the area.

But political activist Xoliswa Falati said Mandela was at her Soweto home on December 29, 1988, and that she and Mandela had taken a young man to a Soweto doctor - Dr Abu Baker Asvat - that day.

Asvat was gunned down in January last year, and Falati said he had been killed to destroy evidence which could prove Verryn engaged in homosexuality.

"It was a vivid lie," Falati said, when prosecutor LCJ van Vuuren suggested that Asvat was shot dead in a robbery.

She also told the court that Johannesburg lawyer Ismael Ayob had suggested to her last year that Mono and Mekgwe were "sell-outs".

Falati said Ayob had suggested ANC leader Nelson Mandela, who was in the Victor Verster prison at the time, wanted to have Mono and Mekgwe removed from the Mandela home "because they were sell-outs".

On Friday, Richardson's lawyers handed in a letter indicating Winnie Mandela had been advised by lawyers not to give evidence in the murder trial.

Earlier, Falati told the court that Katiswa Cebekhulu told her he was going to stab and kill Verryn because the priest had sexually abused him.

One morning she had found Katiswa crying. He later told her Verryn had abused him sexually.

Falati said that after she had heard Stompie screaming one night, he had told her he had been caressed by Pelo, Thabiso and a dark-coloured boy from Kagiso.

Pelo has been referred to as Gabriel Mekgwe and Thabiso as Barend Mono during Richardson's trial.

Verryn, who in court denied homosexual relationships had occurred between him and the young men, was not at the church when Katiswa vowed to kill him, said Falati.

The hearing continues tomorrow. - Sapa

Unpaid teachers to end their strike

By Davy 21/5/90

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TRANSVAAL coloured schoolteachers have decided to end their week-long strike — sparked by late salary payments — today but they have set May 29 as the deadline

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for the meeting of their short-term demands.

Some teachers have still not received any salary cheques this year. They are demanding that outstanding salaries be paid by the end of May and that future salaries be paid on time.

A spokesman for the coloured Department of Education and Culture said salary cheques had been airfreighted from Cape Town to alleviate the backlog and the department was doing everything it could to prevent future delays.

The strike — in which teachers went to school but did not teach — culminated in a march on Friday by about 2 000 teachers to the Johannesburg office of the Education and Culture department in the House of Representatives.

Teachers, including delegations from Potchefstroom, Pretoria and Boksburg, came to see a memorandum of short-term grievances handed to regional director Johnny Frances.

Progressive Teachers Union spokesman Mike Davy said teachers wanted these met by May 29.

He said the key demand had already been met when a Kliptown Magistrate dropped charges against 29 teachers on Friday. Their arrest — for participating in a march to protest at late salaries — led to the strike. By Friday more than 1 000 teachers at about 30 schools had joined the action.

Davy said the department seemed to have made no effort to solve the problem of late salaries which had plagued coloured teachers for more than 20 years. Teachers could go up to six months before receiving a salary cheque.

Other short-term demands included that no action be taken against teachers who took part in the strike, that temporary teachers be appointed for at least a year instead of for three months, and the reinstatement of those temporary teachers not readmitted after a stayaway on June 16 1981.

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'Winnie told not to testify'

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SUSAN RUSSELL

WINNIE Mandela was advised by her husband's attorneys not to testify on behalf of Jerry Richardson — who is on trial for the murder of teenager Stompie Seipei — according to evidence before the Rand Supreme Court on Friday.

A letter from Nelson Mandela's attorney Ismael Ayob to Richardson's attorney Kathleen Satchwell, putting this on record, was submitted to the court.

Satchwell took the witness stand and read out Ayob's letter and one from herself to the attorney requesting a consultation with Winnie Mandela to assist in preparing and presenting Richardson's case.

Richardson — the former coach of the Mandela United football team — has testified that Mandela was not at home when Stompie and three other youths were allegedly assaulted. The youths testified to the contrary.

In his reply, also dated May 9, Ayob said: "We had consulted with Mrs Mandela and had advised her not to make herself available to give evidence in the abovementioned matter.

"She has accepted our advice."

The defence closed its case on Friday. Argument will begin today.

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V Hiemstra asked.
"Absolutely not," Barnard replied.

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General Workers Union.

had been paid for information that
was of no use to the council. — Sapa.

Argument ends in Seipei murder trial

JUDGMENT in the murder trial of former Mandela Football Club coach Jerry Richardson would be handed down on Friday, Mr Justice Bryan O'Donovan said in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

State advocate Chris van Vuuren and defence counsel Hentie Joubert concluded argument before the judge and two assessors yesterday.

Richardson has been charged with the murder of teenager Stompie Seipei, attempted murder, kidnapping and assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm.

Regarding Seipei's alleged murder, Van Vuuren said there were "enough relevant facts to draw the necessary inferences" that Richardson murdered Stompie.

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Joubert replied: "I agree the accused is guilty of attempted murder, but in respect of committing murder I submit the State should view the events on Sunday January 1 1989 as probable, but one still has to speculate who killed Stompie." 6 Dec 2 2 (5) 10

The court heard Seipei was last seen leaving Winnie Mandela's home with Richardson on January 1. His body was found on January 6.

"Anything could have happened in that time. There is no evidence the accused killed Stompie," Joubert said.

He said witnesses contradicted each other and exaggerated and lied about Winnie Mandela's presence in her home on December 29 1988. He told the judge her involvement could not be left out and the State's case fell down as the witnesses had lied about her presence.

Joubert concluded that, except for the attempted murder charge, Richardson should be acquitted.

Regarding Seipei's murder, Van Vuuren said the court "must view everything as a whole for the cumulative effect. One by one, the facts do not point to guilt, but the cumulative effect is vital".

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Stompie verdict expected on Friday

By Julienne du Toit

A dispute arose in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday about whether 14-year-old James (Stompie) Moeketsi Seipei could have died from injuries and contusions, as the State maintains, or from the three stab wounds in his neck.

The arguments for the State and the defence were heard during the trial of Jerry Vusi Musi Richardson (41) of Orlando West,

Soweto.

He has pleaded not guilty to the murder of Stompie, to four charges of kidnapping and to five charges of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

Mr Justice R O'Donovan, aided by his two assessors, will hand down judgment on Friday.

During cross-examination last week Mr Richardson admitted to the attempted murder of Leratodi Ikaneng.

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State prosecutor Chris van Vuuren said arguments on Stompie's murder would have to rely on purely circumstantial evidence, as there were no witnesses.

But he said Mr Richardson had had the time, the opportunity and the motive.

"Who else would kill Stompie, a 14-year-old boy?" asked Mr van Vuuren.

He said the wounds Stompie

sustained while being assaulted could have caused his death.

The court had heard that Stompie was assaulted far more seriously than the others who were taken from the Rev Paul Verryn's manse.

When last seen, said Mr van Vuuren, Stompie was very ill, weak, seriously injured and could not eat.

Stompie, according to witnesses, was told he was a sell-out.

The State maintained Mr Richardson had played a leading part in the assaults.

This was denied by the defence counsel, H Joubert.

Marks

Mr Joubert said there was no way to prove Mr Richardson had stabbed Stompie.

He said the marks on Mr Richardson's shoes were not necessarily blood, as State witnesses had said.

Winnie Mandela, who was not subpoenaed during the trial of Mr Richardson, although her name was mentioned several times, may appear in a forthcoming trial in which those allegedly involved with the assaults at the Mandela house in Diepkloof Extension, Soweto, may be charged.

Winnie 'defamed'

Step 27/5/90 By Esmaré van der Merwe Political Reporter

African National Congress deputy president Nelson Mandela has accused the Government of deliberately trying to defame his wife, Winnie Mandela, whose name has cropped up repeatedly during a murder trial in Johannesburg.

Witnesses in the Rand Supreme Court trial have alleged that Mrs Mandela had been involved in assaults on a group of youths. Jerry Richardson, manager of the Mandela United football team, stands accused of murdering youth activist Stompie Seipei.

At a press conference yesterday, Mr Mandela accused the Government of using the press to find his wife guilty in "the most inappropriate way of handling judicial procedures".

Legacy of an uncaring society

Weekly Mail reporter DON

MATERA, who does community work in Eldorado Park, was called in to settle a dispute between street-fighters. But the warring factions didn't show up

THE Mass Democratic Movement youth leader's voice was urgent: "Come to the mosque in Extension One (Eldorado Park) at three; we have organised peace talks between gangsters of the houses and the flats."

It wasn't the first such request: our home has become a community advice centre dealing with marriage, housing, health, old-age, cripple-care, sport and socio-political issues.

Eight pairs of uncertain eyes stared at me. There wasn't a warring soul in sight though they had promised to come. Fear does that; it murders trust the same way that township kids "boochaa" (butcher) one another.

One of the favourite weapons, the panga, is described in degrees: "aah 45 or aah 69" — short or long. They have a lingo of their own: "Ons raak vol met die DKs" (We are battling against the Dirty Kids). Or "Val met die deng; hy's nie djou ma se kend ..." (Kill the thing; he's not your mother's child).

Many have died. Some, like the 16-year-old Muslim boy in Klipspruit West, have been chopped to pieces.

Gruesome deaths; gruesome times. But no one came to the peace talks.

I rounded them up, traversing rival territory between the Oshaamaa and the Outlaws.

I had to swear on my "ou-lady" that it was no trap. No one was going to

DEPUTY president of the African National Congress, Nelson Mandela, said recently: "As proud as I am to be part of the Soweto community, I have been greatly disturbed by the statistics of crime that I have read in the newspapers. (38)

"Although I understand the deprivations our people suffer I must make it clear that the level of crime in our township is unhealthy and must be eliminated as a matter of urgency. It is through the creation of democratic and accountable structures that we can achieve this."

be butchered. "My ma hoor my!" (My mother hears me) I declared.

The classrooms heaved with the din and sweat of uncertainty and mistrust. I frisked most of the 150 or so warriors. My search yielded two Okapi knives; one with bloodstains.

A fragile pact was sealed without the letting of blood; furtive glances, half-smiles and reluctant handshakes.

The Oshaamaa and the Outlaws are but two of about 20 or 30 outfits of street-fighters.

They have fancy names: Young Ones; Young Spinners; Masadas; Mission Boys; Disco Kids; Bristol Kids; Younga-Poodles; Pantsula Kids; VGVs; Wire Gang; The Dogs; The Spoilas; California Kids; Sterlings and the Varados. The list is long; like the trail of victims.

There are many good kids in Eldos and Klipspruit West. They come from decent homes and families.

But how can they escape the legacy of violence bequeathed to them by an uncaring and indifferent society?

Street-fighters. More than gang warfare ⁽³⁸⁾ it's organised crime ^{w/mailed 25/5 - 21/5/90}

Theft, gang rapes, assaults, killings and revenge killings ... PHIL MOLEFE reports on the violence on the township streets

GANGS in Soweto are mushrooming and bloody battles between these groups have claimed the lives of many, and have maimed a great number of innocent people caught in the crossfire.

According to the South African Police five gangsters have been killed and several others injured since gang warfare started in Soweto last month.

Residents say the figures could be higher.

In Jabulani last week two gangsters were shot dead during a fierce gun battle between two gangs.

"They are no longer using pangas or knives, they are now armed with all sorts of firearms," said a Zola youth.

Worst fighting is taking place largely in areas like Zola, Jabulani, Zondi and Pimville where there are gangs like the *Ninjas* and *Ama-Japan*.

"Jack-rolling", a common word which sends terror among residents, describes methods used by gangsters who cruise the township streets at night and sometimes during the day looking for cars, money and women.

A Soweto taxi driver, Pina Ndumo, 24, says he "disappears" from the taxi rank shortly after dusk.

"I stop my rounds early these days because many taxis have been 'jack-rolled'."

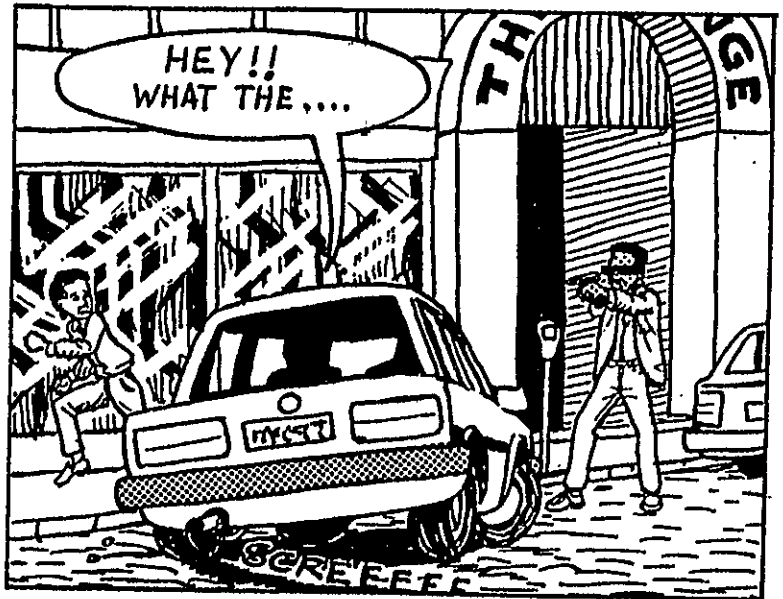
"You pick one guy at one spot and three at the next unaware that these guys move together.

"Just when you start asking them where they are getting off, they grab you, order you out the car at gunpoint and then take your car and all your daily takings," explains Ndumo.

He says some taxis are "jack-rolled" at stop streets or robots.

Private cars are also a target of these gangs.

Soweto socialite Senki Moeketsi says he was enjoying a beer earlier this month at a cosy Mofolo shebeen when two young men stormed the



Stop at a robot and the chances are you will be jack-rolled

Drawing: CARLOS CARVALHO

house and demanded the keys of his white BMW 325 parked outside.

"I mean they just said ... can we have your keys," said Moeketsi.

"These boys are daring, they did not care how many we were in the house. All they wanted was my car.

"They held the house hostage and what else could I have done but to surrender my keys," he said.

Women are also victims and are often forced into "jack-roller" cars and taken to a secluded spot where they are gang-raped.

These attacks on innocent people have often led to revenge killings of gang leaders — mostly by students.

A leader of a gang in Orlando East, who used to terrorise school girls, was cornered early this year by students, stabbed several times and then set alight. A group of youths sang and danced as his body was burning.

A community leader, who did not want to be named, said revenge killings occur because people have lost confidence in the ability of the police to protect them.

A prominent Soweto social worker and director of the Soweto National

Institute for Crime Prevention and Rehabilitation of Offenders, Shimane Kumalo, said there are three types of gang-related crimes committed in Soweto: economic, personal and crimes against property.

"Economic crimes are aimed at robbing residents of their luxury items such as expensive cars, jewellery and money whereas personal ones are aimed at individuals and these include assault, rape and murder."

Crime against property included house-breaking, malicious damage to property through petrol-bomb and other forms of attack, Kumalo said.

There is a great concern in the community about the escalation of gangsterism.

In August last year the South African Council of Churches convened a meeting at Ipelegeng Community Centre in White City to address the problem. A series of meetings called by the Soweto Civic Association followed thereafter in an attempt to involve the community.

Early this month all social workers operating in Soweto held a meeting to discuss this problem.

"They are concerned that young social workers visiting homes in Soweto are faced with rape and car-theft," said Kumalo.

The Soweto health services were earlier this year forced to temporarily withdraw their patients' transport because of the escalating theft of vehicles.

Kumalo said: "There is a multiplicity of factors involved like the personality of the offender, his home environment or community and the socio-economic conditions leading to such negative behaviour," he said.

"In my view homes in Soweto are destabilised by poverty, the high unemployment rate and even divorce. Parents who are having problems find it difficult to effectively discipline or control their children," said Kumalo.

"On the other hand the education of our children is in tatters and very few acquire skills that are required in the open labour market and this results in many youths idling in the street.

"It is because of this leisure at their disposal that the youth start experimenting with alcohol and drugs like dagga and then end up committing acts of terror in the community," said Kumalo.

Director of Adult Education at Funda Centre, the Reverend Lebhang Sebidi, said there had been much talk about gangs but no one had yet been apprehended.

Gang-related crime has become so commonplace, Sowetans say they are being forced to protect themselves.

But Kumalo believes the solution could be found if the root causes were addressed.

"If the standard of living is improved, educational and political problems are addressed, there would be few cases of people taking away what belongs to others," he said.

The Stompie trial ends... two more will begin

THE Rand Supreme Court delivers judgement on Mandela Football Club coach Jerry Richardson today for several charges including the murder of teenage activist Stompie Seipei, but this does not mark the end of the saga — two related trials are set for next week and a third one looms.

Seven of the people incriminated during the Richardson trial — some belonging to the Mandela FC — will appear in the Soweto magistrate's court on May 29 on counts of abduction and assault with the intention to do serious bodily harm.

The seven — Xoliswa Falati, Katisa Cebekhulu, John Morgan, Sibusiso Mabuza, Falati's daughter and two others who may not be named — are accused of kidnapping Seipei, Kenny Kgase, Thabiso Mono and Gabriel Mekgwe from the Orlando West Methodist manse and beating them at

By CASSANDRA MOODLEY

Winnie Mandela's home in Diepkloof Extension.

And Thandanani Jabulani Khubeka, who state witnesses referred to as "Gybon" in the Richardson trial, will stand accused of four charges of assault.

Khubeka was mentioned in evidence as the muscular man who kicked Stompie and swore at him after being told Stompie was a police informer. State witness Kgase recounted how Gybon said to Stompie, while kicking him, "I'm not going to use my hands — if I use my hands, I can kill you."

Winnie Mandela, wife of African National Congress deputy president Nelson Mandela, could also face charges.

Mandela's home was the scene of the alleged brutal beatings. According to state witnesses, she began round one of the beatings — hitting, punching and sjambokking the boys and accusing them of sexual misconduct with Methodist minister Paul Verryn. Apparently she also accused Stompie of being a police informer.

But Richardson disputed this. He maintained that Mandela was not at her home on the dates of the alleged assaults, 29 December 1988 to 1 January 1989.

Falati claimed Mandela was at her home until the late afternoon on December 29 when they took Cebekhulu to Dr AbuBaker Asvat's Soweto surgery, and that Mandela then disappeared.

Apparently Cebekhulu had complained that he had been sexually abused by Verryn, and Mandela took

him to Asvat to be examined in this connection. But Asvat's patient card reflected that Cebekhulu had been examined on 30 December 1988.

Another defence witness testified Mandela was in Brandfort on the night of December 29.

Whatever Mandela's whereabouts on that night, why was she not called to give evidence? The question was addressed by the state and defence in their closing arguments this week.

According to the defence, Mandela family lawyer Ismail Ayob advised her not to consult with them. State prosecutor LCJ van Vuuren argued that this did not prevent Mandela from being subpoenaed by the defence.

Deputy attorney-general Jan Swanepoel said if the state had called Mandela as a witness she would either have denied the allegations or she would have conceded her involvement but asked for indemnity from prosecution which would then have prevented the state from prosecuting her at a later stage.

Swanepoel added that the attorney-general's office would study the Richardson judgment and then assess the merit of charging Mandela.

This week the ANC deputy-president said he believed the state had deliberately created a situation where his wife was being incriminated in a trial, but because she was not the accused she was unable to defend herself.

Mandela added that it was not for him to decide whether or not his wife should be charged.

Trial judgment

Soweto 25/5/90
JUDGMENT in the murder trial of Mr Jerry Richardson, former coach of Mandela United Football Club, is expected in the Rand Supreme Court today.

Richardson is alleged to have murdered 14-year-old activist James Stompie Seipei and attempted to murder Mr Andrew Ikaneng, a former member of the club.

He is also charged with four counts of abduction and five of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

He has pleaded not guilty to all the charges but later in the trial admitted having attempted

By SONTI
MASEKO

to murder Ikaneng.

Evidence led by State witnesses Mr Kenneth Kgase, Mr Thabiso Mono and Mr Pelo Mekgwe was that Stompie was taken away by Richardson after being told to write his home address on a piece of paper.

They alleged Richardson had told Stompie that he was taking him home.

That was the last time they saw Stompie, whose decomposed body was found four days later in a veld near Soweto with stab wounds in the neck.

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The witnesses said they were fetched together with Stompie on December 29, 1988 from a Methodist Church manse by Richardson and taken to Mrs Winnie Mandela's house in Diepkloof Extension where they were questioned about allegations of sexual misconduct.

Stompie was accused of "selling out" four "comrades" in Parys to the police and the youths told Mr Justice R O'Donovan of repeated assaults with fists and claps by several people at the Mandela house.

Mandela is alleged to have participated in the assaults and to have used a 'sjambok' to beat the youths.

However, Richardson said in his evidence that Mandela was not present during the time the youths were kept at her house.

Guilty on all counts

By MARTIN NTSOLENGOE

FALSE allegations of homosexuality against a priest led to the abduction of four youths and the eventual murder of young activist Stompie Seipei.

This was revealed in the Rand Supreme Court during the trial of Vusi Richardson, 41, former coach of the Mandela Football Club.

In finding Richardson guilty on 11 charges, including the murder of Stompie, Judge Brian O'Donovan rejected the evidence of Xoliswa Falati and said no evidence existed to support her allegations that the Rev Paul Verryn of the Orlando West Methodist Mission had sexual relations with young boys to whom he gave sanctuary at the mission.

Falati and others appear in court next week charged with abduction and assault.

Evidence before the court was that Falati, who had been given sanctuary at the mission with her daughter after their Springs house had been petrol-bombed, was a dominating person who imposed her will on the refugees.

There were problems over the washing up of dishes and Falati said she was fetching the Mandela Football Team to discipline the youths.

She later told Winnie Mandela the false story that Verryn was molesting the youths.

To prove her allegations Falati produced a youth, Katisa Celekhulu, who told a bizarre story of wanting to stab Verryn because he had tried to sexually molest him.

Mandela told *City Press* at the time: "This is foreign to our culture."



Rev Paul Verryn - falsely accused.

False claims led to vicious assaults on four youths

Mandela sent the youth to be examined by Dr Abu-Baker Asvat, who was murdered soon afterwards.

On December 28, 1988, Richardson and members of the Football Club abducted four youths from the mission, including Stompie. The others were Kenneth Kgase, 30, Barend Thabiso Mono, 20, and Gabriel Mekgwe, 21.

They were taken to the Mandela home in Diepkloof Extension, Soweto, where they were beaten and told to confess to sexual misconduct with Verryn.

The judge found that Mandela was present while the boys were being assaulted and that she participated in the first assault.

Stompie was accused of being a police spy by Richardson.

The judge said that by December 30 Stompie's face was swollen and he could not eat or communicate.

In evidence Kgase told the court that rumours Stompie was a "sell-out" had circulated because he did not fit into the groups at Verryn's house.

This, said Kgase, was because he arrived at the house long after the others had formed into groups.

He said there was no evidence Stompie had been a police spy.

Judge O'Donovan said on January 1, 1989 Richardson told Stompie to write his address on a piece of paper because he was taking him home.

"However, Stompie was in such bad shape he couldn't write and Richardson took Stompie away. The following morning Richardson's shoes were covered in blood," said the judge.

Stompie's decomposed body was found in a ditch near Noordgesig on January 7.

The body was found a kilometre from where Richardson attempted to murder Lerothodi Andrew Ikaneng, another person he accused of being a police spy.

The judge said the four young men were beaten with bottles and sjamboks, and dropped from shoulder height. Their blood was splattered on the walls and curtains of the outside room of Mrs Mandela's house.

Although others had participated, the judge said, Richardson had been the instigator.

Advocate HH Joubert, for Richardson, asked for Richardson to be sent for mental observation. The judge agreed and postponed sentencing to August 6.

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Winnie's fate to be decided at end of Stompie case

By Craig Kotze

Winnie Mandela, wife of ANC deputy leader Nelson Mandela, will have to wait until the end of the Stompie Seipei murder trial for a decision on whether she will be prosecuted in connection with the child activist's killing.

"I am reserving my decision on whether to prosecute Mrs Mandela until after the trial," Witwatersrand Attorney-General Klaus von Lieres, SC, told The Star yesterday.

He refused to comment on allegations by Mr Mandela that the Government was "deliberately defaming" his wife and that the Stompie trial was being conducted in such a way that she did not have the opportunity to answer allegations against her.

However, sources in the AG's office said it was "ridiculous" to suggest that the trial was being conducted according to a political agenda as it was originally planned to bring the matter to trial in November last year — way before Mr Mandela's release from jail.

One of Mrs Mandela's former bodyguards, Jerry Richardson, was found guilty in the Rand Supreme Court on Friday of murdering Stompie (14) and of assaulting four youths.

Mr Justice O'Donovan found that Mrs Mandela was present when Stompie was assaulted at her Diepkloof home in December 1988. His body was found on January 7 last year in Soweto.

"I will, in due course, take a decision on whether to prosecute Mrs Mandela. It was my decision to reserve the right to do so. The police investigated the case to my complete satisfaction," said Mr von Lieres.

Tests on Richardson

BY SONTI MASEKO

JERRY YUSUMUZI

Richardson, the former coach of the Mandela United Football Club, was last Friday found guilty by a Rand Supreme Court judge of murdering 14-year-old child activist Mokekisi Stompie Seipei.

Mr Justice B

O'Donovan, sitting with two assessors, also found that Mrs Winnie Mandela was present for at least part of the time on December 29, 1988, when Stompie and three other youths were assaulted and interrogated at her house in Soweto's Diepkloof Extension.

Mrs Mandela could face charges of assault should the Attorney-General decide to prosecute on the basis of the court's finding.

Richardson (41) stood emotionless as he was convicted of the murder, a charge of attempted murder, four counts of kidnapping and five of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm.



WINNIE MANDELA

His defence counsel was granted a postponement until August 6 to prepare evidence in mitigation and for Richardson to be psychologically tested. Richardson's bail of R5 000 fell away and he was rearrested upon conviction.

Kidnapping

Delivering judgment, Mr Justice O'Donovan said Richardson kidnapped Stompie and three companions, Kenneth Kgase (30), Barend Thabiso Mono (20) and Gabriel Pelo Mekgwe from a Methodist Church

House in Orlando West on December 29, 1988 and took them to Mrs Mandela's house.

A woman working at the church house, Mrs Xoliswa Falati, had made reports at the Mandela house alleging homosexual activities between the boys staying at the manse and the minister in charge, the Rev. Paul Verryn.

The judge made another ruling regarding Mr Verryn, placing on record that there was no evidence supporting rumours of sexual misconduct at the Methodist church.

At the house the youths were interrogated about the allegations and repeatedly assaulted by a number of people led by Richardson.

Stompie, who was also accused of being a police informer, was assaulted far more seriously than the three other youths and then taken away by Richardson after saying a number of times that he was going to be "dumped."

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Winnie Mandela was present during assaults, court finds

A RAND Supreme Court judge found on Friday that Winnie Mandela had been present for at least part of the assault on Stompie Seipei, 14, and three other youths three nights before the teenager was murdered by her football club's former coach.

Mr Justice B O' Donovan and two assessors found Jerry Richardson, 41, guilty of murdering Seipei on January 1-2 1989.

He was found guilty of kidnapping Seipei, Kenneth Kgase, Barend Thabiso Mono and Gabriel Pelo Mekgwe from Methodist minister Paul Verryn's house on December 29 1988 and taking them to Mandela's home, where he assaulted them.

Before the assaults, Richardson accused the four of sleeping with Verryn and Seipei of being a sellout. He was also found guilty of attempting to murder Andrew Ikaneng in January last year.

Kgase, Mekgwe and Mono said Mandela hit and punched them and sjambokked two of them.

Richardson admitted hitting the four but denied Mandela was present and that anyone else assaulted them.

The court, however, found Mandela was present for at least part of the time during the assaults on December 29.

The judge said no reason was suggested

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why the State witnesses, who had every reason to remember December 29, would be untruthful on this point.

The court found three stab wounds on Seipei's neck caused his death.

Mr Justice O' Donovan said evidence against Richardson regarding the murder was circumstantial, but the cumulative effect of all the factors lead to the conclusion he was guilty of murder.

Factors taken into account by the court included:

- The other three youths heard Richardson say Seipei was going to be "dumped" (killed);
- On January 1 Richardson said Seipei was going home. It was the last time the others saw him;
- Seipei's alleged offence of being a sellout was seen as more serious than the alleged sexual misconduct of the others. There was no reason why only he should be released from custody.

The trial was adjourned to August 6 at the request of defence counsel H Joubert, who intended leading psychiatric evidence in extenuation.

6 murdered in Soweto

SOWETO police reported six murders, 18 robberies and 18 rapes over the weekend. ⁽³⁸⁾

A spokesman said 21 thefts, 19 car thefts and 26 housebreakings were reported. *Sowetan 21/5/90*

He said police had over the past week arrested six murder suspects, five attempted murder suspects and 16 rape suspects - *Sowetan Correspondent.*

Armed robbery in PWV area is soaring ³⁸ police

BANKS, financial institutions and businesses — some of them already painfully aware of the fact — have been warned that armed robbery in the PWV area is soaring.

"Last year there was a 34,6% increase in armed robberies in the region to 9 773 incidents, compared with the 1988 total of 7 261 cases, a police spokesman said at the week-end. Statistics for the first six months of 1990 were not available.

In the rest of the country, 20 725 armed robberies were reported in 1989 — 10,9% or 2 045 cases more than the 1988 tally of 18 680.

There were two big robberies on Friday. In Pretoria, two armed men made off with R700 000 — and left R710 000 behind in a trolley — after holding up officials delivering money to the Menlyn branch of Volkskas.

A Volkskas spokesman told Sapa the bank had taken all possible precautions, including armed guards and armoured vehicles, in transporting the large quantity of money, but the officials carrying the cases had been unable to act defensively.

Three men armed with an AK-47 assault rifle and Tokorev pistols held up the Volkskas branch at the Johan-

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nesburg Hospital and got away with an estimated R250 000.

Last Monday, East Rand police reported eight cases of armed robbery, one involving the use of an AK-47.

A police spokesman said: "One of the main reasons for the increase is the weakening economy, while strikes, unemployment and the theft and loss of firearms can be seen as contributory factors".

Last year 7 760 firearms were reported stolen or lost compared with 7 524 in 1988.

Policemen

ANC spokesman Joel Netshitenzhe rejected a suggestion that disgruntled cadres were turning to crime. "Units are first and foremost political, and any action they take would have to be politically motivated," he said.

A Johannesburg City Council committee under Cnr Christopher Newton-Thompson met again on Friday to discuss the pros and cons of a municipal police force for the city.

There is a similar move in Sandton, where town clerk Sybil Mostert said the feasibility of establishing a muni-

cipal police force in the town was being investigated.

In SA, there are only two policemen to every thousand people, compared with an average of 4:1 000 in Western nations.

Law and Order Ministry spokesman Capt Peet Bothma, responding to claims that the police were understaffed, said that since the new pay deal was announced police had been inundated with calls from people applying to join, or re-enlist.

DP Law and Order spokesman Harry Schwarz said the DP was "not completely satisfied that the police will get all the recruits they want, or the quality of policeman they need".

"There's nothing unique about a municipal police force," he said. "In fact you'd think the police would welcome it."

Reporting to Parliament earlier this year, Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok said 1,47-million crimes were committed in 1989 — a 3,49% increase over 1988.

At least 10 of the 32 murders in SA each day were in the PWV area.

Robbery was up 18% and indecent assault had increased 27%. Rapes averaged two an hour in the PWV region.

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Love-triangle saga ends as bullets rain at stokvel

By ELIAS MALULEKE

A LOVE-TRIANGLE saga was behind the bloody Mafia-style shooting in Mamelodi this week in which three people, all friends, were gunned down in a hail of bullets fired from a powerful 9mm pistol.

A fourth person, Harry Sibande, also a friend, escaped with a bullet lodged in his jaw.

The unlucky ones, Esther Modisele, 18, her lover Siyaphi Gebuza, 21, and Neville "Suzuki" Beauchamp, 25, stood no chance when the gunman entered the "JC Le Roux" stokvel party in Mamelodi East and opened fire at close range.

The two men, Gebuza and Beauchamp died on the spot. Modisele, the woman involved in the love-triangle, was certified dead on arrival at the Mamelodi Day Hospital.

A 21-year-old man, Rodney Bhila, has appeared briefly in the Pretoria Magistrate's Court before magistrate PR Hitchcock in connection with three charges of murder and one of attempted murder. He was not asked to plead and the case was postponed until August 31. Bail was fixed at R5 000.

Beauchamp and Gebuza were close friends and Modisele was having an affair with Gebuza. Modisele and the gunman were said to have had a love affair until May this year - when she started going out with Gebuza.

Apparently feeling cheated and abandoned, the gunman entered house number 10060 in Mamelodi East where the stokvel was in full swing.

An argument broke out between him and Beauchamp and he took out his gun, pointing it at the foursome sitting together at a drinks-laden table.

Three friends who accompanied them on the week-long gig escaped unhurt.

Modisele and Gebuza were live-in lovers, staying with Gebuza's parents. Both were unemployed.

The Modisele and Gebuza families spoke about the tragedy this week and said they did not have a cent to bury their respective family members.

Anna Modisele, Esther's mother, has four other children and said the going had been tough all along.

"Now it is a tragedy to add up to all my other woes," she told *City Press*.

Modisele said police must act to stop the flood of guns and violence in the township.

"Our children are dying through violence almost every day and the sooner the police act and confiscate these guns the better," she said.

"My husband has not been employed for several months and I only do part-time jobs. We have no money and I cannot bury my daughter," she said.

Modisele said because she could not afford to pay rent, the electricity supply to her house was cut off earlier this year.

"Because of that the service is now being held at my mother's house, but she is unemployed and also cannot help with burial costs."

The burial society she recently joined would only pay



Neville Beauchamp ... died after angry words with the gunman.

R240 because she was a new member.

Finding himself in a similar situation is William Gebuza, a 72-year-old pensioner and father of the slain Siyaphi.

Gebuza said he had financial problems, but it was nothing compared with the fear he had been living under because of his son.



Lovers Esther Modisele and Siyaphi Gebuza died in a hail of bullets while they were enjoying themselves with friends.

He had been spending sleepless nights when his son had not returned home by 10pm, because he feared Siyaphi would die through violence. Siyaphi was the youngest of nine children.

"He frequented gigs and came back to tell us about fights and shootings. I tried to tell him to stop going to such places but he would not listen," he said.

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'Winnie's men set my house on fire'

By MARTIN NTSOELENGOE

A GRUESOME tale of how Winnie Mandela allegedly ordered her football club to burn and kill people unfolded in the Rand Supreme Court this week.

The horror story emerged during the testimony of Dudu Chile, who is a Transvaal organiser of the Federation

of Transvaal Women, an affiliate of the African National Congress.

Chili, who said her son had killed football club member Maxwell Madondo, was testifying at the trial of club member Charles Zwane.

Zwane, 22, of Orlando West, Soweto, faces 11 counts of murder, 22 attempted murders, arson, two counts of unlawful possession of an AK-47 and ammunition.

Zwane has pleaded not guilty to all charges and is in custody.

Said Chili: "My house was burned because I refused to let my boys join the football club.

"The other reason was that my son killed a member of the football club, Maxwell Madondo."

She said she had never seen the Mandela Football Club playing football, but they were burning houses and killing people.

When asked about her relationship with the Mandela family, she said she liked Nelson but hated Winnie.

The case resumes tomorrow.

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killers

POLICE yesterday called on the public to help in the hunt for the killers of Sowetan assistant editor Mr Sam Mabe.

Mabe was killed in his car in Jabulani on Wednesday night. A police spokesman described

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the killing as the "brutal slaughter of an innocent man".

A single heavy-calibre bullet fired at point-blank range through Mabe's car window shattered veins in his neck.

He died shortly afterwards, pos-

sibly through loss of blood. He was certified dead on arrival at Baragwanath Hospital, presumably 30 minutes after the attack.

Police yesterday said they had arrested two suspects who were in possession of a Colt 45 pistol, the type of weapon used in the killing.

But after running ballistics tests it was found it was not the gun used in the killing.

Major H Hesling at the police headquarters in Soweto said: "The public must help us with any information they have to solve this brutal murder of an innocent man."

Hesling said he believed it was possibly an attempted robbery that was thwarted by a passing car. The villains fled into the night.

Respected

Mabe is survived by his wife Latisa and three children. He was a former deputy president of the Media Workers Association of South Africa and was widely respected.

The Sowetan switchboard was yesterday inundated with calls from all over the country and parts of the world.

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During happier times ... Sam Mabe with his wife Latisa and children Bandile, Nkululeko and Nthato.

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Five slain in Soweto

FIVE people were shot dead in Soweto over the past four days, bringing the weekend's death toll to 11.

West Rand police reported the death of Mr Vick Seale (19) of Kagiso, who was shot.

An Alexandra Township taxi driver was shot dead in Edenvale at the weekend.

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Police said he was travelling along Terrace Road when an armed passenger asked him to stop. The gunman and an accomplice ordered other passengers out of the taxi, shot the driver and threw him out of his vehicle.

Soweto police spokesman Lieutenant G Mariemuthoo said firearms were used in five of the killings.

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A few changes in Hillbrow law enforcement have been made since last year. An incipient bobby style system — “business watch” — is in place. Also, several mounted traffic police now patrol parks and streets. Police numbers, however, remain static. At present, there are 282 detectives, patrolmen and women and officers at Hillbrow Police Station — a figure which political and business leaders assert represents gross undermanning.

Simpson believes a para-security force is needed until the State's security forces are augmented. But, with the municipal spy scandal which has been uncovered by the Hiemstra Commission, that option is not likely to be popular among ratepayers.

SAP crime statistics, however, suggest crime in Hillbrow is bottoming out. Says Colonel Frans Malherbe of the Witwatersrand Region: “We've proven over and over that the situation is not as bad as people make it out to be.” Car theft and burglaries, he points out, accounts for much of Hillbrow's crime. That sounds bad enough to us.

The annual *Police Commissioner's Report* (1989) only gives figures for SA as a whole. Burglaries have decreased slightly from the previous year: 88 936 burglaries in 1988; 88 890 in 1989. Car thefts have climbed from 57 851 in 1988 to 58 298 in 1989. Murders are up from 10 631 in 1988 to 11 750 in 1989. Officials at Hillbrow station declined to comment on the number of homi-

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Death on the 'Brow

Hillbrow has become a symbol of endemic crime in SA. Not surprising, then, that its business leaders are lauding President F W de Klerk's decision to spend R814m on upgrading the SAP — both in terms of pay and numbers (*Leaders* June 29).

Just how hard has crime hit Hillbrow's business sector? Ward 30 councillor and owner of the Cardiff Hotel and off-sales Desiree Simpson says violent crimes, rather than burglaries, appear to be on the rise. “But then we've got many more people living in the area.”

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cides in Hillbrow itself, though many residents assert killings are climbing.

The official figures may be somewhat reassuring, but Hillbrow residents remain guarded. Until substantive change is perceived, Hillbrow will continue its slide into residential pariah status. ■

Gunman kills three, wounds one at Mamelodi beer party

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PRETORIA — Three people were shot dead and a fourth wounded after an unknown gunman went on a shooting spree in Mamelodi.

A police spokesman said today the shootings happened at about 11 pm yesterday, after a fight broke out at a beer party in Mamelodi East.

An unidentified man pulled out a 9 mm pistol and started shooting at guests, killing three and wounding a fourth man in the jaw. He then fled the scene.

The dead are Surprise Gebisa (19), Neville Suzuki (25), and Esther Madisela (28), all of Mamelodi East.

Harry Sibandi, also from Mamelodi East, was taken to Kalafong Hospital with a bullet wound in the jaw.

Police said the gunman, whose identity is not known, escaped after the shootings.

No arrests have been made.

The condition of Paul Wiesenag, who was stabbed by two men at his Waterkloof Glen takeaway in another incident on Thursday, has improved slightly, according to police.

Stab wounds

Mr Wiesenag, who sustained multiple stab wounds, has left the intensive care unit at HF Verwoerd Hospital.

A man arrested after the attack is expected to appear in court today.

Police today said it was not known whether Marie Loots (47), manager of a Paul Kruger Street cafe, has lost her sight after thieves threw acid into her face. She is still undergoing tests in hospital, police said.

Shootout nightmare for young hospital patient

The Argus Correspondent
JOHANNESBURG. — A 15-year-old girl has had nightmares in Johannesburg Hospital after a bleeding policeman came to her bed pleading for help after he was shot by gunmen who "sprung" a prisoner from the hospital.

Young Kate Jones said she saw Ernest Hewitt, who was under police custody in the hospital, going to the bathroom on Saturday night.

Then she heard shots.

DOCTORS WERE HIDING

"I thought it was a bomb going off, it was so loud, but I realised it was a gunshot when I heard the second. I heard about four shots.

"Then this policeman ran into the room to my side. His arm and side were bleeding. He took my hand and said 'Help me, protect me'. He was very frightened. Then there was another shot. He screamed and got under my bed.

"I got out of bed and called the doctors, who were all hiding."

Mr Hewitt, held in connection with R7 million fraud, had earlier been taken to the hospital from Johannesburg's Diepkloof Prison after apparently feigning illness.

Said Kate, who has had nightmares since: "I remember that earlier Hewitt kept trying to get the police away from him by telling them to go and buy hamburgers and chips.

"And he told me: 'All I want is a hot bath and some rest. Don't worry, Kate, we'll watch LA Law together,'" said the prisoner who occupied a bed opposite her in an admission ward.

A countrywide hunt is under way for Mr Hewitt, 29.



SHOOTOUT: Heart patient Kate Jones, 15, in hospital today.

He was arrested last Tuesday by Pretoria Commercial Branch detectives.

Several other suspects, allegedly members of the same syndicate, were arrested with Mr Hewitt, although police refused to say how many people were being held.

The fraud case is related to using cheques from one bank to generate funds in other bank accounts, or "kite-flying", police said. No foreign exchange contraventions were involved.

The wounded policeman is Constable S Masinga, who was shot in the stomach and arm. His condition is stable.

Yesterday police described the incident as a "well-planned operation".

"It seems Hewitt was waiting for the men," said one policeman.



Mr Eric Hewitt

Massive hunt for armed terror gang

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A GANG of squatters, possibly from Mozambique, may have been responsible for a night of terror in which a Boksburg family was held hostage, shot at and assaulted with AK-47 rifles and other weapons at the weekend.

The gang fled when an alarm went off, firing indiscriminately with machineguns around the Viewpoint Road, Bart-

letts, smallholding on Friday night.

One of the bullets hit a TV set in a nearby home.

Police said yesterday several robberies with AK-47 rifles had been committed in the Tembisa area, where thousands of squatters, many from Mozambique, are staying.

Detectives are now investigating this angle to the latest case.

A massive hunt has been launched for the gang, which is considered

extremely dangerous and is also armed with Makarov and Tokarev pistols.

The assaults, carried out with rifle butts and pistols, left three people injured at Mr Tony Pereira's house.

Pereira, his nephew Sylvester Luiz (21) and stepdaughter Theresa da Costa (19) suffered head injuries and were treated in hospital.

The robbers escaped with a TV, video machine, cash and jewellery worth about R10 000. They sped off in a white Toyota bakkie.

Anyone with information is asked to telephone Lieutenant Ivor Human at (011) 845 2820. -
Sowetan Correspondent.

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Thugs snuff out ³⁸ 10 Soweto lives

SOWETO thugs claimed the lives of 10 people in separate incidents of violence at the weekend.

Nine of the victims were stabbed while one was shot.

Soweto police PRO, Captain Mikhachane Ngobeni, said nine cases of attempted murder were reported, 19 cases of armed robbery and 27 cases of ordinary theft.

Motor vehicle thefts numbered 18, while thefts out of cars were 19. *Sowetan - 26/6/90*

Ngobeni said 12 rape cases were reported.

Police arrested a total of 342 people for various crimes in the township last week. Seven of these were arrested for car thefts, 15 for arson, 14 for theft and 34 for serious assault.

Atteridgeville is ³⁸ worst crime area

PRETORIA Central and Atteridgeville are the two worst crime areas in the capital, according to police statistics.

But the up-market suburbs served by Brooklyn police station, including Waterkloof and its extensions, remain the focus of car thieves and house-breakers with almost

**SOWETAN
Correspondent**

three times as many burglaries reported there as at any other police station.

Figures tabled by the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, show that 97 people were murdered in the Pretoria police district last year.

The statistics do not, however, include crimes falling within the Pretoria North police district, including Mamelodi.

Eighteen were murdered in Pretoria Central, 26 in Atteridgeville, and 14 in Pretoria West, and 11 in the Brooklyn area.

Atteridgeville topped the assaults with intent to do grievous bodily harm with 706 incidents reported last year.

Pretoria Central had 201, and Laudium 120.

Common assaults totalled 1 079 in Atteridgeville, 923 in Pretoria Central and 513 in Pretoria West.

Ordinary assaults amounted to 3 835.

There were 369 rapes reported last year, 157 in Atteridgeville, and 67 in Pretoria Central.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Pretoria police district: offences

384. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Law and Order: 38

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 Pretoria police district in 1989? B912E

QUESTIONS

† Indicates translated version.

For written reply:

General Affairs:

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
Pretoria Central	18	21	201	923	67	437	1 025	390	739	2
Sunnyside	4	14	46	385	19	38	1 016	487	836	1
Pretoria West	14	29	107	513	34	97	362	246	558	1
Brooklyn	11	41	91	313	20	93	1 253	171	2 351	0
Wierdabrug	9	21	108	213	21	68	639	151	863	1
Erasmia	4	13	52	60	14	27	32	34	183	0
Ateridgeville	26	8	706	1 079	157	337	136	406	247	0
Lytelton	9	35	62	134	10	29	364	127	686	0
Laundium	2	9	120	215	27	34	99	7	141	7

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

RSA Policy Review

483. Mr P G SOAL asked the State President:

Whether the periodical RSA Policy Review is produced by the Bureau for Information; if so, (a) at what total cost is it printed, (b) how many (i) English and (ii) Afrikaans copies of each issue are printed, (c) how many persons subscribe to this periodical and (d) in respect of what date and/or period is this information furnished? *Handwritten: 14/6/90*

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THE STATE PRESIDENT:

The periodical RSA Policy Review is published by the Bureau for Information.

(a) The total printing cost for both RSA *Beleidsorsig* and RSA Policy Review amounts to an average of R22 400 a month. Ten issues are published per annum.

appropriated by Parliament in the 1989-90 financial year; if so, (2) (a) what is the (i) name and (ii) nature of the project, (b) where is it situated, (c)

what is the estimated total capital cost of the project, and (d) how much of this cost is to be borne by the South African Government, in each case? B1146E

THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS:

(1) Yes. (2) (a) (i) (ii) (b) (c) (d)

1989/90 FINANCIAL YEAR

Name of project	Nature of project	Where situated	Estimated total capital cost	RSA contribution*
Mogwase Prison	Construction of a new prison	Mogwase	R18,746 million	R12,572 million
Odi Hospital	New regional hospital	Odi	R16,214 million	R13,171 million
Temba Cellblock	Construction of cells	Temba police station	R770 000	R539 000
Odi Prison Agri-cultural Project	Construction of a store and small abattoir	Odi	R253 000	R177 000
Magistrate's Offices	Additions at Taung and new office at Pamperstad	Taung and Pamperstad	R1,030 million	R721 000
Border Posts	Upgrading of border posts	Ramatlalana and Skilpadshak	R2,185 million	R1,530 million
Community Classrooms	Construction of classrooms	Various schools (89)	R5,780 million	R3,063 million

* The RSA contribution is reflected in the year when the agreement was signed, while expenditure is spread over a number of years.

Venda: financing of projects

493. Mr C W EGLIN asked the Minister of Foreign Affairs:

(1) Whether his Department approved any projects in Venda to be financed in part or in whole with moneys appropriated by

(2) (a) what is the (i) name and (ii) nature of the project, (b) where is it situated, (c) what is the estimated total capital cost of the project, and (d) how much of this cost is to be borne by the South African Government, in each case? *Handwritten: 14/6/90*

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THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS:

(1) Yes

(2) (a) (i) (ii) (b) (c) (d)

1989/90 FINANCIAL YEAR

Name of project	Nature of project	Where situated	Estimated total capital cost	RSA contribution*
Housing: seconded staff	Erection of 50 houses for seconded personnel	Sibasa	R5,510 million	R4,407 million

How many residents of each of the (a) self-governing territories and (b) independent Black states were employed in the Republic by the South African Government in 1989?
Answered 13/6/90 B1079E

THE MINISTER FOR ADMINISTRATION AND ECONOMIC CO-ORDINATION:

The required information is not available. In order to answer this question, the address details of more than 277 000 Black employees will have to be scrutinised.

Policemen killed/seriously injured

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

How many policemen, excluding policemen killed or injured in vehicle accidents or outside the Republic, were (a) killed and (b) seriously injured in the execution of their duties in 1989?
Answered 13/6/90 B1089E

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

- (a) 36
- (b) 164.

Imbali township: murders

489. Mr P C CRONIE asked the Minister of Law and Order:
Answered 13/6/90

- (1) How many murders of persons in Imbali Township were reported to the Plessislaer police station from 1 January 1990 up to the latest specified date for which information is available:
- (2) (a) How many (i) arrests have been made as a result of such reports and (ii) suspects so arrested have been refused bail and (b) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

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THE MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

- (1) 166
- (2) (a) (i) 33
(ii) 11
- (b) 31 May 1990.

Pietermaritzburg unrest: complaints against SAP/SADF
Answered 13/6/90 B1135E

490. Mr P C CRONIE asked the Minister of Law and Order:

- (1) How many complaints were laid against members of the (a) South African Police and (b) South African Defence Force in connection with unrest in the Pietermaritzburg district from 1 January 1990 up to the latest specified date for which information is available:
- (2) whether any charges have been laid or other steps have been taken as a result of such complaints; if not, why not; if so, (a) what charges or steps, (b) for what reasons, (c) against whom and (d) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

- (1) (a) 13
- (b) None.
- (2) Yes

- (a) 4 charges of murder;
- 3 charges of attempted murder;
- 2 charges of kidnapping;
- 1 charge of damage to property;
- 2 charges of assault;
- 1 charge of arson.

- (b) and (c) I do not consider it advisable to furnish this information because it may possibly prejudice the investigation and anticipate the legal process.
- (d) 1 January 1990 until 31 May 1990.

Thefts from cars

498. Mr H H SCHWARZ asked the Minister of Law and Order:

- (a) How many thefts from cars were reported in 1989 and (b) in how many cases were recoveries made?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

- (a) 122 385 instances.
- (b) Statistics in this regard are not kept.

Unrest unit: damage to vehicles/equipment

504. Adv J S PRINSLOO asked the Minister of Law and Order:

- (1) What is the amount of the damage caused to (a) (i) vehicles and (ii) other equipment of each specified unrest unit of the South African Police in unrest incidents in the Republic in 1990 and (b) how many Police vehicles have to be replaced as a result of having been damaged in such incidents;

in respect of what date in 1990 is this information furnished?
Answered 13/6/90 B1167E

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) (a) (i) Natal	R155 815,00
Northern Transvaal	R 5 300,00
Far Northern Transvaal	R 6 810,81
Eastern Transvaal	R 3 637,08
Witwatersrand	R 84 919,00
Orange Free State	R 64 915,00
Eastern Cape	R 24 319,59
Soweto	R 1 010,00
Western Cape	R 23 781,00
Northern Cape	R 8 700,00
Western Transvaal	R 62 538,00
Witwatersrand	R 3 840,00
Orange Free State	R 1 600,00

- (2) 1 January 1990 until 31 May 1990.

Own Affairs:

Rural councils

123. Mr A A BRUYER asked the Minister of the Budget and Local Government:

- (1) (a) How are rural councils to be administered and (b) what are the functions of these councils?

- (2) whether rural areas will have to pay rates levied by rural councils; if so, on what basis; if not, from what sources will the funds for such councils be obtained?

THE MINISTER OF THE BUDGET AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT:

- (1) (a) Rural councils are administered by officials of the Department of Local Government, Housing and Works. Where the Department cannot manage the administration on its own, officials of the Local Government Affairs Council or the regional services councils are used on an agency basis, as the case may be.
- (b) Rural councils should —

- (i) identify the needs of their communities and determine such needs in order of priority;
- (ii) state the needs of their communities at meetings of the regional services councils by means of their representatives and negotiate funds; and
- (iii) advise the Minister regarding powers which should, in terms of section 12A(6) of the Regional Services Councils Act, No 109 of 1985, be assigned to rural councils.

No powers have so far been assigned.

- (2) No. Section 12A(6) of the Regional Services Councils Act, No 109 of 1985, forbids it. The expenditure regarding the administration of a rural council shall be defrayed from funds appropriated by Parliament for such purpose which appears on the budget item of the Minister of the Budget and Local Government.

Suspects held in R2m fraud

OWN CORRESPONDENT

JOHANNESBURG. — Two employees of the First National Bank branch at Sandton City were arrested at the weekend in connection with alleged foreign exchange control contraventions and fraud involving about R2 million.

The bank's general manager, Mr Jimmy Mackenzie, said two "back office workers" were held on Saturday and that the police, the Reserve Bank and the bank's internal auditors were involved in investigations.

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The two employees — L Porter, 26, and Ms René Baba, 31 — will appear in the Randburg Regional Court tomorrow, according to a police spokeswoman.

The amount involved was "in the region" of R2 million, she said.

Mr Mackenzie said the two were arrested as the result of the vigilance of staff members.

The two had allegedly been working in co-operation with outsiders, he said.

It is not known over what period the alleged crimes were committed.

What price saving

Winnie's role in the Stompie affair puts the

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PATRICK LAURENCE

THE African National Congress faces a task of "damage control" now that the Supreme Court has found that Winnie Mandela was present on the night that four abducted youths were assaulted at her Diepkloof home in Soweto.

Mrs Mandela, of course, is not the ANC. She is, however, closely identified with it through her husband, Nelson Mandela, and through her long espousal of its cause.

One of the youths who was assaulted at her home was Stompie Mooketsi; according to evidence at the trial, he was accused by Mrs Mandela of being an informer.

His decaying body, punctured with stab wounds, was later found in Soweto. Jerry Richardson, coach of the Mandela United Football Club, was found guilty of murdering Stompie.

The evidence of the three youths who were abducted with Stompie — Kenneth Kgase, Thabiso Mona and Pelo Mekgwe — had the "ring of truth", Mr Justice B O'Donovan said.

Summarising part of their testimony, Mr Justice O'Donovan said: "Mrs Mandela punched and slapped each of them and called for a sjambok to be brought to her. Each of the four was beaten by Mrs Mandela."

One way, theoretically, in which the ANC can exercise "damage control" is to dissociate itself from Mrs Mandela. The pro-ANC Mass Democratic Movement took that option in February last year after news of the Stompie affair first broke.

It accused Mrs Mandela of abusing the trust placed in her, of violating the "spirit and ethos of the democratic movement" and — even at that pre-trial stage — of "complicity in the recent abductions and assault of Stompie." It called on "our people, particularly in Soweto", to dissociate themselves from Mrs Mandela while re-affirming its "unqualified support for Nelson Mandela". But that choice is, it seems, no longer open to the ANC.

Since the MDM's decision last year to "distance itself from Mrs Mandela and her actions", Mrs Mandela has gradually re-emerged as a "rehabilitated" figure in ANC-MDM ranks.

In recent months she has taken her place beside her husband at rallies in the townships at home and glittering banquets abroad. The MDM has, at the least, acquiesced with her public rehabilitation. To repudiate her a second time would be difficult and inconsistent.

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TOGETHERNESS . . . Winnie takes her place at her husband's side after his release from Victor Verster prison on February 11. More than any person symbolises the political aspirations of the ANC, she has made it clear that he

the ANC, has made it clear that he intends to stand by his wife. Only days before Mr Justice O'Donovan's judgement, the ANC leader accused the authorities of "persecuting" his wife.

His rationale was that by not prosecuting her they had deliberately denied her the opportunity of proving her innocence.

"When my wife is not charged and the whole case centres around her, she has no way of defending herself and her innocence," Mr Mandela said.

"They don't want to charge her and give her the opportunity of proving her innocence. My wife's reputation is being besmirched without her having an opportunity to reply."

Mrs Mandela, who, on the advice of her lawyer, chose not to testify as a witness for the defence in trial of Richardson, may still have a chance to prove her innocence in a court of law.

After Richardson has been sentenced — the trial has been postponed to August 6, to enable his legal counsel to lead psychiatric evidence in mitigation — a decision will be taken on whether or not to prosecute Mrs Man-

dela. Transvaal Attorney General Klaus von Lieres has said.

Until then the ANC can sit tight and refuse to comment on the grounds that a trial at which Mrs Mandela may be put in the dock, may be in the offing.

If Mrs Mandela is tried and acquitted, the ANC's problems may well be over on that score; if she is not tried or — worse still from the ANC's perspective — if she is tried and cannot prove her innocence, its problems may only have begun.

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One of them was Askari who today is police "anti-terrorist death squad" high former policemen Dir and Almond Nofemela.

Another witness at the hearings was Nokonde, niece of Ex-Cliskel

As the political pace increases, as the stakes become higher, the ANC's political foes will cast about for a stick to beat it with. Hence the pertinence of the Winnie Mandela saga.

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Price saving face?

The Stompie affair puts the ANC in a dilemma



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(Coincidentally, and ironically, the dreaded KwaNdebele vigilantes who tried to drag people into accepting KwaNdebele independence, were also known as the Mbokodo).

These accusations, in turn, stimulated memories in South Africa and overseas of the largely ignored US Senate hearings in 1982 on the role of the Soviet Union, Cuba and East Germany in fomenting terrorism in Southern Africa.

Organised by Senator Jeremiah Denton, who spent eight long years in a North Vietnamese prison camp and who had no love for communism or communists, or their allies, the hearings heard testimony from several ANC renegades.

One of them was Jeffrey Bosigo, who is presumably the same Askari who today serves in the police "anti-terrorist unit" or "death squad" highlighted by former policeman Dirk Coetzee and Almond Nofemela.

Another witness at the Denton hearings was Nokonono Kave. A niece of Ex-Ciskei President

Lennox Sebe's, she was converted to black consciousness by, she told the Denton sub-committee, its charismatic founder, Steve Biko.

After Biko's death she fled to Botswana, where she joined the ANC; from Botswana she travelled to Lusaka, Dar-es-Salaam, the Soviet Union, and back to Lusaka.

During that time, according to her testimony, she was subjected to continued pressure to repudiate her black consciousness beliefs

and embrace those of the ANC. Her harrowing tale included allegations of torture: injections to make her lose consciousness, deprivation of food, repeated interrogation, multiple rape, being forced to sleep in a room with human cadavers and constant denigration of Biko as a "CIA agent".

At the time Ms Kave's allegations were rejected and/or ignored it was assumed that she, like her co-testifiers, were South African agents co-operating with an embittered US Senator to discredit communism and movements like the ANC which co-operated with the commu-

nists. Since then, however, the ANC, through Mr Mandela, has admitted that torture did take place in ANC camps.

The Manichean view of the South African struggle as a fight between total good and absolute bad no longer holds. Allegations about the ANC that many people refused to hear or consider can no longer be dismissed without careful appraisal.

Mr Mandela's admission, made in response to allegations from the Nairobi group, was qualified by two important corollaries: that torture was not ANC general policy, that its occurrence was an intolerable aberration, and that those responsible had been disciplined.

These potentially damaging allegations have been muted by several factors. Perhaps the most significant is the South African government's own heavily tarnished record.

Since the introduction of internment without trial, nearly 70 people have died in detention, without a single policeman being brought to trial.

According to the Human Rights Commission, nearly 50 people, the vast majority of them anti-apartheid activists, have been murdered since 1977 in what appear to be political killings. No one has been brought to justice. These unsolved killings do not include cross-border assassinations.

Suspicion of State-sponsored terrorism have — to a large extent — neutralised allegations of ANC excesses in its camps.

But the ANC cannot assume that the same neutralisation will apply in future. As the political pace increases, as the stakes become higher, the ANC's political foes will cast about for a stick to beat it with.

Hence the political pertinence of the Winnie Mandela saga.

It gives resonance to accusations that the ANC has a "Stalinist" element, that it abuses power. It threatens to cancel the authority earned for the ANC by — to quote Nadine Gordimer in her testimony in 1988 for the defence in the Delmas 1 treason trial — the "moral sacrifice" of Mr Mandela and his comrades who were jailed in the Rivonia Trial of 1964.

If Mrs Mandela is not charged there will be allegations of a political deal between President F W de Klerk and Mr Nelson Mandela, struck in the interests of a Government-ANC settlement.

Mr de Klerk has already been accused of protecting Mrs Mandela from prosecution in an interjection in Parliament. It brought an adamant denial.

The allegations will undoubtedly be picked by forces to the Left of the ANC — pre-eminently the Pan-Africanist Congress — and used against it.

The need for the ANC to consider its "damage control" options carefully is as obvious as it is difficult.

Court sees video of murder scene

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By Cathy Stagg

A video of a murder scene was shown in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday, the first day of the trial of three men and a woman accused of robbing and murdering Johannesburg socialite Dianne Tollman (53).

The accused woman was Mrs Tollman's former maid.

Donald Khumalo (18), of Uptown Building, Abel Road, Berea; Godfrey Moerane (24), of 1832 Naledi; Thabo Makaleng (31), of Berea Boulevard, Abel

Road, Berea and Bettie Mamsie Mbuli (38), also of Uptown Building, Abel Road, Berea all pleaded not guilty to house-breaking with intent to rob and robbery with aggravating circumstances — alternatively contravening the Riotous Assemblies Act — and murder.

According to the indictment, Mrs Tollman dismissed Miss Mbuli at the end of January last year and Miss Mbuli was angry about the loss of her job and live-in accommodation. She al-

legedly incited the three men to break into Mrs Tollman's townhouse at 29 Twelfth Avenue, Parktown North, on the night of Monday, February 13 last year.

Mr Justice R A Solomon and his two assessors saw a video recording, taken by the police.

The camera panned through the elegant townhouse. Blood spatters were seen on a couch in the lounge and on cushions. In the main bedroom, a pair of glasses rested on a newspaper. A book lay on the floor. The bedding was disturbed and cupboards had been ransacked.

Mrs Tollman's body was discovered on the bathroom floor, wrapped in a sheet. Her hands and ankles were bound and toilet paper had been stuffed in her mouth. The cause of death was a combination of throttling and smothering, the court heard.

The trial continues.

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11 murders denied by Soweto man

By Cathy Stagg

A 22-year-old Soweto man, who allegedly went on a crime spree which included several mass murders, pleaded not guilty to 38 charges yesterday on the first day of his trial in the Rand Supreme Court.

Charles Zwane of Orlando West pleaded not guilty to 11 murders, 22 attempted murders, one count of arson, two counts of unlawful possession of an AK-47 and two counts of unlawful possession of ammunition. An alternative to one of the murder counts was contravening the law on explosive materials.

No explanation

The defence told Mr Justice Vermooten, who is presiding over the trial with two assessors, that no plea explanation would be given as the defence was trying to establish the existence of certain documents.

The charge sheet alleges Mr Zwane did the following:

- On December 26 1988, with a companion, he machine-gunned a number of people in a shebeen where two policemen lived.
- On January 20 last year, with two companions, he killed three men and injured one while shooting at two municipal policemen.
- On February 22, he went to a home of a youth who had allegedly killed a member of the Mandela Football Club and threw petrol bombs and shot at the house.
- On April 1 last year, after a fight in another shebeen, he

threw a hand grenade into the house as he left.

The court heard suggestions that the reason for the attack on an Orlando shebeen was that policemen lived there. This was denied by State witnesses.

And a weeping mother said in court she had heard the reason the house in which her 13-year-old daughter had died was set alight was because "Winnie Mandela's youngsters had a feud with Dudu Chidi's son".

Ntombana Mosomi wept as she described how she and her husband Alfred carried the burnt body of their 13-year-old daughter, Finkie, out of Dudu Chidi's house.

Mrs Mosomi said she had sent her daughters Finkie and Judith to their aunt's house to switch off the lights on February 22 last year. When they had not returned, she sent a boy named Thabo to fetch them. He returned saying that "Winnie Mandela's young men" had surrounded the house.

When Mrs Mosomi reached Mrs Chidi's blazing house, she shouted that the children inside were being killed. A man in a balaclava jumped into a minibus and drove away.

She found her daughter Judith with slight burns, Barbara Chidi with severe burns but Finkie, whose body was found in her aunt's bedroom, was already dead.

Witnesses to the attack on the Orlando shebeen described seeing the bleeding bodies of those who had died and how their own injuries had changed their lives.

(Proceeding.)

ANC hits at 'free
food' pamphlets

The ANC has asked whether the State or the AWB is behind anti-consumer boycott and anti-ANC pamphlets being distributed throughout the Eastern Transvaal.

"Who are these faceless people?" asked a spokesman for the ANC.

Some pamphlets say the ANC Nelspruit regional office secretary, Joe Nkuna, will provide free food to boycotters. — Highveld Bureau.

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R3 000 bail

By Celeste Louw

The managing director of a group of companies was granted bail of R3 000 by a Johannesburg Regional Court magistrate yesterday after being arrested for allegedly stealing R400 000 from his previous employers, National Finance.

Pierre Wolmarans (31) of Randburg told the court that police had started investigations into the alleged theft of R250 000 after he had told the Receiver of Revenue of large amounts of money not declared to them.

The investigating officer, Sergeant George Barnes, said that Mr Wolmarans was being investigated in connection with the alleged theft of R400 000.

The case was postponed to August 16.

20 held in ⁽³⁸⁾ Sebokeng hostel raid

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MORE than 20 arrests were made when over 5 000 Police and South African Defence Force members raided Sebokeng Hostel near Vereeniging on Tuesday night.

The raid follows several incidents of violence in the Vaal Triangle - notably that in which 27 people were killed in a clash between Inkatha and African National Congress supporters in Sebokeng on July 22.

During "Operation Panga", considered by the SAP to be one of the largest of its kind conducted in the Witwatersrand region, four people were arrested for possession of dagga, four for possession of property suspected to be stolen, six for the possession of unlawful firearms, one for possession of gold dust, two for possession of ammunition, six for being alleged prohibited immigrants and two for dealing in liquor without a licence.

The police also claimed that during a house-to-house search, "thousands of dangerous weapons" were found.

"No one was arrested in respect of these dangerous weapons," the statement said.

The police said in a statement that the purpose of the operation was mainly crime prevention and the aim was to "assure law-abiding residents that the police are there to render a service and protection". - Sapa.

Weapons seized in township swoop

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THOUSANDS of dangerous weapons, including a number of illegal firearms, were found on Tuesday night during an extensive search of houses and Sebokeng's hostel by police.

Coined by the SAP "Operation Panga", more than 5 000 men were involved and it was described as one of the biggest operations of its kind. The SADF played a supporting role.

More than 20 arrests were made during the raid.

Death toll

Police said the raid was in reaction to the violence which had gripped the Vaal Triangle township for most of last week when 27 people lost their lives during clashes between Inkatha and ANC/Cosatu supporters.

Witwatersrand SAP liaison officer Col Frans Malherbe said the official death toll had been 18, but more deaths had come to light bringing the total to 27.

During the raid four people were arrested for possession of dagga, four for possession of suspected stolen property, six for having unlawful firearms, two for possession of ammunition, six for allegedly being

illegal immigrants, two for illegal liquor trading and one for possession of gold dust.

During a house-to-house search police seized "thousands of dangerous weapons", although no-one was arrested in this regard.

Malherbe said arrests presented a practical problem in that the law regarding dangerous weapons required that ownership be proved beyond doubt before an arrest could be made.

"There was no way we could prove ownership in houses and rooms that are overpopulated. The other problem is that they throw the weapons out of the windows as soon as they hear the police knocking on their doors," he said.

"It would have led to a prolonged investigation and the obtaining of statements from people who in any case would not be willing to supply statements," Malherbe said.

Police said yesterday the purpose of the operation was crime prevention and also to make Sebokeng's law-abiding residents aware that they could rely on the SAP for protection and service.

Dead woman's mouth was tightly bound, court hears

Court Reporter

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Dianne Tollman (53), who was found dead in her luxury Parktown North townhouse on February 14 last year, had had her nose and mouth tightly bound with a sheet and towel, the Rand Supreme Court heard yesterday.

David Khumalo (18) of Berea, Godrey Moreane (24) of Naledi, Thabo Malaleng (31) of Berea and Mrs Tollman's former domestic employee, Bettie Mamsie Mbuli (38) of Berea, pleaded not guilty to murder and to house-breaking and robbery with aggravating circumstances, at the start of the trial on Wednesday.

Yesterday, after hearing argument, Mr Justice R A Solomon ruled that statements made during the preparatory hearing

to a magistrate could be read into the record.

Mr Khumalo, questioned by the magistrate after he had pleaded guilty in the lower court, said he and Mr Moreane had gone to 29 12th Avenue, Parktown North, Johannesburg, to break in. He had not intended to kill anyone.

He said he had met Mrs Tollman in the lounge. "I frightened her. She stood still, then I grabbed her and tied her up. I tied a sheet around her mouth as well as a towel." Her nose and mouth were tightly covered.

He told the magistrate he tied Mrs Tollman up because he did not want to have her "chasing us around the house" while they were removing goods, which they intended to sell.

THE STOMPIE TRIAL

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By MARION DUNCAN

MANDELA football team coach Jerry Richardson will be sentenced tomorrow on convictions of kidnapping, assault, attempted murder and the murder of 14-year-old activist Stompie Moeketsi Seipei.

It is also the day on which Witwatersrand Attorney-General Klaus von Lieres und Wilkau will start deliberating about whether to charge Winnie Mandela as an accessory.

The sensational Richardson trial took place in the Rand Supreme Court in May. It lasted three weeks, during which a shocked courtroom heard witness after witness recite a damning litany, not only against 42-year-old Richardson, but also against the "Mother of the Nation", Mrs Mandela.

She was said to have started a vicious series of assaults on three kidnap victims (Kenneth Kgase, Barend Thabiso Mono and Gabriel Pelo Mekgwe) as well as on Stompie, and to have participated in a session of sjambokking that took place in her Diepkloof house on December 29 1988.

Her home was the scene of beatings so brutal that blood splattered the walls, curtains, floors and ceilings, the court heard.

She was quoted as telling the four youths they were "not fit to be alive", and of accusing Stompie — who was known as the "Little General" — of being a "sell-out".

Drama

Mrs Mandela featured in as much testimony as the accused himself, who told the court at one stage: "She is like the God we pray to. Everybody is talking about her, but nobody knows her."

Richardson's lawyers wanted Mrs Mandela to testify for their client, and made repeated efforts to contact her. Finally they wrote a letter to Mandela family lawyer Ismael Ayob asking for "the opportunity to consult with Mrs Mandela".

In a dramatic courtroom move, advocate H H Joubert (for Richardson) put his assistant Kathleen Satchwell on the stand to read the letter, and Mr Ayob's reply: "We have consulted with Mrs Mandela and have advised her not to make herself available to give evidence in the matter."

But the lawyers then went to the length of calling as a witness a woman from Brandfort in the Free State who had never met or seen the accused man, and who had no knowledge whatsoever of any of the events leading to his prosecution.

Pall over Winnie as killer of boy faces the noose

Her sole purpose was to give Mrs Mandela an alibi for the time when the assaults were taking place: December 29 to 31 1988.

The judge, Mr Justice B O'Donovan, however, said that the woman's evidence placing Mrs Mandela in Brandfort "did not impress". And he made a special finding in his judgment that Mrs Mandela had been present for at least part of the time during the assaults.

On Richardson himself, the judge was unequivocal: he had lied to the court, and had several times failed to explain events satisfactorily.

Evidence that he had kidnapped the four youths and beaten them was undeniable, as was the evidence on his attempted murder of Ikaneng Lerothodi by stabbing him with the blade of a pair of garden shears.

Death

Although evidence linking him to the murder of Stompie was circumstantial, objective facts — including his own statements about the youngster being "dumped" or killed — clearly indicated his guilt.

So Richardson, a former Soweto street committee chairman and suspected police informer before his employment by Mrs Mandela, could get the death sentence tomorrow.

And Mrs Mandela — who recently told an American talk show host she would welcome the opportunity to defend herself in court — may soon get that chance.

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The murder trial into the death of teenage activist Stompie Moeketsi Seipei (14) resumes today in the Rand Supreme Court with the sentencing of Mandela United Football Club coach Jerry Richardson (41).

Richardson had earlier been convicted of the murder of Stompie in a much-publicised court case.

During the trial, the judge found that Winnie Mandela must

Stompie case: sentence today

have been present on the evening of the assaults at her home which subsequently lead to the death of Stompie.

The Attorney-General of the Witwatersrand Local Division, Klaus von Lieres und Wilkau, said he would decide, after sentence had been passed, whether

or not Mrs Mandela would be prosecuted.

Richardson, the soccer club coach and Mrs Mandela's former bodyguard, was convicted in May this year of the murder of the Tumahole activist and sent for psychological tests.

R350 000 taken in string of holdups

By Craig Kotze

A series of weekend hold-ups in Johannesburg, Sandton and on the East Rand netted robbers cash and goods worth more than R350 000, police said.

In Johannesburg, a suspect was shot and wounded by a robbery victim at Park Station after a gang held up two men on Friday night.

Antonio da Souza (19) of Roo-depoort and a friend were held up and robbed of R300 by four knifemen. Mr de Souza ran after the robbers and fired shots. One suspect was wounded and arrested.

The wounded man was hit in the lower back and is in the Hillbrow Hospital.

Gunmen

A gang raided two homes in Kew, tying up domestic workers and taking goods worth R90 000. The attacks took place in Fifth and Helen Streets.

In both cases, the stolen goods were loaded on to a bakkie.

Seven gunmen grabbed R45 000 from the Sales House clothing store in Second Street, Wynberg, on Saturday afternoon. The gang fled on foot.

Two robbers took an undisclosed amount of cash — police said it was "several thousands of rand" — from the Natal

Building Society on the corner of Pretoria and Quartz streets in Hillbrow at 7.45 am on Saturday.

In Jeppe, three gunmen made off with R12 000, two watches — one worth R1 000 — and liquor after locking up the owner and staff on Saturday in a walk-in fridge at the Leaders Liquor Store, Marshall Street.

In central Johannesburg, Pep Stores on the corner of Eloff and Salisbury streets was robbed of R6 000 at 9.50 am on Saturday.

And at Berry's Pharmacy in De Villiers Street, five gunmen grabbed R5 000 and bottles of after-shave.

The Star's East Rand Bureau reports that a wave of holdups, two of which ended up in shooting incidents, netted robbers almost R200 000.

In Elsburg, three gunmen held up Pieter Nienaber (67) and ordered him to open a safe before fleeing with R143 000.

In Tembisa, Albert Mashao (35) was robbed of over R26 000 at a service station.

An Alberton video shop was robbed of R14 000 by two gunmen.

A Boksburg man, R Ross (53) and his friend, a Mr Skelton, were overpowered by four knifemen and robbed of a firearm and more than R8 500 in cash after drawing money for a company on Friday.

Fatal shooting, rape: 2 constables arrested

By Anna Louw,
East Rand Bureau

East Rand Murder and Robbery Squad detectives are still hunting the killers of a night duty matron at the Kosmos Centre for the Aged in Boksburg who was shot dead early on Friday morning.

Veronica van der Merwe (39) of Brakpan died when she was shot twice in the neck.

Mrs van der Merwe, who worked at the centre in Van Dyk Park, apparently heard a noise at the door at 3 am.

She went to investigate and is assumed to have caught the intruders breaking in.

A police spokesman said Beauty Malla, also an employee at the centre, was behind her.

Before she could get to the door, Mrs Malla heard the matron shout: "What are you doing here?"

Mrs Malla heard two shots and ran to assist Mrs van der Merwe, who had collapsed in a pool of blood, but she was already dead.

Mrs van der Merwe is survived by her husband, Eben, and their son, Renier (17).

She will be buried from the Apostolic Faith Mission Church in central Brakpan tomorrow.

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stacked up pits between deals. One stockbroker said that the gilt traders were getting tired of constantly tripping over the futures pits. "And now they at least have a place to sit," he said. Picture: ROBERT BOTHA

Decision to kill 'was taken at Mandela club meeting'

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AN ANC member testified in court on Friday that she was told that Winnie Mandela had mandated her football club to kill her son and another youth because they were "problematic". *Blom 6/8/90*

Dudu Chili was giving evidence at the trial of Charles Bongani Zwane, 22, who has pleaded not guilty to 11 counts of murder and 22 counts of attempted murder.

The charges arise out of his alleged involvement in four shooting incidents in Soweto between December 1988 and April 1 last year.

In one of the incidents on February 22 last year, Zwane allegedly burnt Chili's Orlando West home and murdered her 13-year-old niece Finkie Msomi.

The state alleges the house was attacked because of claims that Chili's son Sibusiso had killed a Mandela Football Club member. Chili said it happened because she would not allow her boys to become club members.

Chili told the court that she and her son had been arrested on February 22 for the murder of Mandela Football club member Maxwell Madondo. She was subsequently acquitted.

Chili testified on Friday that another youth, Dodo, had told her about a football club meeting called by Mandela at which the decision to kill Sibusiso was taken.

She said players left the club because of the things that happened at Mandela's house.

Asked by counsel whether they risked being killed if they ran away, Chili replied that they did.

Suspects found in 6 hours

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It took about six hours from the arrest of the first suspect to the completion of the investigation into the alleged murder and robbery of Dianne Tollman (53) in her Parktown North, Johannesburg, townhouse, the Rand Supreme Court heard yesterday.

Herman van Straten, a detective constable with the Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad, told Mr Justice R A Solomon and two assessors that he was one of the field team who went to Mrs

Tollman's home on February 14 last year. They tracked down Mrs Tollman's former maid, Betty Mbuli, and arrested her.

Mrs Mbuli (38) and her co-accused, Donald Khumalo (18), Godrey Moreane (24) and Thabo Malaleng (31) have pleaded not guilty to both counts.

By 7 am on February 15, the police had traced the taxi driver who allegedly transported the men to and from the townhouse.

The hearing continues.

Richardson ready to die for Winnie Mandela, court told

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By Cathy Stagg (38) (2000)

Jerry Vusi Muzi Richardson, ex-coach of the Mandela Football Club, "fears and admires Winnie Mandela so much he feels the need to protect her, even to the point of dying", clinical psychologist Midge Doepel said in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

Richardson (41) was convicted in May of the murder of Stom-

pie Seipei (14) and of 10 other counts including kidnapping and attempted murder.

Mrs Doepel told the court Richardson was mildly retarded, with a practical IQ of 63.

She said soccer was the only area where he had a positive identity, and a lack of identity made him easily influenced. "That he lived in Mrs Mandela's

house and was accepted by her were status symbols to him. He appears to idolise Mrs Mandela," Mrs Doepel added.

Although he felt guilty about the pain of Stompie's mother, he otherwise showed no remorse which indicated elements of psychopathy.

The trial continues.

Mandela football coach retarded — psychologist

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THE murderer of teenager Stompie Seipei, former Mandela United Football team coach Jerry Richardson, was mildly retarded and suffering from a mixed personality disorder, a clinical psychologist told the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

Midge Doepel was the first witness called by Richardson's defence team when his trial resumed to hear evidence on extenuation yesterday.

Richardson, 41, was found guilty in May by Mr Justice B O'Donovan and two assessors of murdering Seipei, 14, in January last year.

He was also convicted of kidnapping Seipei, Kenneth Kgase, Barend Thabiso Mono and Gabriel Pelo Mekgwe from the Soweto manse of Methodist Minister Paul Verryn on December 28 1988, and taking them to Winnie Mandela's house, where he assaulted them.

Prior to the assaults the youths were accused of sleeping with Verryn. Seipei was accused of being a

police informer.

Richardson was also found guilty of attempting to murder Andrew Ikaneng in January last year.

He had pleaded not guilty to the charges, but admitted hitting the four. He also denied Winnie Mandela took part in the assaults on the four youths or was present at the time.

Kgase, Mono and Mekgwe all told the court that Mandela had taken part in the assaults on them.

Doepel told the court Richardson suffered from a mixed personality disorder, had an IQ of 63 and was slightly mentally retarded. His low level of intellectual functioning, limited educational background and deprived childhood all had a bearing on the degree to which he had been able to develop himself.

His interests were limited to soccer. "Jerry's main support was the soccer club, which provided him with acceptance and a positive sense of

self. This related also to 'the struggle', which was the ideological framework with which Jerry identified.

"The fact that Winnie Mandela accepted him and that he lived in her house was also a status symbol and meaningful to him. He appears to idealise Mrs Mandela."

Doepel said Richardson's regressive dependency needs were explicit in his calling Mandela "Mommy".

"One can hypothesise that a reason for his persistent lying could be a perceived need to protect her at all costs as the source of his self-worth, even to the point of 'dying for the struggle', which is how his present situation is conceptualised," she said.

Under cross-examination State counsel Chris van Vuuren put it to Doepel that if her findings that Richardson was retarded were correct, he would not be fit to stand trial.

"I think he is fit to stand trial," she replied. "His level of mental retardation is mild, just below normal."

The trial continues today.

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Hijack suspect wounded, second man arrested

By Anna Louw,
East Rand Bureau

An alleged hijacker was wounded and another man arrested when a group of five armed men opened fire on two policemen in Daveyton, near Benoni, yesterday.

Police said Johannes Maseko was delivering goods at the Shaba Tuck Shop when five men, two armed with guns and three with knives, confronted him and his two assistants.

The men robbed the three of R1 400 cash and commandeered the truck.

The men ordered Mr Maseko to stop the truck about 3 km away, broke open the safe in the back of the truck and fled.

The shopowner called the police when the truck was hijacked.

Constables E Nhami and M Nlabati arrived and saw the fleeing men in the veld.

One of the alleged hijackers fired three shots at the policemen, who fired back, wounding one man in the right arm and shoulder.

The policemen arrested another man and took possession of a firearm.

● Jacob Kgwetse (28) was delivering furniture for Joshua Doore, Boksburg, in Vosloorus when a group of men in a bakkie forced him off the road and threatened him with a garden fork before stealing the Isuzu truck, registration NTM 218 T, with a load of furniture valued at R105 000.

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Judgment today in Stompie trial

Cathy Stagg

Was Jerry Vusi Muzi Richardson (42) a product of his environment whose "terrible qualities" were used by people in the struggle, including Winnie Mandela — or was Richardson a leader who killed a small, defenceless boy?

These were the two arguments presented to Mr Justice B O'Donovan in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

Today the judge is expected to pass judgment on whether or not there are extenuating or aggravating circumstances present in five crimes that could result in death penalties.

Although the death sentence is no longer mandatory, the judge has the discretion to pass the death penalty for four kidnappings and the murder of Stompie Seipei (14).

H Joubert, appearing for Richardson, argued he could not have walked away from Mrs Mandela, in whose house he lived. Mrs Mandela had taken two trained terrorists to Richardson's house for safety, but they had been killed in a shoot-out with police and Richardson's house had been damaged. Richardson then went to live at Mrs Mandela's Diepkloof home.

He was the coach of the Mandela Football Team, part of the struggle and close to Mrs Mandela, all of which he regarded as status symbols, Mr Joubert said.

When Mrs Mandela told the four youths they were not fit to be alive, and began to assault them, Richardson could not have refused to take part or have gone to the police, Mr Joubert said. He argued violence was the norm in Soweto.

C van Vuren, for the State, disputed that violence was a norm in black townships. Many people grew up with violence around them but did not regard it as normal, he said.

He disagreed that Richardson moved into Mrs Mandela's house because he had nowhere else to go. Richardson's wife and two daughters lived elsewhere.

Mr van Vuren said the psychological profile of Richardson, presented by a clinical psychologist called by the defence, was based on invalid tests and conflicted with the facts.

Richardson had no way out ³⁸ counsel

SUBAN RUSSELL

IF JERRY Richardson had withdrawn and not participated in the assaults on teenager Stompie Seipei and three other youths, he would have lost his involvement with the Mandela Football Club, the struggle and Winnie Mandela herself, the Rand Supreme Court was told yesterday.

"Everything that gave meaning to his life would have been lost, so he could not withdraw," his counsel, H Joubert, said in his closing argument yesterday.

Richardson, 42, has been found guilty of murdering 14-year-old Seipei on January 1 or January 2 last year.

He has also been convicted by Mr Justice O'Donovan and two assessors of kidnapping Seipei and three other youths from the manse of Methodist minister Paul Verryn on December 28 1988 and taking them to Winnie Mandela's home, where he assaulted them.

Seipei was accused of being a police informer.

Joubert said Richardson's "terrible qualities" set out in the psychologist's report could be easily exploited by people, particularly people involved in the struggle, like Winnie Mandela.

"As a result of his financial and emotional deprivation and limited intellectual capacity, the accused was unable to escape from the society in which he

was born, where violence was the accepted norm," Joubert said.

"His only escape was his soccer, and unfortunately his soccer led him straight to Mrs Mandela and the circumstances under which these crimes were committed."

Richardson saw Winnie Mandela as a person to be admired, followed and to be near.

During 1988, according to the evidence, Winnie Mandela brought two terrorists to Richardson's house.

"Mrs Mandela trusted him enough to provide a home for those two trained men," Joubert said.

When police later raided the house, the two men and a policeman died and the house was damaged. Richardson was arrested.

After his release two weeks later, Richardson went to Mandela's house, where he received food and shelter.

"The accused revered Mrs Mandela," Joubert said. "He wanted to repay her for giving him a home."

"The fact that she accepted him and he lived in her house was a status symbol."

Joubert submitted that, on the evidence, Winnie Mandela was involved in the assaults on the four youths.

Mr Justice O'Donovan will decide on extenuation today.

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Richardson sentenced to death

By Cathy Stagg

Jerry Richardson, former coach of the Mandela United football team, was sentenced to death yesterday for the murder of teenage activist Stompie Seipei.

Richardson was early last year convicted in the Rand Supreme Court of murdering Stompie, then aged 14.

Mr Justice O'Donovan said the crime was particularly brutal and that Stompie was "hardly more than a child".

Richardson was also sentenced to a total of 18 years' jail on charges of four kidnappings, attempted murder and assault.

"The murder was the culminating event after prolonged ill-treatment. When Stompie was removed from the Mandela household, he was already severely injured.

Premeditated

"The murder was obviously premeditated," the judge said.

The court heard that Richardson and others kidnapped four youths and took them to Winnie Mandela's Diepkloof, Soweto, house. There they were accused of various things, Stompie of being a police informer.

Mr H Joubert, counsel for the defence, argued that Richardson, who lived at Mrs Mandela's house, was motivated by a desire to get Mrs Mandela's approval.

The judge remarked: "It is difficult to see how kidnapping and murder can be mitigated by a desire to please anybody."

Mr Justice O'Donovan also reject-



Jerry Richardson (left) was yesterday sentenced to death for the murder of teenage activist Stompie Seipei (right). He was also sentenced to 18 years in jail.

ed as a mitigating circumstance Richardson's belief that Stompie was an informer. He found no mitigating circumstances, but several aggravating features.

Anti-apartheid organisations yesterday declined to comment on the imposition of the death sentence on Richardson, and Mrs Mandela could not be reached for comment.

Murphy Morobe, who last year called for the isolation of Mrs Mandela over the Stompie affair, also told The Star he had nothing to say.

The Attorney-General of the Witwatersrand Local Division, Mr Klaus von Lieres, last night said he would make a decision late next week on whether or not to prosecute Mrs Winnie Mandela for her alleged involvement in events leading up to the death of Stompie Moketsi.

● Mrs Virginia Richardson and her daughter Mabel said yesterday the sentence meant the beginning of a better life for them, a life without

the constant fear they experienced since Richardson began "moving around with young boys" as the coach of the football club.

"I will not cry for him. Although I am deeply hurt, I think to myself that Stompie's mother and the parents whose children were involved in this also wept for their children," said Mrs Richardson.

The Richardsons have two daughters, Linah (22) and Mabel (20). Linah is in hospital after giving birth to the couple's first grandson born on July 9.

When he was granted bail his wife and daughter fled and went into hiding after he threatened to kill them.

They moved back to the house only after he was convicted and his bail withdrawn.

Shout

They produced letters Richardson had written in prison, tormenting them and demanding that they be present in court for the sentencing.

"He said I must be present so I can climb on the roof and shout to everyone that he is to hang."

His daughter Mabel said she could not believe her ears when she heard the judge sentence her father to death, although moments before the court resumed for sentence, Richardson had spoken to her and told her he was certain he was going to get the death sentence.

"Our neighbours must be happy. He would stand outside and shout at the top of his voice that unlike them he was a famous man, and had appeared on television and in the newspapers," she said.

Richardson given death sentence.

SUSAN RUSSELL

MANDELA United football coach Jerry Richardson smiled as he was led to the Rand Supreme Court cells yesterday after being sentenced to death for the murder of teenager Stompie Sepei.

"Watch out for Inkatha," the 42-year-old condemned man called to members of the public gallery.

He was also sentenced to a total of 18 years imprisonment for kidnapping, assault and attempted murder.

Mr Justice O'Donovan said the murder of Sepei on January 1 or 2 last year was a

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Richardson guilty

particularly brutal one carried out on a victim who was hardly more than a child.

Richardson was found guilty of kidnapping Sepei and three other youths from the Soweto manse of Methodist minister the Rev Paul Verryn on December 28 1988.

The four were taken to the home of Winnie Mandela where they were assaulted while being questioned about alleged sexual misconduct with Verryn. Sepei was accused of being a police informer.

Mr Justice O'Donovan said the psychologist's report submitted to the court by the defence created the impression that Richardson was a very sick man subject to a number of mental disabilities, including

mental retardation, signs of psychopathy and organic brain damage.

The report, he said, put Richardson's intellectual functioning at a low level.

"In cross-examination however, a rather different picture emerged," said the judge.

Psychologist Midge Doepel had considerably modified the conclusions in her report under cross-examination and in any event, the judge said, her findings were refuted by the court's observation of Richardson's behaviour during the trial.

Richardson can appeal to the Appellate Division in Bloemfontein in terms of the recent Criminal Law Amendment Act.

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Richardson gets death sentence

By MARTIN NTSOELNGOE

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WHEN he was sentenced to death for the murder of 14-year-old activist Stompie Sepei, burly Jerry Vusi Richardson turned to his friends in the public gallery and said: "Don't worry about me. I am all right, but you should look out for Inkatha."

He was stunned for a moment when Judge O'Donovan told him he could only impose the death sentence. But he recovered quickly, smiled and waved to the court.

Judge O'Donovan drew murmurs from the packed public gallery when he said: "The crime was particularly brutal and Stompie was hardly more than a child. The murder was obviously premeditated."

Richardson's counsel HH Joubert argued that his client, who lived at Winnie Mandela's house, was motivated by a desire to get her approval.

The judge remarked: "It is difficult to see how

murder and kidnapping can be mitigated by the desire to please anybody."

The judge rejected as mitigation Richardson's belief that Stompie was an informer.

Minutes after Richardson was sentenced, his wife Virginia told reporters it meant the beginning of a better life for them — a life without the constant fear they had experienced after Richardson began "moving with young boys" as coach of the Mandela Football Club.

Outside the court a small group of women softly sang songs of praise for Stompie.

Virginia put up a brave face and said: "I will not cry for him although I am deeply hurt."

Richardson got five years for kidnapping four youths from the Methodist Manse in Orlando East on December 29, 1988, three years for assaulting them at Winnie Mandela's Diepkloof Extension home, and eight years for the attempted murder of

Andrew Ikaneng.

Trouble for Richardson and members of the Mandela Football Club began after they raided the Methodist Manse in Orlando East.

This was after Xoliswa Falati, who stayed at the church, went to the Mandela house and reported that resident minister Paul Verryn practiced sodomy with the boys.

A few days later Richardson and members of the football club kidnapped Stompie Moeketsi Sepei, 14, Kenneth Kgase, Pelo Mekgwe and Thabo Mono.

They were interrogated and assaulted by members of the club at Mandela's house in Diepkloof.

Stompie was reputed to be a leader of more than 1 500 youths in Tumahole, Parys.

Kgase said Sepei had been targeted for assault because Winnie and the football team believed he was a police spy.

After a day of "interrogation" Stompie shivered, continuously sobbed and could not eat.

Three State witnesses told the court the day before Stompie vanished, Richardson wore an overall and old canvas shoes.

They last saw Stompie after Richardson had ordered him to pack his belongings and follow him.

The following morning they saw bloodstains on Richardson's shoes.

After the attempted murder of Ikaneng, Kgase escaped from Winnie's Diepkloof house and reported the incident to Rev Paul Verryn and other ministers.

Ikaneng, a former member of the club, was abducted in a Soweto street and taken to a veld where a garden shear blade was used to cut his throat.

Ikaneng's life was saved by nurses who took him to Baragwanath Hospital.



Mandela Football Club coach Jerry Richardson ... sentenced to death for killing Stompie.

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Women bonded by loss

By SOPHIE TEMA

TWO women robbed of their beloved ones - one a son and the other a husband - shared the sorrow, pain and agony death had brought into their lives.

Stompie's mother, Jerry's wife share their pain and sorrow

This week Joyce Mamanki Seipei, mother of teenage activist Stompie Mokekezi Seipei, came face to face with Virginia, the wife of Jerry Vusumuzi Richardson - coach of the Mandela United Football Club, who was this week found guilty in the Rand Supreme Court for her son's murder.

Stompie and four other youths were abducted from an Orlando West Methodist Mansie, and his corpse was later found in a veld near Noordgesig, in Soweto.

The court sentenced Richardson to death for the "obvious, pre-meditated and brutal murder" of Stompie.

While Stompie's mother spoke of her son as the child who was the "cream in her coffee", Richardson's wife Virginia told of 20 bitter and agonising years of marriage with the man she once loved and cherished.

Joyce said Stompie often complained about their poverty and

dreamt of becoming a rich man who would build her a large house. At the same time he often said he was not going to live long.

"I did not take his talk seriously because I thought he was a child. I only realised later that he had predicted his death."

She put her arms around Virginia, and said: "I felt a deep wound in my heart after the death of my son and today it is as if that wound has been re-opened. I feel the same for your husband, but there is nothing much I can do."

In reply Virginia said: "I did not expect such a warm reception from a woman whose child was so brutally murdered by a person I call my husband."

"As I sat in court listening to the evidence describing the gruesome circumstances of your son's death, I wished to meet you and tell you how sorry I was for what had happened but I always imagined you would be un-

willing to meet me."

Virginia said she believed her husband had to pay for what he did.

She said: "I and my children feel the pain in our hearts for what has happened to him but Stompie's mother and the other parents whose children were involved also felt the pain and wept too."

"I have no doubt that where the spirits of those who have departed from this earth are gathered he will one day meet Stompie and will have to explain why he killed him."

Virginia said Richardson lived only for the three W's - Wine, Women and War.

"I was married to him for only a year when he began showing his true colours. I hoped he would change but he went from bad to worse."

"I always prayed to God to help him repent, but things became so bad that we were divided between bed and table."

"He often chased me and the chil-

dren out of the house because he wanted to stay with other women.

"He sometimes brought other women into the house in my presence and slept with them but for the sake of peace I always turned a blind eye."

"On two occasions he threatened to kill me - once with a gun and on the other with a knife. I was saved by the screams of one of my children."

"He instilled fear into me, his children, the neighbours and some of our relatives."

"He was wicked and showed no respect for others so much so that when he was at home neighbours kept away from us because they feared him."

Virginia said she and her children would not shed a tear for him, although the hurt would remain.

Virginia said she believed Jerry's sentencing was God's plan because at last they had a place to stay. Before then she and her child lived in hiding with no fixed place of abode.

"We only returned to our house after his detention, and his conviction means the quality of our life will improve. We will now be able to live without the shame he brought upon us."



Face to face... Joyce, mother of Stompie reads a verse from the Bible with Virginia Richardson.

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Fear

By SANDILE MEMELA

Strips Diepkloof

DIEPKLOOF - favoured territory of the notorious jackroller gangs - has become the gun capital of Soweto.

At least five people die there of gunshots every weekend, said police spokesman Lt Tienie Halgryn. Police have identified this Soweto township as the one area where rampant shootings, resembling Mafia-style gang warfare take place.

The "jackrolling" phenomenon also has its roots in Diepkloof.

Jackrollers are gangsters that have instilled fear into residents through crimes like violent robbery, rape, hijacking and a general disregard for societal values.

In the past two weeks, at least five people have been shot dead in Diepkloof while armed robbers made off with a R287 000 pension payout.

During the pension payout robbery at the Diepkloof community hall, shots were fired, wounding a policeman in the legs.

Halgryn expressed concern at the wide availability of guns in Soweto, especially in Diepkloof. The rise of the jackrollers and car hijacking in

Five people die every weekend in Mafia-style shootouts, say police

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Soweto has seen a drastic increase in the number of firearms in the area. Residents have also expressed strong concern.

"It is difficult to say how many guns are available in Soweto. But we know a lot of people possess guns illegally in the area," Halgryn said, stressing that police had embarked on a concerted effort to recover the firearms.

He said police recovered at least 20 firearms every month - from robbers as well as ordinary residents. Most of the firearms were discovered during road-blocks and crime prevention swoops.

Although there have been shooting incidents at schools, Halgryn said the possession of guns among pupils was not yet a big problem.

He also said unlicensed firearms outnumbered legal ones, but he could not say how many licensed firearms were in Soweto, adding thugs got hold of guns through housebreaking and theft and by rob-

bing security guards and municipal guards.

He also told *City Press* most Soweto crime involved murders, gang warfare and revenge missions.

"There is a tendency for people to take the law into their own hands and not report crimes to the police. This has worsened crime in Soweto as people are encouraged to possess guns," said Halgryn.

The most daring, frightening crimes are committed in Diepkloof:

Notorious jackroller Jeff Brown lived and operated in the area. Brown was killed early this year and his alleged successor, Sipiwe "Makhekhe" Hlatwayo, was killed in July, also in Diepkloof.

Two more jackrollers, Wiseman Tenza and Philip "Manjaro" Shabalala were shot dead at a shopping centre in Diepkloof Zone Five in August.

Pop star Sello "Chicco" Twala narrowly escaped death during a shooting incident with jackrollers. His driver was however injured by unknown gangsters.

There have also been running battles between political activists and jackrollers in the area. Archie Maluleka, a founder-member of the Diepkloof branch of Cosas was allegedly killed by jackrollers this year.

One of Maluleka's friends, Patrick Raletshena, was injured in the same clash in Diepkloof Zone Three.

Three days after Maluleka was killed, student activist Mandla Vilakazi was shot dead in Zone Three. The killings were described as "professional".

Said Halgryn: "Residents do not give the police information and this has worsened the situation."

He stressed that killings and revenge missions were no solution.

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Tragedy as vigilantes gun down two brothers

By SANDILE MEMELA

A SOWETO schoolteacher died in a hail of bullets in Diepkloof recently when he was mistaken for his brother who had allegedly been on the hitlist of vigilantes hunting "jackrollers".

Vuyani Tenza, 24, woke up in his backyard room and staggered into an ambush outside his parents' home at 6am on July 22.

Moments earlier seven bullets had smashed through the wall of his room and he had gone outside to investigate.

Two days later Vuyani's younger brother Wiseman, 19, was hunted down by the alleged killers and shot dead in cold blood in the streets at 10am.

Their mother Clara Tenza has denied her children were "jackrollers".

"I have brought up the two boys to be decent, responsible adults and I resent their being called jackrollers. My children's lives have been wasted because of a misunderstanding," she said.

Vuyani was a teacher at a senior secondary school in Protea and graduated from Sebokeng Teachers' Training College. He had been teaching for three years.

Relatives told *City Press* that Vuyani's alleged killers had mistaken him for Wiseman, known as "Porters", who had been a target of the squad hunting down "jackrollers".

But Mrs Tenza said Wiseman could not be a "jackroller" as he stayed with a live-in girlfriend.

Before Wiseman was gunned down, family members claim a group of youths burst into the house in search of him and to establish the identity of Vuyani.

The youths assaulted Clara, demanding she reveal the whereabouts of her son.

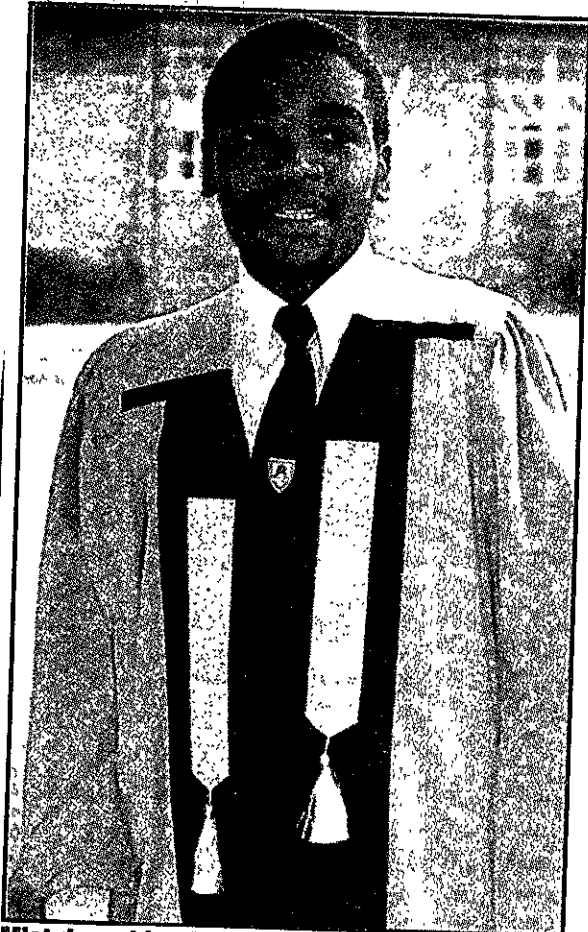
Girlfriend and mother of Wiseman's child, Mpumi Mbatha, said the youths slapped and punched Clara before threatening to return to kill her son.

"They beat her with gun butts and fired randomly in the house, destroying the television set. The children were terrified," said Mbatha.

The youths also ripped out the telephone and took away a video recorder.

The family held a joint funeral for the brothers last Sunday.

The two are survived by their mother Clara and two sisters Nonceba, 22, and Malibongwe, 13.



Mistaken Identity... Soweto teacher Vuyani Tenza died in a hail of vigilante bullets.

AG still to decide on Winnie's fate

Crime Reporter 38
The decision whether Winnie Mandela will be prosecuted in connection with the murder of activist Stompie Seipei is likely to be taken in about five weeks' time, Witwatersrand Attorney-General Klaus von Lieres said yesterday.

"There is a principle in our law which states that, should one decide to prosecute, one

should not do so piecemeal. This is partly the reason why I am taking so long to reach a decision.

"Certain evidence given before the Supreme Court in the Jerry Richardson trial must also be examined," Mr von Lieres told The Star.

Richardson was last week sentenced to death for the murder of Stompie.

First break in hunt for prof's killers

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Pretoria Correspondent

Police have arrested a suspect in connection with the gruesome killing of two elderly people at their Meyerspark home.

A massive manhunt was launched by the Pretoria Murder and Robbery Unit minutes after the battered bodies of Professor Johan Kritzinger (85) and his wife Elizabeth (83) were found at 6am on Monday.

Top detectives worked around the clock, which paid dividends late yesterday morning when Detective Sergeants Michael Masikameng and Moses Manana spotted the couple's stolen vehicle on the Kwaggafontein Road near the city.

They gave immediate chase, forcing the vehicle to a standstill.

One man was arrested, and the two policemen recovered all the jewellery, and portable radio, allegedly stolen from the home.

An elated Captain Hendrik Viljoen, acting head of the Murder and Robbery Unit, said he was extremely pleased at the breakthrough.

Gang shoots guards in bid to steal R3-m

By Anna Louw,
East Rand Bureau

Three Fidelity Guards employees were shot and wounded by a gang of robbers who forced their vehicle, carrying R3 million in cash, off the road on the R22 highway near Boksburg early today.

The driver of the van lost control and the vehicle careered across the highway and landed in the veld near the Bonaero Park off-ramp.

As the three guards emerged from the vehicle, one of the robbers opened fire with a shotgun. The driver, Dennis Thomas, was shot in the right arm and thigh. Deon Pienaar was shot in the left arm.

The wounded men and a third guard, Augusta Ackersley, ran through the veld to seek help at nearby smallholdings.

The robbers opened fire at the fleeing men, hitting Mr Ackersley in the back.

Bleeding profusely from

their wounds, the men knocked on the doors of two houses, but there was no answer.

At the third house, the owner, Warren Smith, called an ambulance and the police.

"There was blood everywhere. (Mr Ackersley) was lying on the kitchen floor while paramedics rendered emergency treatment," said Mr Smith.

Mr Ackersley had an exit wound in the chest and was losing a lot of blood.

The three were taken to Boksburg-Benoni Hospital, where Mr Ackersley is in a serious condition.

Mr Pienaar and Mr Thomas are reported to be in a stable condition.

The robbers fired several shots at the locks at the back of the van, but were unable to gain entry.

The security company later removed the cash from the van and took it to the Benoni depot where the guards were heading at the time of the attack.

Murder accused met ANC 'at Winnie's home'

By Cathy Stagg

Charles Zwane, on trial for 11 murders, 22 attempted murders, arson and the unlawful possession of an AK rifle and ammunition, said in a statement he had met an ANC man at a party at Winnie Mandela's house.

Justice D.O. Vermooten, presiding with two

assessors in the Rand Supreme Court, ruled yesterday that the statement was admissible.

Mr Zwane (22), of Orlando West, was a Section 29 detainee before he made the statement on April 28 last year.

In it he said that in December 1988 he had met an ANC man at Mrs Mandela's home.

The man said he un-

derstood Mr Zwane had met ANC members before. A few days later, a man called Gybon collected Mr Zwane and took him to see the ANC man in Orlando East.

The ANC man's name was Sonwabu, Mr Zwane learnt, and he said he wanted Mr Zwane to work with him.

"He showed me how

an AK and a hand grenade worked. He told me about a place we were going to attack in Orlando East, a shebeen where police officials drank," he said.

The three men went to the property. When the door was opened, they began to shoot.

According to the indictment, this took place on December 26 1988.

Another 8 to appear in court over Stompie

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By DESMOND BLOW

EIGHT people connected with the abduction and assaults on the murdered Stompie Seipei, 14, are to be tried in two separate trials, the first beginning tomorrow, Attorney General for the Transvaal Klaus von Lieres und Wilkau told *City Press* this week.

The eight, however, do not include Winnie Mandela.

The AG said he was still studying the evidence in the murder case against former Mandela Football Club coach Jerry Vusi Richardson, who was sentenced to death last week for murdering Stompie.

"Once I have studied the evidence I will make a decision on Winnie Mandela," he said.

The AG said something similar some months ago, but then declined to prosecute Winnie.

Evidence has been led that Winnie assaulted Stompie and other youths with a sjambok to get them to confess they were indecently assaulted by the Rev Paul Verryn.

These allegations against Verryn have since been found to be groundless by both the court and a church commission of inquiry.

■ The trial beginning tomorrow is against Thandanani Jabulani "Guyboi" Khubeka, who is alleged to have severely assaulted Stompie in a separate incident the day he disappeared from the Mandela house never to be seen alive again. The case is expected to be postponed.

■ The case against the other seven all relate to the abduction of Stompie and four other youths. It will begin on September 24.

They will be charged with kidnapping and assault with the intent to do grievous bodily harm.

Among the seven are Xolisa Falati, 36, the woman who allegedly made the allegations against Verryn, and a youngster, Katiza Cebekhulu, 18, whom she is alleged to have influenced to make untruthful statements.

The other five are Xolisa's daughter Nompumelelo, Winnie Mandela's driver, John Morgan, who allegedly drove the bus with the victims from Church House to the Mandela home, Mpho Gift Mabelane, Sibusiso Brian Mabuza and a 17-year-old minor whose name may not be disclosed.

Xolisa allegedly approached Winnie Mandela, who is a social worker, with the allegations about Verryn.

She also brought Cebekhulu to Winnie. He alleged to Winnie and later to *City Press* he had been indecently assaulted by Verryn.

Nompumelelo, 18, accompanied Richardson and other members of the "Mandela Football Club" to Verryn's house, where she allegedly pointed out Stompie and four youths. The five were then abducted from Church House and taken to the Mandela house in Diepkloof.

There, according to evidence given in Richardson's trial, the youths were sjambokked to tell the truth and Winnie Mandela was involved in the assaults.

However, according to the witnesses, Winnie was not involved in anything that followed.

Jackrolling menace spreads to Tembisa

By ELIAS MALULEKE

The menace of "jackrolling" has now spread from Soweto to Tembisa and so many shebeens and stokvels have been attacked by the armed gangs that most of their customers now stay away for fear of becoming victims.

Tembisa residents are being robbed of jewellery, leather coats and money by the gangs, who use fast cars and raid the shebeens, stokvels and business people's homes armed with guns and knives. Women have also been "jackrolled" and gang-raped by the thugs.

Those who resist are viciously attacked. One man, who asked not to be named, was left toothless after thugs smashed his gold-trimmed teeth with a brick to retrieve the precious metal.

Apart from wearing the stolen jewellery, police believe, the thugs are selling their loot to unscrupulous shops and jewellery manufacturers, where the gold is melted.

Mmakwena Taetsane, a shebeen queen in Masimong Section, said five thugs burst into her house and forced her customers to lie on the floor. One of the thugs fired a shot on the floor and demanded money, jewellery and leather coats," she said.

After stripping the customers of their valuables, including watches and leather-trimmed jerseys, Taetsane was forced into her bedroom, which was ransacked and her valuables stolen.

"They took money, all my leather coats, dresses and pants, jewellery and cigarettes before fleeing."

She said she and other shebeen owners were now suffering because their clients had drifted away for fear of being robbed.

A local businessman, who declined to be named, said the thugs woke up her family late at night and demanded jewellery at gunpoint before fleeing with their leather clothes.

Vusi Matseke said he was stabbed in the neck with a knife when he tried to resist the thugs who stormed a shebeen early this month. "They forced us to lie down and calmly stripped other patrons, taking their jewel-

lery, money and leather coats. When I tried to resist I was stabbed in the neck," said Matseke.

A pregnant woman says she was abducted last week after jackrollers raided a shebeen for jewellery. They took her to a house in Senaone, Soweto, where she was gang-raped. "I managed to flee from the house early in the morning and reported the matter to the police." She said she recognised one of her abductors as a local Tembisa youth.

Police confirmed the incidents and said they were investigating.



Mmakwena Taetsane ... robbed by jackrollers.
Pic: ELIAS MALULEKE

Soweto traders link up against criminals

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SOWETO businessmen have formed a working committee to combat the spate of murders and robberies against entrepreneurs in the area.

The committee is to investigate, monitor and try to come up with solutions that will help eliminate this scourge.

This was decided at a special meeting of the Soweto Independent Shopkeepers Association where concern was expressed at this new trend in the townships.

Although figures have

By VANESSA PERUMAL

not been given, the number of attacks in and around the Soweto area has increased dramatically from the latter part of 1989 to 1990.

Thami Skenjana, general secretary of SOINSA said that he assumed that most of the attacks and murders take place with the sole motive of robbery.

"However, because the businessmen are unable to protect themselves, many die and

others are crippled," he said.

The director of Easy Loo, Mr Sam Matuna suggested that a working committee be established for this purpose.

Formulate

The group resolved to formulate the committee and Matuna was subsequently chosen as the chairperson of the committee.

Most of the people present at the meeting agreed that some sort of action had to be taken by the traders themselves, because, they claimed, police have so far proved to be inefficient in tracking down the criminals and eliminating the spate of attacks.

They did, however, acknowledge that they themselves were not people who were prone to form vigilante groups and attack the gangsters and robbers.

They realised this would again result in crimes and seem as if they were taking the law into their own hands.

For the smooth

functioning of this new committee, Soweto has been divided into seven zones, each with two representatives.

Skenjana made it clear that the working committee was not part of SOINSA simply because not all the business people and traders were affiliated to their organisation.

All business people in and around Soweto are welcome to participate in formulating decisions and structuring the working community to best benefit all of them.

Anyone interested to know more about the function and aims of the working committee should contact Matuna at (011) 939 2121



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Hint of ANC disquiet over Winnie

By Kaizer Nyatumba,
Political Staff

The ANC would not comment yesterday on rumours of dissatisfaction in ANC circles about Winnie Mandela's appointment as head of the organisation's social welfare division.

Mrs Mandela, wife of ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela, was last week appointed "by the entire national execu-

tive committee" as head of the ANC's social welfare department, and her prime responsibilities, would be dealing with returning exiles, according to ANC spokesman Gill Marcus.

"We are not commenting on any other aspects. We are just confirming Mrs Mandela has been appointed to the job," Ms Marcus said.

Mrs Mandela, a social worker by profession, was "suitably qualified for the job in terms of skills", Ms Marcus pointed out.

Since the news of Mrs Mandela's appointment was broken this week, rumours have been rife that some people in ANC and Mass Democratic Movement (MDM) circles were extremely unhappy about the appointment.

The MDM last year publicly denounced Mrs Mandela and called for her isolation in the wake of controversy surrounding the murder of child activist Stompie Seipei.

● The ANC has never booked some of its members into the Mayfair, Johannesburg hotel where an explosion occurred this week, ANC spokesman Gill Marcus said.

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Massive arms, gold racket probed

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By PATRICK GOODENOUGH
A R70-million a month gold, drugs and arms-smuggling racket, involving customs officials, foreign politicians and top police officers, is currently under investigation by the Transvaal Attorney-General's office and by the police.

A former MP and a magistrate are allegedly connected to the syndicate, which has been operating on the Reef.
Anglo American, which was affected by the theft, set up a trust fund — reportedly of more than R200 000 — to protect an informant, Chris Halse, who worked for a company allegedly involved in the racket. Halse, who has disclosed details of the racket to *The Weekly Mail*, said the money was nearly finished and he feared for his safety.

Anglo American spokesman Michael Spicer confirmed Halse approached the company last year with "information relating to large-scale gold theft". He said the corporation had taken steps to ensure Halse's safety and had placed information "in the hands of the most senior police authorities".
The deputy Attorney-General of the Transvaal, Chris Human, also confirmed Halse had given the police "information about certain matters" and was a potential state witness. He said investigations went beyond the borders of South Africa, but no arrests had been made. Human confirmed the Diamonds and Gold Division was

involved.

A police representative in Pretoria said an investigation was under way into a case "in which a syndicate is suspected of being involved in the theft of gold".
Halse, who has settled in a small Eastern Cape town, said he had been employed in April 1988 by a clothing company based on the East Rand. He said he had soon become aware that the outfitters was part of a network dealing in illicit gold concentrates and dust, stolen by mine employees and sold abroad.

The stolen gold would be brought to the outfitters, and to a number of other "venues", Halse said. He says he has records of the weights of gold handled, which ranged between 98 and 112kg.
The suppliers were paid cash, or given second hand cars or imported clothing. The gold was then smuggled out of the country. Halse named several customs officials whom he said were in on the deal.
Some of the smugglers were politicians from an Asian country, visiting on the pretext of attending religious functions. Customs men would meet the couriers, note their names and appearances and ensure they were not stopped.

Halse also named the "venues", which included a cafe, a pharmacy and a wholesaler, many of them in the same East Rand town. Halse said the syndicate was run by a 58-year-old Indian business man, his son, and a "right-hand man". A jewel-

lery manufacturer in Durban was also involved. Halse named a former nominated MP and a magistrate who were also connected.

Halse alleged that gold, drugs and clothing were taken to Botswana via back roads and exchanged for arms which were brought back to South Africa.
He said on one occasion he found 30 suitcases at the outfitters — crammed with Makarov pistols, AK47 assault rifles and what he assumed were plastic explosives. Halse named high-ranking police officers whom he claimed were involved. "The police were sh**scared of these guys. They often boasted they had (the town) calling out of their hands," he said.

Halse says after he decided to get out he began collecting copies of bank statements, car registration numbers, names, phone numbers and visa applications for the visiting Asians — of which he has bundles in his possession.

Halse said before he left his Kempton Park home his life was threatened, and in September last year he was assaulted. Halse then returned to the Eastern Cape with his wife. Early this month, he was again attacked by three men. The police have confirmed they are investigating this incident. Halse said he asked the police for protection, without success. "My life will never be the same again. People will be locked up for 15 years to 20 years. They're going to bear grudges." — ECNA

Crime doesn't pay. Or does it?

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Terror of tribal murder - in the heart of Hillbrow

Urban blacks are haunted by fears of city violence

FOR the first time in 25 years, Anthony Ncwane is living in fear of tribal murder.

Ncwane, 41, does not live close to the violence that has torn through black townships on the Witwatersrand in the past two weeks, but mentally, the carnage is on his doorstep.

Since arriving in Johannesburg in 1965 he has never had to peer over his shoulder. Now he does.

Ncwane and his wife live in a single room in domestic quarters on top of a block of Hillbrow flats. He has stoked the boiler beneath the block for the past 17 years.

He says: "Every night I make sure my door is locked. I am sure there is no need to because all my friends drink with me as normal. But I am the only Zulu among the Xhosas, Tswanas and Sothos and anything can happen. Only when the fighting stops will I feel safe."

The comment illustrates the legacy of tribal chauvinism which has left more than 514 dead and about 1 000 injured on the Reef.

This legacy is seeping into the consciousness of many urban black people who are isolated among others whose tribal affiliations are different.

Ncwane says: "I am not a member of Inkatha. Nobody has been around to ask me to join the organisation. In any event, I will not join Inkatha. The Zulus and

Xhosas are all South Africans and we need unity."

Ncwane owns a smallholding about six kilometres from Umzinto on the Natal coast. He waxes lyrical about the parties he throws once a year on his return home.

"Whenever I go home, a beast is killed and we drink lots of beer and vodka. All the people around come to my place, because the 'madoda' has come home. And most of the people who come to my 'gumba' are Xhosas. We have a really good time.

"Now, who knows, they might not come in December this year."

The simple fears expressed by Ncwane are echoed by many people in Hillbrow.

Gibson Tshabalala runs the Little Soweto shebeen in the teeming multi-racial suburb and is well aware of the explosive climate in his illegal drinking house.

"Things have been pretty hairy here over the past two weeks. People come here and when they are drunk, they become vulgar and might say some tribalistic things."

"So, I have decided to put into action my plan of 'first tribal

word, first out'. I have kicked out about six people in the past two weeks.

"I don't want any stuff that is going to cause major problems. People in Hillbrow are not even affected by the violence. It is all in their minds," says Tshabalala.

Like Ncwane, he is aware of his tribal affiliation, which is Zulu.

He says: "In a situation where people are fighting because of their tribe, I cannot forget my culture. But only God knows when we will get rid of this thing."

He has not armed himself and does not think he will ever need a weapon.

"I just want my business to continue without interference. If a Zulu comes here and messes around with my customers, he is out. The same goes for anyone else. I don't want Kagiso in my shebeen."

However, the fear remains, regardless of where one lives.

Ncwane says: "I will carry on locking my door. I am still drinking and having a good time with my friends. But I am sometimes scared, especially at night. Other Zulus here have also spoken about their fears. I am not the only one." - Sapa

Anglo gold theft racket

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ANGLO American Corporation has confirmed that police investigations had been launched to uncover a fraud network alleged to be running a multi-million rand racket to exchange stolen gold for illegal arms.

Corporation spokesman Mr Michael Spicer said the probe was based on a dossier handed to Anglo by an informant named Chris Halse, who claimed he had stumbled on the racket while employed by one of a

number of companies involved in the network.

The informant claimed knowledge of shipments of AK-47 assault rifles, Makarov pistols and plastic explosives to members of the syndicate in exchange for gold and drugs. *Sowetan 27/8/90*

According to the information, the racketeers were based in and around the East Rand - buying gold stolen by mine workers and smuggling packages of it to foreign buyers in exchange for il-

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legal arms shipments.

Halse had named an Indian businessman as the leader of the syndicate, whose network of operators were running shops in the East Rand - a clothing wholesaler, a cafe owner and a pharmacy.

The gold thieves were paid out in cash, second-

hand cars or imported clothing.

The Deputy Attorney General of the Transvaal, Mr Chris Human, had confirmed that the investigations were now being handled by the SAP Diamonds and Gold Division. *Sowetan 27/8/90*

The dossier also suggested that a former Member of Parliament

and a magistrate were connected with the syndicate. Allegations had also been made that several Customs officials and senior police officers were involved.

Halse had also claimed that a number of politicians from the Far East had been engaged in the smuggling operations, posing as visitors going to and from religious functions.

The informant had said the syndicate, also linked with a jeweller in Durban, smuggled the stolen gold out of South Africa to Botswana.

On one occasion, while employed by an East Rand clothing firm, he came across an arsenal of AK-47 assault rifles, Makarov pistols and plastic explosives.

At Anglo American, Spicer added: "It's all very complicated and we are taking the issue very seriously."

Zwane: I wasn't even there

By Adam Gordon

Alleged multiple murderer Charles Zwane (22) said in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday that he had been present at only one of the four incidents which had led to the 38 charges he is facing.

Earlier, the judge rejected a defence application for the dismissal of all charges after the State had closed its case.

Mr Zwane is charged with 11 counts of murder, 22 of attempted murder, four of illegally possessing firearms and ammunition, and one of arson. He has pleaded not guilty to all charges.

Mr Zwane said the only incident at which he had been present, or in which he had been in-

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volved, was the throwing of a hand grenade into a shebeen in Orlando West, Soweto, on April 1 last year.

The grenade had been thrown by an acquaintance, Sonwabu, he said.

Mr Zwane said he had first met Mr Sonwabu at a braai at Winnie Mandela's home in Orlando West in December 1988.

He acknowledged that he had been a regular visitor at Mrs Mandela's home during that period. He also knew that Mr Sonwabu had received military training outside the country.

Mr Zwane said State witnesses' claims that he was, or had been, a member of the Mandela Football Club and the ANC were "lies".

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with the black people", the commission heard.

Bank manager: I was greedy

By Celeste Louw
A bank manager stole more than R75 000 from his employers because he had become greedy, a Johannesburg Regional Court magistrate heard yesterday.

Daryl Bridger (34), a former manager at the Booyens branch of First National Bank, told the court he had committed 25 counts of fraud amounting to R76 546,25 between March last year and February this year.

"At first I regarded it as unauthorised borrowing, but greed got the better of me," Mr Bridger told the magistrate.

The court heard that the money had not been spent on necessities.

Some amounts had been used to pay membership fees to the Wildlife Society and to pay the Receiver of Revenue, the court heard.

Suicide

Mr Bridger intended committing suicide when the police started their investigations, but his wife convinced him it was not a solution to his problems, the court heard.

The trial was postponed to October 25.

By Craig Kotze

A police manhunt was under way this morning in Johannesburg's south-western suburbs for a seven-man gang armed with AK-47 rifles, who ambushed and shot dead two young policemen and two Volkskas bank officials at the Coronation Hospital.

A police helicopter and the Radio 702 helicopter are helping in the search for the killers, who fled on foot.

Resistance by the two policemen resulted in the gang being thwarted and fleeing empty-handed without taking a cent from the Volkskas van, which is believed to have contained R908 000, including the payroll for hospital staff.

The money was intended for a Volkskas agency at the hospital.

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Bullets

Two policemen, aged 24 and 23 and both from the Flying Squad, died in a hail of bullets.

They had just returned from serving with the Namibian police, to whom they were seconded before independence. Their names have not been released.

A police dragnet has been cast around Newclare, Industria, Industria West, Crosby, Bosmont and Westbury with every available man taking part in the search, including detectives from the Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad.

Witwatersrand police chief Major-General Gerrit Erasmus is personally monitoring the investigation and has expressed his condolences to the families of the slain policemen and bank officials.

At the time of going to press, no arrests had been made.

Escort

The killers fled in a southerly direction from the Coronation Hospital, which is on the corner of Fuel and Hamilton Streets, after the 6.20 am slayings.

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Seven-man gang hunted after Jo'burg robbery attempt

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Hospital ambush: 4 shot dead

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'Govt that fails to protect is not fit to govern'

JOHANNESBURG. — A government which failed to protect its citizens was not fit to be in power, the Rev Frank Chikane, South African Council of Churches (SACC) secretary-general said yesterday.

He was speaking in Kagiso, near Krugersdorp, at the funeral service of 19 victims of the violence which wracked the township recently.

Mr Chikane called on President F W de

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Klerk to retrain the police force and urged policemen who had witnessed collusion by colleagues to come forward.

Also speaking at the service, South African Youth Congress (Sayco) leader Mr Peter Mokaba said the suspension of the armed struggle did not mean that people were not allowed to defend themselves.

Thousands of Kagiso residents braved icy wet weather to lay to rest relatives and

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friends slain in the recent violence.

Police vehicles and helicopters circled the stadium throughout the service.

Tension rose when police initially refused to let mourners enter the stadium on the grounds they did not have permission.

Emotions also ran high when Pan Africanist Congress member Mr Dan Matsobane stood to address the service and ANC supporters tried to storm the stage.

Doubts on key witness appearing

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By Adam Gordon and
Marguerite Moody

Former Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad detective and Civil Co-operation Bureau (CCB) member Leon "Chappie" Maree is due to testify this morning in the bail application of an Israeli immigrant charged with foreign exchange fraud involving R29 million.

However, defence advocate H Brandt yesterday said Mr Maree had been escaping the law for lengthy periods and it could not be said for certain if he would appear today.

Mr Brandt said Mr Maree might even, in the light of an investigation by the auditor-general into the CCB's "missing millions", have a motive to disappear.

Postpone

The bail application on behalf of David Kofmansky (41) before J J F Coetzer in the Johannesburg Regional Court was postponed yesterday until this morning to enable the State to call Mr Maree.

Another defence advocate, M Hodes SC, opposed the application by the State to postpone the case, saying State Advocate D Dorfling had had "ample time" to call Mr Maree.

The lapse in time in calling Mr Maree was "gross negligence" on the part of the prosecution, he said.

Mr Maree is a key witness in the hearing as Mr Kofmansky has testified he was working for Mr Maree when the alleged fraud took place.

Mr Dorfling said he had spo-

ken to Mr Maree but had not yet had the opportunity for detailed consultation with him. This explained why Mr Maree had not been called earlier.

It also explained how he was able to tell the court what Mr Maree's testimony would be.

On Monday Mr Dorfling said Mr Maree would deny ever having given large sums of money or false documents to Mr Kofmansky.

Mr Kofmansky had testified that the false passport, identity document and papers with false customs stamps found in his possession could be explained by the fact he was working for Mr Maree.

He had acted as a commodity broker in various arms deals between South Africa and overseas weapons suppliers, and it was in the nature of this business that normal importing channels had not been followed, he said.

Under cross-examination yesterday, investigating officer Lieutenant Pieter Welgemoed said he had no substantial evidence which linked the Kofmansky case with CCB activity.

However, he anticipated no difficulty in obtaining the cooperation of alleged CCB members in his investigation.

Mr Brandt, however, said that the Harms Commission had clearly shown that cooperation from CCB members would not automatically be forthcoming.

He submitted that these delays would lead to a lengthy investigation.

This meant his client could remain in jail for "a year or two" if he was not granted bail.

The hearing continues today.

Richardson's death plea is refused

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In reply, Mr Joubert said if the Appellate Division decided that Mrs Mandela was not present on the night of December 29 last year, how could the three complainants' evidence about Richardson's involvement be accepted?

Exaggerated

Mr Joubert argued the three complainants exaggerated during evidence and involved Mrs Mandela for "political" reasons.

Mr Justice O'Donovan said he believed the court that had heard the trial was in the best position to make findings on the credibility of witnesses' evidence.

He said there was no reasonable prospect that the appeal would succeed so he dismissed the application.

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Man's best

Winnie decision imminent

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A DECISION on whether Winnie Mandela will be prosecuted for her alleged presence during assaults on murdered child activist Stompie Seipei is expected shortly.

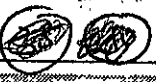
The Attorney-General for the Witwatersrand, Klaus Von Lieres und Wilkau, says he has almost finalised his decision on the controversial issue.

"I have not decided yet when the decision

will be made public," he explained, but added that it could be expected soon.

Mr Von Lieres added that the current spate of township bloodshed had taken up a lot of his time. *Sittive 9/9/90*

A spokesman for the Department of Justice said last month that the decision to prosecute rested entirely in the hands of Mr Von Lieres and would be based solely on legal considerations.



R3-m grabbed in city diamond raid

By Monica Nicolson

Robbers made off with diamonds worth more than R3 million after pistol-whipping and stabbing employees at Geffen's Diamond Cutting Works in Johannesburg yesterday.

The total value of diamonds taken in raids over the last 18 months is now R16 million.

Employees Jacobus Swarts and Edwin Harebottle were leaving the property near the Carlton Centre at about 5 pm when four men armed with guns and knives forced them to reopen the building and then the safe.

Works foreman Mr Harebottle said that Mr Swarts refused to open up the building "so they stabbed him on the arms and back and then hit him very hard on the

head with pistol butts". Blood began pouring from his wounds.

"They said they were going to kill us and blow our brains out if we didn't open the security gates and the safe," he said.

Mr Harebottle was frogmarched into the building by a man holding a knife to his neck.

When he tried to push the knife away, the robber sliced his hand open.

Tied up

"They completely emptied the safe full of half-processed and raw diamonds, nearly cleaning the place out. They put the jewels into a sack they brought along and into Mr Swarts' lunch bag," he said.

The two men were tied up and the robbers made their getaway.

The two managed to

free themselves and the police and management were called.

Mr Swarts was taken to hospital.

Mr Harebottle said he believed the heist was planned. The men knew the layout of the building, he said.

"They either had inside information or were watching the place for some time," he said.

No arrests have yet been made.

Witwatersrand police liaison officer Colonel Frans Malherbe said Lloyds of London were offering a R300 000 reward for information leading to the recovery of the diamonds.

Detective Sergeant Fanie van der Walt at the Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad is investigating the theft. He can be contacted at telephone (011) 839-3322.

I welcome charges, says Winnie

By Dawn Barkhuizen and Monica Nicholson

Winnie Mandela yesterday welcomed the chance to defend herself on eight charges in connection with the alleged abduction and torture of four youths in Soweto in 1988.

In her first public statement after the announcement that she would be charged with four counts of kidnapping and four counts of assault with intent to commit grievous bodily harm, Mrs Mandela said: "I am unable to comment about a case that has not yet taken place, suffice to say I welcome the decision that at last I will be able to stand a proper trial and clear my name properly.

"Up to now I have been tried and found guilty by the media in South Africa, for their own purposes."

Asked to comment further on a trial by media she said: "I will respond after the trial."

She was speaking after being allowed to leave Tokoza police station on the East Rand yesterday.

Mrs Mandela was held for about three hours after being found in possession of spent cartridges and one live cartridge at a SAP roadblock while en route to visit refugees at Phola Park at about 11 am.

Police public relations officer Colonel Steve van Rooyen said Mrs Mandela had been taken for questioning but not arrested.

Colonel van Rooyen said it was not unlawful to be in possession of spent cartridges, but Mrs Mandela had had one live 5mm cartridge.

East Rand police spokesman Captain Ida van Zweekel said:

"Mrs Mandela apparently handed the shells to police at a roadblock. There is no crime involved."

Asked if she thought Mrs Mandela's actions were praiseworthy from a police point of view, Lieutenant van Zweekel said: "Yes, I believe so."

As she left the police station, wearing black leather, Mrs Mandela told pressmen that Phola Park residents had given her the cartridges when she visited the devastated settlement on Monday.

Evidence

She had been intending to show them to her husband, Nelson Mandela, as evidence of the shootings that took place last week.

Police had told her that she had no right to be in possession of empty cartridges, she said.

She said: "Police harassment has never been a surprise to the Mandela family or to myself or to the oppressed people of South Africa. I know I have personally been their barometer for years and I know that for as long as the present situation exists I will always be their political barometer through which they can measure the wrath of the people."

She added: "It is quite clear that the dirty methods they have been using are nowhere near being stopped. The one issue is coming to an end, so they must precipitate other issues. It is just a continuing of what has been going on."

Mrs Mandela went on to address some of the homeless squatters at Phola Park. Speaking Xhosa, Mrs Mandela referred to their plight and bids to evict them from the area.



Winnie Mandela, wife of African National Congress deputy president Nelson Mandela, leaves Tokoza police station yesterday after making a statement about spent cartridges found in her car when it was stopped at a police roadblock. Mrs Mandela later spoke to Phola Park residents.

Picture by Associated Press.

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Four in E/press court for R57 000

By BERENG MTHOKULU

FOUR black men who allegedly robbed the Ysoville branch of the OK Bazaars of R57 000 in cash on April 9 last year, appeared this week in the Johannesburg Regional Court.

Edward Makhuhu, 42, Mike Leshomo, 42, Jabulani Ngwenya, 28, and David Rambovani, 33, pleaded not guilty to a charge of robbery and attempted murder before F Booyens.

The state alleges that a shot was fired at Rhoda Seefort during the robbery, but missed.

Makhuhu, Leshomo and Ngwenya are also expected to appear in court on October 20 in connection with two bank robberies in which more than R500 000 was taken.

The hearing continues.

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Zwane to be sentenced tomorrow

By MARTIN NTSOLENGOE

MASS murderer Bongani Charles Zwane, a former member of the Mandela Football Club, will know his fate tomorrow.

He has been found guilty on nine counts of murder, eight of attempted murder, one of arson, and two of illegally possessing a firearm and ammunition.

Zwane pleaded not guilty to all the charges before Judge DO Vernooten and two assessors.

A mother of one of Zwane's victims, Ntombenhle Msoni, hurriedly left court 2F in the Rand Supreme Court this week as State prosecutor K van Niekerk described how her innocent

daughter was attacked with AK-47 rifles and petrol bombs.

Finki Msoni, 13, was killed while watching TV when the house of her aunt, Dudu Chilli, was attacked by Zwane and two others on February 22 last year.

The court described the attack on Chilli's house as an act of revenge. Chilli's son Sponge had killed Mandela Football Club member Maxwell Madondo.

This week, after a request by defence counsel S Jacobs, a Soweto civic leader gave evidence in camera.

After people were again allowed into court, prosecutor Van Niekerk told the court that Zwane had committed serious

crimes against innocent people.

Pleading in mitigation, Jacobs spoke about Zwane's age, and said he could have been misled.

Zwane was found not guilty on two counts of murder and 14 of attempted murder. Acquitting Zwane of the charges, Judge Vernooten said he would not have thrown a hand grenade at Bheki Mhlongo's shebeen because his younger brother and uncle were inside.

In his confession, Zwane stated that in December 1988 he met a trained ANC member called Sonwabo at a party at Winnie Mandela's home.

Sonwabo taught him how to use an AK-47 and hand grenades.

The court found they had watched Joel Mabule's shebeen, which was frequented by police.

Sonwabo and Zwane opened fire with AK-47 rifles at people in the shebeen. Five people were killed and five injured.

After the attack on Mabule's shebeen, Zwane was approached by Sonwabo and one Gybon on January 30, and told they were looking for policemen to shoot.

The three met three municipality police in Meadowlands and the subsequent shooting resulted in the death of constables Jabulani Mngoma and Maxxango Tshabalala, and a member of the public, Masango Nkumamba. A third policeman, Mbulelo Kapu, was seriously injured.

Mystery killers strike again

From **BADELA** **MONO**
JOHANNESBURG **38**

Three men were shot dead and 14 others seriously wounded in a machine-gun attack in central Johannesburg on Wednesday night.

Police spokesperson Captain H Bester said in an interview it was believed more people were injured.

The police said four black men in a white and red mini-bus with an unknown number plate pulled up at a taxi rank terminus at about 9.30pm and started shooting at commuters with an AK-47 rifle, killing two black men and wounding

two others at the corner of Polly and Anderson Streets in downtown Johannesburg.

In Polly Street, the gunmen got out of the vehicle and shot a "coloured" security guard, wounding him on both legs.

The security guard returned fire, wounding one of attackers. They then drove away. *South*

The police said they later found an AK-47 rifle and cartridges. *13/9-19/9/90*

As the suspects fled they again opened fire, wounding another black man on the leg. Another body was later found nearby.

According to eyewit-

nesses admitted to the Hillbrow Hospital, a vehicle with white policeman pulled up at the taxi rank. After they had left 15 minutes later, the mini-bus pulled up. Commuters mistook it as a taxi mini-bus. They were greeted with a bullets fired from a machine-gun. Witnesses said the attackers were whites.

Last Thursday, two unknown gunmen opened fire on train commuters waiting for a train at the Jeppe Railway Station, also in downtown Johannesburg. Last week's attack claimed two lives. Several people were injured on the attack.

Kombi

Witnesses believe as many as seven people had been killed in the shooting. The hospital could not confirm the number of dead.

Whites in a white kombi have been seen at several places at the weekend — including Soweto on the East Rand and in Soweto — where people were later shot.

ANC response to prosecution

Winnie: protest over 'trial through media'

Staff Reporters

The ANC has given a guarded response to the announcement that Winnie Mandela is to be charged on four counts of kidnapping and four of assault with intent to commit grievous bodily harm.

In a carefully worded statement yesterday, secretary-general Alfred Nzo said the ANC sought no special treatment for the wife of ANC deputy president, Nelson Mandela and deemed it improper to comment since the matter was now in the hands of the courts.

However, the ANC "must protest against this trial through the media" in view of the great publicity which had been given to the allegations made against Mrs Mandela. Mr Nzo said:

"The national executive committee wishes to affirm its unequivocal support for Mr Mandela and his family in this time of stress. ANC sources said it was unlikely that Mrs Mandela would be stripped of her position as the organisation's head of social welfare.

'Few tears shed'

"Such a decision will depend on the outcome of the trial," one said. Sources refused to speculate on the political implications of her pending prosecution, but predicted Mr Mandela would be distressed.

However, one source said: "Not too many people will shed tears about the news." Mrs Mandela's appointment as head of the ANC's social welfare department led to much discontent within ANC ranks.

The Attorney-General of the Witwatersrand, Klaus von Lieres, SC, yesterday announced that Mrs Mandela would stand trial in the Rand Supreme Court with seven other accused who have already been charged.

The decision to prosecute Mrs Mandela received prominent coverage in British media yesterday and was the main item on BBC television news.

The conservative Evening Standard made it its front page lead, noting the Attorney-General's decision came at a time when Mrs Mandela had "clawed her way back into ANC favour", after 18 months in the wilderness as a result of her involvement in the Stompie affair. It speculated that the prosecution would place further strains on the fragile peace talks.

ITN's Kevin Dunn, reporting from Johannesburg, said the affair had badly tarnished the reputation of a woman once known as the Mother of the Nation and had embarrassed Mr Mandela.

The charges, four of kidnapping and four of assault with intent to commit grievous bodily harm, are the same as those that were faced by Jerry Vusi, Muzi Richardson, former "coach" of the "Mandela United" football team.

Richardson (42) was convicted on August 8 of kidnapping and assaulting four youths from the Methodist manse in Orlando, Soweto.

He was also convicted of murdering activist James Mokoena (Stompie) Seipei (14). He has lodged an appeal against the death sentence. Mrs Mandela has not been charged with murder.

Mr von Lieres said his decision had been taken because of his understanding of the facts, the law of the land and "my duty to uphold and apply the law to all alike". Richardson was sentenced to 18 years for charges of attempted murder, kidnapping and assault.

At the time, Mr Justice B O'Donovan said the murder of Stompie was the culminating event after prolonged ill-treatment.

He made a special finding that Mrs Mandela was present at least part of the time that Stompie and three other youths were assaulted.



Winnie Mandela . . . to be prosecuted on four counts of kidnapping and four of assault with intent to commit grievous bodily harm.

No snow for

Staff Reporter

Put away the arctics and snow shoes. The Weather Bureau in Pretoria has dashed hopes of September snowfalls on the Reef foot.

Highveld residents went back to their winter woolies this morning as early morning temperatures plunged to 4 deg C and the question on everyone's lips was: 'Will it snow?'

The answer from the Weather Bureau was a firm: 'No not on the Reef, but later over the Drakensberg and the Maluti mountains.

"Conditions for snow must be very cold and moist.

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Mass murderer Zwane was 'warned'

By MARTIN NISOELENGO

IF mass murderer Bongani Charles Zwane, who was given nine death sentences and 22 years' imprisonment this week, had taken heed of his friend's advice to skip the country, his fate could have been different.

The Rand Supreme Court heard how a trained ANC member, Vuyo Gladman Bulele, alias Sonwabo, had warned Zwane to leave the country after they had attacked Bhekhi Mhlongo's shebeen with a handgrenade - seriously injuring 13 people.

Instead, Zwane went to his parents' home where he was arrested by security police.

After his arrest, Zwane pointed out a house in Jabulani, Soweto, where Sonwabo and another man were hiding. When police arrived Sonwabo fired at them. They returned fire, killing Sonwabo and the other man.

The court also heard that Zwane's rela-

tionship with Sonwabo - who taught him how to use an AK47 and handgrenades - started at a party at Winnie Mandela's Diepkloof house in December 1988.

The judge said Zwane was first sent to spy out the inside of Joel Mabule's shebeen - which was frequented by police - before they attacked with AK47s the following night (December 26, 1988), leaving five dead and five seriously injured.

On February 22 last year they attacked the house of Dudu Chilli, an organiser of the Federation of Transvaal Women, killing Chilli's niece, Finki Msoni, while her daughter, Barbara Chilli, suffered serious burns.

Judge Vermooten, sitting with two assessors, said they attacked Chilli's house to avenge the death of a member of the Mandela Football Club, Maxwell Madondo, who was killed by Dudu Chilli's son, Sibhuso.

Earlier, the court heard that on January 30

Zwane was approached by Sonwabo and one Gybon who told him they were looking for police to shoot.

The three guerrillas met three municipal policemen at a shopping centre in Meadowlands. They shot and killed Constables Jabulani Mngoma and Maxanigo Tshabalala and a member of the public, while seriously injuring a third policeman, Mbulelo Kapu.

The judge dismissed Zwane's allegations that he was tortured by police.

Zwane previously received a suspended sentence in a murder case involving another man, Oupa Seheri, who was sentenced to death for killing two people in Zola two years ago.

Before the judge passed the death sentence, his clerk asked Zwane if he had anything to say. Zwane stood transfixed for a few seconds before saying: "I haven't killed anybody."

His girlfriend, Mirriam Sihole, who was carrying their baby, broke down and cried.

Moment of truth looms for Winnie

By MANDLA TYALA

THE eyes of the world will be focused on a Soweto courtroom tomorrow when Winnie Mandela begins a process that may either lead to her exoneration or leave a permanent blemish on her name.

The murder of child activist Stompie Moeketsi by an associate of Mrs Mandela has hung over the ANC leader's wife for more than 18 months.

The moment of truth has now come for the controversial woman who has faced vacillating fortunes as either the "Mother of the Nation" or the firebrand many despised.

Mrs Mandela will make a formal appearance in Protea North for a Supreme Court date, when she will face charges of kidnapping and assault with intent to commit grievous bodily harm.

The trial is expected to receive close international

attention, with political analysts already speculating on the damage a conviction may cause to the Mandela name.

The ANC, which has called on news organisations to refrain from what they call a trial through the media, will not be watching the proceedings without apprehension.

The organisation recently appointed Mrs Mandela to head its social welfare department, a decision which caused a measure of consternation in the ranks.

If Mrs Mandela is found guilty, the appointment may be reviewed.

Mrs Mandela has welcomed the decision to charge her so, she says, she can clear her name — a position shared by her husband, who earlier said she had not been given an opportunity to answer to the allegations.

Winnie 'may quit if' 'und guilty'

By Chris Whitfield,
The Star Bureau

LONDON — Nelson Mandela told British television viewers last night that his wife, Winnie, would resign from her position as head of the ANC's department of welfare if found guilty of the charges against her in court.

He also suggested that some of Mrs Mandela's recent controversial statements might have arisen from a misunderstanding of decisions by the ANC's national executive, but he said he was to blame for this.

Mr Mandela was being interviewed by David Dimbleby for BBC's "Panorama" programme. Mr de Klerk was also interviewed for the same broadcast.

Dimbleby asked Mr Mandela whether he thought it was correct to appoint Mrs Mandela to the ANC post at a time when she was facing charges of kidnapping and assault.

He defended the decision,

saying she was ir-
proved guilty, and added: "If my wife is found guilty I am sure she will be the first to say: 'In the light of the decision of the court I can no longer hold this position'."

Dimbleby asked if statements made by his wife about the suspension of the armed struggle represented the ANC view. Mr Mandela said they might have arisen from a failure to understand certain decisions by the national executive.

Implications

"People outside the national executive do not find it as easy to understand the decisions as we do."

Dimbleby asked whether this included his wife: "Yes, of course, because she is outside the national executive."

He added, however, that he sometimes failed "to do what I should", which was "coming back home and explaining to my wife the decision we have taken and its implications".

Mr Mandela, discussing the violence in the Reef townships, said the ANC had reason to believe groups were paid to "commit these massacres ... this was an independent force which was carrying out certain objectives, and orchestrated by certain people".

He repeated threats to lift the suspension of the armed struggle if the Government failed to suppress the township violence.

Mr de Klerk told Dimbleby the recent violence had stemmed from "a positioning for power within the black community".

He said, however, that massacres on trains and shootings from minibuses were "different", and "a form of terrorism".

He said the motives of such attacks was "to upset the psychological atmosphere, to create a general atmosphere of uncertainty and fear".

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Winnie's trial date set for February 4

By Helen Grange

Winnie Mandela — "accused number eight" — arrived at Soweto's Protea Magistrate's Court yesterday amid a thronging, chanting crowd.



Her trial — with seven co-accused also charged with eight counts of kidnapping and assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm — was postponed to February 4 at her lawyer's request.

Radiant in a navy blue matching skirt and jacket, Mrs Mandela arrived at exactly 9 am with her husband, ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela.

As relatives and journalists piled into the courtroom, supporters dressed in ANC colours waited patiently outside. Scores of policemen kept watch over proceedings.

After legal argument between the prosecutor, Chris van Vuuren, and Mrs Mandela's attorney, Ismail Ayob, over a trial date in the Rand Supreme Court, the magistrate, T F Veldman, decided to grant Mr Ayob's request.

The trial date of October 30, suggested by the Attorney-General of the Witwatersrand local division, was inopportune, Mr Ayob submitted, as Mrs Mandela would not have sufficient time to prepare her case.

Secondly, Mrs Mandela's counsel, understood to be George Bizos SC, was not available for this date.

Crime takes a dip in Soweto

Compared to previous weekends, Soweto police reported "relatively low" crime figures yesterday.

There were eight murders, none involving firearms, 29 robberies and nine rapes over the weekend, according to police spokesman Lt G o v a n s a m y Mariemuthoo.

Of course we are concerned and alarmed at the crime figures, but compared to previous weekends they are rela-

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tively low," he said.

He added police had arrested 14 people in Soweto for breaking the 9pm to 4am curfew since its imposition last Tuesday night as part of the police crackdown - codenamed "Operation Iron Fist" - on township violence on the Reef.

Police had also confiscated 17 firearms, including AK47s and Scorpion machine pistols, and seven handgrenades during the past week. -Sapa

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Webster³⁵ murder

POLICE said yesterday that Johannesburg City Council officials who had spied on slain Dr David Webster are to be questioned. *2/10/90*

A police source said an investigating team would interview officials who were named in the report of the Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry into irregularities in the city council.

Webster, a lecturer at the University of the Witwatersrand, was shot dead in front of his house in Troyeville, Johannesburg, in May last year. - *Sapa*

Train massacre: police hold three

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WILSON ZWANE

POLICE have arrested three black men in connection with last month's train massacre between two Johannesburg stations and expect to make further arrests soon.

Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok said in a statement yesterday that the men were arrested on Sunday after intensive police investigations, which he said were "severely hampered by the indiscriminate nature of the killings and an apparent lack of motive".

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The police also confiscated a "substantial amount" of ammunition and an assortment of weapons, including firearms, axes, spears and iron rods, he said.

Law and Order spokesman Brig Leon Mellet refused to say how and where the arrests were made. He said details could

hamper police investigations and the possible arrest of further suspects.

The incident happened on September 13 when gangs of armed men, who had boarded a Naledi-bound train at Jeppe and Benrose stations, started shooting and stabbing people indiscriminately between George Goch and Denver stations.

Other commuters were flung or jumped from the moving train.

Twenty-six people were killed and more than 100 injured. Shortly after the massacre Vlok promised police would not rest until the attackers had been arrested.

There has been speculation that the attackers were part of a "third force" orchestrating the Reef violence.

R12-m diamond robbery: four arrested

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Four people were arrested in Soweto at the weekend after Brixton Murder and Robbery Unit discovered 2 100 cut and uncut diamonds.

Police said the diamonds were part of the R12 million haul taken in a robbery at Gervis Diamonds in Johannesburg last month.

Also discovered during the

weekend and yesterday, in three secondhand shops in Hillbrow, were diamond and gold rings, wristwatches including a Rolex worth about R15 000, gold coins, antique bracelets and brooches, chains, lighters, ivory statues and photographic and video cameras.

The police estimated the value of the goods to be around R200 000.

Further arrests are expected, according to police.

In a related operation an Israeli man was arrested accused of dealing in gold illegally, police said.

People who want to identify their jewellery should contact Detective Warrant Officer Eddie Olivier of the Brixton Murder and Robbery Unit at (011) 839-3322.

Police seize weapons

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GERALD REILLY

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PRETORIA — Police have seized a large quantity of arms and ammunition, mostly after anonymous tip-offs following Piet "Skiet" Rudolph's appeal to Boere-staat Party supporters to turn in their weapons.

Police Commissioner Johan van der Merwe said yesterday the weapons included light machine guns, R-4 and R-5 rifles, shotguns, pistols, night-sight apparatus, mines, mortars, explosives and ammunition.

No one who had handed over weapons was charged, he said. He confirmed that some of the weapons were those that had been stolen from the SA Air Force headquarters in Pretoria earlier this year.



Emotional scenes as Rive's killers sentenced to jail

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By ESANN van RENSBURG
Staff Reporter

VINCENT Donald Aploon, 23, and Suleiman Turner, 18, have been jailed for murdering and robbing Cape Town author Dr Richard Rive.

Aploon was sentenced to 13 years' imprisonment for murder, seven years for robbery and three months for each of five fraud charges.

Turner was sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment for murder and six years for robbery.

Concurrent sentences

Aploon will serve an effective 13 years and Turner will serve 10 because their sentences will run concurrently.

There were emotional scenes outside the court when the men's girlfriends burst into tears and distraught parents had to be helped by friends and family.

Mr Justice Conradie said the court had to impose the sentences in such a way as to ensure the men would still be useful to society when they were released.

"Neither of the accused are people who should, because of repeated crimes, summarily be removed from society.

"If all factors are taken into account the sentences are sufficient.

"They are not young gangsters, but that they went to Dr Rive's home to rob has been established beyond doubt. This is what ultimately led to the sad ending."

The judge said a mitigating factor was that Dr Rive's death had not been premeditated.

"I have to take into consideration that murder and robbery are of the worst offences. It is tragic that accused number one (Turner) had to be involved in such crimes," he said.

The court also accepted as a mitigating factor that Turner had a pregnant girlfriend.

"I would have liked to see them together, but the interest of the community weighs heavily," the judge said.

The court concluded that Aploon had to a degree already paid for part of the crime because his left hand was badly scarred as a result of the violence. He had on

of injuries during fighting at Dr Rive's home.

Asked for knife

The judge said Aploon was the one who had entrée to Dr Rive's home, who had asked for the knife, who drove Dr Rive's car to Johannesburg, who sold the stolen items and who used his petrol card.

"Nevertheless, the court wants to inflict a sentence that will not break him. Both men are useful and can be rehabilitated," the judge said.

Evidence in the trial was that Dr Rive befriended Aploon and invited him to bring a friend to a braai at his house. Dr Rive's body was found stabbed the following day.

5 men in ³⁸ court over city train *Sowetan 16/10/90* massacre

FIVE men arrested in connection with last month's Johannesburg train attack which left 26 people dead appeared briefly in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court yesterday. They will appear again tomorrow for bail applications.

The men are Mr Martin Ngcobo (49), Mr Basie Nkosingondle (27), Mr Mmegela Magubane (34), Mr Mandla Majozi (no age given) and Mr Solomon Khumalo (no age given) - all of Jeppe Hostel.

They were not formally charged, pending further police investigations.

However, a police spokesman said several charges, including those of murder and attempted murder, were still being formulated against the men.

Majozi and Khumalo's names were added to the charge sheet yesterday, while the other three initially appeared at the be-

By SONTI MASEKO

ginning of the month in connection with the murders.

The magistrate, Mr SP Janse van Rensburg, ordered that the men be detained at Brixton Police Station.

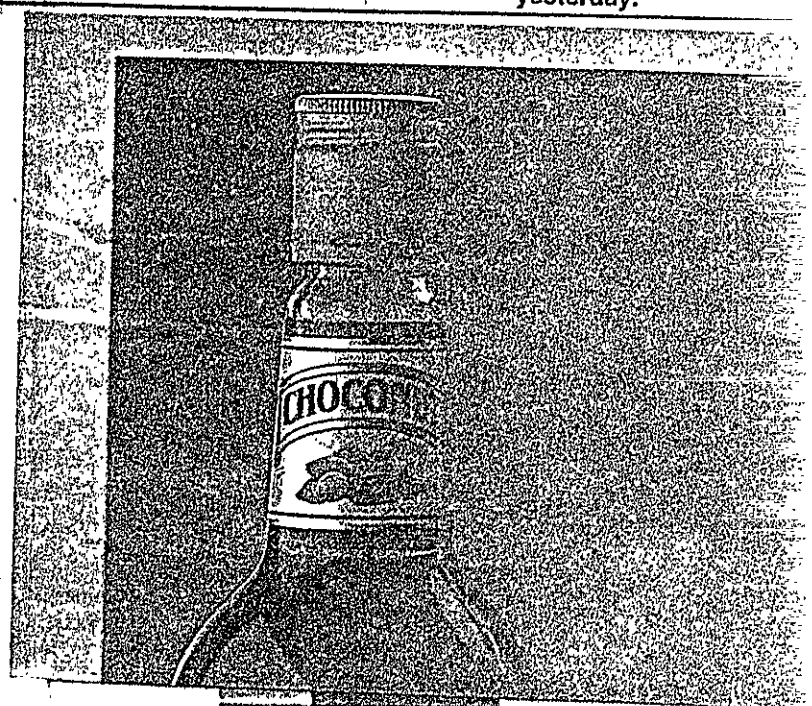
Yesterday the courtroom was packed with spectators, many of them relatives of the accused. Most had travelled from Natal to attend the trial.

The relatives later told *Sowetan* they had not been allowed to visit the men in custody because of the ongoing police investigations.

The five were yesterday represented by Mr Ian Small-Smith.



A crowd gathers outside the Magistrate's Court yesterday.



9 murdered in Soweto

NINE murders, 20 rapes, 22 robberies and 23 cases of car theft were reported in Soweto at the weekend.

Soweto 16/10/90
Thirty-five stolen cars were recovered this weekend.

At least seven people were killed and more than 50 injured in crimes and accidents in Pretoria.

Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Halgryn said two people were arrested for murder, five for rape and two for robbery.

A man died after falling down five storeys in a lift shaft.

* Eight people were taken to Kalafong Hospital when their minibus overturned after a tyre burst.

The rapes were a cause for concern as three of the victims were 15 years old, one 16 years old and another a seven-year-old girl.

A man and a woman died in separate stabbing incidents in Mamelodi on Friday night.

* Police are searching for a heavily armed gang which robbed a Brits bank of more than R500 000 at the weekend.

A man died on Saturday when he was assaulted near the Hippo Quarry.

* A 19-year-old National Serviceman died in a car accident at the Rooihuiskraal off-ramp on the Ben Schoeman Highway on Saturday.

A police spokesman said four men, armed with an AK-47 rifle, pistols and knives, held up staff at the Volkskas Bank at about 7.30am on Saturday morning.

A woman died instantly when a bus, which careered over the middle aisle in Van der Hoff Road

on Saturday, crashed into her.

* A woman was killed yesterday when she apparently lost control of her vehicle on the Witbank Highway.

Mr Joseph Mosta (28) of Sebokeng was gunned down by two men near a shop in Zone 14 on Sunday evening.

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Recognise these cars? . . . Some of the scores of stolen or hijacked vehicles at the Jabulani car pound which have been recovered by police in Soweto. All the cars seen here have yet to be claimed by their owners. ● Picture by Herbert Mabuza.

Thuggery on the increase in Soweto area

Staff Reporter

Crimes such as vehicle hijacks in the streets, raids on homes and armed robberies in which people have had cars and money taken by thugs are on the increase in Soweto and surrounding areas.

Soweto police liaison officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Halgryn, said an average of eight vehicles daily were being taken by force from motorists, and police were recovering at least 100 cars every week.

Some of these incidents took place in the Kliptown and Lenasia areas.

Colonel Halgryn said more

than 70 percent of the stolen vehicles recovered were found in Soweto. He said there were many unclaimed vehicles at the pounds at the Jabulani police station and at Diepkloof.

Colonel Halgryn said most of the hijackings took place in broad daylight at busy intersections, stop streets and at traffic lights. Others happened at night.

"Our problem area is the intersection at the traffic lights just opposite Sakkie's Garage and also in the centre of White City Jabavu. But it could happen anywhere.

"Some incidents are commit-

ted by gangs and others by individuals. They wait at certain spots for a car to come with an unlocked door or open window.

"In one instance last week they robbed a woman of her car in Meadowlands after they placed barricades in the road.

"They point firearms at the driver. However, there have been less incidents of motorists being shot this year compared to last year," Colonel Halgryn said.

Most people who had been robbed while in their cars had not locked their doors. He advised motorists to keep their doors locked and windows

closed. Car owners should also mark their cars to make it possible for them to identify their vehicles.

Colonel Halgryn said: "I know the weather is hot but people should listen to our advice."

He said motorists should go to the Jabulani and Diepkloof car pounds where recovered vehicles were kept while police were trying to trace their owners.

There was no time limit as to how long vehicles were kept. Cars were, however, sold within 30 days if the owners were contacted but did not respond.

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Business Day attempts to enter the office failed.

worldwide, hes said.

Policemen charged with suspect's murder

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FOUR young policemen who allegedly fatally assaulted a black suspect and dumped his body next to a highway before reporting that the man had escaped, pleaded not guilty to murder in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

Petrus Rudolph de Villiers, 19, Andries Wilhelmus Vorster, 20, Johannes Martinus Olivier, 21, and Gulleame de Witt, 22, also pleaded not guilty to defeating the ends of justice when they appeared before Mr Justice G Gordon and two assessors yesterday.

De Witt was a sergeant at the time of the alleged murder while the three others were constables.

It is alleged that the four arrested George Ndaba and another suspect on the morning of July 19 last year and took the pair to the Bramley police station where they were booked on a false charge.

False

The state alleges the four killed Ndaba by fatally assaulting him and then dumping him next to the R28 highway.

De Villiers and Olivier then allegedly made false statements that Ndaba had escaped from custody.

When the trial began yesterday, a statement made by De Villiers to a Randburg magistrate on July 29 last year was handed in to the court.

In his statement De Villiers said they had stopped Ndaba and another suspect in Alexandra in a car with a calculator and video machine on the back seat.

He said after Ndaba told them the car belonged to himself and they had bought the goods for R100, both they and the vehicle were taken to Bramley police station.

De Villiers said Olivier held the two there on a false charge saying this was because he did not have the time and had to go out again. That night Ndaba was booked

SUSAN RUSSELL

out for further questioning.

"George Ndaba took us to Alexandra and showed us where he had bought the goods. In the house, for the first time Vorster hit George Ndaba with his flat hand," he said. De Villiers said he and Ndaba stood by the door of the house while the others searched it. Nothing was found.

As they walked back to their vehicle, Olivier kicked Ndaba from behind and stood on his ribs. De Witt and Vorster took Ndaba to the vehicle and Olivier kicked him two or three times in the face.

De Witt picked Ndaba up by his clothes, De Villiers said, and threw him hard on to the ground.

"George Ndaba lay there — I do not know if he was dead."

De Villiers said Olivier told him to help Vorster put the man into the vehicle and they left, driving to a piece of veld.

"When I felt Goege Ndaba, I felt he was ice-cold and said to Constable Olivier that we must take George to the clinic. He said George was not yet dead and he would come round shortly."

De Villiers said De Witt also felt Ndaba and stated he was dead. A suggestion was then made that Ndaba be thrown out next to the highway.

"I am not sure who made the suggestion," De Villiers said. "It was said that if George was found next to the highway it would be thought that it was a hit-and-run accident."

He said Olivier told him to kick Ndaba out of the vehicle.

"I told Constable Vorster he could do it, but I would not and we swapped places.

"Constable Vorster opened the car door and kicked George Ndaba on to the tar road." Olivier then reported that Ndaba had escaped, De Villiers said.

The trial continues.

Gang hurls 15 people off commuter train

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LINDEN BIRNS

AT LEAST 15 people were thrown off a commuter train — four are in a critical condition — as it travelled through Kempton Park's industrial belt on its way to Johannesburg yesterday.

The ticket master at Van Riebeeck Park Station said nine people were thrown off the train at his station just after 9am, and another six were found lying along the line and at Isando Station.

East Rand SAP liaison officer Capt Ida van Zweek said last night all the injured had been admitted to hospitals in the Kempton Park area.

"We do not have too many details, but it appears that a gang of blacks threw the people off the train."

The police had not made any arrests in

connection with incident, she said.

Attacks on train passengers have become a feature of the violence which has swept through Vaal Triangle, East Rand, West Rand and Soweto townships since August.

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Worst incident was on September 13 when a gang of men went on a hacking and stabbing spree on a train travelling between Jeppe and Benrose stations.

At least 26 people were killed and more than 100 injured, either in the attack or when they jumped from the moving train in their desperate attempts to get away from their assailants.

Five Zulu men, all residents of the Jeppe Hostel, are in custody awaiting trial on charges of multiple murder.

On September 14 commuters were flung from a train as it travelled between Jeppe and Ellis Park stations.

No one was killed but 15 people were injured in the incident.

On September 24, police found seven bodies next to the railway line near Riverlea, south-west of Johannesburg. Most of the dead had multiple injuries and police believe they either jumped or were thrown off a train.

The first reports of train attacks during the recent spate of unrest were made about mid-August.

A-G applies to court Winnie's trial date contested

TRANSVAAL Attorney-General Klaus von Lieres yesterday challenged a magistrate's decision to postpone until February the trial of Winnie Mandela and seven others on charges of kidnapping and assault.

Mrs Mandela, wife of African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela, and seven of her former bodyguards are charged with abducting and beating four young men at her house in Soweto.

The leader of her bodyguards, Jerry Richardson, has been convicted of murdering one of the four. He was sentenced to death.

Trial date

The eight defendants appeared on September 24 in the Protea Magistrate's Court in Soweto, where Mrs Mandela's attorney, Ismail Ayob, argued that the original October 30 trial date left his client insufficient time to prepare.

Magistrate T F Veldman postponed the trial, which will be held in the Supreme Court, until February 4.

Yesterday Transvaal Mr von Lieres asked the Supreme Court to rule that the magistrate lacked the power to change the date.

For the administration of criminal trials in

the Supreme Court, it would have worrisome consequences if each and every magistrate or regional magistrate in each of the more than 100 magisterial districts could determine when an accused should stand trial in the Supreme Court," Mr von Lieres said in an affidavit supporting his challenge.

There was no indication of why Mr von Lieres waited until yesterday to challenge the postponement. The Supreme Court reserved judgment on the application.

The charges against Mrs Mandela and the others stem from a December 1988 incident that killed 14-year-old Stompei Seipei.

During Richardson's trial, the other three alleged victims testified they were abducted by members of the Mandela United Football Club - Mrs Mandela's bodyguards - and taken to her home. They said Mrs Mandela beat them with a whip and that the others also assaulted them.

All eight defendants face four counts each of kidnapping and four of assault with intent to commit grievous bodily harm. If convicted, they could receive punishment ranging from a suspended sentence to the

death penalty. Lawyers said the death sentence has never been imposed for kidnapping in South Africa.

Mrs Mandela has denied any wrongdoing.

White and black leaders fear Mrs Mandela's trial could strain relations between the ANC and the Government as they try to start talks on ending apartheid.

The charges are the latest in a series of controversial or damaging incidents involving Mrs Mandela. Many have been linked to the soccer club she formed that served as her protection. The two dozen teenagers played few matches and were accused of terrorising the Soweto neighborhood where Mrs Mandela lived.

Minister

According to testimony at Richardson's trial, Mrs Mandela's bodyguards accused Seipei of being a police informer and the other three of having homosexual relations with the white minister at their church home.

No evidence has been presented that Seipei, a well-known anti-apartheid activist despite his young age, was a police spy. The Methodist Church cleared the minister of any misconduct.

- Associated Press.

Winnie could be tried soon

By **DESMOND BLOW**

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Supreme Court on October 30.

TRANSVAAL Attorney-General Klaus von Lieres und Wilkau wants Winnie Mandela's kidnapping and assault trial to be heard at the end of this month - and not in February next year.

She and seven others appeared in the Protea Magistrate's Court on September 24 and were remanded to the Rand

However, after argument by Mandela's attorney Ismail Ayob, magistrate T Veldman agreed to postpone the matter to February 4 1991 in the Supreme Court.

This week Von Lieres asked the Supreme Court to rule that the magistrate lacked the power to set a new date. Judgment will be given next week.

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Family is brutally attacked

By Norman Chandler
and McKeed Kotlolo

A Pretoria man and his nine-year-old daughter are fighting for their lives in a city hospital after a former employee allegedly bludgeoned them with a hammer in a pre-dawn attack at their home yesterday.

Frederick Rick Lourens (43) of King's Highway, Lynwood, is in Jacaranda Hospital where he underwent a head operation yesterday.

His condition was today described as "critical". He is still unconscious.

His daughter, Jana, is in a serious condition although "improving" after undergoing a similar operation.

Mr Lourens's wife, Marianne, and son, Eric (16), also underwent treatment. Their conditions are "satisfactory".

The only member of the family to escape injury was the eldest daughter, Carin (10), who smashed a glass door at the back of the house to alert neighbours.

Police have mounted a search for a man identified as Johnson Mkhwanazi, who worked for the family for 16 years.

Sleeping

A police spokesman said the suspect broke into the family's home at about 2 am yesterday.

He is alleged to have first entered the bedroom occupied by Mr and Mrs Lourens, attacking the sleeping couple with a hammer before going into the next room where he assaulted Jana.

Police said the attacker then moved into a third bedroom where Eric was sleeping and attacked him before moving on in an attempt to get Carin.

She had escaped, probably after having heard screams from family members.

Any person with information should contact Major Kroukamp at (012) 47-3315 or phone the detective branch at Brooklyn Police Station at (012) 43-6611.

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Winnie's trial date still set for February

Staff Reporter

The trial date of Winnie Mandela still stands at February 4 in spite of a ruling by two Rand Supreme Court judges yesterday that the magistrate who postponed the date from October 30 to February had no authority to do so.

Mr Justice van Dijkorst concurring with Mr Justice Swart found that a magistrate did not have the authority to change or decide the trial date of a case to appear in a Supreme Court.

It was not under the jurisdiction of the magistrate to change the date or place of a criminal trial determined by the

Attorney-General.

The application was brought by the Attorney-General of the Witwatersrand, Klaus von Lieres, who had set the trial date for Mrs Mandela for October 30.

But Soweto magistrate T F Veldman, who was asked by Mrs Mandela's attorney to postpone the hearing, had "misdirected himself" by changing the date.

The court was not asked to change the date from February 4.

Mrs Mandela and seven others face charges of kidnapping and assault.

● Other side of Winnie.

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Murder, gang rapes at Soweto school

Staff Reporter

A man was murdered and two women gang-raped at a school in Meadowlands, Soweto, on Monday night, police said yesterday.

The incident follows reports of rape, drug peddling and extortion at another Soweto school, Altem High School, in the past few weeks.

Police said that in Monday

night's incident six men had abducted a woman and taken her to Kelokitso High School in Meadowlands.

At the school the gang found a couple.

They chased the man away before raping his girlfriend and the other woman in a classroom, police said.

They said a woman was apparently helped to escape by one of the gang members.

The man was later found dead in the school premises.

He has been identified as Mr Samuel Tihapane (24) of Zone 10 Meadowlands.

The group was later confronted by two men and one suspect was apprehended.

He is to appear in court on rape charges.

A gang calling itself "Rebeka" is thought to be conducting a reign of terror at Altem High.

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Death of whites: 34 charged with murder 38

THIRTY-four people appeared in the Odendaalsrus Magistrate's Court yesterday in connection with the murder of four whites at the Mechongoville squatter camp at

Odendaalsrus on September 30.

They were not asked to plead and the case was postponed for further investigation until November 20.

The charges arose from the deaths of Mr

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Basie van Niekerk (42), of Rheeder Park, Welkom; Mr Michael Frederick Belelie (33); Mrs Shelley Erica Basson (35) and Mr Anthony (Tollie) Mark Casey (29), all of Odendaalsrus.

They were apparently murdered outside a shebeen at Mechongoville.

Mr Abraham Kole, accused number two, is on bail while the other 33 accused are in custody. - Sapa

Magistrate erred in Winnie's case

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WINNIE MANDELA

A RAND Supreme Court judge yesterday ruled that a magistrate had erred when he postponed the trial date of Mrs Winnie Mandela, who is scheduled to appear in court on charges of kidnapping and assault.

Mr Justice KV Dijkhorst, in a 30-minute judgment, granted an application by Transvaal Attorney-General Mr Klaus von Lieres, who sought a declaratory order.

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Von Lieres launched his application on Friday after magistrate Mr TF Veldman postponed Mandela's trial on kidnapping and assault charges to February 4.

The Supreme Court had set October 30 as the trial date but after an application by Mandela's defence lawyer Veldman agreed to postpone the

trial.

In his challenge, Von Lieres said he agreed with the new date but contested the right of a magistrate to change a Supreme Court decision.

Justice Dijkhorst subsequently ruled that a magistrate was not empowered to change a trial date set by the Supreme Court.

In an earlier hearing, Mandela's lawyer, Mr Ismail Ayob, argued that the complexity of the case with eight accused represented by two different attorneys and over 30 witnesses to be called by the State - left too little time for preparation.

He said Mandela would be abroad with her husband on October 30 on a long-standing arrangement and would not be available for trial on that day or for the necessary consultation prior to the case.

A member of the police riot force taking aim at dispersing demonstrators in Alexandra yesterday and one was shot dead in the skirmish.

Policeman changes plea in murder case

By VSM 26/10/90

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SUSAN RUSSELL

ONE of four young policemen who pleaded not guilty to murdering a suspect changed his plea to one of guilty of assault in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

Johannes Marthinus Olivier admitted in a statement submitted before Mr Justice G Gordon that he had assaulted George Ndaba on July 19 last year after he and his three co-accused arrested the man in Alexandra with what were suspected to be stolen goods.

Initially Olivier, 21, Petrus de Villiers, 22, Andries Vorster, 20, and Gulleame de Witt, 22 all pleaded not guilty to murdering Ndaba. They also pleaded not guilty to defeating the ends of justice by claiming that Ndaba had escaped from custody when they knew that he was dead. Yesterday, Oliver pleaded guilty to this charge as well.

It is alleged that they arrested Ndaba on a false charge and then fatally assaulted

him after booking him out of police cells to point out various spots in Alexandra.

In his statement Olivier said the four of them took Ndaba to a house in Alexandra which he indicated was the place where the sellers of the goods in his possession lived.

Olivier said nothing was found and believing Ndaba had misled them, he kicked him in his ribs from behind as they walked back to their vehicle.

Ndaba, he said, suddenly broke out of De Villiers' grasp and lay on his back.

Olivier said he then rolled Ndaba over with his foot and stepped on his rib cage, telling him he had better tell the truth.

Later, he said, Vorster also seemed to have aimed a kick at Ndaba, but he could not say where it landed. Afterwards, they discovered Ndaba had died.

The case continues today.

Winnie fails to appear in court

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FOR the second time this year, Winnie Mandela has failed to appear in court to face charges of alleged business irregularities.

A warrant for her arrest was issued on Thursday when she missed an appearance in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court on the charges involving alleged failure to pay unemployment insurance for employees of her food shop, reports Sapa. She allegedly failed to pay contributions to the insurance fund between January and August and also allegedly failed to file necessary documents.

In March, a warrant for her arrest was issued for failing to appear in court to face similar charges. That warrant was cancelled, and a fine of R100 and more than R200 owed to the unemployment insurance fund were paid on her behalf in April. — Associated Press.

New Zealand couple shot after losing their way

Tourist slain in Soweto

By Glen Elsas and Marguerite Moody

An elderly New Zealand tourist was shot dead in Soweto yesterday and his wife was wounded in the arm after they lost their way while returning from a shopping trip.

Alfred Harrison (74) died instantly and his wife Phyllis (69) is recovering in the J.G. Strijdom Hospital.

The couple arrived about two months ago to attend the 21st birthday celebrations of a grandson. They were staying in Florida Park with their daughter, Georgie Braithwaite (44), and her family.

Mrs Braithwaite expressed outrage last night.

Interviewed by The Star at the hospital she said her parents had ended up in Soweto after losing their way while returning from a shopping trip to Randburg.

"They had apparently taken a wrong turn-off and when they saw a sign saying 'Welcome to Soweto', they realised they were lost.

"They stopped to ask the way from a neatly dressed man carrying a briefcase. When the man was pushed aside by two other men. According to my mother, the men grabbed her and my father's wristwatches, and when my mother bent down to give her handbag to the assailants, they shot at her."

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Mrs Braithwaite said the bullet hit her father in the side after going through her mother's arm.

"After the two men ran off, the car was surrounded by people, and they were very helpful. They called the police and an ambulance."

Mrs Braithwaite said her parents would not have entered Soweto on their own.

She did not know how long her mother would remain in hospital. Doctors had said she was suffering from tremendous shock.

Police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Halgryn, said all that appeared to have been stolen were the two watches.

He added it appeared that one bullet had hit both victims, but only ballistic reports and further investigation would be able to confirm this.

Police have launched a hunt for the killers.

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NZ visitor shot dead while lost in Soweto

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JOHANNESBURG —

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The couple were staying in Florida Park with their daughter, Mrs Georgie Braithwaite, 44.

Mrs Braithwaite said her parents had ended up in Soweto after losing their way while returning from Randburg.

"They stopped to ask the way from a man, when the man was pushed aside by two other men. When my mother bent down to give her handbag to the assailants, they shot at her."

Mrs Braithwaite said the bullet had hit her father in the side after going through her mother's arm.

A police spokesman said police have launched a massive manhunt for the killers.

— Sapa

Massive forex fraud probe

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THE South African Police commercial crime unit confirmed yesterday that an investigation had been launched into a suspected multi-million rand new foreign exchange fraud following the suspension of three listed companies on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange.

A spokesman for the unit, which has broken a series of forex rackets in recent months, said the probe had been triggered by the Foreign Exchange Division of the SA Reserve Bank.

It was suspected that at

least five private sector companies had broken forex control regulations on the movement of overseas currencies in and out of commercial and financial rand business accounts.

Shock waves were caused when the JSE ordered the suspension of no fewer than three listed companies - shopfitter firm of Norvic, Lanchem door manufacturing company and Osprey gold mine.

JSE general manager of listings and equity markets Mr Richard Connellan was quoted as

saying the stock market suspensions had been ordered following discussions with Reserve Bank exchange control officials.

It is understood the Reserve Bank has also ordered investigations into the affairs of two more companies - cash-shells Meter Systems and Management Services Corporation, which were suspended by the JSE earlier in the year.

The SAP commercial crime unit was expected to release more details later yesterday. - *Sowetan Correspondent.*

Meningitis

DAR ES SALAAM - An outbreak of meningitis has killed 202 people within the last five months in various parts of Tanzania, a senior health official says.

Health Minister Philemon Sarungu said Tuesday the victims were among 2 132 people who had contracted the disease throughout the country since May. - *Sapa*

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WINDHOEK - Trans-Namib, the Namibian transport parastatal which took over from South African Transport Services, has dismissed 235 striking workers in the first post-independence mass dismissal.

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Armed gang grabs cash for pensions

Vereeniging bureau

An armed gang overpowered and disarmed two Transvaal Provincial Administration security guards and three other officials before escaping with R112 000 in pension funds in Evaton yesterday.

Afterwards the gang — between five and seven — fled through a hole in a concrete wall and drove off in a vehicle.

A police spokesman said the robbery was at the Evaton soccer stadium while elderly residents were queueing up for their pensions.

An official, Anthony Ngoma (27), and two helpers were being guarded by a pair of TPA security guards, who were armed with shotguns, while the money was being paid out.

The gang stormed into the building and overpowered and disarmed the guards and officials.

They then grabbed a trunk containing R112 000 and fled.

22 murdered in Soweto - SAP

There were 22 murders, 11 rapes, 12 vehicle hijackings and 14 cars stolen in Soweto at the weekend, according to the SAP's crime statistic report.

A police spokesman said that in one incident, police arrested three men and recovered R3 500 in cash, an AK-47 rifle, a shotgun and a pistol shortly after a Lenasia company had been robbed on Friday morning.

Employees at Zomba Brick in Lenasia were held up by three men who escaped with about R6 000.
— West Rand Bureau.

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Probe says R98m went on books

LEBOWAKGOMO. — The Lebowa Department of Education paid almost R98m to 57 bookshop owners between March 1986 and September 1989, the De Meyer Commission disclosed yesterday.

The report named two former secretaries of education, Mr Masipa Kobe and Dr Makgele Mphahlele, as the main culprits. It said bookshops owned by the two received orders totalling nearly R6m each.

The commission was appointed by President De Klerk in October last year to investigate alleged misuse and mismanagement of funds in Lebowa government services.

Mr Kobe, who was Deputy Minister of Trade and Tourism, was forced to resign and Dr Mphahlele was suspended in October last year.

Lebowa Chief Minister Mr Nelson Ramodike said prosecutions were pending. "The government acknowledges there were shortcomings in its policy . . . The government is committed to implement as soon as possible a policy which will ensure effective control over finances."

The commission found that the Lebowa Department of Education was mismanaged and that treasury instructions were not fulfilled. — Sapa

Political killings 38 send Soweto crime statistics soaring

By IKE MOTSAPI

*Soweto
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ABOUT 1 280 people have been killed and 1 860 women raped in Soweto over the past 10 months.

This means that four people died and five women raped in Soweto each day, according to the figures released by the Soweto police.

Added to this horrifying picture is that an average of 14 people were robbed every day.

Lieutenant Govindsamy Marimuthoo, liaison officer for the Soweto Police, said police estimated that an average of 104 people were killed in the township each weekend.

Here is a breakdown of the statistics:
1990 (From Jan to October).

	Murders	Rapes	Robberies
January	100	166	366
February	109	164	392
March	90	165	538
April	112	158	403
May	105	145	343
June	84	115	508
July	128	143	513
August	184	143	546
September	231	142	577
October	137	180	569

What is worrying is that the typical murder or robbery victim is a normally a young or middle-aged male who is invariably either poor and under-educated.

This trend has also changed as more and more of the murders involve the use of firearms.

This year also saw the increased incidence of political violence during the months of August and October.

Mr Issac Meletse, Soweto's branch director of the National Institute For Crime Prevention and Rehabilitation of Offenders (Nicro), said crime took what he described as a new turn in the township during the months of August to September.

He said most of the personal crimes of violence were against people were caught in the crossfire during the political faction fighting.



White-collar crime kept under control

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JOHANNESBURG's commercial branch is maintaining a more than 80% success rate in containing white-collar crime in the city, says the unit's commanding officer Brig Daantjie Le Roux.

Interviewed at the weekend, Le Roux said about 20% of commercial crimes committed in Johannesburg and investigated by the commercial branch involved people trying to sell shares in unlisted companies.

Stock Exchange irregularities such as bear raids — the forcing down of a share's value by spreading false rumours in order to facilitate a buying coup — were few and apparently well contained by the JSE, Le Roux added.

"All in all I think it's safe to say we have a healthy relationship with the corporate and business sector."

Recession

"I base that on the number of cases that people report to us even though they may not be strictly commercial branch cases," he said.

"White-collar criminals can be divided into two broad categories: the professional criminal and the criminal driven to fraud by economic recession.

"With the former, one finds they are meticulous planners who have a whole scam worked out in detail," Le Roux said.

Those in the second group were usually driven to crime by an unwillingness to lower their living standards in recessions.

Le Roux said he welcomed a change in approach by the courts which were now imposing heavier sentences.

He also attributed the unit's success rate to the response it had had from seminars

and talks organised by the branch with the business sector.

"Preventing a crime would mean a saving not just in terms of manpower, paperwork and legwork but, most important, in taxpayers' money. For this reason we have embarked on an awareness campaign in the business sector."

Le Roux said problems in the judicial system, statutory penalties, and police salaries sometimes hindered prosecution.

Le Roux said the often slow process of bringing a case to trial actually helped criminals.

"Other legal mechanisms that do not work in our favour are the often laughable penalties and fines prescribed in the statute books for some offences," he said.

An example was the R100 fine payable under the Insolvency Act for not keeping company books up to date.

A second example was the penalty provided for in terms of the Trademarks Act, where the legitimate trademark owner was not well-enough protected from tricksters selling cheap replicas under the same label as expensive originals, such as the fake Cartier watch business, he said.

The third factor compelling the commercial branch to react to rather than prevent fraud was the police manpower shortage and high workload.

This was aggravated by the lack of financial incentive to draw the required qualified people from the business sector to join the commercial branch, he said.

Branch employees were mostly detectives who had been on Justice Department courses. He said they often had to hire expert help and the branch had no career accountants or auditors.

He said the issue of salaries was being attended to by the Ministry of Law and Order.

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Soweto: city under siege

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JOSEPH NGOBESE owes his life to a rag-tag neighbourhood football team. If not his life, then certainly his livelihood.

The team is sponsored by Ngobese, not his real name, and the members are all youngsters on the block. In return for team jerseys, boots and travel costs, the team keeps a protective watch over his Soweto grocery shop.

Ngobese's neighbours are not so fortunate. Many of the shopowners have been bankrupted by robbers. Some have been assaulted and even murdered. Shop fronts are fortified and heavy grilles surround the till areas.

Staple foods are brought to the shops under armed guard and shopowners have to fetch all other commodities from outside the township. When violence breaks out, even this supply line is threatened.

By BRIAN POTTINGER

"If you take an interest in the youth, it is possible to get by without too many problems," explains Ngobese. "If you don't..." he shrugs his shoulders.

Like many other black urban areas in SA, Soweto is becoming a survivor's city racked by a collapsing civic culture.

Guard

The institutions — the police, the courts, educational authorities and municipalities — have been under sustained political assault for more than a decade. Their own inefficiency and corruption has merely compounded the problem.

Many residents now regard these institutions with suspicion and few have confidence in their ability to protect their interests. In its place has arisen a do-it-yourself attitude.

"I am here because somebody has to be," said Margaret Khumalo as she and a handful of other So-

weto mothers stood guard over the hall where their children were writing matric.

"It has become our responsibility, because nobody else will accept it."

The parent picket at the 426-pupil Altem School in Orlando East is an example of the do-it-yourself principle. For months the school had been the target of gangsters, some mere children, who had raided classrooms, abducted pupils, demanded protection money and mugged staff.

Although Sowetans are too irrepressible and creative to allow themselves to be obsessed about it, there is tangible fear here. Few Sowetans are prepared to say life is easier now than it was five or 10 years ago.

Two dozen Sowetans are regularly murdered in a single weekend. Rapes tally anything between 15 and 30. Muggings claim scores of victims. Getting to work is arduous: wars between competing taxi factions have claimed 54 lives in

Margaret Khumalo guards matric students at a Soweto school from attacks by gangsters: 'I am here because somebody has to be'



two months in the PWV area — three taxis were burnt out in one day alone on the main road past Baragwanath Hospital.

The trains are hardly safer. The attack on a Johannesburg train by armed men during the height of the recent political violence still has its echoes: as many people have been killed or injured by jumping out of trains because of rumours of attack as died in the original onslaught.

Flicker

The once incandescent Soweto nightlife is now a flicker. People are at home by 8pm. Young girls from decent families do not go out to parties — the chances of being assaulted or even murdered for spurning the advances of young gangsters is too great.

Public services suffer. Baragwanath hospital has had 47 of its 140 emergency vehicles, including ambulances, hijacked and stolen.

The violence has a poisoning effect on the community at large: ordinary people do strange things.

Josephine (again not her real name) lives close to the home of Monde Mandela. On October 5 his house-cum-spaza shop was razed in a firebomb attack which killed his five-year-old daughter.

Attack

The ANC opportunistically read politics into the bombing, but neighbours hold a different view. This Mandela was a sharp businessman, too sharp, and it is believed some rival shop owners decided to squeeze his margins — terminally.

Josephine recalls the night of the attack. She first

heard the comrades' characteristic whistling to each other in the dark in the dusty street outside. Sitting on her bed, she prayed.

Seconds later came the bombs and the screaming. She escaped injury but, inexplicably, some of the neighbours accused her of being responsible for the attack and have warned her to leave — or else.

"I cannot run," she says. "If I do people will think I know something. So I stay and yet I am afraid for my life. It is hard."

The churches, poignantly, report better Sunday attendances than ever — with many young people coming to pray.

Blame

A four-year rents and service charges boycott — although theoretically negotiated to an end between authorities and residents — shows an alarming unwillingness to die. Some banks and buildings societies, meanwhile, discreetly redline black loan applicants, and developers reduce their exposure.

Apartheid, of course, must take part of the blame. So does the inevitable trauma of rapid urbanisation. And unemployment — now at between 40-50 per cent. But so, too, must the choice of tactics of the resistance groups: the ANC and "mass democratic movements" have destroyed the credibility of institutions, but have been unable to replace it with anything of substance.

Young criminals have moved into the void. They come with a lurid range of names — Ninjas, Jack Rollers, the Makabasa — and a sordid, apocalyptic view of life. Soweto, like so many

other black townships, endures a violent and at times almost anarchic interregnum.

The ANC and SACP's plans to establish "self-defence" groups are greeted either sceptically or derisively by most citizens of Soweto. People turn to family and own resources.

Soweto is littered with charred monuments to rough and retributive "justice". In Jabulani a burnt-out house — torched by a gang of youths because one of the sons of the household had murdered a gangster. Another household razed because a member of the family was an alleged rapist.

Signal

Two young men recently tried to steal money from an elderly lady. A gang of 300 children seized them, "tried" the couple and were about to necklace them. Two passing policemen parlayed the suspects' lives on the assurance they would be taken straight to jail — it was a signal victory of constituted authority over street rule.

This privatised jurisprudence has its more formal expression in "people's courts" — they have mushroomed in all townships but it is debatable how much support they have from citizens.

The SA Police have for long remained unconvinced that a huge, frontier, society is being carved out under their noses. They produce lists to indicate they are arresting and convicting large numbers of criminals in Soweto. Since the advent of De Klerk's *glasnost* policies, they report better community relations.

Not convincingly enough: last month CID Chief Lt General Alwyn Conradie warned gangs of armed criminals were taking advantage of "suspicion-mongering" by resistance groups against the police and were waging a reign of terror in Soweto.

Optimism

Oscar Maseko, a stalwart of the Sofasonke Party, was recently elected Soweto's new mayor. The day after his election, sitting next to his white public relations consultant, he expressed optimism about Soweto one day again becoming a stable and orderly community. "It all depends on the political leadership at the top reaching agreements and the people below getting a stake in the area where they live," he said.

Miners strike after shaft murder claim

By DAN DHLAMINI

ALLEGATIONS of the underground murder of a mineworker have sparked a strike at the Libanon Gold Mine in Westonaria where 6 000 miners are demanding that management produce the missing man.

Mokhalameeli Ntoko went underground on May 15 this year and never surfaced again — though he was later clocked out.

It is alleged Ntoko had been shot dead underground, his tongue cut out and private parts mutilated.

A man allegedly forced to participate in the crime has also disappeared.

The National Union of Mineworkers' (NUM) says management claims the man who says he witnessed the murder

a certain Mabuza — has resigned.

But mineworkers fear he may have been killed in a cover-up.

According to Mohale Mohale — Mabuza's former room-mate — Mabuza told him Ntoko had been gunned down underground by a white official after an argument.

He claimed two white officials were involved in the alleged murder.

Mohale said Mabuza told him the officials wanted Ntoko's killing to look like a ritual murder and forced him to mutilate Ntoko's body.

Because he was terrified, Mabuza cut off Ntoko's tongue and private parts.

The officials then threatened to kill Mabuza if he breathed a word, Mohale said.

Mabuza then disappeared from the mine, shortly after Mohale advised him to talk to union officials.

Goldfields spokesman Michael de Kock confirmed a miner had gone missing and that an intensive search had been launched, but denied workers' allegations about Ntoko's disappearance.

De Kock also refused to discuss several conflicting points with *City Press*.

He refused to confirm or deny allegations by NUM press officer Jerry Majatladi that a white official had clocked out on behalf of Ntoko on the day he went missing.

Majatladi said management had admitted that an official had clocked out for Ntoko on May 15.

Two white men were temporarily suspended after this irregularity.

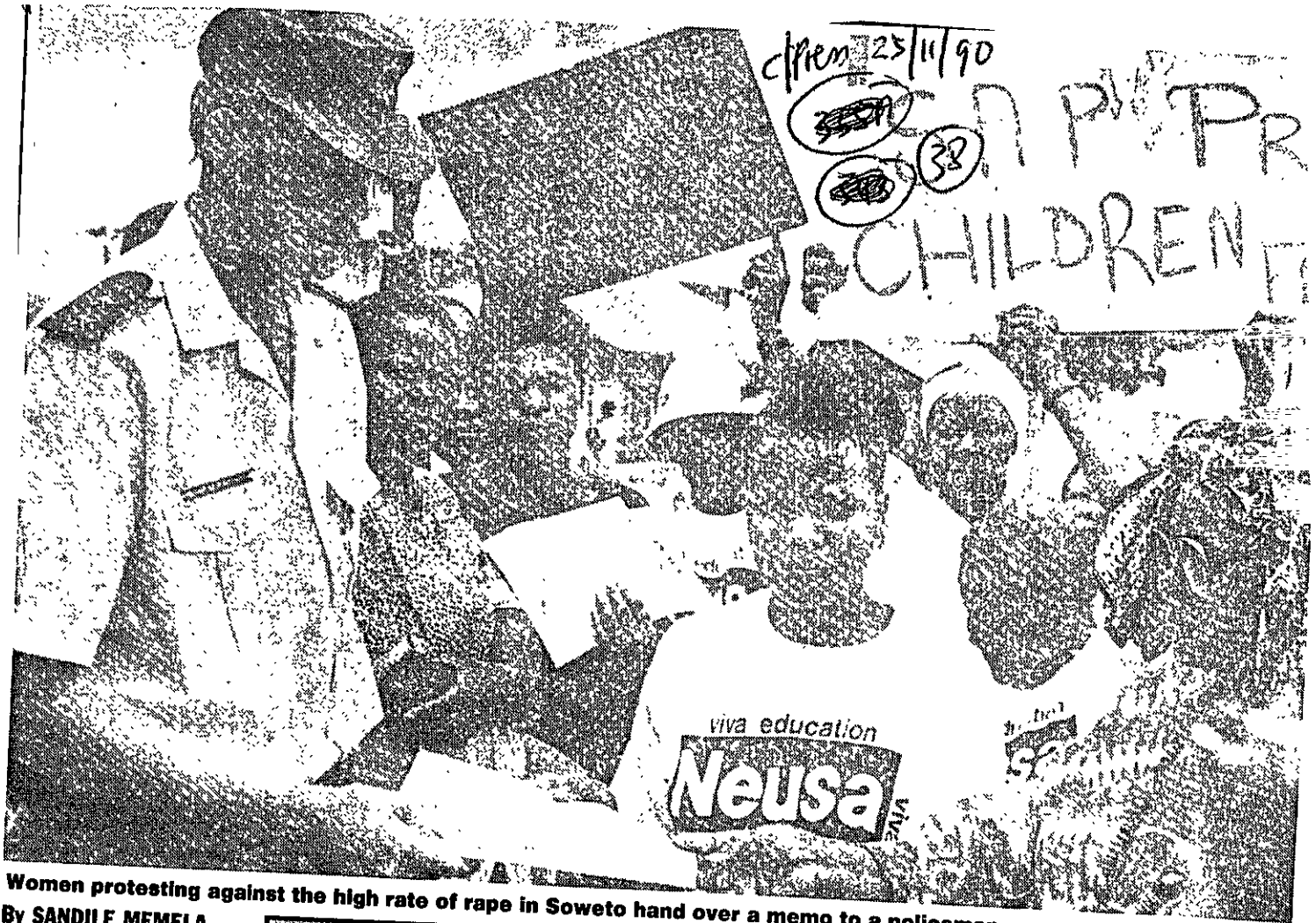
Majatladi said Ntoko's tool box and lamp were discovered hidden underground.

Mineworkers at Libanon are up in arms and have been on strike for the past seven days after the NUM reached a deadlock at a conciliation board hearing over the security of miners.

The striking workers, who meet every day at the mine's stadium, are also demanding the dismissal of two white officials and the general manager because "they failed to give a full explanation about Ntoko's disappearance".

Majatladi said mine security officers had been forcing workers to go underground at gunpoint.

De Kock would not comment on this allegation.



Women protesting against the high rate of rape in Soweto hand over a memo to a policeman.

By SANDILE MEMELA

A GROUP of Soweto women marched through the streets of the township yesterday to protest against the high rate of rape.

Marchers set off from Regina Mundi Church and moved to Protea North police station where they handed over a memo to be delivered to Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok.

The memo demanded free movement for women, a guarantee of safety for women in their homes, and police action against rapists.

Sowetans want Vlok out

Scores of banner-waving women and young girls chanted slogans and sang freedom songs.

Speaking for the organisers - which included the ANC, Cosatu, South African Council of Churches and People Opposed to Women Abuse - Masechaba Mabaso expressed disappointment at the poor turnout.

"The little crowd shows that people are not yet serious about addressing issues that directly affect them in their communities," she said.

Co-ordinator Palesa Bobi said women were concerned at the increase of rape in schools and the ease with which men were abducting girls from schools and raping them.

"We demand that the police take immediate action," Bobi said.

Meanwhile, SOPHIE TEMA reports that about 4 000 residents marched to Dobsonville police station yesterday to demand the resignation of Vlok and councillors.

The march was organised by the Dobsonville

Civic Association, Soweto Civic Association and the local branch of the ANC and South African Communist Party.

In a memo, the organisers said councillors had three weeks to resign.

But Dobsonville mayor Steve Nkatlo did not accept the memo.

Residents complaints include: high telephone bills; an inefficient postal service; high TV licence fees; and poor services.

In a memorandum to Vlok, residents complained about the role of

the police in the community, and especially their handling of unrest.

They also demanded the release of political prisoners, the release of detainees and an end to current political trials.

Residents said the police force had a bad image and were incompetent in dealing with the high crime rate.

"We are compelled to demand your resignation as Minister of Police, since most of the above issues have been brought to your attention by different people and leaders and you have chosen to ignore or deny them," the memo said.

■ Pic: ANDRIES MCINEKA

R3,2m council cheque fraud uncovered

A R3,2m cheque fraud has been uncovered at Diepmeadow City Council.

Diepmeadow is one of the three Greater Soweto townships. **B 10249 2111/90**

Diepmeadow town clerk Johan de Jager said yesterday that two cheques were involved. One, for R265 000, was deposited at the Ficksburg (Free State) branch of Volkskas Bank, and the other, for R3m, was deposited at First National Bank's Germiston branch.

De Jager said three blank cheques had

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been removed from the council's cheque book during September.

Signatures on the two which were deposited were "good" forgeries of those of two top council officials.

Only R4 000 had been withdrawn from the Ficksburg bank. Both banks had been instructed to freeze payment.

"We will take disciplinary measures against some people for laxity on security, and we have tightened measures to avoid a

recurrence of the racket," De Jager said.

Although the submission to a bank of two forged council cheques for R2 000 last year was reported to police, he could not say whether prosecution had followed.

□ Diepmeadow City Council, Soweto City Council and Dobsonville Town Council were signatories to the Greater Soweto Accord, which wrote off R516m in combined rent arrears. The accord, signed on September 24, heralded a series of negotiations by other indebted Transvaal councils.

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Winnie fined R200 over UIF

By Adam Gordon

Winnie Mandela was fined R200 or 10 days' jail in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court yesterday for failing to pay unemployment insurance for her fish-and-chip shop workers.

Mandela (54) pleaded guilty of failing to pay a premium of R127,74 to the Department of Manpower and of failing to submit an insurance statement on behalf of employees at

her shop in Empire Road.

Mandela's attorney, Ismail Ayob, produced a Department of Manpower Unemployment Insurance Fund receipt showing that the arrears from January 1 to August 10 had now been paid.

Mandela was meant to appear in court on October 25.

Mr Ayob said the summons had been received by an employee and the media had alerted Mandela.

The magistrate accepted this.

CP councillor, 2 others appear

By Anna Louw
East Rand Bureau

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A Kempton Park Conservative Party town councillor and two other men have appeared in the town's regional court on charges of sabotage and attempted murder.

CP councillor Erasmus Greyling Bezuidenhout (36) of Birchley North, Andre Naude (24) of Nimrod Park and Hendrik de Kok (34) of Northmead, Benoni, were not asked to plead.

The case was postponed to January 23 when a trial date is expected to be set.

In the meantime, an application is to be made for indemnity from prosecution in terms of the Groot-

Schuur Minute, counsel for the defence told the court.

According to the charge sheet, the three were allegedly in possession of a quantity of explosive devices including detonators and fuses, some of which were allegedly used in separate explosions in Kempton Park earlier this year.

An explosion on January 31 caused damage estimated at more than R43 000 to Swaggers Outfitters in Kempton Park as well as three other stores in the vicinity.

On August 4, the railway line between the Kempton Park and Van Riebeeck stations was damaged in a blast.

The men were granted bail of R500 each.

Anti-crime security ³⁸ a top priority in malls

LINDEN BIRNS

SHOPPING centres on the Reef no longer see themselves as likely targets for terror attacks, but most managements say crime and muggings are cause for concern.

Of five major Johannesburg shopping centres canvassed, Sandton City, Eastgate and Westgate still keep guards with metal detectors at entrances as a security precaution, but even there the focus is not on terrorism.

Cresta Centre GM Vincent Reinders believed the change in SA politics had made this type of check a "redundant exercise".

"But we have not laid off any security staff. In fact, we have increased our security force and now have patrols inside and outside the centre, and some mechanical security devices."

Carlton Centre security chief Cobus Jooste said the complex had hired extra security staff for foot patrols in the mall during the Christmas shopping season.

"We are also deploying plainclothed security staff on a 24-hour basis."

Jooste said there were no plans to station guards at the entrances to the centre as it was "too open and too big" with 18 entrances around the multi-storey complex.

All managers agreed that car-park crimes were of major concern, as they were the most difficult to prevent. Car break-ins were the most common.

"We had dog patrols on our roof car park, but the SPCA stopped us because they said it was inhumane to have dogs walking around on hot tar. Now we have motorbike patrols on the roof car park," said Sandton City manager Simon Hobday.

Shoppers should not rely solely on the security guards, he added, but should be more alert and aware of what was going on around them.

Dog patrols

Eastgate manager David Kavanagh said he had guards at the entrances and patrols in the malls. Plainclothed and uniformed security staff on foot and on motorcycles patrolled the car parks.

"We do not believe one can get complacent about bomb attacks. These days you never know which quarter they could come from."

Westgate assistant manager Kobus Steenekamp said guards with dogs patrolled the centre's car parks, and men and women guards with metal detectors manned entrances.

All shops in the centre were equipped with panic buttons linked to a central control. Senior security officials patrolled malls "just to keep an eye on things".

23 Soweto weekend murders ³⁸

POLICE reported 23 murders - including six gunshot victims - in Soweto at the weekend. *Sowetan 4/12/90*

Also reported were 40 robberies; 20 rapes - including that of a 13-year-old girl - and 57 thefts. Fifty-seven other cases, including arson, attempted murder and housebreaking, were also reported. - *Sapa*.

SPECIAL FOCUS ON VIOLENT CRIME IN THE SUBURBS ...

WE were coming back from a film at about midnight, six weeks ago, my flatmate, David, his girlfriend and I. We live in Yeoville in the third floor flat of a converted house.

We went into the flat. I noticed that the lights were on and a suitcase of mine that I'd left in the front had stuff pulled out. I didn't pay any attention. We walked into one of the bedrooms and there was just a hell of a mess. I turned round and coming out of the bathroom were two guys. One of them — the shorter one — was brandishing a knife.

My first thought when I saw the two was, let's give them a bit of space and they'll run.

One of them said, 'Alright you're going to die now. Look down now or you'll die.'

That just threw me. He sounded so matter of fact, like it was inevitable

“The one guy said, ‘Alright, you’re going to die now. Look down or you’re going to die.’ Then they tied us up.”

A VICTIM'S ACCOUNT OF A NIGHT OF TERROR IN HIS OWN FLAT

A Johannesburg man tells how he and two friends were held hostage. He spoke to EMMA GILBEY

that we would die. It was a hell of a surprise — more of a shock. I felt completely numbed and unable to act. I just didn't know what to expect next.

They blindfolded us, using our towels. When you're blindfolded you are totally helpless and disorientated. You just don't know what the hell is going on.

Then they began tying us up, asking for money at the same time. They searched through my pockets and wallet, saying: 'where's the money, where's the money?'

They asked us about the car. We told them what the car key looked like and how the immobiliser works. And we were also trying to increase their confidence and calm down the situation, saying 'we'll give you anything you want — just don't kill us.'

They did everything very routinely, the tall one saying: 'keep looking down or you're dead'. The shorter one talked to me in Pedi, saying 'just take it easy'. That was how they worked, the tall guy was very hard and the short one was very kind of charming.

They had us all tied up, our hands and feet and we were blindfolded and gagged, lying on our stomachs in my flatmate's room. We couldn't see each other but I knew the others were in the same room as me.

Then the short guy started saying, 'you see, this is because black people are suffering'. I spoke to him through the gag, saying yes I understand. Somehow we got onto the subject of the ANC — I think he saw my ANC

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Vaal ³⁸ 15 face *Source* 12/2/90 arms charges

By IKE MOTSAPI

FIFTEEN people will appear in court today charged with possession of various weapons and ammunition near Sebokeng Hostel three days ago.

The 15 men will face charges of unlawful possession of weapons, rounds of ammunition and explosives, according to police.

Captain Pieter van Deventer, liaison officer for the Vaal police, said the men were arrested after police spotted two suspicious-looking cars parked near Sebokeng Hostel at the weekend.

Cars

An eye-witness said the police approached the occupants of one of the cars while the other car sped off.

During a search police found a .38 revolver and nine rounds of ammunition, nine rounds of AK-47 rifle ammunition, three East European M-75 handgrenades and 10 petrol bombs.

The men were driven under escort to Sebokeng Police Station where they were formally arrested.

Van Deventer could not link the incident to the petrol bomb attack on the house of Sebokeng priest, the Rev. Lord McCamel, and the indiscriminate shootings on pedestrians and cars last Thursday and Friday nights.

Robbery unit held 2 150 in one year

By Monica Nicolson
Crime Staff

The Johannesburg Robbery Reaction Unit, whose members operate under cover, has been very successful this year, solving most reported cases and arresting many suspects.

Under unit commander Captain Tiny Nortjie, 1 150 cases were handled and 2 150 suspects were arrested. Only in 45 instances did policemen have to use firearms, police said.

More than 40 stolen vehicles were recovered and 35 firearms used during robberies and other crimes confiscated.

Posing as cleaners, hobos, mechanics and in other jobs, the reaction unit patrols the streets "picking" suspects at a distance and following them unobtrusively for hours if necessary.

According to police liaison officer Captain Eugene Opperman, the members of this demanding unit develop an intuition regarding suspects and their eyes miss nothing.

The crimes dealt with included armed robbery, handbag snatching, theft of cars, the possession of stolen property or drugs and other violent crimes.

Inkatha men on arms charges

By IKE MOTSAPI

FIFTEEN Inkatha members charged with illegal possession of firearms, ammunition and explosives were yesterday granted bail of R200 each by a Sebokeng Regional Court magistrate.

Mr. C. Kruger warned them to appear in court again on December 18.

The men are Caiphus Mbatha (37), Samson Mduli (23), Selby Gamede (24), James Mbatha (27), Kosinate Mtshali (21), Elliot Mbatha (37), Samson Mdlalose (30), Moses Shamase (24), Nicholas Zwelumithi (24), Victor Mthembu (25), Sebosa Khazwe (32), Sibuso Chongo (21) and Bekani Thimbukela (24), all of KwaMadala Hostel at Yskor.

The others are William Nhlapo (25) of Banten Road, Evaton, and Salebesa Buthelezi (33) of Sebokeng Hostel.

They were not represented.

Mr KA Meyer, for the State, had earlier opposed bail for Chongo and Mduli on the grounds that it appeared they had no fixed places of abode.

This was, however, rejected by the magistrate.

The men were arrested about 8.10pm on Sunday after a police patrol had noticed two suspicious-looking cars near Sebokeng Hostel.

One car sped away and police found arms in the other.

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Police 'torture wrong person?' Charges laid

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By GAVIN EVANS

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A KRUGERSDORP police "torture team" could find themselves in the dock after being accused of administering electric shock "treatment" to a man falsely detained after a robbery.

While allegations of police assault and torture are commonplace in criminal trials, this is believed to be one of the first times a man who was not charged after a criminal arrest has laid charges against the police.

Abel Nonyane, a travel agency driver and father of two, said he was stripped naked, strapped to a chair for over five hours by a team of white policemen, blindfolded and given electric shocks on his penis and other parts of his body before police realised they had the wrong man.

At 4.15am on November 20 he was visited at his Soweto home by six black policemen who told him the "white police" in Krugersdorp wanted to see him. He was taken to the Krugersdorp police station, where eight white plain-clothes policemen were present.

Nonyane said he was told to strip, tied to a chair, blindfolded and made to drink water from a container.

He was accused of being involved in a robbery in Welkom at 9.30am on September 5. He told his interrogators he was at work at the time and asked them to call his boss for confirmation.

After five hours of torture during which he said he was asked "where the money is" and other questions about the robbery, he heard someone say: "Hy is nie die regte man nie" (he is not the right man), and the torture stopped.

He was then taken to the Randfontein police cells for the rest of the day. He said he was given no food or refreshment during his 13 hour ordeal. He was released without charge.

Asked to comment on the allegations a police public relations spokesman said: "We confirm that a charge of assault is currently being investigated by the Krugersdorp police."



Learn how to shoot people — or get your money back

"YOU'RE here to learn how to shoot people," says the instructor kick starting the beginners' course at the Academy of Marksmanship in Randburg.

"If you are unhappy with this," he adds, "I am happy to give your money back." The statement is designed to shock beginners into realising why they are there. And if you think about it, handguns don't have much more of a purpose.

In broad terms, the law allows you to shoot in defence of your own life or that of another person, and to carry out a citizen's arrest of a person committing a Schedule One offence (a category which includes a range of crimes, among them theft). The Academy (and at least five other similar ranges in Johannesburg) make it their purpose to demonstrate that if you feel a need to fire then it is as well to do it efficiently and accurately.

The course is currently flooded with applicants — about 60 a week in addition to 90 others who use the range each week.

"We're getting a helluva lot of people these days," explains range manager Ronnie. "There was a big scare with the release of Nelson Mandela — which also caused an escalation of gun sales." In my hour at the range I saw only white faces, so I ask whether this is the general pattern.

"No no, plenty of blacks are starting. Not the majority but I'd say about three out of every 10."

It had been 10 years since I had used a handgun but, not having the R225 on hand for the full course, I went straight to the range. There were two of us — a friend with his Taurus .38 special revolver and one of the club's 9mm parabelum SA Police pistols for me.

Each beginner is given the Academy's bumper sticker which reads "Shooters Do It With A Bang!" Actually its a sharp crack which hurts the ears, as I rediscovered after forgetting to put on my ear muffs.

Part one of the half-hour programme is to put your rounds through the heart of a man-sized and shaped, black silhouetted target 15 metres away. When you've mastered that, you move on to the next target — a life-sized colour photograph of a black man prowling in a garden with a knife in his hand. You pump him full of holes and move on to the "live" range, where you face the more daunting task of hitting moving targets.

These are scenes from old movies where you either face being "shot" yourself or your task is to kill someone putting another's life in danger. When you fire the film stops, giving you the chance to see whether and where your bullet landed.

As the crime rate soars, more and more South Africans are buying guns and learning to shoot.

GAVIN EVANS went for some target practice

First you're a policeman stopping a carload of suspects. They draw, you fire, you miss — bang bang you're dead.

Then it's a woman in the bush and four men accost her. This time your aim is closer and you get one in the leg. The others flee so you put a slug in another's bum.

"Well done, good shot," says range official Christo. "But try to keep your shots a little higher."

Next is a group of Palestinian "terrorists" on a kidnap mission. And a parking lot mugging. And a shoot out in a dilapidated building. It starts to get easier.

"Good," says Christo. "You got the right one. You see you always shoot the guy with the shotgun first. That's the most dangerous weapon."

The pistol's clip runs dry. Christo shows how to fill it at high speed. You fire off the last of your 100 rounds and you're told it's time up.

Returning to the front office I notice a photograph of Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister Leon Wessels with the range

staff, and another of a few hopefuls aiming a bazooka at one of the targets.

Bazooka training is not an offer but they will teach you how to use pistols, revolvers and rifles, with beginners, intermediate and advanced courses on offer.

They also offer self defence and Tonia Baton Courses. "What's that?" I ask.

The 1.95-metre Christo pulls out a police baton. First he uses it to pin my arm behind my back. Then he touches the edge under my nose.

"You can use it to drive the nose bone into the brain which kills an *ou* instantly," he explains.

Then he thrusts it lightly into my stomach. "That's enough to stop him, and if not you can always do this," he says, drawing his elongated .38 special from its holster.

If you want to buy a gun you will find the law is tougher now in placing an onus on you to ensure your weapon is not stolen. You have to vouch to keep it in a locked safe at home, for example.

"I'll take you about three weeks to get a licence," says Ronnie. "You pay a deposit at the gun shop and go to the police station" (though in practice black buyers may find the process to be more tortuous).

At last count, over a year ago, government figures showed that over one million South Africans owned around three mil-

lion licensed firearms. This is in addition to the several hundred thousand unlicensed weapons, and the number has grown considerably since then.

The rising crime rate and sense of a growing threat to personal security are prompting a trend which includes record sales of Rotweillers and Pribluis and a plethora of private security firms.

In choosing a handgun, the advantage of the revolver, the experts say, is that it is cheaper, lighter, simpler and doesn't jam. But its chamber only takes five bullets.

The pistol is faster to load, takes around 13 bullets, is usually more accurate and is more child-proof because it has a safety catch and is more complicated to load.

"The main thing," I am frequently told, "is that you've got to have something with sloping power. Not, say, a 6 millimetre pistol. You don't want a popgun."

● The Academy of Marksmanship beginners' course costs R225 (including ammunition, GST and certificate). The intermediate and advanced courses cost the same.

Use of the range costs R30 an hour. If you don't have your own handgun you can hire one for R12. Ammunition costs around R90 (plus tax) for 100 .38 rounds.

A good-quality .38 revolver costs anything from around R750, while a good 9mm pistol goes for around R1 800.

Arms cache seized

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POLICE and South African Defence Force members yesterday seized a large quantity of arms and arrested four men during a search at Tokoza hostel on the East Rand, a police spokesman said.

Police liaison officer Capt Ruben Bloomberg said police found 18 AK-47 rifles, an assortment of other pistols, a large quantity of ammunition and dynamite sticks.

Tokoza has been the scene of violent clashes between ANC and Inkatha Freedom Party supporters.

ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela and a delegation of prominent political, religious and business leaders were refused entrance to the hostel by Inkatha supporters while on a peace tour of the area organised by the South African Council of Churches last week.

Bloomberg said police were investigating.

Meanwhile, the body of a man with hack wounds was found at Bekkersdal on the West Rand, the Police Division of Public Relations said in its unrest report issued yesterday. - *Sapa*.

News vendor dies in crossfire in robbery ³⁸

Capit Times 18/12/90
JOHANNESBURG. — A newspaper vendor died and five other people were injured in a shootout between police and a gang of men who allegedly robbed a bank in downtown Johannesburg yesterday.

According to reports, one of the elleged robbers also died later in hospital.

First National Bank said in a statement it had offered a R20 000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the alleged robbers, who according to the bank were wearing balaclavas and were armed with AK-47 rifles when they stormed the Rissik Street South branch.

Police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman confirmed that the newspaper seller had died, but said he had no further details about him.

"It's terribly sad ... people are at risk sometimes just walking down the street," he said. — Sapa

**Inkatha 15
arms case**

THE case against 15 Inkatha members accused of illegal possession of firearms, ammunition and explosives has been postponed to January 10 for trial.

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The men, who were arrested on December 8 near Sebokeng Hostel, were not asked to plead.

Sebokeng Regional Court magistrate Mr C Kruger warned the men to appear in court on January 10, or their bail of R200 each would be withdrawn.

In SA, sometimes it's best to make yourself disappear

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THE DISAPPEARED

BY JO-ANNE COLLINGE

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WHILE a top-level battle is being waged to secure the return of exiles to South Africa, within the country's borders "internal refugees" are still being created — activists who feel that flight from home is their only safeguard.

In a landscape where people are supposed to be reappearing, many are disappearing — and even, to borrow a Latin American phrase, being disappeared.

Youth activist Professor Nhlapo of Soweto is considering mounting his own disappearing act — before others contrive one for him.

One evening in November, he recounts, while he was waiting for a taxi in Deep Soweto, he was bundled into a minibus with darkened windows.

Inside, he realised all the occupants were wearing balaclavas. The bus had only one back seat. He was forced down onto the floor and felt a needle being jammed into the back of his shoulder.

He lost consciousness, coming to in the early hours of the next morning to find himself lying in the yard of his house — kilometres from where he had been kidnapped. His hands were still bound, his shoes strewn nearby.

Nhlapo says that he spent the next few days in Baragwanath Hospital, passing into long spells of unconsciousness. A representative from his attorney's office confirms visiting him in hospital — and finding him quite unable to talk coherently.

Nhlapo is unable to identify his kidnappers. He says they were talking Afrikaans and he could not understand them. The pitch of the voices suggested that there were both whites and blacks in the group.

The kidnapping came shortly after he had failed to comply with a request from the security police at Protea police station to meet them, he says.

His dilemma: Whether to go into hiding and forfeit contact with his comrades, his political involvement — in short, the stuff of which his life is made.

Nhlapo is not alone in facing such questions. Just a month earlier Human Rights Commission worker Job Sithole of Alexandra decided to leave home and evacuate his family after shots were fired at him in the township's streets one night. The HRC issued a statement noting that "during the previous week, people in the township were questioned as to his movements and whereabouts, and it is reported that questions were asked as to the situation of his bedroom and the positioning of his bed in relation to the window".

It is on the surface hard to differentiate between internal refugees and the "disappeared". But the African National Congress alleges that Operation Vula operatives Charles Ndaba and Mbuso Shabalala have disappeared by official hand.

In a recent interview with a Sunday paper ANC national executive member Ronnie Kasrils asserted: "Charles disappeared on July 6 in kwaMashu and there is every indication that in the week after that they (the police) were following up information that they'd squeezed out of him."

Of South Coast school teacher Shabalala, Kasrils said the family had been frantically searching for months. He was due to have met Ndaba on the weekend he was last seen and apparently left for kwaMashu with this intention.

Police have not reacted to Kasrils' allegations on the grounds that they were made telephonically and there was no proof they came from the "real" Kasrils.

More to the point, families have been unable to obtain information from the police and other sources on the whereabouts of Ndaba and Shabalala. The fear is that when all political detainees are released, all refugees are back and living in the open, when the entire underground is revealed, Ndaba and Shabalala will still be missing — as a result of actions taken in the time of transition.

Soweto residents hunt down suspected rapists

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Soweto's Phumulong community last night hunted down suspected members of a 22-man gang thought to be involved in the brutal gang-rape of six girls from the Bethany Salvation Army girls home on Christmas day.

The search for more gang members — known as the Zebra Force — continued into the early hours of this morning.

By midnight eight youths had been handed to the police, according to Soweto police spokesman, Captain Joseph Ngobeni. Charges had not yet been laid.

The boys were found after 10 men appointed by community members at an urgent meeting began systematically searching shebeens and Phumulong night-spots, according to the matron of the home, Mrs Mary Sithole.

She said three youths — aged between 14 and 15 — were found and taken to the home, where they were identified.

Soweto attorney Mr Thomas Mohope said the boys admitted taking part in the rampage.

Five more were subsequently traced and handed to police.

Six girls were gang-raped — one a mentally retarded girl in her teens — a Salvation Army officer was stabbed and a night watchman was battered with bricks in the rampage, which wrecked the "place of shelter".

The gang visited the home twice and threatened to return a third time.

Late last night one of the 10 girls abducted was still missing.

Mr Mohope said the boys had told him they had been drunk.

They had told him Zebra Force had started by stealing

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Gangsters 'rampaged through home'

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bicycles and had progressed to shop-lifting and rape.

Captain Ivy Mntambo, in charge of the home at the time of the first attack at 2am on December 25, said she was woken by the night watchman, Mr Phakathi, who warned her people were breaking in at the back door.

As staff and girls — ranging in age from three to 19 — tried to prevent the break-in, Mr Phakathi was attacked by a group of between 20 and 30 boys.

"The girls started screaming and the boys broke into two groups. One group carried on attacking Mr Phakathi and the others went for the girls and the staff in dormitories. Some of us ran into my flat and locked ourselves in.

"The boys started breaking windows and smashing doors, using fire extinguishers. More terrified girls crammed into my flat. The boys broke down the dormitory door and we

was nothing I could do," Captain Mntambo said, and broke down crying.

The gang then abducted 10 girls and raped them at Phumulong station. They returned later, ransacking the premises and cutting the telephone line.

Captain Mntambo said she had earlier managed to phone the police as "the mob" was busy breaking the security gate. She said it was a long time before the police answered.

Yesterday broken glass, ripped clothing and bedding and smashed furniture covered the floor.

The Salvation Army will install an electronic security system but cannot afford 24-hour guards with dogs at a cost of more than R10 000 a month.

A belated Christmas party will be given for the girls this Sunday. Their clothes must be replaced.

Donations can be sent to the Salvation Army, Box 1018, Johannesburg 2000.

Vlok thanks residents for rape arrests

Weekend Argus Correspondent and Sapa
JOHANNESBURG. — Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok has expressed thanks to Soweto residents who arrested eight alleged rapists, but warned against vigilantism or taking the law into one's own hands.

He said such actions, when carried out within the ambit of the law, could only strengthen the "bond" between the police and the community. Such actions held the key to fighting crime successfully in any country.

Police said yesterday that residents had handed over eight people in connection with the attack, abduction and rape of young Soweto girls.

A 22-man gang forced their way into the Bethany Salvation Army home on Christmas Day and terrorised the 72 residents before abducting nine girls. Six of the girls were gang-raped.

Last girl found alive

Eight girls made their own way back to the residence. The last girl was found alive yesterday. Her brother had tracked her down to a distant relative's house where she was crying hysterically. She was admitted to hospital and treated for shock.

Mr Vlok said public participation in the prevention and handling of crime was an essential ingredient without which no police force could operate.

A greater police presence, including more police on the beat, are among steps Mr Vlok is expected to announce as part of a comprehensive crime-busting campaign to be launched in the new year.

On the Day of Goodwill, when news of the abduction and rape hit Soweto, a group of men from the community stood up and said: "No more. This is enough."

Incensed by the deplorable act of the gang — which calls itself The Zebra Force (ZBF) — Mr Mandy Masina, a self-employed father of three, and members of the Merabe Draft Club, called an emergency Killarney Civic Association (KCA) meeting to discuss the issue.

Mr Masina said the community had decided to put an end to this kind of thuggery after it was discovered that police had not gone on an all-out effort to capture ZBF members, even after the abduction and rapes.

"This is the first incident of its kind in this area and we decided it was up to us to act and stop the rot," Mr Masina said.

At the KCA meeting, 10 men volunteered to go on a manhunt to capture the rapists. In 20 minutes, the volunteers had found four suspects.

"We took them to the home where they were identified by the girls. The four even confessed to the crime and pointed out the girls they had raped. We then took the gang members to show us where the others gangsters were and the place where they had raped the girls."

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Gang rape

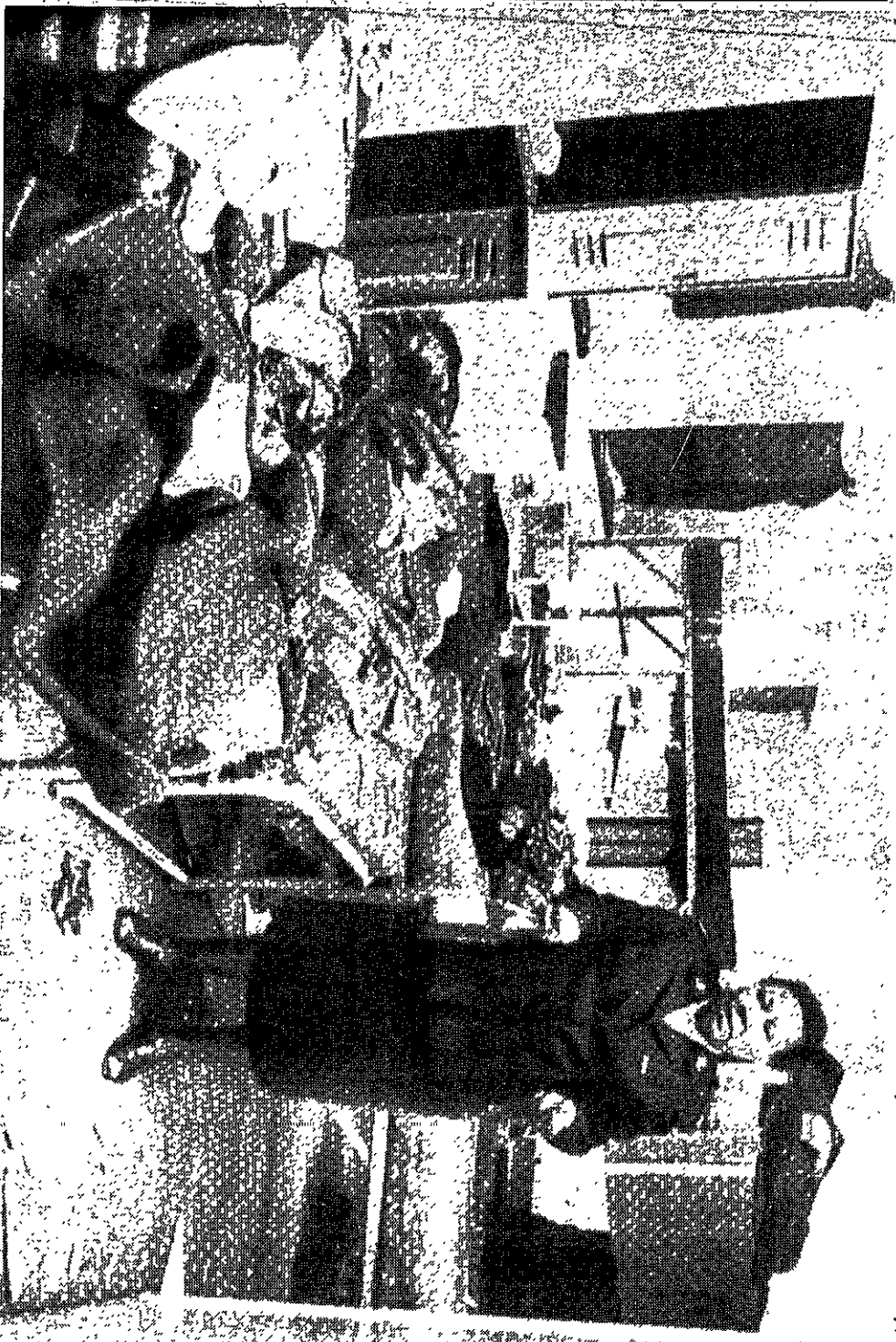
Soweto Civic Association (SCA) spokesman Mr Kgabisi Masunkutu said the brutal attack highlighted the need by black communities to form defence units and street committees, both of which were rejected by the government.

Mr Masunkutu said: "The people can't fold their arms and wait for the police to protect them against criminals."

The arrests came in the face of a big anti-crime drive expected to be announced soon by Mr Vlok.

A greater police presence on the ground, including more policemen on the beat, are among steps Mr Vlok is expected to announce as part of a comprehensive crime-busting campaign to be launched in the new year.

All 72 residents of the badly damaged home have been moved to another girls' home in the area until repairs and improvements to security have been made. — Staff Reporter, Sapa



ABDUCTION DORMITORY . . . A Salvation Army officer in the dormitory of a Soweto home from which nine girls were abducted on Christmas night.

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Abducted schoolgirl found alive

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JOHANNESBURG. — The 16-year-old Soweto schoolgirl who went missing after youths abducted nine girls from the Bethany Salvation Army home on Christmas Day, gang-raping six of them, was yesterday found alive.

Colonel June Dwyer, second in command of the Salvation Army in South Africa, said last night that the girl's brother had tracked her down to a distant relative's home in Diepkloof where she was crying hysterically.

She was admitted yesterday afternoon to Baragwanath Hospital where she is being treated for shock.

All the other abducted girls made their own way back to the Salvation Army and five were admitted to Baragwanath for two days.

A 22-member gang forced their way into the Salvation Army residence on

Christmas Day, and terrorised the 72 residents before abducting nine girls.

The youths battered the nightwatchman with bricks and stabbed a Salvation Army officer.

Eight members of the gang known as the Zebra Force, aged between 13 and 16, were arrested on Thursday night after 10 residents and police scoured the surrounding township and uncovered their hideout.

The residents — appointed by the community to hunt for the gangsters — have vowed to track down about eight more youths who were also involved.

Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok last night thanked the residents who arrested the alleged rapists, but warned against vigilantism or taking the law into one's own hands.

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Reef's worst crime year

By MARTIN
NTSOELENGOE

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THE year 1990 will go down as the worst for crime the Reef has ever seen.

The mayhem has prompted Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok to introduce a comprehensive crime-busting campaign.

Witwatersrand police liaison officer, Capt Eugene Opperman, promised the police would do all in their power to eliminate crime.

But he said there was an enormous shortage of manpower.

Opperman added that the police had plans to curb crime next year, but could not disclose the methods.

He said the most alarming crimes were committed by armed robbers who held up motorists, and by car thieves. But police had arrested many of the

culprits.

According to police statistics, crime on the Reef has risen by about 55 percent in the past year and criminals are using different methods to break into houses.

Police records show that in 77 of the robberies committed on the Reef this year home owners left doors open, 13 left windows open, 22 answered knocks on doors and 10 accepted false stories, such as asking for water or addresses.

There were 76 attacks on people in out-buildings.

Police said most of the attacks on people happened in the daytime and the victims were mostly people over 50 years old.

There were 207 attacks during the day this year and 72 at night, compared to 119 attacks during the day and 64

at night the previous year.

In some cases women were robbed, raped and then murdered.

From January 1 this year to the end of June, there were 44 murders, 191 robberies, 22 rapes and 41 assaults with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

From January 1989 to June last year there were 31 murders, 115 robberies, 14 rape cases and 35 cases of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

From July 1 to December 29, there were more than 500 murders on the Reef, including Soweto, more than 200 robberies, 300 rapes and more than 50 cases of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

Most of the crimes were committed in Johannesburg, surrounding towns, farms and smallholdings.

Crimes committed in Johannesburg were 90, surrounding towns 29, smallholdings 3 and farms 1.

The number of firearm applications has trebled since 1989.

Police state that there were 130 655 applications for firearms in 1989 and only 123 415 licences issued.

Of the 7 760 firearms reported lost, 3 678 were recovered and 8 367 people were declared unsuitable to own or carry firearms.

Since Monday this week, there were 27 murders, eight victims were shot dead, there were 11 attempted murders, nine armed robberies, 20 minor robberies and thefts, 11 car thefts, six house-breakings and 13 minor crimes.

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Gangs war in township

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Police maintained a day-long patrol in the Mookeng township yesterday as one man was seriously injured and a three-year-old hurt in an outbreak of gang violence.

Police said the recently-merged "Premier" and "Canada" gangs attacked the rival "Three Million" gang early yesterday. Police intervened and fired shots into the air, dispersing the warring factions.

The ANC has accused the police of siding with the "Three Million" gang. Police said they would welcome information on these claims.

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Hostel rape: 11 in court

JOHANNESBURG. —
Eleven Soweto youths,
including a 12-year-old,
appeared briefly in the
Orlando Regional Court
on Monday following the
alleged abduction and
gang-rape of young girls
from the Bethany Salva-
tion Army Girls' Home
on Christmas Day.

They were not asked to
plead and the case was
postponed to January 14.
The oldest member of
the gang in court was 22.
The accused included
the 12-year-old, a 13-
year-old, five 14-year-
olds, two 15-year-olds
and a 17-year-old. —
Sapa



29 killed in New Year violence

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

TWENTY people died violently in Soweto over the New Year period, while nine murders were reported to the police on the East Rand, the police said yesterday.

Soweto police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni said three of the victims had been gunned down, while the rest had been stabbed.

East Rand police PRO Captain Ida van Zweek said six murders had been reported in Germiston, two in Kempton Park and one in Brakpan.

Van Zweek described the New Year as having been relatively quiet.

The killings were not related to the recent wave of violence in the area, she added.

Ngobeni said apart from the killings, there had also been four attempted murders, eight armed robberies, 22 rapes, 10 ordinary robberies, 12 thefts, seven thefts of motor vehicles, eight thefts from motor vehicles, five break-ins at business premises and 20 houses burgled.

He attributed the crime in Soweto to abuse of liquor and drugs. At least 27 people were killed in Soweto over the Christmas period.

Van Zweek said on December 31, a delivery truck with furniture was robbed at Tsholo Section in Katlehong. She added that a coloured man drowned at Kloof Holiday Resort in Heidelberg.

One person died in Tembisa over the Christmas period.

* Police are still investigating the rape of girls at the Salvation Army Hostel in Phomolong, Soweto. A police spokesman said more arrests were expected. Ten suspects have already been arrested and have appeared in the Orlando Magistrate's Court. Their case has been postponed to January 14.



ISAAC MOGASE ³⁸

SCA fights rise in rapes

THE Soweto Civic Association is organising an anti-crime conference to stamp out the escalating crime rate in the township following a spate of gang rapes.

SCA president Mr Isaac Mogase said: "It is high time Soweto residents stand up to fight hooliganism and barbaric acts in the community."

The call for the conference follows the gang rape of a pregnant woman at a Zola high school on New Year's Day. *Sowetan 4/1/91*

Mogase said discussions were already under way with various organisations in the community, including businessmen, to stamp out the high crime rate in Soweto.

The woman from Phokeng near Rustenburg was visiting a cousin when she was picked up by four men at a taxi rank and taken to Zola high school, where she was gang raped for six hours and left naked and penniless as the assailants took her clothes, shoes and R43 cash.

Soweto police liaison officer Captain Joseph Ngobeni confirmed the incident and said a charge of rape was laid at the Jabulani police station. He said no arrests had yet been made and that investigations were continuing.

The SCA has already taken some steps to address gang rapes with the establishment of a group attending to gang rape issues.

The group was responsible for the apprehension of youths who had gang raped 10 girls at the Bethanie Salvation Army Home two weeks ago.

Chairman of the Phomolong Civic Association, Mr Sammy Sisulu has taken charge of rape complaints and was handling about five cases.

Sisulu said his civic association was particularly concerned at the increasing number of rapes.

His brief is to follow up on residents' complaints and liaise with police so that the crime gets reported and the necessary steps taken to arrest culprits.

He said some rape victims were reluctant to report the crime. - Sapa.

SPECIAL police units and substantial rewards used to track down unlicensed firearms are among the crime-fighting measures announced by Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok in Pretoria yesterday.

Vlok announced a R6 000 reward for information leading to the recovery of an AK-47 rifle or machinegun. In addition, police will

Crime-busting units planned

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pay rewards ranging from R800 for a hand grenade to R5 000 for a radio-controlled explosive device.

Concern

Vlok said the availability of AK-47 rifles was a source of particular concern. "I am convinced the

removal of this type of weapon from the community would lead to a great reduction in violent crimes," he said.

Vlok said the firearm recovery units will be established countrywide, wherever needed. One such unit will form immediately in Soweto. Because of their

knowledge and experience, members of former members of the Security Branch will play a key role in these units.

Robbery

Vlok said a robber armed with an AK-47, who died during a December 23 robbery at-

ttempt at the Voortrekker Road Cash Butchery in Pretoria, had been a trained PAC "terrorist". The alleged robber, Ephraim Labakwe, had left South Africa in 1976 to receive military training in Libya and China, Vlok said.

As an additional security measure, police

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have formed three "tourism support units" in Johannesburg, Cape Town and Durban targeted at muggers and thieves.

Other elements of the anti-crime blitz, dubbed "Operation Sentry," are:

- * A campaign to recruit at least 10 000 more police members within a year.

Tasks

- * The use of civilians for administrative police duties, freeing officers for crime-fighting tasks;
- * The extension of vehicle and foot patrols; and
- * The reopening of crime reporting centres.

Vlok also said that for-



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mer Koevoet members employed temporarily within the SA Police, have tracked down as many as 115 000 stolen head of cattle. - Sapa

Now Soweto declares war on criminals

CRIMINALS beware! The Soweto Civic Association is out to get you.

"Criminals should be aware that the community has had enough of crime," warned Association president Isaac Mogase yesterday after an anti-crime conference in the township.

Mr Mogase said the entire community — including students, churchmen, traders and political and social groups — would be involved in combating crime.

He added that his association was out to clean up the image of street committees and that, unlike in the past, there would be full co-operation with the police.

Barbaric

"People's courts will be discouraged," he said. "Committee members have been told that, once caught, criminals should be handed over to the police."

Soweto police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngo-beni welcomed the association's resolutions.

"This really shows a new development in the relationship between the police and residents," he said.

"They have started helping us track down criminals without taking the law into their own hands."

In the past, suspects caught by residents have fallen victim to barbaric punishments — including burning.

At least 15 suspected members of the notorious

By VICTOR KHUPISO

Jäckroller gang of rapists were killed by Diepkloof youths between June and November last year.

But this week 11 suspected members of the "Zebra Force" rape gang appeared in the Orlando magistrate's court after being handed over to the police by Phomolong street committee members.

And, since then, Soweto residents have joined forces with the police to search for criminals on at least two occasions.

Said Elsie Khumalo, a member of a Mzimhlophe street committee which co-operated with police to search for a rapist this week: "Each street has a member who will whistle to alert residents if there is any trouble."

Her committee called in the police to search for two rapists who abducted a young girl from the local station and raped her.

Warning

Another Soweto street committee member, Israel Mchunu, of Mapetla, said: "All those in the neighbourhood who have telephones have been asked to be alert for warning whistles. We have told our youths that, when a suspect is caught, they must call the police."

Another committee member, Nomisa Hushi, of Zola, said: "Criminals must be punished through the courts and not murdered."

Hundreds of police deployed in Operation Sentry

Crackdown on city crime

By Guy Jepson
Crime Staff 8/1/91

Hundreds of police took to the streets in central Johannesburg today in an extensive crime prevention operation — part of Operation Sentry, the nationwide campaign promised by Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok.

The operation was launched at 6 am and would continue indefinitely "until such time as we achieve our goals", Witwatersrand police spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe told The Star.

All police units, detectives, Dog Squad, staff and the helicopter squad would be used and staff would be rotated to ensure the operation's long-term efficacy, he said.

Operation Sentry would involve foot and vehicle patrols, block searches, mobile road blocks, patrolling and searching identified "problem areas" and a communications drive aimed at making the public — particularly shopkeepers and businessmen — more crime conscious.

Administrative staff would also be deployed and a back-up force would be on standby in the event of any unforeseen circumstances.

"The operation entails the deployment of maximum numbers of policemen, supported by the Johannesburg Traffic Department.

Sustained

"It has been carefully planned and is set up for the long term. We have to go on with it until we achieve our goals," Colonel Malherbe said.

While police had carried out smaller, short-term operations in the past, Mr Vlok's measures to enhance the effectiveness of the police force ensured that Operation Sentry would be able to be sustained.

Colonel Malherbe appealed to the public to co-operate with police during the operation.

"This is in everyone's interest — crime, particularly on the Witwatersrand, has magnified to alarming levels. We cannot combat it effectively without the help and support of the public and all political organisations."

The launch of the operation coincides with the opening of a satellite police station in the Smal Street Mall this morning.

Brigadier Leon Mellet, spokesman for the Law and Order ministry, said today one of the main aims of such operations, which would be conducted throughout the country at various stages, was to bring down the high crime rate that had swept across South Africa recently.

"If we succeed, we may be able to hold down the soaring cost of short-term insurance," Brigadier Mellet said.

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New satellite police station for Reef CBD

The Argus Correspondent
JOHANNESBURG. — A blow was dealt to city centre crime yesterday with the opening of a new satellite police station in the Small Street Mall.

Witwatersrand police liaison officer, Captain Eugene Opperman, said the decision to open the police station came after it was obvious that crime in the streets of central Johannesburg was on the increase.

He said the new venture proved that the business sector and police could work together in combating crime.

The premises for the station, opposite the Johannesburg Sun, were given by the Southern Sun

group.

There has been an alarming increase in crime in the central business district, according to statistics released by police.

In the first eight months of last year there were 1 459 robberies — including armed robberies — compared to 977 robberies in the first eight months of 1989.

During the same period last year there were 68 murders and 70 rapes, compared with 53 murders and 41 rapes between January and August 1989.

The station will be manned 24 hours by uniformed policemen. It will also serve as a base for members of the business watch unit, the robbery

reaction unit and crime prevention unit. Regional head of business watch, Major Sim de Wet, will be in command.

Business watch co-ordinator Mr Gerald Heine said units would soon begin patrolling the streets of Hillbrow and Malvern on a regular basis.

More policemen had also been sent to the city centre unit. Patrols in Yeoville and Braamfontein began last year.

Regional police commander Major-General Gerrit Erasmus said fighting crime was also the public's responsibility.

"I am opening this station and handing the policemen over to the public. They are your policemen," he said.

Crime crackdown nets 337

By Monica Nicolson
Crime Staff

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Operation Sentry has been a tremendous success and police have arrested 337 people since the crackdown on crime began on Tuesday.

SAP spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said there had been arrests for motor theft; possession of stolen property, drugs and dangerous weapons and robbery and violence. Suspects were being detained until they appeared in court.

"Co-operation between the public and police has been ex-

cellent, with many people helping the police arrest criminals."

The operation, which began in central Johannesburg, has been extended to suburbs with a high crime rate, including Brixton, Booysens, Westdene and Mondeor. Police may also move into more affluent suburbs.

Criminals have been arrested as police patrol on foot and in vehicles, and through block searches and communication drives aimed at making the public more crime-conscious.

All police units, including the robbery reaction unit, dog unit and helicopter squad, have been used in the anti-crime drive.

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No indemnity for an illegal gun - SAP

By Helen Grange

Indemnity would not be granted to owners of illegal firearms should they hand the weapons over, police said yesterday.

In addition, a R6 000 reward offered last week by Minister of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok for the recovery of "terrorist weapons" was not for the weapon itself but for information leading to the recovery of such weapons.

Confusion has reigned since the weekend, when reports appeared stating that the police would pay R6 000 for an AK-47 assault rifle in an effort to

get them off Reef township streets.

Law and Order spokesman Captain Craig Kotze said the police reward applied to information leading to the seizure of an illegal firearm.

Captain Kotze said the firearm would be sent for ballistic tests and an investigation would be launched into the origin of the weapon and the circumstances of its handler.

A man who contacted The Star said yesterday he was in possession of an AK-47 rifle, but had discovered he may be prosecuted if he handed it over for money.

Anti-crime sweep in suburbs of Soweto

LINDEN BIRNS and MATTHEW CURTIN

POLICE yesterday staged a major anti-crime sweep through Soweto's Dobsonville, Naledi and Zola suburbs as part of the recently announced Operation Sentry.

Soweto police spokesman Capt Joseph Ngobeni said police seized 11 stolen cars yesterday, bringing the total after two days of operations to 26. **(38)**

He said three people were arrested yesterday, and one man was shot by police when he tried to resist arrest.

Sapa reports police have made a total of 337 arrests since Operation Sentry was launched on January 8.

Ngobeni said no firearms were recovered in the Soweto operations, but the SAP would announce the establishment of a special firearms squad — "the brainchild of Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok" — to track down illegal weapons in Soweto. **blow (119)**

He said 194 officers from three police divisions took part in the operation, and they had enjoyed "improved co-operation from the community, which seems finally fed up with crime in the township".

By lunchtime yesterday roadblocks had been set up on all major roads into Soweto and armed policemen randomly searched vehicles entering the area.

An SAP helicopter blaring warnings from its loudhailers circled the areas being searched, in support of ground operations.

Riot Squad members were deployed for house-to-house searches, while plain-clothed policemen checked chassis, engine and registration numbers and documentation of motor vehicles parked on private driveways.

The atmosphere in the township was calm.



A police helicopter circles during yesterday's anti-crime sweep through the Soweto suburbs of Dobsonville, Naledi and Zola. Roadblocks were set up, top, on all main roads into the township while above, plainclothes policemen checked for stolen vehicles during house-to-house searches.

Pictures ROBERT BOTHA

... A FOCUS ON TOWNSHIP CRIME

Community claims credit for drop in Soweto crime rate

By WALLY MBHELE
 WHILE crime escalates throughout South Africa, it is on the decrease in Soweto — notorious as South Africa's capital of murder and rape.

Police attribute the drop to intensified policing of the townships, but civic organisations have also claimed the credit, saying that street committees have dealt crime a serious blow. They underline their claim with the announcement that a major anti-crime conference is planned for next month.

According to a South African Police representative in Soweto, Colonel Tienie Halgryn, Soweto is the only region in South Africa where police have received high praise from the commissioner of police for a decrease in crime.

Last weekend police reported only one murder, seven attempted murders, six armed robberies, six robberies, eight rapes, 23 thefts, six vehicle thefts, 13 thefts from vehicles, nine burglaries to houses and business premises and 11 other crimes.

Police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni said the average murder rate for a weekend in Soweto was normally about five, and that Soweto police normally made 308 arrests a week, mostly for housebreaking, assault and road traffic offences.

In one week in December, when 23 cases of murder, 20 of rape and 13 robberies were reported, Halgryn told *The Weekly Mail* that the figure was far below those reported in the past.

However, residents still prefer to remain indoors at night, and still live in fear of gangsters who terrorise families, women, motorists and schoolchildren.

Organised groups like the Makwaitos, Makabasa and the Jackrollers are still believed to be operating in the township, as well as in Johannesburg.

Now, as the police bring their New Year anti-crime campaign, Operation Sentry, to the cities, community organisations are planning a major anti-crime conference to work on strategies to combat crime in Soweto.

Soweto Civic Association (SCA) general secretary Pat Lephunya this week told *The Weekly Mail* that last year's decrease in Soweto crime was due to an anti-crime campaign which had been co-ordinated throughout the township by the SCA shortly after it was restricted in 1988.

It was under this campaign that crime prevention structures like street committees — which were in the forefront of combating township crime — mushroomed in Soweto.

He said the most common crimes in the township were rape, car-hijacking, housebreaking, and drug and alcohol abuse by small children.

Despite the concern of the Ministry of Law and Order about AK-47s in the townships, the SCA was more worried about the abundance of smaller firearms "among small bands of kids" who had organised themselves into gangs.

All parts of Soweto were crime infested, but areas like Emndeni, Zola, Zondi, Pimville and Crossroads in White City Jabavu were, according to residents, the most serious.

It was in these areas that crimes like car-hijacking had become rife.

According to Lephunya, there had always been a concerted effort to deal with crime in Soweto, and to some extent the SCA had succeeded in disbanding gangs.

"It took a very long time and a hefty struggle, sometimes at the cost of our lives to persuade one gang, the Japans, to disband.

"After a series of meetings and under threatening circumstances we succeeded," Lephunya said.

An activist and former street commit-

tee member in White City Jabavu, Tseko Modutoane, told *The Weekly Mail* that with the formation of the street committees, it had become extremely difficult for criminals to flee some areas without being brought to book.

Modutoane said that whenever there was a criminal problem, a street committee meeting would be called to discuss the issue.

"As a result, the most feared criminals realised that the strength of the community was far beyond theirs.

"Punishment was not professional but would discourage the thug from carrying on with hooliganism. What thugs feared most was to be humiliated in public," added Modutoane.

He said people "notoriously involved in despicable deeds" were sometimes elected onto street committees and given public responsibilities, thus forcing them to become "respectable".

Next month's anti-crime conference will focus on the mobilisation of the community against the escalation of crimes like rape.

'Comrades' led police in search for Xmas rapists

By WALLY MBHELE
 WHEN the Zebra Force gang broke into the Salvation Army Girls' Home in Soweto on Christmas Day, abducting 10 girls and raping six of them, it was not the police who brought them to book.

The gangsters were instead apprehended by township comrades, who then handed them over to the police.

The crime shocked Soweto and led to an urgent community meeting on December 27 in Killarney, Soweto, which appointed a 10-member task force to investigate the crime and track down the criminals. They were given a deadline of January 1 but, before the end of that day, some of the men had already been apprehended by comrades.

Mendi Masina, a task force leader, said doors of the home were broken, "windows were smashed and there were big holes gazing at us from the ceiling".

The expressions on the children's faces were heartbreaking. They had difficulty in telling the whole story, so traumatic was their experience, Masina said.

However, there was a clue: the girls said that a man who had led the gang was often seen selling fruit at Phomolong station, a stone's throw from the home.

The station was the first checkpoint in their manhunt. The man in question was not there, and it was decided to look for him at the home of his friends.

"We found three boys who all denied knowledge of his whereabouts, but they behaved suspiciously and contradicted each other's statements," said Tizza Ndlovu, of the investigating team.

The three boys were then taken to the girls' home. They were positively identified by the girls.

"Having being identified, they all admitted that they were responsible for the crime and were prepared to reveal others to us," said Ndlovu.

The police were called and one of the alleged criminals was handed over. The remaining two were withheld "to lead the search for others and show us where the stolen property was hidden".

The team of comrades was then led to a stormwater drain where some of the girls had been raped, and found the girls' belongings still hidden there. As they were leaving, another group of Zebra Force members rushed out of the drain.

There was a scuffle, and the comrades chased after the gangsters. Policemen joined the chase, and eventually eight of the alleged rapists were apprehended; two by the police and the other six by the community. Later, more gang members handed themselves in.

Soweto police liaison officer Lieutenant Govindsamy Mariemuthoo confirmed that "with the assistance of the community, police arrested 10 black men".

Gone are the TV cameras - and the police

Adriaan Vlok's high profile crime crackdown campaign appears to have vanished — along with the TV cameras, **PHIL MOLEFE** reports

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THE much-publicised South African Police Operation Sentry disappeared from the streets of Johannesburg barely 48 hours after it was launched.

"The last time I saw police patrolling the city streets was on television on Tuesday night," said Joseph Ngwenya, a newspaper vendor in the city.

It felt like the old Golden City of muggings and purse snatching, with no uniformed police pacing the streets.

In a random survey lasting several hours on Wednesday and Thursday, *The Weekly Mail* only spotted two uniformed policemen in central Johannesburg, at the corner of Smal and Jeppe Streets shortly before lunch yesterday.

Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok's promised nationwide high-profile anti-crime campaign — with hundreds of police taking to the streets to stamp out crime — appears to have lasted only while television cameras and news reporters were around.

"I was very impressed with the news that police would be going all out to prevent crime," said Mmifi Molapo, a consultant with an insurance firm.

Molapo's hopes were dashed yesterday when he noticed that the operation had fizzled out.

"Smal Street is where many shoppers and tourists are mugged every day and I hope we have not lost the chance to bring this to a stop," he said.

The operation was launched on Tuesday and coincided with the opening of a satellite police station in the Smal Street Mall.

At the launch of the operation, Witwatersrand police liaison officer Colonel Frans Malherbe said that Sentry would continue indefinitely, "until such time as we achieve our goals".

There were no police in sight on the way down Smal Street as shoppers went about their business.

A shopkeeper in President Street confirmed that the high-profile police patrols disappeared after Tuesday.

I visited the satellite station in Smal Street a few minutes before noon and there were about three people, apparently tourists, being attended to by a woman police officer while another two policemen were idling behind the counter.

Said a police sergeant at the station: "There are many police out on patrol in the streets, some in uniform and others in plainclothes."

Out at the Johannesburg railway station yesterday, the scene of daily muggings, I gave the score in terms of police presence as 5-0 in favour of the old "white" section of the station.

At midday I found no police in sight as I made several rounds in the "black" section of the station. Later I came across five uniformed policemen in the busy concourse of what used to be the white section of the station.

Back in the city, I could find no police in the station vicinity. Eventually I spotted two uniformed police at 12.30pm on the corner of Smal and Jeppe streets.

Missionvale 22 in hot water over 'popular' justice

PEOPLE'S courts have again come under the spotlight after 22 people were arrested last week in the squalid area of Missionvale, north of Port Elizabeth, for allegedly meting out "popular" justice.

Police began arresting people on Wednesday, and they appeared in court on Thursday charged with assault. Bail for the 22 was refused and the case was postponed until February 8.

Residents in the Missionvale area said street committees were formed last year to curb crime in the area.

They added the formation of these street committees was a direct consequence of the failure of police to deal effectively with the high crime rate.

Residents said on some occasions when they had summoned police to report an incident, they were told to go to the "comrades".

Residents also reported that not one murder took place over the December period, while the incidence of crime in the area had dropped as a direct result of the work of the street committees.

However, charges of assault were laid against members of the street committees after some residents complained that the punishments being meted out were too harsh.

The crimes dealt with by the street committees included assaults, stabbings, housebreaking, attempted murder and at least one incident of attempted rape.

They said when an offender was "caught", the person had to answer to the community on the "charges" brought against that

person. In consultation with the victim, punishment was meted out, which included lashings.

Other forms of punishment, like doing "community service", were also meted out.

One victim reportedly told police he was beaten up on Christmas Day for having a "squabble" with his wife. He said he received 30 lashes after being taken to an open veld and hauled over a concrete sewer pipe.

"I thought they were just going to talk to me, so I was not afraid," he said, adding his pants were pulled down and six people took turns to deliver five lashes each.

He said when one person laughed while delivering the lashes, he in turn received 15 lashes.

Up to 50 people have been "punished" in this manner by street committee members since the operation began in September, he said.

Police liaison officer Pieter van Straaten, denying that police only arrested ANC members, said peoples' courts would not be tolerated.

Chairman of the ANC-aligned Northern Areas Co-ordinating Committee (NACC), Ronald Niegardt, said the organisation did not sanction people's courts.

A spokesman for the ANC's Northern Areas branch said the organisation would take a serious look at the matter, but conceded the street committees were formed "because of the inability of the police to deal effectively with crime in certain areas". - PEN

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Suspect killed, two wounded in shoot-out

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JOHANNESBURG. — A suspected robber was killed and two others wounded in a gunbattle with security guards in the city centre here yesterday, police said.

The three men were running out of a hawkers' shop just after noon with guns blazing when they were gunned down by the guards, Captain Eugene Opperman said.

The guards arrived on the scene on the corner of Polly and President streets after an alarm had gone off.

"As the security officials arrived at the shop, the robbers suspected something and ran out firing at the security men," he said.

An exchange of gunfire followed.

The wounded men escaped but were arrested by members of the Police Business Watch moments later, Captain Opperman said.

The two wounded men were taken to Hillbrow Hospital.

Police seized a 9mm pistol and three vehicles found near the scene. They suspected the vehicles were to have been used in the gang's getaway, said Captain Opperman. — Sapa

GUN LAW

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Township violence is taking a twist no one expected — all-out conflict between gangsters and political activists.

In affected black areas, there was an average of 10 deaths a day last year within the broad political or unrest category. The death and injury toll from crime was even higher and now community-based organisations are squaring off against organised crime. This means the overall toll could rise unless police/community co-operation is established for the anti-crime drive. Such co-operation seems unlikely.

There is enormous anger in townships at soaring crime. A gangland reprisal against political activists trying to curb a vehicle theft gang this past weekend saw 42 mourners cold-bloodedly massacred at a wake in Sebokeng. (Police say the death toll is 38 but community leaders put it at 42.)

This accounts for the pressure on political groups to arm their supporters. The ANC is moving to set up defence committees which the organisation is touting as the equivalent of neighbourhood watches, though the mid-December Consultative Conference noted that Umkhonto we Sizwe would play a "facilitative role" in the setting up of these structures.

The members of the gang that attacked the funeral reportedly included Inkatha members. While this alleged membership may not have been a significant factor in the attack, what is of some consequence is that gang family members, who are members of Inkatha, state they kept weapons because Sebokeng is seen as a predominantly ANC area and they feared for their lives. The ANC appears to have been warned of impending "pre-emptive strikes" by someone within the families; and deepening paranoia between rival groups is without doubt a primary factor in township violence, where rumour often carries as much weight as fact.

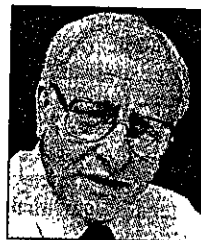
Politicians from all groups came out with the usual platitudes after the weekend massacre, but the ANC and Inkatha are no closer to getting together to find a solution. Long-time Azapo political activist Strini Moodley expressed the frustration of many when he slammed the "Pontius Pilate" actions of the groups concerned. Police arrested 10 people for the Sebokeng massacre, including a woman, and recovered 10 AK-47s.

Captain Piet van Deventer, liaison officer for the Vaal Triangle, says the 10 are being held under Regulation 3 of the emergency regulations, which means they can be held for 14 days and thereafter charged, released or held for a further period. He cannot explain why the 10 were being held under emergency regulations and not in terms of

the Criminal Procedure Act; the situation was not covered by emergency regulations at the time. The area was quiet, though tense, at midweek and there has been an increase of troops and police in the area.

A mass funeral is expected to be held. However, predictably, death threats have been made against ANC activists in the area, according to ANC PWV regional secretary Barbara Hogan, and most have gone underground in fear of their lives.

Sebokeng is an area known for a high degree of arms trading, something the police appear to have had no success in cracking.



Vlok

Law & Order Minister Adriaan Vlok's reward scheme for firearms and weapons is not working. In the two weeks it has been running, police say only five informants have come forward and provided information about the whereabouts of AK-47s (which carry a R6 000 reward). And as long as police want information in addition to the weapon — and cannot guarantee immunity from prosecution — it seems highly unlikely that many weapons will be surrendered. It is also unlikely that any disarmament campaign targeted only at a specific race group can succeed.

Violence will not be curbed, nor crime solved, until anti-crime campaigns are launched with the active assistance of the affected communities. This sounds obvious but it is not happening. Police and black communities remain suspicious of each other and communications are flawed by mistrust. If certain communities decide to take the law into their own hands, the spiral of violence will intensify. ■

Police hunt Tembisa AK-47 gang

JOHANNESBURG. — A gang of robbers armed with AK-47s and a shotgun were involved in the killing of a Tembisa man on Monday, police said yesterday. They are still searching for the gang.

The five men, bearing AK-47s and a shotgun, robbed a Shell filling station at Moriteng near Tembisa on the East Rand on Monday, and escaped with R9 000 in cash after slightly wounding a

policeman.

The robbers also took the owner's revolver and a blue Toyota Cressida.

During the robbery, Constable N C Takom coincidentally arrived at the filling station. A shot was fired at him with an AK-47, but the bullet glanced off his head and he was slightly wounded.

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The same gang were apparently involved in a Tembisa shooting on the same day, in which one man was killed and another wounded.

Shortly after these incidents, police noticed the robber's car in the Kubeni Section of Tembisa, and chased it. Shots were fired and police returned fire, but were unsure of whether they scored any hits. — Sapa

Arms found in raid

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Soweto

TWO AK-47 rifles, a shotgun and four handguns were recovered and four men were arrested in two separate police actions in Soweto.

Soweto police spokesman Colonel Tienie Halgryn said police went to an East Rand address on Tuesday night and arrested a man suspected of having been involved in the deaths of several people during the "taxi war" involving the Baragwanath-Pretoria taxis in Soweto several months ago.

Police confiscated an AK-47 rifle, a 22mm revolver, a 6.35mm pistol and a shotgun.

They then went to two places in Soweto where three men, believed to be connected to three murders in Newcastle, were arrested.

An AK-47 rifle, a .45mm revolver and a .38 revolver were found.

Bara cracks theft racket

By CHARLES MOGALE

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SOWETO's Baragwanath hospital has cracked a massive racket in which more than R100 000 was allegedly siphoned from the hospital's funds into employees' bank accounts.

Informed sources this week told *City Press* that six employees were involved and the police had been called in. The six are still at work pending charges of fraud brought by the Orlando police.

Baragwanath's public relations officer Annette Clear has confirmed the discovery of the racket, but said no further comment could be made "because the matter is still sub judice".

The hospital funds were allegedly sys-

tematically drawn from the hospital's coffers and credited to the accounts of the six employees over a period of three years.

According to sources, an employee in the salaries division of the hospital wrote out cheques monthly to members of his syndicate. The scheme was uncovered when he went on leave and a stand-in clerk could not balance the books.

Hospital authorities called in an auditor, who discovered the fraud. The police were then called in and the arrests followed.

Capt Joseph Ngobeni of the Soweto police has confirmed that six people have been charged and will appear in court soon.

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R500-m education boost by private sector

The Argus
Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. —
Big business today
pledged R500-million
over the next five years
to provide new boosters
to black socio-economic
advancement in a post-
apartheid era.

Priorities will be
aimed at reform of the
entire education system
as racial barriers col-
lapse at schools and uni-
versities.

The dramatic new ini-
tiative by the private
sector was announced
last night by the Urban
Foundation, which
promised "a major im-
pact on certain of South
Africa's critical problem
areas."

Chief executive offi-
cer Mr Sam van Coller
said a number of major
industrial and commer-
cial companies had
agreed in principle to
the R500-m commitment
and the huge cash injec-
tion was expected to
grow as more firms
pledged support and in-
volvement.

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All were encouraged
by government assur-
ances about the removal
of discriminatory legis-
lation and by the com-
mitment of key political
leaders to the process of
negotiation.

The allocation of
funds will depend on the
reaction to the scheme
by politicians, union
leaders and teachers.

It was crucial, he said,
that agreement be
reached on a joint ap-
proach in planning the
maximum impact.

The private sector ini-
tiative was intended to
give still more impetus
to the R2-billion pro-
gramme of socio-econ-
omic reforms launched
last year under the wing
of the Independent De-
velopment Trust.

Insiders predict that
the bulk of the R500 mil-
lion will be ploughed
into the encouragement
of a radical reconstruc-
tion of the education
system.

This was recommend-
ed by the Private Sector
Education Council to
give pupils and students
of all races equal oppor-
tunity in planning future
careers in the economic
mainstream.

SA Chamber of Busi-
ness manpower adviser
Mr Gerrie Bezuidenhout
underlined the urgency
of changes inside the
education system —
from high schools to uni-
versities and technikons
— to cope with the
threat of a skilled man-
power shortage over the
next few years.

People complain if police raid for guns

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An SA Police spokesman yesterday blamed "certain organisations and individuals" for allegedly encouraging residents to complain to the media after police searches for illegal firearms or stolen goods.

Maj Reg Crewe of the SAP public relations division said some residents alleged that police either damaged their property, acted in an undisciplined manner, and assaulted or threatened occupants dur-

ing searches of their homes.

"The South African Police has information that certain organisations and individuals encourage residents to make such allegations and lodge complaints or lay charges.

"In some cases, interdicts have even been sought," he said.

Maj Crewe warned that the reasoning behind such actions was to deter the police from performing their duties and allow criminals to escape undetected.

Several such incidents

had occurred on Monday night in the Soweto suburbs of Naledi and Emdeni during searches for illegal firearms and contraband.

He said in Naledi, SAP members were obstructed and a policeman bitten on the hand by a woman during a house search. A suspect was arrested in this house, however, and police seized a 9mm pistol, a stolen motor car, stolen number plate and R100 cash which had allegedly originated from a robbery.

In Orlando - after

detectives from the vehicle theft unit had seized two stolen vehicles -- residents lodged a complaint of police allegedly damaging property without consulting the occupants.

Maj Crewe said the detectives had to cut a padlock to fetch the stolen cars because the residents of the house had not been at home at the time.

"Persons with genuine complaints against the police had various channels through which to lodge their complaints. These would all be thoroughly investigated," he noted.

Sapa.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Trevor Tutu in court

THE cost of a four-hour flight delay and the rescheduling of five SAA flights after an incident involving Trevor Tutu was estimated at R27 770 in the East London Regional Court yesterday.

Tutu has pleaded not guilty to charges of contravening the Civil Aviation Act and crimen injuria. He is alleged to have caused a flight delay after he told airport officials there was "something" on board the plane he was travelling on, leading to a three-hour bomb-search of the plane. The trial continues today.

Call for hit squad probe

THE National Union of Metalworkers (Numsa) yesterday challenged government to reopen investigations into the alleged existence of police hit squads or face growing community rejection of the security forces.

The union was reacting to a weekend bomb attack on the house of Civics Association of Transvaal (Cast) general-secretary Sam Ntuli.

Britain's reserves up

BRITAIN's official reserves rose an underlying \$46m in January from December, the UK Treasury said in London yesterday.

This follows an underlying fall of \$225m in December.

UK retail sales increase

UK RETAIL sales volume rose a revised 1,8% in December from November and was down 0,7% from December 1989, the UK Central Statistical Office said in London yesterday.

Industrial output firms

WESTERN German industrial production gained by 0,8% in December from November and was up 5,7% from a year earlier, the Economics Ministry said in Frankfurt yesterday.

REPORTS: Business Day Reporter, Own Correspondent, AP-DJ.

World Bank bets on SA for success

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KEVIN DAVIE

THE World Bank sees SA as its possible success story in Africa, and is assigning more manpower to its study here than it originally intended.

Development Bank CE Simon Brand says the World Bank has realised that SA, with its considerable resources, represents a chance for its polices to succeed: "They see a good chance of things working here, of showing results."

"They are looking very hard to show success in Africa," he says.

This year the World Bank will begin a formal study of SA, which will represent the first real contact the world's primary development agency has had with SA in 25 years.

The bank investigation will be an economic study to provide itself with basic data on SA.

Brand says he believes SA will get World Bank loans in the future, "but not this year or the next". He suggests that SA has a lot to gain from an improved relationship with the bank. Much of mainstream government development thinking now mirrors policies which agencies such as the World Bank employ worldwide.

Brand says in the SA political debate it will be possible to show policy is not tailored to protecting vested interests, but simply reflects the outside opinion of bodies such as the World Bank which have considerable experience in the field.

Many other development agencies are visiting SA. There has been constant traffic from the development arms of most Western countries, including Germany and Sweden.

"They're generally scouting the territory, looking at available capacity and where they can contribute." He says the notion that all development finance is going to Eastern Europe is incorrect.

"It's becoming more and more clear that there are major problems with most of Eastern Europe."

An indication of SA's improving relationship with the capital markets of Europe is the intention of the Development Bank to raise foreign loans this year.

While the amounts will not be large, the exercise will be to re-establish links with these markets.

Elderly whites living in fear study

TANIA LEVY

MOST elderly white people living in and around Hillbrow feel their safety and quality of life have deteriorated with the influx of black people into the area, a Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC) study has found.

Of the 300 people surveyed, 40% had been "victimised" in the past three years and 90% were scared of being robbed, assaulted or threatened.

HSRC researchers Monica Ferreira and Sheila Rip found that more than 80% of the residents of Hillbrow, Joubert Park and central Johannesburg felt the area had deteriorated in the past three years and the reason most frequently given was that it had

become multiracial.

More than half the respondents felt the most serious problem in the area was "the bad element moving in". This was followed by an increase in crime, particularly muggings. Littering and unhygienic, overcrowded living conditions also rated highly.

In their report, Ferreira and Rip propose more policing of the area to enhance the safety of elderly residents. Other solutions include encouraging interaction with neighbours.

The report will be presented to Johannesburg mayor Willie Janse van Rensburg today.

October manufacturing creeps up

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MARCIA KLEIN

TOTAL manufacturing production in October 1990 increased for the first time since February 1990, according to the latest figures issued by the Central Statistical Service (CSS).

The figures show that manufacturing production in October 1990 increased by 1,1% compared with October 1989.

However, SA Chamber of Business economist Keith Lockwood said yesterday that the increase in production was not an indication that conditions had improved as the longer-term outlook was still negative.

He said October was generally a month when most of the production for December sales was carried out.

In terms of year-on-year growth, the only reason October's figures would be higher was the strength of domestic demand for consumer items, as most spending in December

tended to be consumer-related.

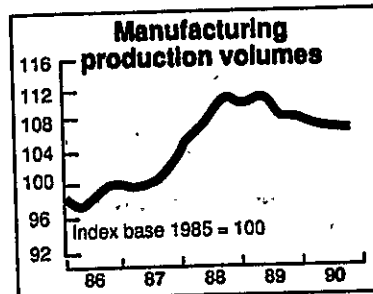
The CSS said 15 of the 27 major manufacturing groups showed an increase in production, with the largest increases being recorded by beverages, tobacco products, other chemical products, rubber products and glass industries.

The value of sales of manufacturing for October 1990 showed an 11,4% increase over October 1989, with the largest contributors to growth being food, other chemical products, metal products and electrical machinery.

Actual sales of R44,58bn for the August to October 1990 quarter were 9,4% up on October 1989, while seasonally adjusted sales of R41,96bn for August to October 1990 were 0,1% up on the previous quarter.

The Bank of Lisbon Economic Focus said growth in the manufacturing sector over the last decade had been sluggish at 0,7%.

Between January and August 1990 employment in the manufacturing sector had decreased by 3% in line with a 3% fall in output over the same period.



Graphic: LEE EMERTON Source: CSS

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Crime worries Hillbrow's aged

Elderly people living in Hillbrow, Johannesburg's most densely populated residential area, need more protection, the Human Sciences Research Council said yesterday.

Nine in 10 elderly people in Hillbrow were worried about being robbed, threatened or assaulted, and two-thirds felt crime had increased in their neighbourhood during the past year. But, while their dwell-

ings were not secure enough, three out of five still wanted to carry on living there.

These are some of the findings from an HSRC study of 300 elderly whites living in Hillbrow, Joubert Park and central Johannesburg.

The study aimed to assess the viability of the overall area as a place for continued residence for the elderly, an HSRC statement says.

Researchers propose more policing, particularly for el-

derly people, more interaction with neighbours, transport services by community organisations and volunteers, a pension collection service and a telephone check-in service.

The report calls on local authorities, the private sector and anyone with the interests of the elderly at heart to help them adjust to social changes in the area.

For those who want to remain living in the area, its attractiveness and convenience,

as well as relative inexpensiveness, turned the scale, the report says.

Certain facilities and services, especially for the elderly, were available and many said they were very attached to their homes.

A fifth of those interviewed had lived in their flats for longer than 20 years, while some who wanted to move lacked the financial means to do so. — Sapa.

Mall police station curbs crime

By Monica Nicolson
Crime Staff

8/2/91

Johannesburg's new satellite police station which opened in the Smal Street Mall last month is proving a success — reducing crime and making people feel safer, police and the public say.

An SAP spokesman said the station had warned off crimi-

nals and that crime figures had dropped significantly.

"Members of the public have co-operated very well with the police and there is a very good relationship between shopkeepers and the station," he said.

Shopkeepers and hawkers near the station agreed that crime had decreased and some claimed that all areas in cen-

tral Johannesburg and surrounding suburbs were quieter at the moment.

Most people agreed that the station acted as a deterrent and they welcomed its presence.

The station was opened because crime on the streets of central Johannesburg had increased dramatically.

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Elderly need greater protection

A joint effort is needed to protect mostly white aged people living in Hillbrow, Joubert Park and central Johannesburg, police and welfare organisations agree.

This follows a report on the plight of elderly whites in these areas, presented by the Human Sciences Research Council to the Johannesburg City Council at a function yesterday.

More "on-foot" policing, community involvement and safety education was needed to protect the elderly, claimed researcher Dr. Monica Ferreira.

Some people felt the police were never around when needed, she added.

Police spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe denied the allegation, but gave assurances that the

SAP would use the report as a guideline for more effective patrols.

According to Johannesburg mayor Willie Janse van Rensburg, municipal inspectors had previously been threatened with their lives when approaching flat-dwellers.

The HSRC report says many elderly whites live alone but hardly ever leave their flats.

Car-jackers could strike anywhere and anyone

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YET another vicious attack on a Reef car owner this week has punched home the fact that you don't have to own a Mercedes to fall victim to a flourishing new breed of criminal — the car-hijacker. The Argus correspondent GUY JEPSON reports . . .

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Peter Feldman, the Johannesburg Star's film critic and music writer, this week became the latest statistic in an increasing wave of vehicle hijackings.

He was in the driveway of his Parkmore, Sandton, home about to leave for work, when he was accosted by an unidentified man who shot him in the lower body before driving off with his Toyota Corolla.

In December, a vicious attack which sent shock-waves through Sandton, was the murder of a 41-year-old mother, Barbara Preskow, gunned down in the driveway of her Morning-side Manor home for her luxury Volkswagen Caravelle.

Threats enough

"We can never sit back and tell motorists that they will be safe provided that they don't resist — each and every situation can turn nasty," says Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman.

He says the increase in violent car-jackings reflects a general upsurge in violent crime.

"We are slowly but surely moving towards the same situation as in America."

He nevertheless stresses that car-hijackers who injure or kill their victims are rare.

The overwhelming number find the threat of force is enough to intimi-



Car-jack victim Peter Feldman.

date motorists into handing over their keys.

Vehicle hijackings first became significant on the Reef in 1987 but have since escalated drastically.

There were 306 recorded hijackings in Johannesburg proper during the first six months of 1989.

Over the corresponding period last year there were 411 — an increase of over 25 percent.

Trucks carrying valuable cargo and expensive vehicles, including minibuses, remain the prime targets for vehicle hijackers. Light delivery vans also are gaining "popularity" among vehicle thieves.

Crime-busting swoop shows its thunder

OPERATION THUNDERBOLT, a

countrywide crime prevention swoop involving thousands of men of the South African Police, the SAP reserve, South African Defence Force and traffic services, was launched last night.

The commissioner of the SAP, General Johan van der Merwe, announced the operation which started at 6 pm and finished at 4 o'clock this morning.

More than 4 000 men took part in the Witwatersrand area alone.

A gambling den in the East Rand

**SUE OLSWANG
and GUY JEPSON**

town of Brakpan was uncovered soon after 6 pm. Fifteen people were arrested and seven gambling machines seized.

General van der Merwe said the operation was executed in both suburban and rural areas. Attention was concentrated on areas where crime was rampant.

Alexandra — where people's courts have been identified — was one Wit-

watersrand area chosen. Others in the Johannesburg area included Joubert Park and Hillbrow.

General van der Merwe said the tracing of unlawful arms and ammunition; wanted criminals; stolen or suspected stolen vehicles and goods; unlawful drugs; and suspected gang activities were given special attention.

Asked last night whether Witwatersrand police had made any other early breakthroughs, Colonel Frans Malherbe, Witwatersrand Police spokesman, said: "It is still too early — the real action will only start

at about 11 pm.

General van der Merwe said Operation Thunderbolt was also aimed at making the public crime conscious.

"The operation could be seen as a sincere and tangible attempt to ensure the safety of the public and to protect their property."

He said the operation demonstrated the SAP's ability and determination to deal with any threats countrywide.

Last night's operation included roadblocks at strategic points and sweeps of taxi-ranks.

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Vlok gets tough on criminals

Sunday Times Reporters

MINISTER of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok yesterday vowed to "relentlessly" track down criminals and bring them to justice.

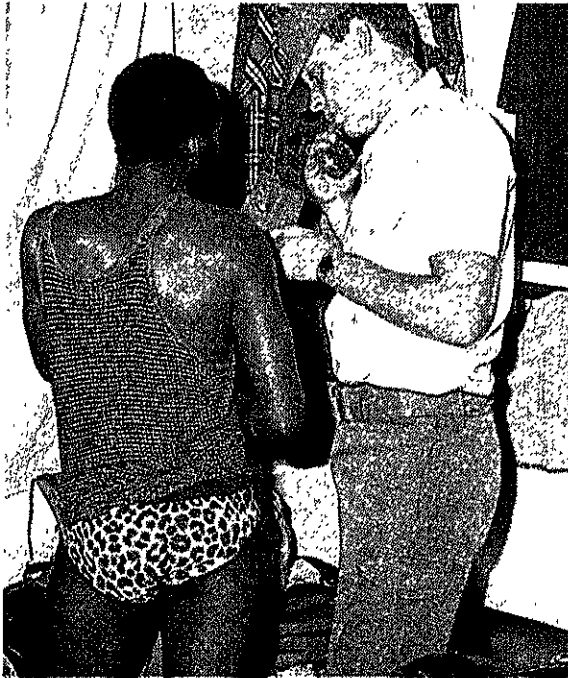
Just hours after an "army" of policemen, traffic officers and SADF personnel launched the country's largest ever national crime prevention operation, Mr Vlok declared: "I have only one message — you can run but you can't hide."

The minister said Operation Thunderbolt, launched at 6pm on Friday, had been "extremely successful", and praised public co-operation countrywide for contributing to its success.

The 10-hour search-and-arrest sortie was concentrated in areas previously identified as having very high crime rates.

By 4am yesterday police had arrested 11 361 people on charges ranging from murder (43 arrests), rape (42) to driving under the influence of alcohol (240).

They had also confiscated 60 816 litres of illicit alcohol, 90 illegal firearms — including two AK-47's — and 17,2kg of unwrought



UNEXPECTED GUESTS . . . a policeman questions a Hillbrow resident as another searches his flat

gold. Police also recovered 110 stolen vehicles.

But the operation did not pass without injuries. Two Benoni-based riot policemen were seriously injured when they were run over by a truck while manning a roadblock outside the city,

and a third policeman was ambushed and shot in the back while searching premises in Soweto.

Three more policemen narrowly escaped injury when they were led into an ambush and their vehicle fired upon at Mapuma-

langa, near Maritzburg.

Mr Vlok said Operation Thunderbolt and all future operations could be considered evidence of the government's and the police's determination and commitment to combat crime and protect the public.

He appealed to the public to get involved and said public involvement on the principle of "help the SAP to help you" was the most important recipe for success in combatting crime.

Public co-operation countrywide on Friday night had been of cardinal importance to the success of Operation Thunderbolt, he added.

MARK STANSFIELD reports that most of the Johannesburg residents he spoke to while their premises were being searched welcomed the operation.

Samuel Ndlovu of Park Mews, Catherine Street, Hillbrow, said he had no objections to his unexpected visitors as it was still "fairly early".

"It's only when they come knocking at 3am that I will object," said Mr Ndlovu.

SAP arrest 11 000 in ³⁸ Thunderbolt

By Gien Elsas
and Guy Jepson

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Operation Thunderbolt, one of the largest crime prevention operations launched in South Africa, has been hailed as a tremendous success by the Ministry of Law and Order.

More than 30 000 policemen, reservists, Defence Force staff and traffic authorities took part in a 10-hour crackdown that began at 6 pm on Friday.

Final statistics show that 11 361 people were arrested on 10 848 charges, 90 stolen firearms were confiscated and 110 stolen cars were recovered. A total of 318 people were arrested for theft, 92 for robbery, 42 for rape and 43 for murder.

Seized

The African National Congress reacted on Saturday by questioning the motive for the operation. It demanded a racial breakdown of those held, Associated Press reported.

A total of 240 people were arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, 761 for illegal trading in alcohol and 1 723 for other drink-related offences.

Some 60 816 l of alcohol and 571 kg of dagga were seized countrywide. Police arrested 109 people for dealing in, and 741 for possession of, dagga.

They also recovered 17,2 kg in gold and 15 arrests were made for dealing in the metal. Uncut diamonds weighing two carats were confiscated and six people were held. Two people were ar-

rested for possessing 1,22 kg of explosives.

In the Witwatersrand alone, 1 290 people were arrested, said police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman.

More than 80 roadblocks were set up and more than 7000 l of liquor seized. Many of the arrests were for possession of unlicensed firearms, theft and illegal dealing in drugs and liquor, Captain Opperman said.

"We are satisfied the public understood the reason for Operation Thunderbolt and the vast majority of citizens we spoke to said they were satisfied with the operation and its results."

He said similar operations could be carried out in future.

Of the countrywide total of 110 stolen cars recovered, 39 were found in Soweto.

Of the total number of arrests, 363 were in Soweto — for theft, robbery, rape, murder, attempted murder and house-breaking.

● Sapa reports that Operation Thunderbolt saved the life of a 74-year-old Free State woman who was attacked by a burglar early on Saturday morning.

Two policemen on patrol in Brandfort were alerted by her screams and arrested the suspect, a Bloemfontein police spokesman said.

But some citizens were inconvenienced. The home of Albert Luzipo, of Guguletu, Cape Town, was badly damaged when a car, pursued by police, smashed through a wall. The driver, who had stolen the car from Diep River, was shot dead by police during a car chase on Friday.

Truck runs over cops

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TWO Benoni-based riot policemen were run over by a truck and a third officer ambushed and shot during the countrywide "Operation Thunderbolt" crime prevention campaign at the weekend. *Sowetan 11/2/91*

The three injured policemen were admitted to hospital. One of the riot unit members is in a critical condition. The other two are serious.

Colonel Steve van Rooyen of the SAP said on Saturday that the driver of the vehicle

responsible for the first incident was arrested in Benoni. A charge of drunken driving is being investigated.

The third injured policeman, ambushed by a group of youths in Meadowlands near Soweto and shot in the back, returned fire and injured one of his ambushers in the buttocks. The attackers then stole the policeman's firearm.

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Truck runs over riot cops, another is shot in ambush

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The injured attacker and the policeman were both admitted to Baragwanath Hospital. *Sowetan 11/2/91*

Meanwhile the African National Congress has reacted with shock over the number of people reported to have been detained by police during the operation.

"The reported detention of 11 000 make one wonder as to the number of people harassed during the operation," ANC spokesman Sakie Macozoma said on Satur-

day. *38*

"These operations seem to be aimed more at the publicity they generate than actual crime prevention," he added.

Operation Thunderbolt was one of the biggest countrywide crime prevention campaigns ever held in South Africa. More than 30 000 SAP and SADF members participated.

By 4am Saturday, 9 654 people had been arrested and 28 783 cars searched at 827 road-

blocks.

Police had by then also confiscated 77 illegal weapons, two of which were AK-47s with 20 rounds of ammunition, arrested 65 people in connection with the illegal possession of firearms, charged two persons with possession of explosives and recovered 1 220 grams of explosives and 98 suspected stolen vehicles.

Police also charged 147 people with possession of suspected stolen vehicles and stolen property. - Sapa.

Mugging of
tourists in
Jo'burg drops

Staff Reporters

There has been a dramatic decrease in the number of muggings and related street crimes in Johannesburg, says the SA Tourism Board (Satour).

The decrease, it says, is the result of the establishment by the police of special tourist assistance units following representations to Minister of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok by Satour and the tourist industry in general.

Mr Vlok, addressing the Cape Town Press Club yesterday, said these crimes against tourists in Johannesburg had dropped from 75 cases between August and October 1990 to only 10 cases during the six weeks before February 5.

These were cases reported by hotels to Satour.

Problem

Mr Vlok gave the figures for Johannesburg because that was where the problem was greatest.

Three tourist protection units were formed around the country last month as part of Operation Sentry.

Satour chairman Pieter van Hoven expressed appreciation for the manner in which Mr Vlok and the police had taken prompt action.

It has been decided to establish regional security working groups in Johannesburg, Cape Town and Durban to monitor the situation on a monthly basis and to maintain close co-operation between the police and the travel industry.

Youth leader
fired shots,
court hears

By Melody McDougall
Vereeniging Bureau

Another two witnesses yesterday told the Vereeniging Supreme Court they had seen Themba Khoza, chairman of Inkatha's Transvaal Youth Brigade, fire shots at people at the Sebokeng hostel on September 4.

One of the witnesses also told the court he had seen a white policeman fire a shot into the air at the scene the same morning.

James Nogubane was testifying at the judicial inquest into the deaths of 42 people at the Sebokeng hostel.

The inquest is being chaired by Mr Justice Eddie Stafford.

In his testimony, Mr Nogubane, a Sebokeng hostel resident, said he and a roommate, Dwebityale Yelani, had left their room on the morning of September 4 after hearing shots being fired outside between 4 am and 5 am.

They had gone to Hostel 3, Block E, where they had seen a group of Inkatha members

wearing red headbands.

Mr Nogubane said: "The Zulus fired shots at us."

While they were running away, he saw Mr Yelani had been wounded.

Mr Nogubane said he had later returned to the scene to fetch Mr Yelani — who had been injured in the mouth and chest. He had arranged to have the man taken to hospital, where he later died.

Mr Nogubane said he had seen Mr Khoza "shooting at the people", soon after he had witnessed a white policeman firing the first shot into the air.

Fall

Earlier, another hostel dweller, Shadrack Mokoena (18), told the court he had been in his room when he heard shots. He had seen a group of Zulus at Block E fire shots at a man (Nicholas Skosana).

"I saw that it was Themba Khoza who was firing. I saw the deceased fall and then hid away in my room," Mr Mokoena said.

He told the court he knew Mr Khoza as he frequently visited room 20 at the hostel.

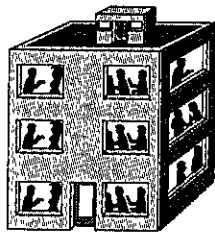
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COPS AND ROBBERS

RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE TO TREAT THE CAUSES OF CRIME



Anyone know what a Soweto chequebook is? A gun.

"Jokes" such as this are more than chilling — they are working their way into township slang. In perverse fashion they send a signal to a generation

of educationless young blacks whose future prospects have been blighted by years of township unrest and school boycotts. The message is that, for them, all is not lost. Crime will pay for what they have forfeited.

One quick route to wealth redistribution (the political catch phrase) is for them to get their hands on a firearm and join the swelling ranks of violent criminals who have found that a society in turmoil, with overstretched police resources, brings easy pickings.

Almost everyone knows someone who has been the victim of serious crime. Sometimes it is murder.

SA is facing a crime wave of staggering proportions. Statistics released by SAP Deputy CID Chief Jaap Joubert show that last year "serious crime" increased by 8,5% on the previous year — the highest year-on-year increase in 10 years and perhaps the highest percentage change ever recorded.

Moreover, "selected serious crimes" increased by an even greater 11,7%. Murders were up by a frightening 28,6% (3 359 additional cases), robbery by 19% (10 496), housebreaking by 18,8% (37 212) and vehicle theft by 17,8% (10 351). The only decrease was in the incidence of rape, which went down by a marginal 0,67% (137 fewer cases).

But that's not the worst of it. The four most serious categories of crime — excluding murder — are broadly linked to the unrest situation and rocketed by an average of 52% compared to 1989. Public violence was up 50%, arson 57%, illegal possession of firearms 45% and illegal possession of explosives 57%.

Cape Town now holds the dubious distinction of having displaced Johannesburg — more especially Hillbrow — as the murder capital of SA — 69 per 100 000 head of population last year (PWV: 60). Strangely, Law & Order Minister Adriaan Vlok sees no special menace in this. Maintaining that violent crime is on the increase the world over, he noted in parliament last week that Washington in the US notched up more murders than Cape Town (70 per 100 000 head of population) in 1990. It's nice to know that SA cities can bear comparison with their American counterparts — Washington is a centre of drug trafficking — but that kind of

statistic is scant comfort for the victims of violent crime at home.

Moreover, what the minister failed to mention was that, overall, the murder rate in SA was five times higher than that of the US per head of population.

There can be few South Africans, of all persuasions, who do not endorse the reformist moves of President FW de Klerk and the "new SA" it promises to usher in. But what good will a "new SA" be if people are perpetually consigned to living behind barricades of razor wire and high security walls, their properties constantly patrolled by private armed response security guards?

The truth is, (with political turmoil hindering the education process for young blacks in particular, an economy showing at best anaemic growth, rising unemployment, increasing urbanisation and a population growing faster than the economy's ability to raise the standard of living for all), that's not an improbable outcome. People are beginning to live in fear for their personal safety.

It's an accepted wisdom that societies in change invariably go through turbulent times. To this extent, the sociologists who seek to explain the rising criminal behaviour we are witnessing will say the current situation is entirely expected.

But, anticipated or not, there is something frighteningly discordant about a society that allows a Sandton housewife to be dragged out of her mini-bus in broad daylight and shot to death in front of her children by

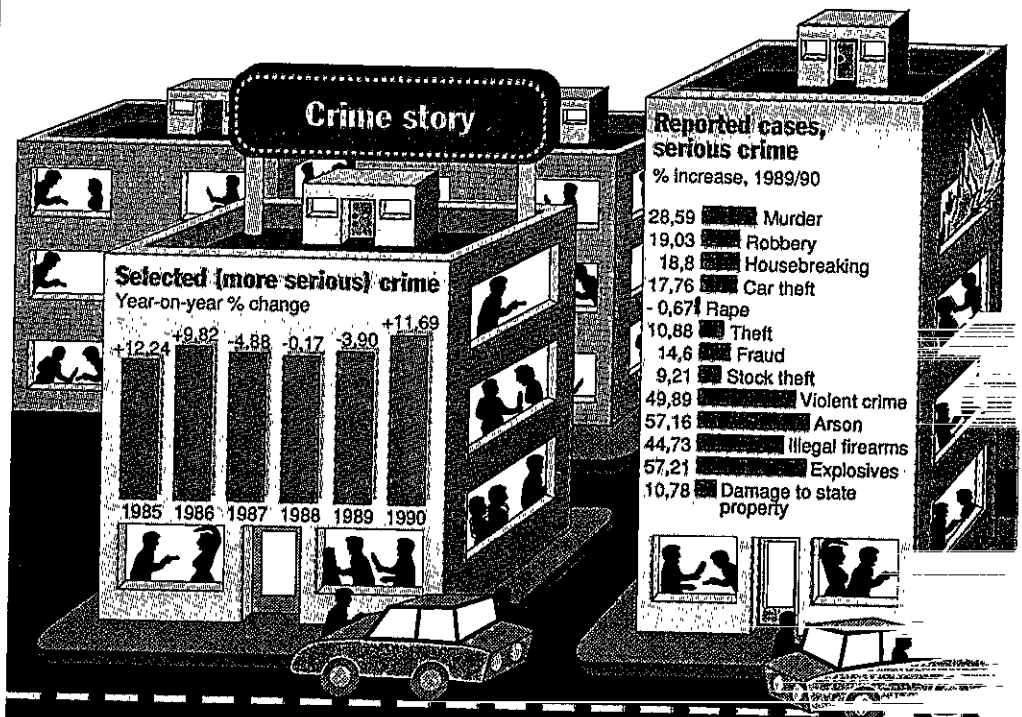
criminals bent on stealing her vehicle. Or when an innocent passerby walks into a café during a hold-up and is killed merely because he happened to intrude. It's this callous disregard for human life that enables people to empathise with General Joubert's remarks about SA rapidly becoming a "nation of gangsters."

Professor of psychology at Wits University Steve Bluen says blacks, in particular, are feeling the psychological strain of having to deal with the rising tide of township crime and almost constant political upheaval. Empirical evidence suggests that whites, too, are showing increased anxiety over crime — particularly because, says Bluen, "the level of violence associated with crime is leaving people in a state of panic. There is no question that their fear and insecurity is on the increase, which is affecting their psychological well-being."

That is born out by a recent Human Sciences Research Council study of the elderly residents of Hillbrow. It found that at least 40% of them had been victims of crime in the past three years and 90% lived in fear of being robbed, assaulted or threatened.

Clinical psychologists like Louise Frenkel are beginning to detect this fear in their patients. Female bank tellers in particular, frequently the victims of violent robberies, are often in need of counselling to help them regain their confidence, she says.

"The increasing crime rate is definitely having an effect on peoples' mental health,"



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THE BATTLE FOR ALLIED

SELLING TO THE MARKET

There must be tens of thousands of Allied Group shareholders with little financial sophistication who are bemused about what to do with their shares — as the large and rapacious United and First National groups slug it out in secret for their company.

The peculiar thing is that these small shareholders hold collectively the key to Allied's future. In any other Western country they would be the prime focus of the protagonists, who would be writing to them, buying TV time and taking newspaper advertisements to explain their offers, outline their plans and solicit support.

So distant and arrogant have our institutions become that they are clearly incapable of comprehending that small shareholders sometimes do count and that, indeed, there are occasions when enlightened self-interest suggests that these shareholders should be kept well informed.

The secret boardroom dealings that have characterised this takeover battle suggest that executive aspirations, which invariably play a role in corporate acquisitions, are particularly pronounced in this one.

Our advice to Allied shareholders who are unsure of what is happening is to try to sell as many of their shares as possible on the stock exchange if they can get anywhere near the 290c level of recent days. This is three times what Allied depositors paid for their shares when the institution forsook its mutual status and is substantially above the value of the underlying assets in the group.

Neither the United nor First National stands out as being a particularly attractive suitor. First National has for more than 10 years been without the earnings and management predominance it enjoyed as Barclays National Bank under Harold Morony and Frank Dolling. Current CE Barry Swart has forced up earnings by reducing assets, cutting costs and improving staff morale.

Swart is, of course, playing with Anglo American money, which could be an advantage, but he has not been boss long enough to have set the banking group on a sustainable or imaginative course of recovery.

However, if Allied shareholders decide against the cash they could obtain from a straight JSE sale, they might hold on until First National ups its bid and throw their support behind it for what will probably be a better medium-term return on Allied assets than the rival bidder could produce.

Those Allied shareholders brave enough to take a longer view might put their eventual support behind the United's plan, which is to create a giant financial institution including Volkskas Bank and Sage Holdings. With Rembrandt money behind it, the mega-enterprise will no doubt eventually be made to work, but it is going to take time. Even United's

boyish wonder Piet Badenhorst is going to have his time cut out getting that lot of disparate assets and fractious executives on line.

Badenhorst saw early on the revolution in the financial services markets and positioned the United, both in the market and with sufficiently diverse executive and banking skills, to take rapid advantage of that situation. This was in sharp contrast to Allied, which is why it is the victim now.

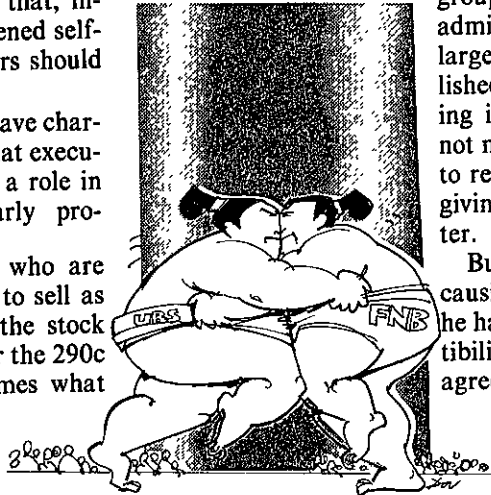
He was smart enough to resist absorption by the Liberty Life-Standard Bank axis some years ago. He has challenged the mighty life insurers over "unfair" competition. He is touchy, tenacious and tough.

But the plans he has so far revealed for the proposed giant group are not particularly convincing. To look for administrative rationalisation while keeping two large building societies-cum-banks and an established commercial bank as separate and competing institutions under common ownership does not make much sense. The object of takeovers is to reduce competition and raise productivity by giving fewer employees more assets to administer.

But it is possible that the First National bid is causing him to change his plans. No longer does he have to take into account the personal susceptibilities of so many interested directors, whose agreement he needed for a merger prior to First National entering the arena. He may now be working on not only a higher price but a more streamlined group.

De Villiers has made his preference for First National very plain. But he is in a position to win no matter which of the two suitors is successful. If it's First National, he keeps his top job. If it's United, he can cash in his fortune, in the form of Allied shares now worth probably more than R7m. De Villiers, the only involved executive who has shown any ability to turn media interest to his advantage, has been muzzled. He was brought into Allied from Barclays, where he was a talented middle manager, to run its small bank, in which he was enabled to buy shares. Having been given also the group treasury function, his superiors feared that his focus would be too much on the bank and not sufficient on the group. So he was moved to the group and his bank shares were turned into shares in the top Allied company. He took over a group that was verging on the moribund and quickly improved its performance. But his inability to gain the support of all directors turned too often to conflict.

In summary, the incentive to sell Allied shares on the open market at prices ruling early in the week is substantial. For those who are prepared to wait for a medium-term return, back First National when it ups its offer. Those who can afford to wait for a stake in a mega-merger, hold out for United's revised offer. ■



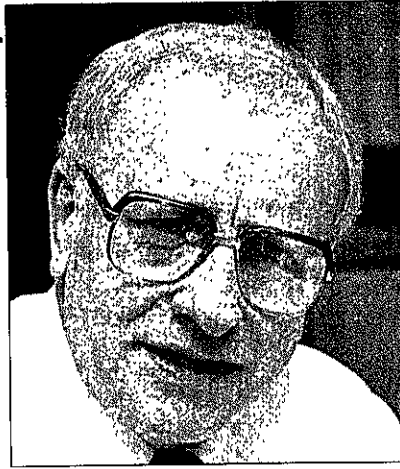
she notes. "Many whites realise they are living in a violent society but have been largely isolated from the trauma of being personally involved . . . The result is an appreciable increase in the general level of fear and anxiety they feel. That leads to the type of siege mentality evidenced by the proliferation of raised walls and burglar alarm systems."

Tony Leon, DP member of parliament for Houghton, says the anxiety that people are feeling about the current crime wave is demonstrated by the number of letters that arrive in his mailbox. One of his constituents recently wrote: "Monsters have been let loose in our midst. We are powerless, so it seems is our government. Moms, dads, grandpas and grans, children and their nannies are at the mercy of fearless and brutal killers armed to the teeth with guns taken from their victims . . . Now we are slaughtered. In our cars, homes, streets — even just buying a child an ice cream . . . Why have we been forgotten? Where are our courageous young policemen? Why isn't something being done about it?"

Why indeed? Leon sent her letter, together with the names of 50 signatories she had attached, to Vlok — accompanied with an urgent appeal that he step up the war against urban crime.

Days later, Vlok announced that the police were embarking on a major nationwide crime prevention exercise code-named "Operation Sentry."

This, coupled with the wringing of hands over last year's incredible crime statistics, indicates that there is at least some concern in high places over the issue. Unhappily, it's



Law & Order's Vlok

a concern the minister himself doesn't seem to share all that fully. He told parliament only last week: "Under the most difficult circumstances imaginable, the SAP, supported by the SADF and many members of the public, is succeeding in maintaining law and order in SA."

Many would disagree. But then, if Vlok is being over-complacent, what does he need to do to set matters right? Certainly,

he could take a leaf out of the Americans' book and go after criminals much harder by, for example, converting "Operation Sentry" and "Operation Thunderbolt" into "Operation Clean Sweep."

We all know what's responsible for the rising crime rate. The police themselves have identified some of the causes: topping the list is the lack of an adequate number of policemen (two per 1 000 head of population against Britain's four per 1 000); the climate of political unrest which has provided a kind of chaotic cover for criminals to operate under; easy availability of firearms (itself a legacy of the political struggle); rising unemployment among an educationless mass of people; and rapidly increasing urbanisation (an estimated 750 000 people poured into Port Elizabeth in the first four months of last year. Coincidentally, the incidence of house-breaking increased by 37%).

To that long list the police would probably add growing disrespect for the rule of law, disregard for the efficacy of the judicial system and the moratorium on capital punishment which, they claim, has removed the deterrent effect of punishment and has led to an upsurge in capital crimes. (This has not been the experience elsewhere in the world

where capital punishment has been abolished.)

Of course, the ANC could offer some ideas of its own. No doubt it would lay much of the blame at the door of apartheid itself: the deprivation it has brought about for blacks, the inequality of opportunity — not to mention the "structural violence" of the apartheid system which only serves, it claims, to foment more violence. Violence and crime, as has been proven, are easy bedfellows.

It's fairly obvious we don't need a fancy research centre built by the SAP at Graaff-Reinet to "analyse the extent and nature of crime in SA." What we do need is concrete steps to be taken in combating growing lawlessness.

The Minister has said he intends increasing the size of the police force by 10 000 men this year. Further substantial pay increases for policemen will follow — on top of those already granted last year. That's a good start.

We need more bobbies on the beat — a frequent lament of the victims of crime is that there is never a policeman around when you need one.

Vlok can encourage municipalities to do as Johannesburg has done and swell the ranks of their municipal police forces. Ratepayers won't seriously object if the consequence is a decline in the suburban crime rate. And by Vlok's own admission, there are too few members of the SAP to do the job effectively anyway.

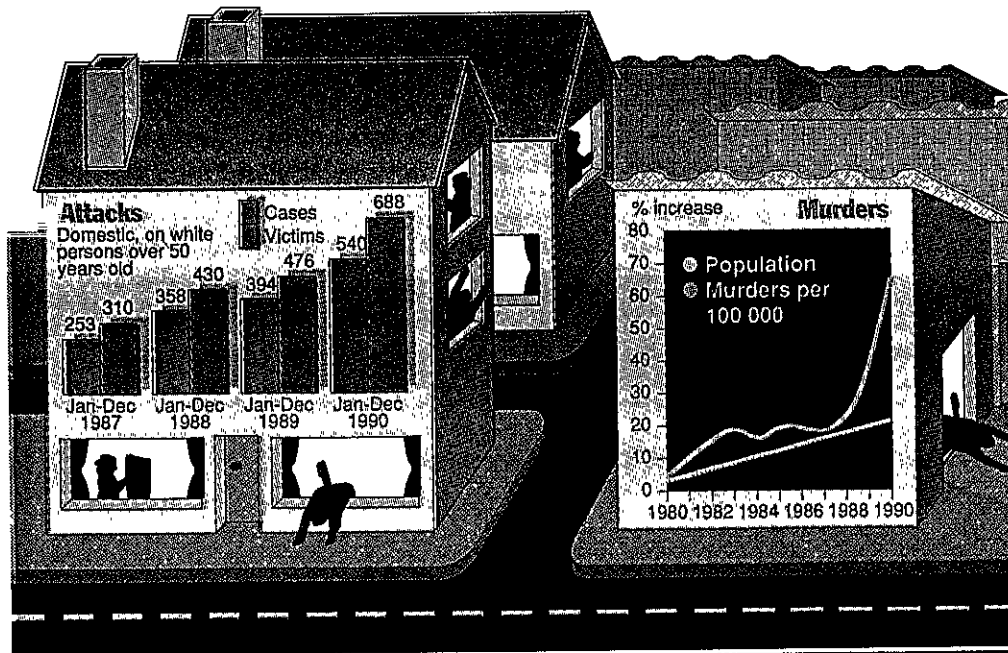
Some would like to see him increase the rewards for people who turn in lethal weapons like AK47 rifles, Soviet-made handguns and hand grenades substantially beyond current levels (from R500 to R6 000 apiece). This, of course, might only have the effect of guaranteeing a base price for arms smuggling.

Then there are those who advocate a return to a more immediate "rough justice" in dealing with violent criminals. Some have even called for the legitimisation of people's courts in the townships — a dangerous precedent, should it happen.

We would urge government to unlock the billions of rands tied up in the Industrial Development Corp's so-called "mature" assets, and that invested in Jan Steyn's Independent Development Trust and channel it as a matter of urgency into social programmes with special emphasis on education and job creation.

In addition, we would advocate that more use be made of SADF conscripts in keeping the warring factions apart in the townships so that policemen can be freed to concentrate on the job they are supposed to do — nab criminals.

In the final analysis, finger-pointing helps little. What we really need is positive political progress so that the virtues that separate civilised societies from barbarous ones — good neighbourliness, mutual respect, orderliness and regard for the rule of law — can return to our society. ■



NELSON MANDELA ONE YEAR ON

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IN A HUMAN FRAME

DESPITE INCONSISTENCY, HE REMAINS THE MAN PRETORIA CAN TALK TO

When Nelson Mandela stepped out of Victor Verster prison on February 11 last year, he became a man again.

In prison his mythical status snowballed over the years — and then took on the proportions of an avalanche. He emerged to impossible expectations among his supporters and a deep uneasiness among whites.

Yet he remains a commanding figure, with various distinctions that make his political role vital; certainly the only ANC leader that the rest of the world has heard of, probably the only man who can unify black liberation politics and possibly the only black politician with the clout to deliver a constitutional settlement broadly acceptable to whites.

Judging by his performance in his first year out of prison, what can we expect of him in 1991?

There are signs that Mandela, after some early vacillation, is more confident of his abilities to lead. Though he often talks as if he is merely a player in a team, the team increasingly follows its star player and rarely contradicts him.

This enables him to rise above liberation bureaucracy and jargon, but negotiations should not rest exclusively on one man. There is a remarkable rapport between Mandela and State President FW de Klerk, for which the country must be grateful — but it would be dangerous to place too much faith in that rapport.

Mandela's first year can be mapped into four phases:

Firstly, there was his release and the euphoria of mass meetings and foreign adulation. Mandela generally handled himself with aplomb in this period and minor gaffes (such as informing President George Bush that he had been badly informed) did not sabotage a public relations success. The most significant aspect about the first period was Mandela's support of the policy of nationalisation, which began a furious debate in SA business and industry. The ANC has not yet formulated a clear programme of its intentions — and Mandela remains equivocal.

Secondly, the two major summits with government, which re-

sulted in the Groote Schuur Minute in May and the Pretoria Minute in August, when the ANC suspended "armed action." Here Mandela displayed qualities of great statesmanship and human warmth.

Thirdly, the violence that erupted in Reef townships on July 22, and within five months saw 4 000 people dead — the bloodiest sequence of events in SA history. This period was marred by Mandela's inability to meet Inkatha leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi. During this time, Mandela at times seemed incapable of rising above partisan grandstanding. It was in this period, too, that his normally easygoing relations with the press became most strained. Many experts began to doubt that he was in touch with what was happening in the townships.

Fourthly, from the end of the ANC Consultative Conference in December to where we are now. At the conference, Mandela gave possibly his finest speech. Off-the-cuff

and not recorded for posterity by the ANC, this hour-long speech came at the end of three days of political bloodletting. The leadership had been dragged over the coals by an angry and militant membership which clearly did not understand or know about the intricacies of negotiations. Mandela made it clear that he could not consult members on every issue, but managed to convince the delegates that he had not gone soft on the NP government.

Mandela admitted: "Delegates expressed serious reservations about the way in which we handled issues like negotiations, the suspension of armed action, the violence in which thousands of our people have been slaughtered, the neglect of our soldiers on whom the future of our country depends, on the homeland system and other matters."

Certainly, the ANC is hard put to quell threatened mutinies in its foreign camps, particularly in Angola and Uganda, because

of the lack of information and supplies channelled their way.

Now an elegant 73, Mandela remains physically imposing (he was once a boxer), charming and sharp witted. He has a remarkable knack for remembering names and faces. But he can also show impatience and an iron will, with a capacity to cut people down to size with a single phrase.

Even members of the ANC admit that Mandela's Achilles heel is his wife Winnie, whom he adores. Her trial on charges of kidnapping and assault began last week in the Rand

Supreme Court. After virtual excommunication by liberation politicians when the ANC was still banned, she has risen rapidly since Mandela's release. She holds three senior positions and there is little doubt that she will be elected to the ANC's National Executive Committee in June. Mandela will brook no criticism of her.

Whites who expected the "struggle" to end with the release of Mandela, or after the scrapping of apartheid laws, are sure to be disappointed. A hint of this came with Mandela's threat to the European Community that a lifting of sanctions would cause increased mass action ("the people of this country



Release night in Cape Town ... the people's messiah



Meeting the press ... staying in the centre

Police arrest thousands in crime prevention drive

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By Guy Jepsen and Anna Louw

More than 5 000 people were arrested in another nationwide crime prevention exercise on Saturday, the police public relations division disclosed yesterday.

Saturday's eight-hour operation follows a 10-hour blitz last Friday night, called Operation Thunderbolt, in which 11 361 were arrested.

Although both swoops were launched in terms of the ongoing Operation Sentry anti-crime drive, Saturday's campaign was not intended as a crime blitz, said police spokesman Major Reg Crewe. "It was about high-profile po-

licing aimed at preventing crime, mainly at shopping centres and businesses across the country," he said.

"But the high number of arrests, particularly the number of people who were put away for serious offences, came as a bonus to us."

Final statistics for Saturday show that 49 people were arrested for murder, 17 for rape or attempted rape, 97 for serious assault and 18 for armed robbery or attempted armed robbery.

A nationwide total of 118 people were arrested for house-breaking and theft (or for attempting to commit these offences), 336 for theft (or attempted theft), 32 for car theft (or attempted car theft), 194 for illicit dealing in liquor and 68

for dealing in dagga.

A total of 2 800 people were apprehended for other alcohol-related offences.

Of the countrywide total of arrests, 663 took place in the Witwatersrand area.

Major Crewe said the results showed that Operation Sentry had enabled the police to achieve greater success in their fight against crime.

While comprehensive statistics were not yet available, indications were that the crime rate had dropped.

In another blitz last week — also part of Operation Sentry — more than 400 stolen cars were recovered, and 33 people were arrested on the Witwatersrand.

● In joint operations by the police and defence force in Katilehong, Tokoza and Vosloorus

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which started on Friday, police took possession of 12 firearms and arrested nine suspects.

A police spokesman said operations took the form of roadblocks, patrols and protection of the public on trains.

A clash between rival taxi associations was thwarted at several taxi ranks after police were tipped off.

● Police took possession of 20 packets of dagga, an AK-47 rifle and ammunition during police operations at a hostel in Katilehong at the weekend.

● In Tembisa, municipal policemen were robbed of seven shotguns after being overpowered by a group of men at the Etfana hostel at the weekend.

● Police said the men were armed with an AK-47 rifle, pistols and revolvers.

Home no place to hide

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MURDER used to be something that happened to other people in other areas: war-torn townships, city slums, vulnerable farming communities, perhaps even poorer suburbs.

No longer.
A recent spate of murderous attacks on homeowners in suburban Johannesburg has driven home the fact that none of us are immune — our homes, no matter where they are, are no longer places of safety.

Of eight murders in suburban homes in the Johannesburg area which received media coverage since November, two occurred in Kenilworth, one in Troyeville, two in Sydenham (in a single attack), one in Northcliff, one in Sandton and one in Fourways.

Media coverage can only serve as a guideline: other murders in the home, notably in areas such as Hillbrow and "coloured" suburbs in western Johannesburg, undoubtedly went unreported or received only passing attention.

It would also be unwise to claim that eight murders in a geographically limited area over a relatively short period represent a regional trend. Nevertheless, these cases do tell us something of the modus operandi of today's free-rang-

Confident, murderous attacks on the vulnerable in their homes are increasing and the object of the attacks is often trivial robbery, writes GUY JEPSON.

ing suburban murderer:

- Seven of the eight victims were women.
- Four of the victims were over 60 (the oldest was 82).
- Six of the victims appeared to live alone.
- Terrifyingly, the suspected motives for all seven attacks appeared to be robbery.

The most valuable article reported stolen was a luxury Volkswagen Caravelle. One victim was apparently murdered for a video recorder; another for a television set and hotplate and a third for a jewellery box. No items were reported missing in the other two attacks.

- Police found evidence of forced entry in only two cases. One woman was murdered in her driveway, another in her car as she arrived home. A third was attacked in her garden and in another attack the killer gained access through an unlocked door.
- To date, no arrests have been made in six of the cases. At

short notice police were yesterday unable to confirm whether anyone was arrested for the seventh attack, in which two people were murdered.

According to Lloyd Vogelman, head of the University of Witwatersrand's Project for the Study of Violence, a crucial ingredient in any type of violent crime is the degree of confidence of the perpetrators.

In South Africa, he argues, the confidence level of violent criminals is particularly high for two reasons.

Firstly, as our police force is badly understaffed, many offenders believe they will not be brought to justice. A second factor is the extent to which criminals — and all South Africans, generally — have access to firearms.

The depth of poverty in South Africa and related resentment against people who have access to wealth and resources are also significant.

Of special concern is the fact that violence is often gratuitous: "This is almost a new phenomenon in South Africa. Partly, this is because the criminal is highly desensitised to violence — it is part of his everyday life," says Mr Vogelman.

"Violence is not seen as morally problematic. The majority of South Africans. It

would seem, would support violence to some or other degree." He stresses that most victims of murder in South Africa are young people and most murders take place within the communities where the killers live.

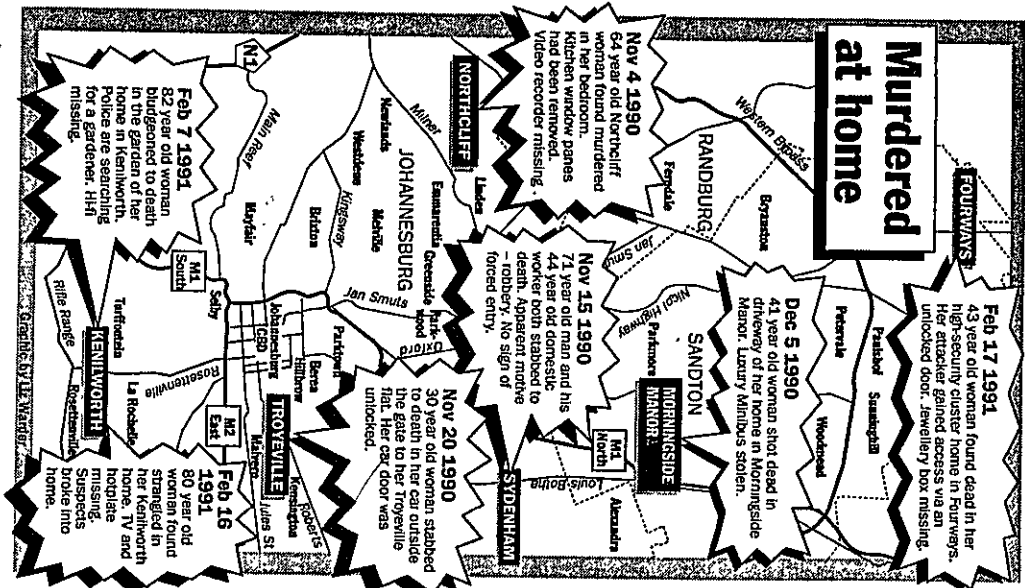
Nevertheless the high incidence of violence directed against "soft targets" — primarily the elderly — derives from the perception that older people are "in a sense, not physically powerful".

Elderly people also tend to be vulnerable because of their predictable living routines and relative isolation from the wider community. They also often lack the resources necessary for effective security.

Mr Vogelman says criminals are also relatively confident that female victims — particularly women who are alone — are less able to defend themselves.

"In the South African situation people go into their homes for protection. But home can be a very dangerous place to be in South Africa."

Police statistics on attacks against the elderly also point to a degree of negligence on the part of the victim. About 48 percent of elderly people who were violently attacked in the first half of 1990 had left their doors unlocked.



Soweto cracks down on crime

SOWETO police have promised to crack down on car hijacks, possession of unlicensed guns and rape.

Police are launching a new scheme which uses helicopters and additional officers to combat crime, said public relations officers Colonel Tienie Halgryn and Captain Joseph Ngobeni.

Their announcement follows disquiet in the townships over a spate of murders by car robbers.

They said a special unit whose sole purpose is to track down licensed firearms has been formed.

There will also be a unit that will carry out twice-a-week raids at unannounced places looking for stolen cars. In addition, helicopters will conduct random sweeps through the townships in search of hijacked cars.

Halgryn said: "Car hijack and theft has been too common in



By LANGA SKOSANA

of more than 30 unlicensed firearms including an AK-47 rifle.

Ngobeni said the thugs who use guns to hijack cars and threaten others were known to some people in the community.

Fear

"People can point them out to us without fear that their identity would be revealed. If we can take away the guns from the thugs, there would be less hijacks."

He said that police have already scored successes in the past week with the recovery

to succumb to intimidation, the gangsters would take advantage of them. But if the community is unafraid of reporting them to the police, many of the criminals will disappear," he said.

Ngobeni said the Soweto flying squad can be called at 10-111 when a crime is being committed or when someone needs immediate help.

In cases of mobs attacking houses, people should call 980-8103, he said.

"This enables us to come while people committing the crime are still there," he said.

He cautioned that people tend to misuse such numbers by calling

to ask police to solve their domestic problems or to make false complaints.

Halgryn said that in the past week, five people have been arrested in eight cases of car hijacks. Police seized seven unlicensed guns in the process, he said.

Yet the biggest worry is rape, which is on the increase, he said.

Last month 53 women were raped and police made 77 arrests in connection with rape cases.

Rape

Halgryn said rape cases, unlike hijacks, often happened in houses. Police are forced to rely on the evidence of victims, he said.

He also said unemployment seemed to con-

tribute greatly to the increase in crime in the townships.

"Thugs are looking for soft targets and if they have guns it makes it easier for them."

Halgryn said that since the beginning of the year more than 115 cars have been hijacked.

He advised residents to be on the look out for thieves, especially at robots and stop signs.

He said that with the help of the community, Soweto police would be able to wipe out most criminal activity in the area.

But in spite of these assurances, some residents maintain they feel unsafe to drive in the townships.

They say thugs are not satisfied by hijacking a

car, they want to see the owner dead.

Residents also complain that police take a long time to arrive at the scene of a crime. Some say police never come unless there is someone dead.

Ngobeni disputes this. He called on residents who have complaints against police to lodge them at their nearest police station.

"Residents can approach a station commander if they feel unhappy about their treatment," he said.

The Witwatersrand Police liaison officer Colonel Frans Matherbe said white suburbs have also been hit by car hijacks in the past year.

Problem

"Our main problem area is Bramley, near Alexandra township, where we have stepped up preventative measures."

Thieves have been concentrating on commercial vehicles but now they are taking ordinary cars, Matherbe said.

He said that during a 24 hour period last week, five cars were hijacked near and around Bramley.

RESIDENTS have declared war on car hijackers in some Reef and Vaal townships and have come up with new ways of fighting the menace.

Motorists declare war on killer hijackers

Report by 6/3/91
BY LANGA SKOSANA

A number of people telephoned *Sowetan* expressing horror and disgust at the sordid actions of car thieves who kill their victims after robbing them of their cars.

Motorists say one method of eradicating car thefts is to form Motorists Protection Clubs (MPC) in every centre which will help identify and flush out car thieves from their hideouts.

They also feel that if this scheme is supported by political movements such as the ANC, Inkatha, PAC and Azapo, they will be able to wipe out the criminal element that masquerades as comrades.

Spearheading the campaign for an MPC, Mr Derrick Thema, Eskom Public Affairs Advisor appealed to motorists to come forward with suggestions of a venue and date where such a club could be formed.

would not only focus on hijacks but on the broad needs of motorists in the townships.

Thema said the MPC could pay attention to:

- * Terrible roads in the township;
- * Seek ways of protecting black motorists against exploitation from unscrupulous car dealers;

Premiums

- * Target insurance companies which load premiums for black motorists;
- * Fight rip-offs of taxi owners;

- * Seek the right to get firearm licences for black motorists; and
- * Work closely with community-based organisations to eliminate gangs of criminals.

He said such a body would not detract



from the main objective of stopping car hijacks, such a body would be beneficial to the upliftment of the community as a whole." Thema said.

"The criminals are known to some residents, who by their silence are encouraging them in their deadly and deviant ways.

"If every motorist and every member of the community could come together we will in no time rid ourselves of this threat."

Thema said he overheard a conversation by hijackers in a shebeen who said that stealing cars was not aimed at hitting the black community but at fleeing white insurance companies.

He felt such an argument was absurd as most blacks did not insure their cars because of premiums that were too steep.

He pointed out that the MPC could not work without the support of liberation movements which would play a vital role in engendering a spirit of unity in fighting the scourge.

Menace

ANC spokesman Mr Selby Msimango welcomed the idea and said his organisation was worried about thugs who have become a general menace to the community.

The ANC itself was a victim of a car hijack recently when one of its

officials was attacked and injured by robbers wanting their car, he said.

Msimango said an all out war should be declared against robbers but cautioned that bodies fighting criminals should not themselves become lawless.

The Pan Africanist Congress called for a community-based anti-crime thrust.

The movement's general secretary, Mr Benny Alexander said students, headmasters, residents and even the unemployed should openly speak out against the banditry.

He said: "Sowetan can follow its slogan of nation building by playing a leading role in highlighting and arranging a meeting of community based organisations to discuss and find a solution to this problem."

Projects co-ordinator of Azanian Peoples

Organisation, Mr Lybon Mabasa said the entire community needs to be mobilised to protect motorists against hoodlums.

"Civic structures which are non-aligned to political organisations should be formed to fight the criminals. These community protection units deserve the support of everyone because of the deaths inflicted on the community.

Sympathy

"If thugs realise that when they take someone's car they'll have no sympathy from anyone, the menace would be wiped out in no time," said Mabasa.

Inkatha Freedom Party West Rand publicity secretary, Mr Themba Khoza said if the MPC was to work in the interests of the community it will get unqualified support from

his movement.

Inkatha was worried about the general lawlessness that is creeping into the community," said Khoza.

A Vaal Triangle man, Mr Oupa Rabotapi, who was attacked by car hijackers last week appealed for a formation of a motorists protection club in the Vaal Triangle.

He said: "Even smaller towns like ours have become targets of gangsters."

Soweto police have called on residents to assist in identifying criminal elements in the community. They have also promised not to reveal the identity of people who give them information.

"Our main concern is to bring peace and harmony to the residents" said Colonel Tienie Halgrayn, Soweto's police liaison officer.

Taximen were also interested in the formation of a Motorist Protection Club, said Mr Fanyana Shuburi, spokesman for Sabla.

He said any move working towards the elimination of thugs from the roads was welcome.

* Derrick Thema can be contacted at 800 2823.

The razor's edge of frontier living

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On the East Rand there are two towns with only 75 m of open ground separating them — but they are worlds apart. JACQUELINE MYBURGH reports.

DALPARK 6, a white suburb of the East Rand town of Brakpan, and Tamboville, an extension of Benoni's black Wattville township, are both relatively young developments, with mostly young families living there. But Dalpark residents say their lives have been plagued by repeated break-ins since their neighbours moved in.

Some houses have been burgled up to six times in the eight months since Tamboville was established, says Frank Lamont, who has lived in Dalpark for five years.

He refers to Tamboville as a squatter camp, but residents there insist that the township, created by the Benoni Town Council in July last year, is a formal settlement.

"Would the Benoni municipality install latrines and charge us rent if this was a squatter camp?" argues Tamboville resident Cynthia Tshandu.

Residents pay R25 a month to stay on the land.

Mrs Tshandu rejected accusations that Tamboville "squatters" were breaking into homes in Dalpark.

But the crime rate in Dalpark is a severe problem.

The white suburb was built 10 years ago by housing developers offering young middle class people the opportunity to become home owners. With two bedrooms, the houses were designed to be extended in later years and most residents have altered and enlarged their homes.

Now, almost every second house in Dalpark is for sale.

Others are surrounded by walls, up to 3 m high, with razor-wire fences.

Dobermanns, bull terriers and Alsatians guard many properties.

Mr Lamont, whose own home is surrounded by circles of razor wire fencing, said his first reaction to the news that the Benoni Town Council had given the Tamboville settlement the go-ahead was to petition the State President. He raised 1 000 signatures.

He and fellow residents'



Home-made jail . . . a lock on the gate symbolises life in Dalpark. Insets: Steve Connelly has razor wire around his home; Samson Gumede is astonished that Tamboville people are being blamed for break-ins. Pictures: Ken Osterbroek

committee member Steve Connelly insist, however, that their complaints were not race related.

Mr Lamont said he was against squatters of any race.

He and Mr Connelly have no objection to a black, coloured or Indian person moving into the house next door, but are concerned about the type of person inhabiting the "squatter camp" up the hill from their homes.

"If the Benoni municipality would only provide formal housing, we could get a better class of person living there," says Mr Lamont.

Mr Connelly says the atmosphere as a result of the repeated burglaries is affecting his family.

"We are not very affluent people. We are very middle class families who are striving to better ourselves, but when

this kind of thing happens it's a kick in the guts," he said.

Anton and Lynne Els have been living on a corner stand in Dalpark 6 for six years, and have had 10 break-ins in this period. Their house is surrounded by a 3-m-high wall. They have two big dogs and access to an armed response service.

"But I am still very nervous at night when my husband

works late," says Mrs Els.

The rising crime rate has also meant the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging had fertile ground in which to carry out their recruitment, Mr Connelly and Mr Lamont said.

"They come here every Sunday afternoon to recruit, and we want to prevent this right-wing element from taking the law into their own hands," Mr Lamont said.

Residents have seen Minister of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing HERNUS KRIEL, who agreed that formal housing would be preferable and undertook to look into the matter.

"But that's the last we heard," said Mr Lamont.

Senior Wattville resident Jerry Makuse said Tamboville was created when Wattville became overcrowded. About 3 000 people were squatting on the land when the Benoni municipality decided to service it with water and sewerage facilities at a cost of R500 000.

The newcomers were young, employed people trying to establish themselves in their first homes and not likely to be responsible for the break-ins at Dalpark, he said.

"Elements from Wattville may be responsible for the burglaries," he said.

Benoni town clerk Deneyse Conradie says Dalpark residents are being unfair in laying the blame for the crime in their suburb on Tamboville residents.

"Firstly," he said, "it is not a squatter camp." Since it was established nine months ago, the municipality has installed sewerage, water, street lights and roads at Tamboville.

Mr Conradie described Tamboville as a low income housing area.

He said that the municipality would ultimately liaise with a developer to build housing at Tamboville.

The municipality has, however, reached agreement with the Wattville Residents' Committee (WRC) that homes would not be corrugated iron and plastic shacks, but rather concrete houses.

Samson Gumede, a nighttime security guard who is building his house at Tamboville during the day, has a wife and two children.

He says there is no crime in Tamboville itself and was astonished that he and his neighbours were being blamed for break-ins at Dalpark. □

Blacks R1 331 493 947
 Total R1 543 171 343 and
 Budgetary aid to the TBVC states will have to be increased by approximately 6,7% to reach parity with Blacks in the RSA, whilst an increase of approximately 33,6% will be required to reach parity with Whites in the RSA.

(3) (a) not known and
 (b) (i) not known and
 (ii) social pensions represent at present 5,42% of the budget in the RSA;

(4) no.

Aids: cases
 37. Mr M J ELLIS asked the Minister of National Health:
 How many cases of Aids were identified in the Republic, (a) excluding and (b) including the independent Black states, in 1990?
 Hansard 11/3/91 B102E

The MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH:
 Data available as on 14 December 1990:
 (a) 270 and,
 (b) no information on Aids cases in the independent states is available.

Sandton: special crime prevention unit
 38. Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Law and Order: 38 Hansard 11/3/91
 How many arrests in respect of each specified offence were effected in 1990 by the special crime prevention unit stationed in Sandton?
 B111E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

Offence	Number
Housebreaking	8
Robbery	1
Theft of motor vehicle	1
Possession of stolen property	2
Possession of unlicensed firearms	4
Illicit dealing in liquor	1
Dealing in dagga	4
Possession of dagga	197
Illegal immigrants	195

Consuming liquor in public 310
 Trespass 34
 Resisting arrest 2
 Escaping from lawful custody 1
 Total Hansard 11/3/91 760

Certain police stations: serviceable patrol vehicles
 56. Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Law and Order: Hansard 11/3/91
 (a) How many serviceable patrol vehicles (i) with and (ii) without radio equipment installed are stationed on a daily basis at the (aa) Sandton, (bb) Bramley, (cc) Wynberg/Alexandra and (dd) Lombardy East police stations and (b) in respect of what date is this information furnished?
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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:
 (a) (aa) Sandton
 (i) 8
 (ii) 24
 (bb) Bramley
 (i) 0
 (ii) 20
 (cc) Wynberg/Alexandra
 (i) 1
 (ii) 23
 (dd) Lombardy East
 (i) 5
 (ii) 6
 (b) 14 February 1991
 Elucidation:
 The crews of the patrol vehicles of Sandton (24), Bramley (20) and Wynberg/Alexandra (23) in which no radio equipments installed, are all issued with portable radios which function effectively.

Mr Stanza Bopape
 63. Mr J VAN ECK asked the Minister of Law and Order: Hansard 11/3/91
 (1) Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 2 on 19 June 1990, any progress has been made in the investiga-

tion into the disappearance of Mr Stanza Bopape from police detention on 12 June 1988, if so, what progress;
 (2) whether he will furnish to the House the names of the members of the South African Police who accompanied Mr Bopape in the police vehicle on the day of his disappearance; if not, why not; if so, what are their names;
 (3) whether he will have an independent investigation instituted into the disappearance of Mr Bopape; if so, when; if not, why not?
 B179E

Whether any persons who were previously members of the ANC or PAC are members of the South African Police at present; if so, (a) how many of them are (i) Blacks, (ii) Whites, (iii) Coloureds and (iv) Indians and (b) in respect of what date is this information furnished?
 Hansard 11/3/91
 B186E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:
 Yes.
 (a) It is not in the public interest, and in the interest of the members themselves, to make information of this nature known.
 (b) 18 February 1991.

SAP: civil claims
 75. Mr A J LEON asked the Minister of Law and Order: Hansard 11/3/91
 (1) How many civil claims were instituted against the South African Police in 1987, 1988, 1989 and 1990, respectively;
 (2) in respect of each such year, (a)(i) how many such claims were settled out of court and (ii) at what cost to the State and (b) what total amount in damages was awarded against the Police by the courts?
 B217E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:
 1987 1988 1989 1990
 (1) 3 775 3 903 3 678 5 456
 (2) (a) (i) 357 360 277 229
 (ii) R677 452,66 R699 594,86 R686 135,78 R611 132,48
 (b) R489 187,24 R209 995,75 R182 422,28 R846 317,67

Brits: crime reported
 77. Mr A GERBER asked the Minister of Law and Order: Hansard 11/3/91 38
 How many cases of (a) serious and (b) less serious crime were reported to the South African Police in Brits during the months of (i) October, (ii) November and (iii) December in 1989 and 1990, respectively?
 B220E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

Year	(a)	(i)	(ii)	(iii)
1989	338	338	354	389
1990	391	402	418	826
				790
				1 116
				856
				1 138

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Members of SAP/public killed

QUESTIONS

Indicates translated version.

For written reply:

General Affairs:

Members of SAP/public killed

17. Mr W L VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Law and Order:

- (1) How many (a) members of the South African Police, and (b) members of the public (i) of all ages and (ii) over the age of 60 years, were killed in the Republic from 2 February up to and including 31 December 1990 in connection with non-unrest-related crimes, excluding persons killed as a result of police action against criminals;
- (2) what were the corresponding figures for the period 2 February 1989 up to and including 1 February 1990?

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1)(a) and (b)

Statistics are not kept in the categories as set out in the question. To acquire this information will not only be extremely time-consuming, but would take place to the detriment of other more important police duties. I can therefore unfortunately not supply the honourable member with the information requested.

The statistics for murder and culpable homicide (excluding motor vehicle accidents) are as follows (these include unrest-related fatalities):

	1989	1990
Murder	11 077	12 779
Culpable homicide	13 118	13 062

These figures apply with regard to the respective calendar years.

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Advocate S J Maritz (SC)—Individual members' interests

The two junior advocates are:

Advocate M D du Preez—SAP interests;

Advocate P Kemp—Individual members' interests.

- (b) The advocates appeared for the full duration of the Harms Commission from February 1990 until August 1990.
- (c) The senior advocates charged R66 000 (sixty six thousand rand) per month each and the two junior advocates R44 000 (forty four thousand rand) (P Kemp) and R33 000 (thirty three thousand rand) (D du Preez) respectively.

(2) (a) A provisional concluding fee which was equal to the monthly fee, was paid to each advocate subject thereto that the Bar Council had to make a decision regarding the reasonableness of the payment of a concluding fee. However, on 5 February 1991 the Bar Council determined that advocate L Visser and advocate D du Preez may not receive a concluding fee and that advocate S Maritz is entitled to a R50 000 (fifty thousand rand) and advocate Kemp to a R35 000 (thirty five thousand rand) concluding fee. Advocate Visser has intimated that he is going to appeal against the decision of the Bar Council.

The amounts which have already been paid as concluding fees to the

- (1) (a) The South African Police retained legal counsel for the purpose of the Harms Commission of Inquiry, if so, (a) what was the name of each counsel, (b) for what period did each act and (c) what were the total fees charged by each counsel;
- (2) whether any such counsel were paid fees for a period after the activities of the said commission had been concluded; if so, (a) what amounts were paid to each such counsel and (b) for what purpose were these costs incurred?

Harms Commission of Inquiry: legal counsel
20. Mr A JLEON asked the Minister of Law and Order:

(1) Whether the South African Police retained legal counsel for the purpose of the Harms Commission of Inquiry, if so, (a) what was the name of each counsel, (b) for what period did each act and (c) what were the total fees charged by each counsel;

(2) whether any such counsel were paid fees for a period after the activities of the said commission had been concluded; if so, (a) what amounts were paid to each such counsel and (b) for what purpose were these costs incurred?

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) The South African Police did not retain advocates, but did commission advocates for the purpose of the Harms Commission of Inquiry.

(a) The two senior advocates are: Advocate L Visser (SC)—SAP interests;

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advocates must be paid back and/or brought into account. The Bar Council also determined that services had been rendered by the advocates after conclusion of the Commission of Inquiry, for which the advocates had not been paid and which payment must also be considered at the accounting.

- (b) Concluding fees are a cost arrangement in cases where advocates are kept away from their practices for a long period, such as the duration of the Harms Commission, and where it is uncertain when the brief will terminate.

Johannesburg police district: offences
32. Mr L FUCHS asked the Minister of Law and Order: **Hans van der Merwe 15/3/91**

- (1) 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) theft of other items, (i) damage to property, (j) house-breaking with intent to steal and theft and (k) possession of drugs, (l) drunken driving, (m) vagrancy and (n) prostitution were reported at each specified police station in the Johannesburg police districts in 1990; **38**
- (2) whether special steps are being taken to fight crime in the areas where crime is more prevalent; if so, what steps are being taken in (a) such areas in general and (b) the Hillbrow area in particular?

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1)	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)
John Vorster Square	118	35	391	915	120	2 790	3 242	3 804	739	2 435	16	277	—	30
Langlaage	29	16	101	224	32	256	225	431	138	347	2	70	—	—
Mondeor	35	64	83	220	31	222	442	442	171	1 126	—	49	—	—
Jeppe	136	24	363	488	76	823	887	1 653	312	1 328	7	175	—	1

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	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)
Booyens	60	75	236	839	78	598	2 012	1 537	542	2 438	3	290	—	—
Cleveland	46	16	104	200	22	362	537	697	206	1 053	—	76	—	—
Brixton	11	8	49	298	13	98	641	500	235	775	2	81	—	—
Parkstasie	19	—	60	92	21	241	57	893	42	66	—	5	—	—
General Jo-han Coetzee	56	16	277	1 245	65	286	414	757	598	1 084	3	169	—	—
Hillbrow	115	24	469	1 452	165	1 102	2 307	2 213	1 117	1 664	17	466	—	1
Lombardy East	8	17	32	61	13	258	295	245	131	808	—	11	—	—
Norwood	7	14	61	174	28	188	656	732	320	1 045	—	54	—	—
Parkview	10	15	44	175	24	143	639	628	325	1 089	—	31	—	—
Rosebank	1	—	13	42	1	31	142	135	66	115	—	7	—	—
Yeoville	4	5	68	156	18	148	639	349	372	732	—	17	—	—
Fairland	2	4	37	61	4	38	202	218	77	359	—	5	—	—
Randburg	27	49	203	375	67	239	690	1 278	467	2 592	—	125	—	—
Alexandra	185	14	789	505	190	428	191	345	346	252	—	3	—	—
Halfweg Huis	26	39	91	115	22	152	275	661	108	1 481	—	32	—	—
Bramley	27	44	133	272	32	936	805	1 109	588	1 426	—	53	—	—
Sandton	22	30	87	263	25	251	893	1 205	437	2 359	—	57	—	15
Linden	7	6	42	140	16	67	596	397	221	837	—	87	—	—

Nota Bena: Rosebank was only opened on 1 August 1990.

(2) Yes.

(a) In the Johannesburg area the following special measures are being taken:

- A Crime Clean-up Unit has been started.
- The Robbery Reaction Unit operates in the city centre.
- A satellite police station has been established in the Small Street Mall in the city centre.
- Business Watch.
- A Tourist Protection Unit has been established.
- Special crime clean-up operations are held in the city centre.
- A Truck with Cargo-unit has been established to counter the hijacking of trucks.
- Special crime prevention operations as requested by Head Office.
- General crime prevention in the city centre.

The traffic department is utilised in all large operations.

(b) In the Hillbrow area in particular the following are being done:

- Business Watch Units have been deployed in those areas with a high crime risk and the presence of the policeman in uniform on the street has been increased to discourage crime.
- Regular actions, especially against drug pedlars, prostitutes and illegal dealing in liquor, are carried out on a continuous basis. The Crime Protection Unit performs specialised duties in this field.
- Organised crime prevention actions are launched on a regular basis to combat crime.
- Administrative personnel are utilised on a selected, but daily basis for beat duties so as to increase the visible police presence.
- Reservists are used optimally after hours in order to increase vehicle patrols in the area, as well as beat duties.
- Both the District Crime Prevention Unit and the Robbery Reaction Unit are used on a regular basis to address the problem of specific crimes in the area and much success is being attained.
- Specialised units such as the Vehicle Theft Unit and SANAB have continuous operations in the station area for specific crimes.
- For all practical purposes Hillbrow is treated in the same manner as Bramfontein, Jobert Park, Berea and Killarney where the same types of crimes are committed.

Alleged murders: persons detained

55. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Law and Order:

Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 27 on 27 March 1990, any persons have been detained, arrested, charged and/or convicted in connection with the alleged murders of 16 persons, whose names have been furnished to the South African Police for the purpose of the Minister's reply. If not, why not; if so, (a) what are the names of the persons (i) detained, (ii) arrested, (iii) charged and/or (iv) convicted in connection with each of these alleged murders and (b) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

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THE MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

No, no evidence has as yet been obtained to connect any person with the cases.

(a) Falls away.

(b) 20 February 1991.

Background information:

As a result of the confession by Mr Dirk Coetzee regarding the murder of Griffiths Mxenge, a warrant has been issued for his arrest.

A prisoner who was sentenced to death, Mr Alfred Notomela, also alleged that he was involved in the murder of Griffiths Mxenge.

The Attorney-General of Natal has provisionally withdrawn the charge. The latter also testified before the Harms Commission in connection with his, and Mr Dirk Coetzee's, allegation.

Elandsrand: crime reported

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

How many cases of (a) serious and (b) less serious crime were reported to the South African Police in Elandsrand, Brits, in each specified calendar year since 1984?

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THE MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

As the Elandsrand area is incorporated into the station area of the Brits police station, crimes committed in this area are not recorded separately.

I refer the honourable member to written question number 77 in the House of Assembly which pertains to crimes reported at the Brits police station.

To furnish crimes in respect of the Elandsrand area only, is time-consuming and not cost effective. Consequently, the details are not readily available.

SADF assistance in Ciskei

127. Lt-Gen R H D ROGERS asked the Minister of Defence: *Hansard 15/3/91*

(1) Whether Ciskei called for assistance from the South African Defence Force in connection with the coup in that country on or about 8 February 1991; if so, when;

(2) whether the Defence Force assisted in stabilising the situation in Ciskei; if so, (a) what actions did they take and (b) how

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Jo'burg (38)

crime rate
soaring, ^{Star} 20/3/91
says Vlok

By Peter Fabricius
Political Correspondent

Serious crime soared by a startling 25 percent in Johannesburg last year, with a 47 percent rise in robberies, 34 percent more murders, and rapes 33 percent up.

This emerged from crime statistics released in Parliament this week by Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok in reply to questions by Lester Fuchs (DP Hillbrow).

The statistics included most of the Johannesburg suburbs, including Sandton and Alexandra, but excluded Soweto and Randburg.

Compared to 1989 crime figures, murders were up 34 percent, culpable homicide up 11,7 percent, assault with intent to do bodily harm up 11 percent, common assault up 15 percent, rape up 33 percent, robbery up 47 percent, theft of vehicles and bicycles up 9 percent, damage to property up 31 percent and housebreaking up 36 percent.

Hijacking

The total number of these serious crimes reported to the 18 police stations in these areas jumped from 58 546 in 1989 to 73 576.

Mr Vlok said that in the Johannesburg area in general, special measures taken to fight crime included:

- A crime clean-up unit had been started.
- A truck-with-cargo unit was established to try to counter hijacking of trucks.
- A robbery-reaction unit operating in the city centre.

In the Hillbrow area the steps included:

- Business-watch units in high-crime areas and increased street presence of uniformed policemen.
- Administrative staff were used selectively to increase visible daily police presence.
- Reservists were used "optimally" after hours to expand vehicle patrols.

ease.

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 the (i) Sandton, (ii) Bramley, (iii) Wynberg/Alexandra and (iv) Lombardy East police stations in 1990?

Certain Johannesburg police stations: offences

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

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
Lombardy East	8	17	32	61	13	258	295	131	808	—
Alexandra	185	14	789	505	190	428	191	346	252	—
Bramley	27	44	133	272	32	936	805	588	1 426	—
Sandton	22	30	87	263	25	251	893	437	2 359	—
	242	105	1 041	1 101	260	1 873	2 184	1 502	4 845	—

Note:

I also wish to draw the honourable member's attention to the note on the answer to written question no 4 which was asked in the House of Assembly.

Parow	(a) 10	(b) 11	(c) 85	(d) 244	(e) 22	(f) 70	(g) 482	(h) 131	(i) 755	(j) 1
Eisiesriver	77	37	1 060	689	116	499	191	850	868	19
Ravensmead	51	18	676	355	62	166	102	523	484	6
Brackenfell	16	14	148	84	23	31	120	48	300	—
Bellville	41	19	533	372	91	205	137	457	710	3
South	336	232	4 054	3 245	519	1 621	2 604	3 237	6 612	44

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Durban South police district: offences
 93. Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Law and Order: *Hansard 20/3/91*

Amanzimtoti	(a) 77	(b) 26	(c) 53	(d) 195	(e) 2	(f) 19	(g) 441	(h) 206	(i) 550	(j) —
Louis Botha	—	—	—	2	6	2	63	10	2	—
Airport	115	45	118	248	41	446	368	222	526	4
Montclair	27	10	181	589	44	125	129	353	253	29
Wentworth	32	14	96	245	25	134	338	139	627	2
Brighton	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Beach	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Island View	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	1	—

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Durban North police district: offences
 130. Mr M J ELLIS asked the Minister of Law and Order: *Hansard 20/3/91*

Durban	(a) 8	(b) 9	(c) 22	(d) 113	(e) 9	(f) 69	(g) 312	(h) 261	(i) 496	(j) —
North	8	2	69	34	4	24	5	19	54	—
Glendale	55	51	94	597	50	395	520	560	1 084	6
Greenwood	409	46	67	174	41	427	66	262	232	—
Park	5	8	52	21	4	11	9	16	70	2
Inanda	80	45	145	128	72	231	181	231	797	9
Newark	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Stanger	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Tongaat	(a) 67	(b) 50	(c) 200	(d) 403	(e) 55	(f) 304	(g) 164	(h) 233	(i) 444	(j) 19
Umhali	29	54	62	81	18	75	70	114	413	—
Verulam	97	42	136	324	37	202	175	301	513	1
Phoenix	45	65	459	1 253	60	548	427	1 338	705	35

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Pretoria police district: offences
 154. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Law and Order: *Hansard 20/3/91*

Pretoria Central	(a) 26	(b) 36	(c) 225	(d) 973	(e) 65	(f) 574	(g) 1 211	(h) 440	(i) 879	(j) 7
Sunnyside	12	9	38	445	27	54	1 168	541	916	2
Pretoria West	12	41	110	461	35	104	381	242	558	1
Brooklyn	10	23	123	347	32	121	1 574	242	2 890	—
Wierda	16	28	112	203	27	98	600	217	1 029	—
Erasmia	5	16	57	79	20	38	44	56	294	—
Ateridgeville	26	12	665	1 080	165	430	149	511	370	—
Lyttelton	5	40	65	154	21	55	455	129	1 006	—
Lautium	6	6	90	190	23	38	121	111	197	5

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Radiographers: improvements
 165. Mr B B GOODALL asked the Minister for Administration and Economic Co-ordination: *Hansard 20/3/91*

- (1) Whether any improvements are envisaged in the salary and service conditions of radiographers, if not, why not; if so, (a) what improvements and (b) when;
- (2) whether there is a salary structure for radiographers in the employ of the State or the provinces; if so, what is this structure; *Hansard 20/3/91*
- (3) whether his Department has information on the salary structures for radiographers in the self-governing territories; if not,

You don't think of

THE "adrenalin junkies" of the South African Police seldom experience fear when confronted with potentially dangerous situations.

"Your whole being is focused and alert for action. You don't think of the danger because you're so determined to get the guy," said Sergeant Brett Sole.

"If he does get away, you're on a downer for the next two weeks," he said.

How do these men cope in the face of an exploding crimewave?

"The shortage of policemen doesn't really affect us in terms of working longer hours," said Sergeant Sole, "but if we had more men we could reduce the size of our individual patrol areas and that would make our presence even more effective."

Like a bomb

Warrant Officer Roger Houston, with six years' experience in the flying squad, agrees.

"Our manpower position is far better than it was a year ago," he said, "and we've also been issued with new and better equipment."

But the ideal would be to increase our presence because a visible police force works like a bomb on crime prevention.

"We've already seen the results of making our cars well identified. A police vehicle with stickers, logos and emblems is far more visible than one with a police registration plate.

When we cruise down a street at night, our car is easily identified as a police vehicle and you can be sure that no one is going to commit a crime in that street, or even nearby."

Warrant Officer Houston believes the soaring crime rate can be blamed partially on the appeal of "making a fast and easy buck".

"When we arrest some of these guys, and more especially those involved in theft, we often find they are carrying large sums of cash.

Even the amateurs will have as much as between R1 600 and R2 000 in their pockets.

"Their attitude is that crime is easier than working for a living."

And what about assault, rape and murder?

Sergeant Sole said: "It's amazing to see how many of these crimes are alco-

THIS week Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok revealed a 25 percent increase in serious crime in the Johannesburg area. The overall national crime rate, by comparison, showed an increase of only about eight percent. **SUE OLSWANG** spent an evening with members of the Brixton Flying Squad to see how the police are coping.

hol related. This is especially true on Friday and Saturday nights and at month-end, when everyone has just been paid."

This was borne out later that evening when Warrant Officer Houston and his partner, Constable Brent Saaiman, responded to a call about "a shooting".

We were cruising the Johannesburg CBD when the call came through on the vehicle's radio, which is linked to the Brixton control room.

It took us just a little more than five minutes, travelling at high speed, to reach Johannesburg's southern suburbs.

The "shooting" turned out to be far less dramatic than we'd expected. Shots had been fired, but from a harmless cap gun sold over the counter.

Around the clock

The "shooter", a drunk husband who'd just finished beating his wife, was removed from the scene and held at a nearby police station until he was sober.

Warrant Officer Houston said: "In these instances we seldom make an arrest.

"The wife usually doesn't want to lay a charge so we merely act as negotiators. We try to smooth the vibes. You've got to be diplomatic in this job."

The Brixton Flying Squad, headed by Colonel Blackie Swart, presently has eight or nine patrol cars on duty around the clock and is staffed by about 120 police officers who work three eight-hour shifts.

About 40 policemen are on duty during each shift, with 10 placed in the control room and 30 men patrolling the roads.

the danger
 — Sergeant
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Alexandra Civic Organisation sit-in protestors at the Council office of the mayor, Prince Mokoena. **■ Pic: TLADI KHUELE**

Armed guards to travel on trains

By SOPHIE TEMA

A 24-HOUR police guard has been introduced on black trains and stations in Johannesburg to protect passengers.

Police will travel on trains between Johannesburg and Naledi and some stations have been made safer by the installation of fences for better gate control. *Clon 24/3/91*

The South African Rail Commuter Corporation (SARCC) this week made the announcement.

The SARCC was established in April

last year to assume responsibility for rail commuter services in view of the government's decision to deregulate the railways.

While the SARCC is responsible for the safe operation of railway equipment, the SAP are to take responsibility for the personal safety of passengers on trains.

Violence on trains, resulting in the deaths of scores of commuters, led to an exodus from the railways to mini-bus taxis.

Police are set to smash arms ring

Sowetan 25/3/91

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POLICE have made a breakthrough in their investigations into the smuggling of AK-47 rifles and other weapons of foreign origin.

So far police have confiscated more than 1 800 AK-47 assault rifles, pistols and 53 544 rounds of ammunition since the beginning of the year.

These figures were released to the Press during a visit to Natal last week.

The use of AK-47s by robbers, car thieves and petty criminals has risen in recent months, especially in black townships.

Police maintain that these

By IKE MOTSAPI

weapons are being smuggled from Swaziland and Mozambique via Natal to the Reef.

Lieutenant-Colonel R Reynolds, head of the police public relations division for Natal, said the weapons were being used in the current "black on black violence" court-rywide.

Route of death

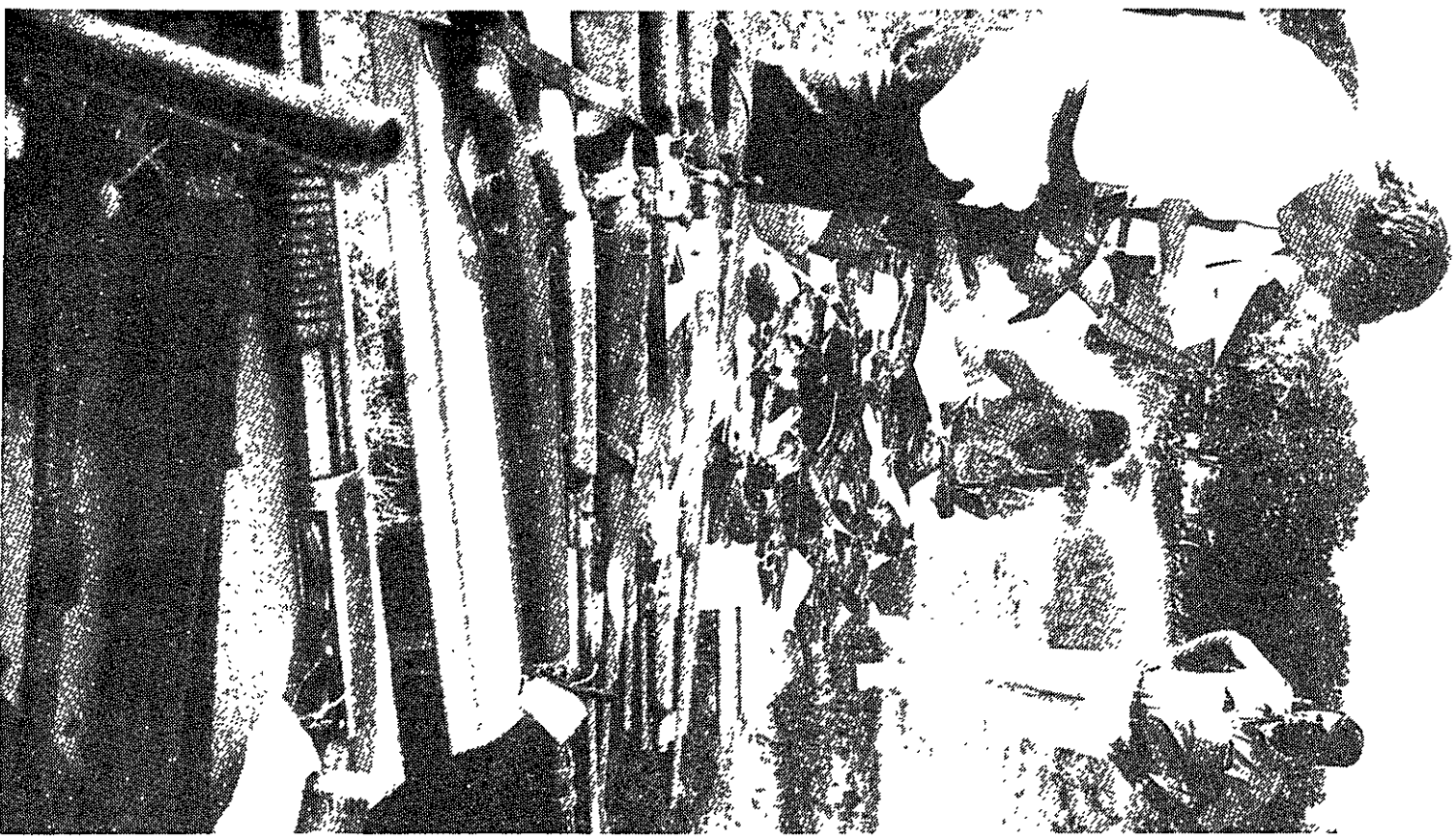
Reynolds, who described the trail of foreign arms from Swaziland and Maputo as the route of death, said the main area of distribution to the Reef was Weenen.

"The police have been working hard to solve the problem and this has been no easy task. I must say that the problem is not totally solved as yet.

"What we have established is that the weapons are smuggled into Natal by certain people from those areas who either demand cash or cattle as the form of payment.

"We have also noted that some cattle are normally stolen from neighbouring white farms.

"We are succeeding and I want to assure the public that we are going to smash this racket eventually," Reynolds said.



These arms were confiscated by police since the beginning of the year.

Death threats alleged after racecourse attack

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Death threats have allegedly been made in the wake of an attack on the chairman of the Transvaal Trainers Association (TTA), Mr Allan Forbes.

His right-hand man, TTA vice-chairman Mr Jack Mills, has had three death threats since the assault on Mr Forbes who had teargas sprayed in his face and who was hit on the head with a pipe in a deserted area of Turffontein racecourse on Thursday.

Mr Mills is convinced the assault and death threats are connected to their involvement in racing.

"If the threats were only to do with Allan's other business activities outside racing, why

did I suddenly start to get threats after he was assaulted last week?"

Mr Mills said that a relative of his, a police captain, had heard from his sources that there was someone "out to get" Mr Mills and warned him that he should be careful.

"It is a very sad day for horse racing when people try to get what they want by beating up other people who stand in their way," Mr Mills said.

He believes some in the industry feel threatened by the possibility that the administration of racing will be taken over eventually by provincial authorities.

"Of course people who have had power in any business feel threatened when some other

authority tries to take over control, and that is what many people fear," he said.

Mr Mills and Mr Forbes were prime movers in a recent Jockey Club investigation into the activities of several members of the Transvaal Owners and Trainers Association.

This allegedly followed attempts by the members to have Gosforth Park chief executive Mr Wally Segal investigated. He is suing two men in connection with the investigation attempt.

Mr Segal posed a potential threat to some people opposed to increased provincial control because he is believed to wield much influence with provincial authorities, Mr Mills said.

He called for the Jockey Club to make the findings of its inquiry known as soon as possible.

Police investigations into the assault on Mr Forbes are continuing.

Three murdered on border farm

Staff Reporter

POLICE were last night battling to establish the motive for the killing in which two abducted women were burnt to death and a farmer shot dead in the Komatipoort area.

After a day-long search policemen using aircraft found the bodies of Mrs Anna Elizabeth Steyn, 53, and her frail mother Mrs Anna Louw, 85, who were abducted on Sunday night.

Police said the women were abducted after farmer Mr Joos Steyn was shot dead as he sat watching television on Sunday afternoon.

The murderers took them away in the family's car. The burnt-out wreck was found yesterday with the women's bodies on the back seat.

Yesterday Mrs Steyn's son-in-law Mr Piet Buys said: "The worst is the uncertainty of not knowing what happened to the women."

Mr Steyn's body was found in front of the TV by his son Mr Jakkals Steyn just after 5.30pm on Sunday.

"We had last spoken on the telephone to my mother-in-law at 4.15pm and at that time there had been no

indication of anything unusual," Mr Buys said.

Bank bags and firearms that had been in the house were left untouched, he said.

"There seems to be no motive," he said.

Police said only a bedside drawer was taken and the wheels were removed from the car before it was set alight.

A pathologist would perform autopsies to establish if the women had been alive when the car was set alight, police said.

Mr Buys said the family had been staunch members of the Apostolic Faith Mission church.

"My father-in-law was a quiet, hard-working man," said Mr Buys.

A neighbour, Mrs Carol Webb said: "We are all very upset."

During the search for the women a police spokesman ruled out the possibility that they had been taken across the Mozambique border — just 2km from Komatipoort — because the border was "well fenced and patrolled by soldiers".

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Spate of armed robberies on East Rand

By Anna Louw
East Rand Bureau

Several robberies reported on the East Rand over the past two days netted thugs more than R168 000 cash in four separate incidents, police said.

In Benoni, six men, five armed with AK-47 rifles and one with an Uzi sub-machine gun, robbed the Trador company of more than R77 000 cash.

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The men ordered staff and clients to lie on the floor at 9.05 am yesterday. They told personnel who were counting money to open a safe.

The robbers took the cash and fled in a white Isuzu bakkie belonging to customer M Tyerman (45) of Alberton.

Christo Boshoff (32) of the Nu Metro cinema complex in Bedfordview was held at gunpoint by two men who robbed him of

R36 000 cash at 1.30 am yesterday.

In Kempton Park two men armed with a gun and a knife robbed staff at the Porterhouse restaurant of cash and jewellery valued at more than R40 000 on Monday night.

The robbers also took a car owned by a Mr Rapadopoulos. The vehicle was later found about 300 m from the restaurant.

In Germiston two armed men

held up the manager at the Lambton service station yesterday and robbed him of R15 000 cash.

J G Simpson was counting the takings when two armed men entered his office.

The thugs took the cash from the table as well as from two safes and locked Mr Simpson in a toilet. They fled in a light blue 1984 Ford Escort.

No arrests have been made in any of the incidents.

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Claims of surge in crime at university not borne out

Star 4/4/91
The statistics on cases of theft and sexual attacks on women students at the University of the Witwatersrand did not bear out claims by students of a recent surge in crime on the campus, Wits vice-chancellor Professor Robert Charlton said yesterday.

Professor Charlton was responding to a report published in The Star earlier this week about growing concern among some students regarding the standard of safety and general security at the university.

He said this year there had been 78 reports of theft, 18 thefts from cars, four vehicles stolen and one attempted rape.

"Considering there are some

20 000 staff and students on campus every day, and that it is not possible to control access to the campus by non-university people, these figures are not alarming, although they give no cause for complacency. They are certainly no higher than 'usual,' said Professor Charlton.

Students had complained about burglaries, stealing of car radios, computers and music equipment as well as rape.

Students' Representative Council vice-president David Storey said co-operation between students and authorities could help to combat crime. — Education Reporter.

Dark era of the jack-rollers

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Soweto residents live in fear as organised criminals cruise townships streets day and night spreading terror and leaving a trail of blood.
PHIL MOLEFE and THABO LESHILO report.

SOWETO has been plagued by gang warfare, muggings, rapes and killings for years, but the recent surge in car thefts — which has also claimed the lives of many motorists — has sent more shockwaves through the crime-hit black township.

"Jack-rolling", a newly coined word which evokes terror and insecurity among Sowetans, describes methods used by gangsters who cruise the township streets day and night looking for cars and money — and leave their victims for dead.

It is more than the assaults, killings and revenge killings of yesterday — it is organised crime and a declaration of war by the have-nots against the haves.

Car theft has been turned into a multimillion-rand business and, according to the SAP Vehicle Theft Unit, at least 45 percent of all cars stolen in South Africa end up being sold at large profits in neighbouring states.

A spokesman said nearly 70 000 cars were reported stolen last year, against 58 000 in 1989.

A Cape Town conference of the International Association of Auto Theft Investigators was told last month that thieves could be stealing more cars in seven years' time than the number South Africa produced at present, if the present trend continued.

On average, Soweto police report the theft of about 30 cars every weekend. If one adds midweek operations, the fig-

ures are much higher. Soweto police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni said an average of five cars were stolen every day in the township.

The Soweto Flying Squad is the busiest in the country, receiving 450 calls a week. Recently, an all-time high figure of 466 calls were received in one week, Captain Ngobeni said.

There are nine police stations in the township and such specialist units as the flying squad, Murder and Robbery Unit, Riot Control (Operational) Unit, Motor Vehicle Unit, the Narcotics Bureau, Firearms Unit and Child Protection Unit. But residents say police are unable to cope with the increasing crime rate and respond too late to emergency calls.

A well-known Soweto personality and bank manager, Johnny Maswanganyi, was stabbed to death two weeks ago and his BMW hijacked by "jack-rollers".

The community deplored the death of Mr Maswanganyi, described as a man of great integrity and intelligence. According to friends, Mr Maswanganyi pleaded with his attackers not to harm him but to take his car.

The Rev. N.J. Tshwane of the Presbyterian Church in Soweto said at the funeral of Mr Maswanganyi: "What have we Afri-

cans done, what has gone wrong with the black community... we have lost respect for human life and reverted to the days of the law of the jungle."

Soweto residents have often complained about the police's "jackadassical response" to urgent calls regarding crime.

A friend of Mr Maswanganyi told The Star how he was shunned from one police station to the other by policemen who were reluctant to take his call.

"I phoned the police informing them that we had spotted a group of suspects who were seen driving around in Mr Maswanganyi's car and that we had established where they lived, but no one came," he said.

A reporter from The Star telephoned Soweto's Protea police station on Easter Monday and asked the police to rush to Mr Maswanganyi's friend's house where they would get information about the suspects, but the police did not do so.

Captain Ngobeni dismissed reports that police were reluctant to assist and said Soweto residents.

Although refusing to give the number of policemen working in Soweto, Captain Ngobeni said police were coping very well with crime in the township. This, he said, was largely due to increased co-operation from Soweto residents.

"Crime should always be reported at the nearest police station. However, in emergency cases the public should call the flying squad at 10111, giving their names, the relevant address and the nature of the complaint."

Derrick Thema, co-ordinator of the newly formed Motorist Protection Club, said there was no quick-fix solution to the problem.

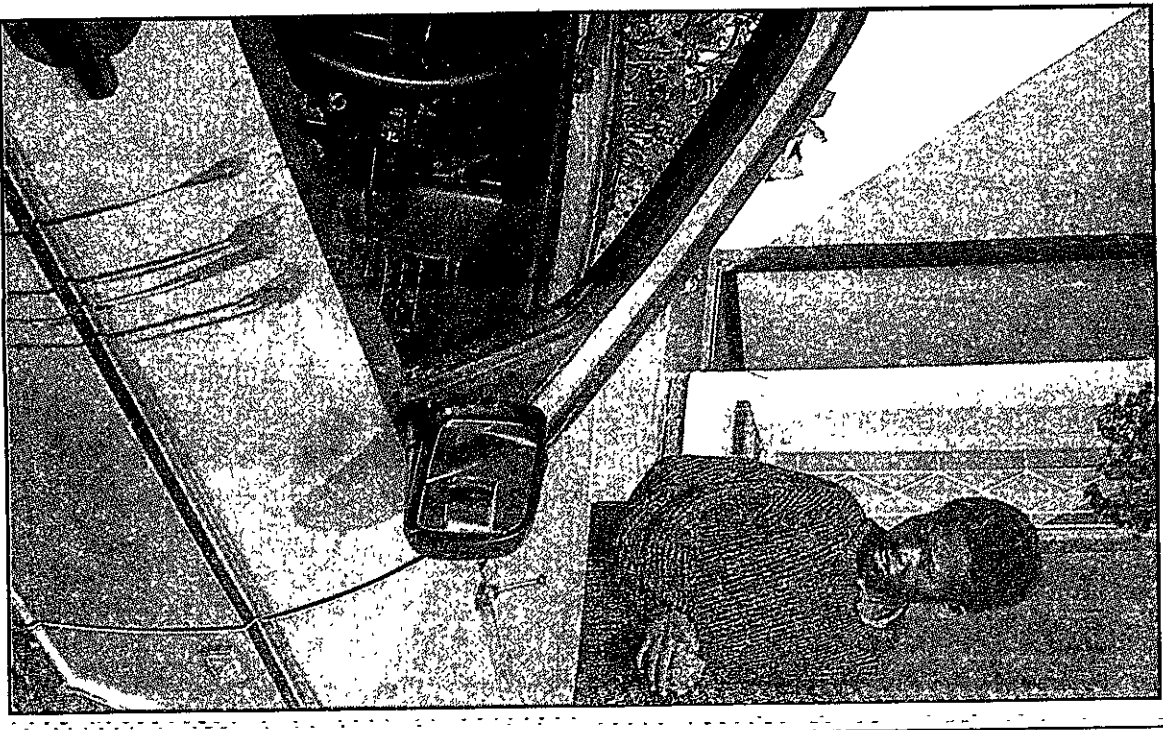
"Cognisance should be taken that other influences and forces are at play, such as our immediate political perspective in terms of a culture of defiance and culture of violence, ill-discipline, the collapse of the education system and the politics of coercion, which is manifest during consumer boycotts and when people's cars are targeted. And add to this the problem of unemployment, which helps to exacerbate the situation," he said.

Mr Thema called for more police visibility in the township. Social worker and regional developer of the National Institute for Crime Prevention and Rehabilitation of Offenders, Shimeane Kihumalo, said most youths became involved in crime because they were drop-outs and had no skills to acquire suitable jobs. This led to drug and alcohol abuse which was largely responsible for their actions.

Various black political organisations, including the ANC, PAC, Azapo and Inkatha, have called for community-based anti-crime units and praised moves to address the chronic problem. □



In transit... some recovered stolen cars, parked outside Jabulani police station, await their real owners' arrival.



Bloody reminder... Bandile (11), the son of slain journalist Sam Mabe, stands next to his father's blood-stained car.

Indaba to tackle Soweto crime

By Thabo Leshilo

11/4/91

Crime in Soweto has reached such proportions that some businessmen have fled to white areas and others are reluctant to invest in property development in the township.

Reluctant

With robbery, rape and murder a daily feature of township life, more than 1 000 delegates from political organisations, civic bodies, welfare organisations and the business community of Soweto are to attend an historical crime conference to combat hooliganism in Soweto.

Philemon Makhetha, president of the Greater Soweto Chamber of Commerce and

Industries, a convener of the conference, said Soweto businessmen were reluctant to invest in property development in the township and a great number had fled to neighbouring white areas because of the high crime rate in Soweto.

The conference comes in the wake of the launch of the Motorist Protection Club, which aims to galvanise community support in combating the increasing hijacking of cars in Soweto.

Mr Makhetha said Soweto businessmen were being targeted by gangsters.

"The average Soweto businessman is vulnerable to fatal attacks almost every minute of his life," he said.

"People end up running their businesses unprofession-

ally for fear of attracting armed robberies and related crimes that deprive them of their takings.

Priority

"It is because of this that the Soweto Chamber of Commerce and Industries has identified crime in Soweto as a priority concern which the whole community of Soweto must strive to address and end," he said.

The venue and date of the conference will be announced soon.

A number of insurance bodies have been contacted to sponsor the event.

For more information telephone Max Legodi at (011) 835-2761/2/3/4.

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Old trick fools muggers

By Stan Hlophe

A former British government special adviser and three Conservative Party parliamentary candidates were yesterday attacked by a knife-wielding gang while taking an afternoon stroll in central Johannesburg.

They are Nick Martin and Tory candidates Dr Mark Mayall, John Kennedy and Anthony Rockall.

Describing the incident last night, Dr Mayall said: "As knives were held to our throats, and (the muggers were) busy going through our pockets, it was the quick witted recollection of a comedy that caused me to shout:

'Look out, there's a policeman behind you.'

This diverted the muggers' attention for a few seconds, allowing Mr Kennedy to break free and alert a sentry at a nearby military post.

At this point the armed attackers fled, he said.

Speaking from their Johannesburg flat last night, Dr Mayall and Mr Kennedy warned: "This air of lawlessness and example of mob rule poses a serious risk to the future of South Africa as an emerging democracy. It is a significant challenge for the Government."

They said they would, however, continue with their two-week tour programme.

Saturday nights 'Jo'burg's most dangerous time'

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SATURDAY nights are the most dangerous time for residents of Greater Johannesburg, a study has found.

The study into "non-fatal injuries due to external causes", by researchers attached to the University of South Africa, found that most Johannesburg residents are injured between 6 pm and midnight on Saturdays, and that half such injuries are the result of interpersonal violence.

Black and coloured men were most at risk, it found.

Findings

The findings were released at a press conference in Johannesburg yesterday by researchers Alex Butchart and Dr Victor Nell, who are attached to Unisa's Health Psychology Unit.

The study shows that between June 1989 and August last year, interpersonal injuries accounted for 63,5 percent and 60,2 percent of injuries among black and coloured men respectively.

Sharp instruments were the commonest weapons.

Of the white men, 28,4 percent suffered interpersonal injuries. Most gunshot injuries occurred

among blacks (13 percent) and white men (7,6 percent).

The majority of injuries among black and coloured women were also due to interpersonal violence, with sharp instruments being the main cause.

White women were most often injured in vehicle accidents, but 9,2 percent suffered injuries through interpersonal violence.

Mr Butchart said comparative studies indicated that a black person in Johannesburg was 44 times more likely to be injured than if he or she lived in Buenos Aires, and the risk was seven times greater for whites.

Transport accidents accounted for 21 percent of all injuries during the period studied and other accidents for 27 percent.

Dr Nell said that although it did not focus on political violence, the study could be of use in President de Klerk's efforts to combat violence.

Dr Nell said that if Mr de Klerk's answer to the violence in the country was more police, more court action and similar responses, it would not succeed.

"If you don't get to the root of the problem, it won't work," he said.

Convention planned to tackle Soweto crime

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THE Greater Soweto Chamber of Commerce yesterday announced the launch of the Soweto Crime Convention which is intended to pool community, government, business and police resources in a bid to clamp down on crime in the area.

Chamber president Phillip Makhetha said the convention in Soweto on May 8 would also involve youth, teachers, civic, church and social service bodies.

Soweto regional developer of the National Institute for Crime Prevention and the Rehabilitation of Offenders, Shimane Kumalo, said 269 guns were used in crimes between July 1 1988 and June 30 1989 in the Moroka police station area covering 82 000 people.

Makhetha said the convention would provide a platform for parties whose input would be put to the authorities.

"We have reached a stage where bread deliveries have to start at police stations for security, but they are still attacked."

Cars were hijacked and taken to "chop shops" for stripping. White business people and tourists were also targets of robbery.

Soweto spans about 28 townships and has nine police stations and five courts.

Sinking into the abyss of disorder

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Soweto 24/4/91.

MY telephone has not stopped ringing lately.

Half the calls are not work related. They are calls of desperation from taxi owners and motorists, from people under siege.

Mr Sol Vezuwe owns a fleet of taxis. But since December 1988, no less than 13 of his minibuses have been hijacked. Another was stolen.

The latest was hijacked in Meeuwlands, Soweto, on Sunday night when his driver was overtaken by a car and forced off the road at gunpoint.

He was lucky they spared his life.

Mr Khehla Rampe, an SABC-TV producer, and banker Mr John Maswanganyi were not that fortunate.

AK-47s

The motive of car hijackers has become obfuscated. Is it only the car they want or do they enjoy making their acts even more serious by committing murder?

Surely anybody looking down the barrel of a gun (AK-47 rifles are favourites) cannot offer any resistance.

The hijackers are obviously not stupid. They know how intimidating an AK-47 rifle can be.

My scanning of newspapers is interrupted by the buzz of the phone.

Brutal

"Mr Thema, I don't know what to do," says Moss with a quiver in his voice.

I ponder why he did not call the South African Black Taxi Association. Surely he must be a member.

At the launch of the Motorists' Protection Clubs (MPC), there were three taxi owners who travelled all the way from Tsakane township on the East Rand to at-

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DERRICK THEMA, former journalist and founder of the Motorists' Protection Clubs, analyses the murderous scourge of car hijackings.

tend the meeting at the Orlando YMCA in Soweto.

The brutal methods of car hijackers has created a siege mentality. It is ominous observing how few cars venture out in the evenings.

The awareness campaign to focus on this scourge has paid dividends. The media - print and visual - have been highlighting the issue. Police have become more visible.

But the menace continues unabated.

According to Colonel Jacques de Vries, who will address motorists at the Orlando YMCA on Sunday, an average of four cars are hijacked a day.

Some people want to believe that car hijackings, like the infamous Jack Rollers, is a fad that will soon disappear.

I believe it won't. It is a social issue that must be placed high on

the agenda of the negotiation process.

It is something that the liberation organisations must tackle at the same time as negotiations are pursued.

This is the role the Motorists' Protection Clubs must play.

Car hijacking is a statement. It is an indictment on us blacks.

It is inconceivable that motorists should club together and arm themselves against car hijackers. These are our brothers and possibly our children.

Hijacking

They are children of the lost generation.

There are a lot of factors at play in the mushrooming of car hijackings.

It all started when school pupils got onto the political platform. The brutalisation and, indeed, the dehumanisation of disenfranchised people took a turn for the worse.

Whatever organisation was responsible for the mass mobilisation of blacks, it had the effect of eroding the very basic tenets of our social fabric.

Boycotts

The desire to enforce collective bargaining gave birth to politics of coercion. Those that did not heed consumer boycotts were either sjambokked or forced to drink cooking oil.

Enter the era of "targets" where youths had the audacity to demand registration papers of cars parked in yards. Even if one was able to produce them, the car was forcibly taken.

A culture of violence was emerging.

Enter necklacing. Many of the perpetrators were kids when things exploded on June 16 1976.

Death became a common feature in the townships. Psychologically the kids themselves were

brutalised. How else can one explain the macabre death dance of children around the smouldering body of a necklaced victim?

We became a dehumanised people.

The collapse of education only helped to exacerbate the situation. It introduced a culture of defiance and ill-discipline.

Invariably, crime became an appealing proposition for many dropouts. With unemployment wreaking havoc, especially since the introduction of comprehensive sanctions in 1986, crime was the only outlet.

It was a way of getting back at the system. Politicised and radicalised, these criminals are more vicious and deadly - and they have access to AK-47s.

Economy

It is not that township *tsotsis* are not aware that they are wreaking havoc on their equally oppressed compatriots.

The economic stagnation is making them operate indiscriminately. Their cumulative terror has the capacity to result in areas like Soweto not receiving supplies.

It will get to a point where certain houses will be selected randomly and robbed. This is coming. The fear of people to buy new cars will also impact on the economy, making the situation even more desperate.

Education

Unless social issues such as the education crisis are attended to immediately, the townships will sink further into the abyss of lawlessness.

Not even a post-apartheid government will be able to break this circle of violence. A violence that is as scary in its magnitude as is black-on-black violence.

It makes me wonder about the journey into the new South Africa.

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Industrialists want to wall out crime

By Jacqueline Myburgh

A group of 150 Marlboro industrialists has petitioned the Sandton Town Council to assist in the financing of a wall around the Marlboro commercial area to put an end to the rising crime rate.

Sandton councillor Jo Marais said if the businessmen did not get the co-operation of the council in rezoning the area to an industrial park, they would have to move out of Marlboro.

In the past three months, 51 cars have been hijacked in the area which borders on Alexandra.

"They are losing business because clients won't come to the area, and they are in a situation of siege at the hands of car thieves," Mrs Marais said.

The industrialists have proposed that the enclosed commercial area have one access point which could be monitored by security personnel.

"This would be to prevent the hijacking, assaults and muggings that have been going on in the area," Mrs Marais said.

There will be two pedestrian access points.

FLICKERS OF LIGHT IN THE

JOHN PERLMAN spent a Friday night with Soweto's Flying Squad, and found there is some light in the darkness

FRIDAY night in Soweto, just gone 8.20. "Armed robbery in Emdeni," crackles out the squad car radio. Sergeant Lucas Visagie begins weaving a high-speed path through the last of the rush-hour traffic. Visagie and his partner, Constable RL Eagle, are at the start of another shift, 12 hours of rushing to wherever the 10111 calls take them.

Some drivers ease out the way as they see the blue light; many don't. Down a main road we race, past another police car pulled up outside a hardware store rolled over by men carrying AK-47s just an hour before, then screech left into a dusty side street. Eagle uses a brilliant flashlight to check house numbers — no need; out in the street a young man stands waving like a shipwrecked sailor.

It's a strange armed robbery this one. The "thief", it would seem, has left a receipt for the goods he's taken with his name, his address in Orlando and his phone number. The complainant is burbling away — something about the "thief" being the man who installed an M-Net aerial for him after they had met at the Rand Show. Michael Cusack would be baffled. Visagie suggests they visit the "thief".

After two forays into wrong houses, Visagie, Eagle and the complainant stand face to face with the mother of the "thief". She is furious: "So you are the bloody liar who refuses to pay for the M-Net aerial my son installed. And now you come back with the police saying my son is a thief. What kind of thief leaves a receipt?"

"OK, now what is really going on?" Eagle asks. The woman rings her son, who is visiting some friends, and he soon arrives. The "thief" is actually a University of Cape Town graduate named Wandi who reps for M-Net part-time. He installed an aerial, the man didn't pay, so according to an agreement made with the client, he says, he took the man's TV as surety. "And I left him a receipt," he says.

A debate then ensues as to whether he should have taken the TV or not. "You should have taken your aerial back," says Eagle. "And what about the labour?" Wandi counters. "I took the TV because that was our agree-



Pointing fingers ... but this altercation in the night — over an M-net aerial — is soon solved and it's back to more serious business

ment." The matter is finally settled. Wandi will drive the complainant and his TV back to Emdeni and they will reach an agreement to settle the debt. "That was one of the more intelligent cases," says Visagie. "One guy had his yard flooded by another guy so he called 10111."

Last month the Soweto Flying Squad, which operates out of Protea police station, responded to 2 042 complaints and covered 95 000km around the township. That would have brought policemen like Visagie and Eagle into many petty squabbles but also into contact with some of the 133 rapes, 630 serious assaults, 162 murders and 133 murder attempts reported in the township over that period. There were also 353 reported housebreakings, 171 robberies, 228 armed robberies and 536 cases of theft — that was March in Soweto.

"It is important that we attend to all complaints," says Lieutenant-Colonel Johan Deyzel who has headed the unit since June last year. "In a recent survey, most respondents among black

youths said their image of the SAP was as 'an enemy'. But the same people were very impressed with the 10111 service. They said it saved a lot of lives because they came immediately when called. I think the trust in us is being restored."

9.30 now ... A car pulls off at great speed and Eagle thinks it's worth checking out. A high speed chase and the driver eventually pulls off the road. His licence is fraudulent but the computer recording stolen cars back at Protea comes up negative on the registration. "Why did you pull away so fast?" Eagle asks. "All these car hijackings," the man answers. "I thought I was being followed." "If we know a car is stolen and the driver doesn't stop, we are allowed to shoot," Visagie says.

Between 500 and 600 cars are recovered in Soweto every month. At any given time, says Captain Willem Britz, head of the vehicle recovery unit, "we have about R93-million worth of cars in our yard here at Jabulani". Some of them are picked up by

patrolmen like Eagle and Visagie — "I like car chases, they're exciting," says Eagle, a 22-year-old coloured man from Pietermaritzburg. But others are tracked down by Britz and his team of 50. "Cars are stolen by highly organised criminal gangs," he says. "And when you get into a chase with those guys you get shot at. I have lost three guys in the last 18 months."

9.43pm ... Visagie eases left into a dusty side street in White City Jabavu. From somewhere, beyond where the car lights penetrate the evening murk, there's a sharp whistle, then another and another, all the way down the street, some 15m ahead of the squad car. "See how they warn each other that we're coming," Eagle says. "When I first came here, I was shaking. I had heard that they just shoot at cops here. I found it hard to go into a shack at night searching for arms. But now I do it because it has to be done."

"I do have sudden stabs of fear that I must acknowledge," says Visagie, who is 23 and from Randfontein — average age in the Flying Squad is 25.

"But I love this job. I would never choose to leave Soweto," he says.

"I believe public support for the police is increasing," says Major-General Johan Swart who has been in command at Protea, which coordinates the work of 10 other Soweto police stations, since January last year. "With more police on the ground and the quality of policing improving, people now feel safer and more confident. The South African Police has extended the hand of friendship. It is now up to the people of Soweto to extend the hand of friendship and cooperation to us."

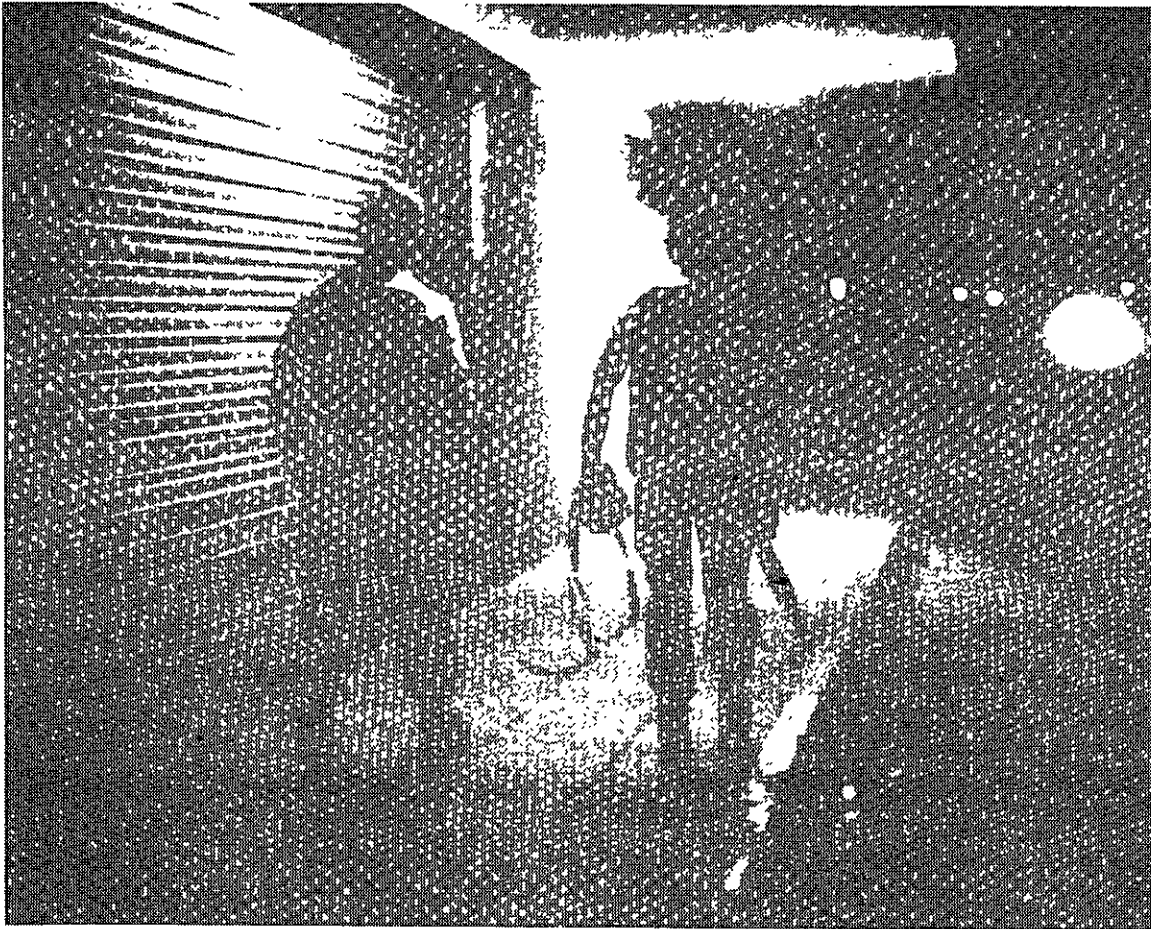
9.46 pm ... An alarm has gone off at a chicken shop in Jabulani. It's a dark, deserted corner of the township. Visagie and Eagle check the doors and side entrances, but not before locking their own vehicle. "Things disappear from a parked police car in minutes," Visagie says. No signs of entry; a faulty alarm — time to move.

10.06pm ... Someone living in a house in Zondi has called for help to try and stop a fight. Two brothers

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They prowl the empty streets at night ... Eagle and Visagie on patrol in Soweto

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who live in adjoining houses have come to blows; bottles got broken, knives were drawn but not used. One brother has already taken refuge in his room — Eagle brings him outside and a crowd of about 30 people, most of whom live crammed in the two tiny homes, gather round.

"There are lots of serious things going on in Soweto that we must solve," says Visagie. "You should be able to deal with this." A young man responds: "When people have already stabbed each other then the police come. I called you because I was scared this was going to happen. If you had been here you would have been scared of this too."

"OK," Visagie says. "But try and sort this out peacefully among yourselves. And don't drink so much."

10.41pm ... Meadowlands this time, a similar problem. A husband and his wife have come to blows, a sharp axe lies on a table between them. From behind a couch in the adjacent room a small girl stares wide-eyed into the kitchen. She was the one who dialled

10111. "We have to deal with all these complaints because when they phone in a Form 280 is opened and we have to provide a result," says Visagie walking away. Just then, rifle shots in the distance.

11.30pm ... Visagie and Eagle survey the mayhem ... A Toyota Cressida has smashed into a fence of a Meadowlands house. It lies there, front wheels up, the windows smashed and spattered with blood, the bodywork full of holes. The driver has rolled onto the passenger seat, his face in a slowly spreading pool of blood and gore. Other cops have been on the scene for some time; two men from the house stand by looking stunned. A police photographer methodically records everything — the man, the car, each AK-47 cartridge that can be found. Visagie shines his spotlight on the man's face. "This is what we deal with," he says.

Nobody knows who's been shot. "It could be the taxi wars," says Visagie. "Sometimes someone will hire assassins to do a job like this." Later it will

become known that this is Moses Khumalo, mayor of Diepmeadow, shot from at least three sides by AK-47s.

In the first three months of this year, Soweto police made 210 arrests for possession of arms and ammunition. Visagie and Eagle begin combing the nearby streets — taxis carrying only men, youths on foot, suspicious cars; all get the once over. All this yields is one fierce looking knife. "We're keeping this," Eagle says. "*Baas, ek is dronk*," the owner replies.

12.46pm ... Visagie bumps the car round the Zola coalyard while Eagle probes the nooks and crannies with his spotlight. This place, they say, is a popular "chop shop" where stolen vehicles, particularly minibuses, are hacked down into saleable parts. The place is littered with amputated metal hulks. No villains here tonight though. When there are, Eagle says, they are sometimes known to shoot.

"That is one part of TV police stories that is nothing like real life," says Visagie. "They have shootouts that go on

for ages. When it happens it happens quickly, just like that, and it is over in no time." Visagie reckons he gets shot at about once a month. "Last year they killed 23 of my policemen and 48 were seriously wounded. This year I have already lost 12," Swart says. "You can't go into Soweto alone," says Deyzel. "If you don't take God with you, you are lost."

At about two in the morning we part ways — the shift has another five hours to run. The past hour has been quiet. The car theft computer is down; nothing to be done about those suspicious looking limos. Deyzel and Swart say major improvements to the Flying Squad are in the pipeline. This week, the complaints system goes computerised. There will be more 10111 lines, more people to answer and process them and more cars on patrol. "By the end of this year we will have 36 cars out there 24 hours a day, instead of the six we have now," Swart says. "Then every time a criminal turns he will be looking at a squad car. That will really bring the crime rate down," says Deyzel.

But even with these improvements, both men recognise that without community co-operation they can only do so much. Do the rest of the Flying Squad operate like Visagie and Eagle? Is this the basis of a professional impartial police force that the community can learn to trust? If so, then the SAP must certainly be winning friends. But in the end, the reputation of one man can so easily be tarnished by the actions of another.

One of the Flying Squad's neighbours at Protea — built on the grounds of the old Good Shepherd Convent — is the Soweto Murder and Robbery Unit. A Soweto man named Bethuel Maphumulo, who voluntarily handed himself over for questioning in connection with a robbery, died there last December. Police said he drowned in the station swimming pool while trying to escape. Pathologists' reports say Maphumulo's neck was broken. The case is "still under investigation".

Swart insists that no outside monitoring of the police is necessary: "I have a major with 40 men under him who does nothing but investigate complaints against the police. The SAP has over 78 years proved its good faith."

But unanswered questions like that can only make work like the Flying Squad does more difficult. And judging from one Friday night in Soweto, it is work that sorely needs to be done.

Police continue crackdown

Sowetan 29/4/91
THE South African Police closed 9 721 she-beens last year.

More than a million litres of liquor were confiscated and 10 146 people were arrested for illegally trading in liquor.

These figures were contained in the annual police report of the commissioner of police,

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By ISMAIL LAGARDIEN
Political Correspondent

General Johan van der Merwe.

Van der Merwe tabled his report in Parliament on Friday.

Ten cars were seized in liquor cases, and 722 people were arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, the report states.

Hundreds of persons

were arrested for not complying with liquor licence stipulations, while 186 nightclub owners were charged for illegally selling liquor.

Police arrested 84 people for being involved in brothels and 45 brothel owners were charged.

Prostitutes were descended upon with extreme prejudice last year - 2 055 arrests were made.

Police watch as gang rampages

By JON GWELANE

JUST 24 hours after a massive march to protest the alleged murderous activities of the Three Million gang, I saw Kroonstad police watch passively as gang members went on the rampage at the police station.

Thuggery reigned supreme for more than two hours on Friday afternoon and the police did little to help the victims.

And after the reign of terror, the perpetrators walked out of the police station free men, still carrying their knives. Earlier a group of nine knifemen was rounded up by police after complaints of lawlessness at a taxi rank 100m away from the police station.

They included a man against whom charges of murder have been laid. The 16-year-old schoolboy victim, Isaac Masukela, was buried yesterday.

Yet after their arrest the knifemen:

- * chased a man into the yard of the police station where they stabbed him in the chest
- * chased me and a *Sunday Star* staffer at knifepoint
- * chased a third man all over the yard at

knifepoint before a policeman fired a shot in the air.

It all happened in the 'white' part of the city, in the presence of about a dozen black and white armed policemen, who included three sergeants. At the rank, the men, allegedly members of Three Million gang, had been collecting "protection money" at knifepoint from taxi drivers and passengers. A *Sunday Star* team witnessed this.

Police were alerted and brought nine men back to the charge office. While in custody, the men swore at Denis Bloem and A P Lefata, local members of the African National Congress, who had reported their activities to the police. The men threatened to 'get' the ANC two.

Four young boys then ran into the charge office and reported to the police more members of the Three Million gang were outside, terrorising the public. Several policemen rushed out into the yard. Two went across the road to the rank, where there were several scuffles as people tried to fight off the gangsters.

Then the nine men who had been arrested walked past the charge office into the yard and out into the rank. Pandemonium followed. The newly freed men rejoined their mates and led them back to the police station yard where *Sunday Star* driver William Dlamini, a robbery victim and I were standing.

The gang leader and two of those who had been released pointed at us, saying we'd had them arrested. Then the gang stormed us. The robbery victim and I bolted straight into the charge office, with two of the gangsters hot on our heels. They chased us right into the police station and I ran behind the counter to the policemen who were watching the scene through the window.

Dlamini left his car and fled, pursued by three men wielding knives. The police did nothing. A man entered the charge office after being stabbed in the chest inside the police station yard and the police did nothing more after one of them had given him a strip of toilet paper to stem the blood oozing from the knife wound.

Another man came running into the yard, chased by a man brandishing a large knife

which was visible to everyone. Dlamini said to one policeman: "Please help that man because he is going to be stabbed." Then the policeman drew a pistol and fired a shot in the air.

The pursuer gave up the chase, turned and faced a policeman standing nearby and said he had wanted to "finish" his quarry. After that he, and the others, walked out of the yard and away.

A Captain Coetzee, commander of Kroonstad police, was summoned and after some time arrived. He spent a few minutes taking down a statement from the policeman who had fired the shot and then left.

Police yesterday rejected the allegations that they either "stood around" or "looked on and did nothing".

They confirmed charges of crimen injuria and assault were being investigated. SAP Public Relations in Pretoria said because of the shortage of time, police headquarters had been unable to obtain all the facts.

The police, they said, had been trying to control a very large group who were fighting and chasing each other all over an area about a block in size.

Conference to focus on crime

By KAMAL SINGH

THE ANC, Inkatha Freedom Party and the PAC have been invited to a conference to seek ways and means of curbing the increasing lawlessness in Soweto. 38

The conference, under the theme "Soweto Convention on Crime - In Search of a Practical Solution", will be held at Funda Centre, Diepkloof, on May 8.

It has been organised jointly by the Greater Soweto Chamber of Commerce and Industries and the local branch of the National Institute of Crime Prevention and Rehabilitation of Offenders.

Conference co-ordinator Mr Sydney Mpako said the three organisations had not yet responded to the invitation.

He said the conference would investigate practical solutions to counter crime in Soweto.

"Some of the factors which led to the lawless-



PHILEMON MAKHETHA



FRANK CHIKANE

ness include high drop-out rates in schools, overcrowding, drug abuse, low income levels and the easy availability of guns," Mpako said.

About 1 000 delegates, representing the business sector, community and youth organisations are expected to attend.

Some of the speakers scheduled to address the conference include Mr Philemon Makhetha, president of the Greater Soweto Chamber of Com-

merce and Industries, Colonel Jac de Vries, a Soweto police spokesman, the Rev Frank Chikane, general secretary of the South African Council of Churches, and Mr Shimane Khumalo, director of the Soweto branch of Nicro.

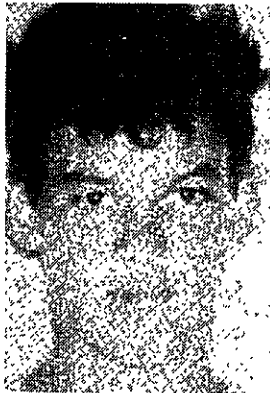
There will also be speakers from the South African Media Council, the Johannesburg Bar, an insurance industry representative and the Soweto Youth Association.

Soweto 3/5/91



Intruder slain at ANC office named

JOHANNESBURG. — The intruder shot dead by a security guard at the ANC offices here on Friday has been identified as 21-year-old Mr Carl Nicholas Roodt, of unknown address. A police liaison officer for the Witwatersrand, Colonel Frans Malherbe, said the dead man had previously given two false addresses, one in Kempton Park and the other in Roodepoort. Colonel Malherbe said he had two previous



SHOT DEAD ... Carl Nicholas Roodt

convictions for breaking and enter-

ing and theft at the age of 14, and for the theft of a firearm when he was 18 years old.

Police are investigating the possibility that a second person was involved in the break-in during which Mr Roodt was shot.

On Friday, police said they believed the break-in was carried out with criminal intent, but the ANC said it suspected there were political motives behind the incident. — Sapa

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Serious crime every seven minutes ^{Star 715791.} (38)

Political Correspondent

A crime against property was committed every seven minutes last year in Johannesburg, excluding Soweto.

This was revealed in Parliament yesterday by Tony Leon, the Democratic Party MP for Houghton, who was speaking during the Law and Order budget vote.

He called on the police to change their priorities, saying that nationwide they had managed 10 146 arrests for

illegal liquor trading and 4 000 for public indecency but that about 50 000 serious crimes went unsolved.

Reported incidents at the 23 police stations of the Johannesburg district — including Sandton but excluding Soweto — showed that 951 people were murdered (about three a day); 8 311 were assaulted (about 23 a day); and 1 563 raped (four a day).

Mr Leon said: "Robbery, which by definition is accompanied by violence, be-

came an hourly occurrence every day last year — 9 657 for 1990.

"A staggering 17 568 vehicles were stolen — something like 48 a day.

"There were 20 199 thefts last year and 24 511 reported housebreakings with intent to steal."

He said adding the figures together, 196 such crimes were reported each day.

"In other words, a crime against property was committed every seven minutes of the day."

'Appetite for stolen goods destructive'

By Thabo Leshilo



Star 10/5/91.

Sowetans have been warned that the large market for stolen property in the township is destroying the community.

A reformed criminal said this at a crime convention organised by the Greater Soweto Chamber of Commerce and Industries and the National Institute for Crime Prevention and Rehabilitation of Offenders (Nicro) in the township this week.

Prince Morare, of the Union of Ex-Prisoners, told delegates: "Half the blame for a greater percentage of crimes rests squarely on your shoulders."

"Sowetans have a very large appetite for stolen property."

"We have created this market and now it is destroying us," he said to murmurs of approval from about 150 residents.

"We buy everything from complete vehicles, television sets, radios, clothes, watches

and even foodstuffs, either in singles or in truckloads.

"Know this — that the next time you either place an order or buy a car, a car bumper, windscreen, a TV, a leather coat or kitchen utensils, someone may have lost his or her life for you to get it," he said.

Mr Morare warned that residents' "stubbornness" in being out late at night increased the risk of them being robbed, murdered and having their girlfriends "jack-rolled" (abducted) and raped.

Inequality

Mr Morare said a majority of criminals believed that successive governments had planted the seeds of crime with the policy of structural inequality.

This policy, he said, had led to widespread poverty, illiteracy, lack of skills, and homelessness. Criminals thought it was pointless to seek work because unemployment was rife. Some simply waited for political up-

heaval so they could exploit the situation for personal gain.

Painting a gloomy picture of crime in Soweto, the head of the Soweto police's PR department, Colonel Jac de Vries, said figures for the first quarter of the year showed there had been 414 rapes, 319 murders, 344 attempted murders, 1 114 house-breakings, 292 robberies, 762 armed robberies and 1 219 "plain" thefts. These were figures for reported crime.

Delegates resolved that:

- Residents stop buying stolen goods.
- Neighbourhood watch organisations be established.
- Police be asked to escort delivery vehicles in the township.
- The number of recreational facilities be increased.
- The Government be asked to vigorously increase spending on social upliftment.
- More police flying-squad vehicles be put into operation.
- A community newspaper be established to highlight the problem of crime.

profit after tax — after dividend income and equity accounted earnings — was up by 20% to R219,6m (R183,7m).

Wrighton said this was boosted by a strong performance by Premier's international trading division and Teltron, as well

declared, with the full-year dividend increasing by 17% to 70c (60c) a share.

Premier's share closed on Wednesday at R27,74, not far off its yearly high of R28,25, and a long way from its 12-month low of R14,75.

Convention told of crime in Soweto

WELFARE service vehicles were being hijacked and young social workers threatened with rape as crime continued to escalate in Soweto, delegates to the launch of the Soweto Crime Convention were told on Wednesday. *81 Dam 101591*

The convention, hosted by the Greater Soweto Chamber of Commerce and the Soweto Civic Association (SCA), was held to find solutions to the crime problem by pooling inputs from various sectors of the community, including the church, social workers, police, National Institute for Crime Prevention and Rehabilitation of Offenders (Nicro) and former prisoners.

Nicro outreach co-ordinator Shimane Khumalo told the convention five vehicles had been taken from the Child Welfare Society between 1988 and 1991, and Bara-

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gwanath Hospital had had several minibuses hijacked since 1987.

The TPA had three vehicles taken between 1988 and 1990 and two vehicles belonging to the Self-Help Association for Paraplegics were hijacked between 1988 and last year — with the disabled commuters being dumped at the Doornkop Cemetery. *(38) (277)*

Col Jac de Vries of the Soweto police said in the first three months of this year 414 rape cases had been reported, 344 cases of murder, 344 of attempted murder, 298 robberies, 762 armed robberies, 1 114 housebreakings and 1 219 "plain thefts".

Most cases were not reported.

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White intruder shot dead in ANC HQ

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JOHANNESBURG. — A white man in an SA Communist Party T-shirt who broke into the headquarters of the African National Congress early today was shot dead by a security guard, the organisation said.

Spokesman Mr Pallo Jordan said the man's body still lay on the 8th floor of the building in central Johannesburg where he was shot between 1am and 2am.

"He was intercepted by the ANC security guard, he was given a warning to stop, one shot was fired and it killed him," said Mr Jordan.

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He said the man's motives for the break-in, whether political or criminal, were not known. A video tape was found beside the body but its significance, too, was not known.

A police spokesman said the incident was being investigated.

ANC deputy-president Mr Nelson Mandela visited the scene of the shooting with General Gerrit Erasmus, head of Johannesburg district police, and saw the body. He refused to comment to waiting reporters.

Mr Jordan said there was a break-in on Wednesday night and that two lap-top computers were stolen. — Sapa-Reuter.

Shot intruder identified

THE white intruder killed by a security guard at the ANC offices has been identified in a combined statement issued by the SA Police and the ANC as a "21-year old white male".

The combined statement is believed to be the first of its kind.

Detectives are investigating a charge of housebreaking and theft. An inquest docket has been opened.

ANC spokesman Gill Marcus said the ANC found it a "bit far-fetched that the man was an unemployed house-breaker". This detail had not been included in the statement.

The man, who has been "successfully identified" by the SAP Criminal Record Centre in Pretoria, was killed at about 1.15 am on Friday. No further details will be made public until his next-of-kin have been informed.

Police believe that a second man may also have been involved as there were two sets of footprints on the window sill.

The security guard on duty at the ANC premises in Frederick Street in downtown Johannesburg became suspi-

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ci-ous when he discovered an open window on the first floor, the SAP and ANC said in the statement.

The guard then spotted a person climbing on to an adjacent roof from the ground floor. The guard fired his shotgun, fatally wounding the young man who fell down into an alley.

A video machine, identified by an ANC official as having been removed from the eight floor, was found near the body. The only possession on the body was a screw-driver.

The head of the ANC's Department of Information and Publicity (DIP), Pallo Jordan, earlier yesterday described the man as "young, seemingly fit and wearing running shoes, jeans and a T-shirt".

Mr Jordan said the man had bled to death after falling to the ground.

In an earlier burglary this week at the same building, a notebook and two laptop computers were stolen by what Mr Jordan called "a gang".

Vaalies now want to stay

By GLYNNIS UNDERHILL

THE Vaalies are coming south — to stay.

The high level of crime and violence, particularly on the Reef, appears to have driven many Transvaalers to Cape Town in search of jobs and quality of life.

The branch manager of a personnel agency, Mr Ken Noble, said that people were "queuing up" to come to the Cape.

Some applicants from the Transvaal had cited the high levels of violence there and the desired quality of life in the Cape as their reasons for wanting to move, he said.

A new trend among personnel agencies is that

people were beginning to move down to the Cape without having first secured a job, said Mr Noble.

Local salaries were still not as high as those in Johannesburg and there was "no reason on earth" why they should not at least match the Johannesburg salaries, he said.

Mr Noble said he knew of one senior financial executive who had recently taken a R40 000 annual drop in salary to move from Johannesburg to the Cape.

National furniture removal companies have reported an increase in traffic from Johannesburg to Cape Town — and a falling-off in traffic from Cape Town to Johannesburg.

Mr Alan Jones, administration manager of a large removal company, said the trend had emerged over the past 12 months.

"There is more traffic coming from Johannesburg than is going up. Before that it was the other way round," he said.

Cape Town Chamber of Commerce director Mr Alan Lighton said the shift in the economic environment towards export growth had favoured the Western Cape.

The Chamber of Commerce has heard of several small to medium-size companies, both from Natal and the Transvaal, that have recently relocated to the Cape.

Mr Howard Goodman, member of the development executive of the Association for the Economic Development of the Western Cape, said there was some general talk in the business community of Johannesburg that business people were "showing concern" — and looking elsewhere.

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Friedman to head Cape bench



JUDGE ...
Mr Justice Friedman

By BARRY STREEK

AN Appeal Court judge, Mr Justice Gerald Friedman, has been appointed the new Judge President of the Cape in the place of Mr Justice George Munnik, who is retiring.

And a judge in the Cape Supreme Court, Miss Justice Leonora van den Heever, has been appointed to the Appellate Division and will become SA's first woman appeal judge.

This was announced yesterday by the Minister of Justice, Mr Kobie Coetsee.

Mr Justice Friedman's appointment takes effect on February 1 next year.

Miss Justice van den Heever becomes an acting appeal judge on June 15 and a permanent member of the Appeal Court on November 1 this year.

Mr Justice Friedman, 63, who obtained BA and LLB degrees from the University of Cape Town, took silk in 1970, was permanently appointed to the Cape Bench in 1977 and became a permanent member of the Appellate Division on October 1 last year.

Before he was made a judge, he was president of the Cape Bar Council.

Miss Justice Van den Heever, 65, is the daughter of the well-known poet and Appeal Court judge, Mr Justice Toon van den Heever. She obtained an MA from Pretoria University and an LLB from the University of the OFS, before being admitted to the bar in Bloemfontein in 1952.

She became an SC in 1968, a judge in the Northern Cape division of the Supreme Court a year later and was transferred to the Cape Bench at the end of 1979. She is currently the most senior judge on the Cape Bench.

Miss Justice Van den Heever was an appeal judge in Bophuthatswana between 1982 and 1985 and was the chairman of the commission of inquiry into irregularities in the Department of Education and Training.

● Mr W A van Deventer and Mr G A Kuhn have been appointed judges in the Cape division of the Supreme Court.

Intruder in ANC still not named

JOHANNESBURG. — Police yesterday identified the man who was shot and killed by a security guard in ANC offices here yesterday morning — but late last night the dead man's name was not yet available.

Police spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe said the dead man was white and aged 21.

He said late last night: "It appears as though this man was a genuine housebreaker. He has no fixed address and we are still trying our best to get his family."

A charge of housebreaking and theft was being investigated and it was possible a second person was involved in the burglary.

Colonel Malherbe said the security guard shot the man when he saw him climbing on to the roof from the ground floor. — Sapa, Staff Reporter

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ANC break-in: Records identify 'Watergate' man

Weekend Argus
Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The intruder killed by a security guard in what appears to have been a Watergate-style break-in at ANC offices here has been identified as a "21-year-old white male".

The latest development in the mysterious affair was disclosed in a combined statement — the first of its kind issued by the police and the ANC.

Police are treating the matter as a house-breaking and an inquest docket has been opened.

But the ANC claims it was a politically motivated crime. ANC

spokesman Ms Gill Marcus said the ANC found it "a bit far-fetched that the man was an unemployed housebreaker".

The man was "successfully identified" by the SAP Criminal Record Centre in Pretoria but no further details will be made public until his next-of-kin have been informed.

The intruder was killed about 1.15am yesterday. Police believe



□ Police remove the body of the "Watergate" intruder.

that a second man may also have been involved.

The security guard on duty at the ANC premises in Frederick Street, central Johannesburg, became suspicious when he saw a window was open on the first floor, the SAP-ANC statement said.

The guard then spotted someone climbing up from the ground floor. He fired his shotgun, fatally

wounding the man.

A video machine, identified by an ANC official as having been removed from the eighth floor of the building, was found near the body.

Dr Pallo Jordan, head of the ANC's Department of Information and Publicity, described the man as "young, seemingly fit and wearing running shoes, jeans and a T-shirt".

in general, to furnish information of this nature. I am, however, prepared to inform the hon member personally and confidentially in this regard.

- (3) The increase of manpower at police stations takes place on the basis of investigations by the Division: Efficiency Services of the South African Police. Such an investigation in respect of the Hillbrow police station has not yet been carried out. The personnel at the police station in question is, however, not at full strength. The available members nevertheless perform an outstanding task in maintaining law and order in the station area.

I have requested the Commissioner of the South African Police to conduct an efficiency investigation regarding the manpower situation at the Hillbrow police station so as to supplement it, should such an investigation prove it necessary.

Ibhayi: SAP investigation

*17. Mr E W TRENT asked the Minister of Law and Order:

- (1) Whether any division of the South African Police is conducting or has conducted an investigation into the affairs of the (a) Ibhayi Town Council and (b) Ibhayi Municipal Police Force; if so, why;
- (2) whether the investigation has been completed; if not, (a) why not and (b) when is it anticipated that it will be completed; if so, what were the findings of the investigation;
- (3) whether any interim reports have been received; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) whether any charges have been laid as a result of the above investigation; if so, (a) what charges and (b) against whom?

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

- (1) (a) and (b) Yes.
- The Commercial Crime Unit of the South African Police is investigating allegations of corruption and fraud.

- (2) Yes, in respect of six of the 18 charges which were reported to the South African Police.
 - (a) Because the investigation of the other 12 charges has not as yet been finalised.
 - (b) It is envisaged that the investigation of these cases will be finalised in the near future.
- In the six cases referred to, two persons received prison sentences, three cases were withdrawn in court and one person was found not guilty.
- (3) No, with the exception of those reports regarding the progress of the investigations, which were submitted on a routine basis.
 - (4) (a) and (b)
 - Yes, the following charges were laid:
 1. New Brighton CR (A) 279/3/88 — corruption against the Town Council.
 2. New Brighton CR (A) 29/8/90 — fraud against a council member.
 3. New Brighton CR (A) 28/8/90 — fraud against a council member.
 4. New Brighton CR (A) 31/8/90 — fraud against the Town Council.
 5. New Brighton CR (A) 32/8/90 — fraud against an employee of the Town Council.
 6. New Brighton CR (A) 33/8/90 — fraud against an employee of the Town Council.
 7. New Brighton CR (A) 34/8/90 — fraud against an employee of the Town Council.
 8. New Brighton CR (A) 35/8/90 — fraud against an employee of the Town Council.
 9. Algoa Park CR (A) 5/9/88 — fraud against an employee of the Town Council.
 10. New Brighton CR (A) 36/8/90 — corruption against an employee of the Town Council.
 11. New Brighton CR (A) 38/8/90 — corruption against an employee of the Town Council.
 12. Louis le Grange Square CR (A) 479/1/91 — fraud against an employee of the Town Council.

INTERPELLATION

The sign * indicates a translation. The sign †, used subsequently in the same interpellation, indicates the original language.

Own Affairs:

Colleges of education: use of facilities

1. Mr J H MOMBERG asked the Minister of Education and Culture:

- (1) Whether his Department has at any time given instructions to prohibit any non-White sportsmen or women from using facilities at any of the colleges of education under his control; if so, for what reasons;
- (2) what is his Department's policy regarding the use of facilities at colleges of education by non-members of such colleges?

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The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE: Mr Chairman, the hon member for Simon's Town asks whether the department has at any time given instructions to prohibit any non-White sportsmen or sportswomen from using facilities at any of the departmental colleges of education.

The answer to this question is no. There is a firm policy in regard to the use of sporting facilities. In 1988 the power to decide on the use of sporting facilities was devolved to the management councils of the educational institutions themselves.

It is therefore, within the legal requirements and accepted norms, the responsibility of the rector and the council of an institution to decide to whom they wish to extend or from whom they wish to accept bona fide invitations to attend or participate in sporting or cultural events and/or to make facilities of the institution available for this purpose.

Invitations and their acceptance are not linked to conditions relating to the composition of a group or groups, and all participants enjoy the same privileges.

The decision as to whether or not an individual may participate or use the facilities rests with the council of each institution. Management bodies must consider the wishes of the community and staff in a democratic manner, just as in the case of all matters of policy.

Before 1988 each provincial education department had its own procedures to obtain permission for mixed sporting or cultural events. On inquiry, no departmental official or rector of a college of education could recall any instance of refusal.

Regarding the recently reported allegations that a Northern Transvaal athlete was refused permission to use the facilities of a college of education, the facts of the matter are that the lady in question at no time formally directed a request, either to the rector or to the college council concerned. Therefore the council never took any decision in this regard. Moreover, there was certainly no departmental instruction to this effect.

*Mr J H MOMBERG: Mr Chairman, what happened previously at Normal College's track and what apparently is still happening—I am glad the hon the Minister says it does not come from his department—is in my opinion the problem which still exists between own affairs and general affairs. The chairman of Normal College was asked about the case of Marcel Winkler, and whether she used those practice facilities or not. Furthermore, the chairman was asked the following about participation: "Would Marcel Winkler and Thakile Nzimandl be deemed suitable?" His answer was:

No. Under the legislation of the Department of Education and Culture the college is only open to Whites. Therefore, the club cannot be open to all races; it is Government policy. If

**THE MINISTER OF THE BUDGET AND
AUXILIARY SERVICES:**

- (a) The estimated cost of administering each Department is tabulated hereunder:
- (i) Department of Budgetary and Auxiliary Services: R833 800
 - (ii) Department of Housing: R919 300
 - (iii) Department of Education and Culture: R1 162 900
 - (iv) Department of Health Services and Welfare: R739 200
 - (v) Department of Local Government and Agriculture: R727 900
- The expenditure figures are, however, not final as the books of the Administration is expected to be closed in July 1991.
- (b) The number of personnel, including Ministers, involved in the administration of each Department is as follows:
- (i) Department of Budgetary and Auxiliary Services: 15
 - (ii) Department of Housing: 7

(iii) Department of Education and Culture: 10

(iv) Department of Health Services and Welfare: 11

(v) Department of Local Government and Agriculture: 20

Free text/prescribed books: cost

27. Mr. M RAJAB asked the Minister of Education and Culture:

What was the cost of providing free textbooks and prescribed books in (a) primary and (b) secondary schools under the control of his Department in the latest specified financial year for which information is available?

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THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE:

Figures available for the latest financial year (1989/90) are as follows:

(a) R2 005 228

(b) R4 276 219.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

QUESTIONS

Indicates translated version.

For oral reply:

General Affairs:

Murder in Bethelsdorp: SAP investigation

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

- (1) Whether the South African Police are conducting an investigation into the alleged murder of two persons, whose names have been furnished to the Police for the purpose of the Minister's reply, near Damascus Farm in Bethelsdorp on or about 5 September 1990; if so, (a) what efforts were made initially to solve the alleged murders and (b) what are the names of the persons involved;
- (2) whether any progress has been made in this investigation; if not, why not; if so, what progress;
- (3) whether it is his intention to (a) offer a reward and/or (b) call in the assistance of the mass media in an effort to solve this case?

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†The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) Yes.

(a) The South African Police made every effort and used all the means at their disposal to solve the case. They made use of, inter alia, local newspapers, Radio Algoa, Dossier and the Police helicopter to trace the accused.

(b) Wilfred Emmanuel Holburn, and Jennifer Lorgat.

(2) No, because all attempts made so far to trace the accused have been fruitless.

(3) Yes.

- (a) A reward of R5 000,00 is being offered in respect of each case.
- (b) Although use has already been made of the media, it will be done again in an effort to solve the crimes.

Algoa Chest Hospital: closing down

*2. Mr W J DIETRICH asked the Minister of National Health:

- (1) Whether it is the intention to close down the Algoa Chest Hospital in Port Elizabeth; if so, (a) why and (b) when;
- (2) whether arrangements will be made for patients who will be affected by the closure of this hospital; if not, why not; if so, what arrangements;
- (3) whether the State intends talking over this hospital; if not, (a) why not and (b) what steps are envisaged in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

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†The MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH:

(1) The Algoa Chest Hospital is owned by a private hospital group, namely Life Care. There is no knowledge of an intention to close this hospital. The original contract between Life Care and the Provincial Administration of the Cape of Good Hope was terminated with effect from 1 June 1991 by the Administration of the House of Assembly due to escalating tariffs;

(2) the patients for whom the CPA is responsible, will be admitted and treated at SANTA institutions at considerably lower cost;

(3) no,

(a) it is not government policy to buy out private institutions and

(b) falls away.

†The CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES: Order! Now that the questions on the Question Paper have been dealt with, I wish to make the comment that if hon members place questions for reply by Ministers on the Question Paper, they must see to it that they are indeed in the House when the questions are replied to. It is an

Soweto crime needs more than magic

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Delegates to a recent crime convention in Soweto agreed that there was no "quick fix solution" to the township's crime problem, reports THABO LESHLLO.

LEADING Soweto residents have agreed there is no "magic wand" to solve the crime crisis in the area.

About 150 Sowetans attending the crime convention organised jointly by the Greater Soweto Chamber of Commerce and Industries and the National Institute for Crime Prevention and the Rehabilitation of Offenders (Nicro) felt that long-term planning was necessary to address the crime crisis.

The convention had as its theme "In Search of Practical Solutions". Leading Nicro social worker Shimane Kumnalo said Soweto had become so notorious that some visitors insisted on being met outside the township to be escorted in.

"It is almost a miracle to live to old age in the greater Soweto complex," said Mr Kumnalo. "The crime rate in Soweto has reached crisis levels and it is no consolation to know that the crime rate all over the world is also rising."



An attempt is made to clear up some of the rubbish in Soweto . . . but too many people are living in filth and poverty, a breeding ground for crime.

said there was a multiplicity of causes in individuals' personalities that made them criminals. To address the problem, it was necessary to look at the root causes that underpinned the various forms of crime.

The unequal social, economic and political dispensation that black people had experienced for decades had caused anger, frustration, bitterness and despair.

Society's response to crime was rather conservative and outdated because it concentrated on detecting crime, arresting offenders, putting them on trial and either locking them up or acquitting them.

However, even the most efficient means of crime detection and arrest alone would not reduce crime. "It merely isolates offenders from society while others spring up to replace them," Mr Kumnalo argued.

He suggested that welfare organisations should engage in preventive methods to prevent crime rather than merely to help offenders after they had been convicted. A comprehensive approach to the crime problem should involve the home, which was the basic institution where children learnt positive attitudes.

School and peer groups should complement training in the home to make children conscious of their environment and to encourage them to form clubs. In addition, the community should engage in systematic crime awareness campaigns in conjunction with the media.

Projects to cater for school dropouts and the unemployed should be devised. Mofanbu Gumbi, education secretary of the Black Lawyers Association, told the meeting:

"While seeking solutions to the problem, it is very important not to forget the effects of apartheid on our society. We cannot wish away the psychological effects of more than 300 years of oppression."

Mrs Gumbi said the recognition by the law that there were habitual criminals proved that harsh and long-term punishment was not the solution to the problem of crime. Steve Mokoena, of the University of the Witwatersrand's Centre for the Study of Violence, said historical malaises were still plaguing South Africa's youth.

The problem of crime could be solved by a government that gave priority to projects aimed at developing the youth. Business should provide incentives and other resources to rebound a culture of learning and involve the youth in income-generating ventures.

Mr Mokoena added: "The lost generation spends (its) early adulthood hovering in social limbo."

Motorist Protection Club chairman Derrick Thema said black people had succumbed meekly as their basic humanity was torn to shreds, leaving them culturally emasculated.

He added: "Crime in the township has assumed an alarming proportions that places of refuge have become blurred. Trains, buses, homes, cars and the streets have become death traps. If it is not the marauding impis, it is killer car-bumpers, murderers, thugs and robbers and rapists."

Mr Thema said it was the prerogative of black journalists to highlight the emergence of strange cultures — such as the culture of violence that had become endemic.

Mr Morare said part of the blame for the township's high crime rate lay in Sowetans' "large appetites for stolen property" also known as "umshingane", "borotho" (bread) or "uhlas".

The head of Soweto police public relations, Colonel Jac de Vries, said there could never be enough policemen for any society in the world. The mere presence of the police did not remove crime.

The SAP could not provide a guard for every Soweto household, but could help by teaching the community how to prevent crime. To this end, residents would be invited to bi-monthly police exhibitions on crime prevention.

Colonel de Vries came close to walking out of the meeting when it degenerated into a platform for "hanging mud at the police".

"Chitchee us but do not turn your back on us," Colonel de Vries told delegates. □

"Today we are reaping the whirlwind in the townships," he said. "No abnormal society can produce normal children. Our children inherit nothing but poverty from their parents."

The absence of a government welfare system, Mr Morare said, had left the unemployed with the option of either dying of poverty or living as beggars or robbers.

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ANC break-in. Man sought

at 17/5/91

Own Correspondent

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JOHANNESBURG. — Police yesterday released details of a second man wanted in connection with the break-in at the ANC's offices last Friday, when an alleged burglar was shot dead by security guards.

Police said the second man was Mr Thomas Joseph Bentley, 20. A spokesman said he was wanted in connection with assault and theft charges earlier this year.

Police and banks to

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THE South African Police will meet bank and building society executives soon in an attempt to quell the rising tide of violence directed against them.

Invitations to the meeting, which will include Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok and Police Commissioner General Johan van der Merwe, will be sent to the banks and building societies in the next few days.

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Law and Order Ministry spokesman Brigadier Leon Mellet said the meeting, which would be held "fairly soon", had been on the cards for some time.

On criticism by some banks that the police were not doing enough to protect them, Brigadier Mellet said there were not enough policemen to guard every bank and building society.

"The violence is taking

MALCOLM FOTHERGILL

its toll on our already overstretched police force."

Earlier, First National Bank senior general manager Jimmy McKenzie called on the State to end "this lawlessness in our community".

He added: "We in business can only do so much.

"At the end of the day it is the State's responsibility to maintain law and order and to protect the country's inhabitants from those with unlawful intent."

Rod Hyde, general manager (operations) of Standard Bank, said the gangs responsible for the spate of robberies were "large, well armed and well organised".

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"There is a limit to what you can do before the cost of security puts you out of business."

And the Democratic Party MP for Houghton, Tony Leon, said: "R35 million had been stolen from

banks and other financial institutions last year.

He said Mr Vlok had been "ducking the issue consistently by saying there aren't enough men.

"We need a police presence on the street for the situation to improve."

Diverted

Support for the police came from Fidelity Guards managing director Roy MacFarlane, who said political conflict had diverted the police from fighting crime.

"How much can the police do when they have to concentrate on political violence? There are just not enough men on the ground."

Since Wednesday, when two bank employees were murdered in Witbank, a Boksburg teller was assaulted by a gunman and robbed; a security firm road marshal was wounded by five heavily armed men; three armed robbers held up a Johannesburg branch of a bank; and two men were shot dead and a policeman critically wounded in a shoot-out outside a bank in Durban.

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ANC youth plan Reef anti-crime campaign

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PATRICK BULGER

THE ANC Youth League's PWV region was planning an anti-crime campaign in Reef townships, its chairman Peter Skosana said yesterday.

Skosana said in an interview the campaign would be launched soon at a conference, including political organisations and churches.

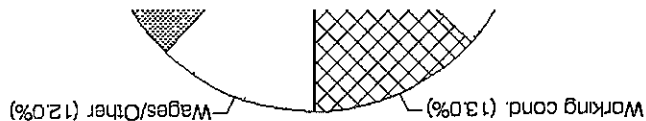
"The country is riddled with crime. We are going to have a conference and crime workshops to discuss ways of discouraging gangsterism," Skosana said.

The crime conference was one of several resolutions passed at a weekend launch of the league in the PWV region. Delegates also resolved to back the ANC's suspension of talks with government.

"We believe that the De Klerk regime is unmoved by the killings of our people and is unwilling to create a climate conducive to talks. It is the state which is responsible for this violence. We therefore endorse the ANC position not to be part of De Klerk's so-called peace conference," the league said in a statement.

Skosana said the league would support a suspension of all ANC talks with government.

Sexism was also on the congress agenda, and the ANCYL resolved to build up women in leadership.



Shopping centres step up security

By Helen Grange

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Strict security, reminiscent of the late 1980s, is back at shopping centres on the Witwatersrand following the bombings in Johannesburg last week.

After more than a year of relative relief from the threat of bombs, security measures in shopping centres have once again been stepped up.

At Cresta shopping centre, "super-searchers" (expensive metal-detecting machines) were re-erected at the entrances on Friday, and in other centres, door guards have been reintroduced.

Trevor Robinson, security manager at Cresta, yesterday said his security team had swung into action after police warned them of possible bomb attacks on Friday.

"The super-searchers were removed last year in the light of a new South Africa. We put them back again on Friday after about 20 policemen visited the centre," he said.

At Sandton City shopping centre, door guards have been re-established and extra precautions are being taken.

Eastgate, Westgate, and Hyde Park shopping centres have also prepared their personnel for an expected escalation of crime and bomb threats.

Said Gavin Main, director of shopping centres at Liberty Life properties (controlling Sandton City, Intown Centre, Eastgate and Alberton City on the Reef): "We have instructed our security personnel to be much more alert, and although we are hoping this spate of bombings is short-lived, we can't afford to be complacent."

Mr Main said the public played a critical role in reporting anything unusual.

He added, however, that the public seemed to get irritated by the introduction of door guards, despite the obvious safety benefits.

Door guards will not, for this reason, be introduced at Southgate shopping centre, according to Chane Lombaard, Southgate's security and safety manager.

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Education project targets Alexandra

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A NEW multimillion-rand campaign to educate and employ Alexandra youth has been launched in an attempt to reduce Sandton's high crime rate and improve conditions in the township.

The "Education for Employment" programme is a joint venture between Sandton and Alexandra organisations.

It aims to provide job training for the so-called "lost generation" and unemployed adults, improve the township's schools and provide community leaders with management skills.

The AlexSan Kopano Educational Trust, which is organising the project, has launched a worldwide appeal to raise R26m over the next three years.

The trust's committee includes local ANC leader Popo Molefe, former SA Council of Churches education head Sheila Sisulu, Alexandra Health Centre head Tim Wilson, former Toyota MD Colin Adcock, Sandton Civic Foundation members and Alexandra community leaders. *Bl Day 24/5/71*

At the project's launch in Sandton last night the trust's director Dave Jackson said the project was an investment in a more peaceful and prosperous way of life. The alternative would be escalating crime and diminishing personal security.

Teenage tsotsis rule

By ELIAS MALULEKE
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JAMMIE "Jan Bloed" Kok is only 16 years old, but he is a gang boss who rules with an iron fist.

This teenager's turf is Westbury, a coloured township near Coronation Hospital in Johannesburg, where he and his gang, the Loegin Kids, struggle for supremacy with a rival gang, the Varados.

Always armed with a 9mm pistol, a dagger and an "Okapi" knife, Jammie says he feels "naked" without his lethal weapons.

His greatest fear is that he may be ambushed and killed by the Varados, who control the southwest section of the township.

"But I will not die without a fight," he boasted.

Claiming that he has been in and out of police custody on charges of rape, assault, murder and robbery, Jammie said he had always "outsmarted" the courts and walked out a free man.

It is tough being a gangster and six members of the Loegin Kids have been killed by their rivals in two months.

Residents in the north-eastern section of Westbury, known as "Dead Valley", told City Press the Loegin Kids were the scourge of the neighbourhood and accused them of shootings, break-ins, theft, muggings, rape and armed robberies.

Jammie said his gang was only trying to make a living, but would kill if pushed.

Violence is a way of life with the Loegin Kids, whose members have to undergo a cruel initiation to make it into the gang.

"We make an initiate rape, stab and rob to see if he has guts," said Jammie.

"If you can't do it, you can't join."

The Loegin Kids took over as ganglords from the Spaldings and the Fastguns, who had ruled the territory before.

Former Transvaal middleweight boxing champion, Cameron "Kangaroo" Adams, was hanged with Spaldings boss Vincent "Vivi" Stuurman in 1984, for the murder of two Fastguns gangsters.

Jammie explained that after the Loegin Kids

formed a gang "in self-defence", they asked members of the Spaldings and Fastguns to join them.

"There was no reason for more than one gang to operate in Westbury and we decided to take over and rule," he said.

But the Varados have

since challenged their supremacy and young blood has flowed.

Often innocent victims get caught in the firing line.

An unidentified priest from Soweto was killed this week during a shootout between rival gang members.

The fight started when brothers from rival gangs invited friends to their sister's 21st birthday party.

"The priest was shot by mistake," said Jammie.

"He stepped into the firing line just as my men were shooting at the Varados and got hit," Jam-

mie said.

Demarcation of territory is very important to the two gangs whose turf is divided by Kretchmar Street.

If a Varados member crosses the line he is dead. And when girls in the territory date members of the rival gang, they are



Residents of Westbury township, west of Johannesburg, say they are terrorised by gang warfare. This week a priest was shot dead in a shootout between members of the Varados and the Loegin Kids, rival gangs who are struggling to control the territory. The Varados (above) call themselves a "social club" interested only in "fun". But the Loegin Kids (below) say they feel "naked" if they go about unarmed, and claim they are in control of the township. Pic: TLADI KHUELE

Loegin Kids vs Varados in deadly fight for control

tabed as punishment

Will the warfare ever end?

Jammie is not positive "Nec, they have killed too many of our members to think of peace now."

"We have taken over from our grandfathers, fathers and brothers."

Meanwhile, Varados leader Freddie "Gozen" Sauls has denied that his gang was warring with the Loegin Kids.

Varados was a "social club" whose motto was

"fun", he said. They were not interested in fighting and were only defending themselves against the Loegin Kids.

The Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad is investigating a number of cases relating to the two gangs in the township.

Station commander of the General Johan Coetzee police station, Lt-Col de Wet, said police had tried in vain to bring peace between the Loegin kids and the Varados.

WHAT can you expect when the second most powerful policeman in the country publicly promises that he will investigate something? Not very much, it would seem.

More than two months ago Lieutenant-General Mulder van Eyk, the deputy commissioner of police, promised *The Weekly Mail* he would personally look into allegations we had printed that suspects and others had been assaulted and killed in the course of criminal investigations.

The allegations were carried in the February 15 edition of *The Weekly Mail* and presented again on M-Net on the John Berks Show on March 7. These charges were based on 30 sworn affidavits which made detailed allegations of police misconduct, including the use of electric shocks during interrogation, assault and damage to property.

It is a common reaction among senior policeman, when confronted in public with these kinds of allegations, to promise that they will "personally see to it that these cases are investigated". This was Van Eyk's response, first during the show and again afterwards. *The Weekly Mail*, on request, sent the general a list of 30 cases, the details and date of the complaints and contact numbers for the lawyers who were handling the matter. We gave Van Eyk more than two months to investigate, then contacted him two weeks ago. After a further week, he sent us two faxed pages of answers, most of them dealing with the allegations in no more than a sentence or two.

Every one of the lawyers whose names and telephone numbers were provided to the general say they were never asked to assist with his special investigation, yet in four instances Van Eyk said lawyers had refused to supply police with information.

In nine cases, the matter was still "under investigation". In a further 10, Van Eyk said the matter had not been reported to police. Lawyers, however, have case record numbers for some of these, while others have been the subject of either supreme court interdicts or civil claims.

In three cases the attorney-general had declined to prosecute and in one confirmed an inquest finding of "suicide" following a death in police custody. Three, Van Eyk said, are the subject of pending civil claims.

These are some of the most striking examples:

CASE 1: Complainant, aged 20, alleged assault and torture by electric shock on three occasions by Brixton Murder and Robbery unit.

The general says: "The legal representative of the complainant is not prepared to supply the SA Police with a statement of the complainant."

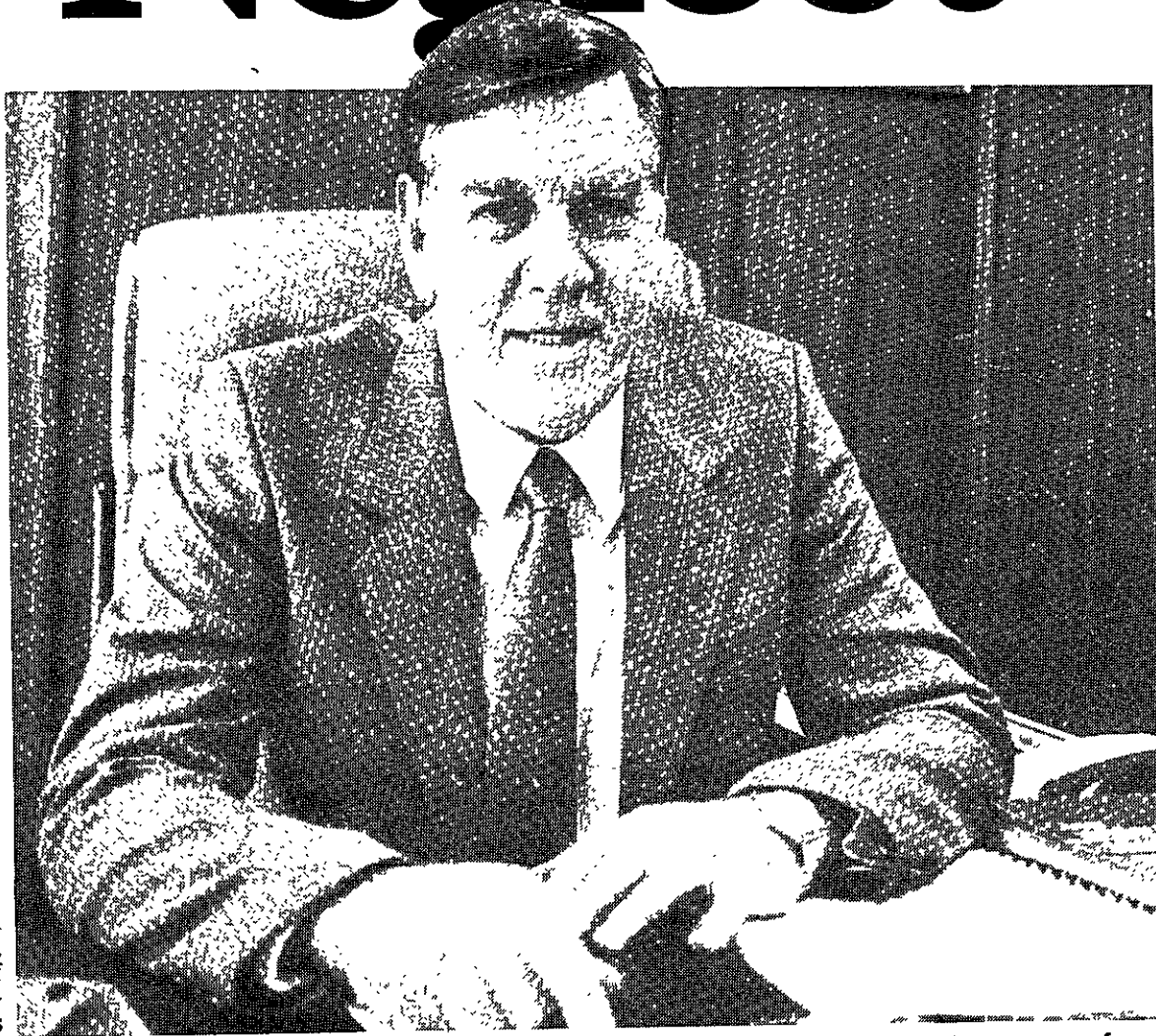
The unanswered questions: We were given exactly the same answer on this case in February. The complainant set out his case in a supreme court interdict last July, following which the police gave an undertaking to stop assaulting him. In the court papers, he names four policemen involved in his alleged torture. He was on each occasion examined thereafter by doctors who submitted their medical reports to the court. He also laid a charge against the police. It is not clear why investigation of this case is dependent on the lawyer sending a statement.

CASE 2: Complainant, aged 42, says Parkview police investigating a robbery broke his arm and cut his right eye; he was never charged.

The general says: "Still under investigation."

The unanswered questions: We were given the same answer in February. The complainant made a statement about the assault last November. In an affidavit he names one of the policemen involved. Doctors who examined him also lodged a report with the police. It is not clear why this case has

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JUST THE FAX ... General Mulder van Eyk, who replied to 30 serious complaints with a two page fax

Photo: KEVIN CARTER

CASE 3: Complainant was shot by police while driving through Tembisa; he was taken to hospital and then charged; the case against him was withdrawn.

The general says: "Matter not reported to the police. Address unknown to the police."

The unanswered questions: In February, the police gave a completely different reply — "still under investigation". Since the complainant was taken into custody after being shot, the shooting should be a matter of police record. The complainant's address is on an affidavit in his lawyer's possession. The lawyer was never contacted by the general.

CASE 4: Complainant alleges torture by Brixton police using electric shock.

The general says: "Investigation could not reveal identity of the suspect/accused."

The unanswered questions: The complainant says in an affidavit he can recognise five policemen involved in his alleged torture. He made his statement, accompanied by a medical report, at John Vorster Square. It is not clear why the case was referred to Brixton — the station under scrutiny — for investigation.

CASE 5: Complainant, 39, alleges torture by electric shock at Brixton.

The general says: "Matter still under investigation."

The unanswered questions: This incident took place in January 1991. When we first inquired about this case a month later, police had no record of it. The complainant's statement, made on the day of the assault, names four policemen and includes a medical report. The complainant told *The Weekly*

Mail that she had not been contacted by the police since then.

CASE 6: Complainant alleges police assaulted him while he was visiting his girlfriend in Florida.

The general says: "Matter still under investigation."

The unanswered questions: This incident took place in October 1990. In February, police said they had no record of the case. The complainant says he can recognise the policemen who attacked him. It is not clear why the matter cannot be settled, either way.

CASE 7: Complainant alleges that seven policemen burst into her Soweto home. Her husband was taken outside and shot. She was assaulted then and again when she went to Protea.

The general says: The shooting is "still under investigation"; on the assault — "civil claim pending".

The unanswered questions: This incident took place in December 1989. We were given the identical answers in February 1991. There are two witnesses who say they saw a policeman putting a gun in the deceased's hand after he had been shot. One told us that he had not been contacted by the police since giving his statement in January 1990. Regarding the assault, the dead man's wife says she was called to an ID parade last June. She pointed out one policeman but says she told police her statement said there were four policemen involved. She has not heard from them since. It is not clear why criminal proceedings have not been instituted since she has laid a charge. It is also not clear why this investigation has taken so long.

CASE 8: A Soweto man alleges as-

sault by two white policeman, wearing balaclavas, first at his house, and later at Protea police station.

The general says: "Matter not reported to the police."

The unanswered questions: In February, police said this matter was the subject of a civil claim — clearly then, they were aware of the case. The complainant says he went to Jabulani with two family members to lay charges. His lawyers have a case record number and details of a signed medical report.

CASE 9: Police allegedly shot a young Soweto man in his bed while looking for another man.

The general says: "Still under investigation."

The unanswered questions: This is the answer we got in February. The shooting took place in September last year. In his affidavit, the deceased's father lists four licence numbers of vehicles used by police who came to his home. It is not clear why an investigation into a fatal shooting has taken so long.

CASE 10: The complainant, a Soweto hostel resident, says he was assaulted by two black policemen and his watch and money were stolen.

The general says: "Matter not reported to the police."

The unanswered questions: If the matter was not reported to the police, why was the man paid out R7 000 in settlement of a civil claim in January? And why do his lawyers have case record numbers, letters from the regional commissioner's office acknowledging that a docket has been opened and further correspondence from a Colonel S. Sauer saying that

two men had been picked out at an ID parade and the attorney-general would be notified? No prosecution has yet resulted.

CASE 11: A Soweto man says he was assaulted on a train by four policemen, three of them *kits konstabels*, then shot in the face with a shotgun after he had alighted at a station.

The general says: "Civil claim pending."

The unanswered questions: Police took statements from the complainant and asked him for a medical report and a blood sample from the hospital, which he provided. The incident took place last October. The docket for the case, however, was only opened in March this year. The complainant says this happened when he went to a police station to enquire about his case after not hearing from them for nearly three months.

CASE 12: A Soweto man alleged he was subjected to torture, including use of electric shocks, by the Brixton Murder and Robbery Unit.

The general says: "The attorney-general declined to prosecute."

The unanswered questions: The complainant advised a magistrate of the assault. It is not clear why the investigating officer was from Brixton, the station involved in the charge.

CASE 13: A Soweto woman alleged assault by policemen looking for an escaped prisoner; the assaults took place in a kombi and at Protea police station, and included electric shocks.

The general says: "Legal representative promised to obtain statements of complainant and witnesses. Has failed to do so."

The unanswered questions: Legal representative categorically denies this and further points out that as the matter is the subject of a civil claim, the facts of the case are on record. The complainant names four of the policemen involved.

It is not clear why an investigation from as high up as the general's office does not have access to the facts set out in civil claims.

CASE 14: A Soweto woman claims assault in the course of the same police inquiry, on two separate occasions, including electric shocks at Protea while being masked with a rubber tube.

The general says: "Still under investigation".

The unanswered questions: This was not what police said in February. The complainant names two of the policemen involved. The incident took place in June 1990. It is not clear why finality cannot be reached on the case, one way or another.

CASE 15: An Alexandra man claimed assault by members of Brixton Murder and Robbery, who allegedly forced him to sign over some R33 000 in his bank account to the officer commanding.

The general says: "No complaint was lodged with the police."

The unanswered questions: In February the police said that a "case of illegal seizure" was being investigated.

This matter was the subject of a supreme court application in August 1990, after which the judge ordered that the money be returned with interest and that the minister of law and order pay the legal costs. It is not clear why, in the face of these facts, the police only feel constrained to act when a complaint is lodged.

In not one instance did Van Eyk report on action taken against policemen, not even suspension while the investigation was underway. In only one case could he say that investigation "could not reveal the identity of the suspect/accused"; in no instance did he say the police had been completely cleared.

His answers also indicate that this investigation into police misconduct focused solely on inquiries conducted within the force and did not take into account evidence and allegations raised in the course of civil claims and supreme court interdicts.

government forces before the rebels arrived.

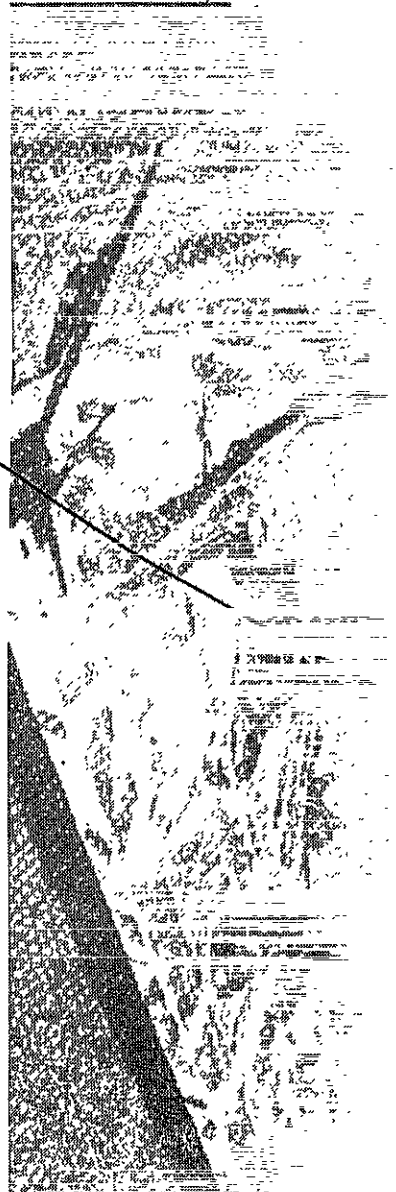
The men and women who brought one of Africa's largest armies to its knees, arrived at first light on Tuesday. They entered the capital in captured Soviet-made tanks, battered trucks and on foot, wearing tattered sandals and boots, with their ammunition and grenades piled high on donkeys and mules. They carried formidable-looking rocket launchers — and Bic pens.

The arrival of thousands of troops and dozens of tanks from the Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Democratic Front, who entered to restore law and order after Ethiopian army troops began looting and shooting up the city over the weekend, plunged the capital into chaos as the sounds of battle echoed through the streets.

Although government troops had been ordered not to resist, some nevertheless stayed and put up a fight. Both in Addis Ababa and in London, where government and Democratic Front leaders met for US-mediated talks earlier this week, rebel representatives pledged to govern the country open-handedly with a view toward establishing multi-party democracy.

Meles Zenawi, chairman of the Democratic Front, said in London that he would establish a "broad-based" transitional government, and other officials said they hoped to hold internally supervised free elections as soon as possible.

For the rebels, triumph was swift and unadorned. Described as right-wing, the new government is seen as a



THE DEFENDERS ... Ethiopian soldiers patrol Addis Ababa this week before their defeat on Tuesday

Black Jews enter a strange new world

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A WONDRIOUS feast was underway in the basement banquet hall of Jerusalem's Diplomat Hotel. Hundreds of Ethiopian Jews, newly arrived in an emergency airlift, sat around tables and tasted the cuisine of a strange new world: fresh thick loaves of Sabbath challah bread, olives and Israel's ubiquitous breakfast yogurt.

There was a problem, however. Many of the Ethiopians, their life experience limited to primitive peasant farming, had no idea how to open the foil seals of their plastic yogurt containers. Nor were they sure what to do with the fresh sliced tomatoes and cucumbers on their tables. In the end, much of the breakfast was left behind, to be cleared away by puzzled Israeli volunteers.

The entire meal was offered up as a gesture of goodwill to the new arrivals.

The 14 000 Ethiopian Jews airlifted to Israel last weekend face an enormous challenge in adapting to their new life.

By JACKSON DIEHL

of housing and employing immigrants.

Even before the airlift, the 23 000 Ethiopians who had arrived in Israel since 1984 were facing severe problems of adaptation.

"Now the job will be twice as hard," said Shlomo Akale, chairman of the Beit Israel Organisation of Ethiopian Jewish immigrants. For the newcomers to manage, Akale said, "the political establishment and the community of veteran immigrants ... the who operate and run the country ... the who ..."

including hepatitis and Aids.

Israeli radio began broadcasting the names of those who arrived in an effort to help thousands of Ethiopians searching for long-lost relatives. Many families had been separated since the breakdown of the first airlift of Ethiopian Jews in 1985, and emotional reunions were taking place in hotel lobbies around the country.

The sometimes severe problems faced by the Ethiopians who arrived in Israel during the 1980s have been a consistent sore point in national discussion. More than 700 of the 7 000 Jews who arrived during a secret airlift from Sudan seven years ago are still living in the Jewish Agency's "sub-prior centers," which were supposed to be temporary. Thousands of

These immigrants excluded from the ...

in the world, the officials say.

However, some of the Ethiopians brought in on the weekend airlift carried stories of Christian converts being tearfully prevented from boarding the planes, and leaders of the Ethiopian community in Israel said many of the converts remaining in Addis Ababa have had relatives in Israel since an earlier airlift of Ethiopians in 1984.

"There are their children here who are now serving in the army. There are children here who got married with Jews in Israel. Each one has families here in Israel. They're our blood and flesh. You can't say they can't bring them here," Rahamin Elazar, an activist in Jerusalem's Ethiopian community, said.

Most of the converts never began observing Christian practices, but simply moved away from Jewish villages in the face of discrimination or potential reprisals, said Elazar, who said Jews in Ethiopia were thought to have the *buda*, or "evil eye."

"They are Jewish, and they did not go to believe in Christianity. Because of different reasons and circumstances, they preferred to pretend (to be) Christians and survive, rather than have problems," he said.

Israel's chief rabbi and his chief Sephardic rabbi say the converts can come to Israel as long as they undergo a ritual reconversion to Judaism.

But Yehuda Weinraub, spokesman for Israel's Jewish Agency, the quasi-governmental authority that handles Jewish immigration to Israel, said that it was a matter of civil, not religious, law.

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UNSOLVED CRIMES: The police general who's full of unfulfilled promises. JOHN PERLMAN reports

Crimes by freed trio 'ominous'

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The alleged involvement of three recently indemnified ANC members in criminal activities has been described as "ominous" by a spokesman for the Ministry of Law and Order.

In two statements this week, police alleged that:

● A recently indemnified ANC member was killed in a shootout with police in the northern Transvaal town of Duiwelskloof after he and a colleague — who was later arrested — took part in an armed robbery on May 24.

● Two other recently indemnified ANC members were arrested at a roadblock in Pimville, Soweto, on Tuesday for the possession of a stolen vehicle and four F1 handgrenades, which were hidden in the car.

Approached for comment yesterday, Law and Order Ministry spokesman Captain Craig Kotze said disclosures that the three men were armed was "most ominous".

"We can only hope that this does not indicate widespread abuse of the indem-

nity provisions," he said.

The SAP would enforce the law, no matter who was involved, Captain Kotze said.

"It must be remembered that indemnity only applies to specific crimes and is not a general indemnity against future crimes."

Despite being given ample opportunity to do so, the ANC had not responded to the police allegations or to Captain Kotze's comments at the time of going to press.

— Own Correspondents.

(a)	1 June 1989 until 31 December 1989	18
	1 January 1990 until 31 December 1990	68
	1 January 1991 until 31 May 1991	16
	Total	102
(b)	1 June 1989 until 31 December 1989	238
	1 January 1990 until 31 December 1990	634
	1 January 1991 until 31 May 1991	103
	Total	975

Statistics of serious injuries are not accounted for separately. They are included in the broad spectrum of injuries sustained by members while on duty.

(2) No.

(a) and (b) Fall away.

(i) and (ii).

To equip all members of the Force with protective clothing and equipment is not cost effective, especially where members normally perform office duties. There is also no specified category of members who come into consideration for the issuing of protective clothing and equipment. Adequate clothing and equipment is available to members who act in potentially dangerous situations.

The protective clothing comprises light and heavy duty bulletproof jackets. Investigations are being instituted so as to make lighter protective equipment available to members.

Members in unrest situations mainly make use of Casspir, Nyala, Nongqai and Boerbok armoured vehicles which provide members with sufficient protection while they are in such vehicles. Research is, however, constantly being undertaken to make vehicles which are used in unrest situations even safer. Riot Units also make use of crash-helmets, small personal fire-extinguishers and riot shields.

(3) Yes, should a member die while on duty, and he has contributed to the Govern-

(2) whether any further action is contemplated in this regard; if not, why not; if so, (a) what action and (b) by whom?

B1208E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) No.

(a) At the request of the Attorneys-General of the Witwatersrand and Cape Town supplementary statements are being taken to enable them to reach a decision on whether or not to prosecute.

(b) As the investigation is being done in conjunction with the search for the missing CCB files, no indication can be given at this stage as to when the investigation will be completed. Everything possible is being done, however, to conclude the investigation as quickly as possible.

(2) (a) and (b) Fall away.

CCB members: unauthorised amounts paid

467. MR J J WALSH asked the Minister of Defence:

(a) Date of interruption	(b) Duration	(c) Reason	(d) Power supply after interruption (mega-watt)
6 Dec 1980	6/12/80—3/2/81	Technical problems	900
3 April 1981	3/4/81—23/10/81	Sabotage	900
22 Dec 1981	22/12/81—5/5/82	Sabotage	600
7 May 1982	7/5/82—10/5/82	Technical	600
14 May 1982	14/5/82—20/5/82	Technical	600
8 Aug 1982	8/8/82—30/10/82	Sabotage	600
25 April 1983	25/4/83—30/6/83	Sabotage	900
28 Oct 1983	28/10/83—31/1/85	Sabotage	600
12 Feb 1985	12/2/85 to date	Sabotage	—

Parkmore: offences committed

469. Mr R J LORIMER asked the Minister of Law and Order:

(a) How many instances of (i) theft of vehicles, (ii) theft from vehicles and (iii) housebreaking and theft occurred in the suburb of Parkmore,

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Sandon, during the 12-month period ended 31 March 1991 and (b) how many convictions resulted in each category? B1229E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(a) (i) 594

Whether all unauthorised amounts paid to members of the Civil Co-operation Bureau in terms of "Project Samoesa" have been recovered; if not, (a) why not, (b) what (i) are the individual amounts and (ii) is the total amount outstanding and (c)(i) when and (ii) how does he intend recovering these amounts? B1209E

The MINISTER OF DEFENCE:

Yes (a), (b) and (c) fall away.

Cahora Bassa: interruptions of power supply

(a) On what dates was the power supply from Cahora Bassa to South Africa interrupted since the supply of power to South Africa commenced in about 1977, (b) what was the duration of each of these power failures, (c) what were the reasons for each failure and (d) how much power per hour was supplied after each of the above-mentioned failures? B1220E

The MINISTER OF MINERAL AND ENERGY AFFAIRS:

A power supply interruption is defined as an event where the supply drops to nil. Supply interruptions since 1977 are listed below:

- (ii) 1 681 **38**
 (iii) 1 573
 (b) (i) 21
 (ii) 22
 (iii) 78

Bryanston: offences committed

470. Mr R J LORIMER asked the Minister of Law and Order: **38**

- (a) How many instances of (i) theft of vehicles, (ii) theft from vehicles and (iii) housebreaking and theft occurred in the area covered by the Bryanston constituency during the latest specified 12-month period for which figures are available and (b) how many convictions resulted in each category?

B1230E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

- (a) (i) 1 027
 (ii) 1 171
 (iii) 2 309
 (b) (i) 36
 (ii) 38
 (iii) 169

The figures are furnished for the period 1 April 1990 to 31 March 1991.

SADF: certain persons on payroll

471. Mr A J LEON asked the Minister of Defence:

Whether he will disclose whether certain persons (the names, ranks and numbers of whom have been furnished to the South African Defence Force for the purpose of the Minister's reply) are on the payroll of the Defence Force; if not, why not; if so, (a) for how long has each been on this payroll and (b) how much is each being paid on an annual basis?

B1231E

The MINISTER OF DEFENCE:

No, the persons are not on the SA Defence Force's permanent payroll. Some of them, however, have military service commitments in the Citizen Force and Commandos, whilst

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others are volunteers. Each is paid a daily tariff, coupled to rank, for each day of service rendered. The pay of rank, per day, for each of the ranks involved, is as follows:

- Lieutenant = R30,15
 Warrant Officer (Second class) = R46,46
 Staff Sergeant = R37,46
 Sergeant = R28,82
 Private = R16,32
 (a) and (b) fall away.

White man assaults Black man: SAP action

473. Mr J VAN ECK asked the Minister of Law and Order:

- (1) Whether he or the South African Police have been informed of an incident in which a Black man was allegedly beaten unconscious by a White man for urinating in public; if so, (a) when and (b) where did this incident take place;
 (2) whether an investigation into this incident is taking place; if not, why not; if so, (a) what progress has been made in this investigation and (b) what have been the findings so far;

- (3) whether any (a) arrests have been made and (b) charges have been laid in connection with this incident; if not, why not; if so, (i) how many arrests and (ii) what is the nature of these charges;
 (4) whether local Whites threatened to beat up a certain journalist, whose name has been furnished to the Police for the purpose of the Minister's reply, while he was tending to the said Black man's injuries; if so, what is the name of this journalist;

- (5) whether an investigation is being conducted into the incident involving the journalist; if not, why not; if so, (a) what progress has been made in this investigation and (b) what have been the findings so far?

B1233E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

- (1) Yes.
 (a) At 19:10 on 6 June 1991.

(b) In Florida, Johannesburg.

- (2) Yes, one charge of alleged assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

(a) Statements have been obtained from all the witnesses. Since the victim is still unconscious a statement could not yet be obtained from him. On conclusion of the investigation the case docket will be submitted to the Public Prosecutor for a decision in respect of prosecution.

(b) I do not regard it to be in the interest of the judicial process to speculate at this stage on any possible findings.

- (3) (a) No.
 (b) No.

(i) and (ii) Fall away.

- (4) No.

(5) No, but his involvement in the incident is part of the investigation of the alleged assault on the victim.

SADF: weapons financed/supplied to Inkatha

474. Mr J VAN ECK asked the Minister of Defence:

(1) Whether he or the South African Defence Force has been informed of the allegations made by a certain person, whose name has been furnished to the Defence Force for the purpose of the Minister's reply, that the Defence Force has in recent months (a) deliberately inflamed township violence and (b) financed and supplied weapons to the Inkatha Freedom Party; if not, why not; if so, what is this person's name;

- (2) whether an investigation is being made into these allegations; if not, why not; if so, (a) what progress has been made in this investigation and (b) what have been the findings so far;
 (3) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

B1234E

The MINISTER OF DEFENCE:

- (1) I have taken cognisance through the Press. The name supplied by the hon member.

(2) No, because it is devoid of all truth.

- (3) No.

Teacher/pupil ratio: teachers required

476. Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Education and Training:

(1) Whether his Department or any other body advising his Department has calculated the number of additional teachers required for the (a) attainment of a 1 to 30 teacher/pupil ratio within the Department of Education and Training and the self-governing territories and (b) introduction of compulsory education for the first seven school years; if not, why not; if so, what additional number of teachers is required in each case;

- (2) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

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The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING:

- (1) Yes.

(a) 16 205 for the Department of Education and Training.

Information concerning the Self-Governing Territories is not readily available.

(b) Approximately 18 059 for the Department of Education and Training and the Self-Governing Territories.

- (2) No.

MPs: additional police protection

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

(1) Whether, since 5 June 1991, the Government has assigned any additional policemen to the task of protecting members of Parliament; if so, (a) what is the nature of the protection provided and (b) what equipment are these policemen issued with;

(2) whether all members of Parliament receive the same protection; if not, (a) why not, (b) what is the basis used for deciding what protection each member of Parliament is to receive and (c) in what respects does this protection differ;

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

There is a waiting list of approximately 25 000 more people on the books of the Durban City Council, not counting those who have applied to the House of Delegates or who have not applied at all. These 25 000 applicants—representing about 100 000 people, assuming that there are four members in a family—earn less than R1 200 per month. The Durban City Council has more or less ceased building houses for Indians, because they do not have the land. [Time expired.]

Mr K MOODLEY: Mr Chairman, first of all I think the answer to this interpellation was given in the housing report. There was a full debate and all the details were then given. Nevertheless, I do not believe the Durban metropolitan area is the only place where there are housing needs. The Durban metropolitan area may require 47 000 units, but fewer units may be required in the rural areas of South Africa. However, in the rural areas of South Africa we have people, family units, who earn less than R600 per month. I believe that the Ministry of Housing is responsible for housing needs with regard to the House of Delegates throughout the whole of South Africa, and these needs cannot be isolated or cocooned in one area only.

I also believe that it must be made very clear that in terms of the Housing Act it is not the Ministry of Housing or the Housing Development Board which goes out and develops townships. It is the local authority which must establish its needs and motivate and make the necessary application for funds. If local authorities sit back, it is not the job of the Ministry of Housing to go around finding out what they need. Of course the Ministry of Housing does develop townships through the Housing Development Board, but I want to make it clear that the local authorities should not delay and then suddenly come forward and apply for funds which have not been budgeted for because they have not motivated a proper case by making inputs.

Having heard the hon the Minister of Local Government and Agriculture, who said that 60% of the land in the Transvaal could not be used, as well as the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition, it must be said that the previous administration did not do its work properly. If housing is needed in the Durban metropolitan area to the tune of 47 000 units, why did the previous administration buy all that land in the Transvaal? Why did they not concentrate more

of their efforts in the Durban area, knowing what the needs in this area are?

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Mr Chairman, land in the Transvaal is in abundance because it was bought as a result of the foresight of the first secretary of the Department of Community Development. That is where Lenasia is today. Lotus Gardens was purchased by the former Department of Community Development. The only land which the House of Delegates purchased, was Villa Liza, because the East Rand was bursting at its seams. Today we are proud of the fact that we purchased that land.

For the 47 000 people in the Durban metropolitan region, the picture is very bleak. There is no doubt about that fact. In respect of the identification of land, I want to tell the hon the Minister of Local Government and Agriculture that there was movement in Stanger when I agreed to see a deputation as a result of the efforts . . . [Interjections.] I was the responsible Minister only for a short period.

We knew that there were problems with Ministers, but in 1987 we did not have a problem. We identified land between Phoenix and Verulam. There was no movement. Land was identified on the western side of Verulam. There was no movement either. These are the only sections which can save Durban. [Time expired.]

The MINISTER OF HOUSING: Mr Chairman, anybody who took the trouble to read the report I presented during the debate on housing would have discerned from the figures presented that the bulk of the budget of R300 million is to be expended on housing in Natal. However, I believe hon members who participated today are not trying to score points. We have a real problem in and around Durban. Hon members may show me where land is available at the price I want to pay for it, in order to provide homes at R30 000. I will buy it. Hon members can buy it and I will pay for it. [Interjections.] That is the challenge.

It is a waste of time to come here and say to me that there is a shortage of housing in Durban. It is the truth, but what hon members need to do is to take me along and point out the land I can buy, and I will buy it.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Not you; the board.

The MINISTER: The board, yes. In other words, a joint effort is required here to address the question of housing. The most important thing is to get suitably located land at a price which will make this possible. Therefore, all of us must get together and work in that direction and hopefully we will do so.

The hon the Leader of the Official Opposition identified land in the Phoenix East area and that is very good land, but the price they are talking about there is R14 000 per hectare. [Interjections.] What we have to do is go further afield, but this also creates problems. I think what we need to do is put our heads together and see how, in the light of the prevailing situation, we can serve our people to the best of our ability. It is a daunting task and hon members are all welcome to hold my hand in that regard. [Interjections.] Debate concluded.

QUESTIONS

For written reply:

General Affairs:

SAP: recruiting statistics

11. Mr M ABRAHAM asked the Minister of Law and Order:

- (1) How many (i) White, (ii) Indian, (iii) Coloured and (iv) Black policemen have been recruited in 1991 and (b) in respect of what date is this information furnished;
- (2) how many of these policemen were officers who re-enlisted? D118E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) (a) (i)	5 822
(ii)	247
(iii)	1 703
(iv)	3 172
Total	10 944

(b) 30 April 1991.

(2) 12 members.

NOTE

These figures include members of the Municipal Police, Police Assistants and National Servicemen.

Lenasia/Lenasia South/Mariboro Gardens: offences

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13. Mr D K PADJACHEY asked the Minister of Law and Order:

- (1) How many cases of offences relating to (a) drug abuse, (b) liquor laws, (c) child abuse and (d) murder were investigated in (i) Lenasia, (ii) Lenasia South and (iii) Mariboro Gardens during the latest specified period of 12 months for which figures are available;
- (2) in respect of each of the above-mentioned offences and areas, how many persons (a) were charged, (b) had the charges against them withdrawn, (c) were fined, (d) paid admission of guilt fines and (e) were found (i) not guilty and (ii) guilty in court?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

- (1) (a) (i) 225
- (ii) 5
- (iii) 0
- (b) (i) 441
- (ii) 15
- (iii) 0
- (c) (i) 3
- (ii) 0
- (iii) 0
- (d) (i) 30
- (ii) 2
- (iii) 4

(2) *Lenasia*

Drug abuse

- (a) 225
 - (b) 1
 - (c) 0
 - (d) 0
 - (e) (i) 18
 - (ii) 206
- Liquor laws*
- (a) 441

INTERPELLATIONS UNDER NAME OF MEMBER

(b) 2	(d) 0
(e) 0	(e) (i) 0
(d) 210	(ii) 0
(e) (i) 25	
(ii) 204	
<i>Child abuse</i>	<i>Murder</i>
(a) 3 (1 trial has not been finalised)	(a) 2
(b) 2	(b) 0
(c) 0	(c) 0
(d) 0	(d) 0
(e) (i) 0	(e) (i) 1
(ii) 0	(ii) 1
<i>Murder</i>	<i>Marlboro Gardens</i>
(a) 30 (15 cases must still be tried)	<i>Drug abuse</i>
(b) 0	(a) 0
(c) 0	(b) 0
(d) 0	(c) 0
(e) (i) 6	(d) 0
(ii) 9	(e) (i) 0
<i>Lerasia South</i>	(ii) 0
<i>Drug abuse</i>	<i>Liquor laws</i>
(a) 5	(a) 0
(b) 0	(b) 0
(c) 0	(c) 0
(d) 0	(d) 0
(e) (i) 0	(e) (i) 0
(ii) 5	(ii) 0
<i>Liquor laws</i>	<i>Child abuse</i>
(a) 15	(a) 0
(b) 0	(b) 0
(c) 0	(c) 0
(d) 15	(d) 0
(e) (i) 0	(e) (i) 0
(ii) 0	(ii) 0
<i>Child abuse</i>	<i>Murder</i>
(a) 0	(a) 4 (cases are still being investigated)
(b) 0	(b) 0
(c) 0	(c) 0
(d) 0	(d) 0
(e) (i) 0	(e) (i) 0
(ii) 0	(ii) 0

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QUESTIONS

†Indicates translated version.

For written reply:

General Affairs:

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Monitoring of drug dealers' activities

17. Mr T R GEORGE asked the Minister of Law and Order:

- (1) Whether the activities of drug dealers were monitored in the Greater Johannesburg area in the 1990 calendar year; if so, how many such drug dealers were (a) arrested, (b) allowed bail and (c) sentenced;
- (2) (a) what was the (i) mass or number of units and (ii) value of each specified type of drug confiscated in each police station area in the Greater Johannesburg area in 1990 and (b) what steps were taken in respect of the drugs so confiscated;
- (3) whether any vehicles involved in the drug dealings referred to above were confiscated; if so, (a) how many, (b) what steps were taken in respect of these vehicles and (c) how many persons were arrested in connection with these confiscations;
- (4) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) Yes.

(a) 2 141.

(b) 2 125.

(c) 1 455.

(2) (a) (i) and (ii)

Dagga : 9 863 507 gram to the value of R9 863 507,00.

Mandrax : 709 753 tablets and 5 kg powder to the value of R13 274 900,00.

Heroin : 376 351 gram to the value of R112 905,30.

Cocaine : 3 373 gram to the value of

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38 take the Police's hand in curbing this evil in South Africa.

Qwaqwa: statistics on education matters

21. Mr P A S MOPP asked the Minister of National Education:

Whether his Department keeps statistics on education matters in Qwaqwa; if not, why not; if so, what percentage of the total expenditure on education for Qwaqwa in 1990 was in respect of (a) salaries of teachers and principals, (b) salaries of administrative staff, (c) salaries of inspectorate and executive officials, (d) salaries of any other specified staff, (e) capital expenditure, (f) supplies and services, (g) equipment and (h) other items?

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The MINISTER OF NATIONAL EDUCATION:

Yes, according to general education policy all the State departments responsible for education (including the education departments of

the Self-Governing Territories via the Department of Education and Training) annually submit information within the SANEP information system to my Department. The 1990/91 information with regard to the total expenditure for Qwaqwa has not yet been finalised and thus the figures for the 1989/90 financial year have been used.

- (a) CS educators (schools and colleges)—57,82%
- (b) Other personnel excluding CS educators and service workers—2,55%
- (c) CS educators (education management and auxiliary services)—4,76%
- (d) Service workers—1,46%
- (e) Capital expenditure—26,66%
- (f) Supplies and services—5,21%
- (g) Equipment—1,54%
- (h) Other items—Nil.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Crime ³⁸ blitz ^{sowetan} 27/6/91

The SAP last night launched a huge countrywide crime prevention operation aimed at combating escalating violence in the townships.

A statement issued from the police headquarters in Pretoria said the move, code-named 'Operation Blitz' was a follow up to 'Operation Thunderbolt', launched earlier this year.

In Soweto, Regional Commissioner for the police, Major General Johan Swart said last night that the operation was being carried out to protect residents. - *Sowetan Reporter*.

Life in balance, police on hold

Star 15/6/91

Suspect is known, but no arrest yet

AN unidentified black man is at death's door in Krugersdorp's Leratong Hospital after he was savagely beaten last Friday night by a Florida resident for allegedly exposing himself to a white woman while urinating.

Docket

Police have not arrested the suspect who allegedly assaulted him but they have opened a docket of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, said a police spokesman yesterday.

"We have not arrested the suspect as we know who he is, his place of residence and place of work.

"In normal police procedures we question the suspect and witnesses, compile facts and then, if the injured man does not recover, we present this docket to the Attorney General," said the police spokesman.

The spokesman said they

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had not yet established the comatose man's identity.

Sapa journalist Jan de Koning was on his way home in Horison, on the West Rand, when he spotted the injured man lying in a pool of blood, his head on the pavement and his feet in the street near the Florida railway station.

A friend who was with the injured man told Mr de Koning how he and his friend had been walking in the street when he stopped to urinate.

A white man then came out of a flat near the street and beat him unconscious after accusing him of exposing himself to his wife.

Mr de Koning himself was nearly assaulted by white occupants of the flat

when he tried to rescue the badly injured man.

He was laughed at by flat residents when he asked them to call an ambulance. He then ran to a nearby house and asked a woman there to call an ambulance.

Admission

A white man later came out of the flat and admitted that he had assaulted the man after he saw him urinating on the pavement and exposing himself to his wife.

An ambulance finally arrived to take the injured man to hospital.

Mr de Koning said he decided to take the man's friend from the scene as he feared he too would be assaulted and took him to the hospital.

He later made a statement at the Florida police station and they are investigating the case.

● Our Crime Staff reports that police are investigating the cold-blooded shooting for no apparent reason of a man in Victory Park, Johannesburg on Monday.

The dead man — identified only as P R Gawoutlivelwe by police — was walking with two other men when a white Golf with three male occupants stopped nearby in Nondag Road, a police spokesman said.

Two of the men got out of the car and started shooting at Mr Gawoutlivelwe and his friends.

He was wounded in the neck and died in hospital.

Illegal arms seized at borders 38

By Clyde Johnson
Lowveld Bureau

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NELSPRUIT — Large quantities of illegal weapons due to have been smuggled into South Africa have been confiscated by members of the SADF.

A military spokesman yesterday said two suspicious-looking vehicles were searched at the Oshoek (Swaziland) and Mahamba (Mozambique) border posts.

Military police found weapons wrapped in foam rubber, hidden in loudspeakers and behind steel plates welded below the petrol tanks.

The weapons include:

- Four VZ,25 submachine-guns.
- Three AK-47 rifles.
- Five AK-47 magazines.
- Three VZ,25 9 mm magazines.
- One Tokarev pistol.
- 152 loose AK-47 rounds of ammunition.
- 30 9 mm rounds of ammunition.

● One container of 700 AK-47 rounds of ammunition.

All the weapons were in excellent working order.

The drivers and passengers of both vehicles were handed to the SAP.

Since Eastern Transvaal Command took over customs responsibilities in December last year, it had achieved several successes with weapons smuggling, illegal immigrants and drug trafficking, the spokesman said.

Soweto building contractors hit by robberies, hijackings

By Thabo Leshilo

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worth R24 000 taken by robbers in Zola.

The alarming high rate of crime and violence in Soweto was an anathema to the township's thriving building industry, contractors said last week.

The co-ordinator of the Transvaal African Builders Association, William Jiyana, said many builders in the township had suffered losses after their vehicles and stock had been taken at gunpoint by robbers.

In the most recent incident, Johannes Faber of Boksburg, was shot and robbed of his van at a building site in Central Western Jabavu by youths last Tuesday.

The stolen vehicles and goods are later sold cheaply in the sprawling township's huge market for stolen goods.

Mr Jiyana, who also belongs to the Itsoseng Builders' Association in Soweto, recently had his delivery van and stock

"They took the car and ordered me to run for dear life," Mr Jiyana said, adding that he still has not managed to replace the vehicle.

"A builder depends a lot on his own transport to deliver material on time. Once your mobility is taken away you have to depend on the supplier to deliver your goods, which sometimes take weeks with disastrous effects on profit."

The victims, Mr Jiyana added, ended up doubling their debts by borrowing money to buy new vehicles to keep their businesses going — while still paying instalments on the stolen vehicles.

"The thieves claim that they are 'repossessing' what white people stole from their forefathers, which is not true.

"In fact, it is your own black brother who impoverishes you by taking your property."

Police reservists saddle up to fight crime

The South African Police are ready to saddle up and kick dust into the eyes of criminals.

Despite technological advances, the SAP took a step back yesterday when they formally re-introduced horses to the war on crooks and crime this time mounted by SAP reservists.

In the past, police horses were a familiar sight, especially in the rural areas, but these moved into the back-ground when squad cars proved a touch faster.

But in a major rethink, police have realised the value of mounted policemen in certain areas, hence the re-adding of this follows Lieutenant Roland Nofke's idea to start a mounted unit with his small number of reservists at Halfway House, between Pretoria and Johannesburg. They will be supplemented by residents on horseback.

The 130-sq km area has recently become a popular target for burglars as residents stay substantial distances from each other, making it easy for criminals to strike.

There are plans for the mounted patrol to be on duty during races at Kyalami to combat theft out of vehicles around the track.

The reservists also hope to start their own "air wing", using their micro-light aircraft to patrol the area.

The existing Police Mounted Unit, established in January, has already notched up an impressive list of arrests and General Johan van der Merwe, Commissioner of Police, is confident the reservists will boost police efforts to stamp out crime.

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Policeman ordered to find SACP official, court told

VERA VON LIERES

A SECURITY policeman was ordered to find a senior SACP official and radio her whereabouts to his superior, the Johannesburg Regional Court heard yesterday.

Lt Gerhardus Engelbrecht said he was instructed by security police chief Brig Piet du Toit to order security policeman Monge Maleka to look out for Geraldine Fraser whom police thought would make contact with "other persons".

Maleka has alleged he was kidnapped, assaulted and interrogated by senior Cosatu officials — general secretary Jay Naidoo, assistant general secretary Sydney Mufamadi, office staffer Baba Schalk and Numsa general secretary Moses Mayekiso — at Cosatu's Rissik Street headquarters in August last year.

Information

The four have pleaded not guilty to kidnapping and assaulting Maleka.

Engelbrecht said Du Toit instructed him to follow up any information on Operation Vula. He said he had obtained information that Vula-linked people were in touch with Fraser.

Engelbrecht told the court he ordered Maleka — who yesterday presented evidence that he was employed by the security police — to look out for Fraser.

He said other policemen were in the

vicinity of the building at the time of Maleka's alleged abduction.

Investigating officer in the case, SAP Col Edgar John Lewitt said police waited five-and-a-half hours before fetching Maleka from Cosatu's offices.

Lewitt's investigations showed police were aware of Maleka's disappearance from the time he had been taken into the Cosatu building at 11.30 am on August 28.

Asked by defence attorney John Myburgh if he thought it more important to protect the operation than to save Maleka, Engelbrecht said he "was not in a position to save Maleka in that situation".

He denied giving Maleka specific instructions to observe the Cosatu building.

Lewitt said he was first asked to look into Maleka's disappearance four hours later.

Asked by Myburgh why proceedings had been delayed, Lewitt said the incident happened at the time of the Groote Schuur Minute and after the exposure of Operation Vula. He said police did not want to act before they had full confirmation on what had happened as this would have been seen as "victimisation".

Myburgh said police deliberately left Maleka at Cosatu offices.

Arrests after attack in Pimville

POLICE have arrested a number of people they believe are linked to an attack on the Pimville community in Soweto earlier this year.

However, they might release them because of a lack of co-operation from local residents.

Soweto police spokesman Col Tienie Halgryn said 13 people died and several houses were damaged when the gang launched its attack in May.

Despite repeated appeals, nobody had come forward to assist the police investigation.

Halgryn said the suspects could be charged only if police received sufficient evidence to place them at the scene of the crime.

Police said yesterday they had seized an arms cache, including an AK-47, two magazines, ammunition, two tearsmoke grenades, a zippun and a panga, while searching a school in Katlehong, near Germiston, on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, at Inhlalakahle near Greytown, Natal, police found the bodies of three men. All had been shot.

In separate incidents in the township four men were injured when gunmen fired shots at them.

At Katlehong police found the body of a man who had been stabbed. — Sapa.

PEANUTS

By Charles Schulz



Callers support 'watch' groups

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CALLERS to the Sowetan/Radio Metro Talkback Show on Friday urged township residents to form either street committees or neighbourhood watch groups to fight gangsterism and crime in their areas.

By NKOPANE
MAKOBANE

Mr Moropa from Diepkloof said one way to stamp out crime and gangsterism was through the formation of street committees. He said without a protective structure everybody was afraid because there was no one to report to.

"I believe that if we come together we can fight these gangs."

Faith from Vosloorus also said the solution to fight gangs lay in street committees.

She said she did not have much confidence in the police because of a personal experience.



One caller, Charmaine, said residents should establish neighbourhood watch groups similar to those operating in white suburbs for protection.

According to her, police cannot do more than they are already doing.

Royal from Zondi said although it was the duty of the police to get rid of gangs, he believed the community must also help.

He said the courts should be harsh so that criminals would know what to expect when they broke laws.

"I am living in fear and I do not know what to do because gangsters terrorise us. Civic associations must try to do something to deal with gangs," he said.

Vusi said he believed that the escalating violence was caused by the high unemployment rate.

"Crime is on the increase because of disruption in education. If schooling problems can be corrected, then things will get back to normal and crime will decrease."

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train, who could also not be
d from hospital yesterday.

Mount Pleasant festival

'Guns found in Inkatha man's car'

Starr. 5/7/91
By Melody McDougall
Vereeniging Bureau

Five machineguns, ammunition and what appeared to be a homemade explosive device were found in the car of the leader of Inkatha's Transvaal Youth Brigade at Sebokeng hostel, the Vanderbijlpark Regional Court heard yesterday.

That same day, September 4 last year, more than 40 people were killed in violence at the hostel.

Warrant Officer Arthur van der Gryp was testifying at the trial of Themba Khoza (32), who is charged with unlawful possession of firearms, ammunition and explosives.

He has pleaded not guilty.

The warrant officer told the court a crowd of 3 000 to 5 000 had "trapped" a group of policemen and other people in a hostel courtyard.

After someone in the crowd shouted that the "trapped group" had an AK-47, he asked Mr Khoza to unlock his car. While searching the vehicle he found four AK-47s, an R-4 rifle and six magazines.

He arrested Mr Khoza and took him to Sebokeng police station.

There, a 5-litre drum, which looked like an explosive device, was also discovered in the car.

The weapons were fingerprinted, but the policeman said he was told that no prints could be found on the rifles.

Asked during cross-examination by Morris Basslian, for the defence, exactly how the rifles were found in the car, Warrant Officer van der Gryp said they were in a blanket.

Mr Basslian said a videotape filmed at the hostel showed that the guns were merely covered by a blanket.

The hearing continues today.

'Like a dream' says Snowy

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SNOWY Moshoeshoe, sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in 1988 for defrauding Standard Bank of R7,7 million with the aid of her lover, Zola Mahobe, was one of 700 women prisoners released last week in terms of the State President's amnesty.

Moshoeshoe, a former computer operator at the Standard Bank, served four of the 10 years for her part in the sensational computer fraud trial of August 1987.

In an interview at her Orlando East, Soweto, home at the weekend, Moshoeshoe (34) said she could not believe her ears when told by prison warders that she was free to go.

She said she heard over the radio the news about the State President's pardoning of first offenders, but thought the reprieve was for political prisoners only.

"It's like a dream," she said. "I am still in a daze. A week ago, I was behind bars, now I am home."

Moshoeshoe's lover and former owner of Mamelodi

Sundowns, Zola Mahobe, was not among those released last week. He is serving 16 years at the Diepkloof Prison for his role in the fraud case.

"I saw Zola every month," said Snowy, who is now studying law. "He is in high spirits. Being together in jail was the greatest thing that could have happened to us."

Moshoeshoe expressed her gratitude towards Mr Nelson Mandela and President FW de Klerk.

Meanwhile 16 political prisoners were released on Saturday. Among them was Jabu Masina, who murdered Soweto's most feared policeman, Hlubi Chapi, in 1976.

Others were Isaac Mabaso, Atty Phiri, Bafana Tihapane, Kaleb Mogashoa, Allen Mamba, Douglas Tyutyu, Neo Potsane, Ting-Ting Masango, RB Mvubu, M Mngomezulu, Jimmy Lubisi, M Buthelezi, RS Mabo, and JM Vilakazi.

Hostel raid yields AK-47s 38

POLICE yesterday confiscated five AK-47 rifles and ammunition during a raid at Iscor's Kwamadala hostel near Sebokeng. *Sowetan 11/7/91*

According to Vaal Triangle police liaison officer Captain Piet van Deventer, the raid was carried out as a result of "certain information" received by detectives investigating Sunday night's massacre at the Erika Tavern in Sebokeng.

No arrests were made. Police also took possession of close on 60 AK-47 rounds and a quantity of other ammunition.

This is the second raid by police at the Kwamadala hostel in less than a week. Last Thursday three AK-47 rifles, a gas grenade and ammunition were also confiscated at the hostel. One man was arrested. - *Sowetan Correspondent.*

Cocaine surge sign of the times

THE RECENT seizure at Jan Smuts Airport of 19 kg of cocaine, with a street value estimated at R10 million, is a sign of South Africa's growing drug dependence problems caused by the unstable political situation and people going through rapid changes, says a local drug expert.

Dr Sylvain de Miranda, the director of the Johannesburg drug rehabilitation centre, Phoenix House, was responding to the police announcement that the cocaine found at Jan Smuts last Friday was the biggest haul in South Africa's history.

Dr de Miranda said the rising incidence of drug dependency would continue relative to people's fears and uncertainties about the political future of the country.

"We are faced with a vulnerable population where unemployed people seek easy solutions by dealing in drugs," he said.

The biggest cocaine seizure in local history highlights a growing drug dependence, reports ZINGISA MKHULUMA.

Initially cocaine, very expensive at R300 a gram from the back-door dealers, was confined to people who could afford it. Now even people who could not afford it were becoming addicted.

"That is when you get prostitution and theft to get the money," added Dr de Miranda.

"The market will continue to grow unless we step up awareness campaigns in our schools."

Dr de Miranda praised police successes in seizing large quantities of drugs, but warned that confiscating drugs solved only part of the problem.

The fact that the police had seized only 2 kg of cocaine in 1989, and three years later

seized 19 kg, showed that authorities were not doing enough to deal with the drug problem.

"Unless something is done about the demand, which is where the major problem lies, society will never be completely free of drugs."

Dr Miranda pointed out that it was widely believed that aggressive and restless youths affected all aspects of society, and he believed it certainly did not help anybody if the youths were drugged and drunk.

"What really upsets me is that narcotics departments are allocated a lot of money to find and prosecute drug offenders.

"But only R5 400 a month is allocated to deal with the treatment and education to prevent

alcoholism and drug abuse in the whole of Soweto with a population of over 2 million people," he said.

"Five years ago we had no cocaine or heroin in South Africa. We were in a unique position to learn from others and we had a chance to stop it happening, but we dropped the ball badly," he added.

"We need to supply the right infrastructure to deal with drug addicts and also train people who handle drug cases. We have to realise that this problem is the same — and as bad — as anywhere else in the world.

"We should copy what the Americans do. They have strong structures consisting of various people in the community, including welfare workers, health workers and teachers, to deal with drug problems.

"Communities need to be led and need a movement to make people aware. We are 20 years behind the times." □



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'Corner shop heroes' are soft targets as crime wave increases

THE increasing national crime rate has seen the owners of small and one-man businesses becoming "corner shop heroes".

Almost daily small businesses are robbed, usually at gunpoint, sometimes with the loss of life.

Most businesses continue to operate, even after a heavy loss, de-

spite owners' fears of becoming the favoured prey of robbers.

A spokesman for the Witwatersrand division of the SA Police said small businesses were often perceived to be "soft" targets because they did not have the money for security devices.

"This tends to make

them a greater risk." At least one small business owner regards the risks as being too high.

He is determined to sell his business after "being hit four times" — once for an amount of less than R100 and, on the latest occasion, a few hours before he spoke to Saturday Star, for about R3 500.

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"The third robbery ended in a tragedy when someone was shot and killed," he said.

The businessman said: "We try to make a small, honest living. But most of our business is cash and these guys (robbers) know it."

"They also know you can identify them, and that increases your chance of getting killed."

The businessman said most insurance companies were now reluctant to insure his business because he's been "nailed" so many times. Being "nailed" has become a regular occurrence among small bu-

sinesses: The Star's library files bulge with reports of robberies at small businesses, with the most recent including the following incidents:

● This week traffic ground to a halt in the Johannesburg CBD when a robber was shot dead by a security guard. The shooting occurred soon after two men en-

tered a supermarket in Bree Street and stole R8 000 from cash registers.

The manager of a nearby store reportedly said the corner street site was a high-risk area with daily muggings, robberies and stabbings.

● Also this week, a Vanderbijlpark cafe owner was overpowered by an armed gang and robbed of R10 000 cash.

● Two weeks ago two Vanderbijlpark men were shot and seriously wounded when armed robbers attacked a petrol station.

A 39-year-old man and his father were counting money when two armed men entered their Mooiwater business.

The armed robbers allegedly fired two shots without provocation, hitting the father in the chin and the son in the eye.

The robbers escaped with R7 000.

● On June 21 a Jeppe shopowner was shot and wounded when three men robbed him of an R8 300 wage-packet.

● At the beginning of June a group of men with firearms held up staff at a small business in the Johannesburg CBD.

The armed robbers escaped with cash and jewellery valued at about R30 000.

● On the same day six men and three women held up a 38-year-old woman at another CBD store. They took clothing and cash valued at R21 800.

● On the same day, staff were held up by six men, two armed with firearms, at the premises of another small CBD business.

The gang escaped with cash and a .38 revolver with a combined value of R11 800.

● Three food stores were robbed on one day in May.

Five men held up staff at the Spar supermarket in Melville and fled with about R40 000 in cash and R15 000 in jewellery.

That evening four men entered the Bambi cafe in Lyndhurst and held up a staff member before escaping with R4 000 in cash.

Take-away

Later that evening five men held up cashiers and customers at the Mi-Vami take-away outlet in Corlett Drive before escaping with about R4 000.

● The SAP spokesman for the Witwatersrand division said small business owners were advised to bank money as often as possible during the day to help reduce the risk of robbery.

Pub raid: man on 15 counts

By PHANGISILE MTSHALI

A 25-YEAR-OLD man appeared in the Sebokeng Magistrate's Court yesterday in connection with the fatal shooting of five people at a tavern. (278) (38)

Mr Thabo Mofokeng, of no fixed address, appeared before Mr PB Haasbroek on five counts of murder and 10 of attempted murder. Sowetan 16/7/91

Mofokeng was not asked to plead and the case was postponed to Thursday.

He was arrested by police on Thursday last week "in the vicinity of Vanderbijlpark", according to Vaal Triangle police spokesman Captain Pieter van Deventer.

Van Deventer said police were looking for Mr Daggu Chonco and a man known as Mogolisie to assist them with their investigations.

Mofokeng's appearance follows the incident on July 7 when two gunmen armed with AK-47 rifles attacked Erika Tavern in Zone 7, Sebokeng. About 100 people were in the tavern at the time.

Survivors allege that the two assailants fled in a brown Cortina car.

Police said yesterday a gangster who had earlier been linked to the killings by witnesses "could not have done it as he was in police custody on the day the crime was committed".

The slippery road to crime

VIOLENCE, it is often said, suits all those who have nothing to lose: Star 20/7/91

For at least one self-confessed professional criminal — let's call him "Johnny" — the prospect of going to prison is not something he dreads. In jail he would have a proper roof over his head and three guaranteed meals a day.

Johnny, a resident of Alexandra, is a 20-year-old father of one. He did "okay" at school, and had planned to become a teacher or lawyer.

But he was forced to leave school after passing Std 7 because his girlfriend fell pregnant and he had to support her.

He was brought up solely by his mother, a domestic worker. Johnny could not remember when she had last had a full-time job.

When he left school Johnny quickly found out there were few employment opportunities open to him because of his low standard of education. He really tried, he said: for three years he

looked but could not find employment.

Part of the little money his mother received for casual labour was used to help maintain Johnny's child, who is now staying somewhere in Daveyton.

Eventually, in desperation, Johnny turned to crime. Not because of the lucrative appeal of making an "easy" buck, but because of the pain of hunger.

Specialises

Today Johnny is a professional thief who specialises in compact disc players (CDs) and car radios and cassettes. He is also a selective thief who steals only from "whiteys". His purchasers, he claimed, are mainly "Greeks" and taxi owners.

"Greeks are good payers," he said, "and are always willing to have more of the stuff." When asked how he identified a car belonging to a white person, Johnny said it was not difficult.

"First I survey the owner or owners for several hours, just to make sure. It is easy to do it,

especially at golf clubs, supermarket parking lots and outside hotel buildings in town."

Most taxi drivers, he claimed, preferred to buy car radios while "Greeks" liked CDs.

"I charge R200 for a car radio," he said. "For a CD, I never go beyond R600."

Johnny smiled when asked how he managed to stay in business with vehicle anti-theft devices now so popular. He responded: "Once I've made up my mind, I just pull it out — forcefully. There's no reason to shy away from the familiar sound of a car alarm. By the time police or the owner comes to investigate, I'm already miles away."

"You need pluck to do it, my broer. But, jail or no jail, you don't have to be a pessimist in whatever you do."

Although Johnny was actively supporting his girlfriend and their child through criminal activities, he nevertheless said he was prepared to stop once he had found himself a permanent job.

Where shops are

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built like forts

MANY shop owners in and near Alexandra, where thousands are unemployed, have been robbed more times than they care to remember.

Their stores resemble mini-jails, with burglar alarms and heavy-duty burglar bars protecting the wares inside. One shop owner has placed razor wire on the roof to prevent access from above.

Business owners complain about regular petty theft as well, reporting that people will enter the store and grab whatever they lay their hands on.

"We've tried to limit petty theft by putting everything behind the counter," said one shop owner.

"Of course theft is damaging to business, but you can't help feeling sympathetic towards some of the thieves, who are basically honest people forced into crime because of unemployment."

A number of business owners said they witnessed vehicle hijackings

and break-ins daily.

One said: "The other day a guy had his car radio pinched while his vehicle was parked in front of our store. It happens right under your nose, every day."

Many traders reported that suppliers were now refusing to deliver in the township.

"They just aren't prepared to take the risk any more. Their vehicles have been hijacked, or the goods stolen from the vehicle when it pulls in to unload. Now we go to the suppliers to collect our stock ourselves. It might mean a few trips, but what choice do we have?"

If the situation got any worse, one trader said, "I might as well decide to sell this business. You cannot continue running a business without a profit".

One business owner warned the Saturday Star news team to keep vehicle doors locked, windows up, and "eyes peeled".

Jo'burg businessmen smiling

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By Michael Chester

There has been a sharp climb in optimism among businessmen in Johannesburg about the longer-term outlook for the city as sanctions tumble.

But more than three in every four of them have listed the growing crime wave as one of their deepest immediate concerns.

Mounting concern about the level of crime — from robberies and street muggings to car thefts and hijackings of delivery trucks — has been underlined in a new survey of trends in the business mood taken by the Johannesburg Cham-

ber of Commerce and Industry.

Worries about the impact of the crime wave have been reflected among no fewer than 78 percent of city businessmen in a recent poll.

The only issue that caused more widespread dismay was the current state of economic stagnation as the recession drags on, which topped the list of worries of as many as 86 percent of respondents.

Concern about the crime rate was voiced by more businessmen than the 72 percent who complained about the stubbornness of high inflation or the 71 percent who listed political unrest among their deepest worries.

But a chamber spokes-

man said there was clear evidence that Johannesburg businessmen on the whole were optimistic.

Many of them were extremely optimistic about longer-term prospects.

"Lots of them see a golden future for the city once South Africa works through the current teething problems of the reform process," it said.

"There's tremendous energy behind a feeling of 'get up and go' to seize new opportunities emerging for the business world.

"But the crime wave must be ended.

"Also, Johannesburg businessmen regard labour instability as no longer acceptable and believe that their labour forces must also play a

part in carving out a new future.

"Boycotts, stayaways and politically inspired labour action must stop if the city is to achieve its economic goals.

"There may have been a time when mass action was considered necessary to achieve political ends — but that time has now passed. The work force now has other avenues for expression."

Businessmen acknowledged that there were obstacles still to be cleared — such as the recession, the extra administrative burden caused by the swing-over from GST to VAT, and interference of high interest rates on access to development capital.

But few of them saw the obstacles as insur-

mountable.

Businessmen were now listing the new potential opportunities that were emerging:

- Mass job-creation programmes, meaning a wider spread of wealth.
- Creation of more small business units.
- Faster economic development as a result of growing black economic freedom and higher incomes for black families.
- More financial support for budding black entrepreneurs whose operations promised to generate more jobs and more wealth.
- The eventual inflow of more foreign investment into Johannesburg.
- The creation of an "export mind-set" for the city's manufacturing sector.

Hostel

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escapes

By ELIAS MALULEKE

28/7/91
A 14-YEAR-OLD girl went through six months of "hell" during which she was held captive in a hostel and repeatedly raped by inmates.

The girl this week escaped from her abductors at the Meadowlands men's hostel in Soweto, where she had been held as a "sex slave" since December last year.

The abduction was reported to the police but, despite numerous security force raids on the hostel for weapons, she was never found.

The girl, who cannot be named, was abducted from her Meadowlands home last December by a hostel dweller during an attack in the township.

She was taken to the hostel where she was imprisoned until her dramatic escape on Wednesday night.

The horror tale has shocked township residents, who have intensified their calls for hostels to be scrapped.

Several women in the strife-torn Reef townships have repeatedly alleged they were abducted and taken to hostels, where they were raped.

"This is conclusive proof of the atrocities and brutalities perpetrated by hostel dwellers against innocent children. To prevent further assaults of this nature, the hostels must go," a member of the ANC's Meadowlands branch said.

Police spokesman Col Tienie Halgryn told City Press the incident was "shocking". However, he declined to give details, saying this would hinder police investigations.

He said a man had been arrested for abduction and rape and further arrests were expected.

'Inkatha warlord' arrested in Soweto

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By SOPHIE TEMA

POLICE yesterday arrested a Soweto man after discovering weapons in a Mshenguville shack.

The man's house was searched at the insistence of Basheer Lorgat, an official of the Operation

Masakhane for the Homeless (Omhle), after a City Press reporter had received a tip-off.

Police found assegais, a home-made shotgun, a 9mm pistol and several rounds of ammunition.

Two old SAP uniforms were also found hidden in

a woman's handbag under a bed.

The police arrested the owner of the shack, who was described by residents as a warlord and leader of Inkatha vigilantes in Mshenguville.

The discovery of the

weapons comes after several families had fled Mshenguville and had sought refuge at the Ipelegeng Community Centre.

Police spokesman Lt Govindsamy Mariemuthoo confirmed the arrest of the man.

Soviet weapons found in Pimville

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SOWETO police have discovered an arms cache of Soviet-made explosives stashed away on the eastern side of the Pimville golf course.

There were 10 handgrenade detonators, five mini limpet mines and two loaded AK-47 assault rifle magazines.

Colonel Jac de Vries, of the Soweto police, showed the explosives to the media.

"The find indicates that guerillas are

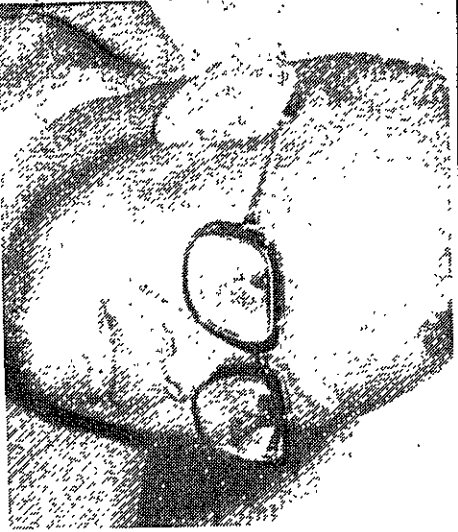
bringing weapons into the country from across the border. All the weapons are of Soviet origin," he said.

The explosives were found in a bag wrapped in aluminum foil. Police say the weapons appear to have been there for about two weeks.

De Vries said there was a lot of intimidation in the township and the weapons were obviously for that purpose.

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Businesses under attack

BY JOSHUA RABOROKO

BLACK businesses in Vaal Triangle townships are on the brink of collapse.

Premises have been looted, set on fire, and businessmen have been robbed and intimidated. Other businesses have become economically unviable because

of strong competition from the big chainstores.

Liquor traders are living in fear after at least 15 people were killed and several wounded when gunmen

opened fire in shebeens and taverns in the area.

The high-handedness authorities also played a role. Electricity supplies were cut off by the Lekoa Town Council following residents' failure to pay tariffs.

Chairman of the Vaal Chamber of Commerce Mr George Thabe said that most entrepreneurs were only just surviving.

Although he did not have statistics he said "something dramatic needs to be done to save them".

Robbed

At least three medical practitioners have been shot, wounded and robbed in separate incidents. Businessmen have

been robbed and there was a great need for protection.

He said that the chamber will hold a meeting this week to discuss problems relating to businesses.

A businessman who did not want to be named, said that the electricity cut-off had affected many businesses.

Electricity

His business was burnt down when his electricity was reconnected at his premises.

"We are facing prospects of closing down our businesses because our products get spoilt as a result of the power cut," he said.

Hijacked

Chairman of the Vaal National United Taxi Association Mr James Mofokeng said many taxis have been hijacked and robbed.

Security

He said it was important that strict security be maintained on their premises to ensure that customers were safe, although it was difficult to monitor all the people coming into their businesses.

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Arms cache uncovered

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SOWETO police discovered a recently buried cache of new East Bloc weapons on Monday. SAP Soweto spokesman Col Jac de Vries said yesterday five "shiny new" mini limpet mines, five RGD5 hand grenades with detonators, SPM limpet mine detonators and two fully loaded AK-47 magazines were found.

He said the arms were all expertly vacuum-packed in silver foil bearing the name of a Manchester packaging company and bearing a Windhoek telephone number. The number could not be reached yesterday.

De Vries said the cache was discovered after police doing a routine inspection of open ground east of Soweto's Pimville golf course saw people acting suspiciously and found a recently disturbed area of ground. The cache was not more than a week old.

The arms were found wrapped in the silver foil inside a plastic handbag. De Vries said police had no idea how the arms had entered the country, but suspected the British packaging might have been used as a decoy.

Wits students march on Hillbrow police station

ABOUT 300 Wits University students marched on the Hillbrow police station yesterday after a mass meeting at which speakers questioned government's ability and integrity to rule SA through the transition to democracy. *B. Dzy*

An open letter demanding an apology from former Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok for allegedly funding and training the "right wing" National Student Federation was handed to acting station commander Capt Charl Annandale, who promised to hand it to the relevant authorities.

The letter also called for the resignation of the entire

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Cabinet and the establishment of a multi-party interim government.

Weekly Mail editor Anton Harber told the meeting he was disappointed at indications that Vlok would not sue the newspaper for alleging he had lied over the Inkatha funding scandal. *31/7/91*

Harber, who received a standing ovation at the meeting, said the newspaper would have liked to test Vlok's credibility in court.

Harber said the government was following a double strategy, which entailed sabotaging the fairness of the process and destabilising its opponents, while propping up other groups to oppose its opponents.

The National Student Federation this week denied receiving government funding.



Weekly Mail editor Anton Harber addressing a Wits University student meeting on the Inkatha funding scandal yesterday.

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SADF, police search train

By Montshiwa Moroke

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Policemen and troops searched commuters and a train in a crime prevention drive at Dube railway station, Soweto, late yesterday. Star 2/8/91

The head of police public relations in Soweto, Colonel Jac de Vries, said this was the first operation of its kind in co-operation with Spoornet. Others would follow.

The 300-strong force under Colonel Naas de Beer waited on the platform for an hour. As commuters alighted from the Faraday to Naledi train, they were frisked for weapons. The rest of the passengers were frisked and asked to get out while the coaches were searched.

Colonel De Vries said the exercise was the first of many aimed at safeguarding commuters, following 21 incidents on trains between January and July in which 16 people were killed, including a policeman, and 89 others injured.

Passengers said that while they welcomed the police effort, they felt the exercise was futile because the trains in which attacks had occurred were those which travelled after dark.

Police

Army assists in 8-hour swoop at roadblocks

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MORE than 4000 people were arrested across the country yesterday in an eight-hour crime blitz.

Thousands of policemen, supported by reservists, SADF soldiers and traffic officers, took to the streets at 11 am yesterday as part of "Operation Blue Light", manning 392 roadblocks and searching 23 584 vehicles.

The exercise according to the Commissioner of Police, General Johan van der Merwe, formed part of "Operation Sentry".

It represented a "sustained effort by the police to combat South Africa's unacceptably high crime rate", he said.

By 7pm a total of 4 004 people had been arrested countrywide.

Murder

Twelve people were arrested for murder, 13 for attempted murder, 22 for rape or attempted rape, 15 for armed robbery (or attempted armed robbery), 32 for serious assault, 93 for housebreaking and theft (or attempting housebreaking and theft) and 193 for possession of dagga.

Forty-seven people were arrested countrywide for dealing in dagga and seven for dealing in other drugs. Eight people were held for possession of drugs.

A mammoth 503 kg of dagga was seized. Police also confiscated 625 mandrax tablets, 6222 l of illicit alcohol and 37,5 kg of gold dust.

Thirty-five vehicles police suspect may have been stolen were also recovered.

Police arrested 222 people described as "prohibited immigrants".

Three of the biggest breakthroughs occurred in the Pretoria area.

Two men, aged 20 and 27, were arrested outside the city for allegedly hijacking a truck and its cargo of whiskey valued

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at R555 000 two months ago at Hammanskraal.

Police spokesman Colonel Frank Alton said 2015 forged R50 notes worth R100 750 were seized when a minibus was searched at a roadblock in Pretoria on the eastern side of the city.

The money was found stashed under a seat. The driver was arrested.

In Pretoria Moot, north-east of the capital city, a huge assortment of stolen electrical appliances and other goods — with a total value at about R75 000 — was seized by detectives acting on a tip-off.

The haul, stashed in a caravan behind a trading store, included 10 television sets, 80 car radios, 40 portable radio-cassette combinations and 10 hi-fi systems. One person was arrested.

In the Witwatersrand area, 721 people were arrested for various offences, including murder, rape and vehicle theft, according to Captain Eugene Opperman.

He said 25 people were arrested for armed robbery, 47 for theft, 107 for dealing in dagga and 45 for possession of the drug.

Stolen property worth about R400 000 and 13 stolen vehicles were recovered.

In Soweto 126 people were arrested on criminal charges and a further 95 for traffic offences.

Two people were arrested for attempted murder, one for rape, seven for aggravated assault, six for ordinary assault, six for robbery or attempted robbery and three for illegal dealing in gold.

Police say they seized 361 l of liquor, 255 grams of dagga and 250 grams of gold in the township.

In Pretoria, police arrested 206 people for serious offences including four for rape, six for robbery, one for armed robbery and four for vehicle theft.

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Sad end to Blue Light crime crackdown

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By Guy Jepson and Gien Elsas

A weekend crime swoop, Operation Blue Light, ended on a sad note in Soweto when an armoured police vehicle collided with a taxi in Chiawelo on Saturday, killing three people and injuring 11.

The taxi driver and two passengers were killed. Eight passengers in the taxi and three policemen in the Nyala vehicle were injured and taken to Baragwanath Hospital. The names of the dead and injured are not yet available.

Nearly 10 000 people were arrested countrywide during Operation Blue Light on Friday and Saturday.

The two-stage, 16-hour operation — part of Operation Sentry — involved some 21 000 policemen, supported by reservists, soldiers, traffic officers and game wardens. A total of 1 058 roadblocks were manned across the country and 48 391 vehicles and 3 100 premises were searched.

Commissioner of Police General Johan van der Merwe said Operation Blue Light was an effort to combat the country's "unacceptably high" crime rate.

When the operation ended at 3 pm on Saturday, 9 529 people had been arrested for criminal offences ranging from murder to housebreaking and theft, according to police spokesman Colonel Johan Mostert.

Seized

Police arrested 29 people in connection with 21 murders as well as 47 rape suspects. A total of 23 people were arrested on armed robbery (or attempted armed robbery) charges, resulting in the solving of 21 cases.

Colonel Mostert said the police solved 81 robberies during the operation, arresting 61 people in the process. A total of 194 people were arrested countrywide in connection with 154 cases of housebreaking and theft.

Police seized and destroyed 20 790 litres of illegal alcohol.

38 They also seized 48 firearms, including AK-47 rifles, 1 372 kg of dagga and 947 Mandrax tablets.

Ninety stolen vehicles were recovered. Police arrested 100 people for dealing in dagga and 20 Mandrax.

Twenty-two people found in possession of dangerous weapons were arrested.

Police also arrested 482 "prohibited immigrants". Traffic officials issued 4 651 summonses nationwide.

Complete statistics for the Witwatersrand region were not available, but by Friday a total of 721 people had been arrested on various criminal charges.

A total of 237 people were arrested for various crimes and 206 people ticketed for traffic violations in Soweto.

Five people were arrested for robbery — two of them for armed robbery — four men were arrested for rape and 14 for serious assault. Police recovered 43 stolen vehicles and four stolen firearms, arresting two people.

Gang in court 38

THIRTY-FIVE members of the notorious Maokeng-based "Three Million" gang appeared again in the Kroonstad Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Their case was postponed to August 21.

A senior prosecutor yesterday said investigations had been completed and all dockets sent to the attorney-general in Bloemfontein. *Duetsch 8/8/91*

The gang members were arrested in June in connection with 10 cases of murder allegedly committed from October 1990 to February 1991. Other cases against them include, robbery, assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, arson and malicious damage to property.

SAP finds 50 bodies a week

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By Thabo Leshilo

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Police find about 50 bodies of non-unrest victims every week in the PWV area.

A spokesman at police headquarters in Pretoria, Lieutenant Steve van Rooyen, gave The Star the figure in response to a query about perceptions in the black community that the police make no effort to trace relatives of unidentified dead people before burying them as paupers.

The latest claim was made by the family of Shadrack Nono Lekalakala, who said the family was traced only two days before a scheduled pauper's funeral.

The family of the dead Mamelodi matric pupil accused the police of being insensitive and incompetent in their treatment of the matter.

Family spokesman Danny

Lekalakala claimed that although his brother's body had a name and address tag, the family was told of his death by a Pretoria mortuary attendant only two days before he was to be buried as a pauper.

Shadrack, of Naledi Extension in Soweto, went missing in April. Policemen found his body with a bullet wound in front of a house a day later.

"If one takes into account the many man-hours spent in assisting the next of kin of a deceased, the allegation is unfair and unsubstantiated," Lieutenant van Rooyen said.

Shadrack was positively identified by the police on June 23 and two detectives visited his home twice that month.

"The residents, however, informed them that the deceased was unknown (to them). It is presumed that they must have thought Mr Lekalakala was being sought for questioning re-

garding an offence."

The family have denied that police visited them.

"When a body is not identified within seven days, two sets of fingerprints are taken to the SAP and forwarded to the Criminal Record Centre for possible identification.

"If the deceased has a criminal record, identification is a mere formality. If the deceased has no criminal record, the fingerprints are forwarded to the Department of Home Affairs for identification," Lieutenant van Rooyen said.

If the relatives could be traced, identification usually occurred within 15 minutes. Otherwise all unidentified bodies were made available whenever inquiries were made.

Asked how successful the police were in tracing relatives of unidentified deceased, he said no record was kept.

Police deny torture, croc-death cover-up

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The police have denied suggestions that they are "covering up" the possible murder of a 30-year-old detainee in the eastern Transvaal — amid allegations that the man was tortured, killed and thrown into a crocodile-infested river.

Claims that security policemen tortured and murdered Sweet Johannes Sambo of Tonga, KaNgwane, at the Squammans police camp near Komatipoort last month before disposing of his body were published in City Press on Sunday.

Police spokesman Lieutenant Cornea Goosen yesterday confirmed that Mr Sambo, who was arrested as an arms smuggling suspect on July 4, "disappeared" the following day while in police custody.

Although there was no concrete proof that he had been murdered, four policemen were suspended from the force.

An "alleged murder" docket

was opened and an investigation, headed by CID district chief Major Dan Alberts, was launched.

In a front-page article, City Press claimed that the former security police head in the area, a Captain de Beer, saw Mr Sambo's body at the Squammans camp the night he was allegedly tortured to death.

Captain de Beer has since resigned from the force.

Referring to statements in the possession of the police and the Sambo family's lawyer, the article states that Mr Sambo's body "was apparently stripped after he was tortured to death".

According to the statements, Mr Sambo was arrested at his home by four black policemen and taken to the camp.

The report goes on to state that four white policemen took over the interrogation at 5 pm and that black SAP members were told to leave the area.

"Later Sambo was heard screaming, but he suddenly became silent," the report alleges.

A staff member, who was later ordered by a sergeant to guard the room where Mr

Sambo was allegedly being interrogated, "allegedly saw a body, which appeared to be naked, lying face upwards in a pool of water".

The sergeant later returned, allegedly accompanied by Captain de Beer who "looked at the body and then left".

The City Press report quotes a relative of Mr Sambo who claimed he was also tortured at the camp and threatened that he would be suffocated, weighed down and dumped in a "crocodile pool" some 25 km way.

The report says six bodies had been found in the pool — on the Mozambican border at the confluence of the Crocodile and Komati rivers.

Lieutenant Goosen said it was "impossible" that six bodies had been found in the pool. Bodies had been retrieved there in recent weeks, but the dead were victims of "normal drownings".

He added that the suspensions, the scale of the investigation — 80 policemen are involved — and the fact that the police had notified the media of events surrounding Mr Sambo's disappearance belied suggestions of a cover-up.

Danger, death stalks the guards

By Guy Jepson
Crime Staff

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While the average security guard is less likely to be attacked and killed than a uniformed policeman, guards who transport cash and valuables are paying a heavy price for their chosen careers.

Most security company owners interviewed by The Star agree that although security guards have been killed in responding to alarms or on guard duty at business premises, those in the cash transfer business are most at risk.

Two recent attacks on Fidelity Guards and Coin Security personnel bear out the remark by FG chief executive Roy Macfarlane that it is "a minia-

ture war out there".

On the morning of July 15, an FG armoured van pulled up outside an office at Stilfontein mine's number 6 shaft in Hartbeesfontein, western Transvaal.

One of the guards went inside and the driver, Hendrik Kleynhans (21), stayed in the van. On guard outside stood Hendrik Coetzee (23).

Between six and seven men arrived in a bakkie.

Mr Coetzee was killed instantly when one of them opened fire with an AK-47 rifle.

Mr Kleynhans was injured in the head, leg, back, hip and arm. The robbers exchanged fire with the third guard who emerged from the office.

The gang then drove off, taking five cash boxes. Police later

found 30 spent AK-47 cartridges on the scene.

In the second attack, last Monday in Soweto, police said eight men opened fire on three Coin Security guards while they were offloading money at the Chiawelo branch of First National Bank. Two guards were critically injured.

Mr Macfarlane told The Star that eight Fidelity Guards were killed between February 1990 and February this year.

"This is more, in fact, than in the whole of Fidelity Guards' previous 33-year history."

Another four Fidelity Guards have since died violently.

Mr Macfarlane attributes the appalling losses to the apparently unlimited availability of sophisticated weapons, high

unemployment, the political situation and the widening gap between "haves" and "have-nots".

Of particular concern is the the availability of weapons. "It has become so easy to be a gangster," he said.

Mr Macfarlane nevertheless stresses that the company has been actively working on a number of strategies aimed at protecting its personnel.

"Although the pattern has continued this year, there have been fewer successful attacks.

"For every successful attack we probably have one or two aborted attacks, maybe more — we don't know how often an alert crew notices something suspicious, radios the police who arrive and then whoever's following us disappears."

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Lives of Soweto officers at risk when pistols are the prize

Traffic cops work-to-rule

SOWETO traffic police have decided to work-to-rule after an officer was gunned down on Tuesday.

And traffic chief Titus Malaza has warned that many people, including accident victims, may be left stranded as a result.

Mr Malaza has ruled that from now on, no traffic officer will be sent out alone, whether it be on point duty, to accident scenes or junctions plagued by jammed robots.

In future, officers will go out in teams of three.

The move comes after the death of traffic officer Simon Kungoane, who was shot at a pe-

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destrian crossing in the township 15 minutes after starting his duties.

Mr Malaza said traffic officers were now the targets of a new wave of violence in Soweto from thugs who wanted their service revolvers. It is believed Mr Kungoane was killed for his pistol.

Mr Malaza has also criticised Sowetans for their apathy. "They are doing nothing to help traffic cops. These criminal acts are usually committed in full view of the public, yet no one ever comes forward with any information.

"This is a disgrace. We are part of the community and helping it, yet we are expected to



MOURNING: Officer Kungoane's wife Thembi grieves.

carry on, without any help, putting our lives on the line."

Mr Kungoane is the latest in a number of traffic officers killed or assaulted by attackers intent on robbing them of their firearms. And Mr Malaza fears the spate of

attacks will continue.

In one incident, he said, a traffic officer was robbed of his firearm while helping road accident victims in Diepkloof. In recent months, at least four traffic officers have survived attacks by robbers looking for pistols.

Lot Mogosi survived after he was shot in the mouth and robbed of his pistol in Dube.

Abie Nkosi was accosted by two men at his Zola home in the evening by men "needing help". As Mr Nkosi listened to the men, one pulled out a

firearm and pointed it at him. The second man then snatched Mr Nkosi's firearm from his waist and ordered him to hand over the spare magazine.

Mr Nkosi said that after telling the assailants he had no spare magazine, the two things looked amazed and "I took the advantage of their silence to run away".

The men then shot out Mr Nkosi's car tyres before they fled.

"We are no longer endangered only while in the line of duty — now we are threatened inside our homes," he said.

Another traffic officer, Mathokoza Kgasswane, was robbed of his firearm while inside a shop. "I find it strange that

no one inside the shop knew who the thugs were, or tried to help me."

Since the beginning of the year, there has been a dramatic increase in attacks on traffic officers on duty.

Two other officers, George Modise (32) and Mordocai Ribisi (31), were fatally shot in separate incidents in May. Mr Ribisi was robbed of his service revolver.

And amid the looming chaos, the Soweto traffic department, itself understaffed, has been struggling to maintain effective policing with less than half the number of traffic officers needed to police the township.

"For safety reasons, I cannot mention numbers," Mr Malaza said.

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Suspects' deaths: police deny lawyers' allegation

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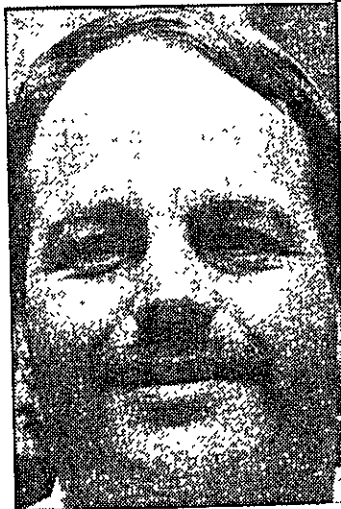
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The SAP has denied that three suspects killed by policemen last week were acts of revenge for the murders of two policemen and a traffic officer.

In a faxed statement to The Star yesterday, police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman dismissed as "unfair" comments by Lawyers for Human Rights national director Brian Currin that the deaths of the suspects were "coincidental".

Mr Currin's comments — published in The Star on Friday — were in reaction to the killings of three suspects last Wednesday and Thursday.

Two of the men were shot dead in separate incidents on Wednesday by members of the newly formed special unit to investigate attacks on SAP members.



Captain Eugene Opperman ... no evidence.

According to police, one of the men was in custody in connection with the fatal shooting of two policemen in Regents Park, Johannesburg, last Sunday, while the other — a sus-

pect in the same case — was about to be rearrested after he had broken free.

A third — allegedly linked to the fatal shooting of a traffic policeman in Soweto last Tuesday — was killed on Thursday when police opened fire on a house in Pimville.

Mr Currin said the killings of the suspects smacked of "coincidence".

Captain Opperman said the "insinuation" that the first two suspects were killed "as a sort of revenge" was "devoid of any truth or substance".

He said the function of the new police unit was to probe all murders and attempted murders of policemen and women.

There was no evidence that the policemen involved had acted *mala fide* or outside the bounds of the law.

"According to available evidence both the men attacked the investigators and pointed firearms at them."

Southern Africa seeks SA boost

ARUSHA — Leaders from 10 African states said yesterday that they looked forward to a post-apartheid South Africa joining a loose alliance set up to counter the economic dominance of the white-ruled state.

Ending the 11th annual summit of the Southern African Development Co-ordination Conference, chairman Quett Masire, President of Botswana, said the poor region needed South African participation to boost economic growth.

"The region cannot afford to wait any longer for South Africa to join the community of SADCC. We are impatient for the end of apartheid," he said.

The southern African grouping was founded in 1980 by the leaders of Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Swaziland, Tanzania, Zambia, and Zimbabwe to co-ordinate efforts to counter-balance South Africa's economic power.

Namibia joined after gaining independence last year:

The reforming zeal of President de Klerk caught the SADCC by surprise. The SADCC, appearing increasingly irrelevant of late, has been trying to adapt to a new role.

Dr Masire told fellow heads of state that democracy in South Africa and the end of apartheid would give the organisation a fresh lease on life.

He said it was not known when South Africa would join the SADCC "because the process of negotiations to hand power to the black people has not even begun".

Zimbabwe's President Robert Mugabe said earlier that the SADCC was ready to admit South Africa once it was democratic and apartheid-free.

He told the heads of state an government in Arusha, a town at the foot of Mount Kilimanjaro, that South Africa's gross domestic product was three times that of all SADCC economies combined and its gear economy could help to restructure the economic imbalance of the region. — Sapa-Reuter.

Two stabbed men still to be identified

Two men stabbed to death in Johannesburg last week have still not been identified.

Police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said the men were stabbed in separate incidents.

One was stabbed in the chest on the corner of Fife and Soper roads in Hillbrow on Friday night and taken to hospital.

Captain Opperman said police had no idea how the man got to hospital as there was no record of an ambulance or private person bringing him in.

He could only be identified by Playboy bunny and dragon tattoos on his right shoulder.

The other man was found the following night on the corner of Simmonds and Harrison streets in central Johannesburg. He was also stabbed in the chest. His hands were handcuffed and he appeared to have been wearing a security uniform.

Both men were between 22 and 25 years old.

Anyone with information is asked to telephone Sergeant Kukard of the Brixton Murder and Robbery Unit on (011) 839-3322. — Staff Reporter.

'Informal housing' is seen as future mode

By Kaizer Nyatumba

Political Staff

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Informal housing had to form a key component of a new negotiated housing policy in South Africa, a report released by the Urban Foundation in Johannesburg said yesterday.

The report, entitled "Informal Housing: Part One", said there was a need for "a unique policy process" in South Africa, formed by events elsewhere in the world but negotiated locally among all actors whose interests were at stake.

The report, part of the UF's "Policies for a New Urban Future", said spontaneous informal housing was a national phenomenon, and informal housing was now "a major component of contemporary urban residential landscapes".

Informal housing, said the 56-page report, was an important part of the residential fabric of South African towns and cities, and viewpoints which envisaged the re-housing of all or most of the present shack dwellers would have to come to terms with the scale and the fiscal

consequences of the programme that was implied.

"Support for a housing policy with informal housing as a key component cannot be taken for granted. Informal housing has come to symbolise exclusion for many South Africans, and disorder and anarchy for others.

"If it is to gain broad support, a new policy will have to be widely discussed and debated, and not unilaterally imposed," the report said.

The report, according to UF chief executive DL van Coller, was the product of a major five-year study managed by the UF's Urbanisation Unit under the aegis of the Private Sector Council on Urbanisation — a forum which brings together the major employer bodies, leaders from urban and business communities and the UF.

The second part of the report, entitled "Informal Housing: Part Two", will be released next year. It will outline an approach to the negotiation of a new consensus around housing in general and informal housing in particular.

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By Guy Jepson
Crime Staff

Police resort to lethal force too easily, say lawyers

Do South Africa's policemen use their firearms too readily in apprehending suspects?

The question was raised by two Johannesburg-based human rights lawyers in the wake of Tuesday's fatal shooting by police of a high-speed car chase.

According to Dawie Coetzee (22), who was in Mr. Olivier's car during the chase, one of the two policemen who confronted him afterwards demanded to know why they had been "chasing around in a stolen car".

After the shooting the police announced murder charges against the two policemen involved. Spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman maintained the police car involved in the shooting was clearly marked but conceded that another unmarked police car took part in the early stages of the chase.

Nicholas Hayson, deputy director of Wits University's Centre for Applied Legal Studies, said the shooting had not merely sparked debate on the use of unmarked police vehicles in pursuing suspects, it had also raised the fundamental question of the use of "lethal force".

Professor Hayson said, in terms of the law, before a policeman could resort to lethal force to apprehend a fleeing suspect, he had to have "a good belief" that the suspect represented a danger to society and first use alternative methods to effect the arrest (eg fire warning shots).

"The law further says the suspect must have an indication the police are trying to arrest him," said Professor Hayson.

He said in his view, the police resort to lethal force too easily and in inappropriate circumstances — not only in relation to the arresting and subduing of suspects, but also in crowd control situations.

Ahmed Motlala, director of litigation for Lawyers for Human Rights, said it was important to ask how, for example, the unarmed London bobby managed to function effectively without using lethal force.

While recognising the police were often faced with heavily armed criminals, "recent events would seem to indicate police seem to resort to force more often than they need to".

Law and Order Ministry spokesman Captain Craig Kotze said each situation needed to be judged on its own merits.

"In the main our police are remarkably restrained when you consider how well criminals are armed these days and scores of policemen have been killed this year."

Hospital bills 'doctored'

By SOPHIE TEMA

PATIENTS are being swindled out of thousands of rands every year by unscrupulous hospital clerks, some of whom have been pocketing about R3 000 in a fortnight.

This was revealed during investigations by hospital officials following reports of swindles in some hospitals on the Reef and in the Vaal

Triangle.

Recently some patients have been taken to court for not paying hospital bills they know nothing about.

City Press sources said the swindling was most rife at Sebokeng Hospital and has been going on for about four years. This has been brought to the attention of the hospital authorities.

Superintendent Anne van der Spuy this week

confirmed that allegations were being investigated and that so far only two hospital employees had been taken to court.

Admission clerks are known to have falsified records and receipts and changed the amounts paid or owed. Other methods are also used.

Most victims are the aged, people who cannot read or write and migratory workers.

Fugitives linked to crime wave

Sowetan reporters

A GROUP of notorious prisoners, who escaped from Soweto's Moroka Police Station in the past two months, have been linked to the soaring crime rate in the area. (38)

Twenty-four prisoners are still at large after escaping from the police station in two separate breaks within five weeks.

The first batch of 17 escaped on July 6 and the second group made broke out on August 11.

Many Soweto residents believe the gangsters are responsible for the reign of terror as some of them, including the most feared, Tebogo Howard Bucibo (18), have been reportedly seen at some of the attacks.

In the past weeks, several people have been shot dead or wounded in Soweto when armed gangs raided popular shebeens and businesses.

In all the incidents, the gangs are reported to have used AK-47 assault rifles, 9mm pistols and other firearms. *Sowetan 6/9/91*

Soweto police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni said yesterday that police were concerned over the spate of armed robberies in the township.

He said police were appealing to the public to

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come forward with information which may help solve the crimes.

"We cannot speculate that the escapers are responsible. We depend on information and unless we have evidence that points to a particular person or persons, we cannot draw conclusions."

Among the alleged incidents that have taken place in Soweto over the past two weeks are:

● Well known businessman and socialite David "Sanza" Mmuso Modikoane (50), of Zone 8 Meadowlands, was shot dead outside his Mzimhlophe hostel store while his wife watched helplessly.

● A four-man gang of pistol-totin thugs shot dead a man and wounded a woman at Tilly's shebeen in White City Jabavu before making off with jewellery, cash and a hi-fi system.

The dead man is Mr Rodney Happy Lemao (37), a father of two from Naledi.

A brutal child rapist is on the loose in Soweto. Three weeks ago, he abducted a six-year-old girl as she was coming home from school in Meadowlands, and raped her all night at Orlando Stadium. Two weeks ago, he abducted a seven-year-old girl and raped her in a veld near Mofolo. Last week, he abducted a 10-year-old girl as she was coming home from school in Orlando West, and raped her all night at the Orlando Power Station.

BASED on research it has done through counseling of rape victims, the National Institute for Crime and the Rehabilitation of Offenders (Nicro) has estimated that, at the very least, only one in 20 victims reports rape. This figure has been accepted by all South African organisations dealing with sexual abuse, and has not been denied by the South African Police.

Multiplying the number of reported rapes by 20, sociologist Diana Russell has estimated that, in South Africa, 1 038 women are raped every day, 111 of them in Soweto. 750 000 women are raped every year, making South Africa's rape incidence the highest in the world — double that of the USA. One in two South African women are raped in their lifetime, and the rape rate for black women is three times higher than it is for whites.

If there is a war for political and economic power in South Africa, then one of the bloodiest battlegrounds is clearly the woman's body. Sociologists and psychologists have long viewed sexual violence as a direct result of economic and political oppression.

When a man feels emasculated by apartheid and impoverished by unemployment, he takes out his frustration and aggression on people more vulnerable than himself — women — and, in so doing, reasserts his power; regains control.

In a recently-published report based on an interview with Soweto community leader Mary Mabaso, who organised the township's first march against rape in 1989, Russell concludes that "in so far as rape in black townships appears to be a more serious and widespread problem than in white communities, it seems clearly to be related to apartheid."

But, Russell continues, echoing the sentiments of Mabaso herself, "the notion that apartheid is the primary cause of rape and child sexual abuse is even more simplistic than the notion that apartheid has nothing to do with it. It is known to occur in all industrial societies and hence cannot be explained

away by apartheid." Russell believes that gender, and not class or racism, is the primary factor in explaining rape: it also works as a means of limiting women's power in American feminist Susan Brownmiller introduced the idea that rape reinforces traditional sex roles by keeping women in a state of fear, thus making them dependent on male protection. And, recently, The International Women's Tribune Centre, a women's development foundation, has stated that "without the very basic human right of freedom from fear, women cannot participate fully in the development of their country."

This theory is substantiated by Mary Mabaso, who believes that the rape of schoolgirls in Soweto terrorises them

LIVE WITH AGONIST'S BOODIES

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Over a thousand South African women are raped each day, according to one expert estimate. And right now, a brutal child rapist is on the loose on the Reef. **MARK GEVISSER** looks at the causes ... and some possible solutions



And despite the recommendations of a Law Commission in 1989, parliament refused to classify forced marital sex as rape, basing its refusal on the common law premise that a woman's "until death do us part" vow is equivalent to a blanket life-long consent, and that, because rape is "unlawful" and marriage is legal, the two are mutually exclusive. Parliament decided, instead, to make rape in marriage an "aggravating factor" in cases of assault and battery. "In South Africa," says Lydia Levine of the Centre for Applied Legal Studies at the University of the Witwatersrand, "a man can still rape his wife with impunity."

Rape has traditionally been almost impossible to prove: by its very nature, there are usually no witnesses, so it comes down to the woman's testimony against the accused rapist — and the evidence that "she wanted it" tends to win the day. This line of defence is aided in South Africa by the fact that the accused is allowed to bring up the victim's past sexual history as evidence of her "ill-figness."

The latest police statistics show that reported rapes are down by seven percent in the past year. But, comments Heather Reppmann of Nicro, "we have no reason to believe that a final rape incidence has been reached. Which means that there is a very real opportunity for rape prevention in the legal system, and a largely unexplored public force, only a tiny minority of women report rape. And the majority of reports tend to be those of stranger rape, a wife, girlfriend or daughter is far less likely to blow the whistle on an attacker who is known to her, or upon whom she is economically dependent."

"One of the fastest-growing areas of sexual abuse is date-rape and marital rape," says Reppmann, "but most women do not report this, because they have been socialised into believing that they asked for it, and it is their boyfriend's or husband's right."

Rape-victims who do overcome shame and the fear of retaliation to attempt laying charges often complain of a "triple rape": the incident itself, the humiliation of having to repeat and often re-enact it to a jerring policeman, and the ordeal of taking it to a court that regards her, from the outset, as having

Alexandra, March 1991: at the height of the fighting between hotel-dwellers and township residents, a teenage girl is abducted by a group of men in red headbands and taken to a hiding place where she is gang-raped daily for three weeks. Shamed or traumatised, she disappears upon release, never to be seen again.



Orlando West, 1989. The 'jackroller' gangs are running riot. Their professed aim is to ensure that every girl in the township is raped and impregnated before the age of 26, and they have become so powerful that they walk into a classroom and select their victim in full view of the teacher. One girl is kidnapped and raped by five 'jackrollers', and reports it to the authorities. But on the day of the court case, she is taken to a field and, as punishment, raped again.

has been an excellent attempt to make it easier for women to report rape: procedures like making the victim identify her alleged attacker by touching him have been dropped."

Tortured mind of a rapist
 When a man feels emasculated by his failures, he takes out his frustrations on people more vulnerable than himself — women

But the 65 percent success-rate figure must be seen in the context of the fact that only one in 20 rapes is reported, clearly, it must be made easier for women to report rape. And while there has been a marked decrease in jackroller-style gang-rapes, Soweto residents say they still occur.

There are also dozens of instances, in the townships around Johannesburg, of rape-victims laying charges, having to appear repeatedly in court, but never actually seeing a conviction.

"Sexual abuse is still our number-one problem in Soweto," says Mabaso, "and there is still much misunderstanding between the police and the community. We need to find a way of getting them to talk to each other."

Perhaps all South Africans who claim to be making a peaceful, democratic South Africa should listen to Unversity of the Witwatersrand sociologist Jacklyn Cock, who has written that "if terrorism means acts of violence that [spread] fear and intimidation, then rape is clearly a terrorist weapon."

"If war is defined by the scale and intensity of political violence, then perhaps there is a hidden war being waged against women in our society..."

"The effect of such widespread sexual violence is intimidation and restrictions on women's freedom and mobility generally. In this way, rape is a crime that affects the behaviour of all women, making all women its victims."

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Natal, 1985/6. In the name of procreation and "the cause", a spate of babies are born to young female UDF activists who have been raped by their male comrades. Hunted themselves by the police, and imposed with an enforced sense of camaraderie, the girls fail to report the crimes, and move from being teen activists to teen mothers.

asked for it.
 "The first step," says Levine, "is to ensure that the victims have the law on their side." This means changing the laws of evidence, and setting up Rape Units throughout South Africa, where women can report abuse to specially trained police officers.

Police spokesman Major Reg Crewe counters accusations of police antipathy by saying that "the problem in bringing rape cases to court is not that police are unsympathetic. It is that women fear the ordeal of reliving the rape in the courtroom." He thus suggests that more resources be put into "competent, sympathetic rape crisis counselling".

Organisations like Powa also believe that, in Levine's words, "a constitutional guarantee of equality is crucial, for it would entrench women's rights and give us recourse to the law if these rights are being denied." The African National Congress draft Bill of Rights enrenches gender equality in its general principles, and also includes an ex-

PLICIT clause on sexual violence — "the law shall provide remedies for sexual harassment, abuse and violence".

But, as activists in Western Europe and America have discovered, the most powerful tool in the fight against sexual violence is the kind of "Take Back the Streets" protests that women staged in cities throughout the 1970s.

Although a march in Alexandra (where there are an estimated 40 rapes a day) was declared illegal and banned, there have been a few of these protests already, including one in Hillbrow on March 8 this year, organised by the ANC and Powa, and Mabaso's highly successful "March to Protest Rape and Child Sexual Abuse" that followed a six-km course through Diepkloof and Orlando in February 1989.

"I strongly believe," says Mabaso, "that the activity of the jackrollers decreased after the march, because they saw that their community would no longer tolerate such behaviour. And the police became more actively involved. Now, whenever there is a crisis about rape, they call us."

Colonel Tienie Halgryn of the Soweto SAP says that 15 to 20 rapes are reported each week, and there is a 65 percent success rate in arrests. He also says that there is a specially-trained policeman on hand at the Baragwanath trauma unit. "The public are working together with us," he says, "and gang rapes have been almost entirely wiped out."

Nicro's Reganass affirms that "some police departments are really making an effort. In Soweto, for example, there

Warning from MP amid wave of violent crime

Johannesburg 'faces anarchy'

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By Bronwyn Wilkinson
Crime Staff *SP4*

17/9/91.
Greater Johannesburg is headed for "a state of complete anarchy" as the wave of violent crime on the Reef continues unabated, Houghton Democratic Party MP Tony Leon said today.

His warning came as brutal attacks on householders, shopkeepers, banks, restaurants and motorists become daily events attracting little comment.

While the latest surge in politically motivated violence has abated, the crime wave of death, rape, robbery and assault by vicious crime gangs continues.

Among the attacks since Friday:

● A Randburg woman was tied to a tree and brutally raped on Saturday after she told two intruders she had no money for them.

● On Sunday morning a Highlands North man was driving through Alexandra, near Sandton, when a gang of about eight armed men surrounded his car. One of them tried to shoot him without question or reason, but his gun jammed.

● Miriam Mngomezulu (18), a Dennilton, East Rand, schoolgirl is believed to have been abducted after going missing while on her way to visit her mother who works in Parktown.

● A dog saved the lives of a Lombardy East, Johannesburg, family who were being held hostage by two robbers on Sunday night. A family friend was shot and wounded during the siege.

● Three clients were injured when gunmen hit them over the heads during a robbery at the Rissik Street, Johannesburg, branch of Allied Bank yesterday.

Mr Leon said it was vital that "whatever plans (Minister of Law and Order) Hernus Kriel has about moving policemen from administration jobs back on the streets, be brought forward and implemented immediately".

He said there had been three plans to prevent and control suburban crime, and none of them had had any effect. The statistics suggested a complete breakdown of effective crime prevention.

Today he said the situation was spiralling out of control. "It is obviously getting so much worse."

A deterrent would be more policemen on the streets, "but we have seen nothing of the 10 000 extra policemen that were meant to have been provided".

He called on the police force to prioritise their duties.

Police spokesman Major Dave Bruce said the high rate of violent crime and unrest was due to political factors. "Unrest and crime both stem from unemployment, lack of economic growth, lack of housing and urbanisation. These are factors over which the South African Police have no control."

Mr Leon saw the lack of law and order as a failure of Government.

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333 jailed each month 38 Nicro

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By Shirley Woodgate

Nearly 32 000 people were sentenced to whipping in South Africa last year, according to the 1990 annual report of the Johannesburg branch of the South African National Institute for Crime Prevention and Rehabilitation of Offenders (Nicro).

A total of 333 people were jailed each month (compared with 426 in America and 97 in Britain) for crimes which included theft of 17 658 vehicles (48 a day) and one crime every seven minutes against property in Johannesburg (excluding Soweto), the report states.

Unrest-related statistics are that from June 1990 to the end of April 1991 firearms were involved in about 28 percent of attacks; explosives, incendiary devices and knives were used in 22 percent, and pangas and

sharp objects were used in 18 percent. Reef branch director Heather Regenass urged greater use of community service for the 18 percent of prisoners serving jail sentences of less than two years.

According to the report, the cost of imprisonment is high at R18,61 daily for each prisoner, with a total daily cost of R2,2 million for the prison population.

Civilised

"Community service is tailored for offenders serving sentences of less than two years, during which time they receive no education or training," said Ms Regenass.

"But while Nicro in Cape Town has 200 servers, only 32 offenders are involved in our area."

Branch chairman David Unterhalter said that if South Afri-

ca were to become a civilised society, then its institutions had to foster justice and seek to eliminate the conditions in which crime thrived.

Saying the country was on the verge of becoming a society governed by the rule of law and a democratic constitution, he added:

"But massive unemployment, rising levels of crime and consequent insecurity make the pursuit of justice and the cause of the offenders difficult to pursue."

He said society was best judged by the way it protected itself: through just criminal law and its punishments, fair trials, respect exercised by administrators for the purpose of the punishment and the rights of the punished, and an awareness that crimes, criminals and their victims were rooted in circumstances neither chosen nor inconsequential.

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Investigators pull 24 policemen off duty on suspicion of serious crimes

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AT LEAST 24 policemen had been suspended and faced possible charges ranging from assault to murder, SAP special investigations head Maj-Gen Ronnie van der Westhuizen said yesterday.

He said in an interview that several cases of political violence were likely to come before the courts in the next few weeks as a result of nine months of countrywide investigations conducted in co-operation with the ANC and human rights lawyers.

Monthly meetings are taking place between Van der Westhuizen and ANC legal

department officials, who provide evidence and possible leads for investigation.

Van der Westhuizen's unit is likely to link up with the national peace committee being formed in terms of the peace accord signed at the weekend. Van der Westhuizen said it was likely that he would report to the committee and conduct investigations on its behalf.

His 29-team unit was set up at the start of this year specifically to investigate politically motivated violence.

Detailing progress made in 22 cases of political violence, Van der Westhuizen said

PATRICK BULGER
the investigation into the "headphone" murder of ANC lawyer Bheki Mlangeni in January was nearing completion and that police were waiting for an independent forensics report from the SA Bureau of Standards before forwarding the case to the Witwatersrand attorney-general for a Supreme Court inquest.

He said 11 policemen attached to the Welverdiend riot unit near Cartletonville had been suspended and the docket would be handed over to the Transvaal attorney-general next Friday.

The inquest into the death of Chief Maphumulo Mhlabizima was under way, and four arrests had been made in connection with the killings of Mooli River ANC members Sonnyboy Majola and Mandla Mabida. A chief had been arrested in connection with the murder of five ANC members at Richmond in Natal, and a search was on for a second chief.

He said two people had been arrested in connection with the murder of five people at Erica's Tavern at Sebokeng in July and 10 people had been held in connection with the Swanville massacre in May.

The Kiptown train killing of June 25, in

which six people died, had resulted in three arrests. Police believed they knew the identity of those responsible for killing recently released Robben Islander Mziwonke Jack in June, and were searching for them. It was suspected that the two men also killed a policeman earlier this year, Van der Westhuizen said.

Thirty-six members of the Three Million Gang, which allegedly killed 10 people in Kroonstad earlier this year, had been arrested, while four policemen had been suspended after the death during inter-

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gation of a man known only as "Sambo" at Komatiport.

Four special constables and two police officers had been suspended in connection with 11 murders at New Hanover in 1988 (known as the Trust Feeds killings). They would appear in court on October 15.

Meanwhile, self-confessed train killer and former SA Defence Force member Felix Ndumane has fled SA for Mozambique. In the Maritzburg area, 67 people involved in a people's court face charges resulting from 15 deaths, and two policemen have been suspended following another Natal killing.

Among other incidents, a complaint about an SAP investigation that resulted in

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an attorney-general failing to prosecute in a public unrest incident had been reopened and a policeman charged with assault. He had been suspended and would appear in court in Worcester later this month. An ANC complaint after a recent alleged police assault at Ermelo was being investigated and an identification parade would be held next week.

Charges in connection with the Jeppe train massacre in September last year, in which 21 people died, had been provisionally withdrawn, but the investigation is continuing and a man is due to appear in court later this month.

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Shock figures show law and order crumbling

The grim graph of crime

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By Monica Oosterbroek
and Bronwyn Wilkinson

South Africa is in the grip of an unprecedented crime wave, with between 8 000 and 9 000 more serious crimes being reported nationally each month this year than for the corresponding months last year, official statistics show.

While politically motivated violence racks the country in spasms such as the orgy of death on the Reef last week, serious crime is escalating virtually daily.

Police statistics provided to the South African Chamber of Business (Sacob) back this up.

Asked by The Star to comment, Sacob security committee secretary Ken Warren said that 1990 had been considered a bad year, but that statistics showed "it was nothing compared with this year".

Statistics presented to Parliament indicated that in Johannesburg (excluding Soweto) alone in 1990, a total of 951 people were murdered, 8 311 were assaulted and 1 563 were raped.

In 1990 serious crime, according to police national statistics, included:

- 15 109 murders.
- 125 000 serious assaults.
- 61 000 robberies.
- 20 321 rapes.
- 225 000 housebreakings.

Mr Warren said police could not control crime without help. He said partnership schemes between business and police already in existence had proved that this was the way to lower the crime rate.

"Businesswatch is now

operational in 48 major centres, and the statistics show a marked decrease in crime in these areas," he said.

But, he said, Sacob was very concerned at the sharp increase in serious crimes, and this had to be addressed.

He said the supplementary unit launched by the Division of Crime Combating and Investigation — a partnership between the private sector and the SAP — was a start, but it was too early for its effectiveness to be judged.

Some larger commercial organisations had sophisticated security systems and "a lot of former police experience". This experience could be channelled to assisting the police.

Police liaison officer Major Dave Bruce agreed co-operation between the public and the police was vital.

A spokesman for the Ministry of Law and Order, Captain Craig Kotze, said rising crime was a worldwide phenomenon.

He said police were doing the best they could to fight the problem but no amount of policing would solve the high crime rate if the factors feeding crime were not addressed.

"We only treat the symptoms of socio-economic factors which cause high crime, like accelerating urbanisation, squatting and unemployment," he said.

Of the 10 000 policemen recruited by the Government in the past year, many had been deployed in the townships to control unrest.

"It takes much manpower to control politically motivated unrest, so ending the unrest would enable us to fight crime more effectively," he said.

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Crime sets back township improvements

THEFT and vehicle hijacking, thuggery and intimidation are plaguing a major programme to upgrade Soweto and other townships.

Central Wits RSC chief executive Len de Wet said yesterday two contracts had been abandoned because of intimidation, and three had been dropped because the contractor had become involved in a taxi feud and had been forced to leave Soweto.

De Wet told the council's monthly meeting another four projects had been terminated because of contractors' incompetence or non-performance. He said one

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contractor had refused to continue work after being attacked on site.

However, the RSC was continuing its programme to improve township infrastructure.

De Wet said 33 contracts, worth about R20m, had been awarded for the Soweto area, and a programme for the replacement of secondary water mains by labour-intensive methods was well advanced.

"During the 1990/91 financial year all the contracts experienced delays caused

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by the escalating unrest situation, stayaways and intimidation ... combined with thieving, thuggery, hijacking of vehicles and equipment and general harassment of staff and contractors," he said.

In Alexandra R40,2m was voted to finance Phase C of a major upgrading project. But squatting had become a big problem, he said.

"It was necessary to move large numbers of squatters continually to enable the work to proceed. This caused a nine-month delay, leading to a cost increase of R4,5m," De Wet said.

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Hawkers accuse Inkatha of looting

By Montshiwa Moroke

Hawkers near the Johannesburg station yesterday alleged that they lost thousands of rands worth of goods when Inkatha supporters looted their stalls at the weekend.

The hawkers made the claims at a press conference at the Johannesburg Anglican Cathedral, in the company of attorneys and representatives from Peace Action and Black Sash.

They said that on Saturday morning hundreds of men, carrying weapons and wearing Inkatha T-shirts, helped themselves to goods from stalls in Noord Street and along Hoek and Von Brandis streets.

"Nobody said anything to them because we were all scared," said a spokesman for the hawkers.

Responding to the allegations, Inkatha spokesman Themba

Khoza said: "We are appalled. We understand there are people who are trying to make a living out of selling and we support the system of free enterprise."

People who have complaints should either go to the police for investigation or report to our office on the 4th floor of Sanlam Building, 63 Commissioner Street, or write to PO Box 61447, Marshalltown 2107.

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IFP men looted goods - hawkers

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HAWKERS near the Johannesburg Station yesterday alleged that they lost thousands of rands worth of goods when Inkatha supporters looted their stalls at the weekend.

IFP members were detaining on their way to the Carlton Centre.

The hawkers, who did not want to be named for fear of reprisals, made the claims at a Press conference at the Johannesburg Anglican Cathedral.

One hawker said some of the victims had been afraid to come forward.

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They said hundreds of armed men wearing Inkatha T-shirts alighted from trains on Saturday morning and began to help themselves to goods from stalls in Noord Street and along Hoek and Von Brandis streets.

"Each group started taking what they could lay hands on.

"They were aggressive and nobody said anything to them. Some of our colleagues lost everything. After that we immediately packed

what remained and left," a spokesman for the hawkers said.

Hawkers said they had lost goods worth between R400 and R1 400. The hawkers said they had been told that at least one woman had been injured after some of the women hawkers had been molested when the men were on their way back to the station.

Responding to the allegations, Inkatha spokesman Themba Khoza said: "We are appalled. We don't think that was the right thing to do. We understand that there are peo-

ple who are trying to make a living out of selling and we support the system of free enterprise.

"People who have complaints should either go to the police for investigation or report to our office on the 4th floor of Sanlam Building, 63 Commissioner Street, or write to PO Box 61447, Marshalltown 2107.

An attorney from the hawkers' legal representatives, said there was "very little legal remedy" in the matter. There was no legal precedent for this kind of thing.

Soweto in move against crime

By NKOPANE
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A DELEGATION of Soweto residents has met high-ranking police officials to discuss the high crime rate in the area.

A spokesman for the delegation, Mr Derrick Thema, said the meeting was called to find solutions to the escalating crime in the townships.

The meeting was requested by the Soweto

Anti-Crime Initiative, which was formed at a crime convention in May.

Its mandate is to look at ways of combating crime, particularly against business people, motorists and residents.

The police delegation

was led by Soweto regional commissioner Brigadier DJ Malan and the Soweto group by Mr Jacob Nso of the Soweto Civic Association.

Soweto police spokesman Colonel Jacques de Vries said the talks were fruitful and police appreciated the group's approach.

"We are very concerned about crime in the commu-

nity. We are also concerned about the apparent mistrust of police among certain sections of the community.

"We will act together to set matters right and tackle the crime. We are happy that the delegation, as community representatives, acknowledge that members of the public have a duty to assist the police.

"We also acknowledge

that we are part of the community and must serve it," he said.

The two parties agreed to meet within a month and thereafter once every three months.

They also discussed the launching of an education campaign to focus on legal and police procedures to enable the public to make proper use of the SAP.

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Really ... the unrest toll seems terrifyingly high, but they can also see that the security is not when elderly people see deaths from crime far outstrip it.

Unemployment blamed for crime rate

By BRENDAN TEMPLETON

SMALL businessmen in the Johannesburg city centre have pointed to unemployment as the main reason for the soaring crime rate.

Storekeepers interviewed by The Star spoke of their daily fears, not only of being robbed, but of being maimed or killed by vicious robbers.

Phillip Levenson, who started his clothing business 65 years ago, feels releasing "small time" criminals in terms of several recent amnesties and extensions of remission of sentence had only worsened the situation.

"They are all trained to use AK47s, and what can they do but use it because they have no jobs," Mr. Levenson said.

A take-away food outlet owner, Adam Solomon, blamed the Government for the high unemployment rate.

"They must stop spending money on nonsense, like building beautiful pavements with fountains in the city, while people have no houses," he said.

"Resources should be re-directed from enormous amounts spent on defence to development in underprivileged areas."

Clothing store owner Ismail

Navrab said having the best security systems to protect property did not help these days.

"The unemployment rate is too high to solve the crime problem. I don't have a solution, I just live with it," he said.

Street vendor Dorothy Bube of Soweto said travelling home by train, with her goods and her daily takings, was dangerous.

"They cannot find work, so they turn to crime but it is wrong of them to rob innocent people like myself."

"The Government must employ them because if they have an income, they won't turn to crime," Mrs Bube said.

Siyabulela Masethala of Diepkloof said the Government should keep criminals in jail until their sentences were completed.

"Already there are no jobs for those who have not resorted to crime, what man would employ a criminal? They come out and start exactly where they've left off," Mr Masethala said.

Dieter Erasmus, a Hillbrow businessman, said a changing political climate would in some way solve the problem.

"Many people would find employment and an up in the economy would occur if sanctions were lifted," he said. □

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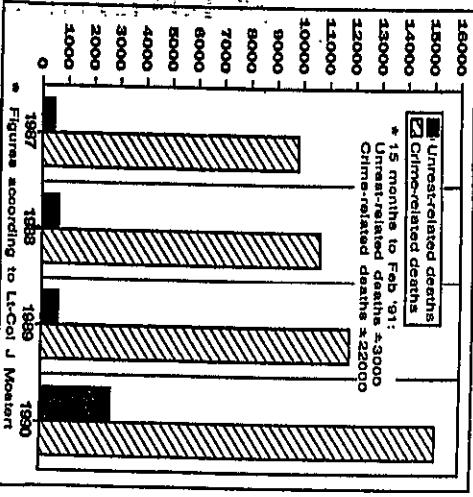
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Your money and your life

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Really... the unrest toll seems terrifyingly high, but deaths from crime far outstrip it.

THE Nineties are fast becoming the decade of the violent robbery. By definition a robbery is accompanied by force, but the degree of force has escalated to a terrifying degree.

Burglary — where the thief carefully helps himself to valuables without disturbing the occupants, or waits for the premises to be empty — is almost a thing of the past.

Vivi Stavrou of the University of the Witwatersrand's Project for the Study of Violence, says: "Violence is now inherent. It is part of a new, efficient robbery strategy."

It is more efficient and cost-effective for robbers to plan their activities for when they are sure the occupants are at home.

The domestic worker or betler still, the occupant, can open the door, show the robbers where the safe is and unlock it. They can also see that the security company is deflected.

The problem with the occupants being at home is that this leads to the increase of a possibility of violence. "Now you have a robber who is no longer dealing simply with unanimate objects like a hi-fi or a safe. When there are people involved, things become more complicated," says Ms Stavrou.

Emotions will be heightened, she says. Fear, terror and aggression will come into play and the situation can easily get out of control. A robber who is scared and out of control is dangerous.

Ms Stavrou says it is quite likely that the victim will try to defend himself, either with a gun or whatever other means are available. Then the intruder is likely to react in "self-defence".

When a situation has gone out of control, murder can almost be understood, says Ms Stavrou, but when elderly people

When a burglar finds you and your family at home, you stand to lose more than the money and run. **BRONWYN WILKINSON** looks at the element of violence in the household robbery.

or domestic workers are tortured and then killed, the violence becomes more difficult to explain.

"If a robber wants the person out of his way, he could tie them up, lock them up."

"But why rape? Why mutilate the person? Why slit their throat?"

There seems to be a point where violence becomes gratuitous. It is no longer the result of a strategy gone awry.

"At some point you enter the realm of torture," says Ms Stavrou.

As the crime moves one step beyond "normal", so must the search for the explanation go

Random, brutal violence can be seen as a symbolic reassertion of power and control.

Ms Stavrou agrees: "The violent robbery can almost be paralleled with rape," she says.

"It is a power issue."

In some of the violent robberies on the Witwatersrand since the weekend:

- A 27-year-old woman was tortured, tied to a tree and raped at about 2 am on Saturday after she told two intruders she had no money for them. Her TV set was stolen.
- Robbers armed with an AK 47 abducted a Graeme shopkeeper on Sunday afternoon. Charles Andrew Stephens saved himself by throwing himself out of his abductors' moving car while they were engaged in a shootout with police.
- That evening, a man was shot and wounded when two robbers held up a Lombardy East, Johannesburg, family before being scared off by the family dog. Wayne Yates (24) was shot

beyond the political and sociological factors used to explain "normal" crime. These crimes are different to violent political crimes. They have no directive or identifiable grievance.

"You have to look into the realm of psychological explanations," Ms Stavrou says.

Ms Stavrou's colleague at the Project for the Study of Violence, Graeme Simpson, says that the increased level of brutality and the culture of violence in a changing society inevitably spills over into realms other than the political.

"During a process of dramatic change, the levels of fear and insecurity increase," he says.

In the stomach when he was obeying the robber's command to lie down.

- A man found his 80-year-old mother murdered in her Northmead, Benoni, home on Tuesday afternoon. Police said Mrs Franca, Bolha had been stabbed in the throat at about midday. Her handbag had been emptied, but nothing else seemed to be missing.
- A Johannesburg woman was cut in the chest when a knifewielding man broke into her home in Glenhays and stole R12 000 in Kruggerands. Police said Joan Bead (63) had been confronted by the intruder in the passage of her home.
- A domestic worker was found murdered in a Gallo Manor, Sandton, home, yesterday. Her throat had been slit and the house ransacked according to police. There were signs of a struggle as there was blood on the walls right through the house. Electronic equipment and clothes were stolen.

VAT may have a sudden impact on gun sales

New calibre of life in the city

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ON THURSDAY Lucien Strydom ate his lunch at 4.45 pm, but by then his chips had gone cold.

It had been a hectic day, and he was reasonably satisfied. He had made six sales.

Mr Strydom, a salesman and gun expert at M E Outdoor Store in Randburg, enjoys his work although his lunch is often left to go unappetisingly cold.

Guns are part of his life. As he serves behind the counter, he wears a 9 mm Para automatic pistol on his right hip.

"It is to protect the shop," he explains.

Two customers, a couple in their fifties, come in to buy handgun ammunition.

The man is so relaxed he ignores a "do not lean on the counter" sign.

They chat about ballistics, and the man tells Mr Strydom of his satisfaction with his weapon, a .38 Taurus revolver.

"It is a good calibre for short distance impact," says the customer. The couple buys 50 rounds.

An attempt to ask Mr Strydom some questions about his work is prevented by the arrival of a post office worker in his early thirties. He is interested in buying a Lager pistol.

He is familiar with firearms but does not possess one. He dreads becoming the victim of a robbery as he often works with large amounts of cash, he says.

After 20 minutes of searching questions, the sale is agreed and the customer pays a deposit. He will have to wait six weeks to collect it.

The buyer must obtain a firearms licence from the police and the gun

Unrest-related incidents have been widely considered to be responsible for the high rate of killings in South Africa.

But, according to a police report released this week, about 22 000 people have been killed in the past 15 months in violent crimes compared to the 3 000 who died in unrest.

Last Saturday a Randburg woman was tied to a tree and brutally raped by two intruders.

The next day a Highlands North man driving through Alexandra had his car surrounded by eight armed men. One tried to shoot him but the gun jammed.

Earlier this week an 18-year-old Dennilton girl disappeared while on her way to visit her mother in Parktown.

On Monday 63-year-old Joan Bead of Glencairn, Johannesburg, was tied up and cut with a knife by two men who stole R12 000 in Kruggerands.

On Tuesday an 80-year-old Benoni woman, Francina Botha, was found stabbed to death in her home.

On Wednesday a Springs butcher, Philos Potgieter (59), was shot and killed.

As the crime wave seems to overwhelm the police, more and more people are putting their faith in guns to protect them.

Although gun dealers have reported falling sales linked with the recession, inquiries have risen lately and sales are expected to rise as the introduction of VAT brings a reduction in gun prices.

AL-AMEEN KAFAR went to a Randburg gunshop where business is brisk. Here is his report.



● Photograph: JOHN HOGG

GUNS FOR SOUTH AFRICA: Gunsmith Lucien Strydom sells firearm after firearm to satisfied customers and fields questions on arms while his lunch goes cold.

will only be given to him and Mr Strydom appears when he produces this and pays the balance.

Another satisfied customer leaves.

At last there is time for a proper introduction

and Mr Strydom appears to be ready for a question session.

But into the shop comes a young man in his twenties, with blond shoulder-length hair, interested in a pistol.

Dressed in track suit pants, a T-shirt and sneakers, he appears indecisive.

He wants a "heavy-calibre pistol" for self-protection but has never handled the gun he wants to buy.

Mr Strydom takes control of the situation. Guns are not toys, they are dangerous weapons, he says.

The young man leaves

with more good advice ringing in his ears. "Go to a shooting range and try out one of the guns there. See how it feels — if it's comfortable and powerful enough for you. Come back if you're still interested."

Finally Mr Strydom has a moment to spare, but the telephone rings. When he returns, two more customers are ready and waiting for him.

They are gun-owners, planning to buy new firearms. They come to inquire if Mr Strydom will accept their arms as trade-ins and how much trade-in will be given.

Confidently they take guns from the holsters and skilfully take them apart. While inspecting a Colt 45, Mr Strydom tells them how popular the gun is in America.

The men have a good knowledge of guns. After inspecting a rifle, one praises the quality of the Galil sniper-rifle, a weapon used in the Israeli Defence Force. Mr Strydom agrees that the rifle is the finest he has ever seen.

They haggle. A price of R1 300 is agreed. Two more satisfied customers leave the shop and Mr Strydom is free to answer questions. But not for long.

Five minutes later another buyer arrives. He comes to produce his licence and collect his firearm — a .38 Special revolver.

He appears uncomfortable, standing about half a metre away from the counter.

After carefully scrutinising the licence, Mr Strydom fetches the shiny revolver. A good holster is recommended and the different items of the cleaning kit are explained.

The man only comes closer to the counter when the gun is handed to him. He appears even more uneasy and says he is living on a small holding outside Randburg.

As he leaves, Mr Strydom says: "Have fun." "I doubt if I will," is the reply.

Mr Strydom sells guns and gives advice but he cannot read minds.

"Most of our customers buy guns for self-defence and protection," he says. "I can't tell if the recent violent crimes influenced them to acquire a firearm."

"The six buyers we had today were all whites between the ages of 18 and 56 years."

He then disappears into his workshop and reappears with his lunch.

As we leave, he chews a cold chip and smiles. Business is good.

Police killing

A KRUGERSDORP police sergeant was murdered in Soweto at the weekend. *Soweto 23/9/91*

A police spokesman said the sergeant was on duty outside a house on Saturday in Dobsonville when two men hauled him out of his vehicle and stabbed him to death. They took his service pistol.

The policeman's name has not been released.

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Asvat's killer wins

Death Row reprieve

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BLOEMFONTEIN — The man who was sentenced to death for the murder of Dr Abu Baker Asvat in Soweto won his appeal against the death sentence yesterday, but not against convictions for murder and robbery.

The Appeal Court in Bloemfontein changed the sentence to 20 years' jail for Thulani Shelela Johannes Nicholas Dlamini.

The court ordered that the sentence, and those of eight years for robbery of Dr Asvat, and eight years for another robbery, should run concurrently. So he will effectively serve 25 years.

Dr Asvat, a well-known personality in Soweto, was killed in his surgery on January 27 1989.

Dlamini and Zakhele Mbatha were convicted by Mr Acting Justice R A Solomon in the Rand Supreme Court on November 2 1989.

Mbatha was refused leave to appeal.

Yesterday Acting Judge of Appeal Mr Justice Nicholas said it had been clearly proved that Dlamini had the intention to kill Dr Asvat — in that he must have fore-



Dr Abu Baker Asvat . . . killed in his Soweto surgery in 1989.

seen that death could occur.

It had been proved that after the robbery about R145 was missing from the middle drawer of Dr Asvat's desk.

This sum was his calculated takings from patients on January 27 1989.

The trial court found that Dlamini had not established any extenuating circumstances.

The trial judge — as he was obliged to do under the Criminal Procedure Act at the time — sentenced Dlamini to death.

However, under the 1990 Criminal Procedure

Amendment Act, the judge must now impose the death sentence only if he is satisfied, when due regard is paid to all the factors, that the sentence of death is the proper sentence.

Mr Justice Nicholas, with the concurrence of Mr Justice Hefer and Mr Justice Goldstone, said the crime was a heinous one.

Dlamini shot and killed a man who was peacefully practising the healing art in his consulting room in Soweto. The robbery was admittedly committed.

Moreover, Dlamini was not a youth but had, three years before, already embarked on a criminal career.

The only mitigating factor suggested was that Dlamini was a young man, born in 1969.

Although still in his teens at the time of the murder, his history and the nature of the crime showed he was a man already seasoned in crime.

Mr Justice Nicholas said Dlamini appeared to have led a shiftless existence.

The prognosis was not favourable, but the judge did not think it was so poor that rehabilitation could be excluded. — Sapa.

Lock them up, say callers

Sowetan 26/9/91
CALLERS to the Sowetan Radio Metro Talkback Show yesterday had mixed reactions to the escalating crime rate and the weapons used by gangsters.

Some callers blamed the Government for unemployment and lack of education while others said

gangsters should be locked up because they were conducting a reign of terror.

The Talkback topic was chosen as a result of the police crackdown on the Jackrollers and Kangkrap gangs and the seizure of guns and ammunition used by these gangs.

Soweto police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni, also on the Talkback show, appealed to people to report any crime they saw being committed.

"People need to help us so we can help them."

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John from Diepkloof blamed parents for encouraging and protecting their children even when they knew they were committing atrocities against their own communities.

"Some parents even give their children money to go to witchdoctors to strengthen them before they commit a crime. Others hide their children knowing they are thugs.

"I wish the police would lock the thugs and their parents away," John said.

Segale from Zamdela



said before they criticised. people should look at the reason for the crime wave sweeping the country.

"The Government is to blame for unemployment. It is their duty to see to it that people are employed and not practise disastrous policies that breed crime."

TALKBACK

'Lack of jobs is cause of crime'

UNEMPLOYMENT has driven most township youths to crime and gangsterism, Mr Steve Mokoena, a researcher at the University of the Witwatersrand, said yesterday. 27/9/91

Mokoena was a guest on the Sowetan/Radio Metro Face the Nation Talkback Show.

Mokoena spoke on the culture of violence engulfing the country.

Answering a question from Charles, who called from Berea, Mokoena said youths felt at home when they belonged to gangs.

"Unemployed youths identify with gangs because they want to be gangsters.

"Young blacks have role models, who have not been educated, they can relate to. They find some educated people as being just ordinary."

On the question of violence caused by political intolerance, Mokoena said there were situations where residents in some communities had been coerced into joining a dominant organisation.

He gave as an example the political rivalry at Bekkersdal and said: "What happened in Bekkersdal is an example of violence caused by political intolerance."

Mokoena said there was also a marked increase in domestic violence.

Ntuli murder: SAP refuses to speculate

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By Bronwyn Wilkinson
and Thoraya Pandy

Police yesterday rejected demands that the murder of Sam Ntuli, general-secretary of the Civic Association of the Southern Transvaal, be regarded as politically motivated.

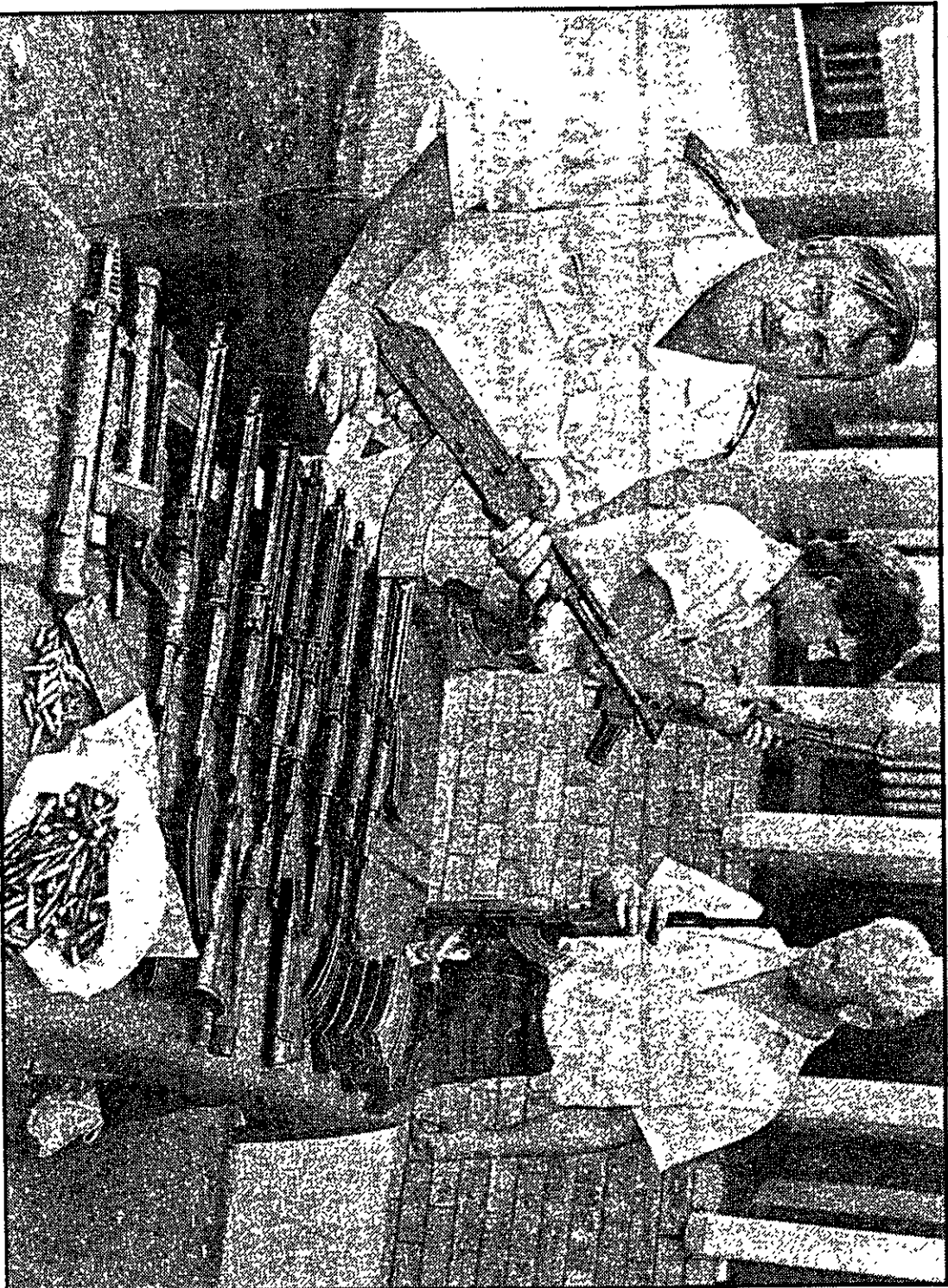
Until suspects were caught, the motivation for the murder could not be known, a spokesman for the East Rand Murder and Robbery Unit said. Until then, he said, it was "impossible to speculate" on the motive for the murder.

Mr Ntuli was shot dead in Khumalo Street, Tokoza, on Sunday morning.

● A memorial service for Mr Ntuli will be held at the Tokoza Auditorium on Sunday at 2 pm. The funeral will be on Monday at 9 am at the Tokoza Stadium.

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Arms haul . . . Lieutenant Tienie Halgryn of the Soweto police (left) and two policemen check the arms cache, which included 11 AK-47s. The cache was found after a tip-off, and members of a syndicate were arrested on Sunday. Picture: Ken Oosterbroek

Police crack arms gang in Soweto

By Glen Elsas
West Rand Bureau

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A tip-off to the Soweto police last week led to the cracking of an arms syndicate and the recovery of 11 AK-47 rifles, 13 magazines, two machine pistols and three stolen vehicles.

Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Halgryn of the Soweto police said the township's people were tired of the senseless attacks and killings of innocent people.

Several pieces of information supplied by residents had led to the recovery of the arsenal, the exposure of the syndicate and the finding of the stolen vehicles.

The Firearm Unit, in co-operation with the Riot Squad and Vehicle Theft Unit, had worked together when they followed up the leads.

Three syndicate members were arrested on Sunday. They are said to have told the police they specialised in selling stolen cars and buying arms with the profits. These arms would then be sold again to all and sundry to be used in robberies and attacks.

The policemen worked intensively on the case, driving about 6 000 km and working 720 hours to expose the syndicate.

Top clerics due in SA

PATRICK BULGER

A MAJOR church conference to examine the role of the church in SA's transformation would coincide with a visit by the general secretary of the World Council of Churches (WCC), the director of the Programme to Combat Racism, Barney Pityana, said yesterday.

Pityana said the conference would be attended by church leaders from 20 countries, as well as representatives of all SA churches. It would also examine the relationship between the churches and SA's political movements.

The conference, scheduled for Cape Town later this month, will be addressed by WCC general secretary Emilio Castro and will concentrate on how the churches analyse the SA situation and how the international church community could co-operate with SA churches.

"It is significant in that the WCC is coming to SA for the first time since 1960," Pityana said.

Peace stamp

CAPE TOWN — Nearly 300 delegates will attend today's "violence summit" — the most ambitious attempt yet to resolve a protracted war which has claimed scores of lives, disrupted the local economy and caused endless hardship for township residents.

Jointly organised by Cape Town Mayor Frank van der Velde and Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town Desmond Tutu, the summit could result in the setting up of a monitoring commission in terms of a national peace accord, it was predicted yesterday.

Police Divisional Commissioner General Nic Acker greeted this caution, saying he was still "awaiting NPA guidelines from Pretoria" and would not rule out the possibility of a joint forum.

He emphasised that a joint African police forum was already operating in terms of the Groote Schuur Memorandum. Among those attending the conference at the civic centre were Cape Administrator Kobus

Firearms haul averted massacre, say police

JONATHON REES

SOWETO police say they averted a massacre at the weekend when public co-operation helped them to smash an arms ring and seize 11 AK-47 rifles, 13 loaded magazines and two VZOR Czechoslovakian machine pistols.

A further 17 illegal firearms were seized in the township last week after information was provided by residents, said SAP Soweto spokesman Col Tienie Halgryn.

A total of 375 AK-47 rounds and 45 pistol rounds were seized.

Halgryn said the tip-off had led police to a private home where the weapons were found. Three men were arrested and would appear in court today on charges of illegal possession of firearms.

He said police believed the suspects had planned further weapons deals, which involved a smuggling syndicate specialising in stealing cars on the Reef and trading them for arms in neighbouring states.

Police had worked 720 man-hours on the case and had travelled more than 6 000km, which included a trip to Natal to net three stolen vehicles, Halgryn said.

Members of the vehicle theft and firearms units in Natal had aided the investigation.

Halgryn said township residents were "sick and tired of the bloodshed" and were regularly phoning the police to provide information on illegal arms.

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Sowetan 9/10/91. (38)

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Shed a tear for Khutsong

18/10/91

THEY defy parental control, smoke dagga openly, tote guns and live by looting and robbing, but they say they do it in the name of Nelson Mandela and his ANC.

Mounds of fresh graves, the burnt embers of once-prosperous businesses and torched homes bear witness to the mindless violence that has torn apart Khutsong and other black communities in a fierce battle between rival gangs.

Gang warfare in this seedy township near Carletonville in the Transvaal is not simply hooliganism.

Violence is often committed in the name of one political group or another.

"Township gang warfare caused by a generation of youth brutalised by apartheid is very complicated," said Ms Sally Sealy of the anti-apartheid Independent Board of Inquiry.

"In many cases it is caused by a rift between young and old township comrades. Gangs are formed and thuggery creeps in.

"In some cases it is caused by fighting between political groups and by police taking advantage of the fighting to set one group against the other."

Armed gangs

Many people have died in recent months as armed gangs go on the rampage across South Africa.

Rumours abound that police act in collusion with groups of unruly blacks who oppose the ANC, the old enemy of the security forces.

Instead of mobilising new members

Gun-toting thugs kill and loot in name of Mandela

By RICH MKHONDO

and consolidating their ranks, the ANC and other groups have been forced to concentrate on putting out the fires of sectarian strife and gang warfare.

The ANC blames apartheid for the township gangs.

"Our whole system of education is not under our control. It was the responsibility of the Government to create the conditions whereby we can appeal to the youth to discipline themselves, go back to school and concentrate on their studies," ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela said earlier this year.

In Khutsong - "Place of Harmony" in Sotho language - one gang tortured another by cutting youths' ears with razor blades, forcing them to eat the flesh.

Called "comtsolets" - comrade-thugs in township slang - they are found



NELSON MANDELA

in most black urban areas. The gangs have fancy names such as the Zim-Zims, Gadaffis, Three-Million and Black Cats.

Township gang fighting has contributed to the rise of violence in a country already torn apart by factional strife.

The gangs are not affiliated to the ANC or other anti-Government groups, but they claim their actions are being authorised by anti-apartheid movements.

The violence has not caught the public eye because it has been on a smaller scale than the warfare which has swept Transvaal and Natal townships in recent months.

"The comtsolets have found real space for the expression of gang culture in anti-apartheid activities," a resident said.

Residents said trouble in Khutsong

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Residents said the Zim-Zims collaborated with the police. They said security forces shot dead several Gadaffi members.

The ANC and other groups monitoring unrest, such as Sealy's Independent Board of Inquiry, stepped in and persuaded the groups to sign a truce.

A number of policemen were suspended from duty and will soon be charged for misconduct after a joint ANC-Government inquiry found they took sides in the carnage.

Now other gangs are emerging in other townships across the country, reported to comprise youths who were active in an anti-Government insurrection that swept South African townships between 1984 and 1986.

Unemployment

They say these anti-apartheid shock troops are driven by unemployment and school boycotts to commit crimes such as looting.

Their targets are shops belonging to suspected Government spies.

At the height of the 1984-86 uprisings, civic and union leaders, capable of imposing some discipline, were in detention and the comtsolets had the run of the townships.

But when the ANC was unbanned and black leaders released from prison, the comtsolets still resisted discipline.

They remain one of the most disruptive "wild cards" in South Africa's long, hard struggle for peace and political normality. - Sapa-Reuters



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Citizen's
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Sowetan Reporter

PEOPLE have an unquestionable right to make citizens' arrests and to resort to any force and method in doing so, SAP detective Mike told DJ Tim Modise during yesterday's Sowetan/Radio Metro Talkback Show.

Mike, who mirrored callers' feelings, said he understood the frustration which had driven people to assault and arrest criminals.

"I understand that citizens have lost confidence in the police," he said.

"But black policemen have to take instructions from senior white officers, who tell us to comply and complain later."

Martha from Diepkloof said people had a right to act against criminals as the police seemed incapable of doing so.

"My daughter was raped inside my home. I was so furious, particularly after the police failed to arrest the guy after I had identified him," she said.

Palisa from Pimville also supported citizens' arrests, saying policemen were often bribed by criminals.

Towns ponder 'private police' option for beating crime

Star 24/10/91.

By Shirley Woodgate
and Bronwyn
Wilkinson (38)

Crime prevention is top priority for at least two Reef towns which are taking active steps to combat the incidence of theft, violence and murder which has invaded the suburbs.

Randburg Town Council will be asked next week to endorse recommendations in a joint South African Police/council crime prevention report to the Commissioner of Police.

Management committee chairman Andre Jacobs said details would be available once the recommendations had been accepted, but hinted the scheme involved a joint protection force along the lines of the bobby-on-the-beat.

In Sandton, following a meeting attended by 70 invited guests on Tuesday, a small working group consisting of members of the SAP, ratepayers and the council has been formed to give urgent attention to thrashing out solutions to the crime situation.

And last week, private security companies offered to supply 24-hour total security for suburbs at a cost of between R10 and R15 a household, but they appealed to municipalities to take over administration of the payments by including the cost in rates.

Several companies proposed to form a conglomerate which would

supply a central control unit and full-time car, foot and bicycle patrols.

But councillors and ratepayer association executives claim this solution to the crime problem poses more questions than answers.

Federation of Johannesburg Western Ratepayers chairman Frank Salmon asked how private firms would police their own private subscribers as well as the broader public.

"Most of the staff now employed by these firms are not well qualified. Frankly, what we want is a visible law enforcement presence on the streets — men who can not only prevent crime, but apprehend and arrest the criminals," he said.

Training

Legal problems stand in the way of private security companies being "employed" by town or city councils to police crime-ridden metropolitan areas.

And deep scepticism has been expressed over the training of sufficient private security staff, the implementation of a major suburban security scheme and its long-term implications.

Mr Jacobs said the offer by private security firms to provide 24-hour security if a "rates" tax were implemented by councils posed questions about the legality of collecting levies, the distinctly grey area surrounding law enforcement, and the powers of the street patrols to take action.

"It is certainly not a

quick fix, but bears consideration," commented Johannesburg management committee member Paul Asherson.

"Last week I walked unmolested in the streets of Washington DC, the so-called crime capital of America.

"You cannot do that here, and if the police cannot cope, we must look at ways and means. But if this plan is introduced, there is serious danger that each little town from Naboomspruit to Ventersdorp may have its own jackboot operation."

Sandton management committee chairman Bruce Stewart said about R1 million would be collected in levies if the scheme were implemented in the upmarket area. He had no qualms in principle, but the legality posed a great problem.

Witwatersrand police liaison officer Captain Eugene Opperman said the police approved of the idea in principle. "Any help we can get with crime prevention would be much appreciated," he said.

"It is not only the responsibility of the police to prevent crime. The public has to help us any way they can.

"Ideally we would like to have a policeman on every doorstep, but nowhere in the world is that possible."

Captain Opperman believes that more than 75 percent of the crime prevention force in the US is privatised.

"That shows in which direction things are moving in," he said.

Alternative policing takes centre stage in war on crime

By Shirley Woodgate

Johannesburg City Council plans to pump an additional R20 million a year into security. Sandton and Midrand have launched crisis-control centres, and private residents are flocking to join blockwatch schemes to combat the wave of crime engulfing the Reef.

In addition, private security firms have overnight become big business as a large number of people sign up for protection, often as back-up to other precautions including vicious guard

dogs, burglar bars and double locks.

This is the picture which emerges as the latest wave of violent crime rocks urban areas and it becomes clear the police are unable to stem the tide without help.

Johannesburg management committee member Paul Asherson said millions of rands would be poured into the traffic and security department, where there were plans to increase the staff complement from 1 000 to 1 500 over the next 18 months. This follows a Government

thumbs-down for plans to launch a municipal police force, claiming this was not provided for in legislation and that the SAP had responsibility for criminal policing.

Johannesburg's newly trained traffic department recruits will patrol suburban and business areas, armed with traffic tickets which Mr Asherson believes will dent the huge bill incurred for their employment by at least R1 million. Randburg management committee chairman Andre Jacobs said his council would soon be

asked to endorse recommendations in a joint SAP/council crime prevention report to the Commissioner of Police.

He hinted the scheme involved a protection force similar to the bobby-on-the-beat.

In Sandton, which operates a crisis control centre linked to the police and the Defence Force, additional security plans are being discussed by a group of members of the SAP, rate-payers and the council.

Last week, private security companies offered to supply 24-hour total security for suburbs

at a cost of between R10 and R15 a household, but their appeal to municipalities to take over administration of the payments by including the cost in rates has been turned down.

The rejection is mainly on legal and logistical grounds.

But residents in Johannesburg's eastern suburbs have not sat back and waited for official reaction.

Blockwatch instigator in the area in 1987, former city councillor Lionel Keenan, said crime figures had plummeted since

the launch of the scheme, linked to the local police station.

Termed by local ratepayer chairman Bentley Cooke as "not a bunch of vigilantes or cow-boys, but the eyes and ears of the police", Sandton's Lindro Park have manned a blockwatch for years.

"People simply have to take action and stop relying on the police. At the end of the month a Federation of Blockwatch Associations is to be launched — proof that the movement is not only growing but successful," Mr Keenan said.

Security now top issue for most Reef councils

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The need for additional security in crime-plagued Reef towns and cities is now a top priority among councils investigating various protection measures for residents and business premises.

The Johannesburg City Council has made an annual R20 million pledge towards security and the councils of Sandton and Midrand have launched crisis control centres and hugely successful blockwatch schemes. Randburg may soon introduce a joint-protection force with the SAP along the lines of the bobby-on-the-beat.

Private security companies last week offered northern suburbs' councils 24-hour total security for suburbs at a cost of between R10 and R15 a household.

On the West Rand, where 306 people were murdered in the first six months of this year, councils have stepped up traffic police patrols in the suburbs.

The Randfontein council has

introduced more regular car patrols of all areas on a 24-hour basis, a spokesman said.

Krugersdorp has patrols working in shifts in residential areas and Roodepoort is looking very seriously at the possibility of stepping up patrols.

Town clerk Div de Villiers said the council felt very strongly about the issue and would start the patrols as soon as funds permitted.

Spokesmen for the three Vaal Triangle town councils of Vereeniging, Vanderbijlpark and Meyerton agreed that private security patrols were probably the answer and that these councils would now seriously consider these measures.

A Meyerton municipal spokesman said extra security could be seriously considered, provided the service rendered were good and if ratepayers were to contribute towards it. Local residents would also have to be sounded out on the issue.

There were 44 murders in the Vaal Triangle between January and September this year and more than 3 000 burglaries.

On the East Rand, where 241 people were murdered in Au-

gust and September, councils have done little to step up security, and those contacted by The Star revealed no future plans.

In Pretoria, the crime rate is far lower than on the Reef — and residents ascribe it largely to the effectiveness of neighbourhood watches.

A recent survey showed that about 43 percent of Pretoria's citizens — black and white — felt neighbourhood watches best contained crime.

Only 18 percent of those interviewed relied on the police and individual security for controlling city crime — Afrikaans-speaking individuals contributing only 8 percent and blacks 26 percent to this average.

Pretoria management committee chairman Pieter Smith revealed that the Pretoria council had not placed security at the top of its list of priorities.

"We are fortunate not to have the same level of crime as on the Reef, so there isn't really a demand for us to address security. At one stage, the question of city police was raised, but we felt the SAP handle their duties very well in the city."



ANC leader shot dead in car theft

DEPUTY chairman of the ANC's Soweto branch Mr Basil Zuma was shot dead at the weekend by three gunmen apparently following his car in Pimville.

Zuma (30) of Orlando East was also secretary of both the Orlando East branches of the ANC and the civic association.

Zuma's fiancée Ms Tonko Tibe and friend Mr Thato Matjila had gone to Pimville to pick up friends with whom they were supposed to go to the movies.

A witness said Zuma had just parked his car

By ISAAC MOLEDI

outside a Pimville house when a car pulled up alongside. Three men in the car demanded keys to Zuma's Toyota Conquest, but he refused to hand them over.

The men fired shots at Zuma, hitting him in the chest.

Zuma's fiancée fled to a nearby house while the gunmen hurled the injured ANC official onto

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the ground before speeding away in his vehicle.

Mr Andrew Peterson and wife Pauline said they had all planned to go to a movie on the night of the incident.

An Orlando east ANC official, Mr Rubi Mathang, said Zuma was among the marchers who picketed the Protea police station on Saturday to protest against

deaths in detention. The incident has been reported to the police.

ANC PWV media officer Mr Ronnie Mamoepa said his organisation was conducting its own investigation as it could not discount the possibility of political assassination.

"Of late, activists, particularly those from the ANC, have been targets of assassinations and harassment," he said.

Landlord hammers crime

By Monica Oosterbroek

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Landlord George Gabanellis smashed down the doors of seven of his tenants' flats with a sledgehammer last night as he began a one-man crusade against crime in a Johannesburg building he has owned for less than a month.

Mr Gabanellis, who owns Impala Lodge in Bree Street, claims the tenants were running shebeens and dealing in drugs. Some had not paid rent for more than three years and most were guilty of overcrowding.

He said notices of complaint and eviction orders had been ignored — so he

had to take action himself.

"This flat is a den of iniquity and a hell-hole. Police are too scared to come here so I have to do something on my own," he said.

Mr Gabanellis said he started his rampage after a tenant tried to stab him. He tried to evict the tenant this week and claims the tenant came to his take-away across the road to kill him.

"I grabbed the knife and poked him in the face so he is probably bleeding to death somewhere," he said.

Mr Gabanellis reported the attack to the police and has laid a charge of attempted murder.

"I then stormed into my

building and bashed his door down with a hammer and told his wife to get the hell out."

He went through the building, bashing down the doors of tenants he wanted out.

"And I took the doors away," he said.

Other tenants, including Actstop members, seemed delighted with Mr Gabanellis's actions last night. They said at least two of the evicted tenants had harboured criminals with AK-47s in their rooms.

"All night these people kept us awake with noise and their criminal goings-on. I am very happy they are moving out," one tenant said.

Murder suspects in court

TWO tavern massacre suspects linked to the Mapetla, Soweto, tavern killings that left 10 dead appeared in court again yesterday.

Mr Given Chiloane (19) and Mr Ephraim Tsotetsi

(19) were found guilty on charges of possessing ammunition and an unlicensed firearm.

Magistrate Mr SP Janse van Rensburg postponed passing sentence to Friday.

He denied the men bail.

"You will have to be kept in custody while police are investigating further charges against you,"

Van Rensburg said. - *Sowetan Reporter.*

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Special committee to probe East Rand violence



Mr Justice Goldstone

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tional Peace Accord.

JOHANNESBURG. — The newly-appointed Goldstone standing commission on violence and intimidation has set up a special committee of inquiry to probe the violence which has racked the East Rand township of Thokoza since September 8.

The committee chairman will be Pretoria advocate Mr Solly Sithole — a commission member — and the inquiry will begin on November 18.

This was decided at the commission's first meeting, which ended in Pretoria yesterday, commission chairman Mr Justice Goldstone announced.

He said The commission would not involve itself in regional and local issues.

It would ask regional and local dispute resolution committees to do so when they had been established under the Na-

If public inquiries were needed before then, committees of the commission would be appointed.

Mr Sithole would be assisted by Ms Lilian Baqwa, another commission member, and by Johannesburg attorney Mr Raymond Tucker.

At its first meeting, which began on Monday, the commission had also decided:

- To emphasize the independence of the commission.

- That the commission's primary function was to direct and to co-ordinate the gathering of facts on public (that is, political) violence and intimidation.

- That contact would be made with individuals or bodies who might have facts on public violence and intimidation.

- The public would be invit-

ed to submit facts by writing to the Secretary of the Commission of Inquiry regarding the Prevention of Public Violence and Intimidation.

- No commission member would have direct contact with the media. "Where appropriate", decisions of the commission would be conveyed by the chairman or vice-chairman.

- Inquiries would be held in public, except where it was considered necessary to hear evidence in camera.

- Normal court rules would apply at public hearings.

Crime a 'big scourge'

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THE unprecedented crime wave in South Africa would continue until a new constitution was in place, confidence was restored and foreign investment returned.

Mr Peter Soal, chairman of the Southern Transvaal region of the Deomcratic Party, said this yesterday during a parade at the new Rosebank police station.

Soal said there was no magic answer to the crime wave which had now reached an all-time high - with between 8 000 and 9 000 serious crimes reported monthly this year.

"Poverty on a huge scale is a major factor, as is the political and social instability.

"Until we reach agreement on a new constitution and confidence in the economy is restored to the extent that foreign investors are sufficiently satisfied to return to this country, an enormous responsibility rests on the policemen and women who patrol our streets and guard our property," Soal said.

He said his party would try to encourage the authorities to increase police recruitment and put more "bobbies on the beat".

More police on suburban pavements would help to combat the crime wave.

He thanked Law and Order Minister Mr HERNUS KRIEL for asking him to open the station.

We stole just to survive, say 3 youths

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By Zingisa Mkhuma (38)

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Three Alexandra and Soweto youths who have been jailed for housebreaking and car theft say they stole simply to survive.

All came from families where one or both parents were out of work.

One such person is Mandla (20), not his real name, a Standard 8 pupil in Alexandra who is out on bail on house-breaking and theft charges.

Mandla stays with his mother who works as a domestic worker, his two sisters and a brother who had passed matric and "is idling because there is no money to send him to university", he said.

Proud

Mandla proudly admitted to stealing because he saw no other way to help his mother buy food and clothe four school-going children.

"Our father passed away in 1986 and my mother struggled to raise us. She gets about half the money and it helps the family to survive. I also pay monthly instalments to my lawyer and the rest goes into my savings account.

"I would like to go to university when I pass matric but I know that she can't afford the fees. I don't feel guilty about stealing from the rich because if I were to ask them for money they wouldn't give it to me," he added.

Mandla knows that he might get shot while stealing but he

vowed that that won't stop him from doing his "job". "How will I survive if I stopped?" he asked.

But for Roby Soko (21) also from Alexandra, being shot, arrested and having to serve two years in jail for "huisbraak" is more than he can handle.

A reformed Soko said he was forced to steal while still at school because his parents could not afford to buy him books and he attended school barefooted.

By the age of 11 he had graduated from shoplifting to housebreaking and had financially supported his unemployed parents, two sisters and a brother.

"I stole because my parents were unemployed and we had no food in the house most of the time. My father had a stroke nine years ago and someone had to feed the family.

"Now I've had it with prison and I am staying away from crime and I am desperately looking for a job — any job," he pleaded.

For Lennie Makola of Soweto being brought up in a matchbox house by a unemployed mother who struggled to give them food, drove him to steal cars to make a living.

Makola served two prison terms totalling five years for car theft and has spent the last year out of prison, looking for employment.

He threatened to go back to stealing if he doesn't get a job soon.

Makola said stealing one car netted him about R900 or more in a week.

Suburbs hire guards for 24-hour duty

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By Shirley Woodgate

The crime wave has led to residents of Killarney and Riviera in Johannesburg joining forces to employ a private security firm to guard their suburbs.

Several suburbs are considering such plans, but last night the Killarney/Riviera Residents' Association accepted a R30 000-a-month tender from a private security firm, believed to be the first time such a scheme is to be implemented by ratepayers.

A private security firm will mount 24-hour foot, bicycle and vehicle patrols, and install electronic "panic buttons" for householders.

The crime-busting plan will cost individual residents between R15 and R30 a month.

The amount of the contributions will depend entirely on the number of people who want to be included and the aim of the

exercise is to cut down mainly on street crime, said residents' association vice-chairman Manny Unterslak.

Residents will be equipped with panic buttons which they will be able to activate not only in their homes but while walking in the streets.

Security guards will work in co-operation with police from neighbouring stations who have liaised closely with the residents' committee to establish the back-up security force operation, said Mr Unterslak.

Mr Unterslak said the security firm Paramed had been selected after offers had been scaled down from eight to three prime candidates. The tender was subject to electronic experts living in the area approving the firm's equipment.

Asked when the scheme will be introduced, Mr Unterslak said: "Yesterday is too late. We will have patrols as soon as all the details have been thrashed out."

By Monica Oosterbroek
Crime Staff

Cafe owners are 'afraid to work'

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A wave of violent attacks on cafe owners has left one man dead and several injured in the past week and prompted a call for stricter security measures.

Nicholas Stokkos, a Roodepoort cafe owner, died instantly when he was shot in the face.

Police said an unknown number of men entered the cafe and shot Mr Stokkos.

A passing resident saw the men enter and leave the shop and gave chase. Gunfire was exchanged but the men escaped. Four armed men snatched

R1 800 cash after holding up an Alberton cafe owner, Stefanus Hujizirizoforou (52), at gunpoint on Monday.

Three armed men barged into a cafe in Jan Smuts Avenue, Randburg, on Monday and, after tying up owner Anastasios Kapenakis (42), fled with cash and two portable radios.

The chairman of the Greek Chamber of Commerce in southern Africa, Demetri Theofanopoulos, said Greek business-

men were very worried about the serious increase in attacks on their community.

"We are afraid to go to work and to stay at home because nowhere is safe," Mr Theofanopoulos said yesterday.

He wanted to know why the crime rate was so high and why the Government and other parties had not been able to stop the violence.

While his chamber was battling to get more Greeks to in-

vest in South Africa, more and more businessmen were disinvesting because they were too scared to work in the country.

Police said cafe owners had become soft targets because they were easily accessible, worked long hours and had poor security.

As wealthier businesses poured money into tighter security, robbers were finding it easier to attack tearooms.

Frank Swarbrick, executive director of the Catering, Res-

taurant and Tearoom Association, has said that cafe owners were anxious about their high profile and weak security.

The psychological effect on victims who waited for further attacks was destroying the health of some cafe owners, many of whom wanted to close shop and instead choose something safer.

Police have suggested that cafe owners take responsibility for better security, such as installing alarms and panic buttons. Owners were also advised to bank money as regularly as possible to prevent large sums of money tempting robbers.

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Calling the shots

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Crime is hitting home — literally. Escalating violence could achieve in a few years what government failed to accomplish in decades: a boost in decentralisation. Millions of tax rands were lost trying to break up the natural processes of urbanisation and industrialisation. Now other brutal forces are at work.

That is the view of property economist Neville Berkowitz. He believes skilled and senior managers will opt to move from the country's economic powerhouse — the Johannesburg-Pretoria corridor — in search of a better, safer, family lifestyle, and that business and industry will have to follow.

Berkowitz says: "It may sound far-fetched but skilled management is this country's scarcest resource and companies will have to locate their offices and factories where the skills are."

He says a survey of the top 50 companies, public and private sector — ranked by assets and extracted from the *FM's Top Companies* report — shows that 43% have their head offices in the Johannesburg CBD.

Sandton is next with 14%, followed by Pretoria — primarily as host to the public sector — and then Cape Town, Braamfontein (Johannesburg), Durban, Parktown (Johannesburg), Kimberley, Stellenbosch, Rosebank (Johannesburg), Verwoerdburg and Midrand.

"This shows 84% of the top companies have their head offices in the Johannesburg-Pretoria corridor," he says.

He points to the drawing power of the cities in the aftermath of influx control and greater freedom of movement to sell labour, a factor which draws 500 000 blacks to the cities each year.

"That is where the jobs, offices and people are but, with limited new jobs being created, many of the migrants are being forced into a life of crime. During 1990 nationwide there were 15 000 murders, 125 000 serious assaults, 61 000 robberies, 20 000 rapes and 225 000 housebreakings.

"Regrettably, 1991's crime statistics are well up on last year, and most of us in the Johannesburg-Pretoria corridor live behind perimeter fencing topped by razor or similar wire. Most of us have security alarms connected to rapid response security firm control rooms. Today, when going out, one phones a restaurant not just for a booking, but to ensure that it has a security door. Most of us live in fear."

He believes the result will be a wave of emigration: "Not necessarily abroad, but to parts of the country where the crime statistics show that living is safer and they have the bonus of more attractive recreational amenities.

"That means places like the Natal-Kwa-

Zulu area and the western Cape, which a few years down the line will be considerably safer than the corridor. That doesn't mean property in the Johannesburg-Pretoria area will collapse. There will still be growth, but not as much as in the past."

Berkowitz believes skilled management will be calling the shots — and skilled management will be in Ladysmith, Richards Bay, Paarl or Stellenbosch.

This has already happened to some extent with the decentralisation from Johannesburg's CBD to places like Sandton.

"Employment agencies will tell you CBD employers have to pay a premium for executive secretaries because they prefer to work in the safer, more pleasant environs of Rosebank or Parktown," Berkowitz says.

Translated into property terms, he believes management will have to take the skills migration into account when considering the future location of factories.

"There will be a higher demand for industrial property in these lower-risk areas as industrialists are forced to follow senior managers who say, 'I want to be where I can work and live peacefully, with good schools for my children, and pleasing recreational facilities, even if it means a drop in salary'."

While Berkowitz's analysis of the situation may be an oversimplification of very complex economic, political and social problems, there is little doubt that unless the

crime wave is curbed, demographic changes will take place. Alas, it seems more likely that industrialists will be following the skilled managers abroad rather than to other parts of the country, however safer they appear at present.

RESIDENTIAL

Sugar coating

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Moreland Estates, a subsidiary of the giant Tongaat-Hulett Group, is to establish a new town north of Durban, centered around two golf course estates.

The development will be an expansion of what is now the company village of Mt Edgecombe.

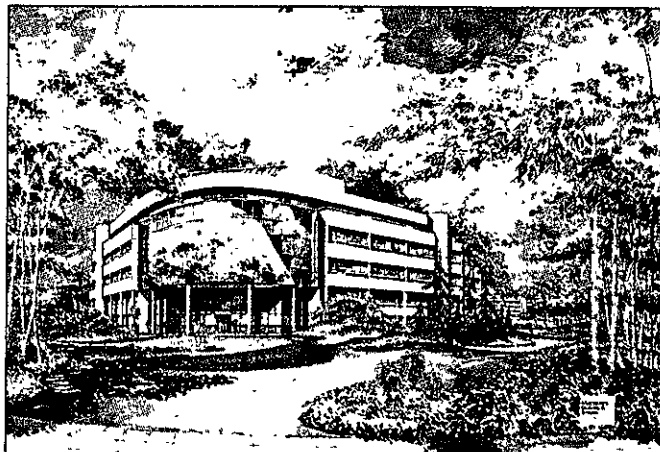
The development's first phase, of about 240 houses, is scheduled for completion by the end of next year. The second phase will include a new golf course adjacent to Mt Edgecombe Country Club course. About 740 houses in total will be built around the golfing facilities. An application to establish Mt Edgecombe as a separate local authority is being processed and proclamation is expected before the end of the year.

At the same time, the group's property development company, Moreland Estates, is selling prime sites overlooking Umhlanga Rocks, probably the most sought-after land

BANKING ON LAND

In spite of continued tough trading conditions in the office property market, Liberty Life Properties has bought, for R1,8m, the site next to its Parkway Place development (pictured here) being built on the

Bedfordview-Johannesburg boundary. The 4 783 m² stand with a bulk of 6 700 m² — and labelled a "gateway to Johannesburg" — was bought through public tender from the Johannesburg



City Council. It will be developed at a future date, according to Liberty.

Liberty Life says both the stand and neighbouring Parkway Place are well located at the junction of the R22 and Marcia Street.

The five-storey 9 000 m² (net) Parkway Place is due for completion and occupation early next year.

Floor sizes will vary between 1 500 m² and 2 000 m² each.

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By JOCELYN MAKER

AN MP who fought off four armed attackers has called on the Government to use the army to stem the crime wave sweeping South Africa.

Mr Louis de Waal, Democratic Party MP for North Rand, was attacked on Friday night two hours after leaving a day-long discussion with police on the rocketing crime rate.

He said: "The only way to solve this and fight the crime situation is to draft large numbers of the SADF into helping the SAP."

"There must be thousands of men wasting their time in the army."

Mr De Waal was attacked at 7.30pm outside his Parktown, Johannesburg, office on his way home. He was closing the garage gate when he saw four men running towards him.

Staggered

"Suddenly I became so angry. I thought: 'This is it. I have now had enough of the violence and crime we have become so exposed to.'"

"I ran at one of two men who came directly towards me. I hit him and he staggered back. The second one came and I punched him."

Meanwhile, as Mr De Waal was fighting with the assailants the other two climbed into his car.

"The first two men had acted as a decoy. The man in the front was rather tall, and he was battling to climb over the gear lever into the driver's side.

"As I got in behind the steering wheel, I kicked the one next to me out of the door. Then suddenly I heard a shot go off and I saw a flash.

"The one in the back seat had used his firearm. Fortunately, the bullet missed me. I knew that I had to get away. I put my foot down and, with the two men hanging onto the open doors, I drove off. They both soon let go."

Commission to probe Soweto clinic scandal

Staff Reporter ^{Star 11/11/91} (974) (38) ry has been appointed to probe the scandal.

The first black-owned private hospital, Lesedi Clinic in Soweto, has been rocked by a scandal involving the alleged embezzlement of nearly R6 million.

A Johannesburg Sunday newspaper reported that the scandal was uncovered four months ago but remained a closely guarded secret.

According to the newspaper's sources, three managers are implicated — one has been fired, another resigned and the third disappeared last week. The men were said to have bought lavish houses.

A commission of inqui-

The alleged irregularities have so damaged the clinic's financial standing that its financiers, First National Bank, have threatened to declare it insolvent, the report said.

The bank has appointed auditors to look after its interests.

The clinic's chairman, Dr Nthato Motlana, admitted to the newspaper that there had been some mismanagement at the clinic and the matter was under investigation.

When The Star contacted Dr Motlana's Soweto home yesterday, he was said to be out of town.

Join police reserve, urges DP MP Soal

JOHANNESBURG. — The Democratic Party's MP for Johannesburg North, Mr Peter Soal, yesterday urged residents to join the Police Reserve to help combat the rising crime rate in the northern suburbs. (38) CT 12/11/91

He was addressing an anti-crime protest rally organised by the DP at Saxonwold Primary School, which was also addressed by DP leader Dr Zach de Beer and MP Tony Leon.

Mr Soal said volunteers took a great load off the SAP. He was aware of the resistance in the northern suburbs to joining the reserve, but reminded the audience that there was no simple, magic solution to the problem of "too few bobbies on the beat".

"If many of you were to volunteer, and so release policemen for beat duty, we would have a stronger presence on our pavements." — Sapa

DP begins Star 12/11/91 anti-crime campaign for suburbs

By Guy Jepsen
Crime Staff 38

A high-profile campaign to force the Government to act against rampant suburban crime was launched by the Democratic Party last night.

Addressing a rally in Saxonwold, Johannesburg, Houghton DP MP Tony Leon said the drive aimed to mobilise large-scale support to force the authorities to end "this scourge of criminality which is disfiguring our lives and destroying our future".

The campaign would involve petitions demanding a more visible police presence in Johannesburg's northern suburbs, and the deployment of national servicemen and municipal traffic officials for crime prevention duties.

DP leader Dr Zach de Beer said South Africans desperately needed to break the vicious circle of spiralling crime and low foreign investment.

Investment decisions were being hindered by unchecked crime which created the impression that the country was out of control. Lack of investment, in turn, led to a further growth in crime.

Mr Leon said the DP would also present Law and Order Minister Hennis Kriel with a "laundry list" of problems, shortages and deficiencies in police equipment and resources in the region.

The DP would also, during the next session of Parliament, urgently direct "the radical rewriting of our gun control laws".

Current legislation was "completely ineffectual" as it was directed only against those in possession of valid firearm licences.

Three senior SAP officers — Brigadier Jaap Venter, regional head of Reactive Services, and the two divisional heads responsible for policing in the northern suburbs area, Brigadier Fred Bull and Lieutenant-Colonel Willem van Jaarsveld — were present at the rally.

Security scare after shopkeepers slain

By Anna Louw
East Rand Bureau

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In the wake of the fatal shooting of a Boksburg supermarket owner at the weekend — the second Boksburg shopkeeper shot dead in the past week — the local chamber of commerce has called a meeting to discuss security with frightened shopkeepers this week.

Former Boksburg Chamber of Commerce president and current committee member Johan Viljoen said the attacks were very disturbing.

"The time has come to improve security at local shops."

He said measures would be discussed to make Boksburg a safer place for shopowners.

"Shopkeepers must be more alert and institute better safety measures for their own protection," he said.

In a further effort to curb

violent crime, troops are to be deployed in high-risk crime areas on the East Rand from December 1 to assist the police in their task of combating crime.

Germiston district commandant Brigadier Johan Coetzee said troops would patrol certain areas to curb crime during the Christmas holidays.

"Criminals usually think twice about perpetrating crimes when they spot a man in uniform," he said. He asked the public to co-operate.

Brigadier Coetzee added: "The crime rate is not astronomically high, but it is the repulsive and violent crimes which make the headlines."

The latest victim, Paul Perez (41), died in Boksburg-Benoni Hospital on Sunday, nearly four hours after being shot in the head behind the counter.

Mr Perez's grieving widow, Frances, said her husband had been robbed at gunpoint on two previous occasions.

"The motive no longer appears to be robbery but terrorism," said Mrs Perez, a mother of two children aged 12 and seven.

"I love this country but this is the last straw. Our house looks like a prison and my children and I are scared. We have decided to leave this country.

"Many of our friends are shopowners and everyone who has been to see me since my husband's death is talking of leaving South Africa because of the crime and violence."

Mrs Perez said she and her husband had talked about leaving "but I'm afraid we left it too late". She said they had reshuffled staff after buying the supermarket in April.

"The killers left my husband's watch and the money in his pocket, and nothing appeared to be missing from the shop."

She said a revenge attack on her husband after the staff reshuffle was a possibility.

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Govt, ANC urged to curb crime wave

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DAVE LOURENS

DP MP for Houghton Tony Leon last night called on government and the ANC to take action to end "a terror" of lawlessness, saying residents of Johannesburg's northern suburbs were "as mad as hell and they're simply not going to sit back and take any more".

Speaking at an anti-crime protest rally in Saxonwold, Leon said: "Criminal lawlessness has engulfed our suburbs and constituencies, creating a new terror quite unlike anything previously experienced.

"The piety of certain political figures and Cabinet Ministers has become sickening. Hand on heart, political leaders praise peace, deplore violence, sign peace accords and score debating points. But the slaughter in the suburbs goes on.

Petitions

"Two months ago the Minister of Law and Order promised us bobbies on the beat — where are they?"

Sapa reports DP leader Zach de Beer expressed confidence at the meeting that renewed investment, rising employment and a falling crime rate would result the minute SA implemented a new constitution.

Residents at the meeting were given petitions demanding immediate steps from government. These included the deployment of a more visible police presence in the suburbs.

According to information provided to the DP by police, 6 000 more policemen were needed in the Witwatersrand region.

The petition called for the SADF to assist police in crime prevention. Leon said

the urgency of the situation now required that national servicemen be drafted directly into the police and be given preliminary training before being put on the streets as part of a special police task force to combat crime.

Residents were also urged to join the demand for the major municipalities to be used to assist the police.

Johannesburg North MP Peter Soal urged residents to enrol as police reservists.

Leon said government was obliged to act to end crime, but also sharply criticised extra-parliamentary organisations for their role in the violence.

Leadership figures had to end their moral double bookkeeping. "An appalling recent example of this is the PAC. Their so-called army recently took responsibility for the killing of two policemen in Soweto last weekend. And their local secretary-general, Benny Alexander, simply refused to deal with the matter."

The ANC also had to step in and end its silence and inaction over the current lawlessness, Leon said.

De Beer said crime and the economy formed a vicious, two-way circle.

"This year, we are told, only one in every 10 work-seekers will find a job. Others may find some, probably part-time and very low-paid, employment in the informal sector. For the rest, crime becomes quite an attractive option."

The high crime rate today was "part of the price we are paying for the apartheid years".

Cafe owners live in constant fear

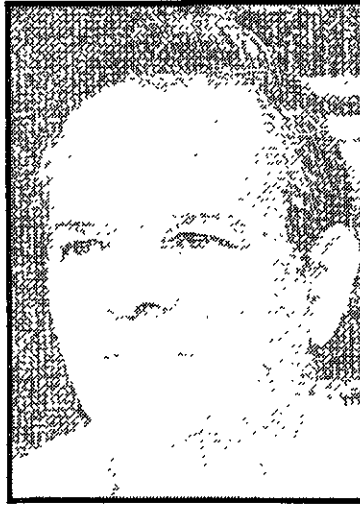
AL-AMEEN KAFAAR

CORNER cafes on the Witwatersrand could become something of the past if nothing is done to prevent robbers from preying on them. *Star 16/11/91*

That's the view of the majority of cafe owners contacted by the Saturday Star this week. Many of them, especially the ones in white suburbs, are considering selling their businesses and/or leaving the country.

Andreas Petrides, owner of a cafe on the corner of Jan Smuts and Westminster avenues, Hyde Park, has been robbed three times and injured twice in the past 18 months. On one occasion there were 20 customers in the cafe when Mr Petrides was assaulted and robbed of R1 000 in cash. He now works in a state of constant fear.

"I don't know how long I'm going to last. Every time someone suspicious enters, I get a cold feeling. You can only hold your breath when the customer goes for his pocket. We can't even arm ourselves because it's too dangerous. Two or three robbers can easily disarm you. Who knows what can



ANDREAS PETRIDES: Robbed three times in past 18 months.

happen then?"

The fear of some of the owners was clearly illustrated by their requests to remain anonymous. To disclose their identity would make them more vulnerable, they said.

A 35-year-old cafe owner, robbed and assaulted twice, was nearly in tears when he spoke about his experiences.

"I'm not concerned about the money, but my life. Not even an

emergency button deters them. It took the robbers less than five minutes to take the money and assault me. By the time the security guards had arrived, they had been long gone."

Housewives League president Lyn Morris deplored the increase in cafe robberies, saying the corner cafe had, over the years, created a special niche for itself in South African shopping.

"Consumers would suffer a great loss if the small cafe disappeared," she said.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Sergeant Andy Pieke said robbers had started realising, especially after security at banks had been tightened, that the small cafe was a much softer target.

He advised owners to be on the alert for suspicious-looking people and bank their money regularly. He also said cafe owners should establish good relations with the police and if someone suspicious entered the shop, they should phone the police immediately.

"They should trade when there are a lot of people in the area. And most important, don't give any resistance and educate staff members what to do in case of a robbery."

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Police seek 2 over cache

Soweto police are looking for two men they believe can help them with their investigation after the discovery of an arms cache in the township last week.

Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Halgryn, liaison officer for the Soweto police, said the arms cache was found at a house on November 10 and consisted of, among other things, 10 mini-limpet mines, 30 rounds of ammunition, an AK-47 rifle, 19 VZD 3 m detonators, 108 mechanical detonators and 20

MUV2 detonators. ~~SET~~

One of the men the police want to speak to is Mkopane Moses Clifford Motikoe, who was last seen in Bekkersdal. He is thin and tall and his identity number is 660908-542-1081.

Another is Sizo Alexandra Mkhabela, who is 1.59 m tall and sturdily built. His identity number is 640612-533-2083.

Anyone who has seen the men is asked to contact Sergeant P Morrow on (011) 980-8140 at all hours. — West Rand Bureau.

Banks find robbers an elusive foe

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IX MEEN wearing balalaikas burst into the banking hall carrying automatic rifles. Pandemonium breaks out as staff and customers are forced to hand over money and jewellery. A yellor is too slow and is casually gunned down.

Dozens of violent attacks on bank customers and staff over the past few years have left little doubt that a scenario such as this could be acted out in any bank in South Africa today.

Less spectacular, but no less demoralising to staff or damaging to the economy, are the hundreds of non-violent bank robberies which take place countrywide each year.

It is perhaps here, where they do not have to contend with mindless, gratuitous violence, that bank security officials and the police have a chance of turning the tide.

Comparative statistics provided by the Witwatersrand police on bank robberies on the Reef last year and this year suggest that a start has been made.

In the period January to December 1990, according to police Hansson officer Colonel Frans Malherbe, 30 bank robberies took place on the East Rand, netting R3 592 156.

In the first nine months of this year, bank robbers struck 10 times in the region, escaping with R1 810 129.

The statistics for the West Rand are less encouraging: four robberies in 1990 (R240 489 516-

Tighter security may be helping to contain bank robberies in some areas on the Reef, but at what cost to staff and customers in banking halls in less-protected areas? GUY JEPSON reports.

len), five so far this year (R238 493 stolen).

In the Witwatersrand police district (defined by 23 police stations in Johannesburg, Johannesburg North and Randburg) there were 77 bank robberies last year (R9 631 009 stolen) and 44 so far this year (R4 337 288 stolen).

Although still disconcertingly high, the statistics suggest that bank robbers are, at worst, being contained on the Reef, particularly in the Johannesburg area.

Colonel Malherbe argues that more efficient policing and sophisticated security measures employed by banks in the region have eroded the belief among criminals that banks are "soft targets".

"There is definitely a much more efficient services from the SAP. We are looking at the problem now in a strategic manner. The police force has been restructured and various crime-combating units have been established in the past few months.

"Devices such as time-delay locks have also been installed

by the banks. When there's a robbery, the guys tend to hit the cashiers - and get less money." Gerry Christy, First National Bank senior general manager (internal audit and security), agrees that the number of hold-ups at banks decreased this year, but points out that there had been 16 robberies at FNB branches nationally in the past seven weeks.

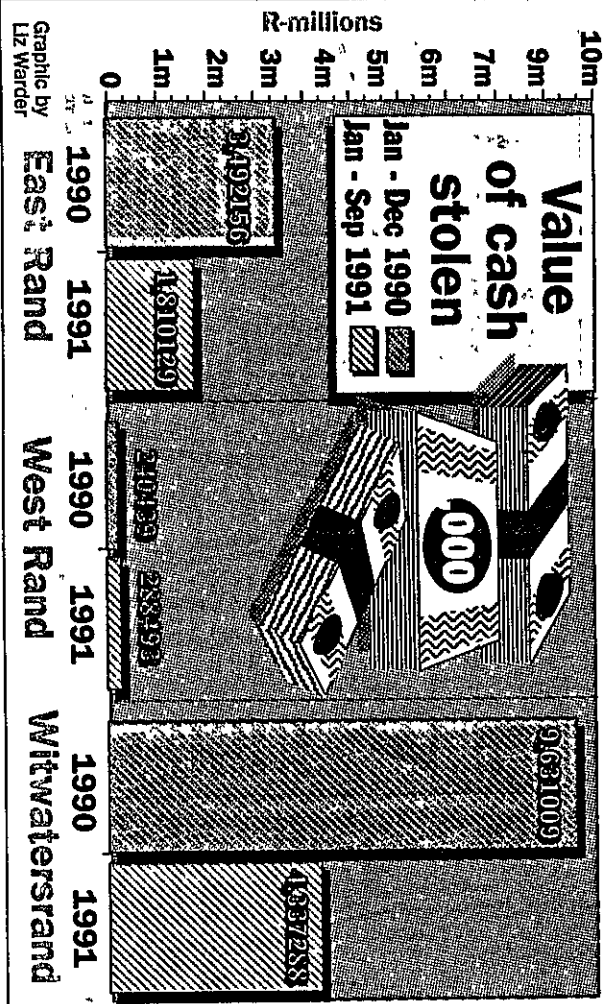
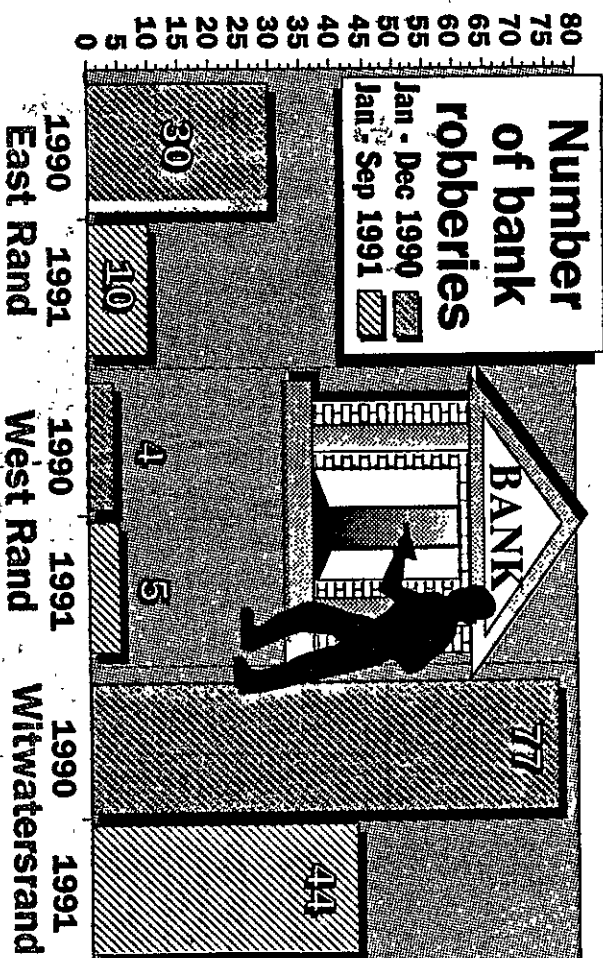
Contrary to the police statistics for the Reef, robbers who held up FNB branches across the country were also escaping with more money in hold-ups.

"While we have had fewer robberies than over the last financial year, we have lost much more money," said Mr Christy. He conceded, however, that this tendency might have been reinforced by two particularly nasty robberies at FNB branches this year in which robbers escaped with substantial amounts of money.

Mr Christy also warned that better policing and security in cities was encouraging robbers to strike at banks in less-protected areas.

Ultimately, it was the responsibility of the State to provide the resources to enable the SAP to act decisively to protect bank staff and customers.

"Unless the bad guys are run away, the robberies will continue. The police have actually said that if you make things too hot for the criminals in the cities, they will concentrate on the rural areas. And this is exactly what is happening."



Graphic by Liz Warder

Joint effort to combat city crime

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By Louise Burgers
Municipal Reporter

A major conference to address urban decay and crime in Johannesburg and to create a structure to deal with central city problems, gets under way on Sunday.

Business leaders, community representatives, civic associations and the Johannesburg City Council will participate.

The main issues to be dealt with by delegates include plans for Johannesburg 2000, economic and social strategies, determining who is responsible for what, a look at future resources and addressing immediate problems such as security.

To make sure things run smoothly at the conference which is a first of its kind, a facilitator from the United States, Richard Bradley, has been brought in for the two days.

Mr Bradley heads the International Downtown Association based in

Washington DC, of which the Johannesburg Central Business District Association is a member.

Mr Bradley, who has visited Johannesburg before, said the city was large by international standards. "It must accommodate and serve as the centre for Johannesburg, but at the same time it is in competition with 'edge' cities (Midrand, Randburg and Sandton)," he said.

The conference will be opened by community leader Dr Nthato Motlana on Sunday and the closing address will be delivered by Dr Frederick Van Zyl Slabbert, Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber chairman, on Monday.

Other papers will be delivered by consultant Nigel Mandy, Actstop chairman Mohammed Dangor, Professor Michael Katz, Mr Bradley, Anglo's Gerald Leissner, Johannesburg management committee chairman Ian Davidson, civic spokesman Cas Coovadia and the Mayor of Johannesburg, Elliot Kretzmer.

Call for power to all Rand

Star 21/11/91
By Louise Burgers
Municipal Reporter

A task group to formulate strategies for the creation of a regional electricity supply system on the Witwatersrand should be formed as soon as possible, according to a report tabled at the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council on Tuesday.

The investigation into the provision of services on a regional basis was commissioned by the RSC, which last night called for comment on the report from the relevant local authorities, Eskom and the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber by January 31.

The present fragmented electricity supply within the Central Witwatersrand RSC's region had created numerous problems regarding the standard and maintenance of the service, especially in the black communities, due to a lack of expertise, manpower and capital.

The reorganisation of the electricity supply within the region could lead to major savings and the effective utilisation of available financial, human and other resources.

'Stamp out crime'

Soweto 21/11/91
SOWETO residents are in agreement that the escalating crime in the township has to be stopped. (38)

This emerged during a seminar at the official launch of the Soweto Anti-Crime Initiative at the Soweto campus of Vista University yesterday.

The feeling at the seminar was that the community must do something about the wave of crime.

Mr Philemon Makhetha, president of the Soweto Chamber of Commerce and Industries, said the high rate of crime was corroding the quality of life.

"The cost of crime is unacceptably high in terms of the growing prison population of young people, loss of valuable life and property. No community can accept the current devastation," he said.

Mr Shimane Khumalo, of the Soweto National Institute of Crime Rehabilitation of Offenders, said the ongoing crime needed a concerted community effort.

Learning

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With police seemingly helpless in the face of soaring crime, more and more neighbourhoods are choosing to protect themselves with methods ranging from voluntary patrols to advice centres that settle disputes. FERRAL HAFFAJEE reports

WITH no bobbies on the beat, no guardian angels on the railways, and few police officers a telephone call away, South Africans have had to fend for themselves.

Everywhere there is evidence of their home-grown community initiatives: from Neighbourhood Watches and community courts to the much berated self-defence units.

"We encourage people to put away their guns, to come out from behind their high walls and take responsibility for their own safety," says Gaye Neille, the livewire president of Neighbourhood Watch.

Based on community action, the idea is to know your neighbours, look out for them, have them look out for you and to alert the police to any danger, says Neille.

Starting a Neighbourhood Watch is easy: an interested person living in a

street gets together a minimum of 15 neighbours at a tea party which is also attended by a representative of Neighbourhood Watch and a local police officer.

Lists of telephone numbers and addresses are circulated. People who are especially vulnerable, like women at home alone, the disabled and the elderly, are noted.

Volunteers offer their houses as safe houses: these houses are signposted with a bright sign, and children who feel endangered can go there.

Included in the one-off payment of R40, is an engraving, gun used to brand your identity number on to all your valuables. Last month, a Lombardy East man, who is also a member of Neighbourhood Watch, was robbed. Within a week, the police recovered all his goods because they were so clearly marked.

Although proud of its one successful township branch in Sebokeng,



On patrol ... a volunteer member of the Langemann Kop Area Watch, armed only with a radio, does his rounds. Crime in the area has dropped 45 percent since the patrols began Picture: GUY ADAMS

Neighbourhood Watch remains a phenomenon of affluent white suburbs and, unfortunately, Neighbourhood and Blockwatch schemes sometimes fall victim to racism.

Neille extols the virtues of getting one's domestic worker properly referenced: "Don't just pull them off the streets," she suggests. And she stresses that it is necessary to get the photographs and identity numbers of domestic workers.

She is also horrified by people who

give their domestic workers keys to the front door. "The police say that 80 percent of suburban crime is committed by domestic workers," she says.

But Neighbourhood Watch is careful to point out that it is "not a vigilante group and does not undertake or encourage patrolling".

She says that many suburban patrols deteriorate into vigilante groups and are all the more dangerous because they are allowed to carry guns.

Neille relates how Conservative

Party stalwart Clive Derby-Lewis once hijacked a Neighbourhood Watch platform and prompted rightwingers to infiltrate Blockwatch schemes.

"The magic formation is a Neighbourhood Watch working in tandem with a 'B' reserve platoon," believes Neille. 'B' reservists are part-time police reservists who are required to patrol only their own neighbourhoods.

Neille says that crime in her neighbourhood dropped from 49 burglaries a month to an average of just two a month.

A different, legalised community policing effort is the self-protection unit. Initially, they were set up to deal with violent political rivalry in the townships and were largely linked to the African National Congress. Strictly organised along the lines of army commandos, they consist mostly of the younger men in the community. Last year, as the violence in the PWV made many townships impenetrable even by the police, self-defence units grew as a desperate attempt to "protect terrorised communities". Often they provided the only form of protection a township community had and they operated

with the consent of the community.

As a member of a defence committee in a squatter camp explained: "There is no quiet way of passing through here, that's why the police can't come here and patrol on foot."

Their weapons were originally homemade, imported from Eastern Europe or taken from police during ambushes. There was a time in Dispersal in Soweto, an ex-defence unit patroller says, when police could not come further than the main road for fear of being disarmed.

Self-defence units have recently started tackling crime in the townships as well.

It was the threat which the self-defence units' posed to the government's channels of law and order which made them an issue of hot

debate between the government and the ANC.

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At one stage the ANC's resolute stance on the right of self-defence units to exist and the government's unbending belief that communities should not take law and order into their own hands, threatened to derail negotiations.

At the recent National Peace Accord deliberations, self-defence units were legally recognised for the first time and will now be known as self-protection units: "The law accords all individuals the right to protect themselves and their property, and to establish voluntary associations or self-protection units in any neighbourhood to prevent crime and to prevent any invasion of the lawful rights of such communities."

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sure has dropped at times to 80/40.

A SMALL, drafty hall with full-length mirrors at every corner, in the Johannesburg suburb of Kensington, is not the place you'd expect to hear of momentous changes in police policy.

Yet it was here two weeks ago that residents heard the police are about to change their entire approach to crime from detection to prevention. *W/Mar 22/11-28/11/91*

Gerald Heine, founder of Business Watch, told residents assembled for the annual meeting of the Langermann Kop Area Watch (LAW) that big changes were in the offing.

About 60 men and women had dragged themselves out on a week night to hear a range of invited guests talk on the topic of crime prevention. It was hardly a vigilante mob: mostly white and many middle-aged, they sat on the hard, stackable chairs quintessential to such gatherings of suburban residents and to PTA meetings.

Heine began to outline the police plans in response to an emotional statement by a member of the audience that swift police action in the central business district, compared with their performance in the suburbs, showed a police preference for property over human life.

Not so, said Heine. He had recently attended a top-level police conference where police had decided to change tack from being reactive to active in combating crime.

As part of this plan, a crime prevention officer would be appointed at each police station and civilians would be employed to do jobs like answering phones and filing which do not need a qualified law-enforcement officer.

The residents had heard Lionel Keenan, chairman of the Federation of Blockwatches, describe how the Lombardy East Blockwatch had reduced crime in that suburb by 80 percent. He described the sophisticated radio link between patrol cars manned by residents and the charge

office of Lombardy East police station, which had helped the block watch achieve its success.

Keenan shared the platform with Gaye Neille, founder and president of Neighbourhood Watch in South Africa — suprisingly, considering her suspicion of cowboy-style residents' patrols. Neighbourhood Watch is opposed to the patrolling of suburbs, which is the essential function of block watch, preferring reliance on marking of valuable items and a policy of good neighbourliness.

Noting her organisation's approach was one of sober-mindedness about crime, she pointed out that South Africa was not yet in a state of civil war and asked for a show of hands by those who had been burgled in the past year. Fifteen made a gesture that elsewhere is associated with political solidarity. Neille reckoned this was about the average for most meetings she addresses.

Only three people present had been assaulted during the burglaries and Neille made the observation,

borne out by LAW in the past year, that the professionals usually come in the morning because they don't want to run into anybody. Her message was: Take crime seriously, but don't be panicked into doing anything foolish.

Keenan stressed the duty of the block watch was to help the police by observing and reporting. It had no place for vigilantes — the bakkie, bulldog and baseball-bat brigade — and those who wanted to carry guns could always join the police reservists. The real job of the block watch was to aid the understaffed "boys in blue", a phrase Keenan, a former city councillor, repeated several times.

In the end, this is the essence of block watch. Suburban residents are obviously not equipped for police work, but they can help the police when it comes to the prevention of crime.

In a small hall, residents talk of fighting back

REG RUMNEY attends a suburban watch meeting

Spiralling crime brings fear and anger

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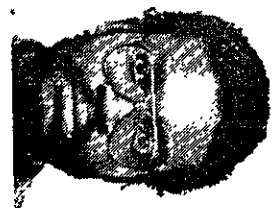
BONANI "Bondela"
 Photothane smiled as he strolled from school last Thursday afternoon.

A matric pupil at Mohlakaneng High School, Seshego, Pietersburg, he had been studying biology that afternoon in preparation for exams the following day.

He had remained at school until about 3pm when he started the short journey home.

Bondela, as he was called by his friends, was accosted about 300m from his home at 483 Zone 1 by a thug who plunged a knife into his neck.

He was rushed to the nearby clinic where nurses, seeing the profuse bleeding, sent him to a doctor next door. The doctor and his assistants battled for half an hour before an ambulance arrived to take the boy to hospital.



Seshego has been hit by spiralling crime. **MATHATHA TSEDU** of our Pietersburg Bureau, takes a closer look at the problem.

But it was too late.

His death is a tragedy. It was the end of an ambition he had to become a teacher and a useful member the community.

He was also a keen, self-taught motor mechanic and barber. Many a Seshego youth can attest to his ability to cut hair.

The son of sales representative Mr Johannes "Skipper" Photothane and his teacher wife Rachel, Bondela (20) became yet another tragic statistic in the growing violence sweeping



BONANI PHOTOHWANE

the once peaceful township.

The saying that Seshego is good at night is fast becoming history as people remain indoors after dark. Thirty-six people have died violently during the past six months. Gone are the days

when carefree people would drink at the Zone 1 hotel and criss-cross the footpath to Zone 3. With the emergence of gangsters such as 21 Jump Street, Zebra Force and others, those who try to walk the streets at night do so at their peril.

The community is becoming very concerned as evidenced last week

when two people who had been stabbed to death on the same night were given a combined funeral service which attracted nearly 5 000 people.

Speaker after speaker, from the local taxi association representative, Mr Eddy Mabina; Sabta representative Mr Eddy Dikgale; to civic association chairman Mr Robbert Mningi, described the increasing stabblings to resolve problems.

"They are our children. We have given birth to thugs who are now finishing each other off. Are we going to just sit around and mourn their deaths or are we going to do something? The knife is out to kill

and we must stamp it out," Mabina said.

Mningi said parents must get involved and admit to what their children's are doing.

"It is the responsibility of all of us to talk to our children. We must not let them become street children. Parents mustn't say they don't know where their children have been sleeping - they must make it their business to know," Mningi said.

Revenge

The speakers cautioned against revenge. The warning followed an incident a week earlier when people returning from a burial set a scrapyard used as a tavern on fire.

The mourners claimed that the victim was stabbed at the scrapyard. But the owner, Mr David Teffo, denied that the man had been stabbed there.

Police spokesman, Captain Tlomatsana, said police had discussed the growing violence which was worrying. He said a 19-year-old had been arrested for the murder of Bondela and would appear in court again on Tuesday.

He said police were looking at various ways of improving policing of the township to safeguard the residents and their property. "The apathy towards the formation of youth gangs and the availabil-

ity of liquor and drugs, are contributing factors to crime.

"Several options are open to us which will be implemented soon. We welcome the spirit of the community who want to help us curb crime," Tlomatsana said.

A social worker said unemployment and laxness in schools were contributory factors to the growing crime. Calls for an end to it would not help without employment to keep people busy.

As the community grapples with the problem and hopes for peace to return, Bondela will on Saturday do his last mile - another young person who died too soon.

Crime 'corroding' quality of life ³⁸

Star 22/11/91
By Thabo Leshilo

Soweto's high incidence of crime was corroding the community's quality of life and playing havoc with residents' insurance premiums and the provision of essential services, Soweto Chamber of Commerce and Industries president Philemon Makhetha said this week.

Speaking at the launch of the Soweto Anti-Crime Initiative, a community organisation created to combat the crime menace in the township, Mr

Makhetha said crime in Soweto was unacceptably high.

This was reflected by the growing prison population of young people, loss of life and property.

According to figures released by the police last month, Soweto accounted for an eight percent increase in murders reported in South Africa this year and showed an overall 0,02 percent rise in serious crime compared with last year.

Figures for the first

quarter of the year indicate that 414 rapes, 319 murders, 344 attempted murders, 1 114 house-breakings, 292 robberies, 762 armed robberies and 1 1219 "plain" thefts were committed in the area.

This year alone, 34 policemen have been killed in Soweto — more than double last year's figure.

Various speakers cited the high unemployment rate in the township as an important contributory factor to violence and crime.

Unrest ties up 30 pc of police — Van Eyk

By Bronwyn Wilkinson
Crime Staff

About 30 percent of the police force was deployed in unrest areas — and this aggravated the manpower problem in trying to cope with the soaring rate of suburban crime, deputy commissioner of police General Mulder van Eyk has said.

Speaking at a public meeting on crime in Randburg and Sandton last night, he said it

would only be when the Peace Accord was fully implemented that these policemen would be able to return to normal crime prevention duties.

The Democratic Party's Bryanston MP, Rupert Lorimer, who chaired the meeting, said communities needed to know what increases could be expected in police manpower.

General van Eyk said about 7 000 policemen were due to graduate

from police colleges at the end of this month.

● A Domestic Servants Watch has been formed in at least four Johannesburg suburbs.

The branch commander of the Crime Investigation Service at Parkview police station, Captain Martin van Nieuwenhuizen, said information from domestic workers had frequently helped the police to catch burglars red-handed.

Man to sue police after arrest of son (15)

By Zingisa Mkhuma

A Midrand father has lodged a complaint and intends taking legal action against police for arresting his South African-born teenage son whom they suspected of being an illegal immigrant.

Patrick Mabena accused the police of violating the rights of his child when they arrested his son Luvuyo (15), a Std. 7 pupil at Sandown High

School, on Wednesday.

Mr Mabena said the police ignored Luvuyo's pleas that he had been in Soweto and lived with his parents a few blocks away from the spot where he was arrested.

He was kept in custody for almost three hours, Mr Mabena said.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Henriette Bester said the boy was detained for only 15 minutes.

Captain Bester said

the boy looked older than 15 and had told the police he was born in Harare, which gave them reason enough to arrest him.

Mr Mabena said Luvuyo was stopped by the police at about 4 pm. He denied that his son had told them he was born in Zimbabwe.

"When I got to the police station, the police insisted that I produce his ID book or birth certificate," Mr Mabena said.

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from killing each other". 28/11/91
The willingness of police to prevent these killings has, however, often been questioned. 38

The SAP this week launched a new operation at Soweto stations which involved the searching of passengers with metal detectors for guns. However, police are powerless to seize weapons other than firearms unless persons carrying these weapons display "criminal intent".

This revelation followed fighting aboard a train travelling between Mamlankunzi and New Canada sta-

tions, where men used umbrellas to conceal their pangas and knobkerries.

A suspect arrested in connection with the biggest train massacre yet — when 26 died near Jeppe station — was released a few days later. The police reason for releasing the man was that survivors were too frightened to attend an identification parade.

Asked why the man was not held under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act, police spokesman Captain Ida van Zweek said the Act could not be applied because the man had not been arrested for security reasons. 22/11/91 - 28/11/91

"We obviously could not hold the man for more than 48 hours. He could also not be linked to the incident."

SETTLING THE NEIGHBOURHOOD QUARRELS

LESS than 15 minutes from the northern suburbs, but worlds apart in experience and living conditions, the community of Alexandra has also notched up a victory for community initiative.

In a modest office of the local shopping centre, the country's first community dispute resolution centre got off the ground last month. Heralded by some as the "first legal people's court", it is the successor to the people's courts which mushroomed in the mid-1980s. These courts dispensed an informal community justice, tackling community problems with community members sitting as judges.

The Alexandra Justice Centre is not a court, stipulates Felicity Steadman, of the Community Dispute Resolution and Resource Centre. It is a mediation and arbitration centre set up by the community with help from academic and practising lawyers. Because it is not a court, it does not pass verdicts. It mediates between parties, helping them to reach mutually acceptable settlements.

Mediators are drawn from the community and are professionally trained. Working mothers, office and factory workers, unemployed fathers, taxi drivers and a teacher all offer their services as mediators.

Steadman says the scheme has taken off and people come in off the streets to have their disputes settled. The system is cheaper and quicker than the courts and is run by the community. It is intended to ultimately place control of the Alex Justice Centre in a community-based trust.

In one of the cases before a mediator, a resident complained that she had caught her neighbour sprinkling water on her roof. Interpreting this as a sign of witchcraft, she laid a complaint.

Before a mediator, the neighbour explained that it was in fact protective water to drive away evil spirits. Both parties left, satisfied with the outcome.

The centre's dispute procedure has drawn richly from African customary law. An *umuleki* —

Xhosa for one who gives advice — is the major player in the centre. In this case, he is Ben Dhlomo, the registrar of the centre.

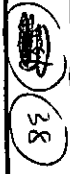
Dhlomo categorises disputes, sees which should go for mediation and which should be sent to lawyers and advice centres.

While the Alexandra project is the most ambitious attempt at formalising the system of informal justice, hundreds of less-sophisticated people's courts still operate around the country, says University of Stellenbosch lecturer Jeremy Seekings. W|W|Q|D 22/11/88 - 28/11/91

They are run from community halls or the homes of street committee members. Whereas they were banned under the State of Emergency in 1986, they now have the tacit support of the police, says Seekings. They take up local issues as well as small civil issues. In Cape Town's Gugulethu township for example, four courts exist, says Seekings.

A new breed of crime busters

STAR 25/11/91



IN A GLOSSY, bound book, Paramed Security has proposed setting up a new company called the Johannesburg Crime Prevention Services (JCPS) to police the streets.

The proposal is one of several being investigated by the Johannesburg City Council's newly formed subcommittee on crime.

The objective of the new company would be to make the residential areas of Johannesburg safer, assist the police in crime prevention and create a bond between the public and all crime prevention authorities.

Paramed managing director Mark Flemmer said the JCPS's purpose would be to protect the streets. The JCPS has no intention of being a private army for the privileged few.

To ally obvious fears by residents who envisage private armies of trigger-happy security guards running wild through suburbia, Mr. Flemmer says each of his men would be required to become a police reservist and a trained paramedic as well as undergo intensive training in weapons handling and liaison with the public.

To operate the service, R3 million is needed monthly — R15 from each home and R30 from small businesses. Paramed would manage and administer the new company and all security operations. The new company would not have the same modus operandi as Paramed or any other private security group. Residents would get the lot for their money.

A Johannesburg-based security company has come up with a proposal to put men on the streets to curb crime in the suburbs — at little cost to the ratepayer. Municipal Reporter LOUISE BURGERS investigates.

Monthly cost breakdown of security service

Johannesburg Crime Prevention Services	R2 600 000
VAT	R272 727
Administration Fee (City Council)	R127 272
TOTAL	R3 000 000

What the service would cost every month if implemented.

In all suburbs (excluding industrial/commercial and CBD areas) there would be 1 000 personnel and 70 vehicles made up of 80 squads, each comprising 15 officers, one vehicle and two mountain bikes. There would be one supervisor per six squads.

- All personnel would carry radios and digital pagers linked to Paramed's central control.
- All residents would be given a telephone number to phone if they had a problem.
- Mobile and foot units would carry cameras to photograph any suspicious happenings.
- Vehicle, bicycle and foot patrols would be deployed in all

suburbs to create a high visibility of security personnel. Mobile units would patrol residential areas and foot patrols would concentrate on shopping areas. The security company would insist on several checks and balances if given the go-ahead.

- To make the operation financially viable, the initial contract between the council and Paramed would have to run for a minimum of three years, after which the company expects the contract to go out to tender.
- To ensure the correct allocation of council funds, Paramed insists that the council appoint auditors for the new company.

The council would have a further option to appoint a non-executive director to the board of the new company. A senior member of the SAP would also be invited to join board meetings in an advisory capacity.

Increases in the security service levy would be determined by the published consumer price index for the wiperaters-rand after one year of operation.

The recruitment and training of personnel could take between 10 and 12 months. "We envisage 100 trained officers being deployed per month," Mr. Flemmer said.

Initial suburbs to be brought on line would be determined by liaison between the SAP and Paramed management. "Once we have been given the approval by council to proceed, the first contingent of trained officers will be available within six weeks."

Liaison with the public was important, he said. "For this project to achieve optimum success it is important to get the public willingly active and working alongside their security personnel. To achieve this, organized security workshops for residents and staff will be instigated in every suburb."

"Discipline is the key to a well-trained force. This will be achieved by instilling pride in our officers, their company and the success and importance of the job they are doing. Should punishment have to be enforced, it would be by way of the withdrawal of privileges and performance bonuses," Mr. Flemmer said. □



Bobbies-on-wheels . . . bicycle patrols are proposed as one way to deal with escalating crime in the suburbs.

R15 a month on rates will pay for 1 000 men to patrol streets

Joburg private police plan

By Louise Burgetts
Municipal Reporter

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A private security company's proposal to control the appalling crime rate in the suburbs at a cost of R15 a home is being considered by the Johannesburg City Council.

Management committee chairman Ian Davidson has set up a committee to investigate the proposal by Paramed Security and other initiatives and to report back by the end of January.

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Back from hell . . . British businessman Ian Richter embraces his wife Shirley on his arrival at Heathrow Airport last night. He had been held in an Iraqi jail for five years. Britain released R350 million in frozen Iraqi assets in exchange for his release.

Fight die in mine violence

Picture: . . .

Richter tells of grim days

LONDON — Ian Richter flew back to freedom last night to the wife he last saw from the indignity of his prison cell.

Within an hour of landing at Heathrow Airport, he was describing his prison regime: at six every morning he would do an hour's PT. Then, after breakfast, he would run 15 km or so followed by studying for a postgraduate degree in finance and accounts, then writing at least one letter every day. "I decided I had to keep a fairly ordered regime."

Mr Richter (49) looked thin, but otherwise tanned and fit. He was keenest to concentrate now on the happy things, being reunited with his wife Shirley, his son Anton (16), his daughters Alex (19) and Jeanne (17). They had been children when he last saw them and were now almost adults.

Only reluctantly did Mr Richter turn to less pleasant matters. It was put to him that Douglas Brand, also released from Iraq this year, had said he had been tortured. Had Mr Richter suffered the same fate? "I really want to look forward rather than back," he said, noncommittally repeating only that his early years in prison had been "pretty grim".

He described how conditions in prison had then improved as he came to know his prison wards and they came to know likes and dislikes. He was asked why he thought he had been charged with bribery and imprisoned and he laughed, shrugged and said "You tell me," then, adopting a more serious tone, he said: "You tell me."

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About R3 million a month was needed to run the service. Based on ratepayer figures supplied by the council, Paramed would require a levy of R15 a house or flat, and R30 for a small office or shop to finance the service.

Randburg management committee chairman Andre Jacobs said his council was also investigating using private security companies to police the streets.

"It is important that people realise we are paying taxes and for that the State should provide the service of security. It's very unfortunate, since it is not really council responsibility to do this, but we have to be realistic in terms of the times we live in."

But National Business Watch co-ordinator Gerald Heine said it was the responsibility of the police to maintain law and order, and they could do so provided manpower was used effectively.

Crimebusters!

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THE Soweto Anti-Crime Initiative will do much more than be a residents' police unit - it will seek to root out crime at its source.

Saci, which was formally launched last week, is a broad-based crime prevention programme made up of various community organisations and service agencies.

It was formed in May year after a crime convention held in Soweto.

Its mandate is to look at ways and means of combatting the high crime rate in Soweto, particularly the use of firearms in the killing of business people, motorists and residents.

Attempts

Some of the organisations and service agencies are: the Soweto Civic Association, Motorist Protection Club, National Association of Ex-Prisoners, Soweto Chamber of Commerce and Industry, National Institute of Crime and Rehabilitation of Offenders and Ministers United For Christian Responsibility, Entokozweni Early Learning Centre, Advice Centre Association, Zola Advice Office, Projects for the Study of Violence (Wits University), Berea...

Soweto has been deluged by a rising crime wave over the years. Residents have had enough and have formed an organisation to combat crime. Sowetan reporter NKOPANE MAKOBANE tells us more about the organisation.

Group aims to get to root of evil

tures designed for protecting communities are providing inadequate security.

He says in black townships therefore, residents have usually been subjected to various non-formal protective measures.

These range from extortion by criminal gangs, the Makgotla system, street committees, and recently, the politicised defence units under the control of trained guerillas.

Violent

"These responses aim to counter criminal or violent practices with seemingly legitimate counter force

their representatives have yielded some concrete results.

Furthermore, Legodi says, Saci is in the process of strengthening the community participation and involvement in the fight against criminal violence.

Needs

"This is the only way which will contribute towards making those in power become sensitive and responsive to the needs

of the black community." A programme to build the capacity of community control of their life has already been initiated. All those who desire a meaningful role are approached or invited.

Saci believes its strength and effectiveness lies in contact and networking among a diverse range of community organisations and support systems.

The following is a programme which Saci has set for itself:

Schemes

* Crime prevention schemes including possibly neighbourhood watches, reservists, private security companies and other programmes supported by the affected community.

* Education and Awareness Raising programme.

* Possibility of utilising and/or transforming existing structures for crime prevention purposes.

* Creating relations and networks with other structures and relevant statutory departments.

* Re-establish an appropriate culture and appropriate law and regulations.

* Work to increase and

secure resources including suitable personnel, squad cars and so on.

* Conduct surveys and promote the exchange of available information and statistics.

* Monitor and publicise developments.

* Engage in other community-related programmes and lobbies pertinent to the community security and safety.

* Campaign for positive and effective alternatives to the present preventative and correctional measures.

* Securing funds for the crime programme.

* Maintaining contact with policing agencies.

* Engage in an educational/awareness programme.

* Lobby the local authority and the business sectors to provide support.

* Set up community-based communications systems involving a network of advice offices and helping community structures.

Apart from Legodi, other members of Saci's secretariat are Ms Mapitso Malepa (vice-chairman), Mr Jacob Noe (secretary), Mr Shimane Khumalo (vice-secretary) and Mr McDonald Temane (publicity secretary).

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Saci owes its origin to the July 1989 meeting called by the Soweto Chamber of Commerce and Industry in conjunction with Nicro (Soweto) and the South African Black Social Workers Association among others.

Scourge

Saci aims to adopt a short-term and long-term approach to addressing the scourge of crime, he said.

"We are happy that this far we have succeeded bringing together a coalition of community-based organisations and service agencies that are determined to halt the disturbing wave of lawlessness."

"We hope to engage all relevant groups and institutions to promote a safe and secure environment for the residents of Soweto," he says.

According to Legodi, incidents of crime in Soweto have often triggered two types of responses.

"Community members often react spontaneously in rage against perpetrators of violence; and the police inability to act satisfactorily."

Apathy

"The other extreme is a general apathy and resignation to the pathetic state of affairs which only serves to strengthen the aim of the criminal elements."

Legodi points out that black townships are generally perceived as hotbeds for breeding crime and criminals. Statutory struc-

Ad-hoc arrangements and the initial expectation that the chamber was to spearhead the action proved to be serious stumbling blocks.

Other sad developments in the community were beyond the scope of the sub-committee.

The committee, therefore, went through a period of inactivity and uncertainty.

Legodi, however, says Saci is proud that a concerted effort was sustained in 1991 by groups who have shown keen interest in addressing the escalating rate of crime.

He says regular meetings involving the groups and

Action

As far as the receipt or accrual of interest is concerned you will be able to choose whether you would like the interest to be taxed in the Republic or not. The true source of interest, in tax deductible in the hands of the company.

Assuming you choose to trade through a close corporation or a company, the close corporation or company would be using the borrowings for trade purposes, either to purchase fixed assets and/or trading stock, or to fund its trading expenses. Any interest payable on the loan will thus be

As discussed above, provided the salaries and fees are not excessive, these will be allowed as a deduction from the income (gross income less exempt income) of the company. A useful guide to establish reasonable fees and salaries would be to determine what amount would be paid to an independent third party if the company were to employ such a party to do the same work.

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Should you do work for the company in Ireland (or elsewhere other than the Republic) the true source of the amount paid to you for this work will not be from the Republic and will thus, neither be included in your Republic gross income nor subject to Republic tax. Should you thus, be paid a directors salary for work done in Ireland, such salary would not be included in your Republic gross income.

The deductibility and receipt of interest:

There is, as with sole proprietors, no limited liability. In addition partners have the potential problems of being bound, in their partnership dealings, by decisions made by their partners.

Disadvantages:

A partnership is not a separate taxpayer. Its receipts and accruals accrue to the partners in their profit sharing ratio and its deductions and allowances are granted to the partners in their profit sharing ratio. Its tax implications are thus the same as those of a sole proprietor.

Advantages:

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Alex - a festering sore

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THE Angel of Death hovers over the squalid township of Alexandra, east of Johannesburg.

The township, with a history of gangsterism stretching over decades, gave South Africa some of the most weird and shady characters.

It also gave this country some of the finest educationists, sportsmen and musicians.

The one gang leader who comes to mind is Lefty Mthembu, whose reign of terror is still fresh in the minds of the residents as if it happened only yesterday.

Yet it happened in the 1950s. Colleague Joe Thloloe, recollecting some of the incidents, remarks: "Under the pretext of protecting the community from attack by the Spoilers Gang, Msomi's equally notorious gang led by "godfather" Shadrack Matthews unleashed the worst reign of terror known in the history of the township."

Protection

He did not only extort protection fees from his victims, he and his men shot, killed, maimed and burnt victims in the most vicious attacks against residents, Thloloe said.

"It was only in the late 1960s that peace returned to the township.

"The Msomi Gang were rounded up in 1960. Matthews and a few of his henchmen were sentenced to death and others jailed for long terms.

"The Spoilers lingered on for a few more years, before shooting it out among themselves. It then petered out," says Thloloe.

Despite the crime, the township did not lag behind in producing good sportsmen.

The angel of death that hovers over Alexandra

By JOE MDHLELA

Boxer Jons "Kangaroo" Maoto was just one of the finest athletes to be produced in the area. He dominated the boxing scene in the 1960s and 1970s.

Music

There was also the late Zakes Nkosi, one of the best saxophonists in the country. He was a household name whose music is being played even today.

Director of Alexandra Health Centre Dr Tim Wilson makes this observation about Alexandra: "The level of violence in Alex has always been high."

Despite the violence, the township is a very humane place, argues Wilson.

"The people of Alexandra have been denigrated, impoverished and frustrated to the point of distraction," he says.

Wilson's remarks are fresh and relate to the present time. But they cannot be treated in isolation as if they do not form part of the total thread.

One has to look at the history of the township for the last three decades to connect the violence of the past with the violence of the present.

Wilson echoes the sentiment, saying the past explains the "the new violence".

He is also aware of the other violence unleashed by the Spoilers and Msomi gangs. It made people talk in whispers and "barricade their homes.

But the violence in the township has now taken other forms. To be able to understand its magnitude, one has to know its causes.

Those who wish to justify the violence invariably want to take the simplistic view.

Priests

Wilson suggests that "the gross overcrowding, massive unemployment, lack of education and years of corruption and neglect", are contributory factors for the escalating violence.

"The apparent inability of the police to take any effective action against violent crime in Alex only makes things worse," Wilson says.

Statistics put the number of people who died in Alexandra during March and April at 100. At least 535 were injured during the same period.

Local priests are concerned at the unending violence in the township. Without wanting to suggest that the violent attacks were perpetrated by the Inkatha Freedom Party, they seem to be concerned about the fact that it emanates from the hostels.

"We had two people dying on the day the Peace Accord was signed in September. The corpses were picked around the



Alexandra ... very humane but extremely violent. The area has a long history of violence - from the many gangs that gripped the township in terror to the new political violence - linked mostly to the squalid living conditions.

when incidents of intimidation were reported.

Between November 2 and 5, 28 gunshot wounds and 52 stabbings were treated at the clinic.

Residents report the matter to the police in the area so that a surprise raid could be carried out.

The spokesman said this was a civic matter. Police would only act

hostel area," one priest says.

Acting director of the centre, Mr David Robb, has a chilling tale. He says besides the "armed camp" they believe is being used to train hostel dwellers on combat tactics, Inkatha followers have annexed the hostel and have ejected those who do not share their political beliefs.

When this suggestion was put to a Witwatersrand police spokesman he said: "There might be some truth in this claim. I would suggest that the

Public can aid in crime fight

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By ALI MPHAKI

SOWETO police yesterday urged the public to cooperate with police in anticipation of crime which is expected to soar as the year draws to a close.

Giving some crime prevention hints, public relations officer Colonel Jac de Vries said December was usually a time of joy but also a time when crime soars, especially housebreaking, theft, rape and robbery.

He offered the following hints to reduce the opportunity for criminals to make you their next victim:

- Always lock your car's doors when driving.
- Have the vehicle serviced regularly to reduce mechanical breakdowns that would leave you stranded and vulnerable.
- Let your family know where you are going, when you are going, what time you'll be back and the routes you will take. Also of any changes in your plans.
- Keep your house properly locked and secure. Do NOT open the door to strangers, regardless of who they claim to be.
- Firearms should be kept on your person or locked in a safe, and should not be displayed in public places.
- Do not display any cash you are carrying. Put your money in your purse before leaving the bank.
- Put your car in the garage and close the gate before

off-loading your purchases, whenever possible.

● If suspicious looking persons are hanging around your gate, drive past and return later to avoid being hijacked.

● Do not attack a criminal unless you are 100 percent sure of winning the encounter.

● Take careful note of any distinctive marks or traits in a criminal so you can describe him accurately to the police and be able to identify him later. Also note vehicle makes, colours and registration numbers.

● Do not accept lifts from strangers.

● You are your brother's keeper. Keep an eye open for the safety of your fellow Sowetans and they will look after you.

● When calling for police assistance, keep as calm as possible, give your name, address and state clearly the nature of your complaint such as "I am being threatened with a gun", or "Someone is trying to break down my front door".

De Vries said in cases of emergency, always call the Flying Squad at telephone 10111.

FNB deals with the trauma of robbery

THE day had all the signs of a normal Tuesday morning at First National Bank's Johannesburg's Corporate Headquarters two weeks ago, until seven armed men stormed through the doors, jumped over the counters and pushed the bank workers on to the floor.

Wearing balaclavas, they screamed continually and used their guns to prod and butt bank workers mercilessly. One of the robbers systematically yanked jewellery off women employees.

The crack Robbery and Reaction Unit of the South African Police arrived within minutes and the robbers, caught unawares, fired wildly.

A woman was shot and her colleagues recounted how "the bullet entered her chest and left through her back". Another woman says a bullet flew past her head and she thought she was going to die.

Three of the men were killed in the shootout and their bloodied bodies were carried out of the bank past their former hostages.

The Hollywood-like drama was over in an hour but its horror and repercussions live on. Like a stuck record, the robbery repeats itself over and over again in the minds of staff caught in the crossfire of bank robberies. Many suffer repeated nightmares and flashbacks.

Sleep disturbances, tension and delayed shock are other problems facing those involved in bank robberies. Research has found that productivity declines, family life suffers, absenteeism increases and that bank staffers resign from banks which had been held up.

Hypervigilance with its symptoms of "continually looking over your shoulder, an inability to concentrate on your work and suspiciousness" was also noted, say Professor Diana Schmukler and Dr Merle Friedman, of the Trauma Clinic based at the Psychology Department of the University of the Witwatersrand.

They undertook research for FNB into the effect of bank robberies on their staff. All their findings pointed to post-traumatic stress syndrome.

As a result of their findings, the bank two years ago established its Post Trauma Stress Unit, the first in

Hardly a day goes past without a bank being robbed. To help employees cope with the stress, First National Bank has started a trauma unit. Now all other major financial institutions are following suit. **By FERIAL HAFFAJEE**

the country. Since then every other major financial institution has approached FNB for assistance in setting up their own trauma units.

Nationally based, the unit is comprised of employees who are called out whenever there is a robbery. The counsellors are drawn from the bank and do trauma counselling over and above their normal work.

When a robbery occurs, the bank's group personnel division gets together the region's counsellors. Once or twice, counsellors have even been flown by helicopter to robbery scenes.

Counselling takes place at the scene of the robbery because the sooner it is done, the less pronounced the trauma symptoms will be. The first step is to "normalise the situation", believe Schmukler and Friedman—"to make people realise that they are experiencing entirely normal responses to trauma".

Counsellors then go back to the bank the day after the robbery to help the employees back into the situation. Often they are fearful and hesitate to go back into the bank. Victims are encouraged to talk about the incident and they are assured that the symptoms will pass.

A week after the robbery, the counsellors return and everybody "from cleaners to managers go for further counselling".

The bank is keen to stress that the counsellors do not take over the work of professionals. They are trained to watch for danger signs like depression and suicidal tendencies and to alert people to the need for professional help. Their training is continually updated by way of quarterly meetings.

Data from counsellors reveal a great deal of success for the unit's work. Most of the employees who have been counselled do not need further therapy.

Apologise to Buthelezi or else

By CASSANDRA MOODLEY
AN Inkatha Central Committee member has been accused of forcing workers at his bus company to sign letters apologising to Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi for joining the "ANC affiliated" Transport and General Workers Union.

Workers at Ulundi Transport Services have unleashed a string of allegations against the owner, BA Sithole.

TGWU Empangeni branch secretary Bheki Mthembu said Sithole had intimidated workers for joining the union, threatening them to sign letters of resignation or they would be dismissed.

Eight workers had already been dismissed since September for "union activities", according to Mthembu. The union also claimed that Sithole had said the bus company offices were in the Buthelezi tribal area so he ordered workers to apologise in writing to Buthelezi for "joining a trade union without his blessing".

Employees also allege that Sithole forced them to join Inkatha, and personally collected a R5 Inkatha membership joining fee from each worker.

When the union requested a meeting with Sithole, he referred them to the amakhosis (chiefs), indunas and counsellors in the area, Mthembu said. A meeting was then arranged for September 18 with the indunas, including Buthelezi's father and Sithole. But the meeting was called off when Sithole demanded that union officials produce their Inkatha membership cards before they entered the meeting.

The union warned Sithole that if he does not respond within 14 days to its letter detailing grievances, it would declare a dispute. Sithole has denied all allegations. He said his workers did not belong to TGWU but they could "apply for permission from the amakhosis".

Sithole is also the director of kwaZulu Transport. He is said to be a relative of Buthelezi and runs most of the businesses falling under the Buthelezi Tribal Authority, including the Ulundi Transport Services, Nkonjeni Fresh Poultry, Mahlabathini Bottle Store and the beer hall in Mahlabathini.

BODIES in boots have long been a staple of Mafia movies—but this month they've made their appearance as a particularly bizarre part of the Reef crime wave.

So far this month three bodies of murder victims have turned up in the boots of cars, each murdered prior to being dumped.

Two of the cases show the hallmarks of highly professional "hits" and have been followed by a string of compelling explanations—secret arms deals, forgery rings, a medical corruption scandal, robbery and revenge.

●The first and strangest of the "boot murders" was that of Boksburg company director Alan Kidger (48). His dismembered body was discovered in the trunk of his white 7-series BMW three weeks ago after two car thieves, who had driven the vehicle to Soweto, were arrested.

What at first appeared to be a particularly brutal case of carjacking turned out to be something quite different.

Unbeknown to the thieves, they were driving around with a body which had been carved at every joint and smeared with a black substance believed to contain a chemical called mercuric oxide red, or red mercury.

Police believe Kidger was murdered prior to his limbs being hacked off and his body was found two days after his death.

Red mercury is a substance used in detonators for ballistic missiles, and the first breathless

Bodies in boots - a bizarre twist to Reef crime wave

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Decomposing bodies in the boots of luxury cars, secret arms deals, corruption, forgery syndicates, revenge... No, this is not the latest Mafia movie, but the scenario surrounding three 'boot murders' committed this month. **By GAVIN EVANS**

report from TV1 news was that the killing was linked to secret arms deals.

Police spokesman Colonel Jack de Vries told *The Weekly Mail* there was no evidence of this. "Where that story came from was the SABC's thumb", he said, adding that red mercury was also used in the colouring of R50 notes.

According to chemical experts, the substance is a key component used in the counterfeiting of bank notes—a fact which led to a second theory that the gruesome murder was linked to a forgery ring.

De Vries, however, said that while the police are investigating all possibilities, so far there is

no evidence to support this.

A third theory is that Kidger's employer, Thor Chemicals, is the only company in the country producing mercuric oxide red and that this may be a vital clue. But, according to Thor's managing director, Steven van der Vyver, the company produces only mercuric oxide yellow—a totally different chemical.

●Two weeks later, the partially decomposed body of East Rand doctor Raymond Kobrin was found in the boot of his car—also a white 7-series BMW—two days after his disappearance. Kobrin (43), a well-respected and highly successful general practitioner, had been shot in

the head, apparently by a professional hitman.

Once again initial press reports drew links with a possible involvement in the arms industry. Kobrin was the medical advisor of Kitygmed, the medical aid society of Armscor.

Police investigating officer Lieutenant Mike Holmes said they were investigating every possible aspect of the case "and this is one of the aspects we are investigating".

Another aspect of the case is that shortly before his death Kobrin handed *The Sunday Times* a six-page report on corruption in the medical and pharmaceutical industries, apparently listing prominent members of the industry involved in illegal practices such as drug wholesaling.

East Rand police representative Captain Ida van Zweekel said there appeared to be no connection between the Kidger and Kobrin murders.

●Then on Saturday morning the body of Peter Ntusi was found in the boot of his company's car, outside a house in Zondi, Soweto.

Ntusi (30) was an employee of Albany Bakery in Johannesburg and the police suspect the motive in the murder was robbery.

"What is clear is that he was killed somewhere else and then his body was dumped in the boot," said Soweto police spokesman Colonel Tienie Halgryn. "What happens is that somebody reads about this in the press and then tries it in order to mislead the police," he said.



Police, army hand out greetings 38

By Gien Elsas *Stu*
West Rand Bureau *2/12/91*

The Roodepoort Traffic Department joined with the police and the Defence Force to hand out hundreds of Christmas greetings cards to residents on Friday night.

The project was arranged by the Roodepoort Co-ordinating

Committee and was the first project of its kind to be launched on the Witwatersrand.

The cards contained hints on safety at home, in the street, in a vehicle and when on holiday.

Representatives of the traffic department, the army and police spent hours delivering the cards house to house.

Aged soft targets for robbers

W ARE prisoners in our own homes, says Ethel Cohen (80), who has been mugged twice and says she is too terrified to venture into the street alone.

In the most recent attack a few months ago, robbers smashed Mrs Cohen's arm and leg when they shoved her to the ground and wrestled her for her handbag, "which hardly had anything in it anyway," she says.

Mrs Cohen, who lives in Sopel Road, Berea, now refuses to walk the two blocks to the Senior Citizens Centre run by the Johannesburg Association for the Aged (Jatfa).

"No, they (Jatfa) have to send a driver for me. I am not going to walk anywhere on my own," she says.

Her friend at the centre, Harry Joss (83), was stabbed by robbers in the foyer of his Hill-brow flat building a few years ago.

"They cut my whole arm up," he says. "But I was younger then, so I gave them a good fight."

Jean Isaacs (65) was mugged last week outside the Jatfa centre. When she went to the bank the next day to draw cash, she pinned her identity book and the money inside her clothes so she did not need to take a handbag.

"I was robbed two weeks before that," she says, "and I cannot carry a handbag anymore because they take it before you can look around."

The centre's organiser,

Imprisoned in their homes by fear, the elderly are easy prey for robbers, rapists and murderers. The pickings from pensioned victims may be slim, but attackers know their target is likely to be too frail to resist. **BRONWYN WILKINSON** reports.

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Prisoners . . . Harry Joss (83) and 80-year-old Ethel Cohen will not leave their homes alone.

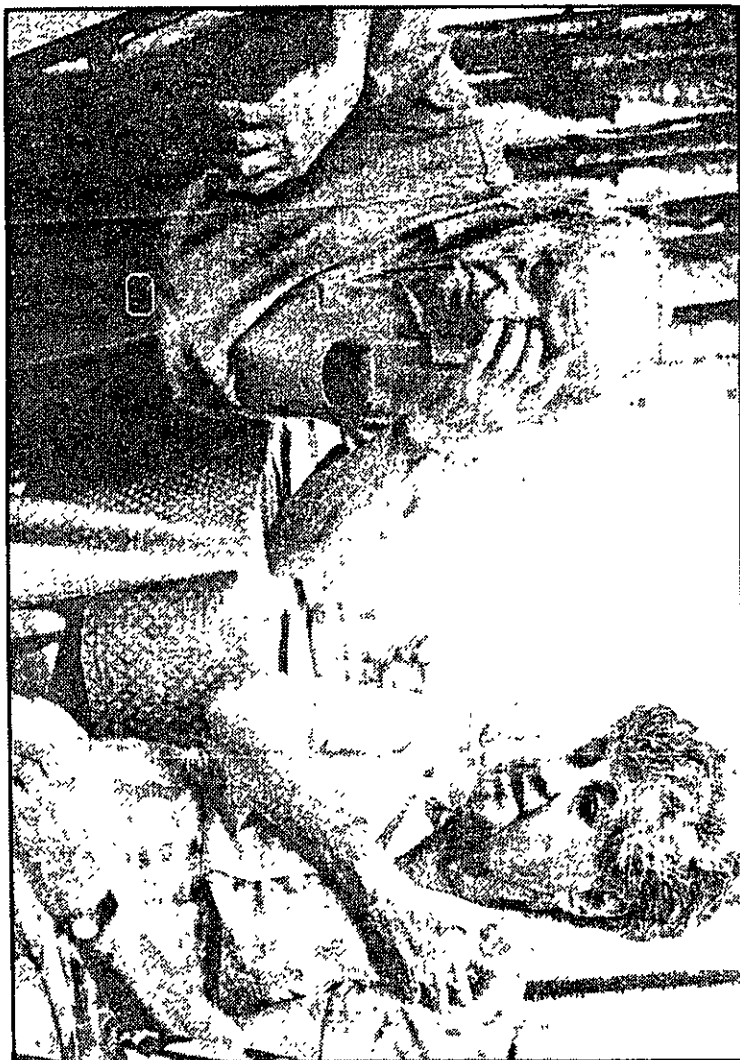
Picture: Herbert Mabuzza

Doreen Gerassi, says staff members are trying to help senior citizens prevent attacks. "We tell them not to carry handbags or wear jewellery," she says.

"But what kind of life can you have when you are living in fear all the time?"

The elderly are "such a soft target, and they are usually too terrified to help a police investigation," she says.

It is not only the elderly residents of Johannesburg's flatland



who live in terror.

One woman in a townhouse in Rosebank says she had been terrified to move since she had heard about the rape of a 68-year-old woman in her Norwood home last week.

The 76-year-old Rosebank woman, who wished to be identified only as Sheila, says the townhouse complex has security guards on duty 24 hours a day, but this does not diminish her terror.

Too afraid to walk in the

street, Sheila says she asked her son to do her weekly shopping for her.

Statistics released by the South African police last week show the elderly have good reason to be terrified of leaving their homes. But they were not safe inside their own houses either, the statistics indicate.

Commissioner of Police General Johan van der Merwe said there were 621 serious attacks on the elderly between January and October.

The figures comprised 102 murders, 441 robberies, 29 rapes and 93 serious assaults.

General van der Merwe said in at least 60 percent of the cases, there was no forced entry and senior citizens should be extremely wary of who they let into their homes.

Some of the most recent attacks include:

- Mary Thompson (71), the caretaker at an Illovo, Johannesburg, block of flats, who was beaten up by men with knobker-

ries outside Hurlingham Court on Thursday night.

- A 68-year-old woman, alone in her bedroom in a Norwood, Johannesburg, home was raped after being assaulted early last Monday morning.

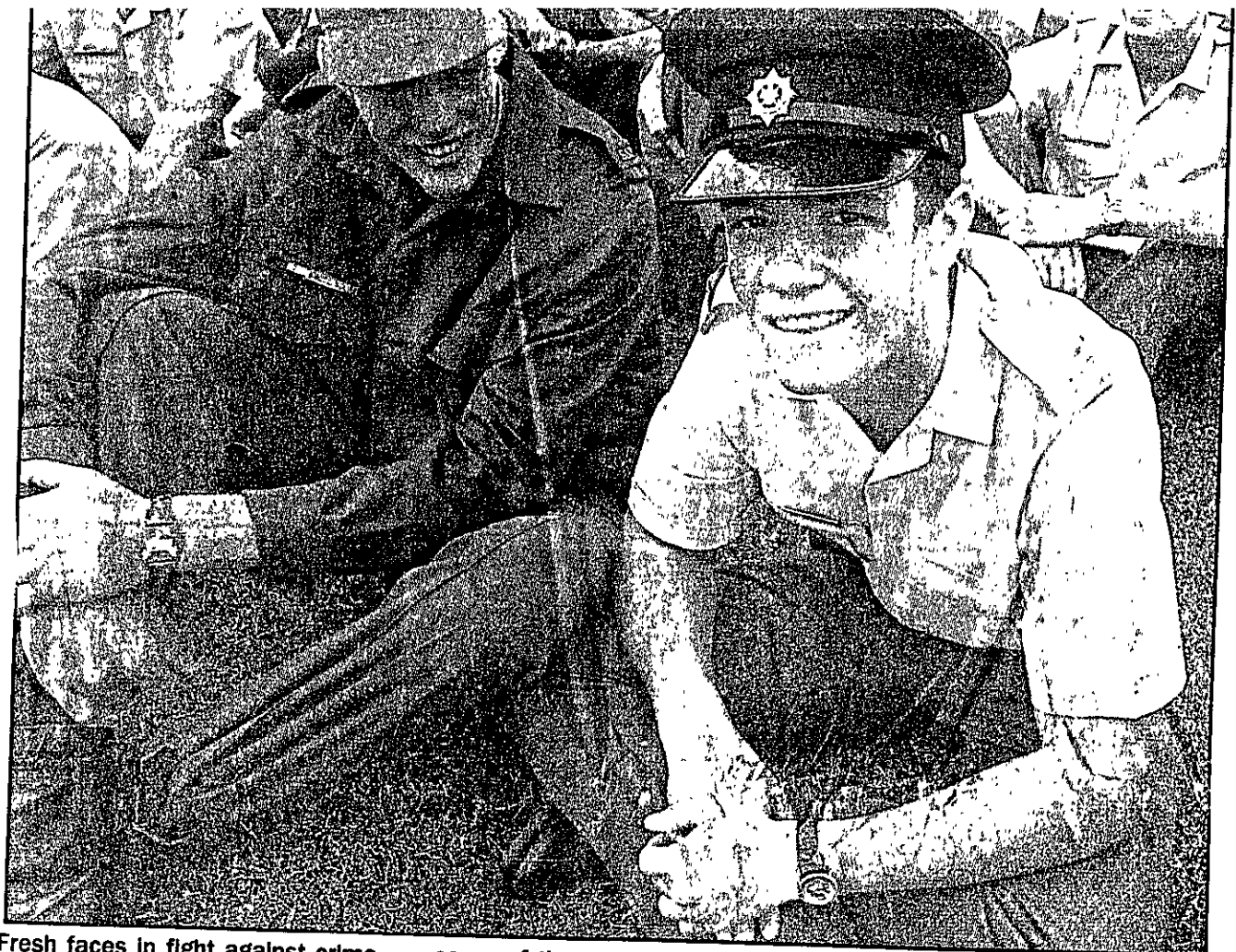
- On Tuesday November 19, robbers bound 87-year-old Cecile Derman and her daughter-in-law Anette (57) with rags while they ransacked the women's home in White River.

- A 79-year-old woman was raped while walking from the tea-room to her old-age home in Lombardy East in Johannesburg on the afternoon of Saturday November 16. The woman was walking through the veld when a man accosted her and then raped her.

- A former mayor of Amersfoort in the south-eastern Transvaal was found murdered in his home on Tuesday November 12. Du Pre Campbell Crozier (78) had been stabbed several times and strangled.

- An elderly couple was terrorised by two men who broke into their Benoni home early on Thursday October 31. Alex Anderson (77) was beaten unconscious with an axe handle and his wife Sylvia (66) was stabbed in the throat.

- A gang of robbers beat and terrorised an 80-year-old Ventersdorp woman while her son, whom they stabbed, lay dying just outside the room. Nettie Botha was taken to hospital for injuries sustained during the attack on Thursday November 7 in which her son Ockie (42) died. □



Fresh faces in fight against crime . . . some of the more than 1 000 police graduates who completed their six-month training course yesterday.
Picture: Stephen Davimes

Recruits eager to tackle crime, improve image

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By Monica Oosterbroek

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More than 1 000 newly graduated policemen and women began their careers on the Witwatersrand yesterday — the largest number of new recruits the region has yet received.

In a bid to stamp out the wave of crime on the Reef over the past year, the students were recruited countrywide and completed their six-month course at the Police College yesterday.

Eager to get down to some serious police work, they were split into units at a ceremony at Johannesburg's Arthur Bloch Stadium.

While they were proud to be part of the SAP and full of dreams, the constables realised that their job would be fraught with difficulties.

The large number of black recruits felt their job was to improve the image of the police in their community.

John Manzi (25) from Katlehong on the East Rand said that though most of his community did not trust the neutrality of police, he hoped to change their attitude through communication.

"I am not afraid to work in unrest situations, because of our training, but I will be there to protect everybody — no matter who they are," Constable Manzi said.

Thandi Ndaba (26) from Kagiso agreed that her job would be made more difficult by the negative attitude of her community towards the SAP, but said she would do her best to improve the situation.

With 166 policemen killed on duty this year, they were all aware of the dangers facing members of the SAP.

Christo Odendaal (19) of Sasolburg said: "I am a bit scared but it's part of our job and we just have to be alert and prepared at all times."

Many women recruits said they believed there was discrimination against women in the force but they looked forward to the challenge of changing the system.

Regional commissioner for the Witwatersrand Major-General Gerrit Erasmus warned the graduates that the Reef was "not a bed of roses". "You will be a public target and attacked from every side," he said.

Suburbs patrol 'publicity stunt'

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Koos Roets ... committee looking at proposal.

Security firms have dismissed a proposal by a private company to patrol the streets of the crime-plagued Johannesburg suburbs at a cost of R15 a month per household as unworkable and a "publicity stunt".

The plan, already under consideration by the Johannesburg City Council, involves putting 1 000 men on the streets within 10 months in armed response units to back-up the SA Police at a cost of R3 million a year.

Although all the officers in the proposed private force will be required to join the Police Reserve, they would not be acting as policemen and would require no additional powers.

Instead, they would be the "eyes and ears of the police", while carrying out security patrols in all Johannesburg's suburbs — on foot, in fast cars and on bicycles, carrying radios and pagers linked to a central control unit.

The initiative — proposed by Paramed Security — has drawn considerable flak from opposition security firms. The official reaction from the Witwatersrand police was a cautious "no comment".

David Randston, chairman of the Armed Response group, has described the scheme as an "incredibly good publicity stunt".

"The South African Armed Reaction Association (SAARA), an umbrella body comprising seven Johannesburg response firms, has declared it "impossible" for a single company to provide effective security to 200 000 residents.

Paramed Security's proposal to establish and run the proposed suburban security force, to be called the Johannesburg

figure of between R40 and R50 per month would be needed.

It would also be "virtually impossible" for the proposed force to attract 1 000 quality security officers in 10 months, Mr Randston added.

SAARA chairman Peter Weber said the JCPS plan was misleading: because of shift work requirements only 300-odd security officers of the proposed 1 000 would be on patrol at any one time.

"And I doubt very much whether 300 men could cover the entire Johannesburg municipal area."

Mr Weber said although the association understood the fears of residents and the need for local authorities to act on crime, "no response company has the infrastructure to get a scheme like this off the ground in 10 or 12 months".

In reaction, Paramed Security managing director Mark Flemmer said his firm had done all the necessary homework and was convinced that the scheme was workable legally, financially and logistically.

He had been informed by Government officials that the administrator in the House of Assembly was empowered to grant additional powers to local authorities provided it was in the interests of ratepayers.

Mr Flemmer said Paramed Security was currently paying its security officers "three times" the average wage in the industry and would have no problems attracting staff for the project.

The firm also had the resource and capital base to float the initiative; its finances would be monitored by a council-appointed auditor and a senior policeman would be invited to the JCPS's board meetings in an advisory role.

"We are not taking carte blanche. We want checks and balances to be built in," said Mr Flemmer.

Crime Prevention Service (JCPS), is being investigated by a council sub-committee on neighbourhood policing.

The committee, under the chairmanship of Koos Roets, will report back to the Democratic Party-controlled management committee at the end of January.

In an interview with The Star, Mr Randston said his company and three other Johannesburg security firms had looked into such a scheme "quite some time ago" and found it unworkable.

He said the city council did not have the authority to enforce the proposed R15 additional monthly levy and would have to refer it to Parliament.

"If you're a betting man, which I am not, you won't get it through Parliament this year or the year after."

Mr Randston said he also expected opposition from the police to the scheme.

"There is also the question of liability — if someone gets shot, the municipality could be held liable."

To provide a "decent", financially viable service — staffed by properly trained personnel — the proposed R15 levy was unrealistic, said Mr Randston. A

Copter crime-busters arrest 1 300

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The daily crime rate in areas where the helicopters patrolled had dropped dramatically.

The crimes for which arrests had been made ranged from armed robbery to housebreaking, theft, car theft, murder and 13 cases of drunken driving.

Using the helicopters, police had recovered 26 stolen cars this week.

Captain Opperman said that in more than 44 percent of the cases, the helicopter crews had seen crimes being committed and had alerted ground crews.

In 98 percent of these cases, the criminals were arrested.

Helicopters were also sent as back-up for ground personnel attending to serious crimes.

On many occasions, the helicopter crews had seen suspicious vehicles or people at the scene of a crime, which had led to arrests.

Due to the enormous expense of keeping a helicopter in the air, Captain Opperman said the force could not continue the operation using all eight helicopters indefinitely.

At a later date, the Witwatersrand police would send six helicopters to work in other areas.

A police operation using helicopters, described by a spokesman as a phenomenal success, has led to the arrest of more than 1 300 criminals on the Witwatersrand in the past nine days.

The operation, codenamed Operation Chopper, was launched on November 25.

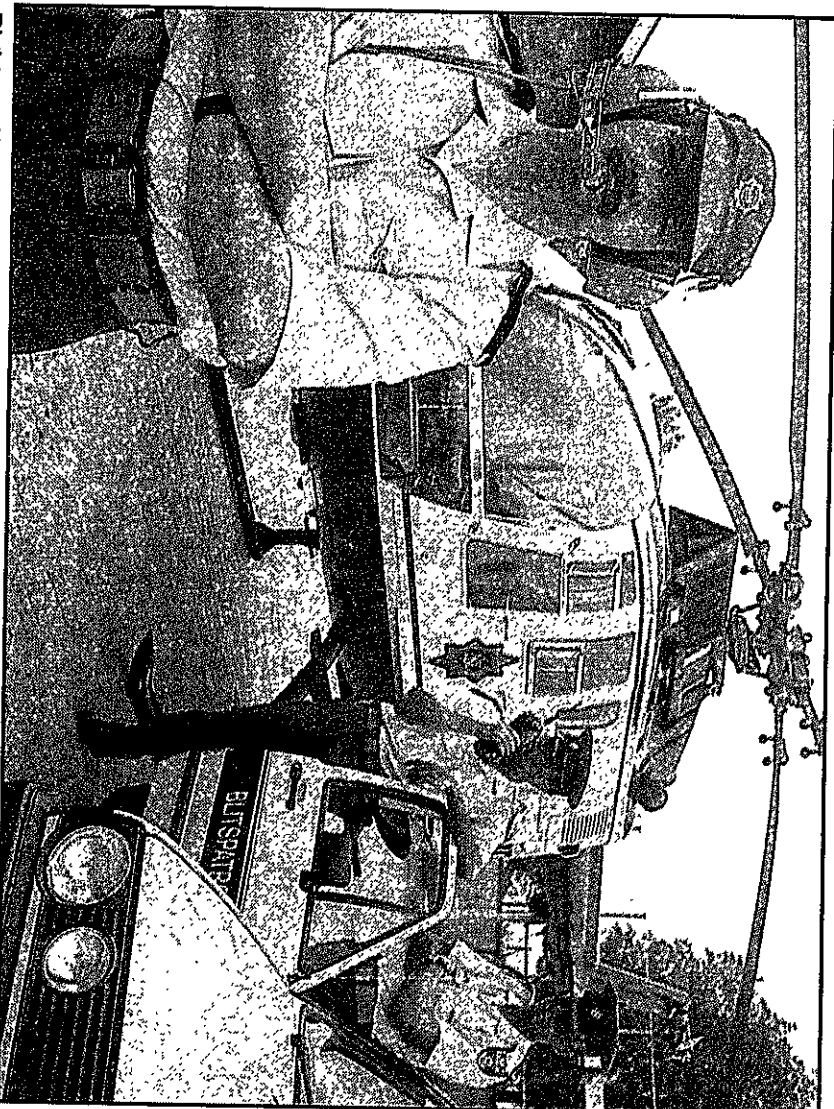
Eight SAP helicopters deployed in the region worked with police on the ground to track down criminals.

Hijacked

The crews have spotted car thieves in action, chased cars escaping from the scene of a robbery, tracked down hijacked trucks and even pinned down robbers until the police could arrive.

The SAP's air wing is based at the Johannesburg Flying Squad's control room in Brixton.

Police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman yesterday said the success rate was "phenomenal".



Right stuff . . . pilot Major Duncan Gillespie, Sergeant Andre Botha and Constable Riaan Steyn plan strategies for the further success of Operation Chopper, which has led to a dramatic drop in the crime rate in areas patrolled.
Picture: Ken Oosterbroek

Criminal action considered

PRETORIA — The Attorney-General will be asked to institute criminal proceedings against five members of the south-western management committee — which runs Johannesburg's coloured areas — for alleged irregularities uncovered by a provincial commission of inquiry.

Transvaal's local government MEC Burger Lategan said yesterday the province's executive committee had decided to refer "certain irregularities" concerning committee members M Mateman, V A Thomas, M A Rhamjee, S S Adams and C Jacobs to the Attorney-General.

Mateman is the wife of NP MP for Eldorado Park Don Mateman.

The executive committee appointed a commission of inquiry in 1990 after receiving complaints about the south-western management committee.

The executive committee had also decided that Johannesburg city council's management committee chairman should also be asked to "tick off" the five "about their unauthorised actions regarding the letter of 1989 advising residents not to pay the increased tariffs".

The council would be asked to submit to the TPA a follow-up report on the housing allotment situation.

It would also be asked to dismiss the five "by applying at a competent court of law". Lategan said it became clear that the "transgressions of the committee members concerned were of such a nature that action should be instituted against them". — Sapa.

Northern suburbs set up their own cop shop

SANDTON and Randburg residents have banded together to buy their own police station.

Residents raised R200 000 by contributing R200 each for the station — located in a caravan in Gallo Manor — and for police cars and other police equipment.

The caravan police station is manned by two officers who set up shop this week.

Residents' committee chairman Roy Light said yesterday police had been "wonderfully co-operative" when approached

with the residents' proposal, which was the first of its kind in SA.

He said the plan — drawn up by Morningside, Woodmead, Wendywood and Gallo Manor residents — had taken three weeks from proposal to conclusion. The Randburg police, who are manning the station, had been "very enthusiastic".

A police spokesman said yesterday he welcomed the idea. "We appreciate the

help of the public in any way we can get it, and the formation of this new satellite police station will contribute towards security in the area."

Police would encourage similar plans in other areas.

Light said more than 70% of the 12 000 residents of the area had agreed to pay. Those who had contributed would get a decal to stick on their cars and house gates, he said. But police would still come to the aid of anyone in the area who called

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Housewives saddle up to fight crime

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New reservists make history

CARRIE CURZON

CRIME in the Kyalami area has taken a knock since housewives in the area have taken to their saddles — as police reservists.

A total of 129 voluntary reservists have begun working in the area, 52 of whom are mounted, 18 of them women.

They are creating history in South Africa as the first police-women on horseback.

The "Beaulieu Beauties" are women who, as experienced horse-riders, are prepared to use their skills in protecting their community. The area was plagued by serious crime, which has declined dramatically since the active involvement of the mounted police unit.

The advantage of using housewives is that they are available during the day. Comparing the police training course, they say, has given them confidence in handling day-to-day high-risk situations.

In Blue Hills, north of Kyalami, a whole family — including their black groom — have become reservists.

"I have been riding all my life and I found the training interesting. It gives you insight into how policemen handle crime," says Cathryn Raul.

Mrs Raul, her husband, her sister and husband, her father and their groom are all now in the new mounted unit.

They patrol the borders of their suburbs, such as Beaulieu, providing a visible police presence. Their efficiency lies in a silent presence and an ability to observe the neighbourhood without the giveaway of noisy engines.

The mastermind behind this multiracial mounted force is ex-policeman and businessman Lieutenant Rolley Noftke.

"When I was a child, living in Halfway House, the police used horses in the area and I thought this could be the answer to crime prevention," he says.

"At the inauguration in June we had eight mounted reservists; by October, 52 graduated from the training course, 18 of whom were women and two black men.

"Our prime objective is to assist the police in crime prevention. Our maxim is 'prevention rather than cure.'"

The reservists are all volunteers who undertake a three-month crash course, attending lectures three times a week to learn about the basics of common and statute law, the powers of arrest, self-defence, and the use and handling of firearms.

On completion they become fully fledged members of the SAP and are issued with a uniform and appropriate firearm. "It is a condensed version of

the basic training undergone by all our permanent policemen," says Mr Noftke.

While the members of the 52-strong mounted unit use their own horses, the SAP based at Halfway House now have six horses of their own that have been donated for the permanent police force.

The Halfway House-based mounted unit patrols the areas of Kyalami, Blue Hills, Sun Valley, Glen Ferness, President Park, Glen Austin and parts of Randjesfontein.

In some areas the rate of housebreaking has dropped from 12 to two a day.

The horse-back patrol is particularly useful in detecting hidden stolen goods, hide-outs and illegal settling, as well as routine observation and visiting isolated residences, says Mr Noftke.

A permanent police mounted unit, established in January this year, has in just three months made 28 arrests ranging from housebreaking and theft to uncovering unlawful immigrants.



CHARGE OF THE WIFE BRIGADE: Maggie O'Brien, Sheila Hopwood, Sheila St Clair and Marion Mould, all members of South Africa's first female mounted police reservist unit, patrol the dusty streets of Beaulieu, north of Johannesburg.

Thefts of cars hamper Soweto health services says TPA chief

THE Transvaal Provincial Administration's health services department warned yesterday that it might suspend services rendered by the Soweto Community Health Centres if thefts of its vehicles continued.

Since December 1989, the centre has had 35 vehicles of the Community Health Centres stolen at gunpoint by robbers.

Dr Pieter van den Berg, the TPA's chief director of Hospitalisation and Health Services, said at a Press conference at Baragwanath

By ISAAC MOLEDI

Hospital that intimidation of staffers and the theft of cars had seriously hampered essential services to the Soweto community.

Services affected include district nursing, which involves the treatment of diabetics, paraplegics and elderly patients at home, the inter-clinic transportation of patients and the supervision of clinics.

He warned that if the situation was allowed to

continue the clinics affected would not be able to replace the stolen vehicles and that the TPA would be forced to suspend the services.

Van den Berg said Baragwanath Hospital was not big enough to accommodate the outpatients if the services were stopped.

"At present, the hospital treats more than 3 000 outpatients every day. We expect the number to increase if we have to suspend the services," he said.

Van den Berg said he expected the situation to

worsen unless the community assisted the centre.

"Many people are still under the impression that by stealing a Government vehicle they were injuring the Government and not themselves.

"People should know that these cars belong to them and render services to them.

"We appeal to our people in Soweto to help centres in their areas by reporting such matters to the police whenever robbers steal these cars in their presence," said Van den Berg.

Police swoop on arms cache

By Guy Jepson
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Detectives acting on a tip-off yesterday intercepted a truck carrying more than 30 automatic weapons and a large quantity of ammunition outside Barberton in the eastern Transvaal.

Police spokesman Captain Oosie van Niekerk said six men were arrested in connection with the weapons haul, which included 29 AK-47 assault rifles and two Uzi sub-machineguns.

Also uncovered were more than 1 000 AK-47 rounds, 25 AK magazines, 90 Uzi rounds

and three Uzi magazines. The haul is one of the largest arms caches confiscated by the SAP in a single operation.

There was intense speculation that the cache was bound for the troubled townships of the East Rand.

Captain van Niekerk said Crime Combating and Investigation Services (CCI) chief Lieutenant-General Basie Smit was scheduled to make an announcement on the weapons haul later today.

He said that after receiving information, detectives swooped on a three-ton truck travelling on the Low's

Creek Road, about 15 km from Barberton.

The owner of the Bougainvillea Hotel outside Barberton told The Star last night that she saw police unloading the weapons and ammunition from a truck.

She said she saw police pulling the truck over on the Concert Mine Road. A few minutes later four police cars arrived.

"Looking through my binoculars, I saw police unloading the truck. It looked as though it was full of AK-47 rifles and ammunition," she said.

Captain van Niekerk said

due to the sensitivity of the case, police were not in a position to disclose further information until the general's statement.

Law and Order Ministry spokesman Captain Craig Kotze declined to comment on the operation, but said police were pouring "enormous" resources into the fight against arms smugglers and the eradication of illegal weapons such as AK-47 rifles.

The suspects are scheduled to appear in Barberton Magistrate's Court soon, Captain van Niekerk said.

EC agrees on a united Europe, single currency

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MAASTRICHT (Netherlands) — European Community leaders agreed on a historic political and monetary union treaty early today that will give Western Europe a single currency by 1999 and a stronger joint voice in world affairs.

The accord came after a marathon, hard-fought 12-nation summit spilled over into a third day to circumvent deep British reservations about giving increased powers to Brussels.

The breakthrough came when 11 member states agreed to implement a Social Charter enshrining basic workers' rights outside the EC's legal framework, enabling Britain to sign a comprehensive treaty on other issues.

Under the deal a single currency, the Ecu, managed by an independent European

central bank, will be introduced as early as 1997 if seven EC states meet strict economic criteria, and at the latest in 1999.

Britain obtained a special protocol allowing it to defer a commitment on whether and when to join monetary union.

"I am very satisfied with the outcome, very satisfied," declared British Prime Minister John Major.

'Bolt-holes'

But Liberal Democrat leader Paddy Ashdown said that Britain was left "with more bolt-holes than a Gruyere cheese".

Tony Blair, employment spokesman for the main opposition Labour Party, said the deal on social affairs was "an opt-out in all but name".

Trades Union Congress

general secretary Norman Willis said the government had made a "bad miscalculation".

"They have left British industry and workers isolated. Workers in this country will be denied rights guaranteed to their colleagues in the rest of the community," he said.

The dispute over labour regulations underlined a gulf between Britain and the centrist or left-of-centre governments on the continent, which provide generous state-funded benefits and consult regularly with labour unions.

Britain's Conservative Party said the labour regulations undermined its union clampdown and would lower the community's ability to compete with the US and Japan. — Sapa-Reuter-AP.

● Major hails victory — Page 4.

Medicines racket being investigated

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — A special police unit has been established to investigate criminal networks which are plundering scheduled medicines worth millions of rands from South African institutions and feeding them back into legitimate markets.

The medicines, most of them prescription drugs of Schedule 3 and upwards, are disappearing in massive numbers from within the pharmaceutical industry, and also from provincial and state hospitals.

Pharmaceutical Manufacturers' Association executive director John Toerien said today nobody could get to the bottom of how medicines re-entered the legal market.

"Those on Schedule 3 and upwards can only be held, sold or prescribed by doctors, pharmacists, dentists and veterinarians."

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Win a trip to cricket's World Cup series — Page 11

Local authorities look to private firms to fight crime

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As crime increases daily on the Reef, several security companies have proposed that they be contracted to patrol suburban streets at a small charge to the ratepayer.

The glossy presentations from the companies are at present being investigated by municipalities such as Johannesburg and Randburg — desperate to do something to curb serious crime.

Paramed is one such company which recently put forward a proposal to the Johannesburg City Council's newly formed

anti-crime committee which is investigating various suggestions to police the city's streets.

Randburg management committee chairman Andre Jacobs said his council was also investigating using private security companies to patrol the streets.

Paramed proposes to control the crime rate in the suburbs at a cost of R15 per home by establishing a new company, to be called the Johannesburg Crime Prevention Service (JCPS).

Paramed says it would be able to put 1 000 men

on the streets within 10 months in armed response units. The units would act as a back-up to police and all men would be required to become police reservists.

However, some ratepayers organisations are not waiting for their local authorities to come up with solutions and are approaching private security companies for discount security schemes

Paramed managing director Mark Flemmer said his company had received many inquiries from ratepayers associations.

His company has entered into an agreement with the Killarney Ratepayers Association to provide security for the entire suburb.

"We are busy signing up all the body corporates, which will collect the fees for us.

"But to get everyone signed up for R15 a month is usually difficult. It is easy to do it in Killarney with 3 000 residents in a high density area."

Mr Flemmer said there was a need for private security on a far wider scale.

Arms cache on way to townships - SAP

By Guy Jepson
Crime Staff 12/12/91

and three full Uzi magazines.

Police in the eastern Transvaal have intercepted a truck carrying more than 30 automatic weapons and a large quantity of ammunition which, they say, was destined for the troubled East Rand townships.

Six people — five men and a woman — were arrested on Tuesday night when police pulled over a 3 ton Toyota truck 15 km outside Barberton.

Announcing the breakthrough yesterday, Crime Combating and Investigation Services head Lieutenant-General Basie Smit said a seventh suspect had also been arrested.

General Smit said the arms cache comprised 29 AK-47 assault rifles, two Uzi sub-machine pistols, 25 full AK-47 magazines

The truck was intercepted after police received information that it was "on its way from Matsulu in KaNgwane to the East Rand with a consignment of firearms".

General Smit said the interception of the weapons had made a valuable contribution to the prevention of violence "at a time when peace is being pursued and especially in view of the nearing Christmas season".

The investigation was continuing.

Law and Order Ministry spokesman Captain Craig Kotze said police were pouring enormous resources into the fight against arms smugglers and the eradication of illegal weapons such as AK-47 rifles.

Huge arms haul in E Transvaal

Sowetan 12/12/91

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

POLICE this week intercepted a truck carrying more than 30 automatic guns and a large quantity of ammunition near Barberton in the Eastern Transvaal.

The haul is said to be one of the largest arms caches confiscated by the South African Police in a single operation.

Police spokesman Captain Oosie van Niekerk said information was received by the firearms unit in Witrivier that a three-ton truck was on its way from Matsulu in KaNgwane to the East Rand with a consignment of firearms.

He said that, in conjunction with the station commander and police in Barberton, the vehicle was stopped about 15km from the town on Louws Creek Road.

The vehicle was searched and the weapons were found in a wooden crate. The haul included 29 AK-47 rifles, 25 fully loaded AK-47 magazines comprising 750 rounds, two Uzi sub-machine pistols and three Uzi magazines loaded with 90 rounds.

Five black men and a woman were arrested.

Another suspect was arrested on the East Rand during a follow-up operation.

SAP Crime Combatting and Investigation Services divisional head Lieutenant-General Basie Smit yesterday praised the units involved "in this magnificent breakthrough".

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Police reopen probe of De Klerk kidnap plan

POLICE have reopened an investigation into an alleged plot by a cell of the militant Boereweerstandsbeeweging to kidnap the grandson of President F W de Klerk.

This has been confirmed by Witwatersrand police liaison officer Capt Eugene Opperman.

Once the investigation was complete, he said, the dossier would be referred to Witwatersrand Attorney-General Klaus von Lieres und Wilkau.

The planned kidnapping was foiled by the security police late last year. Former BWB cell member Hansie Wiechmann revealed details of the plot in an interview with Sapa at the weekend.

The cell members allegedly hatched the plot because they wanted to use the boy, Frederik, as a hostage in exchange for the release of two then-imprisoned right-wingers, Piet "Skiet" Rudolph and mass murderer Barend Hendrik Strydom.

Rudolph has since received political amnesty from the President, who also commuted Strydom's original death sentence to life imprisonment.

The story was confirmed this week by Law and Order Ministry spokesman Capt Craig Kotze, who said police dropped the investigation at the time because of a lack of evidence.

Several members of the now disbanded BWB cell — their names are known to Sapa — said on Wednesday they had received visits this week from policemen who took detailed statements. No one had been arrested so far.

Wiechmann gave himself up to police shortly after his confession to Sapa.

Sapa editor Ed Livingston was asked on Wednesday by a member of the Criminal Investigation Service to turn over the taped interview with Wiechmann. He refused the request. — Sapa.

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Vicious crime rampant in 1991

NEVER in South African history has crime been as rampant as 1991.

After a dramatic increase in crime in 1990, the terrifying crime wave soared even higher in '91, with murder increasing by 28 per cent.

An estimated 11 764 people were murdered in the country in the first six months of the year - and these figures do not include the 2 510 people who died in unrest-related killings this year.

Statistics soared, with serious crimes up nationwide by nearly 9 000 a month more than the previous year. Burglaries increased by 14 percent on last year and armed attacks went up by 16 percent.

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Not even children escaped the killers. Two-year old Maria Marriotti was gunned down by robbers outside her Parktown home in March this year.

The killers were found and arrested but police are still looking for the men who raped and strangled 14-year old schoolgirl, Anna-Lousie Lowe, who was found naked and tied to a tree in Homestead Park this month.

Armed robberies and senseless murders in the affluent northern suburbs of Johannesburg terrified residents who jailed themselves in

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Sowetan Correspondent

their homes. The nation was particularly horrified when a Sandton housewife was gunned down by two men when she was reversing her car down the driveway.

Although she put up no resistance, the men shot her through the head at point blank range, leaving two small children orphaned.

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Victims

Thousands of people became literally sick with fear. When the MP for Houghton, Mr Tony Leon invited victims of crime in his area to write to him about their experiences, he heard hundreds of stories of people whose health had been ruined by criminal attacks.

One woman, whose husband was mugged while they were walking in a nearby park, had to be committed to a mental institution as she was unable to deal with the shock and stress.

Another woman, whose shop was burgled, told Leon that she wanted to abort her unborn child because she did not want to bring a baby into a violent society. Frightened children were not able to sleep at night,

elderly people wouldn't leave their homes and dozens of housewives resorted to taking tranquillisers to help them cope.

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The job of the policeman became increasingly dangerous with about 210 policemen murdered while on duty.

According to Witwatersrand Police liaison officer, Captain Eugene Opperman, an increasing

number of criminals armed themselves with AK-47's and therefore no longer feared the force. Instead of surrendering when police cornered them, armed robbers tried to shoot their way out, often killing policemen in the process.

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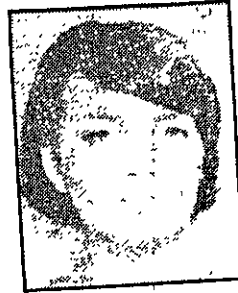
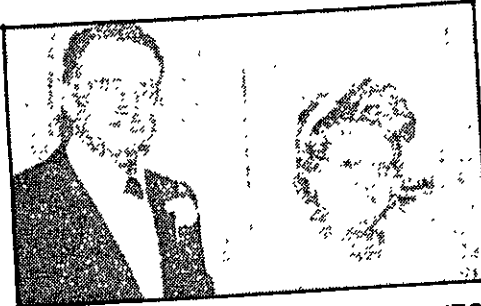
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Govt faces bitter confrontation



Murdered . . . Michelle Smit (11), Willie Engelbrecht (70), Bettie Engelbrecht (69) and Lena Smit (40).
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Farmer fury at rural crime

STAR 24/12/91
By Bronwyn Wilkinson
and Helen Grange

A high-powered delegation of angry farmers is to meet the Government next year over spiralling crimes in rural areas and the influx of squatters on farms countrywide.

The convention was called because farmers were "extremely bitter" at being sitting ducks for criminals, Free State Agricultural Union chairman Dr Piet Gouws said yesterday.

Reacting to Sunday's murder of a Free State farming family at Verkeerdevelei near Bloemfontein, and two other attacks on Free State farms at the weekend, Dr Gouws said farmers, their families and labourers were "being killed like flies".

He warned that lawlessness meant farmers were increasingly taking the law into their own hands — a "recipe for chaos".

Farmers were becoming more bitter by the day over the "platteland being left to criminal elements, who freely murder, steal and literally drive farmers off their farms", he said.



Feigned death . . . Lizelle Smit (14) ran to neighbours.

"While talks go on about freedom and South Africa's future, the ordinary citizen pays the price," he said.

A delegation from the South African Agricultural Union is scheduled to meet Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel and Defence Minister Roelf Meyer at the beginning of next year in an effort to defuse farmers' fury with the Government and work out plans for future safety.

SAAU director Piet Swart said more police were needed. "We are finding that farmers are making infor-

mal arrangements for their own protection, but responsibility remains in the hands of the police," he said.

Mr Swart added that burgeoning squatter settlements on farms were leading to "pilfering and theft because of the unemployment situation".

Squatters were especially problematic in the PWV, western Transvaal and eastern Transvaal, Transvaal Agricultural Union vice president Willie Lewies said yesterday. "We are disgusted at what is going on," he said.

He said farmers were forming neighbourhood watches to protect themselves and their families, but reiterated that no private armies were being formed.

A farmer in the Verkeerdevelei area — where Willie Engelbrecht and his family were murdered on Sunday — said most farmers carried their own weapons.

"The police cannot do anything. The law prevents them, and President de Klerk does not warn the ANC against killing whites on their farms. We have to protect ourselves," he said.

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To combat spiralling white-collar crime, the Government established a super-sleuth's office to prevent people spiriting billions of rands out of South Africa.

Despite strong police action, crime is continuing to blossom.

According to an SAP spokesman, police can only try to be one step ahead of the criminal. But as police find a way to successfully combat a certain crime, a new problem arises. □

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2 policemen killed in Soweto ambush

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Soweto police last night launched a manhunt for the killers of two municipal policemen shot dead when their van was ambushed in Dobsonville.

Soweto police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Halgryn said the attackers opened fire on the van as it drove along Roodepoort Road. The slain policemen, both based in Dube, were on a routine patrol.

Their names will be released once their next of kin have been informed.

The attack came only hours after police announced a R25 000 reward for information leading to the conviction of anyone who murders a policeman.

In a similar attack in Katlehong, on the East Rand, on Wednesday, two SAP mem-

bers were shot dead in their patrol van — and then set alight by a group of men.

East Rand police spokesman Lieutenant Wikus Weber identified one of the dead men as Sergeant J B Mlokothe, of the Tokoza police station.

The other man, a constable, will be named once his next of kin — who live in Flagstaff, Transkei — have been notified.

The bodies were only recovered yesterday because an eyewitness waited until daylight before telephoning emergency services.

AK-47 cartridges were found on the scene.

The latest attacks brings the number of SAP members killed this week in the Witwatersrand area to five. Close to 150 policemen have been murdered countrywide over the past year.

Hillbrow 'clean-up' march to go ahead

Magisterial permission has been granted for a march through Hillbrow to the Johannesburg Civic Centre on January 18 to protest against "crime and grime" in the high-density area.

The march, organised by city councillor for Joubert Park and Hillbrow, Desiree Simpson, was called to demand a clean-up of Hillbrow.

Mrs Simpson has threatened to resign if the authorities continue not enforcing laws.

Next Saturday's march is to go from Highpoint in Kotze Street at 11 am to the Johannesburg Civic Centre, where a petition is to be handed to council and police representatives.

Pamphlets asking the public to join the march are to be distributed throughout Johannesburg this week.

Sapa reports that support for the protest is growing, with shopkeepers in Hillbrow sending petitions to Mrs Simpson.

MPs want soldiers in the suburbs

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By Shaun Johnson
Political Editor

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Johannesburg's northern suburbs will soon be patrolled by soldiers and have a greatly increased police presence, if two Democratic Party MPs get their way.

Responding to the "alarming crime wave which is engulfing the suburbs", MPs Peter Soal and Tony Leon have delivered to Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel a memorandum urging sweeping additional security measures.

The Star has a copy of the memorandum — which the minister has acknowledged but not yet responded to.

Backed by a petition signed by 750 residents in the MPs' constituencies, it calls for "the provision of more policemen in the area, the use of the army as back-up to the SAP, and the consideration of use of municipal traffic authorities as a further back-up".

The memorandum was drawn up after a visit by Mr Soal (MP for Johannesburg North) and Mr Leon (Houghton) on November 8 to various police facilities.

This visit resulted from the "angry and panic-stricken mood of the ordinary residents in the northern suburbs of Johannesburg. They regard themselves as being defenceless in both their homes and on the streets where they live. They deplore the absence of uniformed policemen and would seemingly prefer any solution, even desperate ones, in order to re-

establish a security presence in their neighbourhoods."

According to the memorandum, the MPs were told by the regional commissioner of police that "there is a shortage of some 6 000 policemen in the Witwatersrand region. This is particularly acute in the northern suburbs of Johannesburg, where at one of the largest police stations in the area (Norwood) there is only one staffed vehicle available to deal with crime problems.

"The situation is compounded by the scarce resources of manpower available to, for example, the Flying Squad in Brixton. There we were advised that there are only two vehicles which patrol the entire Witwatersrand region north of Empire Road."

Last year's figure for serious crime was up 20 percent on the previous year, they were told, "and that already was a significant increase on the 1989 figures."

The MPs said national servicemen should assist police patrols in a complementary role.

They also suggested encouragements to policemen to serve in the Johannesburg area — a supplementary allowance of R500 a month to offset the higher cost of living, better promotional prospects, and the removal of red tape hindering former policemen from rejoining the force.

The memorandum also expressed concern at reports that the Government had decided, apparently for financial reasons, not to recruit additional policemen at present.

Ratepayers favour DP plan for army to patrol suburbs

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By Louise Burgers
Municipal Reporter

A proposal to call in the army to patrol Johannesburg suburbs to curb crime has been strongly supported by ratepayers and businessmen.

In a snap survey conducted by The Star among shopkeepers, residents and city councillors, almost all interviewed were in favour of the proposal mooted by Democratic Party MPs.

There were, however, some reservations about exactly what powers soldiers would have in backing up the police, and the worry that calling in the army could lead to other problems.

Some believed that using army recruits was only a short-term solution to the problem.

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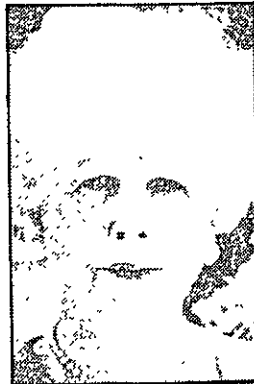
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A Rosebank chemist said she was in favour of more law enforcement officers, whether in uniform, on foot or horseback.

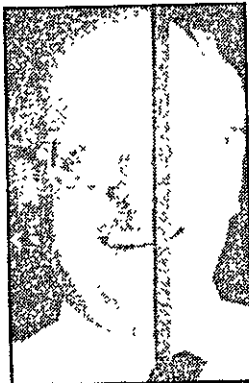
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a chair to sit on outside our shop. Maybe then people will feel safe to come back and shop in Rosebank again."

Camping-shop owner Raymond Goddin said that instead of young men wasting their time in the army they could be put to far better use in the suburbs.

Eighty-year-old Jose Kennedy says she has fought off muggers in The Mews, Rosebank, shopping centre parking lot several times and is all for the army being called in. "The police are

overworked and there are just not enough of them," she said.

Jeweller Dick Malan, of crime-plagued Hillbrow, believes it is a good idea to use national servicemen in the suburbs, but is concerned about the training they would receive.

"It's a first-class idea," says Josh Sevel. "The more protection we get, the safer I will feel. I've been mugged twice already and I'm afraid."

Street vendor Levy Motloutsi said SADF patrols were a good idea as the high crime rate made people afraid at work and at home.

Not in favour of the plan are Colin Petersen and Lott Gwanda, who believe that using army recruits to do police work could lead to friction and more problems.

Most ratepayers' associations said their residents felt they were in such a desperate situation that any form of increased law enforcement would be acceptable as an interim measure.

Northern Areas Group chairman Tony Challenger, who represents 18 northern associations, said that anything which could be done immediately to address the situation would be welcomed.

Westdene, Auckland Park, Richmond and Melville Ratepayers Association chairman Wendy Potgieter said she could accept the plan if it were on the basis of national servicemen serving in their areas as a back-up to police.

Kensington ratepayers chairman Jane O'Conner-Bailey said national servicemen should be allowed to serve as police reservists.

Hillbrow councillor Desiree Simpson has for many months called for the army to intervene in her suburb.

She is holding a march on Saturday to protest against the situation in Hillbrow and to call for increased law enforcement.

Conservative Party opposition leader in the Johannesburg City Council, Jacques Theron, said one needed a fully staffed police force that did its job properly in the long term. The army was not the solution.

● A Johannesburg City Council subcommittee investigating ways to get more law enforcement officers on the streets is due to report back to the management committee in two weeks' time.

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Council wants troopies to patrol suburbs

Jo'burg crime crisis

By Louise Burgers and Peter Fabricius

The Johannesburg City Council is seeking an urgent interview with Minister Hernus Kriel to discuss the breakdown of law and order in the city.

Among the issues it will raise with the Minister of Law and Order is the use of national servicemen in the suburbs and the granting of wider powers to traffic police.

Management committee chairman Ian Davidson said Johannesburg, and particularly the central business district, had a major crime problem which could have a long-term effect on the economy of the region.

"The Government has to realise that we are no longer fighting a war on our borders, but in our very cities... in our backyards."

A security subcommittee, chaired by management committee member Koos Roets, was established last year to investigate ways to curb the crime wave sweeping the city. It will present its report next month.

Mr Roets said the subcommittee was also looking at legal problems, accountability and the financing of certain proposals received.

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The MPs said national servicemen should assist police patrols without taking over SAP functions.

The majority of ratepayers and businessmen surveyed by The Star strongly support the DP plan and yesterday Defence Ministry spokesman Chris van der Westhuizen said the SADF was ready to patrol suburbs if asked to do so.

Mr van der Westhuizen said that under the Defence Act, the SADF was obliged to lend support to the SAP if the police asked for it.

Another SADF spokesman said the presence of troops in the suburbs would probably act as a deterrent to crime.

However, it was not really the function of SADF troops to fight ordinary crime.

Military sources said in private that any troops sent in to patrol suburbs would likely be national servicemen who would probably be unhappy to play this role.

Mr Davidson said: "We are very concerned about the CBD... one hears stories on a daily basis of robberies, attacks and muggings. People are reluctant to go to the CBD and we can no longer accept the situation."

He said immediate steps had to be taken.



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Rice given verbal warning

Staff Reporters

The United Cricket Board of South Africa yesterday decided to take no action against Clive Rice for his outburst against national selection convener Peter van der Merwe.

Instead, the board's management committee contented itself with a verbal reprimand, saying in a statement that "we wish to place on record our utter dismay and great disappointment at his behaviour".

The board added that it had decided not to punish him "in the best interests of cricket" and said remarks...

made by him were contrary to the traditions of the game.

Last night, close to 7 000 of an estimated 10 000 Transvaal cricket fans who attended the friendly match between Transvaal and Western Province at the Wanderers stadium in Johannesburg signed a petition to protest against the exclusion of Rice, Jim Cook and Peter Kirsten from the South African squad for the cricket's World Cup in Australia next month.

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Call for army patrols to help fight crime in Johannesburg

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The Argus Correspondent

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Simpson has for many months called for the army to intervene in her suburb. She is holding a march on Saturday to call for increased law enforcement.

Conservative Party opposition leader in the city council, Mr Jacques Theron, said the army was not the solution and there should be a fully staffed police force which did its job properly.

SADF asked to clean up the Brow

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HILLBROW residents march to the Johannesburg Civic Centre tomorrow in protest against the area's crime and grime — but whether this will prompt authorities finally to rid the dense flatland of its squalor remains to be seen.

The deployment of commandos from the East Park Command to assist police in the area has met with positive reaction from Hillbrow residents and businessmen but some reservations are still being expressed about the move.

A spokesman from the Witwatersrand Command tried to allay fears of the situation becoming as volatile as in the townships.

He said: "No decision has yet been made about the deployment of troops in the area but if and when it does take place, it will depend on the particular situation in the area."

Whether Hillbrow is to resemble an area under seige with Casspirs patrolling the streets, the spokesman said: "Vehicles such as Casspirs are not our standard operational vehicle. Hillbrow residents will not be seeing them because the immediate situation does not warrant it."

To his knowledge, there were only two Casspirs operational in the Witwatersrand Command area.

Hillbrow/Joubert Park city councillor Desiree Simpson said it was about time the authorities did something about cleaning up Hillbrow. "The city has become a pigsty and we haven't got any standards by which to live by anymore," she said.

Simpson — organiser of Saturday's march — has threatened to resign if the law does not continue to be enforced in the area.

She has received nearly 5 500 signatures for a petition which is to be handed to the police and town clerk tomorrow.

A soaring crime rate and deteriorating living conditions have brought the normally laid-back residents of the Hillbrow flatland to the streets.

LINDA RULASHE

reports

Hillbrow is not the only Johannesburg area seeking more security force aid to fight crime.

This week, Democratic Party MPs Peter Soal and Tony Leon delivered a memorandum to Law and Order Minister Hemus Kriel urging the provision of more policemen in the northern suburbs and the use of the army and traffic authorities as back up to the police.

An urgent interview is being sought by the Johannesburg City Council with Kriel to discuss the breakdown of law and order in the city.

A recent government freeze on police recruitment in the face of a severe shortage of policemen to patrol city streets has drawn sharp criticism in political circles, prompting city residents to doubt the police's commitment to fighting crime.

This recruitment freeze was part of moves to cut down on police spending.

Other reasons given by Law and Order Ministry spokesman Captain Craig Kotze were that police colleges were bursting at their seams following a recent expansion programme.

An extra 11 000 trainees had been accommodated and apart from financial considerations, new recruits could not be logistically handled as this would lead to a drop in standards.

ANC warns against troops in suburbs

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The ANC has rejected the Democratic Party's "troops in the suburbs" proposal, saying that using the SADF to supplement the SAP in the quest to curb escalating crime might lead to a backlash.

The ANC's department of information and publicity said the military should be used only to protect the country's borders. "The responsibility of curbing crime lies squarely on the shoulders of the SAP and not the army," said a statement.

Residents have been up in arms about the soaring crime rate, and the Johannesburg City Council's DP-controlled management committee has requested a meeting with Law and Order Minister Hernus

Kriel to discuss the troops in the suburbs proposal.

Mr Kriel is to meet the management committee later this month to discuss the proposal.

At a weekend press briefing in Saldanha, Mr Kriel would not give any indication of how he would respond, saying he wished to discuss the matter with the city council first.

However, Lieutenant-General Louw Malan, head of the SAP's visible policing division, said the call-up by the SADF of economically active civilians to perform duties related to crime prevention did not appear to be a viable proposition.

The ANC statement blamed escalating crime on the Government.

"Most crime explosions, not only in Hillbrow but in other residential areas as well, are a result of the Government's disastrous economic mismanage-

ment."

The ANC condemned what it called the "scum of our society — the criminal element, both black and white, for continuing to cause untold suffering to our people".

It called on the city council to take note of the campaign being conducted to canvass residents' opinions on various problems, including the growing crime rate and the deployment of the army in their area. A meeting would be held where views could be expressed.

The ANC said the SADF had not been trained in the skills of police science, necessary to combat crime. This could result in the use of excessive force and violence.

"In the past, when the army was deployed into residential areas, such a move resulted in unnecessary deaths of civilians."

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Crime boogey must be crushed

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WHEN THEY sit down with Law and Order Minister Hennis Kriel to discuss escalating crime in Johannesburg, municipal delegates will argue for immediate, short-term shock treatment.

A date for the meeting, which has been agreed on in principle, is still to be finalised.

High on the agenda will be the Johannesburg City Council's proposals to use national servicemen to augment the strained resources of the police and to broaden the powers of the city's traffic officers.

The council delegation will attempt to convince Mr Kriel that the city's crime-plagued residents and businessmen cannot afford to wait for a wider political settlement or economic upturn.

Management committee chairman Ian Davidson explained: "What is at stake is the economic base of the city. While we recognise the social and economic root causes of crime, short-term containment strategies have to be implemented."

Lloyd Vogelmann, director of the Project for the Study of Violence, at Wits University, said the Government had failed to come up with a short-term solution to escalating crime because it was out of touch with the day-to-day terror that gripped the public.

"If they (Cabinet ministers) could spend a week without their armies of bodyguards, they would realise what it is like living in constant terror of criminal violence," he said.

Firing back, Law and Order Minister spokesman Captain Craig Kotze said the perception of an uncaring, remote Government was "completely erroneous".

"The Government is most concerned about the crime situation and has allocated massive resources to combat crime and unrest," he said.

However, many Johannesburg residents — vulnerable, terrified and fast running out of patience — would agree with Mr Vogelmann's assessment.

Hillbrow and Joubert Park councillor Desiree Simpson, who led an anti-crime protest march on Saturday, has warned that the "tangible rage" of residents in the inner city could lead to people taking the law into their own hands.

Said Wendy Potgieter, chairman of the Westdene, Auckland Park, Richmond, Rossmore and Melville Ratepayers Association: "Cabinet ministers have no idea what it is like to stop at a robot and be terrified that the two people standing chatting on the pavement are going to hijack your car."

Is Johannesburg teetering on the brink of outright anarchy?

No, says Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman.

"If you look at other places — Durban, Cape Town and Johannesburg — the situation in Johannesburg is not that different.

"Our problem here is that we have more of the violent types of crime — robbers can kill you even if you don't resist."

He said that while the police acknowledged there had been an increase in crime in the Johannesburg district, they had managed to contain the rate at which it was increasing.

Although the police were not yet in a position to provide comprehensive statistics for Johannesburg, they had greatly reduced armed robberies, especially bank hold-ups, in the central business district in 1990 and last year, said the captain.

Countrywide crime figures supplied by police at a press briefing at Saldanha at the weekend also indicate that the dramatic increase in serious crime recorded in 1990 has been reduced.

However, Democratic Party MP for Houghton, Tony Leon, said he was sceptical of suggestions that crime was under control because the 1991 crime percentage increase derived from "an astronomically high" base.

Major-General Chris Serfontein of the Crime Investigation Service disclosed at the briefing that although more serious crime had risen by 10,29 percent

Pressure is mounting on the Government to find a solution to curbing the soaring rate of serious crime in Johannesburg.

GUY JEPSON and BRONWYN WILKINSON report.

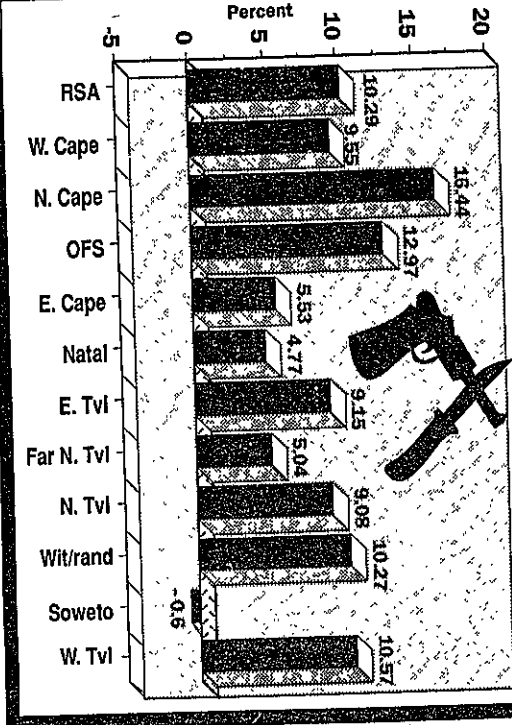
Hitting back... Johannesburg residents take part in a weekend "anti-crime and grime" protest march.

Councillor Desiree Simpson has warned that residents might take the law into their own hands.

Picture: Christine Nesbitt



Percentage increase of serious crime by area Jan - Nov 1991 compared to 1990



in 1991 compared with 1990, this was lower than the 12,06 percent increase in 1990 over 1989.

In the Witwatersrand police region — which covers the East Rand, West Rand, Johannesburg and the Vereeniging area — reported that more serious crime rose by 10,27 percent in 1991, against 16,44 percent in the northern Cape, 12,97 percent in the Free State and 10,57 percent

in the western Transvaal. The national average increase for 1991 over 1990 was 10,29 percent.

Captain Opperman said several large-scale anti-crime operations, Business Watch, intensified foot patrols, the introduction of a police helicopter unit and the deployment of 1 200 police recruits on the Reef had helped stem the crime tide in Johannesburg.

Gerald Heine, Business Watch co-ordinator for the South African Chamber of Business (Saco), agreed that crime in the city centre had dropped markedly recently because of more effective policing.

Mr Heine expressed concern at the "alarmist statements the politicians are making" but added that there was "no doubt that crime is going up in the suburbs".

Ian Davidson is less optimistic. Stopping short of admitting to a total law and order collapse in Johannesburg, he nevertheless warned that "we are no longer fighting a war on our borders, but in our very cities".

Mr Saco legal manager Ken Warren said that while percep-

tions that law and order was breaking down in Johannesburg may not be wholly in tune with reality, they reflected a most serious situation and were having a sapping effect on the city's economy.

"There is no way of measuring or quantifying it — it comes up in general conversation with businessmen, especially small businessmen. They say: 'Why should I put my life and assets at risk by setting up a business when I could be robbed?' And we need small businessmen."

Saco was also seeking an urgent meeting with Mr Kriel, Mr Warren said.

Captain Opperman said crime had "escalated somewhat" in the region "since the unbanning

of certain political organisations" early in 1990.

"Some criminals are riding on the backs of political groupings. We've had a number of cases where criminals hide behind organisations and claim that certain organisations and leaders have said 'we can do and take what we want'."

Mr Davidson, however, said he failed "to see the connection between the unbanning of organisations and a guy being mugged outside the Carlton hotel".

But Mr Vogelmann sees a broad political motivation for rampant crime. "It is not necessarily that members of political organisations carry out violent crime, but criminals are using

politics as justification for their crimes."

ANC spokesman Gill Marcus said the ANC was aware of instances where criminals hid behind political parties.

The ANC found this "intolerable" and would take disciplinary steps against any members — and track down non-members — who were guilty of such practices, she said.

Nevertheless, such "motivations" were not present in the great majority of crimes committed in South Africa. Miss Marcus said. Fundamental solutions to crime would be found only when political issues had been addressed.

"Part of the solution is to have better law enforcement, but then you've got to have the confidence of communities in the police force.

"Communities also have to be stable and must play a part in the search for solutions. I don't think the question can be addressed outside politics — we've got to address the violence, political intolerance and socio-economic problems," she said.

Mr Vogelmann said he believed the immediate solution was to "spend money — taking it from other areas if necessary — on radically increasing the size of the police force".

Once crime had been brought under control, the economy would begin to recover.

"The short-term solution, of increasing the police force, will boost the economy. At the moment there is a massive exodus of educated people, and there is no new investment because people are so terrified of crime."

He said an understaffed police force also led to a rapid increase in crime because "criminals are incredibly confident that they will get away with it".

Captain Kotze noted that the unrest conflict potential remained high in South Africa and that 30 percent of policemen were tied up in unrest areas when they could be combating ordinary crime.

It was clear that if crime was to be beaten, political violence needed to be brought to more manageable levels. □

Residents' patrols in for criticism

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South African Neighbourhood Watch has drawn a firm line between itself and various block watch systems which undertake armed patrols.

Throughout the six years of its existence, SA Neighbourhood Watch has been "vehemently opposed to any form of residents' patrolling", said president Gaye Neille.

"We are in existence purely to promote peace and harmony between the peoples of South Africa and to reduce crime in a peace-loving, law-abiding manner," she said.

She added that the organisation enjoyed the co-operation and support of the police.

Mrs Neille condemned members of block watches who took the law into their own hands and urged that such action should be firmly checked by the police.

She expressed particular distress about the fatal assault on 60-year-old Lawaai Lebeta after an altercation about a dog involving some members of a "watch" group at Elandsfontein, south of Johannesburg, about a month ago.

Several members of the Elandsfontein group have also distanced themselves from the fatal confrontation.

Mrs Neille says she and her associates have "an ongoing battle to keep the neighbourhood watches and the block watch separate entities in the public perception".

● SA Neighbourhood Watch will hold its annual general meeting at St John's College, Houghton on the afternoon of Saturday February 29. Minister of Law and Order Hernus Kriel will be the featured speaker and is expected to express his views on block watches, vigilante groups and private armies.

nightclub owners in the 1989 hit Mo' Better Blues.

Lee hit out at the weekend against the accusations of anti-Semitism. "You can show black people doing anything you want, but as soon as a Jewish guy is shown doing something bad, it's, 'Hey, Spike, woah, better not touch that one,'" he said.

SAP seeks counsel on stopping train gangs

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THE SA Police and Johannesburg city council officials were consulting legal advisers at the weekend over claims that city by-laws specifically prohibit the carrying of weapons openly in public.

Lawyers for Human Rights (LHR) last week challenged police statements that they could not legally confiscate weapons carried onto suburban trains.

LHR spokesman David Pitman said Johannesburg's municipal law "absolutely prohibits the carrying of knobkerries or any other weapon in public, unless the person is doing so in the line of duty".

He was reacting to reports of large groups of armed men boarding commuter trains unhindered by watching police last week. The reports came after a spate of killings on trains last week. Nine people died and scores were injured.

At the height of the train massacres last year, police said they were not permitted to confiscate weapons, other than unlicensed firearms, unless they were certain of a threat to public safety.

Pitman questioned police discretion on this matter: "How can they let a group armed with pangas and iron-tipped weapons onto a train when there have been more than 150 commuters killed? What more reason do they need to take action, with nine dead in the past week?"

"Even if the country-wide law does restrict police, they still have the municipal by-laws to fall back on."

"They have even suggested that it may be prudent to carry weapons in these times. What on earth can they be suggesting?" Pitman asked.

The Johannesburg SAP liaison office declined to comment on Pitman's statement, except to say legal advisers were being consulted on the matter.

Pitman said police legal advisers had a duty to report their findings to the public for scrutiny and, if necessary, challenged in court.

ANC PWV regional spokesman Ronnie Momeopa said on Friday: "The ANC's position on this matter remains clear. We have called for a total ban on all dangerous weapons in public."

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Shebeeners live in fear of deadly crime raids

By Zingisa Mkhuma

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More than 20 people — including shebeeners, patrons and a policeman — have died in shebeens in the PWV in the last six months, and shebeeners are living in constant fear.

They believe their businesses have become a deliberate target for killers. Soweto shebeeners say their livelihood is being threatened as alarmed patrons stayed away.

Irene, a popular Orlan-

do East shebeener, said she felt like a "sitting duck" for robbers.

"I feel very bad about these attacks, they are threatening our businesses. Patrons feel unsafe in our shebeens, and if they stay away how will I survive?" she asked.

The National Taverners Association (NTA) and police agreed that robbery — and not politics — appeared to be the motive for most of the attacks.

NTA member Lucky

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Michaels called on the police to step up crime-prevention measures in the township.

"The attackers involved in these killing are criminal elements and unemployed gun-toting youngsters," he said.

Mr Michaels said the attacks were affecting business badly and that most shebeeners have stopped working at night — the most popular shebeening hours.

"Patrons cannot be expected to be part of the security in shebeens, and

therefore, everyone is relying on the police. The only way is to get the police to (take action against) people with unlicensed firearms," he added.

Soweto police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni said: "We need to do research to find out if shebeens are being singled out for robberies.

"This would depend on arresting the culprits and finding out what the motive for these robberies are before we can establish a pattern."

Stockbroker to stand trial in Rand Supreme Court in October

Blank faces 49 fraud charges

By Marc Hasenfuss

CAPE TOWN — Details of the indictment served on leading Johannesburg stockbroker Gregory Blank (32), facing 49 charges of fraud, were released yesterday.

Mr Blank made a brief appearance in the Goodwood Magistrate's Court yesterday and the case was transferred to the Rand Supreme Court for trial on October 5.

In terms of the indictment, the state alleges that Mr Blank, a former director of Frankel Max Pollak Vindering, illegally secured personal profits by irregular share transactions involving the Old Mutual.

The state alleges that in August 1989, Mr Blank joined Marco Celotti and David Schapiro (both portfolio managers at Old Mutual) in a scheme to buy shares for an account at market

price and then on-sell them to Old Mutual at a profit.

According to the indictment, Mr Blank approached a business associate and persuaded him to open an account with a R3.5 million revolving credit facility through which shares could be bought and sold.

Profits from this venture would be transferred into Krugerrands. State documents show that over the period August 1989 to February 1991 a total of 2759 Krugerrands valued at over R3 million were purchased.

Revolving credit

The state alleges that Mr Blank and the business associate then approached a finance company, which agreed to open an account at his company in the name of the business associate with a revolving credit facility of R3.5 million.

Once enough shares were accumulated in the account and the share reached a certain price, portfolio managers Mr

Celotti or Mr Schapiro would ensure that Old Mutual purchased these shares.

Furthermore, Mr Blank entered a similar scheme with Messrs Celotti, Schapiro in February/March 1990 in which they bought and sold shares through an account with an off-shore company, AW Bradshaw and Co (Guernsey).

Mr Blank and Peter Rawson of Bradshaw opened the Capital International Trust No 2 to buy and sell shares locally with the intention of selling them to the Old Mutual at a profit.

The state alleges that operating through an off-shore account enabled Messrs Blank, Celotti and Schapiro to buy and sell through the financial rand and retain their profits offshore.

Mr Bradshaw charged 15 per cent on all capital gains, as an administration fee, while the balance of the profits were shared by the other participants. (Mr Blank was entitled to

20 percent of the capital gains).

A total profit of financial R6.2 million (before the administration fee) was realised through these offshore deals, state documents show.

The state alleges that Mr Blank would ensure an increase in the price of the share purchased for Capital International No 2 by manipulating the market price with the assistance of other stockbrokers, or by aggressive buying.

Foreign account

The profits were held in foreign currency in an account at Barclays Bank Plc, Angel Court, London, by Mr Bradshaw on behalf of Messrs Blank, Celotti and Schapiro.

On four occasions Mr Blank instructed Mr Rawson in London or his assistant in Johannesburg to transfer his share of the profits to an account which he specified at Pictet et Cie Banque, Geneva, Switzerland, the state alleges.

According to the state, Mr Blank did not have authorisation from the SA Reserve Bank to retain funds off-shore or have a foreign bank account.

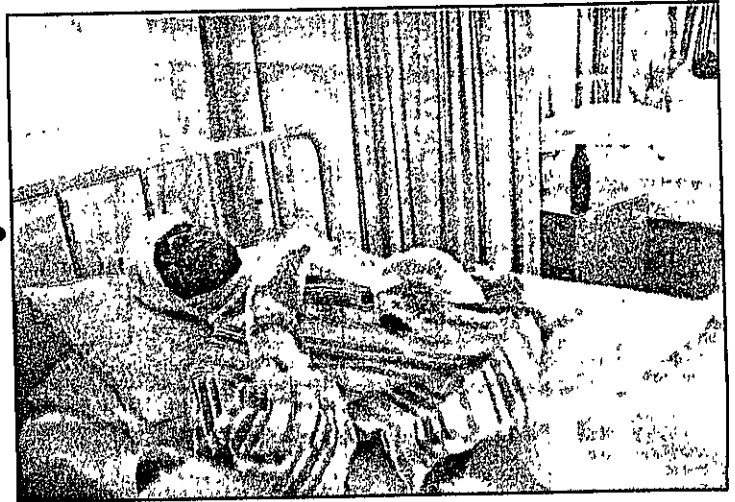
Yesterday the state said it had intended to apply for an increase in Mr Blank's bail (currently R500 000) in light of funds held overseas by the accused. However, in light of the fact that Mr Blank had given instructions for the return of the funds the state would not proceed with the application.

The state said that if the overseas funds were not returned to South Africa within the next few days, an application for an increase in bail would be made.

During the short session yesterday the court accepted a request to transfer the case to the Rand Supreme Court. The state stressed that it was at the request of the defence (who would not be available at an earlier date) that the case was postponed.

New twist in

horror crash



One of the survivors of the Witbank "accident", Mr Samuel Matsimela, recuperating in hospital this week. Pic: PATTY MOENG

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Probe reveals insurance 'scam'

EIGHT men, five of whom burned to death in a horror smash in Witbank last Sunday, had insurance taken on their lives days before the incident by the men the survivors claim tried to kill them.

The two white men who were accused by the three survivors of murdering their colleagues and attempting to murder them, were employees of a big insurance company, *Sowetan* investigations revealed yesterday.

A statement from Sanlam confirmed yesterday that "the employers of the dead men are indeed Sanlam marketers who were recently appointed and that policies were taken out on the lives of their workers

"If foul play was involved, we denounce it and we shall naturally co-operate fully with any investigation which may follow," the statement said.

Mr Lazarus Mmadi, Mr Samuel Matsimela and Mr Koos Skosana, were miraculously thrown out of the minibus when it rolled down a 30-metre slope and exploded in flames. They have said they suspect murder

Dead colleagues

They said, together with their now-dead colleagues, they were picked up by the white men late in December last year who said they were looking for young, single men to work for them in Pietersburg as clothing salesmen

They were made to fill in employment forms - and it is now learned, insurance forms on their lives as well - and told to meet the men on January 2 this year

Mmadi said the white men brought an old and battered kombi to transport them to Pietersburg. They were made to wait while work was done on



By SONTI MASEKO

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the car which they were told was not roadworthy. They were each given cheques for R750 by their new employers

Matsimela and Mmadi said they became suspicious when the kombi was brought back and they discovered, on entering the vehicle, that the windows had been blacked out and there was a wooden partition separating them from the driver's area "so we could not see".

The door handle on the inside had been removed and the occupants could not open the door except from outside

They also saw two 25-litre containers filled with petrol and two gas cylinders in the kombi. Mmadi alleged that they were given chips and a drink which made them intoxicated

One of the white men drove the kombi while the other followed in a jeep. When they were some distance from Witbank, the kombi stopped. They could hear one of the whites fiddling with the engine.

Then, according to Mmadi, the kombi rolled down the road into a bumpy area and then exploded into flames. The dead were burnt beyond

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Survivors of the crash, Lazarus Mmadi and Koos Skosana yesterday reiterated allegations that their colleagues were murdered by two white men who faked a car accident.

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LEGAL WE SCENE
 An extract from a Sowetan editorial that appeared on Wednesday: We reject the contention of the police, which can ill afford accusations that they are dragging their feet, that this is a routine matter. The full weight of the SAP needs to be brought to bear in this investigation. And, if the allegations are in any way substantiated, it will be important for everybody concerned that charges are formulated and the accused arraigned in a court of law as a matter of urgency.

What police now say
 POLICE regional commissioner of the Eastern Transvaal Major General Koos van Zyl yesterday announced the launch of an intensive police investigation into the mullibus crash. The scene and vehicle would be subjected to a thorough mechanical and scientific investigation and all possible clues would be followed up. He said police viewed the allegations that the accident was deliberately staged in a serious light and would do everything in their power to see to it that justice was done.

CONSPIRACY

Lives of kombi victims insured

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A spokesman for the Eastern Transvaal police, Lieutenant Andre van der Westhuizen, repeated yesterday that police were investigating a charge of culpable homicide involving "possible motorist negligence".

Matsimela, who is recovering from severe burns at Witbank Hospital, told Sowetan he made a statement to a police officer who was accompanied by one of the men he is now accusing of murder.

Driver of death kombi insurance beneficiary

THE white man who allegedly drove the kombi in which five men were killed was the beneficiary in some of the insurance policies taken out by himself and a colleague on the lives of the victims.

This startling revelation was confirmed yesterday by the chief legal adviser of Sandham insurance company in Cape Town, Mr Emile Linde.

Horrific burns
 His companion, who allegedly followed the kombi in another vehicle shortly before the crash, was also a beneficiary. Linde said the two men, who were cited as the proposers in the insurance policies of the eight black men, were in six cases the beneficiaries. One of the policies was not accepted by Sandham

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and the other had still not come through to him, he said. The beneficiary on the insurance policy taken out on survivor Mr Koos Skosana was to be a Mr J Kruger while Mr Lucas Louber was to be a beneficiary in the policy of Mr Samuel Matsimela. Five of the kombi's passengers were burnt beyond recognition. The three survivors were Mr Lazarus Mmadi, Mr Koos Skosana and Mr Samuel Matsimela, who sustained horrific burns and is still being at the Witbank Hospital.

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Linde also confirmed that Kruger was to be a beneficiary in four of the five insurance policies of the dead men.

Their names are Jacob Mlombo, John Ngubeni, who were both buried in Witbank at the weekend, and Arie Mahlangu, Tagishi Mashegoane and Galelekile Gavu, whose relatives have not been traced.

Kruger and Loubser are also Sanlam employees in Witbank. They allegedly met the eight men at the Department of Manpower offices in Witbank late last year.

They allegedly told the eight men they were looking for young single men to sell clothes for them in Pietersburg.

At a Press conference in Johannesburg yesterday, Mmadi repeated allegations that he and his colleagues were drugged, bundled into a kombi with blacked-out windows that they could not open.

The door handle on the inside of the kombi was removed.

Gas cylinders

He also alleged that the driver's area of the kombi was separated from the passenger section by a wooden partition.

Inside the kombi were two gas cylinders and two 25-litre containers filled with petrol.

They were driven for some distance.

At some point the driver, followed by his colleague in another vehicle, stopped the kombi, but left the engine running and went to the back of the car where he fiddled with the engine.

The kombi then began rolling over a bumpy area. Mmadi said he was flung out while his colleagues started screaming that there was a fire in the kombi.

"The next thing I knew I was running with Koos from the fire. We could see Loubser and Kruger up on the road. We decided not to go to them," he said.

Legacy of apartheid

Yesterday the ANC in Johannesburg said the incident reflected a "cold-bloodedness that is the legacy of apartheid racism and the contempt for black life".

The latest of the mysteries to emerge was that the kombi, which exploded into flames killing the five men, was registered in a name of an 11-year-old child with a non-existent address.

At the end of the conference, ANC spokesman Dr Pallo Jordan said questions arose from the incident that needed to be answered.

Ban on carrying of weapons on trains

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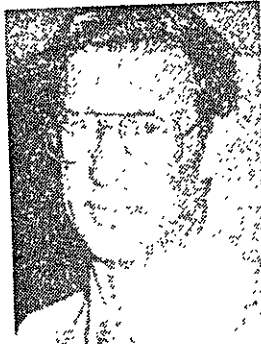
NOBODY will be allowed to board a train while in possession of any object that could be used as a weapon, unless it was a tool of trade, Commissioner of Police General Johan van der Merwe said last night.

The tough new action comes after violent attacks on train commuters have left 14 people dead and about 60 injured this week.

This week alone, six people died and 34 were injured in train attacks in the Witwatersrand and Soweto.

Van der Merwe said everything possible was being done to protect the lives of innocent commuters.

His statement follows police comments on Friday that they had to use their discretion regarding the



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carrying of weapons in public and would only act if they felt an offence was being committed.

However, human rights lawyer Mr David Pitman pointed out that a Johannesburg by-law prohibited the carrying of a weapon in public, unless it could be proved to be a tool of trade.

A person died and two

people were injured in a grenade attack on the Germiston-bound train to Lindela Station in Katlehong yesterday morning.

Eleven people were injured on a train travelling between Driehoek and Germiston stations yesterday morning when 10 men with sticks and pangas attacked commuters.

Two more bodies were found yesterday morning after an attack on trains near Boksburg on Tuesday night. The men were thrown from the train.

A man was decapitated and 10 people were injured in an attack between Geldenhuys and Driehoek stations on Tuesday evening.

Four injured men were

found at Johannesburg Station about 6.15pm on Tuesday.

Another injured man was found outside Cleveland Station 15 minutes later. He had broken his leg when he jumped off a train to escape the mob.

At New Canada Station near Soweto, two men were seriously injured when a gang attacked passengers about 7pm that same night.

A commuter was shot dead and six people, including a policeman, were injured when commuters opened fire with AK-47 rifles between Katlehong and Germiston stations on Monday.

The body of a man was also picked up with multiple injuries on Monday morning.

Sanlam investigates life policies after five killed in minibus crash

SANLAM yesterday launched an investigation into all life insurance policies sold by two employees allegedly implicated in the deaths on Sunday, January 19, of five black men to whom they had issued policies a week earlier.

The men died when a minibus bought by the two Sanlam employees crashed into a ravine near Witbank. The victims had been recruited through the Manpower Department to sell clothes and were being taken from Luiperds holiday resort in the eastern Transvaal to Pietersburg.

Two of the three survivors of the crash

claimed at a news conference called by the ANC in Johannesburg yesterday that the minibus had been pushed into the ravine after the driver had stopped on the side of a sloping road.

The ANC named the two Sanlam men as Kobus Kruger and Lucas Loubscher.

Middelburg police liaison officer Maj Schalk Pienaar said police were conducting mechanical and forensic tests on the remains of the vehicle, but no charges had been laid. Police were investigating a charge of culpable homicide.

Sanlam chief legal adviser Emil Linde



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said the two men joined the company less than a year ago and were still in its employ pending the outcome of its investigations.

Sanlam was investigating all similar policies sold by the two.

Sanlam had established that its two employees were the beneficiaries of policies, worth R100 000 each, taken out in the names of Koos Skhosana and Samuel Matimela, both of whom survived the crash.

Through an ANC interpreter, Skhosana told the news conference that Kruger and

Loubscher contacted the men on January 2 through the Manpower Department, and offered them jobs in Pietersburg.

He said the two Sanlam employees, dressed in Defence Force uniforms, asked them to sign employment contracts and other forms. Skhosana said the two took them to the Luiperds resort near Witbank, where they were housed in an army tent.

After many delays the men were sent home with a R750 cheque. They were also given R20 in cash for each delay. They returned to the resort on January 18.

Skhosana said the minibus had black

spray-painted windows which did not open, and a wooden partition between the driver's and passenger seats. He said the handle had been removed so that passengers could not open the door from the inside, and two 25-litre petrol cans and two gas cylinders had been placed in the back.

Loubscher drove the minibus, and Kruger followed in "a Jeep".

The minibus later stopped, and he heard Loubscher outside. Then the engine revved. Seconds later the minibus plunged into a ravine and burst into flames.

Witbank crash: (38) Cops ^{Sowetan} criticised _{3/11/92}

By KENOSI
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THE PAC and Azapo yesterday condemned the police for "dragging their feet" in arresting two white men allegedly involved in the Witbank "insurance scam" killings.

Azapo spokesman Dr Gomolemo Mokoae and PAC publicity secretary Mr Barney Desai yesterday said the police were deliberately allowing the two suspects to roam the streets freely.

"We must first commend the media, especially *Sowetan*, for exposing this barbaric killing of innocent people.

"It's blood-curdling to think that people could go to that extent for their greed," Mokoae said.

He added that Azapo would like to see the men charged with murder and not with culpable homicide as had suggested by the police.

Classic

"We shudder to think of other possible cases which might not have come to light. We would also like to urge Sanlam to go further and open its books to the nation.

Desai said: "If the evidence is correct as reported specifically in *Sowetan*, then this is a classic case of murder.

"We are outraged that these people have not yet been arrested. The police are dragging their feet in apprehending them and this is totally unacceptable to

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Horror crash 'scam'. Suspects still free

THE two men accused of trying to make the deaths of their five victims appear as an accident, are still free. *31/1/92*

According to survivors the two men, Mr Lucas Loubser and Mr Isak "Kobus" Kruger, who have been suspended by Sanlam, first insured their eight victims for more than R1 million.

They then allegedly "caused" an accident near Witbank.

The minibus, into which the men had been loaded, plunged down a 30m ravine, killing five of the eight men.

Eastern Transvaal police spokesman Warrant Officer Andre van der Westhuizen confirmed that the police had not yet arrested the two men.

He said police had launched an intensive investigation into the case.

Sanlam yesterday confirmed it had suspended Loubser and Kruger.

It also offered to pay a total of R40 000 to the families of the eight crash victims "as a gesture of goodwill and to assist in defraying the funeral and medical expenses involved".

The insurance company's Mr Emil Linde said it would be "grossly unfair and totally wrong to

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link Sanlam, as employer, to the alleged private activities of their employees".

The news of the suspension came as Mr Jackson Mthembu of the ANC's Witbank office called on the insurance company to honour fully the insurance policies taken out on the lives of the dead men for the benefit of their families and compensate the others who were injured.

The suspension followed persistent newspaper reports on the allegations made by the survivors, Mr Lazarus Mmadi, Mr Samuel Matsimela and Mr Koos Skosana that the crash, on Sunday July 19, was not an accident.

Mthembu has reacted strongly to the news that the two alleged murder suspects were still on the loose and added that the "only logical conclusion" to infer was that the suspects had not been arrested because they were white.

He said the initial charge of culpable homicide in an incident where five people were killed was itself a gross irregularity, viewed in the light of what happened in the past in the Westdene bus disaster.

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Two Sanlam men beneficiaries of crash victims' policies

TWO SANLAM employees were the beneficiaries of life insurance policies issued to seven victims of a January 19 minibus crash in which five black men died, the company said yesterday.

Sanlam, chief legal adviser Ennel Linde said two Sanlam Witbank employees, Koos Kruger and Lukas Louber, were "definitely the beneficiaries of (all) seven policies issued to the crash victims".

An ANC-arranged news conference on Tuesday heard two crash survivors describe how the minibus in which they were travelling with six others, all employed by

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the two Sanlam men, was allegedly pushed down a ravine as part of an insurance "swindle" to collect on life insurance policies taken out in the men's names.

Five men burnt to death in the crash, and one of the three survivors is in the Witbank Hospital with serious burns.

Linde said Louber and Kruger had insured the lives of four of the deceased and those of the three survivors.

One of the survivors, Koos Skhosana, told

Tuesday's news conference that they met the Sanlam employees at the Pietersburg offices of the Manpower Department in November last year. They had signed employment contracts and "other" contracts to sell clothes in Pietersburg. The other contracts were later established to be insurance forms.

Skhosana said Louber and Kruger had asked the victims to meet them at the department on January 2, which they did.

The inception date on the life policies was January 1 1992.

Linde disclosed yesterday that Sanlam

had suspended the two employees. He said this meant Louber and Kruger had been barred from all Sanlam offices pending the outcome of investigations.

Offering condolences to the next-of-kin, Linde also announced that "as a gesture of goodwill and commiseration" Sanlam had decided to contribute R40 000 to help defray funeral and medical expenses of the families involved.

Middelburg police said mechanical and forensic experts were investigating the scene of the accident. No charges had been brought yet against Kruger and Louber.

BLACK CAT boss Chris Ngwenya, leader of a criminal group that terrorises members of the African National Congress in the Transvaal township of Wesselson, has ordered the assassination of two dissident colleagues who spoke out last week about the gang's links with Inkatha.

Ngwenya ordered his men to "eliminate" the pair just days before they are due to give evidence at Justice Richard Goldstone's commission of inquiry into the violence that now sweeps the country, according to a third member of the gang who defected this week.

The three former gangsters have provided detailed evidence about how a band of Black Cats was recruited by Inkatha and given paramilitary training at a camp run by a front company for the South African Defence Force in preparation for attacks on members of the ANC who live in the township near Ermelo.

A team of lawyers, led by David Soggot SC, will have the three Black Cat defectors with them when they fly to Cape Town next week to present evidence and witnesses to the commission about the gang's violent activities in Wesselson and their links with Inkatha and a front company run by Military Intelligence.

The Weekly Mail has informed Justice Goldstone about the threats to potential witnesses at his commission's hearing next week and sent an urgent message to Police Minister Hemus Kriel asking him to ensure the safety of the witnesses.

Kriel's office replied by saying that requests for residents of Wesselson to be protected from the gang have been sent to the regional police

The Black Cat order goes out: Kill them

Black Cat gangsters are under order to find and kill two dissidents due to testify before the Goldstone commission next week. By EDDIE KOCH and PHILLIPA GARSON

commissioner in the eastern Transvaal. According to evidence supplied by the defectors, the pro-Inkatha gang works closely with white policemen based in Ermelo and appears to have been protected by the very SAP officers investigating a string of crimes and killings in which they have been involved.

The third defector, who wishes to remain anonymous, this week said a hit squad assembled by the Black Cats was sent to Johannesburg this week in order to find and kill *The Weekly Mail's* informants. Meanwhile, frightened civic members in Wesselson report that since the Black Cat dissidents went public with their story, there have been numerous instances of intimidation and

death threats from the gang, which is attempting to prevent others from coming forward.

Gang leaders reportedly held a meeting late last Saturday night with the policemen from Ermelo police station implicated in the vigilante onslaught against township residents.

In the early hours of Sunday morning, a Wesselson resident, Morris Mthembu, was shot by unknown people in a white Nissan Skyline. And residents report that a white Jetta with kwazulu registration plates has been patrolling the township.

According to one informant, the occupants of the car — two men from Ulundi, a hit-squad member known as "Sugar" who has been linked to several deaths in the township and a local Black Cat gangster known as "Papa" — are on a mission to assassinate three key civic members.

Police public relations headquarters have responded to *Weekly Mail* reports of the gang's collaboration with SAP members in Ermelo by saying the incidents are being investigated by "the Special Investigating Unit headed by Major-General Gloy and are at an advanced stage". Major-General Leon Mellet, spokesman for

the minister of law and order said this week that allegations of police complicity in the intimidation of witnesses were serious.

"You are requested to make such evidence available to the Goldstone Commission or alternatively to the regional commissioner, to investigate. Should it prove to be true, the necessary action would most certainly be taken," he said.

Justice Goldstone's hearing, which will probe *Weekly Mail* reports of extensive links between the SADF's Department of Military Intelligence and a roving team of paramilitary hitmen from Inkatha who appear to have the support of some SAP members, begins in Cape Town on Tuesday next week.

Two teams of lawyers will address the commission and present it with military documents and at least six witnesses, including defectors from the Black Cats, former MI front operators and former Inkatha leader Mbongeni Khumalo.

The Weekly Mail's legal team is led by David Soggot SC, assisted by Paul Kennedy and instructed by David Dison. The ANC and the Congress of South African Trade Unions have instructed a team from Cheadle, Thompson and Haysom to represent them.

●The Inkatha Freedom Party this week submitted a 25-page "dossier of death" to the Goldstone commission, outlining "a campaign to assassinate IFP officials, particularly in areas of Natal". It gave details of the killing of 78 IFP officials and supporters and the injuring of another 75 since last September. ANC members were blamed for most of the incidents.

Jo'burg gets new

(28) unit STAC to curb 1/2/92 crime

POLICE would implement a 24-hour anti-mugging force and a special crime prevention unit immediately in Johannesburg's central business district. Law and Order Minister Hennis Kriel said yesterday.

A joint statement with Johannesburg city councillors and businessmen who met him in Cape Town on the unacceptable crime rate in the city was issued after their meeting.

Commissioner of Police General Johan van der Merwe confirmed that police would use recently-acquired advanced technical equipment to combat crime. The anti-mugging unit would operate in the CBD, particularly in



GENERAL JOHAN VAN DER MERWE.

tourist areas and near hotels

The special crime prevention unit would incorporate a bobby-on-the-beat system and would use vehicle patrols.

No further details of the special CBD crime prevention unit were made available.

A joint working group would be formed to work out a communication plan to motivate the public in the fight against crime.

Mr Kriel said a comprehensive strategy for combating crime nationwide would be announced soon.

Johannesburg City Council management committee chairman Ian Davidson said the use of the military to combat crime would not be constructive as it would enhance fear among visitors from abroad and create the perception that South Africa was at war with itself.

● In a statement yesterday, the ANC said some crimes appeared to have no logical explanation other than "a deeply-felt rage within the bosom of the perpetrator". In other instances, they bore "all the hallmarks of premeditation" and "cold-blooded calculation born of a hatred for the victims".

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Business asks Barend to help combat crime

4/2/92 (38)
PRESSURE on Finance Minister Barend du Plessis to help resolve the national crime crisis increased yesterday when the Johannesburg City Council, Sacob and the AHI appealed to him to substantially increase funding for policing.

The council's management committee despatched a letter to Du Plessis "seeking funds to combat the unacceptable law and order crisis in Johannesburg".

Management committee chairman Ian Davidson said the letter had been approved at a council meeting yesterday. It followed discussions held last week between Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel and representatives of business and local government in Johannesburg.

In a joint representation from Sa-

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cob and the AHI, Du Plessis was told "manpower, equipment and technological resources available to the SAP for combating and preventing crime are wholly inadequate".

Sacob and the AHI felt additional funds "could be found by prioritising state expenditure while maintaining fiscal discipline, without an increase in the tax burden".

Plans to introduce a 24-hour anti-mugging force and a special crime prevention unit to deal with escalating crime in central Johannesburg are expected to be implemented almost immediately. "It is up to (Commissioner of Police) Gen Johan van der Merwe to put that into operation as soon as possible," said Davidson.

However, sources in the private security industry have expressed doubts about the likelihood of their early involvement in the scheme. Ways of incorporating private security companies into the crime prevention network have been mooted.

"It would be one hell of a logistical problem to incorporate all the security companies," said Clive St John Perry of Standby Security Services. "If one company was to win the tender, it would be impossible to get anything visible done for at least six months. . . . You would have to deal with expanding your client base from between 5 000 and 10 000 to 200 000."

A comprehensive strategy for dealing with the national crime crisis is expected to be announced in conjunction with the Budget in March.

Fleeing crime their chief concern

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Businessmen in Marlboro's industrial zone are battling to survive. But their struggle is not primarily against the recession — it is a daily life-and-death fight against crime, reports MONICA OOSTERBROEK of The Star's crime staff.

MARLBORO is a prime target for crime, bordering the densely populated and poverty-stricken Alexandra township. There are no main roads separating the two areas — so robbers can escape on foot and hijackers can drive into the township and disappear within minutes.

Virtually every businessman and employee has been a victim of violent crime. Police statistics show that several cars, delivery vehicles and trucks are hijacked or stolen every day.

And those attacked are relieved to get away alive. Employees, mainly workers from Alexandra, walking home with their pay cheques are robbed. Often they are stabbed, and some have been murdered.

Last Tuesday, James Tötter, 40-owner of Jawo Engineering in First Avenue, was murdered in his factory.

He was axed and then shot with his pistol late at night. His body was found by employees the next morning.

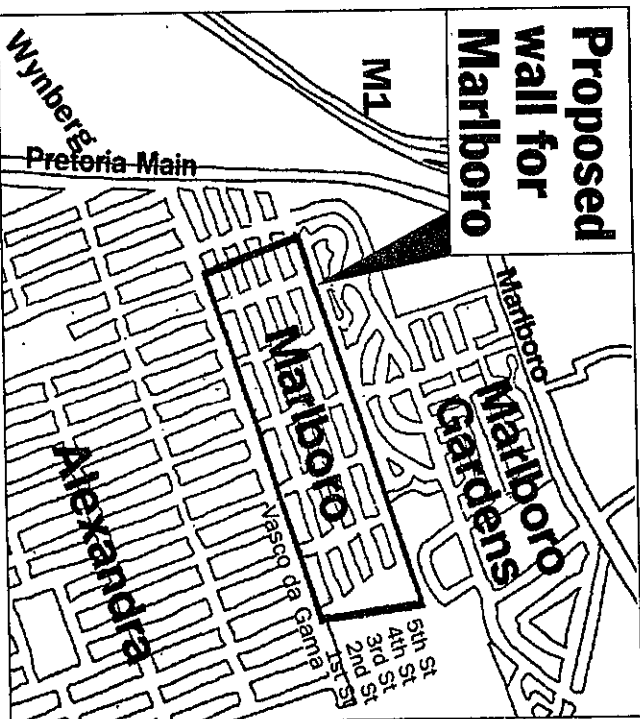
Mr Tötter had already decided to move out of the area because of the high crime and was building another factory at Midrand.

Mami Carrato, a nearby cafe-owner, was murdered at the end of last year, leaving behind his young, pregnant wife. Mr Carrato was closing shop when youths robbed him and then shot him dead.

His wife is continuing to work in the cafe, Joe's Supermarket, until she can sell the business. She has hired a full-time security guard who escorts her to and from work and stands next to her all day.

Another victim is the owner of Gastone Copper Creations, who has been attacked on numerous occasions. He is too afraid to have his name published. Gunmen have blasted AK-47 bullets through his windows and threatened to kill him.

To protect himself while at work, he has painted the windows so that people cannot look in, barred all entrances to the



property with burglar bars, put up high walls with razor wire and taken electronic security measures. He has allowed a security company to move into the bottom half of his building, free of charge, for added protection.

Businessmen who can afford to have abandoned their buildings and fled to safer areas. No body else wants to rent the building and the To Let signs outside have begun to rust.

The buildings which have not been vandalised. Robbers have taken windows, doors, steel frames and anything else that can be prised out.

In a final bid to curb robbers, one factory-owner put up a pre-cast wall with razor wire. A week later, it had been stolen.

So, in desperation, the owner packed up his business and drove away leaving his building behind. He told other businessmen in the area that he was not even going to try to sell the building because he was certain nobody would want it.

Panel-beating businesses and motor mechanics have been forced out of Marlboro because

clients were too scared to travel there. If the cars were not hijacked driving to or from the panel-beaters, they were stolen on the premises.

Women driving along First Avenue have had their cars stoned or hijacked and their handbags snatched.

But some women who work in the area fight back, or refuse to be intimidated.

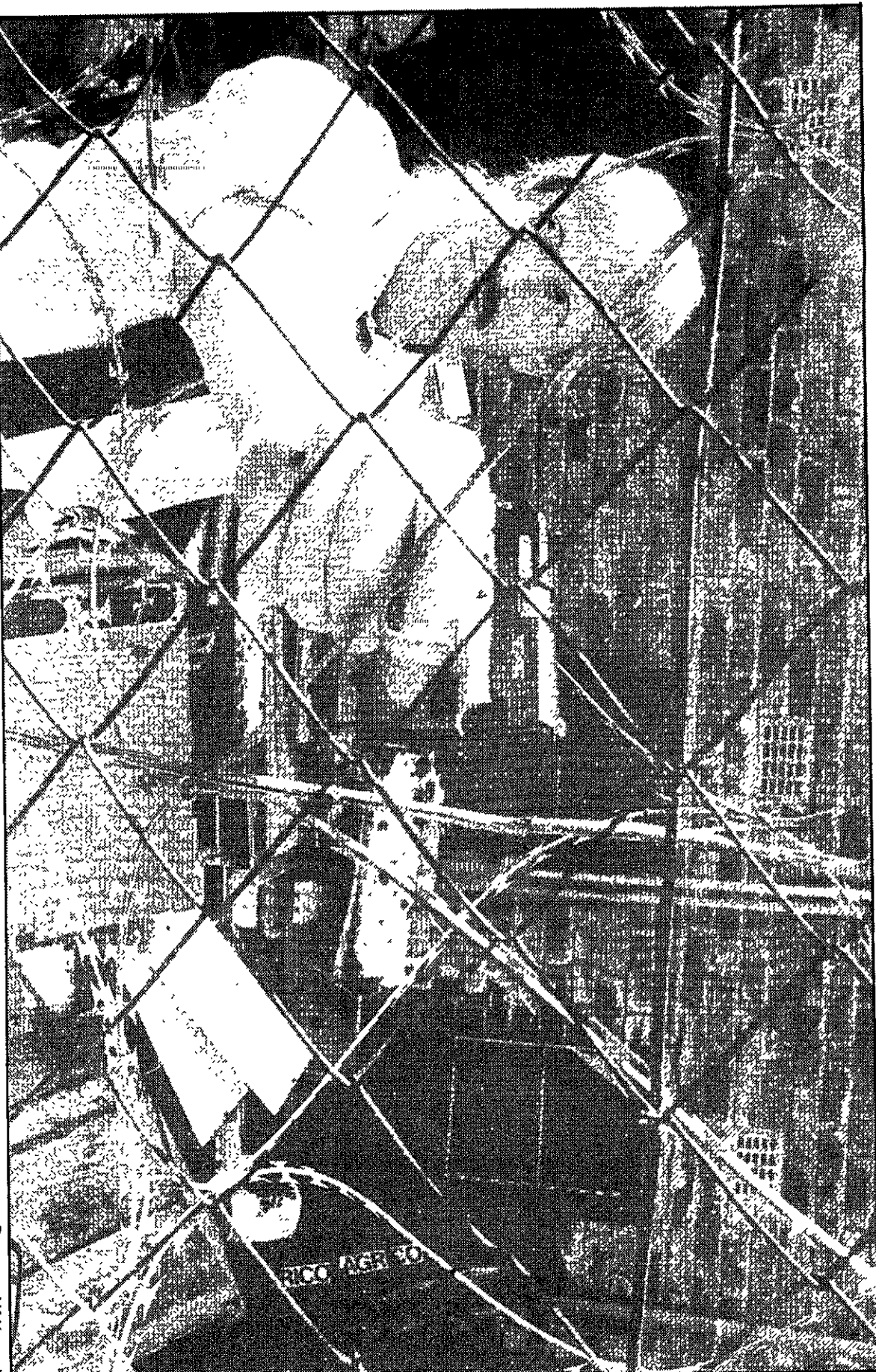
Nan Wilkins, who has worked in Marlboro for five years, said a rock through her windscreen.

"I decided not to let the criminals in the area intimidate me. I am very cautious and take every security measure, even carrying a gas gun with me," Mrs Wilkins said.

One woman fought back when a teenager tried to hijack her car — she shot the boy with a 22 pistol.

The nearest police station is Bramley, at least a 15-minute drive away, and police have admitted they do not have the manpower to patrol the area effectively.

But the people who work in the area have decided to confront the crisis head-on by mak-



Pistol power... Andrew McKenzie of Controlled Irrigation, like most businessmen in Marlboro, carries a gun for protection.

ing use of every possible method of curbing crime.

Andrew McKenzie, co-owner of Controlled Irrigation, realised that the situation had got out of control when two of his cars were hijacked in one week.

He spoke to many businessmen in the area, and 130 people turned up for their first security meeting last year. Members were chosen to form the multi-racial Marlboro management committee, most of whom then became police reservists.

Working closely with the Bramley police, they have taken aggressive steps to prevent crime. Linked by radio to the police, and carrying guns,

they patrol Marlboro day and night.

Since they formed the committee, they have been responsible for the arrest of a number of armed robbers and hijackers.

On several occasions, Mr McKenzie has chased car hijackers into the township and managed to recover the vehicle.

Nearly all businessmen carry side-arms to protect themselves.

But even tough measures have not done much to slow down the spiralling crime.

The businessmen believe that crime could be better curbed if the Sandton Town Council declared the area an industrial

park and walled it off.

Mr McKenzie said businessmen want a sturdy wall to run along the barriers dividing Vasco da Gama Street and First Avenue, and to enclose the length of Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth avenues. Mr McKenzie believes this would slow down robbers escaping on foot into the township, and cars would have to drive into a main road before disappearing.

Mr McKenzie said they did try to put up a barrier along the entire length of First Avenue, but the Alexandra Township Committee was opposed to it and forced the Sandton Town Council to have it taken down.

"We invited this committee on several occasions to meet us to discuss the crime problems we are facing, but our invitations have been totally ignored," he said.

According to Mr McKenzie, factories in First and Second avenues are battling to get insurance and 24-hour response security companies to cover them.

The Star travelled around the area with Mr McKenzie last week, he pointed out the number of unemployed youths hanging around the factories. He believes there is a tight grapevine system working between the criminal elements, with groups on each avenue keeping in close contact.

As Mr McKenzie cruised the streets, hundreds of pairs of eyes followed the car around. "Look, we are being surrounded by youngsters who may look innocent — but many of them are ruthless killers," he said.

"Crime has forced most businessmen to abandon First Avenue. Now Second Avenue is being targeted. When will this all end?"

Many businessmen are not going to wait for solutions. They plan to be part of the exodus out of Marlboro and into a safer area. □

Picture: Alf Kumalo

SAP members: complaints

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

Whether, with reference to the reply to Question No 15 on 14 May 1991, he will furnish particulars in regard to complaints laid against policemen and policewomen in 1991 arising out of incidents that occurred while they were on duty; if not, why not; if so, (a) how many such complaints were laid, (b) how many policemen and policewomen were prosecuted for crimes committed whilst on duty and (c) (i) how many policemen and policewomen faced disciplinary hearings and (ii) how many of those who faced such hearings were dismissed from the Police Force?

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

- (a) 10 597
- (b) 1 467
- (c) (i) 3 476
- (ii) 80

Crime statistics: Berea police station

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

How many cases of (a) murder, (b) culpable homicide, (c) assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, (d) common assault, (e) rape, (f) burglary of business premises, (g) burglary of residential premises, (h) robbery with aggravating circumstances, (i) robbery, (j) common theft, (k) theft of vehicles and cycles, (l) possession of drugs and (m) dealing in drugs were reported at the Berea police station in the Durban police district of the Natal Region in 1991?

B90E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

- (a) 10
- (b) 15
- (c) 42
- (d) 189
- (e) 13
- (f) 3
- (g) 791
- (h) 123

Crime statistics: Point police station

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

How many cases of (a) murder, (b) culpable homicide, (c) assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, (d) common assault, (e) rape, (f) burglary of business premises, (g) burglary of residential premises, (h) robbery with aggravating circumstances, (i) robbery, (j) common theft, (k) theft of vehicles and cycles, (l) possession of drugs and (m) dealing in drugs were reported at the Point police station in the Durban police district of the Natal Region in 1991?

B92E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

- (a) 15
- (b) 3
- (c) 107
- (d) 396
- (e) 21
- (f) 184
- (g) 62
- (h) 122
- (i) 117
- (j) 1 415
- (k1) 372
- (k2) 81
- (l) 427
- (m) 131

Crime statistics: Point police station

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B91E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

- (a) 55
- (b) 46
- (c) 273
- (d) 879
- (e) 89
- (f) 966
- (g) 168
- (h) 737
- (i) 417
- (j) 3 326
- (k1) 1 579
- (k2) 90
- (l) 894
- (m) 104

B90E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

- k1—vehicles
- k2—bicycles

Crime statistics: Point police station

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B90E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

- k1—vehicles
- k2—bicycles

men involved have been (i) charged, (ii) brought to court, (iii) sentenced and (iv) imprisoned for assault and battery and (c) in respect of what date is this information furnished;

(3) whether any of these charges have been withdrawn; if so, how many?

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

- (1), (2) and (3)
- The South African Police does not keep statistics in respect of this question.

Own Affairs:

Hospitals: bed occupancy rate

1. Mr M J ELLIS asked the Minister of Health Services and Welfare:

What was the average bed occupancy rate in 1991 in each specified hospital falling under the control of her Department in (a) Natal, (b) the Orange Free State, (c) the Cape Province and (d) the Transvaal?

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The MINISTER OF HEALTH SERVICES AND WELFARE:

(a) Natal	(b) Orange Free State	(c) Cape Province	(d) Transvaal
Greys Hospital, Pietermaritzburg	Voorrekker Hospital, Kroonstad	Alexandra Hospital, Cape Town	Andrew McCollm Hospital, Pretoria
92,72%	61,95%	104,00%	32,7%
Hillcrest Hospital, Greytown Hospital	Bethlehem Hospital, Sasolburg Hospital	P E Provincial, Volks Hospital, Cape Town	William Slater Hospital, Cape Town
36,33%	58,06%	53,06%	19,12%
	Jagersfontein Hospital, Zastron Hospital	Walvis Bay Hospital	
	8,26%	48,40%	

war.

KwaMadala sex slaves

By SOPHIE TEMA

THE notorious KwaMadala Hostel in the Vaal has been implicated in yet another major scandal in which young girls have been held captive and abused as sex slaves by hordes of lusty inmates.

So far, one of the girls has been identified as an HIV carrier while three others are pregnant.

Arrangements are to be made by a local church group to have all the victims - who managed to escape from KwaMadala - HIV tested.

The girls' ages range from 12 to 18.

Vaal residents have made shocking claims that women are often abducted in broad daylight from the taxi rank in Vereeniging,

and taken to the hostel.

In one affidavit a 16-year-old girl has told how she was gang-raped by at least 16 inmates on one night.

"The experience was awful and I passed out after the 16th man," the girl said in tears.

In signed affidavits compiled by a team of lawyers a 12-year-old girl also told of her ordeal at the hands of the men.

"I cried and pleaded for mercy but the men were brutal and showed no pity at all," she said.

Most of them said they were abducted in neighbouring townships and taken to KwaMadala Hostel.

Some of the girls said that after being abducted they were taken to

a house in Sebokeng's Zone Six, where they were first "doctored" to subdue them.

They said they were kept at the house for not less than three days before being transferred to KwaMadala.

City Press has obtained the names of some of the men who played a major role in the abduction and abuse of the girls.

One of the girls revealed how the gang took them on sprees in which shebeen queens and other people were robbed. They managed to escape one night while the gang was out on such a mission.

The victims have not reported the incidents to the police, whom they accused of "collaborating" with their assailants.

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QUESTIONS

† indicates translated version.

For written reply:

General Affairs:

Permanent Force: applications to join

15. Lt-Gen R H D ROGERS asked the Minister of Defence:

How many Black, White, Coloured and Indian persons, respectively, (a) applied to join, and (b) were accepted into, the Permanent Force as members of the South African (i) Army, (ii) Air Force, (iii) Navy and (iv) Medical Services in 1991?

The MINISTER OF DEFENCE:

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	Blacks	Whites	Coloureds	Indians
(a) (i)	560	4 025	239	9
(ii)	631	2 291	208	44
(iii)	403	1 062	1 051	279
(iv)	1 043	1 883	274	6
(b) (i)	31	988	59	1
(ii)	7	901	42	8
(iii)	13	398	175	74
(iv)	88	646	54	0

Crime: Johannesburg police districts

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

(1) 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) theft of other items, (i) damage to property, (j) house-breaking with intent to steal and theft, (k) possession of drugs, (l) drunken driving, (m) vagrancy and (n) prostitution were reported at each specified police station in the Johannesburg police districts in 1991;

Special mopping-up operations and general crime prevention is carried out in the city centre. (38)

The Traffic Department is employed in all large operations.

Areas are first identified and then patrolled daily, as part of Operation Sentry, with radio-equipped vehicles.

At least once a month all available members with vehicles, and when available with helicopters, are employed in problem areas.

Special crime prevention units have been established at each station in the Randburg area. In addition to these units, a crime prevention unit has also been established for the district. Problem areas are identified by them and vehicle and foot patrols are carried out by members of this unit in civilian clothes.

Office personnel are relieved daily of their administrative duties to perform special crime prevention.

In certain areas a special business watch has been established where members in uniform perform regular foot patrol at shops and business offices.

(b) Police visibility is increased by periodically employing members who perform administrative duties for crime prevention.

Crime tendencies are evaluated daily by management, corrective steps are considered and implemented taking into consideration the available manpower and resources.

Technological resources are best utilised and crime prevention programmes are developed.

The duties of uniformed enquiries and investigation personnel have been re-evaluated and at present are being performed over a longer period in order to establish greater police visibility and to place members back on the street.

Joint actions are carried out by members of all stations to address crime in general and specific crimes in particular. (38)

Business watch polices specific areas in Hillbrow, Braamfontein and Joubert Park.

Special units are utilised to address specific crime tendencies.

Neighbourhood watches are most favourably utilised and developed.

An attempt is being made at increasing the Reserve Police Force in order to increase visibility.

Local newspapers are used to convey successes and handy hints on the prevention of crime to the general public and to bring about greater community involvement.

(3) Yes, if large action or operation is planned, the South African Defence Force is used to help combat crime but not on a continuous basis.

Co-operation between the South African Police and the South African Defence Force is dealt with within "Veikom" planning. Insofar as it concerns specific actions by the South African Defence Force there is good co-operation and members of the South African Defence Force are made available. In the past the view was that members could be made available for specific tasks such as securing roadblocks, holding roadblocks and stabilising the unrest areas. Members of the South African Defence Force are not, however, trained in the prevention of crime and consequently are not available for those tasks. At present no members of the South African Defence Force are deployed in the Johannesburg North district. Should their services be employed for crime prevention the service would still have to be co-ordinated by "Veikom" and South African Defence Force members would have to stand under the command of the district commissioner of the particular area.

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	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(g1)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)
Booyens	63	84	251	887	68	655	1 808	85	1 571	593	2 403	96	237	—	1
Brixton	22	5	75	339	18	120	735	26	823	226	1 017	25	61	—	—
Cleveland	47	—	101	181	32	349	575	36	622	185	1 221	37	54	—	—
Jeppie	111	26	332	477	66	777	846	17	990	279	1 761	154	169	—	—
John Vorster Plain	141	31	382	1 119	133	2 416	2 706	19	4 356	779	2 578	189	221	—	32
Langlaage	24	11	122	244	27	249	233	6	486	199	417	115	75	—	—
Mondeor	27	60	78	255	39	305	520	36	538	186	1 159	37	38	—	—
Genl Coetzee	38	11	240	1 195	65	357	402	64	779	612	1 276	52	155	—	—
Parkstation	26	—	73	72	22	244	46	3	2 700	64	100	34	—	—	—
Fairland	5	2	26	78	5	40	161	43	239	50	370	30	12	—	—
Hillbrow	131	50	527	1 668	165	1 489	2 542	34	2 714	1 389	1 899	263	498	—	3
Lombardy East	10	10	27	81	9	198	179	19	324	134	687	14	5	—	—
Norwood	14	16	43	149	13	179	454	16	827	263	893	9	38	—	1
Parview	11	6	38	149	15	128	461	43	404	345	731	25	27	—	3
Yeoville	8	6	33	188	15	135	535	18	392	345	731	25	27	—	—
Rosebank	—	4	23	78	4	105	245	18	356	123	293	35	24	—	—
Alexandra	364	29	731	523	207	552	229	—	324	399	366	137	10	—	—
Bramley	52	37	115	203	26	916	622	17	1 064	532	1 223	13	83	—	3
Halfway House	30	28	91	162	35	242	288	11	744	164	1 569	27	48	—	—
Randburg	24	37	161	398	58	267	684	53	1 207	492	2 582	72	78	—	—
Sandton	15	38	85	270	37	272	944	74	1 190	433	2 346	28	82	—	17
Linden	6	5	42	205	25	101	657	138	506	336	1 053	20	80	—	—

Number of prisoners

34. Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Correctional Services:

- (1) (a) How many prisoners can be accommodated in South African prisons at present, (b) what was the daily average prison population as at the latest specified date for which information is available and (c) how many unsentenced prisoners were in prison in the Republic on that date;
- (2) whether any prisons were over-populated in 1991; if so, (a) which prisons and (b) what was the average rate of over-population in each case?

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THE MINISTER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES:

- (1) (a) According to the norm mentioned below, 83 780 on 31 December 1991.
- (b) The daily average for December 1991 was 96 540. (See Annexure A for analysis of sentences.)
- (c) On 31 December 1991 there were 23 694 unsentenced prisoners in South African prisons.

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— The transferring of prisoners to prisons with a lower occupancy level, in order to obtain a more evenly distributed population.

— The granting of special remission of sentence (occasional) to sentenced prisoners in terms of section 69(1) of the Correctional Services Act, 1959 (Act 8 of 1959).

— Continuous contact with other concerned parties in order to promote alternative sentence options.

— The institution of correctional supervision as an alternative sentencing option was approved by Parliament last year and the pilot project was launched in the Pretoria and Wonderboom magisterial districts on 15 August 1991. All indications are that correctional supervision is a successful form of punishment, therefore, it has been decided to implement the system as soon as possible on a country-wide basis. It is expected that this new initiative will have a definite quelling effect on the growth in the prison population.

(a) and (b) On 31 December 1991 the position was as follows:

	% over-populated
<i>Western Cape, Boland and Southern Cape Prison</i>	
Allandale	67,7
(The erection of a new prison is included in the five year building programme of the Department of Public Works.)	
Beaufort West	38,2
(The erection of a new prison is included in the major works services programme.)	
Brandvlei Maximum	72,2
(The erection of a new prison at Kweekkraal is included in the major works services programme.)	
Brandvlei Medium	72,3
Butfeljagrivier	4,9
(The modernisation of the prison with the erection of a section for unsentenced male prisoners has been included in the major works services programme.)	
Caledon	57,7
(Modernisation of the prison has been com-	
pleted. The erection of a new section for 114 unsentenced prisoners is included in the major services programme.)	
Dwaarsrivier	52,5
(Modernisation has been included in the building programme.)	
George Male	106,3
(Modernisation of the prison is being planned.)	
Hawequa	27,2
(Modernisation has been included in the building programme.)	
Helderstrom Maximum	76,9
Helderstrom Medium	66,6
Kynsna	78,4
(A new prison was completed recently and will be commissioned shortly.)	
Ladismith (CP)	112,9
(Modernisation is in progress. Expected date of completion is March 1992.)	
Malmesbury	48,6
(Modernisation of the prison is being planned.)	
Mossel Bay	44,4
(Kynsna prison which will be opened shortly will alleviate this situation.)	
Obiqua	13,9
(Modernisation has been included in the building programme.)	
Oudshoorn	78,7
(Building works commenced in May 1991 and should be completed during September 1993.)	
Paarl	40,8
(A new prison which will be erected at Allandale will alleviate this situation.)	
Pollsmoor Medium A	48,3
Pollsmoor Medium B	14,0
Pollsmoor Maximum	68,9
(The new prison should be completed by the end of March 1992.)	
Riebeeck West	38,9
(Modernisation has been included in the building programme.)	
Robertson	9,7
Stellenbosch	46,7
(An envisaged new prison at Kraaifontein will alleviate this situation.)	

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1992
January 58 9
February 21 7
(b) 10 February 1992

Note:
The 1991 figures for KwaZulu are only for persons killed in areas controlled by the South African Police.

Suspected right-wing terrorism: incidents

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

- (1) (a) How many incidents of suspected right-wing terrorism were investigated by the South African Police in 1991 and 1992, respectively, and (b) how many of these cases had been solved as at the latest specified date for which information is available;

- (2) whether any persons have been arrested in connection with these incidents; if so, (a) (i) how many and (ii) in connection with how many such incidents in each case and (b) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

- (1) (a) 1991 — 12
1992 — 6

- (b) 9
14 February 1992.

- (2) Yes.
(a) (i) 15
(ii) 9
14 February 1992.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

QUESTIONS

†Indicates translated version.

For oral reply:

General Affairs:

State-funded housing complexes: all race groups

*1. Mr M A HENDRICKSE asked the Minister of Local Government and National Housing:

- (1) Whether members of all race groups are allowed to rent and/or purchase, or place their names on waiting lists for, housing units in low-income State-funded housing complexes; if not, why not; if so, whether, in view of the repeal of the Group Areas Act, it is the policy of the Government to allow local authorities to apply racial integration in respect of such housing complexes; if not, (a) why not and (b) when will local authorities be allowed to do so; if so,
- (2) whether, in view of the repeal of the Group Areas Act, it is the policy of the Government to allow local authorities to apply racial integration in respect of such housing complexes; if not, (a) why not and (b) when will local authorities be allowed to do so; if so,
- (3) The housing complexes in Algoa Park and Sidwell in the Port Elizabeth area fall under the purview of the responsibilities of the Minister of Correctional Services and of Housing and Works in the Ministers' Council of the House of Assembly.
- (4) No.

†The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND NATIONAL HOUSING:

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- (3) whether any such housing complexes in Algoa Park and Sidwell in the Port Elizabeth area have been opened to members of all race groups; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
(i)	15	38	85	270	37	272	944	74	433	2 346 28
(ii)	52	37	115	203	26	916	622	17	532	1 223 13
(iii)	364	29	731	523	207	552	229	—	399	366 137
(iv)	10	10	10	27	81	9	198	179	19	134 687 14

Note:

- (g) (i) vehicles
(ii) cycles

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Crime: Sandton/Bramley/Wynberg/
Alexandra/Lombardy East

84. 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 theft and (j) possession of drugs were reported at the (i) Sandton, (ii) Bramley, (iii) Wynberg/Alexandra and (iv) Lombardy East police stations in 1991?

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'Don't hide that sexual abuse' call

By NOMVULA KHALO

LAST year 20 000 rapes were reported in Soweto, and indications are that this year will be worse.

So says Prof Juliette Geva, a specialist in the prevention of sexual abuse.

She estimates that one woman in six is presently being sexually abused by a husband or boyfriend, although most of them profess they love their partners. *23/12/92*

She was speaking at a seminar for success patterns at the CSIR conference hall in Pretoria.

A company manager, Eunice Sibiyi, said: "If we don't want the present situation to continue, we must stand up for our rights."

She appealed to women to attend seminars where sexual abuse was discussed, and to stop being secretive about it. In that way women could help each other.

Vaal unit holds thousands ⁽²⁸⁾

STAR 25/2/72
A total of 7,876 arrests were carried out in the Vaal Triangle last year by detectives attached to the local crime investigation service. The arrests involved offences ranging from burglaries and murder to rape and armed robbery.

Block watches working well

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26/2/92
WILSON ZWANE

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THE concept of block watches was "working like a bomb" and should be extended to all parts of SA, Witwatersrand police spokesman Col Frans Malherbe said yesterday.

Speaking at a media briefing in Johannesburg, Malherbe said the watches were playing a significant role in combating crime in the Johannesburg suburbs.

Also addressing the media briefing, Federation of Block Watches Association (Foba) chairman Lionel Keenan said the block watches were not vigilante groups.

They were made up of law-abiding residents who acted as "ears of the police", Keenan said. The "high-profile marked vehicles" in which members of the block watches patrolled their areas scared would-be criminals away.

The first block watch in Johannesburg was formed in Lombardy East five years ago and, said Keenan, the number of reported crimes in the suburb had dropped from about 60 to about 12 a month.

South African Police with a view to keep awaiting-trial juveniles out of prison.

Civil claims against SAP

89. Mr A J LEON asked the Minister of Law and Order:



The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

	1988	1989	1990	1991
(1)	3 903	3 768	5 456	4 791
(2) (a) (i)	360	277	229	231
(ii)	R699 594,86	R686 135,78	R611 132,48	R107 304,69
(b)	R209 995,74	R182 422,28	R845 317,67	R847 209,91

Labour disputes/work stoppages/strikes: SAP called

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

In how many instances were the South African Police called to the scene of (a) labour disputes, (b) work stoppages and (c) strikes in 1991?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

- (a) 287.
- (b) 113.
- (c) 523.

Pinetown police district: crime statistics

95. Mr R M BURROWS 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 Pinetown Police district of the Natal Region in 1991?

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
Bellair	1	12	27	150	5	21	59	27	83	322
Hillcrest	47	20	34	178	43	148	158	66	150	828
Kwa-Dabeka	65	15	187	137	74	117	92	—	117	285
Malvern	17	15	73	267	15	77	151	22	140	629
Mayville	13	12	23	200	25	72	288	17	152	542
Pinetown-West	64	23	251	236	85	366	151	5	290	636
Westville	8	11	27	106	10	74	84	54	102	635

Note:
(gi) — vehicles
(gii) — bicycles

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Durban South police district: crime statistics

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	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
Amantsohi	51	57	57	220	33	194	360	76	163	656
Brighton Beach	36	14	73	302	25	166	251	49	161	602
Louis Botha Airport	—	—	—	6	—	—	29	—	12	2
Montclair	55	32	98	256	51	323	167	16	148	365
Wentworth	19	11	207	689	24	128	103	11	370	234
Lannonville	41	16	73	185	58	182	12	7	79	128

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
Ateridgeville	29	7	638	991	200	400	115	2	498	337
Brooklyn	4	27	98	341	32	112	961	753	289	2 800
Erasma	11	5	64	106	16	46	36	16	70	290
Verwoerdburg	7	31	72	164	20	83	396	170	164	1 099
Pra Central	21	37	243	910	53	537	983	67	426	932
Pra West	18	8	99	517	58	121	297	96	314	659
Sunnyside	8	13	33	501	17	55	1 042	134	629	1 140
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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

BIG SWINDLE

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Attempts to get the culprits have drawn a blank, while legal action was pending against those they were able to trace.

"There has been a constant flow of complaints this year and we have dealt with more than 450 in the past seven weeks. This shows a 150 percent increase compared with the figure last year this time," he said.

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However, others did not run viable businesses and promised prospective homeowners structures, regardless of whether they had sites or not.

Some of the cases have been referred to the Estate Agents Board, which is investigating.

Block watch curbs crime, say police

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By Bronwyn Wilkinson

Police this week appealed to all communities to form block watch systems in an effort to take control and curb crime in residential areas.

Police liaison officer for the Witwatersrand, Colonel Frans Malherbe, told a Johannesburg press conference: "This is the only system that works."

Block watch, which was first formed in 1987 in Lombardy East, involves 24-hour patrols by residents.

Report

Using their own cars, residents on patrol are linked to the local police station by radio.

The founder and chairman of the Federation of Block Watch Associations, Lionel Keenan, was adamant the group was not run as a vigilante scheme.

"We are the eyes and ears of the police and do not make arrests or tackle offenders, but report to the police anything suspicious," he said.

When the block watch

started in Lombardy East, an average 50 to 70 crimes were reported a month. This figure is now down to 12 a month.

In Highlands North, Johannesburg, where a block watch had been operating since October, Colonel Malherbe said, crime had decreased remarkably. He added that a decrease in crime was reported in every area covered by block watch. "The decrease is not immediate," he said. "But once the crime rate has dropped, it stays down."

Mr Keenan said block watch was effective because of the systems it used and the high visibility of its patrol cars.

He said the system did not cost ratepayers a cent as it survived on donations from businesses and residents.

"There is no membership fee, so every house in the area is covered. It is not a service offered exclusively to those who pay for it."

It took about a month for the system to get up and running in an area, which usually covered about 1 500 to 2 000 homes.

Anyone interested in establishing a block watch in their area can contact Lionel Keenan at (011) 882-2929.

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DIY plan is beating crime

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Weekend Argus Correspondent

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The best part of the 24-hour-a-day, seven-day-a-week programme, he says, is that it involves every member of a community and there is no financial cost involved for anyone.

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Security patrols break back of suburban crime

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homes. According to the police, car thefts and house break-ins have been substantially reduced in the suburbs where blockwatches operate. "In one suburb, for example, we were receiving 15 reports a month of stolen cars. Since the blockwatch was implemented, this has shrunk to around six a month," police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman says.

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their occurrence book, signs and radios, and patrol the area.

"They don't follow any particular pattern. When they see something unusual — a suspicious car, loaders or perhaps even a crime in progress — they immediately alert the police by radio. They then monitor the situation until the police arrive, but don't actually take any action themselves. The police report to the reports according to their priorities," Mr Keenan says.

In addition to keeping an eye on crime, the blockwatch patrols record anything in the area which needs attention — such as potholes in the road, rubbish that needs removing, grass that needs cutting, areas where signs are needed, and so on — and these

reports are collated once a week and sent to the Johannesburg City Council for action. "So, in addition to patrolling for crime, the blockwatch also helps to improve the aesthetics of a community," Mr Keenan says.

But how do you get people to get motivated to start and stay involved in such a programme? People think the police are responsible for reducing crime in their areas. That's wrong. Police take action after a crime has been committed. The community is responsible for reducing crime.

"The reason blockwatch works so well is that it is self-motivating. The delegation of responsibility is such that no one person makes more than seven phone calls a month. Management is the key to the success of this programme," he says.

"The question is not what it costs to get involved but what it will cost if you don't. This system is the only answer to crime in this country."

WAVE

Clean councillors fear for lives as they battle to expose the rot

HAWNTED BY HITMEN

By COLLETTE CAINE

AS renewed allegations of massive bribery and corruption rock the Diepmeadow Council, hitmen are stalking the four council officials battling to expose a web of maladministration and alleged fraud running into millions of rands.

Targeted by the killer squad are Diepmeadow mayor Josiah Makhala; deputy mayor Zebulun Thabane; city secretary David Mabalane; and senior legal adviser Eldred Mabeppu.

The four have received death threats since Mabeppu laid charges of misappropriation of council funds against town clerk Johan de Jager, former executive committee chairman, Frederick Phiri and council legal adviser Sello Monyasi.

SAP spokesman Captain James Ngobeni confirmed charges had been laid and said police investigations were continuing.

Mabeppu told City Press the four had received anonymous phone calls warning them they were on a hitlist. They had also been warned personally that there was a price on their heads.

They believe they have been targeted to prevent them finalising the months-long investigation into maladministration and corruption involving the three officials.

A special council meeting two weeks ago ordered an inquiry into alleged irregularities by town clerk De Jager. A memorandum listing 23 "irregularities" by De Jager was submitted to the meeting, which appointed council lawyers Hofmeyr Van Der Merwe to chair the inquiry.

A council delegation to the Transvaal Provincial Administration last month called on the TPA to investigate allegations against Phiri, De Jager and Monyasi.

The TPA refused to comment, but City Press understands that an investigation in terms of the Black Local Authorities Act of 1982 is already under way.

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any Phiri was ousted as chairman of the executive committee - a powerful position he had held since 1988 and which entitled him to sign council cheques.

The three are still in their posts, although De Jager and Phiri were unavailable for comment as they are on sick leave. Colleagues said De Jager was suffering from high blood pressure and that Phiri had been off sick since losing his chairmanship.

Council officials said Monyasi, a lawyer who was struck off the roll of attorneys in 1986 for theft of money from trust funds, had been at his desk for only a few days during February. They did not know his whereabouts.

The allegations of bribery, corruption, fraud and theft arise out of agreements entered into by the council and various developers. Makhala and Diepkloof, misappropriation of council funds and failure to execute council resolutions.

Mabeppu was suspended from his job as senior legal adviser to the council by De Jager and Phiri in February last year after laying charges of fraud against Phiri.

He was reinstated last month after threatening to fight his allegedly illegal suspension in court.

Allegations of corruption include: ■ That developers and contractors paid bribes of hundreds of thousands of rands to councillors for fraudulent land-availability agreements.

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Council death fears

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City Press has a copy of one land-availability agreement allegedly entered into fraudulently.

Two councillors say they witnessed payment of R200 000 to Phiri by the developer involved.

De Jager and assassinated mayor M J Khumalo signed a 50-year lease on behalf of the council with Century Retail Developments, a close corporation, to develop Barragat shopping complex. This agreement was not approved by the council and councillors and the council's legal advisers claim it is invalid.

Phiri is building a luxury house in Diepkloof on a site he allegedly allocated to himself, using council building materials and council labour he allegedly has not paid for.

The Traders' Association of the Baragwanath Shopping Centre, representing all 18 traders currently operating in the complex, were in the process of negotiating with the council to buy their shops, when De Jager and

Council legal advisers laid charges with the police and the case was due to be heard in the Johannesburg Regional Court, but was withdrawn.

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Lightning response . . . day watch commander Ken Gordon (left), back-up Peter Difford, duty patrol crew Sheila and Morris Baker, and chief of operations Peter Tunstall during a simulated emergency call.
Pictures: Guy Jepson

CRIMINALS have nowhere to hide in Henley-on-Klip, says Peter Tunstall, the man who coordinates a unique security operation in the little village near Meyerton.

In October 1990, when Mr Tunstall (73) helped form Henley Watch, no fewer than 23 of Henley-on-Klip's 620-odd homes were broken into, five in a single night.

Today "Henley village" (some locals are still amused at officialdom's decision to make their community part of Randvaal municipality) is well on its way to regaining the tranquillity which attracted Mr Tunstall and his wife Ann when they came to South Africa 22 years ago.

Only one home was broken into in January this year and another last month — and both burglaries could have been avoided if the owners had secured their properties properly, Mr Tunstall maintains.

As its chief of operations/chairman, Peter Tunstall runs Henley Watch with military precision.

Leave no stone unturned is residents' watchword

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But then, he is a former RAF bomber pilot and PoW who escaped five times from German prison camps before being interned in Colditz in 1942 until the end of World War 2.

Mr Tunstall's work in the 1960s as a member of the police air wing in Uganda has given the lifelong pilot (he began flying as a schoolboy, still has his pilot's licence and engages in aerobatics as a hobby) a keen insight into the criminal mind.

Such insights, it would seem, have been put to good use in Henley-on-Klip.

Henley Watch differs from the neighbourhood/block-watch systems in one important respect: its members, working closely with the police, do not shy away from confronting suspects in certain situations.

Witness a "situation" last Thursday when Watch mem-

bers, alerted by an emergency radio call, arrived at the scene of a burglary before the police and then proceeded to help them round up 10 of 11 fleeing youths who had allegedly broken into a home.

GUY JEPSON reports.

But Mr Tunstall is at pains to stress that Henley Watch has a constitution, has the blessing of the SAP and has nothing to do with vigilantism or racism.

"We have a black and a coloured family in the village and they patrol with us. We have no

political affiliations and we are not cowboys."

Also, he says, the great majority of interventions by Watch members — who often identify themselves to suspects — take the form of polite approaches. Typically, "suspicious" strangers are asked whether they are lost and are then offered assistance.

Residents, driving their own vehicles and equipped with two-way radios (linked to controllers who can summon back-up vehicles, the police, and ambulance services where necessary) patrol Henley-on-Klip on a 24-hour basis, usually two to a car. Some are armed.

For the purposes of night patrols, the village is divided into four blocks, each under a commander who compiles a roster of Watch members from his block who patrol the entire vil-

lage for a week.

As more than 400 families are paid-up members of Henley Watch, individuals have to perform only one stint on night patrol every four to six weeks.

Watch members have acquired a pair of night binoculars.

Day patrols are usually carried out by housewives and retired residents, and are also coordinated by a commander.

Henley Watch operates a telephone answering machine, linked to a transmitter. In a crisis, residents dial an emergency number. The recorded message is immediately broadcast and picked up by the relevant controller/patrol crew.

Watch members on duty are also furnished with details on unattended homes in Henley-on-Klip (for example, the persons permitted on the property in the owner's absence) so as to help differentiate between bona fide visitors and intruders.

"The point is, we are not out there to discourage them from coming to Henley. But if they do come, we're ready for them," says Mr Tunstall. □

Council 'did not consult' on crime plan

STAR 9/3/92

By Bronwyn Wilkinson (38)

A crime prevention scheme proposed by private security companies was rejected by the Johannesburg City Council without due consideration or consultation, claimed Paramed Security chairman Barry Blyth last week.

To add insult to injury, the council did not have the courtesy to inform Paramed that its proposal had been rejected.

"The first time I heard the proposal had been rejected was when I read about it in The Star."

Mr Blyth and Paramed managing director Mark Flemmer presented their scheme to the Johannesburg City Council in October last year.

Trained

It proposed that a conglomerate of private security companies provide 24-hour trained patrols in Johannesburg's suburbs for R10 to R15 a month per household.

Central to the scheme was visibility, and Paramed proposed that 1 000 highly trained staff patrol the suburbs on foot, in cars and on bicycles.

At the council's invitation, Mr Blyth and Mr Flemmer presented the proposal to Johannesburg City Council management committee in November.

After the meeting, management committee chairman Ian Davidson said the sub-committee would investigate the Paramed proposals and report

back by the end of January.

"We were not asked one question, but the committee told us they would look at our premises and at the control room," said Mr Blyth. "They said they wanted to meet with us several times before they made a decision," he added.

"That was the last time we heard from the city council or the committee."

Mr Blyth and Mr Flemmer dismissed as "rubbish" the reasons given for rejecting the proposals.

These included:

- The proposed scheme would be expensive for ratepayers.
- The council was concerned that it would have no control over the services.
- Government anti-crime measures would reduce crime levels without the assistance of private companies.
- The security companies were not large enough to patrol the city's 2 692 km of roads.

Mr Blyth countered:

- R10 to R15 could not be considered expensive for total security.
- The proposal made it clear that checks and balances would give the council control: "We would insist that the council appoint auditors to ensure the correct allocation of funds."
- The council had not met with him to discuss details of the proposed scheme, neither had its representatives visited the premises.
- While results could not be guaranteed, Paramed had offered to provide the service free for two months as a test. This offer was never discussed.

Security wall call as foreman shot in head

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A business foreman in crime-ridden Marlboro, near Sandton, was shot in the head at point-blank range hours before businessmen petitioned the Sandton Town Council for permission to seal off Marlboro from neighbouring Alexandra.

Mr Roger Samson, 45, of Eldorado Park, died on the way to hospital yesterday.

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Mr James Binda, who worked with Mr Samson at Springbok Scaffolding in Second Street, said Mr Samson was inside the gates of the premises when three men approached him. In Zulu, they asked him for work.

When he did not understand, they put a gun to his head and pulled the trigger, then took Mr Samson's gun and walked out of the gate towards Alexandra.

"There were several labourers around, who heard them ask for

work. When Roger did not understand them, one of the men said 'shoot him,'" Mr Binda said.

"What could the labourers do?" asked Mr Binda. "They knew these men were armed."

At the Sandton Civic Centre, about 200 placard-waving people presented a petition to the town council about 2pm.

The petition, demanding permission to build a wall around Marlboro, was handed to the acting traffic chief, Mr Ron Hockley, who promised to pass it on to the town clerk.

"If the council does not help us, we will have to barricade ourselves in and we will hold the town council responsible for every death in Marlboro," said management committee chairman Mr Basil Broomberg.

Earlier this year, businessmen built barricades along First Avenue, but these were taken down by the Sandton Town Council.

They then demanded that the area be declared an industrial park and walled off from the township. "Those barricades stopped 70 percent of the crime, and they were taken down," said an angry businessman.

"We are tired of waiting, and that is why we came here today," said another.

Noting that the protesters were from all races, Mr Broomberg denied that the proposed wall was motivated by racism.

"We believe in total equality," he said, but warned: "If the criminals push us we will eventually become racists".

Sandton council security committee chairman Mr Don Forbes said he did not believe a wall was the answer to the businessmen's problems.

"A wall just creates division, when we are all trying to work for togetherness," he said.

"It is just for survival," replied a businessman.

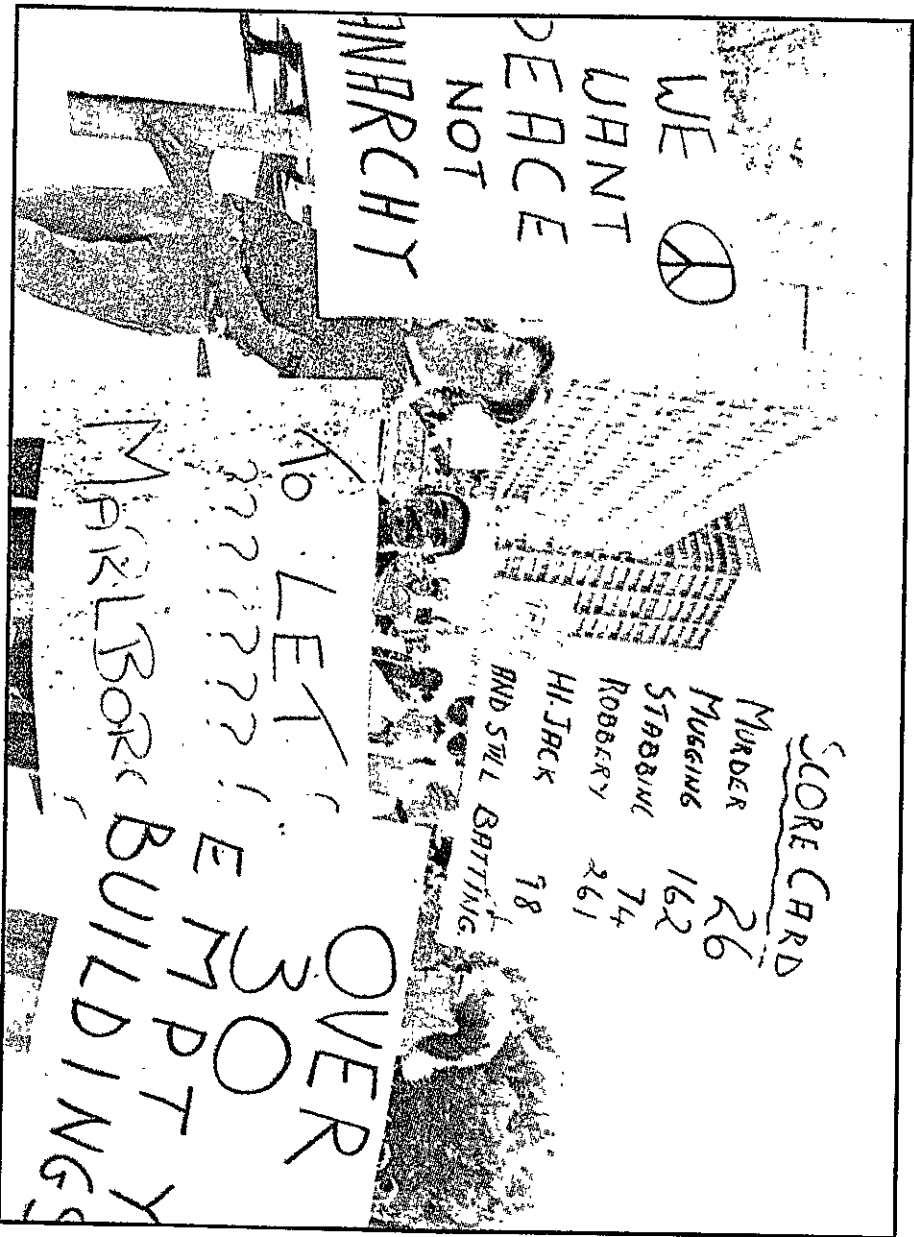
Mr Forbes suggested that the businessmen should apply for the area to become a private estate as a Section 21 company.

"It is the best way," he said.

He explained that, as a private estate, the area would be sealed off, but the municipality would have access through servitudes for general maintenance. The company would be run by a body corporate and stockholders who owned land in the area.

After demands by several protesters, Mr Forbes agreed to help Marlboro businessmen with their application if they decided to proceed with the private estate option.

Bid to seal off Marlboro after foreman's murder



Fed up . . . businessmen want a wall to seal off Marlboro from Alexandra.

Picture: Alf Kurnalo

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'Cop tried to steal firearms'

By MARTIN
NTSOELENGOE 8/3/92

TWO men - one a policeman - appeared in court again this week on charges of trying to steal sub-machineguns from a police station.

Policeman Justice Pilander, 35, of plot 156, 7th Avenue, Midennerdale, and Thabo Mokoena, of 17087, Extension 25, Vosloorus, are alleged to have attempted to steal nine Uzi sub-machineguns and ammunition.

This emerged before a Johannesburg Regional Court magistrate this week, when Mokoena successfully applied for bail.

Mokoena was granted R3 000 bail by P du Plessis, while Pilander got R1 000 bail when they made their second appearance on February 12.

Their bail conditions are to report to police stations twice daily, and to not communicate with state witnesses.

The two will again appear in court on March 25.

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Commuters STAR 13/3/92 cheer as trains are searched

By Peter Davies

Passengers burst into song, clapped and stamped until carriages rocked as 180 armed riot police from the Internal Stability Unit — armed with rifles, shotguns and pistols — yesterday searched late afternoon trains bringing commuters back to Soweto.

The hour-long blitz at Mamlankunzi station yielded a 50 cm long sharpened meat cleaver, a homemade axe, a knobkerrie, a shortened panga and a hand gun.

Despite almost daily killings, the trains running from George Goch to Lenz and Residencia were crowded.

One commuter said: "We have no other transport. What must we do? I wish the police were always on the trains. People are getting hurt."

The conductor of train number 9072 from George Goch to Residencia, watched as police searched commuters, rifled through possessions and scoured boxes and bags for weapons.

"I've been with the railways for more than 30 years. Last week I had seven stitches in my head. Five guys beat me with a kerrie when I told them to move. I don't mind how long it takes, these cops can search the train for sure," he said.

All of the passengers to whom The Star spoke agreed police presence on trains was a good thing, but many believed police should be visible in the early mornings, when most killings occur.

Soweto police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni said random train searches were conducted in mornings and afternoons, but it was impossible to do for every train.

"We are doing our best to curb violence on trains, but we also need the co-operation of the public. People need to stop provoking each other and change their attitudes before this senseless violence will stop."

WHAT do you do when election promises of lowering the crime rate fall flat and the nearest policemen take 40 minutes to respond to your distress calls? You build your own police station, that's what.

More and more citizens of Johannesburg's crime-infested Central Business District and suburbs are doing just that.

Mayfair, a suburb just west of Johannesburg, used to be a white working-class area established specifically for railway workers. Now it's a fast-growing middle-class area with homes that would do *Garden and Home* proud and with more businesses than trendy Yeoville and Melville put together.

But the price of its upward mobility has been a spiralling crime rate. In a snap survey of 10 homes this week, it emerged that four residents had been robbed and all had a tale to tell about a friend who had been burgled.

The charge-office commanders of the Langlaagte, Brixton and John Vorster Square police stations which serve the area agree that the crime rate is very high.

They do not keep statistics for individual suburbs, but police said house-breaking and car theft were common. There had also been incidents of murder, rape and break-ins accompanied by violence in the area.

Against this background, used-car tycoon and community activist Moosa Laher — who had been robbed at gunpoint — decided to organise the community and formed the Mayfair Crime Association.

The association approached the police to request more foot patrols and a greater police presence. They were advised instead to enter a "joint venture" with the South African Police: the community would buy a police station and the police would provide the service.

Because the Johannesburg City Council cannot provide a building, the community has decided to buy a house and install the police in it.

Laher believes the fact that house prices in the area average R150 000 won't affect the plan. "Money is no problem," he says. "It will be easy to collect." He adds that most residents won't mind paying a nominal sum every month for peace of mind.

The residents of five of Johannesburg's leafy northern suburbs did not mind paying for their own police station, which got off the ground in November last year.

The crime rate was soaring in Gallo Manor, Rivonia, Morningside, Morningside Manor and Wendywood, and the situation was urgent. Residents

bought a caravan to serve as a temporary police station and two new cars for the police.

The experiment has been such a success, says Community Action Group chairman Roy Licht, that they will soon buy four more cars. And plans for a proper police station are almost complete: "It is going to be a super structure, very user-friendly," says Licht.

He says since the station was established, the police have become part of the community. And police at the station say the crime rate has dropped significantly: they have been called out only half as often this year as they were last year.

Licht says when the community representatives approached the police for help, the cash-strapped police said they would provide the service if the community provided the capital expenditure.

"We agreed and established a Section 21 company to collect money," he says. From a target area of 2 000 homes, they collected a R200 down payment and continue to collect R25 a month.

SAP Captain Kobus Peche is the architect of the satellite

police stations and he says they have been so successful that more and more communities will follow suit.

In addition to community-funded police stations, crime-weary businesses in the city have established two satellite police stations.

The Smal Street satellite station, opposite the Johannesburg Sun Hotel, is the pilot station. With its 24-hour charge office, business-watch unit and tourist-protection unit, it is the one Peche is most proud of.

The tourist-protection unit, trained to "protect international tourists", goes out on group tours with tourists and patrols tourist meccas to prevent muggings.

"The private sector pays for everything except the telephones and the police," explains Peche.

First National Bank, the financial institution hardest hit by hold-ups, also paid for and even furnished a satellite station at Bank City, its glossy new headquarters.

Peche says one of the advantages of satellite stations is that each is adapted to the area in which it is situated.

The Smal Street station, for example, is geared to guard businesses and tourists, while Mayfair's will operate largely with 24-hour foot patrols.

He doesn't believe that wealthy communities and businesses are taking responsibility for a service that should be provided by the state. "Communities must put something in as well," he says.

Bobbies in the backyard take over the beat

*More and more communities
and businesses are financing
their own police stations to
combat crime, reports*
FERIAL HAFFAJEE

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Hitchhikers raped in violent weekend

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By Crime Staff
and East Rand Bureau

Two women hitchhikers in their early 20s were raped near Sebokeng on Saturday during a weekend of crime-related violence in the PWV region.

Police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said the women, who live in Orkney in the western Transvaal, were hitching from Vereeniging to Potchefstroom between 1 am and 2 am when two men picked them up.

"There was apparently a woman in the car but she was dropped off somewhere along the way. They stopped the car in a field between Vereeniging and Sebokeng and raped both women."

The rape victims then managed to summon help.

Captain Eugene Opperman warned that women

hitchhikers were putting their lives at risk.

In other criminal attacks in the region:

● The unidentified owner of Shongweni Butchery in Tokoza was shot dead by three gunmen on Saturday night.

The man was working in his shop when thugs shot him in the head and chest and escaped with an undisclosed amount of money and a firearm.

● In an Everton supermarket Boyboy Hlaphlane (30) was on Saturday shot dead by gunmen who demanded money. Police said Mr Hlaphlane was killed immediately when he hesitated to respond to the demand.

His killers fled with R3 000.

On a plot in De Deur, Jan Motsoeneng (65) was shot dead in the doorway of his home after three gunmen held him up and demanded money on Saturday night.

Mr Motsoeneng told the

men he had no money and ended up paying with his life.

● In Union Road, Everton, resident July Mokwena (24) was standing in his garden when an argument ensued between him and another man. Mr Mokwena was shot in the stomach and died on the scene.

● A Bredell farmer wounded a squatter in the leg with a 12-bore shotgun after he stole corrugated iron from outbuildings.

A spate of thefts by squatters has been reported on the farm in the past few weeks.

The man is being treated in the Boksburg-Benoni Hospital.

● In Soweto a taxi driver was fatally wounded and a passenger in the vehicle sustained a bullet wound when one of the passengers fired at the driver. The driver had refused to take the passenger to his destination. The taxi was later set alight.

Rape suspect did it for a bet – police

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A 23-year-old man arrested in connection with the rape of a girl at an ice rink has told police that he and two friends had a bet to see who could "deprive the most girls of their virginity", police said yesterday.

The arrest of the 23-year-old Pretoria man took place last week after a girl — her age was not disclosed by the police — said she was raped in the dressing room of the Sterland Ice Rink at about midnight on February 13.

Police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Willie Vlotman said the suspect was well known at the entertainment centre.

Police have appealed to any other girls raped there centre to contact Sergeant Engelbrecht at (012) 323-8081.

Pretoria police also said yesterday they had linked a suspected housebreaker, arrested

in Rosslyn on March 6, to six rape cases.

A police spokesman said the suspect, always disguised as a job-seeking bricklayer, waited until women were alone in their houses before he attacked.

The spokesman said the man would then tie his victim to a bed with a piece of rope, which had been found during the arrest.

Police urged women who had been raped this way to contact Sergeant van Zyl at (012) 323-8081, extension 246.

Four rapes were reported in Johannesburg at the weekend — two in Hillbrow, one in Yeoville and one at The Wilds.

A 32-year-old woman was attacked by a knifeman and raped in her home in Yeo Street, Yeoville, at about 1 pm on Sunday.

The victim also suffered a cut on her hand, said police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman.

At about 8.30 pm on Saturday a 15-year-old girl from Vukasië, Brits, was walking in a

Johannesburg street when she was accosted by two men who took her to The Wilds in Houghton Estate.

One of the men threatened her with a firearm and forced her to take her clothes off. She was raped by both men, said police.

At 3 am on Saturday, a 45-year-old woman was attacked by a man in the parking garage of a block of flats in Kapteijn Street, Hillbrow, where she lives.

He forced her into her flat and raped her.

Also in Hillbrow on Saturday, a 22-year-old woman was stopped in the street by a man who threatened her with a firearm.

He said he was "arresting her" for prostitution, forced her into his car and raped her. The victim was dropped off at the intersection of Banket Street and Louis Botha Avenue.

No arrests had been made in connection with the four attacks, Captain Opperman said.

Questions standing over from Wednesday, 11 March 1992:

Hospitals/clinics: theft of medicines

*1. Mr M J ELLIS asked the Minister of Health Services and Welfare:

- (1) Whether any instances of theft of medicines from hospitals and clinics under the control of her Department occurred during the course of 1991; if so, (a) from which hospitals and clinics and (b) what is the value of the medicines stolen;
- (2) whether her Department is investigating these thefts; if not, why not; if so, with what result;
- (3) whether she will make a statement on the matter?

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The MINISTER OF HEALTH SERVICES AND WELFARE:

- (1) Yes.
 - (a) Parowmed Pharmacy in Parow Day Hospital.
 - (b) R1 680,00.
- (2) Yes, the theft was reported to the South African Police on 24 July 1991, reference number MR331/07/1991. No arrest has been made yet and no stock has been recovered.
- (3) No.

Business interrupted in accordance with Rule 180C (3) of the Standing Rule of Parliament.

New Question:

*1. Mr R M BURROWS—Health Services and Welfare. [Question standing over.]

For written reply:

General Affairs:

Certain security firm

106. Mr M J ELLIS asked the Minister of Law and Order:

- (1) Whether a certain security firm, the name of which has been furnished to the South African Police for the purpose of the Minister's reply, has at any stage been

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- (3) whether it is envisaged to increase the complement of policemen at the Hillbrow police station in 1992; if so, what percentage increase is envisaged? B331E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

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- (2) (a), (b) and (c)

No, it is not in the interest of the Force in general and the members at the relevant police station, to furnish information of this nature. I am, however, prepared to inform the honourable member personally and confidentially in this regard.

- (3) An increase of personnel at police stations is subject to investigations by the Division: Efficiency Services of the South African Police. Such investigations are at present in an advanced stage, but figures and percentages are not yet available. The recently announced expansion of the Force will not only supplement Hillbrow's strength, but will also ensure greater visible policing in the entire Witwatersrand area.

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under investigation by the Police; if so, for what reasons;

- (2) whether this firm has at any stage been reported to the South African Police; if so, (a) by whom and (b) for what reasons;
- (3) whether the managing director of this firm, whose name has also been furnished to the South African Police, has a criminal record; if so, what are the details;
- (4) whether the said managing director (a) has any criminal case pending, and/or (b) has had any restraining orders issued, against him; if so, what are the details in each case;
- (5) whether he will disclose the name of the (a) security firm and (b) managing director in question; if not, why not; if so, what are their names?

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

- (1) Yes, information was received that the firm was in possession of unlicensed firearms.
- (2) Yes.
 - (a) A previous employee of the firm.
 - (b) Because the firm was in possession of unlicensed firearms.
- (3) No.
- (4) (a) Yes.
 (b) No.
- (5) No, the decision of the Senior State Prosecutor is not yet known.

Crime prevention unit: Sandton

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

How many arrests in respect of each specified offence were effected in 1991 by the special crime prevention unit stationed in Sandton?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

Crime	Arrests
Murder	4
Armed robbery	70
Attempted armed robbery	3
Housebreaking with intent to steal and theft	494

ANC shuts Ogies branch

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THE ANC Eastern Transvaal region this week said it would disband its Ogies branch and impose a life-long membership ban on those implicated in criminal activities in Phola township.

This follows the forced closure of shops in Phola by "criminal elements

and thugs" who purported to be "comrades".

ANC publicity secretary for the region, Jackson Mthembu, said: "The motive for closing the shops was mainly to force the local business community into giving money to the thugs." - Sapa

Massive PWV security force blitz

MORE than 1 000 suspected offenders, including alleged murderers, rapists and car thieves, were rounded up in a 27-hour crime blitz on the Witwatersrand on Friday.

Police spokesman Col Dave Bruce said soldiers, police, municipal police and traffic officers swooped on 410 premises and mounted 96 roadblocks in operation Swift Service.

He said 424 suspects were arrested and 683 picked up.

In the crackdown, 3,1 kg of gold concentrate was seized, 5 010 vehicles searched and 53 suspected stolen vehicles recovered. Also 53 kg of dagga was seized and 1 466 litres of beer confiscated.

Reports by CP correspondents and Sapa

Rates threat from crime-weary Marlboro businessmen

By Anna Cox

Marlboro industrialists last night threatened to stop paying rates following the Sandton Management Committee's decision not to accede to their demands to make the suburb safer.

The management committee refused to take steps to have a wall erected around the area and for barricades to be placed in certain streets to curb crime in the area.

A proposal by councillor Hazel Egdes-Shachet to enter

negotiations with the Government for it to purchase Marlboro in its entirety for low cost housing was defeated by one vote.

Councillor Egdes-Shachet said this solution, suggested by businessmen themselves, was the ideal solution. She said the Government was looking for areas in which to establish low-cost housing.

Councillor Rick Ehlers said the area being close to Alexandra would prevent township residents from spending "a fortune" in transport costs.

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Councillor Jo Marais said the town council had ignored the requests of Marlboro industrialists for over a year and that people in the township had been subjected to a "horrendous state of crime".

Chairman of the management committee Willem Hefer dismissed the proposal as "impractical and dangerous".

He said he would not support the idea because it would create false expectations and hopes among property owners.

He said a vital industrial area such as Marlboro could not be

lost to Sandton.

The approximate cost of purchasing the land and its improvements would amount to R150 million, which he doubted the State could afford.

Interim steps, however, such as the closure of First Avenue to Seventh Avenue to vehicular traffic would take place.

Chairman of the Marlboro Management Committee Basil Broomberg said industrialists would be forced to consider stopping paying their rates. "The problem is more critical

than most of these councillors realise.

"Lives are at stake every day and the only way to curb crime is to prevent access into the area. This is not political or fiscal — we will not survive unless we keep criminals out with physical barricades," said Mr Broomberg.

He said he had sent letters to the Minister of Law and Order and to the Minister of Local Government calling for a meeting with them to discuss the matter.

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Council corruption allegations

By Montshiwa Moroke

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member and two officials.

Today's monthly meeting of the Diepmeadow Council is expected to be stormy in the wake of allegations of massive bribery and corruption.

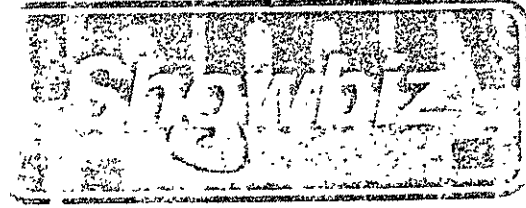
The council is at present under investigation by the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) and council lawyers.

Senior legal adviser Eldrid Maheppy has laid charges involving council funds against a council

He told The Star he was living in fear of his life after being stalked by unknown men in recent weeks.

Meanwhile, Frederick Phiri has been dismissed as councillor for Diepkloof Extension because his October 1988 election "was invalid".

It was stated that he had owed rent at the time and was not a bona fide property owner as provided for in terms of the Black Local Authorities Act.



Actors want to replace crime with art

By ELLIOT MAKHAYA

BECAUSE of increasing crime and juvenile delinquency in Evaton, two local actors have decided to start an arts centre in the area.

Matongtong Sedumo and Siphwe Tshabalala have founded the Bulamadiboho Community Arts Association which comprises actors, musicians and poets.

"We discovered that there was a lack of respect in parent and child relationships, and that our kids were roaming the streets and destroying our learning culture," said Sedumo.

Uplift art

Tshabalala said that one of their aims was to develop social norms and uplift art and culture in Evaton.

"We also like to promote peace and justice among our people, and develop a good relationship within the society," he said.

The two actors said that they found it most urgent to start an arts centre which never existed in the area. They have already acquired the use of a church, where drama workshops are in progress.

"The launch of other projects is being delayed by lack of a proper building. And we are appealing for sponsorship or any other help," said Sedumo.

More actors

Sedumo has produced and acted in a play titled *On My Way to Heaven*, which is due for the Standard Bank National Arts Festival in July. The play was previously staged at the Wits Theatre in Johannesburg.

Tshabalala acted in Gibson Kente's *Laduma*.

The two are still looking for more actors for their first drama project. Those interested should meet them at Maarogane Church Hall, opposite the bus terminus on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6pm and on Saturdays from noon to 5pm.

Third hostel dweller held over train attacks

Crime Staff

Police yesterday arrested a third inmate of Soweto's Merafe hostel in connection with attacks on Johannesburg trains last week in which 10 people were injured.

Police said detectives arrested a 25-year-old man at a Johannesburg plumbing firm.

On Monday, two suspects — aged 24 and 26 — were arrested after being identified by an eyewitness at Jeppe station.

The three men are due to appear in the Johannesburg Regional Court today on charges of attempted murder.

The charges relate to two attacks on Johannesburg trains

last Thursday. *STAR 2/13/92*

Detectives are also questioning a 48-year-old man from Merafe hostel

Captain Eugene Opperman, police liaison officer for the Witwatersrand, said detectives had not excluded the possibility that the three suspects could be linked to other train attacks.

Hunt for weapons on stations, coaches

Police in massive swoop on trains

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Staff Reporters

Police moved on to Soweto trains in force today in a determined bid to halt the violence and killings.

Hundreds of armed members of the Soweto Internal Stability Unit were involved in the pre-dawn operation at stations and on trains.

Several trains were stopped and all commuters searched. Trains were delayed for up to 10 minutes as the policemen moved from carriage to carriage looking for dangerous weapons.

Passengers appeared to be grateful for the massive police presence. No weapons were found in this morning's operation.

And, as train violence claimed another victim yesterday, the SA Rail Commuter Corporation (Metro) spelled out tough new security measures to enforce the Government's blanket weapons ban at stations and on trains.

Strict access control, entailing large-scale searching of commuters before they entered Metro property, strict ticket control and thorough policing on stations and trains would be implemented, said SARCC MD Kobus Nel yesterday.

Although the ban came into effect on Monday, the body of yet another unidentified victim of the train violence, his throat cut, was found on a train when it pulled into Johannesburg Station at 8:40 am yesterday.

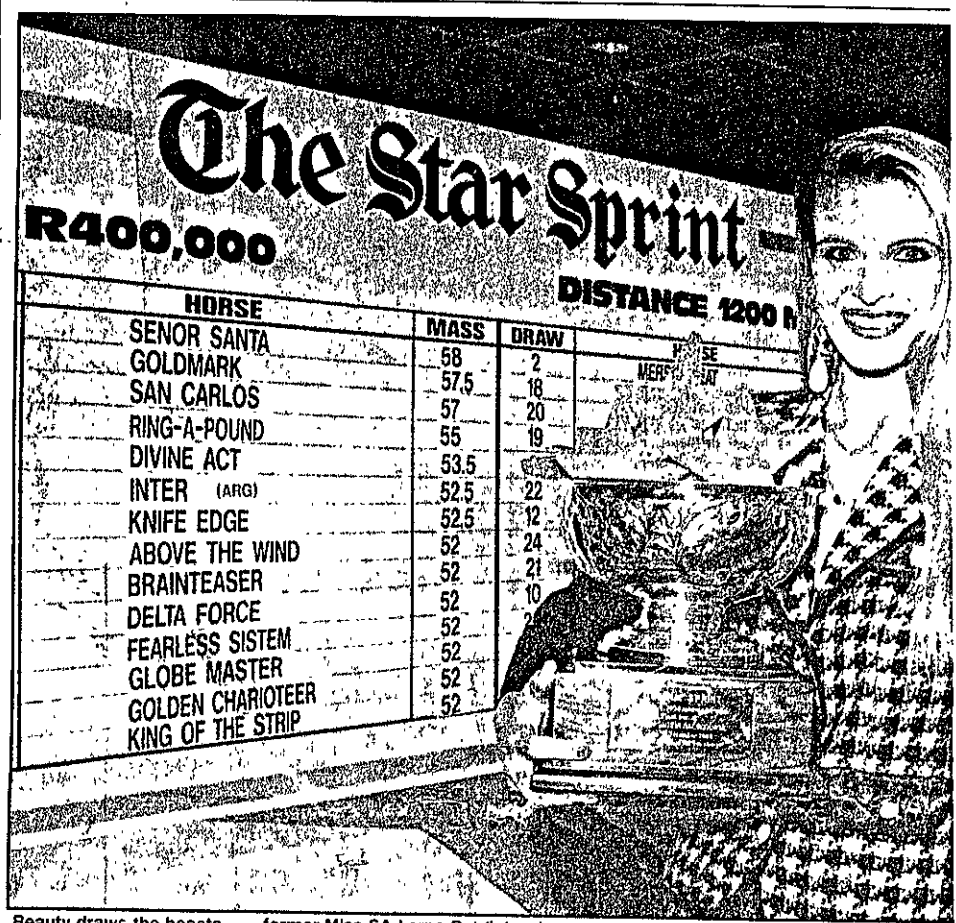
The Human Rights Commission said yesterday it had recorded a total of 15 train attacks on March 19, 20 and 23 alone. Eight people were killed.

Dr Nel's statement came amid a renewed appeal from the police for commuters to come forward with information on train attackers — and followed a call by the PAC for a train boycott and one-day stayaway to protest against the killings of Reef commuters.

Late yesterday, however, the PAC said it would hold "high level" talks with the corporation today on the train violence, steps taken by the corporation to end the killings "and a possible role for the PAC to ensure the safety of rail commuters".

Dr Nel warned Metro trains were liable to be stopped and searched at any time, leading to unavoidable delays and necessitating the co-operation of employers.

He said rewards of up to R25 000 were on offer for commuters who reported suspicious people or incidents. The toll-free crime-reporting telephone number for Johannesburg is 0801-110141.



Beauty draws the beasts... former Miss SA Lorna Potgieter draws the starting stall positions for the R400 000 luncheon at Turffontein yesterday.

EC countries in move to lift, relax key sanctions

By Alan Robinson
Star Bureau

LONDON — Britain, Germany and Portugal are spearheading a European Community move to lift or relax key sanctions against South Africa.

These sanctions include the oil embargo, the ban on military and security co-operation and possibly even the freeze on nuclear relations.

The bid is being led by Portugal, currently occupying the presidency of the EC. It proposes further action — the sending to South Africa of a "troika" consisting of the foreign ministers of the Netherlands, the United

Kingdom and Portugal. News of the concerted move, which follows immediately on the landslide victory for President de Klerk in last week's referendum, has caused widespread alarm in the Anti-Apartheid Movement (AAM) in Europe.

The AAM said in a statement issued in all 12 EC capitals yesterday "We are extremely alarmed by the initiative of the Portuguese presidency of the Community to seek the partial relaxation of the package of EC sanctions adopted in September 1985.

"This will do nothing to help the negotiating process in South Africa and it could do great harm.

"The negotiating process in SA is at a most delicate stage.

"Already FW de Klerk is interpreting the 'yes' vote as a mandate to try to impose the National Party's proposals on Codesa. The relaxation of sanctions will simply encourage further intransigence and thereby reduce the prospect of agreement at Codesa."

The AAM will hold a special session this weekend to launch a campaign to persuade the EC to postpone any relaxations until after it has received a full report from the troika mission, and the Codesa working groups have reported back to the full plenary session.

Advertisement for PRISM Southern Transvaal. The ad features the PRISM logo and an image of a chocolate-covered wafer. Text includes: "PRISM Southern Transvaal", "CHOCOLATE COVERED WAFER", "SWISS MILK", "CREAM", "HAZELNUT FILLING".

By Clyde Johnson
Lowveld Bureau

NELSPRUIT — Four men allegedly in possession of AK-47 rifles and ammunition died during a shootout with police after speeding through a roadblock early yesterday morning.

Another vehicle, which had been travelling with them, man-

Four die in roadblock shootout with police

aged to escape.

After receiving information that a group of men had travelled to Komatiport to procure AK-47 rifles for a planned bank robbery, police set up roadblocks.

At about 3 am, police at a

roadblock on the White River/Nelspruit road near Kaniyamazane waved down a minibus and another car.

According to police, the second car sped away but the minibus stopped about 100 m away. The passengers inside imme-

diately started shooting at the police, who fired back.

The minibus burst into flames. One of the men, engulfed in flames, escaped through a window and seconds later two loud explosions rocked the minibus. This was

followed by regular bursts of exploding ammunition, according to police.

The other men were unable to escape and died in the fire. Police later found two AK 47 rifles in the burnt-out vehicle. None of the dead has been identified.



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Thief's death sentence verified

Soweto 3/4/92
THE Appeal Court yesterday confirmed the double death sentence of a Soweto man for two murders.

But it has substituted imprisonment of 10 years for each of two other death sentences for robbery with aggravating circumstances of the murder victims.

The four death sentences were imposed on Jacob Oupa Tloome of Moletsane by Mr Acting Justice B O'Donovan in the Rand Supreme Court on February 9 1989.

The sentences were for the murder and robbery of Mrs Elizabeth Maria Agnes Ferguson at Rewlatch, Johannesburg, on November 26 1987, and the murder and robbery of Mr Nicolas Johannes van der Riet, at Roseacres, Johannesburg, on December 11 1987.

A petition for leave to appeal was previously refused by the Appeal Court, but the case had now been reconsidered under the Criminal Law Amendment Act of 1990.

Yesterday the Chief Justice, Mr Justice Corbett said as far as the murder charges were concerned, there were a number of aggravating factors.

In each case the murder was committed with robbery as the obvious motive in the home of the victim. The victims were elderly people, less able because of their age to offer resistance.

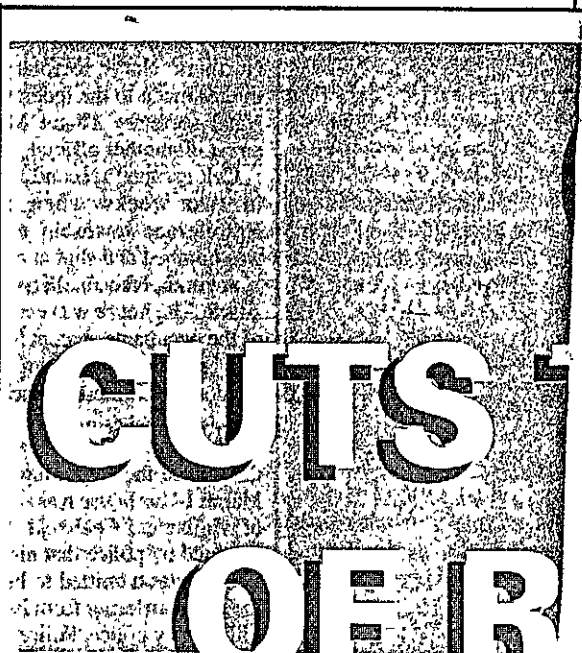
Tloome was known in the homes concerned (he had worked as a casual labourer for a plumber who had done work at the Ferguson home and was a part-time gardener for Van der Riet). It might be inferred that the victims were killed to prevent further identification and this was conceded by Tloome's counsel, said the judge.

In each case Tloome gained access to the victim's home on what appeared to have been an untrue pretext. He attacked the victims ferociously, unexpectedly and without the slightest suggestion of provocation. Each victim

died a relatively slow and cruel death. *Dolus directus* (a direct intent to kill) was the only reasonable inference, said the judge.

Another aggravating factor was that Tloome's criminal record revealed him as a hardened recidivist. Although his past offences mostly did not involve violence, these crimes often led to confrontation with the houseowner.

Mr Justice Corbett said that the prospects of Tloome's rehabilitation and reform appeared to be very poor. The death penalty was the only proper sentence for the two murders. - Sapa



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Investigative reporting wins the day

By SHAUN DE WAAL

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JOURNALIST Karen Lotter was acquitted on Tuesday of committing an indecent act for gain, in what was seen as a test case for investigative journalism. She had posed as a prostitute to expose the workings of the police in their treatment of prostitutes.

"The court cannot reject the accused's version that she was doing investigative journalism," said the magistrate, Mrs I Strydom. Lotter's defence had argued that, as she was an undercover journalist, she had no intention of having sex with the policeman; furthermore, she knew that the situation was a set-up to trap prostitutes.

Her description of police behaviour, and how it discouraged prostitutes from carrying condoms, was published in *The Weekly Mail*.

Lotter said it was necessary to pose as a prostitute to find out whether allegations of the South African Narcotics Bureau (Sanab) Vice Unit harassing prostitutes were true.

She said that in discussions with escort-agency women it had come to light that they were often humiliated when arrested and that condoms — issued by the City Health Department's Outreach programme to combat Aids — they had on them were confiscated. Prostitutes said condoms were often confiscated as evidence of soliciting.

The subterfuge was the only way to ascertain whether this was true, she said.

On the night of September 11, Russel Redman, owner of the Prestige Escort Agency, had alerted Lotter to the fact that a police trap was underway at Johannesburg's Downtown Inn. She went to meet a "Mr Botha" — who later turned out to be police sergeant André Holzhausen — in room 403.

Holzhausen paid Lotter her "fee" and told her: "Take of your clothes and let's get on with it." He stripped naked and, after telling her to take off her panties, told her she was under arrest and called in his part-

ners. Lotter was photographed by policemen while still undressed. They confiscated condoms she had in her possession. She was taken next door to room 404, where there were several other women who had also been arrested. One of the eight women said she had been forced to pose naked for photographs. Later the policemen called in a stripper and watched her show before arresting her too.

They were threatened and told to plead guilty to the charges. The police denied all allegations, but said that "if an escort covers herself with a blanket during the arrest, the blanket will be removed for the taking of photographs which are to be used in court as an exhibit".

The magistrate said that the police's behaviour in the trap was not always above reproach, and that it was not necessary for Holzhausen to strip naked before he took Lotter into custody.

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SAP winning CBD battle — shopowners

By Guy Jepson
Crime Staff

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Many central Johannesburg shopkeepers agree that the police are winning the fight against serious crime in the area — although several expressed concern at the rate of petty “street crime”.

This was the finding of a snap survey carried out by The Star this week in response to claims by the police that the crime rate in central Johannesburg had decreased by 39 percent since February 26.

Police said on Tuesday that the decrease could be attributed to the deployment of more than 250 policemen in the central business district (CBD) as well as co-operation between the police and public.

Horatio de Freitas, owner of a President Street bottle store, said he had noticed more policemen in the streets recently.

“As far as I know, it (the extra police presence) is helping to clear up the streets.”

Mr de Freitas said he nevertheless believed petty crime such as pick-pocketing was still

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a “big problem”.

Robin Hamilton, owner of a florist shop in Eloff Street, said he had noticed a marked improvement in security in the street.

“Eloff Street is absolutely marvellous. The police are there all the time. I have never seen any unrest or anyone getting a bag snatched.”

Norma Woolf, manager of a fast food business in Commissioner Street, said she had not seen many policemen in the street recently. Although she had not been robbed on duty, the clothing store next door had been robbed repeatedly over the past four months.

Gerald Heine, Business Watch Co-ordinator of the SA Chamber of Business (Sacob), said he believed crime in the CBD had been reduced where Business Watch operated.

Muggings, nevertheless, remained a major problem.

“We need at least 300 policemen in the CBD of Johannesburg to control crime. We are particularly worried about muggings and their effect on tourism — and very little in-roads have been made.”

US paper tells of alleged link in death of Soweto's

Dr. Asvat

Shock reports over

Winnie

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Winnie Mandela is once again at the centre of international media attention after a report in yesterday's Christian Science Monitor implicating her in the death of Dr. Abu-Baker Asvat.

In a report filed from Johannesburg by Monitor correspondent John Battersby, the prosecutor in the Asvat case was quoted as saying he believed it was not "an armed robbery or murder — but an assassination". He said that, in his belief, there was a connection between Mrs Mandela and Dr Asvat's death.

British and local papers at the weekend reported on speculation that the Mandela marriage was on the rocks and that ANC president Nelson Mandela wanted to make the separation formal.

Dr Asvat, a prominent Soweto doctor, was murdered in his Soweto surgery in 1989.

Mrs Mandela and one-time close friend Xoliswa Falati, who last week had a serious fallout, were last year convicted of kidnapping and assaulting four youths (including teenage activist Stompie Seipei) and were each sentenced to an effective six years' jail. Their appeal hearing is scheduled for April 30.

The case followed the conviction of Mrs Mandela's bodyguard, Jerry Richardson, for the murder of Stompie.

Dr Asvat, who had a long professional association with Mrs Mandela, had reportedly been called to come to her home to examine Stompie after beatings.

But the Monitor claims that a number of sources said Dr Asvat refused to treat the boy and recommended that he be taken to hospital.

Two weeks after the visit, Dr Asvat was killed in his

consulting rooms.

Mrs Falati last week disappeared from the Mandela home just days after Mrs Mandela tried to evict her.

She is understood to be staying at an ANC intelligence unit "safe house".

The Christian Science Monitor says Mrs Falati and Katiza Cebekhulu, a co-defendant who never stood trial, were prepared to present damaging evidence regarding Mrs Mandela and the Asvat case.

The Monitor said that since last autumn, it and Southern News of Toronto, Canada, had conducted an investigation during which

Mrs Mandela's name had been linked by several sources to the Asvat case, in which two men were convicted of murder and armed robbery.

The Monitor also found that a statement was made by one of the convicted killers, Thulani Johannes Dlamini, in which he said that his co-accused was to have received payment from Mrs Mandela once the murder had been carried out.

That statement was never submitted as oral argument at the trial, according to state prosecutor Jannie van der Merwe, because it was at odds with the police investigation.

The Christian Science Monitor said it had a copy.

Mr van der Merwe told the newspaper and the Southern News in an exclusive interview that he did not believe the true motive of the doctor's murder had been revealed.

He indicated that, in his belief, there was a connection between Mrs Mandela and the Asvat case.

"My gut feeling all along was that there was something very strange," he said. "It was just too much coincidence... I just had the feeling that this was not an armed robbery or murder — but an assassination. But we never ever had any hard

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Winnie Mandela marriage on rocks?

Winnie: shock reports

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information."

Towards the end of the trial, Mr van der Merwe began a line of questioning exploring the possibility of a link, but the police investigating officer said under oath that he could find no connection between Mrs Mandela and Dr Asvat's death.

Mr van der Merwe said in the interview he was not convinced the police had explored every avenue.

A brother of Dr Asvat, Ebrahim Asvat, told the Sowetan yesterday that he would consult lawyers today to inquire about the possibilities of getting the case reopened.

"We have always believed that Abu-Baker was assassinated."

The Sowetan reported yesterday that it was known that Mr Mandela and his wife had been living apart since last November.

Mr Mandela is reported to now own a house in the northern suburbs of Johannesburg, although he moves residence from time to time for security reasons.

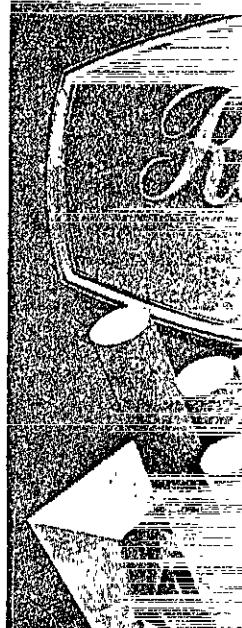
Mrs Mandela is continuing to live in the family's Orlando West house in Soweto.

The Sowetan reported that one of the reasons for the separation was said to be the fact that a young lawyer, Daluxolo Mpfu, had been romantically linked to Mrs Mandela.

The Monitor report said friends of Mr Mandela say he has felt an overwhelming obligation to his wife and a sense of guilt about the ordeal she suffered during his 27 years in jail.

But the friends report that the bond between the Mandelas had been strained to the limit by recent events.

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Police request Asvat murder docket after allegations over Winnie

POLICE have asked for the case docket on the 1989 murder of Soweto physician Dr Abu-Baker Asvat and are investigating allegations in the media of Winnie Mandela's possible link with the death.

The allegation was strongly denied by Mandela yesterday and dismissed by her as a "rehash of gossip" inspired by a desire to harm her and the ANC.

Mandela instructed her attorney, Ismail Ayob, to call a news conference yesterday, which she did not attend. Ayob read out a statement which he said she had drafted and which Nelson Mandela had approved.

Ayob also denied that the Mandela marriage was breaking up.

"They (the Mandelas) are not living apart. However, the impression could have been created by the great pressures put on them by ANC commitments and by security arrangements."

Soweto police spokesman Capt Joseph Ngobeni said in a statement police had taken note of the allegations and had asked for the Asvat case docket.

"Only the investigating officer can best explain the position of the case," Ngobeni said, adding the officer was not available.

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However, sources confirmed that the Criminal Investigation Department in Soweto was investigating the allegations.

Dr Ebrahim Asvat, brother of the deceased, said yesterday his family was examining the allegations and would push for a reopening of the investigation if concrete new evidence came to light.

"We have never accepted robbery as the motive (for the murder) and we were never satisfied with the result (of the trial)."

He would meet lawyers today to discuss

reports claiming that at the time of the Asvat murder trial, the State had been in possession of a statement by one of the murderers that his co-accused would have received payment of R20 000 from Winnie Mandela once the murder was carried out.

Thulane Dlamini and Cyril Mbatia were sentenced to death in the Asvat case.

The State prosecutor in the trial, Jannie van der Merwe, has been reported in the foreign media as acknowledging the existence of such a statement. He reportedly said it had not been pursued because it conflicted with the police investigation. He

was also quoted as saying he believed Asvat's killing was "an assassination".

Sources said that Van der Merwe had left SA on a scholarship shortly after the completion of the Asvat trial in 1989 and had not yet returned.

Azapo, to which Asvat belonged, yesterday demanded that the State reopen the case. Spokesman Gomolemo Mokoae said Azapo was convinced a conspiracy existed to cover up the truth about the killing.

"This, we believe, is done to save so-called negotiations, by preventing evi-

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dence that might leave egg on the face of some participants in these negotiations."

Denying allegations that Mandela was linked to the Asvat killing, Ayob said this allegation was based mainly on a statement made during an interview with a foreign newspaper by Kenneth Kgase (the key State witness in the Stompie Moeketsi Seipei case). Ayob said Kgase was well remunerated by the paper.

In the interview Kgase claimed Asvat examined Seipei at the Mandela home less than two weeks before Seipei's body was identified.

Kgase's evidence was rejected by the Supreme Court and the evidence was clear

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that neither Asvat nor any other doctor had seen any of the people kept at the Mandela house, Ayob said.

Referring to claims made last week by Xoliswa Palati, a co-accused of Mandela in the Seipei trial, Ayob said Palati had given evidence under oath in two trials and that her recent allegations were inconsistent with her testimony.

"Mrs Mandela helped Palati and her daughter before the events which led to her trial. Palati seems to feel that Mrs Mandela owed her a living for the rest of her life. She was assisted on humanitarian grounds for long enough."

The Black Cats' reign of terror

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THE Goldstone Commission yesterday heard how members of the Black Cats gang went on a terror campaign in Wesselton, near Ermelo, last year.

A former member of the gang, referred to only as "Mr A", told the commission that the Black Cats carried out attacks against members of the community, especially those linked to the ANC.

The commission heard that the gang was involved in a number of shootings in the area and also assaulted residents.

"Mr A" told the commission that the Black Cats were responsible for the death of at least two people who had links with the ANC.

He revealed the names of the gang members allegedly responsible for the death of a man only known as December - who stayed in the local municipal hostel - and Ms Zini Shongwe.

One of the men allegedly responsible for the death of December told him earlier that they were going to see him (December) at the hostel.

The man later told him that they had killed December.

Concerning Shongwe, "Mr A" told the commission that he was present when the attackers were selected.

The aim was to kill Shongwe's son, Bobolini. Bobolini was not at home and the gang members decided to attack Shongwe and her companion.

Asked why he did not inform the police about the Black Cats activities, "Mr A" alleged that the police were working hand-in-hand with the gang.

He told the commission that he decided to reveal the Black Cats activities to a Johannesburg-based weekly newspaper as he did not like what the gang was doing.

Doctor's killers 'just ordinary robbers' - cop

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Sowetan Correspondent

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL Henk Heslinga, the man who led the police investigation three years ago into the murder of Dr Abu-Baker Asvat, remains convinced that the killers had "nothing to do with politics or Winnie Mandela".

Heslinga, then a captain attached to the Soweto Murder and Robbery Squad, yesterday said he remembered Zakhele Mbatha (21) and Thulani Dlamini (20), as "plain tribal trust people who came from the farms to Soweto".

He was reacting to allegations by State prosecutor Mr Jannie van der Merwe who said he believed Dr Asvat's murder was not "an armed robbery or murder, but an assassination".

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Heslinga said: "I'm convinced it was ordinary robbery - I'm hundred percent convinced."

He said intense questioning of both men had failed to produce any evidence of their alleged links to Mrs Mandela.

Heslinga said prior to one of their initial court appearances, one of the accused - he believes it was Dlamini - had made a confession that he had received R35 000 from Mrs Mandela, "but after thorough investigations we found the confession was not the truth".

The prosecutor accordingly did not use the confession in court, Heslinga said.

A later visit to the pair on Death Row reinforced his belief that they were common criminals.

"I gave them a last opportunity. I said 'come clean now'. Both of them told me separately that they stick to their story - they were never involved with Winnie Mandela or politics."

'Cats' gang 'terrorised' township

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Pretoria Correspondent

The Goldstone Commission has heard how members of the Black Cats gang went on a terror campaign in Wesseltown near Ermelo last year.

The gang's activities were yesterday revealed by an 18-year-old former member, referred to only as Mr A.

Mr A told the commission the Black Cats attacked members of the community, especially those linked to the ANC.

He said the gang was involved in a number of shootings in the area.

He revealed the names of gang members allegedly responsible for the death of a man known only as December, who stayed in the local municipal hostel, and Zini Shongwe who were shot last year.

Mr A said he was there when gang members who were to go to Ms Shongwe's house were selected. The aim was to kill Ms Shongwe's son Bobolini.

Bobolini was not home and the gang members decided to attack Ms Shongwe and her male companion.

Asked why he did not inform the police about the gang's activities, Mr A alleged the police were working hand-in-hand with the gang.

The hearing continues.

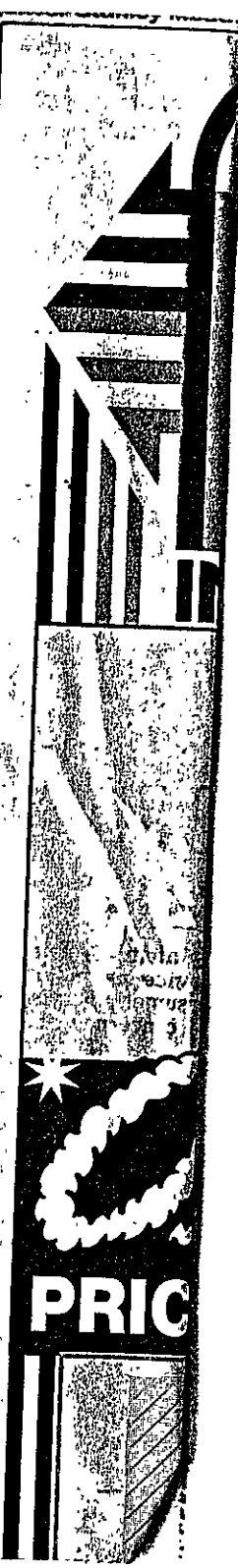
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Escaped prisoners still on the run

Crime Staff and
East Rand Bureau

Most of the 22 awaiting-trial prisoners who escaped in two breakouts from cells in Brits and Katlehong on the East Rand on Sunday were still on the run today.

A Department of Correctional Services spokesman said 14 of the 15 men who sawed through the bars on their cells at the Brits Prison were still at large.

One of the escaped prisoners — a murder suspect — was rearrested later on Sunday.

Serious

Among the remaining 14 escapers were two murder, one rape, and two robbery suspects.

In the second breakout, seven prisoners awaiting trial for serious crimes escaped from the Katlehong police cells after overpowering a policeman shortly before 4 am and snatching his service pistol.

A police spokesman said the men were being held in connection with charges which included murder, illegal possession of firearms, house-breaking and robbery.

The murder suspect later gave himself up to the police, but the other prisoners were still at large, the spokesman said.

Winnie not involved - lawyer

Police study Asvat docket

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Soweto detectives are re-examining the murder docket of slain Soweto doctor Abu-Baker Asvat, while Winnie Mandela's lawyer yesterday denied allegations that she was implicated in the doctor's death.

Police sources told The Star late yesterday that the docket of the slain Azapo health secretariat chief was being "closely scrutinised".

They said that once the evidence had been re-evaluated the docket would be referred to the Attorney-General who would decide whether or not to reopen the murder investigation.

The Star has gained possession of two affidavits alleging Mrs Mandela's involvement in the deaths of Dr Asvat and teenager Stompie Seipei.

According to the affidavits made to police, but not tested in court:

● One of the killers of Dr Abu-Baker Asvat told police that his accomplice claimed to have been offered R20 000 by Mrs Mandela to commit the murder.

Thulani Johannes Dlamini swore an affidavit two days before their murder trial in 1989 - but it was not used in oral argument.

● Katiza Cebekhulu, a co-



Fallout . . . Winnie Mandela (left) and one-time friend Xoliswa Falati, whose claims gave rise to the latest furore.

accused with Mrs Mandela who disappeared on the eve of her trial, for kidnapping last year, told police that "Dr Asvat came to Winnie's house and investigated Stompie.

"While Dr Asvat examined Stompie, I saw that he shook his head. He spoke to Winnie in English. I could not hear what they said. I heard Dr Asvat say the word 'hospital'. Dr Asvat then drove away.

"Winnie, Jerry, Themba and Sonwabo put paper in Stompie's mouth. They put a rag around his mouth and tied it behind his head. They tied his hands and feet with a rag as well.

"Jerry and Sonwabo put Stompie in the boot of a red

car . . . Stompie was still alive. They drove away . . ."

About five hours later the three men - Jerry, Themba and Sonwabo - came back to Mrs Mandela's house, Mr Cebekhulu told the police, adding: "I heard them talk to Winnie and say, 'It is finished with Stompie.'"

Neither Mrs Mandela nor Nelson Mandela has commented on the new claims.

Mrs Mandela dropped out of sight yesterday, but her lawyer, Ismail Ayob, said at a press conference that the allegations that she had been connected with the death of Dr Asvat in 1989, and other murders, were untrue.

He said: "The allegations made against Mrs Mandela are a rehash of the gossip

that was prevalent before the trial, and based mainly upon the statement of (State witness) Kenneth Kgase, who was well remunerated by an overseas newspaper.

"His evidence was rejected by the Supreme Court."

On claims that the Mandela marriage had fallen apart, the statement issued at the press conference said:

"Mrs Mandela appeals to the media not to concern itself with, nor speculate about her personal relationship with her husband, which has endured despite 27 years of imprisonment and many years of exile."

The current furore follows claims made by Mrs Mandela's kidnapping co-accused, Xoliswa Falati. The appeals against six-year jail sentences are pending.

Mrs Falati would offer no comment yesterday after weekend reports that she and Mr Cebekhulu would give damaging evidence about Mrs Mandela and Dr Asvat's death.

She said yesterday that ANC president Nelson Mandela would pay the bill - estimated at R70 000 - for her appeal.

Mrs Falati said she was "somewhere in Johannesburg". Yesterday she was seen with ANC intelligence chief Patrick Lekota.

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New look at Asvat murder

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A SENIOR police officer has been appointed to look "afresh" into the murder of Soweto physician Dr Abu-Baker Asvat in 1989, following allegations that Winnie Mandela was linked to his death.

Police sources said the SAP would also try to obtain a statement from Xoliswa Falati, Mandela's co-accused in the Stompie Moeketsi Seipei kidnapping and assault case. Falati claimed she had given false evidence in court to protect Mandela, who she said had been involved in murders and had drawn up a hit list.

In hiding after being evicted from the Mandela home last week, Falati has been making the allegations telephonically to a local newspaper.

A source close to the investigation said if

Falati could not be traced this week to obtain a statement, she would be approached on Monday when she reported at the Orlando police station in terms of her bail conditions.

Acting Witwatersrand Attorney-General Chris Human SC said his office had requested a police investigation into the latest allegations about Mandela's involvement in the Asvat murder.

"If the police uncover any concrete evidence supporting the allegations, we will prosecute," Human said.

Two men were sentenced to death in 1989 for Asvat's murder.

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It was reported this week that the State had been in possession of a statement at the time of the Asvat trial in which it was claimed that Mandela had offered to pay one of his murderers to kill him.

The State prosecutor in the case, Jannie van der Merwe, was also quoted as saying he believed Asvat's death was an assassination.

Human said the trial was completed, but if it was now discovered that the two murderers had been instructed to kill Asvat, his office would look into the matter and take a decision.

"Van der Merwe contacted me and denied making the allegations. He said he was misquoted and the issue is being looked into," Human said.

Van der Merwe, practising as an advocate at the Cape Town Bar, could not be reached for comment yesterday.

Soweto police said a senior officer had been appointed to the case following the publication of the allegations. Sources said police would interview "all persons con-

cerned" during the investigation.

Asvat's family said they were "greatly gratified" by the police investigation.

The ANC reacted to the latest allegations yesterday by saying its national working committee had noted with grave concern what it said was Mandela's escalating trial by media.

"We would have thought that the media would have been informed by a sense of fairness and propriety, which would dissuade them from conducting such a 'Press trial,'" the ANC said in a statement issued by secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa.

"Without detracting from the need for the media to report facts, it is clear to us that forces hostile to the ANC are continuously looking for ways and means to discredit, weaken and, if possible, destroy the ANC. We appeal to the media not to lend itself to these mischievous purposes."

Sapa reported that the ANC yesterday indicated it would pay the legal costs for Falati's pending appeal.

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R10 000 to fight crime

ESKOM has donated R10 000 to the Soweto Anti-Crime Initiative, an alliance of 15 organisations including Nicro and the Soweto Civic Association. Alliance member Shimani Kumalo said the money would be used to make posters.

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TWO DIFFERENT ACCOUNTS FROM THE MEN WHO MURDERED ASVAT

BY GAVIN EVANS

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THE Weekly Mail yesterday received the police confession of the second man convicted for the murder of Dr Abu-Baker Asvat three years ago.

The statement by Zakhele Cyril Mbatha appears to corroborate sections of the statement by Thulani Nicholas Dlamini — widely quoted in the press this week — but clearly contradicts others. Dlamini alleges that Winnie Mandela paid R20 000 for Asvat's murder, but Mbatha makes no mention of her.

The statements were supplied to *The Weekly Mail* by British journalist Emma Gilbey who is completing an unauthorised biography of Winnie Mandela. Gilbey has been working for two years on a book to be published early next year by Jonathan Cape.

The strange aspect of the statements is both Dlamini and Mbatha use the name "Johannes" to refer to each other.

From my research it appears likely that 'Johannes' was an agreed pseudonym, given to all those directly involved in the crime," Gilbey said.

She speculates that it is possible Mbatha's statement may in fact refer to two "Johanneses" — the first may be the man involved in the commissioning of the crime and the second may be Dlamini. It is clear from evidence in the trial that neither Mbatha nor Dlamini had visited Asvat's surgery previously, whereas the first "Johannes" in Mbatha's statement clearly had a detailed knowledge of the surgery.

She says several people connected with the investigation into the murder speculated the first "Johannes" could be Jerry Richardson — Winnie Mandela's "football coach", who was later convicted of the murder of Soweto activist Stompie Seipel.

Both Dlamini and Mbatha denied under cross-

examination that they had known Richardson prior to their trial. However, what later emerged was they were being held in the same awaiting trial cell as Richardson, and they said they had both been beaten up by him.

What is clear from Dlamini's statement is he was protecting himself by claiming no direct involvement in the crime, which is contradicted by eye-witness accounts of what took place. This is probably the reason it was not used by the prosecution.

Mbatha claimed his statement was tortured out of him, but this was not accepted by the court.

Gilbey says that if the murder was commissioned by a third party for political purposes, then it is likely that only one of the two convicted murderers was aware of this fact — and the other believed it was a simple robbery.

THE following statement was made by Thulani

Nicholas Dlamini to Lieutenant Gert Petrus Zeele on February 18 1989 in Johannesburg:

"It was Thursday 12 o'clock in January 1989. On that date Johannes Ndlovu came to me at 273 Marafi Hostel. Johannes said we must go to Rockville together, he said we are going to Dr Asvat's surgery together. Then I went with him. We took a taxi from Marafi Hostel to Rockville and then walked. We got out at Rockville and then walked to Dr Asvat's consulting rooms. There Johannes told me the story: 'Look, I've been bought by Winnie Mandela and I must go and shoot Dr Asvat dead.' He showed me the weapon — a 9mm-short. He then took out the magazine and I counted six live bullets.

"He said he would first give his name to the nurse so that he could get to see the doctor in his surgery. He went in and I went in with him. He gave his name to the nurse and told the nurse he

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is Mandla Ekwanyana, and stays at Nancefield Hostel. After that he sat down on a chair.

"After a while he was called by the doctor into his consulting rooms. The doctor closed the door and the door was now locked. I then heard the shots in the consulting rooms. There were two shots. Mandla then came out and he had the firearm in his hand. He said, 'Let's go.' We then left and drank at number 14 shebeen. We then walked to Johannes' girlfriend at Kliptown. We sat there and Johannes changed his clothes. I then went back to Marafi Hostel by taxi.

"Later I saw photographs of myself and Johannes in the newspaper. Johannes and I then went to hide in Sebokeng. I came back on Wednesday and on Thursday I was caught. When we came back on Wednesday, Johannes said he must go and fetch the money from Winnie Mandela on Friday. The money was R20 000. Then I was arrested on Thursday."

THE following are sections of the statement made to the police by Cyril Mbatha (it is edited for length):

"During December 1988 at Kliptown, I met a man named Johannes for the first time ... On January 25 1989 he took me to Rockville. He took me to the consulting rooms of Dr AB Asvat. We stood in the street and he showed me with his eyes where the doctor's consulting room was.

"I said to Johannes that he had brought me and that if he did not open the door I was going to shoot him. I tried again whereupon I saw the nurse through the bars. I pointed the gun at her and said that if she moved I would shoot her."

Just before 1.00 the doctor drove in there with the Cressida. We saw he had a briefcase in his hand ... He said the case was full of money. He returned there again the following day ... He said I must go inside. I must tell the doctor I am seriously ill.

"Johannes and I went inside and sat together on a sofa in the consulting room. You must first sit and then write in your details and then sit again until they call you ...

"After that Johannes said we must go and find food at the shop. At the shop Johannes told me that with the card they would allow me through. We stayed in the consulting rooms where the nurse told us the doctor had been looking for us. When we got to the consulting room Johannes had already given me the firearm. The doctor called me in and I went into the doctor's room after he opened the door ...

"When the doctor turned round I already had the firearm pointed at him. When the doctor saw the gun,

he screamed a lot. I told him I wanted the money. The doctor jumped at me and grabbed my right wrist. The gun was in my right hand and I fired one shot at the doctor's thighs. Then I saw someone trying to open the door, it was my friend, he could not get in and then I thought I must do the shooting myself. When the doctor saw that Johannes was trying to get in, he jumped up and wanted to grab me again. I shot him once in the chest.

"The door had now opened and my friend had come in, kicked the doctor and said to him, 'Where is the money?' The doctor went to lie on one side and my friend took something out of the drawer. I don't know if there was money inside. He opened another drawer and took out something else because money fell out. I then tried to open the door but could not open the door. I said to Johannes that he had brought me and that if he did not open the door I was going to shoot him. I tried again

whereupon I saw the nurse through the bars. I pointed the gun at her and said that if she moved I would shoot her. Suddenly the door opened whereupon I called my friend.

"We then ran away. After that we walked to Mafolo Rooms ... I gave the firearm to Johannes, he threw the loose money on the ground. There was R135.00 altogether. He gave me R60 and took R60 for himself. He said he was going to buy more bullets with the remaining R15."

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Eskom helps Anti-Crime Initiative

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13/4/92

By Stan Hlophe

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The Anti-Crime Initiative (Saci), an alliance of 15 organisations, has been boosted by an undertaking by Eskom to provide 10 000 posters to be displayed throughout Soweto in a bid to fight crime and violence sweeping the township.

Saci executive committee member Shimane Kumalo, of the affiliated organisation the National Institute of Crime and Rehabilitation of Offenders (Nicro), said a lot of progress had been made since the anti-crime conference held two years ago to tackle the escalating crime rate and violence in Greater Soweto.

Discussions

The conference, held under the auspices of the South African Council of Churches, was attended by a broad spectrum of community leaders, educationists, social workers, students, businessmen, trade unions and welfare organisations. One of its resolutions taken was to form Saci.

Mr Kumalo said publicity and educational sub-committees had been formed by Saci.

He added that the committees had already held several discussions with the Soweto police.

Mr Kumalo said the emphasis was to educate and make the community aware of the crime wave.

"And we will soon be embarking on a poster campaign to make people aware of the crime.

"We will also visit high schools to educate the youths about abuse of liquor and drugs.

"Statistics have revealed that most crime is committed by people between the ages of 16 and 26.

"All progressive and welfare organisations have been approached for their input as this affects the whole community," he said.

"Workshops will be held throughout the township to educate the community on preventative measures as it has been proved that part of the crime was caused by the carelessness of the people themselves," Mr Kumalo said.

"We have also approached companies and churches for their help, and periodical discussions with the police will be held to highlight the community's complaints against them.

"Our two previous discussions with the police have turned out to be fruitful and we hope the same spirit of co-operation will prevail for the good of the community."

Revamped

"Also, the television programme on crime will be revamped as we feel our task will be made easier with the help of both electronic and print media".

He said the alliance would remain non-aligned. Its affiliates include: Brain Power (a youth organisation), the Association for the Physically Disabled, civic associations, Nicro, Ministers United Co-responsibility for Christians, Interfaith Community Development, Greater Soweto Chamber of Commerce, South African Black Social Workers Association, Baragwanath Social Workers, National Association of Ex-Prisoners, and Entokozweni Community Centre.

POLICE have widened investigations relating to Winnie Mandela to include three charges of kidnapping and one of theft, additional to her alleged involvement in the deaths of Soweto physician Dr Abu-Baker Asvat and Stompie Moeketsi Seipei.

The kidnapping and theft charges relate to two incidents in 1988 during which Mandela was allegedly part of a group which abducted three people before assaulting them at her Orlando West home.

On September 26, Mandela allegedly abducted two people and then assaulted them by lifting them up and dropping them and by having plastic bags pulled over their heads. On November 13, Mandela was allegedly involved in the abduction of a 21-year-old Soweto man who disappeared after being assaulted at her home.

Police widen probes linked to Winnie

STEPHANE BOTHMA

During Mandela's 1991 Rand Supreme Court trial, State advocate Jan Swanepoel SC applied to lead evidence of the two alleged incidents. Judge Stegmann said at the time the "similar fact evidence" could be put before court, but Swanepoel then decided not to. (38)

Police said last night they were investigating kidnapping and theft charges, and were attempting to obtain statements from anyone who could assist.

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Black Cat leader Ngwenya gunned down

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BY PHILIPPA GARBON
THE notorious leader of the Black Cat gang from Wesselson and the mother of one of the Black Cats who has testified before the Goldstone Commission were killed early this week.

According to police, Black Cat leader Chris Ngwenya was gunned down at about 7.30pm on Sunday "by unknown men (who) fired shots with an AK47 rifle at him. He was hit in the head and died".

Police say the mother of "Mr A", who has testified to the commission that Black Cats were given weapons training in Inkatha's Mkuze camp, was apparently stabbed in her bed 15 minutes later. Her throat had been slit.
Proceedings at the commission were interrupted by news of the

Wesselson violence and advocate Piet Kemp, acting for the South African Police, announced that "the events were of such concern to the SAP that they have decided to appoint an independent investigator to look into the violence".

Kemp added that the investigation was also prompted by allegations that certain members of the SAP based at the Ermelo police station were implicated in the Wesselson violence.

Reports of the sequel of events are still garbled with the Black Cats preventing entrance to their stronghold of Wesselson Extension where the murders took place.
A Lawyers for Human Rights employee, acting on reports that the houses of the Black Cats giving evidence to the commission were being

destroyed, visited the area with some of the witnesses on Tuesday afternoon. He and some of the witnesses were stormed by an angry band of Black Cats who rushed out of their dead leader's house, brandishing pangas and a pistol.

The LHR employee described the incident as "extremely frightening. I am just glad we're still alive". He and his companions went to the Ermelo police station to request a police escort. Police, he said, then refused to search the gang leader's house for arms, despite being requested to do so.

The LHR employee said the Black Cats jeered at local ANC activist John Mandebele and told him in the presence of the police that he would be dead by Friday night.
A terrified Mandebele, who has

received countless threats on his life, was trapped inside his house during the week with the brothers of Mr A who have fled their home. Several members of the gang reportedly encircled the house at strategic points. Despite a commitment from the police that they would guard his house, no police presence was spotted.

The SAP issued a statement saying that "precautions (were) being taken to protect the lives of all inhabitants of Wesselson. The area is intensively patrolled by police."

Responding to reports that the lives of certain people were still being threatened, Judge Richard Goldstone asked whether protection would be offered by the SAP. Kemp responded that "that matter will also be addressed".



Muti market... These elements can be combined to cure, or to kill. It depends on the buyer

Photo: BLAKE OWENS

Black Cats 'killed cows with two legs'

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By PHILIPPA GARSON

A MEMBER of the Black Cats in Wesselton has given a gruesome account of *muti* murders committed by the gang to increase their fighting prowess in battles against "comrades".

Strife between the two warring groups continues today, despite the fact that the Goldstone Commission has been hearing evidence in recent weeks. *The Weekly Mail* has published allegations that the Black Cats received arms training at Mkuze, an Inkatha camp, and that policemen based at Ermelo police station aided the gang in stirring conflict against African National Congress-supporting residents.

The Black Cat, who may not be named, described how gang members, acting on the instructions of an Inkatha man working on a mine near Ermelo, committed two murders. They then took the blood and body parts to the Mkuze camp where an *inyanga* performed a ritual to increase their strength against the ANC. He blames the *muti* for his and other gang members' inability to stop fighting.

"After that time we would look at people and see them as nothing. If a

person tried to play with me I would knock him down hard — even though I knew he was playing. There is no conscience, no guilt."

"The man (mineworker in Ermelo) said if we wanted to be strong we had to get two cows with two legs, a male and a female — meaning two people — and slaughter them as if they were cows.

"Then we had to take off their little fingers, their small toes and their eyes. We had to slit their throats and drain the blood into buckets in two separate containers."

The Black Cat is the third member of the gang to disclose the inner workings of the vigilante group to *The Weekly Mail*. He told how the murders took place shortly before about 20 gang members left for Ulundi in October 1990 and then went to Mkuze camp to receive military and political training.

"We found the girl next to a church outside Wesselton where there is a squatter camp. We killed her there."

The gangster said before her throat was slit, blood drained and her fingers, toes and eyes removed, several gang members raped her.

"The man we found on the bridge

that links Wesselton to Wesselton Extention. Then we dropped him in the river."

He describes how the body parts were wrapped up and dried and the blood poured into two 10 litre containers. The material was transported to Ulundi and then to Mkuze, claims the gang member. He says the leadership was given orders not to mention the issue until a man approached them asking for the parcel. In the meantime, a little water was added each day to the blood, to prevent it from drying up, he claims.

"In Mkuze a man approached us ... he introduced himself as Ndwandwe. We handed over the stuff to him and he said the nails had to be removed ... then he crushed (the fingers and toes) on top of a stone and mixed a black *muti* mixture. We were all cut here (on the chest and under the arms) by the *inyanga*. He mixed the blood and put the *muti* on each of us where he cut us. We drank the blood. We did not pay for this. The man said he was helping Inkatha."

The Black Cat blamed his and other members' aggression and desire to kill on the *muti*. "The *muti* worked. When there was a fight our

team had courage and faith. The people we fought ran away ... I am very short tempered. We are all the same, all of us who got this treatment. At night I lie in bed and kick. I want to fight."

The gangster said his sister was trying to raise funds to send him to a man in Pietersburg who could give him an antidote to the *muti*.

Members of the local civic in Wesselton said it was "common knowledge" that the Black Cats took part in *muti* murders. Several bodies had been found with parts removed, they said.

The following victims of alleged *muti* murders were found in Wesselton over the 1990/1991 period when the violence was at its height:

● In June 1990 Absalom Ngwenya was found dead with his genitals removed

● Around the same time the body of nine-year-old Popi Khaba was discovered. She had been raped and her tongue removed.

● In December 1990 Queen Dube (18) was found dead with her bladder, breasts and eyes removed

● In August 1991, the body of 16-year-old Vusi Nhleko was found. His fingers had been cut off.

Khala sentenced to 14 years in jail

Saulem 21/4/92. (35)
THE Rand Supreme Court has sentenced trade unionist Mr S. thembele Khala to an effective 14 years' jail for armed robbery and attempted murder.

Mr. Justice le Grange on Thursday rejected Khala's defence that he was abducted and forced to take part in a robbery. He described Khala's defence as "strange and bizarre".

Khala (35), general secretary of the Media Workers Association of South Africa, had earlier testified that a group of men abducted him from the basement of a Johannesburg hotel on March 28 1990.

He said they forced him at gunpoint to drive their getaway car to rob the Fox Street, Johannesburg branch of Nedbank.

The judge said it was unlikely that robbers who had planned a crime with detailed attention to every aspect of it would force a stranger to drive their getaway car, knowing they could not depend on his loyalty and that he could sabotage the whole expedition if he got the opportunity.

Khala was also found guilty by common purpose for the attempted murder of Constable Theodore Piro of the John Vorster Square Robbery Reaction Unit.

The judge sentenced him to five years jail for the crime. The sentence will run concurrently with the 14 years for robbery.

Khala was acquitted on the armed robbery of a Caravelle minibus and the robbery of the Germiston branch of Standard bank on February 28 the same year.

He was granted leave to appeal against the conviction and sentence. He was also granted bail of R30 000 pending leave to appeal.

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While political leaders pleaded and multitudes prayed for peace at Morija in the northern Transvaal at the weekend, 28 people died in unrest-related incidents.

Four policemen were killed and six injured during seven separate attacks on members of the SAP during the same period. (See accompanying story.)

In the latest attacks, four houses in Sharpeville were petrol bombed early yesterday morning.

A young Sharpeville man was stoned and necklaced when he

Prayers fail to put end to slaughter

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and a friend were approached by a group of men while walking in the street yesterday afternoon.

Captain Piet van Deventer of the Vaal Triangle police said Ben Khambula (20) of Sharpeville and a friend were attacked by the men at about 3 m. The friend managed to escape.

An 18-year-old youth was fatally wounded and a 17-year-old girl was hurt when two gunmen switched off an Evaton hall's electricity supply and then stood in the building's doorway

shooting at random.

Police spokesman Captain Piet van Deventer said a group of people were watching a film inside the hall in Wright Street at about 2 am yesterday. The generator outside the hall was switched off and two men, one armed with an AK-47 rifle and the other with a 9 mm pistol opened fire.

Lucky Molea of Molepe Street, Zone Six, Extension One in Sebokeng, was fatally shot in the chest; Mphuse Tsabalala of Wright Street was shot in the left leg.

Also yesterday, police confiscated several firearms and arrested four men at the Sebokeng Hostel.

Soweto police were shot at by a group of people when they went to a scene near a garage in Meadowlands, Zone 1, to investigate the murder of a middle-aged man yesterday.

Captain Joseph Ngobeni of the Soweto police said an unidentified man had been stabbed and then set alight by a group of men at about 3.15 pm. Police arrived at the scene and were shot at by gunmen in

a crowd of bystanders. They did not return fire, but the wheel of their vehicle, a Nyala, was struck.

Nine people were killed and six were wounded on Easter Sunday, police said.

In the worst attack, eight people were shot dead and one was injured in an attack on a Sharpeville house early on Sunday morning. Residents and family members said the victims were well-known ANC members.

In a separate incident, a man with bullet wounds in the head

and neck was found in a Sharpeville street on Sunday morning.

In Alexandra, two women and a man sustained stab wounds during an attack by a group of men.

In another incident, a man was killed when five men opened fire on him. In a third incident, one man was killed and another seriously wounded when they were attacked by a group of men armed with firearms and knives.

A savage revenge attacks took place at Magabeni, near Umkommas, following an attack

on a group on Saturday where a man was shot.

Early on Sunday morning the group that was attacked retaliated and two women and a man were fatally wounded. Another woman sustained bullet wounds.

Eleven men were arrested by police in connection with the attacks.

Police seized 11 homemade firearms of different calibres, two AK-47s, two .303 rifles and a 9 mm pistol as well as a large quantity of ammunition. Also on Sunday, police disco-

vered the body of a black man with stab and bullet wounds in the area.

On the same day in Tokoza, near Alberton, police discovered the body of a black man with bullet wounds.

Police also discovered the body of a man with bullet wounds in Kattlehong.

In Soweto, two black men were arrested after shots were fired at a police patrol. The police seized firearms.

In Sebokeng in the Vaal Triangle, the body of a man was found with bullet wounds in his head.

Early on Friday, three people were killed after two attacks on police in the Power Park squatter camp in Orlando, Soweto. Eight people were arrested.

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Car hijackings

THERE have been 301 car hijackings in the Randburg police district this year, according to the South African Police.

Most hijackings took place in Alexandra and the surrounding suburbs of Kew, Bramley, Wynberg and Marlboro. In 80 percent of the attacks the victims were blacks travelling in or around the township.

The police said 38 people have been arrested.

and closes with a nostalgic trip down the airwaves of the once famed LM Radio. Opening times are 10 am to 10 pm on public holidays and weekends. During weekdays the festival will be open from 5 pm to 10 pm. Entrance fees are R6 for adults and R3 for children.

'Murder suspects ANC members'

By Guy Jepson
Crime Staff

Police yesterday claimed three suspects arrested in connection with the murder of a policeman in Alexandra last month were members or supporters of the ANC and called on the movement to control its followers.

On the night of March 31 Warrant-Officer Bogatsu Pilani was dragged from his vehicle in London Street, stabbed in the side, shot in the head with his service pistol and set alight.

Three suspects — a 26-year-old man named by

police as Happy Mahlango and two 17-year-old youths — were arrested on April 13.

They appeared in a Randburg court on April 15 on a murder charge. They were remanded in custody until the case resumes on May 27.

At a press conference yesterday police Lieutenant-Colonel Dave Bruce said: "The three accused in this case are self-admitted members of the ANC".

ANC spokesman Wally Mbhele said the ANC was not aware of members being arrested in connection with the policeman's murder.

But he added: "It is fascinating to note how police are capable of making speedy arrests when a policeman is killed while they have failed to bring to book those responsible for the countless murders of ANC activists, community leaders and township residents in general".

Colonel Bruce said many organisations "continually and in contravention of the National Peace Accord" accused the SAP "without justification" of involvement in the violence.

He appealed to these organisations to control members.

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Cops hunt 2 whites

By MONK NKOMO
POLICE have launched a search for two white men in connection with the fire that killed eight street children inside a church building in Sunnyside, Pretoria, last month.

Police spokesman Colonel Willie Violman yesterday said there was a reward of R10 000 for information that could lead to people responsible for the blaze at the Elim Church in which eight street children died on March 12.

Police are looking for Daniel Petrus alias Danie Vorster (22) and his brother Johannes Stephanus alias Johan Vorster (32) who were last seen in Krugersdorp and in the Witwatersrand.

Violman appealed to the two brothers to contact the police and help them about investigations into the incident. He said the investigating team was led by Brigadier WJ Bignon.

Anyone with information leading to the whereabouts of the two men could contact Captain Willem van Der Nest at 012-3439739 (w) and 3454964 (h) or Detective Warrant Officer Piet Hills at 3421151/2/3.

Lawyers For Human Rights in Pretoria recently accused the police of being reluctant to investigate the matter and accused the police of "a cover-up." Police denied the allegation.

At the time of the incident, police said investigations by their forensic experts and fire brigades had revealed that no arson had been committed. Witnesses to the incident said they had seen three naked white men fleeing from the scene immediately after the incident. Police, however, said the three streakers had nothing to do with the incident.

Lawyers For Human Rights later said their independent investigations had revealed that arson was committed and asked the police to investigate the matter.

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Anti-crime plan needs police nod

By Monica Oosterbroek

The business community's plans to set up seven new mini-police stations in Johannesburg's central business district may only go ahead if police endorse it.

The Central Johannesburg Partnership, an independent agency representing the city council, community organisations and local business interests, took the new anti-crime plan to Witwatersrand police commissioner Major-General Gerrit Erasmus on Friday.

Although the business sector plans to rent properties and provide the necessary equipment, the new stations will need an extra 250 policemen to patrol the CBD.

Colonel Dave Bruce, who attended Friday's meeting, said the agency needed to make its proposals clearer and more practical.

It was suggested that the group put forward a detailed action plan in writing before meeting the police again.

Once General Erasmus had endorsed the plan, the agency would take it to Cabinet level, and approach Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel.

Colonel Bruce said he was not convinced more police stations and policemen was the answer to curbing CBD crime.

"Crime stems from socio-economic problems, so perhaps people should be finding ways to create more jobs and improve employment and living standards," Colonel Bruce said.

Agency representatives did not wish to comment.

Hospitals

Give cop killers death

Shootout sentence plea

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BY SONTI MASEKO

Cops, residents clash as Sebokeng burns . . .

Call for death sentence

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The van carrying about R428 840, arrived escorted by a police car.

The group, armed with AK-47 rifles and a handgun opened fire, killing Constables Mallys Johannes Thompson and Robert Emmanuel Goddard.

The van tried to make a U-turn to escape but more shots were fired and two other occupants, Mr Cornelius Johannes Havennga and Mr Petrus Jacobus Pretorius, were wounded and later died. Another

occupant of the van, Mr Jacobus Pieter Botha, was seriously wounded.

Roth said three of the men were in their twenties when they were shot at by a group of six men, including the accused, in the yard of Coronation Hospital.

Makwanyana and Mavuso were also found guilty of attempted robbery and attempted murder but acquitted on a charge of car theft and two counts of robbery of 9mm service pistols from the policemen.

The two men received judgment in chains yesterday.

THE State has asked for the death penalty to be imposed on two Soweto men found guilty of the murder of two policemen and two security guards during an attempted robbery at Coronation Hospital in 1990.

Rand Supreme Court judge Mr Justice JC Labuschagne is expected to pass sentence today on Themba Makwanyana (33) of Nancefield hostel and Mvuso Mchunu (20) of Meadowlands.

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Their convictions are a sequel to a botched robbery in August 1990 of a Volkskas bank security van delivering salaries of staff at Coronation Hospital. Yesterday the prosecutor, Mr Gustav Roth, asked for the death sentence to be imposed on the two for what he described as a "cold-blooded and merciless" murder of the policemen and guards. Makwanyana and Mchunu were part of a group of six men who took part in the robbery attempt.



Teachers lose their honourable status

Sowetan 30/4/92

By PHANGISILE MTSHALI

"It was after school and I was leaving the classroom for home when I heard the heart-breaking whimper outside the door.

"A distraught young girl sobbed uncontrollably. A few metres away a group of scruffy boys, one holding a gun, stood menacingly," a teacher said.

"They dared her and me to move. The girl came flying to me, she saw me as her saviour. I knew there was nothing I could do as I looked down the barrel of a gun but I could not leave her to the thugs

Swore

"In desperation I started dragging her by the arm. The boys hung on to her other arm as they swore at us, trying to enrage me. It was a human tug-of-war. I pulled until they gave up

"I do not think I have ever been so scared and frustrated in my life," the teacher continued

It sounds like a gangster movie but it is not.

It is one of the recollections of a Soweto teacher who has been teaching for 15 years

He says he will always remember the day he played tug-of-war with the young girl's body against the notorious "Jack-rollers" gang outside his classroom.

In fact, it is not even an unusual occurrence. It has become a way of life for these professionals who were once revered in all black communities.

Dangerous

He also remembers the day he wrestled with a gun-toting pupil inside the matric mathematics exam room.

"The perplexed investigator whispered to us that one of the pupils had a 9mm gun on his desk and was occasionally using it as a ruler

"We wanted to see for ourselves. One by one we went into the exam room. I could not take it. Three of us approached the youngster, who simply refused to surrender his highly dan-

gerous 'ruler'.

"We then tried to get it away from him by force but he hung on so tight that it took three of us to overcome him and remove the magazine," the teacher said.

Mob

He also won this one. But what would happen the next time he looked down the barrel of a gun or is confronted by a mob of heavily armed, slogan chanting pupils?

Whoever doubted that the profession had lost its respectful status has to think again. Hundreds of Soweto's Orlando High School pupils boycotted classes, demonstrated and accused two teachers of scandalous behaviour.

It is clear that the profile of a teacher has been slowly, but definitely, changing for the worst over the past two decades.

Gone is the suited or costumed, well-spoken figure who used to be the community counsellor, wise man and a role model who

prided himself on the good academic performance of his charges.

It has been replaced by a man in jeans and T-shirt and a woman in the latest miniskirt who address their pupils as "comrades" and discuss colleagues with them over a glass of beer

Teachers have been accused of instigating pupils to settle personal scores with their professional and personal enemies

Not so long ago a teacher publicly threatened to send Morris Isaacson High School - also in Soweto - pupils to "sort out" teachers from a neighbouring school after an argument.

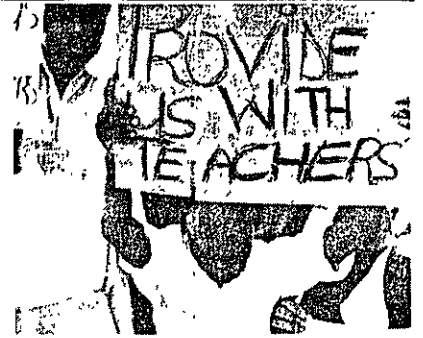
Teachers of both genders have been accused of having steamy love affairs with their pupils and sexually molesting primary school pupils.

Bribery, blackmail and back-stabbing have been cited as among the "sure ways" of getting promotion into better paying posi-

tions. So has been mobilising gullible pupils to wield placards and throw stones at the property of other con-

tenders. This change of the central pillar of education, together with the apathy of parents and the ever in-

creasing militancy and politicisation of pupils, contributes to what is rhetorically called the black education crisis.



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NEWS IN BRIEF

31 in court over scam

THIRTY-one people appeared in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court last month in connection with an insurance scam involving the use of false death certificates to claim a total of more than R500 000 from insurer Metropolitan Life. Witwatersrand police said last week.

Witwatersrand police liaison officer Capt Eugene Opperman said the suspects allegedly took out insurance under the Hospitals' Group Life Insurance scheme. The accused, who would appear in court again on May 12, were mostly former Reef hospital employees or their next of kin.

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Yeoville serial rape suspect allowed to go

By Guy Jepson (38)

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A suspect arrested for questioning in connection with a string of rapes in Yeoville and adjoining suburbs was yesterday cleared by detectives and released.

Police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said detectives had interrogated the suspect — arrested on Tuesday — through the night until his release late yesterday afternoon.

Fingerprint tests and evidence from the case dockets were also negative.

Detectives again examined the home of the rapist's seventh victim — a 35-year-old Frances Street, Bellevue East, woman attacked and beaten on Monday night — for additional fingerprints but had drawn a blank, Captain Opperman said.

"We couldn't find anything to connect him in any way to any of the cases. We therefore did not have any choice, in terms of the Criminal Procedure Act, but to release him forthwith.

"We cannot but otherwise warn people once again — as we have done over the years — to lock their doors and windows if they are not protected by burglar bars or safety doors."

Earlier yesterday, Yeoville MP Douglas Gibson expressed surprise that a rapist had struck repeatedly in the area and said "one or more" of the attacks could possibly have been avoided if women had been adequately warned.

Mr Gibson was reacting to disclosures by the police on Tuesday that the rapist had been connected to seven attacks on women — three rapes and four attempted rapes — within a radius of about 1 km in the Yeoville/Bellevue/Observatory areas between January 31 and May 4.

Police said on Tuesday they had not released details on the serial rapist to the mass media, believing their investigations would be prejudiced, but had issued an identikit to local newspapers after two attacks and issued warnings.

SAP told to warn public as soon as possible

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Yeoville residents polled by The Star yesterday said it was important for the police to forewarn the public about the presence of rapists in order to enable residents to take proper precautions.

They were responding to reports that the SAP had only officially confirmed that a serial rapist had struck seven times in the Yeoville/Bellevue East area on Tuesday — hours after he had raped and savagely assaulted a 35-year-old Bellevue East woman.

Addressing a press conference in Braamfontein on Tuesday, SAP spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said although detectives had been on the rapist's trail for a month, they had not re-

leased details on the rapist to the mass media, believing that their investigations would be prejudiced.

Laura Woods of Muller Street said she had been more cautious because she had heard rumours about the rapist more than six weeks ago.

"I carry a gas gun around to protect myself these days. I'm lucky I was aware. The police should inform the public about such matters as soon as possible," she said.

Jacqui Davies (25) of Grafton Road said the safety of citizens had to come first.

"Informing the people must be a priority. Investigations and how to go about tracking down the culprit is their (the police's) own problem."

Teresa Betancor of Caven-

dish Street said the police should, in addition to informing the public, also use large posters bearing identikit photos of suspects.

Vernalene Urquhart (24) of Becker Street said although she thought it was important for the police to make the public aware, "there shouldn't be too much alarm about it, otherwise people become too paranoid".

Hopkins Street resident Pumza Mpofo (29) said the police were not doing enough to fight the problem, adding that informing the public was a step in the right direction.

Said Thembi Khumalo (20) of Rockey Street: "Some ladies don't want to report rape and attempted rape for fear of the possible negative effects of such publicity. If

they, for instance, phone the police, they (the police) must in turn inform the public to help them in tracing the culprits."

Maggie Pieterse (55) of Fortesque Street said informing the public could "even deter other would-be rapists".

Zarrena Moosa (32) of Pope Street said: "If the police want the public to help them like they always say, I don't see why they should keep quiet and allow the possibility of further attacks."

Jacques Ellis-Smith of Isipingo Street said the police were "taking the easy way out" by claiming to be doing investigations.

"There's no way we can prove they're actually investigating. Informing the public is tangible proof."

Kriel outlines police policy on allegations

CAPE TOWN Action against publications maligning police, a judicial commission of inquiry into Trust Feed and a unit to investigate policemen were some of the possibilities raised by Law and Order Minister HERNUS KRIEL in Parliament yesterday.

Introducing the debate on his budget vote, Kriel said there had to be a balance between allegations against the SAP and acknowledged atrocities committed by organisations.

"The SAP cannot allow this maligning of the force to continue and will, in future, be forced to approach the court to ban publication of (unsubstantiated) allegations."

It had also been decided to establish a separate unit to investigate charges against policemen.

Referring to the Trust Feed investigation under retired magistrate Willem Krugel, Kriel said the report would be made public.

If there were any aspects which could not be handled satisfactorily, he would recommend that a judicial commission of inquiry be appointed. — Sapa.

Reef police probe 6 322 fraud cases

STEPHANE BOTHMA

MORE than 6 300 economic crimes involving billions of rands are under police investigation on the Reef alone, while criminal law experts believe the newly formed Office for Serious Economic Offences can handle a maximum of 10 cases a year.

The office, under the directorship of Jan Swanepoel SC, has a staff of seven advocates based in Pretoria.

"With only seven advocates, it is impossible for the office to make any impression on the staggering case load. The office clearly has a staff shortage and could handle at the most between six and 10 cases a year," a legal expert said.

In an attempt to alleviate the police's heavy case load and to speed up the clearing of dockets, Witwatersrand Attorney-General Klaus von Lieres und Wilkau SC said he was urgently investigating the formation of a special team of advocates to assist the commercial police.

Swanepoel could not be reached for comment, but a Justice Department spokesman said the office was not intended to investigate all economic crime, but to investigate only the most serious matters.

"Serious is measured in terms of complexity of a case, amount of money involved and the public interest," the spokesman said.

In addition to the seven Pretoria-based advocates, four advocates man a similar office in Cape Town.

Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee earlier said it was expected that the office (Pretoria and Cape Town combined) would bring "as many as 12 major cases to trial annually". The figure compared favourably with the average workload of the Serious Fraud Office of Britain, Coetsee said.

When the formation of the office was announced almost two years ago, Britain's Serious Fraud Office, comprising 144 members, including chartered accountants, completed only 21 cases.

At the same time, New Zealand employed 36 advocates in its Serious Fraud Office.

The Justice Department has not made provision for the appointment of chartered accountants.

Von Lieres said he was investigating the feasibility of creating a special team of advocates to assist the police. The total number of dossiers under investigation in the Witwatersrand totalled 6 322 and involved billions of rands.

He said financial constraints made it impossible to appoint additional staff to form such a team, and the team would have to be made up from existing sources, probably under the command of a senior advocate.

Von Lieres said in the period June 1990 to January this year, police had solved 22% more cases than in the seven months preceding that period.

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New Hillbrow police stations welcomed

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The establishment of two satellite police stations in Johannesburg's high-density suburb of Hillbrow was this week welcomed by the area's city councillor Desiree Simpson.

Mrs Simpson's reaction followed an announcement in Parliament by Deputy Law and Order Minister Johan Scheepers that two contact points in Hillbrow had been approved and would be

manned by trainee policemen from next month.

"The people will be delighted," Mrs Simpson said. "Two satellite police stations will suit us very well."

The city councillor, who recently led a march through the suburb to protest against the crime in the area, suggested that one of the satellite police stations be estab-

lished near Highpoint or in Esselen Street and the other at Joubert Park.

She thanked Lester Fuchs (DP Hillbrow) "for bringing our plight to the notice of Parliament".

Mrs Simpson also asked building societies to review their decision not to grant bonds to Hillbrow residents.
— Sapa.

112 held in East Rand crime blitz

STAR 18/5/92

By Anna Louw (38)
East Rand Bureau

East Rand police arrested 112 people during a crime prevention operation in Springs, Delmas, KwaThema and Sundra which ended on Friday.

Three people were arrested for illegal possession of firearms and three for theft.

Police arrested 10 people in four separate cases involving car theft.

Two men were detained after warrants were issued for their arrest for murder and one man was arrested on a charge of attempted murder.

Two people were held for housebreaking and theft and four for possession of dagga.

Police found 110 g of dagga on the suspects.

A man was arrested for selling liquor illegally and 13 people were detained for alcohol-related crimes.

Police arrested 40 illegal immigrants and seven people for urinating in public.

At least 18 people were arrested for crossing railway lines illegally and 11 for jumping off moving trains.

About 130 warnings were issued for traffic offences.

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Anti-crime drive helpers sought

The Soweto Anti-Crime Initiative (Saci) urgently needs volunteer workers to distribute 10 000 crime-awareness posters throughout Soweto.

The posters have been donated by Eskom to Saci, a non-aligned alliance of 15 organisations.

Saci executive member Shimane Khumalo appealed to all youths to lend a hand for a worthy cause.

The posters, headlined "Soweto fights crime! Say no to crime!", are to be distributed in churches, schools, public places, administration offices and railway stations.

SABC to sell

Police ⁽³⁸⁾ recover weapons

POLICE have recovered most of the weapons stolen from security company Fidelity Guards in Roodepoort on May 1.

West Rand police liaison officer Captain Henriette Bester said 48 of the 65 weapons had been found at a mine-dump in the nearby Florida area.

Two men were arrested.

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Business enters arena to combat rising crime

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A WORKING committee has been formed to look at the escalating crime and violence which are having serious effects on black business and the community in Soweto.

The eight-member committee - consisting of seven men and a woman - was formed at a meeting of Soweto traders and profes-

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

sional people in Meadowlands on Wednesday.

The committee has been given authority to seek ways, including working with police, to stop the soaring crime and violence in the townships.

Earlier during the proceedings a delegate, Dr Joe Jivhuho, who had proposed that a "working committee" be formed, unceremoniously left the meeting when no consensus was reached on certain issues.

Co-ordinator and committee member, Mr Thami Skenjana, called upon business people to unite in order

to fight the surging political violence.

The committee would work out strategies with existing structures, such as the Soweto Anti-Crime Committee and Nicro and community organisations, in an attempt to address these matters.

He urged business to play a major role in mobi-

lising the community to fight violence.

The committee members are: Skenjana, Mr Lucky Michaels, Mr Derrick Thema, Mr Mike Motswane, Mr Za Sebenzile, Dr Jivhuho (nominated in absentia) and Ms Maki Monnakgotla.

The next meeting will be held within two weeks.

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Unionist dies in custody

By LINDA RULASHE

ECHOES of the old South Africa surround the inquest today of the former Motor Transport Union of South Africa president who died mysteriously last week while in police custody.

Dr Jonathan Gluckman — the independent pathologist involved in the Steve Biko case — has been called in to re-examine the body of Simon Seema.

The 34-year-old union leader was employed as a driver by security firm Fidelity Guards when he was last seen alive.

He was dragged out of his duty vehicle in Doornfontein last Friday by a Mr Spies — an employee of Fidelity Guards' security investigation department — and a police officer, known as a Sergeant Van Deventer.

According to Vaal Triangle police spokesman Captain Piet van Deventer, Seema was arrested for questioning in connection with armed robbery. "During questioning in the charge office, he fell on the floor, fainted and died. We called the paramedics to resuscitate him but they were not successful." Captain Van Deventer declined to say whether Seema was being interrogated at the time of his death.

Union official Fourie said the union phoned several police stations before finding out at Kliprivier police station that he had died. The police initially denied that Seema was being held there.

Seema's relatives were only allowed to see his body through a window when they went

to identify it at the state mortuary in Vereeniging.

The incident does not seem to be isolated. Several Fidelity Guards employees have allegedly been wrongfully accused by the police for being involved in hold-ups on company vehicles.

Last Thursday, driver Stephen Modise was shot in an arm and the body during a hold up in which R500 000 was stolen.

At 5pm that day, while he was being operated on at the Garden City Clinic, police barged into the operating theatre and demanded to take him away for questioning.

The surgeon refused but Modise was later abducted at 2am and taken to Brixton Murder and Robbery Unit, where he was allegedly tortured for almost two hours by electrocution before being taken to Kliprivier police station for further questioning.

His wife, Juliet, was also allegedly tortured by police earlier that evening when they came to her house and demanded to know where her husband's brother, George, was.

"I told them I didn't know any George and they called me a bitch and said that I was lying," she said in a police statement.

She alleges that the men — whom she believed to be police — later took her to the veld, tortured her and threatened to throw her baby out of the moving car before they drove to Garden City Clinic and abducted her husband.

Police said they were unable to comment on the matter at such short notice.

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Soweto shop watch

By NOMVULA KHALO

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SOWETO businessmen have asked all township shopkeepers to come together to fight the violence that has swept through Soweto, claiming many lives and threatening to cripple the fragile black businesses in the area.

The call, made by the Soweto Anti-Crime Initiative (SACI), comes in the wake of renewed violence against the traders,

who have been robbed of money and goods worth of thousands of rands.

Recently, prominent Meadowlands businessman Thami Skenjana had to close down his shop opposite Mzimhlophe Hostel because of escalating violence.

He recently called a meeting of shopkeepers to form a committee and solicit the help of the police in implementing a "business watch".

Saci consists of eight members including Dr Joe Jivhuho, Lucky Michaels, Thami Skenjana, Derrick Thema, Mick Motshwane, Maggie Monnakgotla and Ligwa Nombenyini.

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Randburg police unit

THE Randburg Town Council had budgeted R746 000 to finance a special police unit to combat crime in its municipal area, the council said yesterday.

Management committee chairman Brian Crail said policemen would be recruited and trained by the SAP at council expense.

REPORTS. Business Day Reporter, Political Staff, Sapa.

Review of 'rape wasn't harmful' case ordered

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CAPE TOWN — Acting Cape Town Attorney-General Frank Khan yesterday ordered an investigation into a case in which a Wynberg magistrate said rape was unlikely to have a psychological effect on a 24-year-old victim.

The magistrate, A P Kotze, made the remark when he sentenced a Guguletu security guard to seven years' jail last week for raping and holding the woman captive for an entire night.

He said he had taken into account the fact that the woman had no permanent physical injuries and was unlikely to suffer psychologically from the rape.

When a reporter questioned Mr Kotze later, he said: "You are dealing with a woman who has a child ... she's an adult woman, she can deal with something of this nature."

The Law Society of the Cape of Good Hope expressed outrage at his comments, saying he did not appear to make a distinction between intercourse

and rape

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Mr Kahn said as far as the Attorney-General's office was concerned, rape was far too prevalent in its jurisdictional area and was regarded in an extremely severe light because of, among other things, the psychological damage to the victim.

He had instructed the senior prosecutor at the Wynberg Magistrate's Court to have the record of the case transcribed and submitted to his office immediately. — Sapa.

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Over 1 000 raped daily, rally told

By Stan Hlophe

More than 1 000 women are raped daily — one woman every 83 seconds. These chilling statistics were revealed at a rally in Yeoville yesterday.

The rally was organised by Outrage — a group of women in Yeoville and surrounding areas — and was attended by more than 50 women and a few men to protest against rape and abuse of women.

The meeting was called following the failure of police to apprehend a rapist who has been terrorising women in the suburb in recent months, and to highlight the plight of rape victims and rally for support in the community.

Among the crowd were three Yeoville policewomen.

Organisers said they felt outraged by the number of women who had been raped and the fact that nothing was done about it.

Violence

"We feel now is the time to do something about it.

"We need the community's support to root out this evil in our midst," an organiser said.

Another said: "Women in South Africa have no voice and this is the first time that they have spoken out. We face a high level of violence in our daily lives.

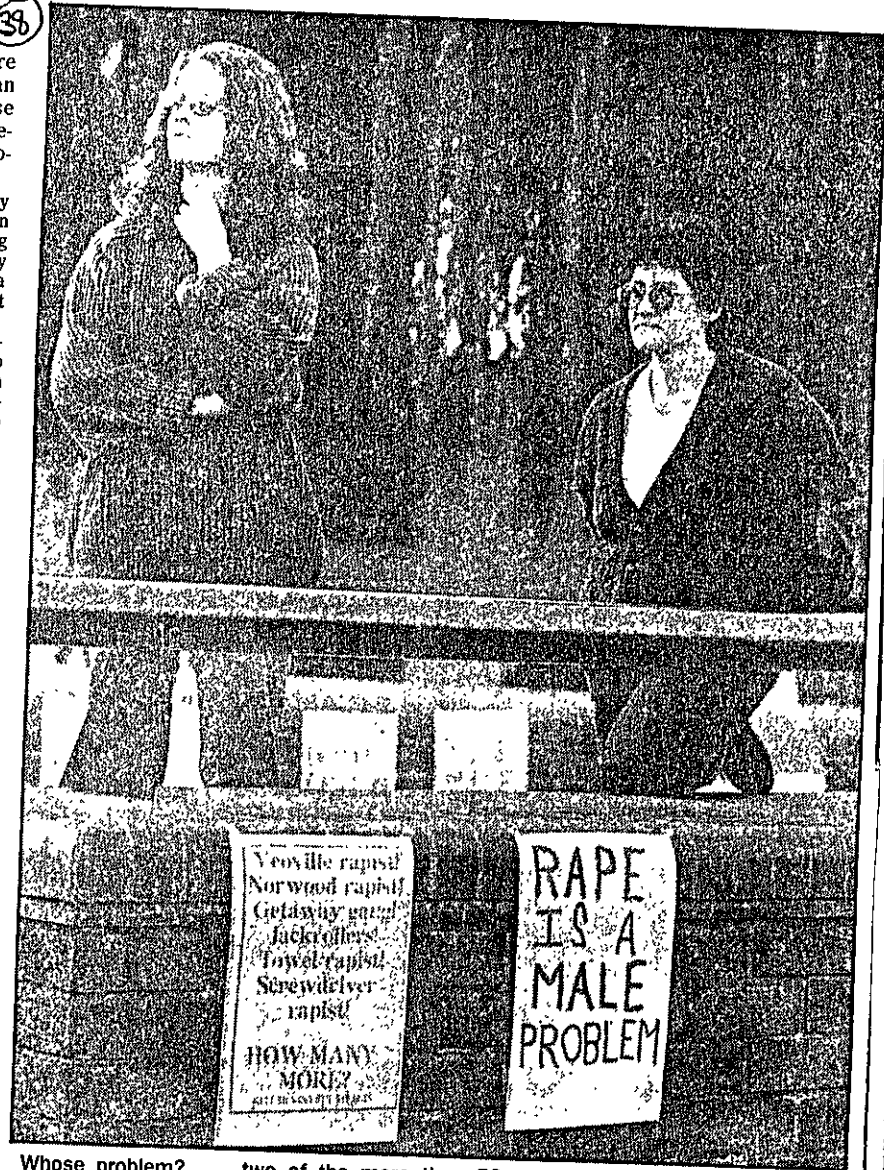
"We are being threatened by police and have no easy way to cope with this traumatic experience.

"We as women want to claim our full rights in the new South Africa. We are raped, maimed and have to fight back.

"A rape victim is expected to lay a charge in front of men and we are not told of our right to make a statement in private or in front of a police-woman.

"It's high time that all changed," she said.

Yeoville councillor Martin Sweet pledged his support for the rape victims and assured the crowd that he would make



Whose problem? ... two of the more than 50 women at yesterday's anti-rape meeting in Yeoville, organised by Outrage.

Picture: Peter Mogaki

the area safe and free of gangsters.

Mr Sweet said rapists wanted to destroy the "liberal constituency and lives of individuals". He told the crowd that more bobbies on the beat

would soon be introduced.

"When we are pushed too far all we have to do is to do the same to the culprits.

"I would like to see this town remaining a happy, free,

and wonderful community," Mr Sweet said.

The crowd ended by signing petitions to be handed to the Yeoville police today and singing songs about abuse and women's rights.

R100 000 in bad debts written off

By Bunt West

Nearly R100 000 in bad debts from ambulance service defaulters has been written off by Randburg Town Council. A sum of R96 581 was not recovered from debtors in the period July 1 1990 to June 30 1991.

During this week's council meeting members were advised that ambulance tariff rates had been increased from May 1. They were amended by the Transvaal Provincial Administration and the local authority had no say in the matter.

The council also approved the constitution of the Northern Joint Negotiation Forum (NJNF) of which it is now a participating member.

The forum was set up to investigate nonracial, democratic metropolitan and local government structures so that a regional administration could emerge after constitutional transition in South Africa. Other participants are Alexandra and Sandton.

Saved

In other matters on the agenda, the council agreed to lease Randburg-Diggers Rugby Club additional facilities at the Central Sports Complex.

Along with three rugby fields, other amenities included: a clubhouse, cloakrooms, toilets, storerooms, kitchen, floodlights and pavilion. The lease expires in 2002.

It was also announced that a dyke in Bromhof Extension 21 was to be saved from destruction by the erection of a fence which would cost Randburg ratepayers R15 000.

The dyke, a natural formation, had been the target of urban vandals who took the stone to make rockeries.

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We won't be victims, say Yeoville's women 38

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THE fear which two rapists have spread, first among women in Norwood and then in Yeoville, is being replaced by anger. Tired of being victims, women want to hit back.

Outrage, a new group in Yeoville, sees itself as the vehicle through which women can channel their anger and take action against offenders. They plan to motivate women into reclaiming their freedom in the area.

The solidarity rally to "speak out against rape and abuse" this week is aimed at making a statement that women will no longer tolerate abusive treatment.

Tanya Chansam, a representative of the group, says: "Women here are outraged at the sensational media given to the rapist, yet police are almost blaming victims for speaking out."

Outrage members also believe the police are not investigating the case thor-

oughly and that the police imply that women are not protecting themselves well enough.

Margarette Auerbach, a founding member of Outrage, says the idea of a rally was an immediate response to the rapist's trail of attacks. "It is meant to channel the anger we are feeling into a form of action that will empower women and to confront men with the issue."

At the rally they plan to pass around petitions addressed to the police demanding that investigations into apprehending the rapist be given priority.

The group says women will be able to thrash out ideas about how they can form a protective support network.

In helping to shed women's image as the perpetual victims, Outrage says it wants rape survivors to attend the rally and speak out as a means of helping to alert other women in their area.

Police and troops in huge Phola Park raid

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THE police yesterday launched an intensive crime sweep in violence-racked Phola Park, south of Alberton on the East Rand.

Acting Commissioner of Police Lieutenant-General Hendrik de Villiers said all divisions of the police and members of the defence force, assisted from the air, were involved.

The thrust of the operation was to trace unlawful firearms, but action would be taken if security force members uncovered any other unlawful activities.

Crime

"During the past three months Phola Park has been ravaged by serious crime. Numerous members of the community have been brutally murdered, and hundreds more have been injured," he said.

"There is also a marked increase in the number of attacks on members of the security forces.

"Five policemen have been murdered in the execution of their duties and a number have been seriously injured," De Villiers said. He added that a number of crime networks were operating in Phola Park and the police had arrested a number of people in past weeks.

But the situation had deteriorated to such an extent that it had been decided to stabilise the area immediately. — Sapa.

Ex-SADF man held after arms cache found in flat

By Anna Louw
East Rand Bureau

A former defence force employee has been arrested after members of the Johannesburg Robbery Reaction Unit raided a Kempton Park flat and found an arms cache on Monday night.

A police spokesman said Warrant Officer J Buys and Sergeant D Smith went to the flat after receiving information.

They found an ammunition trunk filled with seven live mortars; an R-1 rifle; an anti-personnel mine; and SADF tents and equipment, including secret armament books.

The policeman also found an AK-47 magazine and am-

munition, more than 700 rounds of R-4 and R-1 ammunition, .99 mm rounds as well as Yugoslav and Russian ammunition, 18 flares and other types of ammunition.

The police bomb disposal unit removed various explosive devices.

The mortars were detonated, a spokesman said.

The suspect was employed by the SADF for seven years and it is believed that the arms and ammunition were stolen from the stores where he worked.

The man is expected to appear in court tomorrow on charges of being in possession of illegal ammunition and firearms as well as offences under the Explosives Act.

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Jo'burg CBD 'more dangerous than ever'

6/20/92

PATRICK BULGER

SIXTY-one policemen were killed on the Witwatersrand in the first four months of this year, compared to 140 in the whole of SA last year, SAP spokesman Col Frans Malherbe said yesterday.

He was speaking at a security seminar in Johannesburg hosted by security company BBR.

Malherbe provided statistics to show that serious crime in the Johannesburg CBD had increased this year, putting policemen and the public at greater danger than before.

He said 51 people were murdered in the

Johannesburg CBD in the first four months of this year compared to 41 in that period last year. The figures for armed robbery were 115 last year and 132 this year.

Incidents of rape in the CBD increased from 39 to 66, bank robberies from five to 12, serious assaults from 115 to 132, business premises burglaries from 795 to 829, car thefts from 929 to 991 and petty crime from 1 473 to 1 500.

He said thousands of unemployed people came to the city each day, while squatter

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camps and second-hand dealers provided perfect markets for stolen goods.

NP secretary-general Stoffel van der Merwe warned delegates of increased crime during SA's political transition and AWB leader Eugene Terre'Blanche said police had been so emasculated by political reform that they were now having to act like priests instead of law enforcers.

Terre'Blanche warned of increasing conflict between the ANC and Inkatha and said SA was heading for a revolution unprecedented in Africa. SA was the most dangerous country in the world, he said.

Dramatic increase in Jo'burg CBD crime

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Crime Staff

Police statistics show serious crime in the Johannesburg central business district increased dramatically in the first four months of this year compared with the same period last year.

But Witwatersrand police spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe said there had been a large increase in the crime rate towards the end of last year and the latest figures, although still unacceptably high, showed a drop on statistics for the end of 1991.

Colonel Malherbe said at a

security seminar in Johannesburg on Tuesday that 61 policemen were murdered on the Witwatersrand in the first four months of this year, compared with a nationwide figure for the same period last year of 140.

He said escalating crime was partly due to economic decline, adding that thousands of unemployed people flocked to Johannesburg daily and criminals found it easy to get rid of stolen goods through second-hand dealers.

He told The Star yesterday that the deployment of hundreds of policemen in the CBD since February had brought the crime rate to below that of

the end of last year.

"But this is something we are constantly working on and, when the police colleges have their passing-out parades soon, we can expect another 600 policemen in the Witwatersrand region," he added.

He also said it was important to note that the CBD was confined by End Street in the east, John Vorster Square in the west, the M2 in the south and North Street in the north.

"It does not include (the violent areas of) Hillbrow or Joubert Park," he said.

Statistics for serious crimes in the CBD showed that 51 people were murdered in the first four months of this year

compared with 41 in the same period in 1991.

Armed robbery increased from 115 last year to 132 this year. Rapes increased from 39 last year to 66 this year, and bank robberies from five to 12.

Colonel Malherbe said the figure for car thefts, 991, in the first four months of this year was "staggering".

The police would continue to do everything in their power to make the city safe, he said.

By July, monthly figures for the first six months of this year would show whether crime was still on the increase or whether it was dropping.

Alleged train killers go free

By BEATHUR BAKER
THE Witwatersrand attorney general's office this week announced it was dropping all charges against three alleged train killers who were caught virtually "red-handed" and arrested by police during an attack on a Soweto-bound train last year.

Seven people were killed and 17 injured in the incident.

Khulekani Mvalazi, Mlanu-lene Mchunu and Richardo Khoena Majola appeared in Johannesburg magistrate's court shortly after the attack, facing seven counts of murder, 17 of attempted murder and the illegal possession of firearms and ammunition.

However, on their third appearance this week they were set free and an inquest ordered into the deaths of the seven killed during the July 25 train attack. The attorney general's office declined to state the basis on which the decision had been made.

The release of alleged train killers is not unusual. Several other suspects have been arrested and charged. But after a first

court appearance on charges such as murder and culpable homicide, they are regularly allotted bail as low as R2 000 and then released to await a second appearance.

Alfred Dlamini, one of the first alleged train killers arrested by police, was remanded for the sixth consecutive time last week. He has been free on R2 000 bail since he appeared in the Germiston Magistrate's Court in October last year.

The attorney general's office said the Dlamini case had been postponed six times because they were trying to establish whether the charge against him should be culpable homicide or murder.

This week the office announced that Dlamini will face a murder charge in the Rand Supreme Court in October.

Only one person has been convicted for his part in the violent attacks on trains: Walter Matlaba from Soweto, who received a seven-year sentence for his part in an attack at Braamfontein station on September 15 last year.

FROM 4am to 9pm the best coffee in town is available at Soweto's New Canada police station, with large dollops of homespun wisdom and surrounded by a lethal assortment of hand-been weapons seized on the trains.

Captain Thys du Plessis, 36, head of the New Canada crime prevention unit, is a coffee addict. He is also responsible for the safety of more than a million Sowetians who whip past his fern-filled office window each day.

During the morning or evening three-hour rush, 318 trains with 2 441 coaches hurtle through 16 stations under his command.

At least once during the rush hour he will fill the coffee machines with fresh water and grounds, switch it on and take his lanky frame on to one of the trains. He may choose the train at random, or it may be one, like 9023 from Verbeek, that has a reputation for violence.

By the time he gets back the coffee will have dripped through and he'll pour a steaming cup.

Captain Du Plessis is the key link in a new train-violence task group that has seen the police increase force numbers sixfold on best trains and pump in vast resources in efforts to curb violence. This own unit, as an example, previously had just over 60 policemen. That number has now swelled to 411.

In March's the 60-odd members of his unit worked an average of 174 hours overtime each — of a combined 10 400 hours over time. They don't get paid overtime, nor do they get the danger pay which members of the riot squads get for township duty. This year seven members of the unit were in hospital after falling victim to train attackers.

It is too early to tell if the new system will restore safety to the Soweto trains, in which 13 people were killed in the first four months of this year. Violence plummeted in May, but this week in scattered attacks more than 14 people have been injured and four killed.

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Thys is winning his fight to keep Soweto's train thugs at bay

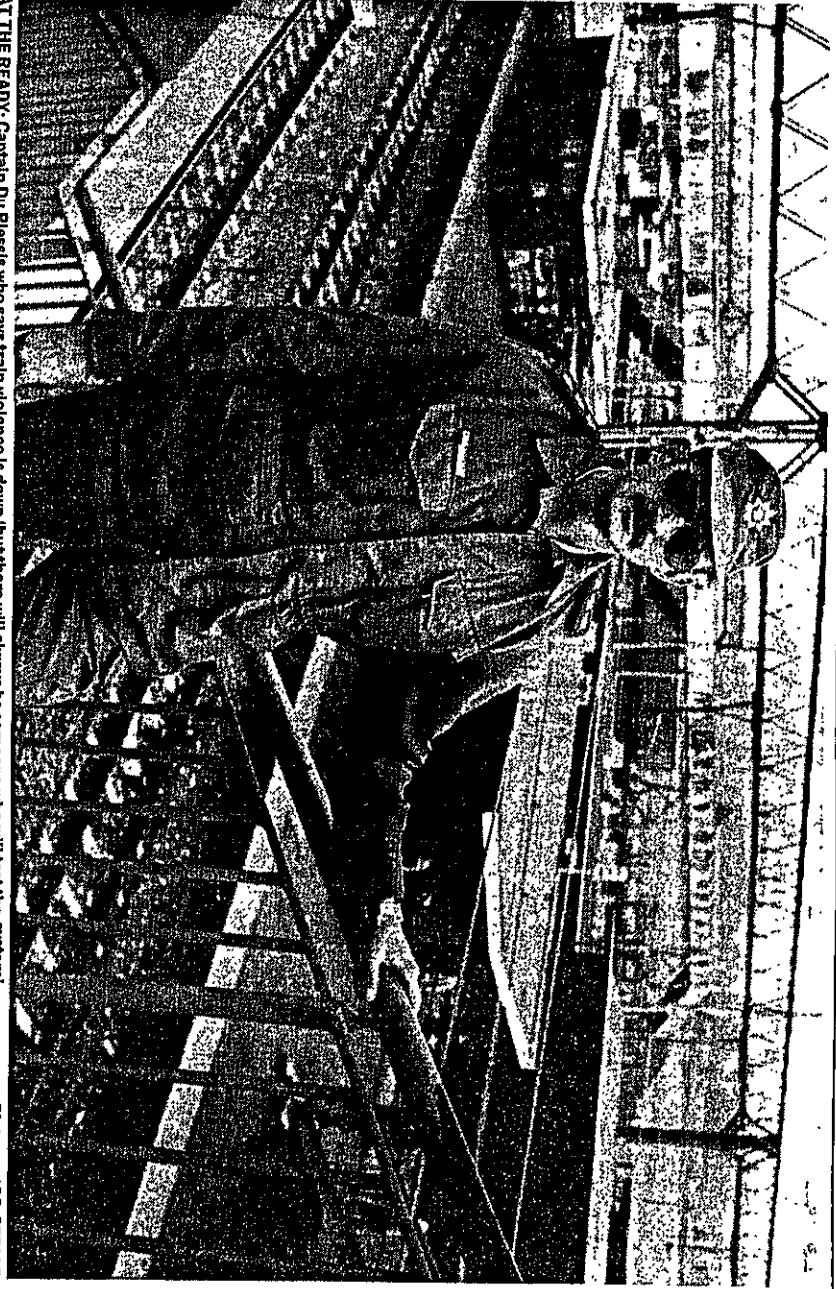
being robbed. There have always been coaches devoted to gangsters or churchgoers — some preachers work only in these tin churches — but after open-air meetings were banned in 1978, and it became increasingly perilous to hold political meetings, thugs became a critical venue for political and union meetings.

These were the "hazabazo" (struggle) carriages. They are so important that Coseta has for a number of years had a special train says that, before major political events, political speeches on trains intensify and people "become excitable and often attack each other."

One of the roots of the present train violence began about three years ago when activists from rival groups would tell an ideological opponent to lift his gun or politically sidestep. Thys' above his head, and then stab him. Result: no one now wears a T-shirt with a political slogan. Captain Du Plessis

says conventional crime has ceased completely on the trains. "Now it is just killings," he says. Recently, he recounts, a thing thought he could hook the train and stole a wallet when the train halted. "Everyone jumped off the train and chased him. They almost beat him to death when they caught him. And yet those same people say nothing when they witness an attack."

"There is something wrong with our society when material possessions become more important than life." Captain Du Plessis is in favour of a weapons ban in all his years as a policeman he has never once used his firearm. "I've never found it necessary. You can always talk out the frontation out of the way instead of fighting. Sometimes we heard a full coach and people will get aggressive towards us. The only thing is to find a leader in the group and get



AT THE READY: Captain Du Plessis who says train violence is down, but there will always be someone who will test the system.

Picture: JOE SEFALE

Sunken oil tanker 'a menace'

BY NYAM GRESSWEL
SCIENTISTS believe the sunken tanker Katina P will be an oil pollution menace to South Africa for many months to come.

This is the finding of the Marine Geoscience Unit of the Department of Mineral and Energy Affairs which analysed the sinking tanker from the Mozambique shore in mid-April. It is in marked contrast to findings of the Environment Affairs and Transport departments, who claimed the oil would stay underwater.

They said water pressure would keep the oil in place and low temperatures 28km under the sea would freeze the oil. They assured the public the tanker had probably reached the bottom in one piece.

Professor Tom Mason, Dr Peter Ranssay and Dr Alan Strain of the Geoscience Unit say that no matter how low the temperature, oil will rise to the surface if it leaks from ruptured tanks, as its density is less than sea water.

They say the chance of the Katina P not breaking up underwater is "remote" as it would have been travelling about 48km/h when it hit the seabed — with a force 30 000 times that of a car hitting a brick wall at the same speed.

"The salvors estimated that Katina P's hull and deck were already severely damaged before she broke her back and sank.

"Considering the Katina P's hull condition, we believe that most of the oil tanks will be damaged, and that the ship will be an oil pollution source until her cargo disperses — the wreck still holds about 53 500 tonnes," said the marine geologists.

The Department of Environment Affairs has reported that about 500 tonnes of oil from the tanker has landed on SA beaches.

Oil from the Katina P is already killing seabirds but crayfish are eating the sticky stuff. Oil-covered animals have been found along the South Coast at Pennington, Amanzimtoti and Bazy.

His father was a detective, and his oldest brother, Johannes, is assistant district police commissioner in Greytown. Natal, a younger brother is in the army. In his 18-year career Captain Du Plessis has polished trains from Kariega to Maseru, Port Elizabeth to Durban, and Soweto is his most challenging assignment.

His staff say he is easy to work for, though many from 4am to 7pm — that he often puts in the had no let-up.

Charlene Smith

Fraudbusters launch battle with R1-bn crime dossier

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By Peter Davies

The white-collar "fraudbusters", under the bristling, militaristic leadership of Witwatersrand Attorney-General Klaus von Lieres und Wilkau, have had only a week's experience "in the field" — and are involved in investigating crimes totalling more than R1 billion.

Their thinking is anything but small. Their aim — to smash white-collar crime on the Witwatersrand.

"We're putting snipers and sharpshooters against the advancing enemy, en masse. And our snipers intend taking out the enemy's officers," announces Mr von Lieres dramatically.

The task force is a youthful band (average age 26) of 11 prosecutors, supplemented by senior Commercial Branch policemen.

Recommended partly by their "flair for finance and nose for fraud", the lawmen had just



Crimebuster . . . Attorney-General Klaus von Lieres und Wilkau.

a week to orientate themselves before plunging head-first into the murky waters of financial fraud.

A case of pitting infantry against tanks? Not at all, maintains Mr von Lieres.

"We are building them up. The first objective is to bring down the 4 217 fraud dockets to a manageable level. The squad will restrict its initial efforts to working away the backlog."

The squad's achievements

will be assessed after a year or so. Then they move on to the big stuff — syndicates and company fraud.

Statistics are staggering:

- Commercial crimes/company frauds — 844 dossiers amounting to a conservative estimate of R600 million.

- Syndicate fraud such as "kite flying" (exploiting the delay time in clearance of cheques) — 822 dossiers amounting to R242 million.

- Fraud involving cheques, credit cards, hire purchase and the like — 4 217 dossiers totalling R232 million.

According to Mr von Lieres, the old South Africa was an attractive environment for the white-collar criminal, where divisions in society led to huge cracks in the law's credibility.

"The climate was right for the white-collar criminal to climb in. And when he did, he succeeded in exploiting the understaffed position of the police. Law enforcers need to re-establish their ability and credibility.

"We need to make crime as a career option as unattractive as possible," he said.

That means stiff jail sentences for key figures. And the task squad's sights are firmly set.

"The type of person we are targeting is the opinion influencer, the role model.

"To catch that type, we have to make the legal system sufficiently attractive for people to accept it as worth fighting for.

"It was said in Parliament that the new South Africa needs a just State.

"For this, it needs the ability to enforce the law," Mr von Lieres says.

The fraudbusters occupy a wing on the ninth floor of the Rand Supreme Court.

In one room, two senior police officers sift through bulging dockets. A stuffed bird of prey and a cigarette lighter posing as a can of beer keep them company.

As Mr von Lieres says, it's highly labour-intensive.

But he is not looking for a "quick fix" solution: "If what we're trying to do succeeds, it will contribute to improving the entire level of morality in commerce and industry," he says.

Business

New plan to combat crime



Sowetan 18/6/92

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

A black human resources consultant says he has a "revolutionary idea" to combat crime and ease the housing shortage in Soweto.

Mr Martin Sebesho said his solution was to "dragoon Soweto's millions of drop-outs and jobless into the SADF, teach them trade skills, and then put them to work on special community development and upliftment projects".

Sebesho, a prominent member of the South African Board for Personnel Practice, said the plan was "no hairbrained scheme" and said "perhaps 80 percent of Soweto's lost generation could be reclaimed in this way".

Sebesho, who is human resources consultant for a number of major companies, estimated there were about 3 million young blacks who could qualify

for a compulsory call-up.

"They are aged between 18 and 30 - the older ones are veterans of the township troubles of 1976," he said. "These would be among the first to be recruited.

"Of course all of them could not be called up at once.

"But it would produce an entirely new class citizen.

"It would also be one of the most striking examples of affirmative action I can think of."

He said the idea could shock "die-hard military traditionalists".

But Sebesho believes "a little bit of military discipline" would help black youths living in squalor, crime and hopelessness.

His scenario envisaged a year-long stint in the army. Initially, that would involve typical military induction training: discipline and fitness regimes.

"But these young men would be trained not to kill but to build," Sebesho said. "They would be trained in a variety of basic trade skills - as electricians, plumbers, bricklayers and carpenters - which could be developed by formal technikon or technical college training when they leave the service.

"With a disciplined battalion of such men moving in, Soweto could be clean tomorrow.

"The whole of the township could be electrified, everyone would have running water and the squatter problem could be sorted out because there would be a pool of cheap manpower to help build the houses."

APARTHEID BAROMETER

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relations. No black person is employed as a pilot in the SAA.

A TOTAL of 2 160 stolen vehicles have been recovered in Soweto since the beginning of the year. The motor vehicle unit's 11-man field detection squad alone has 38 recovered 717 stolen vehicles since its inception in July 1990. The squad had also made 317 arrests, found 14 AK-47 rifles and worked 11 800 hours overtime.

lished on 6 December 1991 and became effective from that date;

- (2) (a) yes, a medical technologist must formally apply to the South African Medical and Dental Council for authority to enter into private practice. Proof must be submitted of having had at least two years post registration experience in an appropriate category; and
- (b) the Council determines which tests may be performed by the applicant.

Orderly medicine provision/good dispense practice

358. Mrs C H CHARLEWOOD asked the Minister of National Health:

Whether, with reference to her reply to Question No 13 of 26 February 1992 in regard to the ruling by the Appellate Division that the provisions of the Medicines and Related Substances Control Act are not applicable to the State, she has taken any action in terms of the National Policy for Health Act, No 116 of 1990, to ensure orderly medicine provision and good dispense practice; if not, why not; if so, (a) what action and (b) when?

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The MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH:

No, the Health Matters Committee at a recent meeting took a decision whereby the individual members of the health family within the public sector are bound to adhere to the spirit of the requirements of the Medicines and Related Substances Control Act, 1965 (Act 101 of 1965).

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General Affairs:

Afforestation permits: East Griqualand

4. Mr P T C NAPIER asked the Minister of Water Affairs and Forestry:

- (1) Whether any assurances were given in the recent past to the effect that no more afforestation permits would be issued in respect of East Griqualand; if so, (a) when, (b) why and (c) by whom;
- (2) whether such permits are still being issued in respect of East Griqualand; if so, (a) why and (b) to what extent;
- (3) whether his Department intends taking any action against persons contravening regulations in this regard; if not, why not; if so, (a) what action, (b) when and (c) against whom;
- (4) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

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The MINISTER OF WATER AFFAIRS AND FORESTRY:

No, but the total afforestation area for which permits could be allocated, has already been allocated:

- (1) (a), (b) and (c) fall away;
- (2) Yes.
 - (a) If a permit holder's permit expires then a permit for the afforestation area which was coupled thereto, can be allocated.
 - (b) Indeterminable because there is uncertainty whether the existing permit holder's permit will expire.

(3) Yes. (a), (b) and (c) The normal steps are taken when offences come to attention. Offenders are requested to remove the unauthorized trees and if they do not comply they can be prosecuted under the Forest Act, 1984 (Act 122 of 1984).

Suspension of provisions of Defence Act

8. Mr L T LANDERS asked the Minister of Defence:

- (1) Whether, in the re-operated requests into the deaths of Matthew Goniwe, Sparrow Mkhonto, Fort Calata and Siculo Mhlati, he will suspend the relevant provisions of the Defence Act, No 44 of 1957, so as to enable certain witnesses to come forward to give evidence; if not, why not, if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

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The MINISTER OF DEFENCE:

- (1) No. I have no authority to suspend any provision of an Act of Parliament.
- (2) No.

Murder of late member for Alra Park: police investigation

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9. Mr W J DIETRICH asked the Minister of Law and Order:

- (1) Whether, since his reply to Question No 1 on 17 April 1991, any progress has been made in the police investigation into the murder of the late member for Alra Park; if not, why not; if so,
- (2) whether any person has been arrested and/or charged in this connection since then; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

- (1) No. 38
- After the inquest into the death of Mr Jacobs was concluded, the magistrate found that the death was due to a gunshot wound inflicted by an unknown person. At present there is insufficient evidence to charge a specific person for the murder.
- (2) No.
- (3) No.

Own Affairs:

Shortage of school hostel facilities:

Orange Free State

11. Mr P J BERGMAN asked the Minister of Education and Culture:—

- (1) Whether he or his Department is taking any steps to make good the shortage of school hostel facilities in the Orange Free State; if not, why not; if so, what steps;
- (2) whether an increase in the establishment of informal hostels is being experienced in this province; if so, (a) why, (b) to what extent and (c) what steps his Department is taking in respect of the (i) transport costs of pupils living in such hostels and (ii) maintenance of hygienic standards at these hostels;
- (3) whether he or his Department has enquired of the Department of Education and Culture of the Administration: House of Assembly whether there are any allocated or unutilized hostel facilities in the Orange Free State; if not, why not; if so, (4) whether he or his Department has made any attempts to acquire such facilities; if not, why not; if so, (a) what attempts and (b) with what result?

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The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE:

- (1) Yes. School hostels have been erected at Bloemfontein and Kroonstad.

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The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE:

- (2) No. (a), (b) and (c) are therefore not applicable.
- (3) No. The present procedure that is being followed, is that whenever schools and hostels which are controlled by the Department of Education: Administration: House of Assembly fall into disuse, it is offered for taking over by other education departments. Motivated representations for the taking over of such facilities must then be submitted to the Minister of Works: Administration: House of Assembly who shall decide to which education department such facilities will be allocated.
- (4) Not applicable in view of the answer to (3) above.

Rand Education College: staff/first-year students

14. Mr A J ROPER asked the Minister of Education and Culture:—

- (1) (a) How many staff members are attached to the Rand Education College at present and (b) in respect of what date is this information furnished;
- (2) whether the staff of this college (a) was reduced recently and (b) is to be reduced in the near future; if so, (i) when, and (ii) why, in each case;
- (3) how many first-year students (a) were admitted to this college at the beginning of 1992 and (b) will be admitted to it at the beginning of 1993;
- (4) whether (a) failed candidates and (b) pregnant women are going to be part of the number of first-year students who are to be admitted in respect of the 1993 study year; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (5) how many persons (a) were enrolled as students and (b) qualified as teachers at this college in each of the latest specified five years for which information is available?

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The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE:

- (1) (a) 40. 35
- (b) 1 January 1992. 38
- (2) (a) Yes.
- (i) 1 January 1992.
- (ii) The staff establishment of all colleges of education is reviewed annually, according to personnel provisioning scales, based on student figures as prescribed by the Commission for Administration.

(b) Yes.

(i) 1 January 1993.

(ii) The same as for (a)(ii) above.

(3) (a) 90.

(b) As yet the figure has not been determined.

(4) (a) Yes. Students who fail are not excluded from re-admission to an education college. As a result of other disciplinary action against a student, however, re-admission of a candidate who failed cannot immediately take place in the year that follows but may be approved at a later stage.

(b) If women students become pregnant between the time of selection of students and the time of joining the college, they will not be approved for teacher training. If a woman student has her studies interrupted in her first year because of pregnancy, she may be part of the first year quota of the following year.

(5) Year (a) Students enrolled for final year (b) Qualified teachers

Year	(a) Students enrolled for final year	(b) Qualified teachers
1988	193	159
1989	185	161
1990	151	116
1991	144	131
1992	176	

Pupils who passed Standard 7: certain schools

18. Mr P T C NAPIER asked the Minister of Education and Culture:

- (a) How many pupils passed Standard 7 at the (i) Dundee Primary School, (ii) Chelmsford Primary School, Newcastle, (iii) Limit Hill Primary School, Ladysmith, (iv) Vryheid Primary School, (v) Utrecht Primary School and (vi) Floraton Primary School at the end of 1991 and (b) how many such pupils were attending the (i) Haythorne High School, (ii) Harding Senior Secondary School and (iii) Sunnydale Senior Secondary School as at the latest specified date in 1992 for which information is available?

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The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE:

- (a) (i) 25
- (ii) 23
- (iii) 28
- (iv) 24
- (v) 13
- (vi) 0. The curriculum extends up to and including Standard 5 only.
- (b) (i) 53
- (ii) 0
- (iii) 11.

School hostel accommodations: Estcourt

19. Mr P T C NAPIER asked the Minister of Education and Culture:

- (1) Whether any school hostel accommodation is available in Estcourt for pupils falling under his Department; if not, why not; if so, where;
- (2) whether any pupils will be accommodated there in 1993; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

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A-G to act in pension fraud

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THE docket of a fraud case to which former Kagiso town clerk Mr Mike van Rensburg is allegedly connected has been forwarded to the Attorney-General.

The case follows the disappearance of more than R300 000 from the council's trust fund for the pensions of employees and municipal police.

West Rand police have been investigating the alleged fraud since November last year.

Money contributed by 500 members of the National

By VICTOR TSUAI

Union of Public Service Workers (Kagiso region) have allegedly been misappropriated over a certain period.

Van Rensburg was suspended late last year. In April this year he asked to take early retirement.

The Kagiso township administrator, Mr CJ de Bruyn, confirmed that an investigation into pension fund irregularities was being conducted.

Crime threat to Soweto power

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The soaring crime rate in Soweto is threatening the electricity supply to the township, according to an Eskom statement.

Eskom yesterday said its operation in Soweto was falling victim to criminals. Last week a cashier at one of Eskom's pay outlets was robbed at gunpoint of R15 000.

This followed incidents in which nine Eskom vehicles were hijacked and cable workers in the area were shot at after their vehicle was forcibly taken by a group of youths.

Eskom project manager for Soweto, Paul Mare, said the quality and level of service

Eskom could offer consumers depended on the amount of co-operation the electricity utility could get.

"We are committed to give our best, but we cannot afford to continue losing equipment and vehicles and exposing our staff to danger," Mr Mare said. — Sapa.

Beating by police alleged

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By Bronwyn Wilkinson
Crime Reporter

A security officer who came to the rescue of a damsel in distress in Hillbrow early yesterday was stabbed and beaten up and then, he said, spent several uncomfortable hours in police hands.

Koos Botha (26) of Crime Watch heard a woman screaming in Kotze Street.

"I tried to help her, but this man came up and stabbed me in the left hand," he said.

Mr Botha said he beat his attacker up, and nine policemen from the Alexandra internal stability unit, who had seen the fight, beat him.

"After they beat me, my partner and I could not get these policemen to tell us where they were from, so we jumped in our car and followed them," Mr Botha said.

He said they followed the police vehicle down Louis Botha Avenue, but just before they reached Orange Grove, one of the policemen took aim at the pursuing security car.

"We followed them into a dark road, where they stopped and a traffic officer stopped us. I asked him for help, but he said he would keep us there and they should get away."

Mr Botha said he and his partner then went to the Bramley police station to report the incident.

"The officer on duty, a Constable Viljoen, phoned the Alexandra internal stability unit and said: 'I've got two moffies who want to know where you are stationed.'"

Witwatersrand police spokesman Warrant Officer Andy Pieke confirmed the matter is being investigated.

Eskom supplies threatened

RAMPANT crime in Soweto was threatening the continued provision of electricity to the township, Eskom said yesterday.

Eskom spokesman Paul Maré said in a statement employees were afraid of working in Soweto because of the alarming incidence of crime.

And the Soweto Civic Association (SCA) claimed criminals were targeting Telkom and Putco workers.

Maré said a number of Eskom vehicles had been hijacked in the township recently, and last week a cashier was robbed of R15 000 at one of the utility's pay outlets.

"Two weeks ago, cable workers working in the township were shot at after their vehicle had been forcibly taken by a group of youths," he said, adding that none of the workers was injured.

A Soweto police spokesman could not confirm any of the incidents yesterday.

Maré said Eskom was committed to rendering service in Soweto "but we cannot

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afford to continue exposing our staff to danger".

While staff members were "nervous" about working in the township Eskom was not considering withdrawing its services from Soweto.

He said the Soweto community should "care for our workers so that we can get on with the great task ahead".

SCA general secretary Pat Lephunya condemned the criminal activities, which he said were largely concentrated in Diepkloof and were directed not only at Eskom's workers but also at Telkom and Putco employees.

"Development cannot be hampered by ordinary criminals. We will urge our branches and block committees to act against thuggery," Lephunya said.

He said the SCA could help Eskom's

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employees by providing them with "bodyguards".

Soweto civic leader Nthato Motlana concurred with Lephunya, saying: "We need to protect Eskom workers."

Motlana said if attacks on Eskom's personnel were tolerated there would come a time when "meter readers will have to be protected with machine-guns — just like in South America".

Soweto Anti-Crime Initiative member

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Shimane Khumalo said the attacks were "unfortunate and disturbing as they are interrupting essential services".

Putco MD Jack Visser said he had heard there were problems in Diepkloof but had not received "a clear message that it is serious".

Eskom recently took over the supply of electricity in Greater Soweto — Diepmeadow, Dobsonville and Soweto — from local municipalities.



Cops hacked, stoned to death

By Kenosi Modisane

TWO policemen were hacked and stoned to death and three people were necklaced in separate unrest related incidents on the Reef at the weekend.

The policemen, constables MA Sefatsa (33) and SD Kona (29) - were found partially covered with rocks at Kwaggastroom Station near Sebokeng Zone 10, in the Vaal Triangle, at 11am yesterday.

In Sharpeville, also in the Vaal Triangle, police found the charred bodies of two people who had been necklaced on Saturday night.

In Soweto, an unidentified man was killed and set alight at a football ground at Meadowlands Hostel yes-

■ Rampaging mob rob policemen of their 9mm pistols and private car in a bloody Reef weekend:

terday afternoon.

The body of another man, who had been hacked to death, was found near Dube Hostel yesterday afternoon.

In Dube, Soweto, a man was killed in an attack by an unknown group while in Mapetla, a house was extensively damaged in a petrol bomb attack.

Witwatersrand policeman spokesman Colonel Malherbe said the two policemen had also been robbed of their 9mm pistols and a private vehicle.

"The constables, who were attached to the Vereeniging Crime Prevention Unit, had been missing since Saturday afternoon," Malherbe said.

In their latest report for the 24-hour period ending at midnight on Saturday, the SAP's public relations division reported that the body of a man who had been shot was found in Alexandra Township.

Sapa reports that two people were shot dead and six wounded in an ambush at Kranskop near Greytown in the Natal Midlands on Saturday.

According to an initial police report, gunmen armed with AK-47's and 9mm pistols fired on a family of six and friends who had returned from Johannesburg with the body of a relative killed on the Reef.

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SAP success 'proves dedication'

Recent successes of special units proved that the police were determined to carry out their duties effectively, the public relations department of the SAP said yesterday.

The Motor Vehicle Theft Unit in Benoni, for instance, had recovered 341 vehicles worth more than R9 million during the first week of July.

The Narcotics Bureau had arrested 346 people and seized 1 898 Mandrax tablets, 7 463 kg of dagga and 8 839 litres of alcohol. — Crime Staff.

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BUSINESS Pensioners and civil servants hard hit by bank move ● Farmers threaten strike

Bank closure decried

■ **PUBLIC OUTCRY** FNB closes its

Elim branch after robbery - now clients must travel 30km to do banking:

By Don Seokane

BUSINESSMEN around Elim, near Louis Trichardt in the far Northern Transvaal, have slammed the closure of the First National Bank branch in the area as killing black business.

The branch has been closed as a result of a robbery about a month ago and FNB management said the area was risky for the continued operation of the branch. However, FNB's clients criticised the bank's decision as the closure of the branch would force them to do their banking about 30km away at Louis Trichardt.

Said one businessman: "The branch had a lot of people patronising it. Our clients changed their cheques at the branch and then bought their requirements from us. Now they are being made to go to town and patronise white shops."

The bank's decision affects pensioners and civil servants employed by the Gazankulu government in the area who receive FNB cheques.

Distressed FNB clients and businessmen said the closure of the branch was unrealistic as it was the first time that the branch was robbed and that it was surprising that the bank decided to close the branch because of the robbery.

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Squatters' resettlement unlawful, hearing told

PRETORIA — Losses suffered by Diepsloot landowners as a result of property devaluation after the resettlement of the Zevenfontein squatters should be sufficient grounds for halting the move, the Pretoria Supreme Court heard yesterday.

H Steyn, counsel for the Diepsloot Residents and Landowners Association, told Judge IWB de Villiers that the Transvaal Administrator had not exercised his discretion properly when he had decided to relocate the Zevenfontein squatters to Diepsloot, north of Johannesburg.

In terms of legislation, Steyn said, the administrator was also not entitled to resettle the squatters at Diepsloot. **BLDAM 2217192**

Steyn said the relocation of the squatters would unlawfully interfere

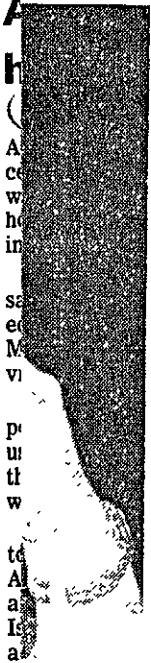
with the rights of Diepsloot residents and landowners.

The squatters would create a nuisance and landowners feared that the ground water supply would turn into a health risk as there were no facilities or services available at the proposed resettlement site.

Residents in the surrounding area also feared that crime would increase once the squatters were resettled at Diepsloot.

Two companies, Johannesburg Consolidated Investment and Eloff Street Farms, as well as three representatives of the local authority dealing with the squatters, were on Monday joined as parties in the court application to halt the resettlement.

Although the squatters had also been joined as a party, they were not represented. — Sapa.



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Operation Alpo cuts deaths

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AN intensified SAP and SADF crime prevention campaign in two unrest plagued Reef townships — Alexandra and Phola Park — has led to nearly 1 000 arrests since it began in June.

More than 50 firearms, including AK-47 rifles and submachine pistols, have been confiscated in Operation Alpo, Witwatersrand police spokesman Frans Malherbe said yesterday. Several hand grenades and stolen goods valued at thousands of rands were also seized.

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He said the media and certain political organisations had given the impression recently that the SAP was incapable of protecting the public.

But violent deaths in Alexandra, which in recent months had totalled more than 200 a week, were now down to an average of two a week.

The situation at Phola Park and Alexandra — where police were marked as targets — was "almost back to normal", Malherbe said.

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Alex, Phola Park 'quieter'

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By Stan Hlophe

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Crime and political unrest in Alexandra and Phola Park have dropped "considerably" since the Witwatersrand police Inter-
nal Stability Unit and the SADF moved into the areas on May 29, police report.

Detailing the success of Operation Alpo — conducted between May 29 and July 8 — police liaison officer Colonel Frans Malherbe said 938 people were arrested in the two townships in this period.

More than 150 illegal and stolen goods — including AK 47 rifles, pistols, revolvers, forged identity documents, Pan Africanist Congress flags and insignia of the Azanian People's Liberation Army — were confiscated.

He said 525 people were treated for serious wounds in Alexandra between March and May. Since police moved in, only 14 had been treated

for serious wounds.

Seven murders had been reported since Operation Alpo began, compared with 250 over March and May.

Colonel Malherbe attributed the success rate to the police and SADF visibility in the areas, and co-operation from the residents.

The Interim Crisis Committee (ICC) was also co-operating with police, he said.

"If the police and residents can co-operate, we can ensure that crime and violence are brought to a minimum.

"The police have been vilified and maligned by many organisations and, of course, by sections of the media. "Certain politicians and theologians have accused us of having no regard for black lives," the colonel said.

"At the same time, our policemen are being attacked and murdered in ever increasing numbers. To date, 45 policemen have lost their lives in the Witwatersrand region and nationally, the figure is 111," he said.

Alleged E Tvl assassin isn't our man - ANC

By Bronwyn Wilkinson
Crime Reporter

The ANC yesterday vehemently denied that a man arrested in the eastern Transvaal in connection with the murder of an 18-year-old schoolboy, a Secunda cafe owner and four Inkatha Freedom Party members was an ANC-trained assassin.

ANC eastern Transvaal publicity secretary Jackson Mthembu was reacting to a report in an Afrikaans newspaper yesterday that Mzwandile Gushu (29) had been a trained

assassin working within the ANC Youth League in Secunda.

Mr Mthembu confirmed that Mr Gushu had been arrested at a hospital in Secunda shortly after 18-year-old Morgenzon schoolboy Dawid du Bruin was shot dead with an AK-47 rifle in Evander on July 1.

But, he added, the ANC "never hired Mr Gushu or any other person to engage in the alleged activities, it has no assassins within its ranks and it has no policy of engaging its members in assassinations".

He charged that the report

was "dangerously misleading, sensational and downright malicious". STAN 23/7/92

According to police, Mr Gushu allegedly admitted in a statement made to a magistrate that he had attempted to murder Ali Ntsibi, the mayor of a township near Piet Retief, who was shot last year. Mr Ntsibi's brother-in-law was killed in the attack.

He also allegedly admitted that he killed Sabata Zwane of Wesselton last year, Chris Mgwanya and his wife in April

this year and Advice Kwala of Langverwacht in November last year.

Mr Gushu is also accused of taking part in the killing of a cafe owner in Bekker, near Secunda, last year in an attempted robbery by a group of men. It is alleged that Mr Gushu identified his five accomplices as Lucky Mbuqe (24), Lucky Mbokane (23), Brian Ngwmpela (23), Willie Nkosi (28) and a 16-year-old youth.

The six appeared in court in Evander on Monday and the case was postponed to August 3.

STEPHANE BOTHMA

BURGLARS drilled open eight private safety deposit boxes at the JSE and made off with what sources believe could be several million rands in cash, as well as gold coins and documents.

JSE executive president Roy Andersen confirmed the burglary, but said yesterday reports of large amounts of cash and securities being stolen were unfounded.

"The items stolen were brokers' personal possessions and not securities or assets belonging to investors," Andersen said.

The theft occurred over the weekend and was discovered on Monday morning when security guards found the main safe door — only accessible from the trading floor — open and eight private safety deposit boxes empty, police said yesterday.

Millions feared lost in burglary at JSE

The amount of money involved had not yet been established, but police could not deny claims that it ran into millions.

Police said they had not received a full list of the emptied boxes' contents and could not force owners to disclose items.

Although eight boxes were forced open, two were empty at the time. The burglars forced open the safe door and drilled open the safety deposit boxes. Several fingerprints were left. (38) (27)

Police are investigating the possibility that people working at the JSE may be responsible for the theft.

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into cell

By Rochelle
Gosling-Hughes

Policemen who allegedly beat a car thief suspect unconscious, dumped him on a cell floor where he was left for more than six hours before an ambulance was called, the Johannesburg Regional Court heard yesterday.

Fellow prisoner Clifford Prins, who was in a cell in the General Johan Coetzee police station, in Newlands, Johannesburg, was testifying at the trial of four men who allegedly caused the death of Johannes Theme on July 28 1990.

Three are policemen — Constables Christiaan van der Walt (24), Sarel du Plessis (25) and Jan Meyer (28) — and the fourth is Jacobus Pretorius (29) the owner of the car Mr Theme allegedly stole.

They have pleaded not guilty to a charge of culpable homicide.

Duty officer Sergeant Kobus Laubscher called a paramedic who told him Mr Theme had brain damage.

Sergeant Albert Adams, testified he had seen Constable du Plessis kicking Mr Theme as he lay on the charge office floor.

The trial continues.

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Bop murder: three face

trial in SA

Staff Reporters

Three white men, arrested in Thaba Nchu in connection with the brutal killing of a black resident of the Bophuthatswana town, will be tried for murder in South Africa.

Jerome Gaeswe (24), a shop assistant known as "Tex" to his friends, was buried in Thaba Nchu on Saturday.

Police say he was savagely assaulted shortly after midnight in Thaba Nchu on July 11. His body was found near the Thaba Nchu/Botshabelo Road — in SA territory — at 7.30 am.

Because Mr Gaeswe's body was found in South Africa, the charges by Bophuthatswana authorities against Willem Myburgh (26), Jeremy Grant (34) and Petrus Buys (28) were withdrawn and the SAP took over.

The three men appeared in the Botshabelo Magistrate's Court last Tuesday. The case was postponed to August 14 for further investigation.

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Vista registrar faces inquiry

THE financial registrar of Vista University has been called before an internal inquiry after it was revealed that his son-in-law made an estimated R500 000 in commission by investing R9-million of Vista subsidies in two five-year policies with Sanlam insurance.

Although the financial committee approved of the investments they were unaware that it was done through Johan Strydom, son-in-law of financial registrar Chris van Niekerk.

Strydom is a representative at the Overkruin branch of Sanlam in Pretoria.

Vista rector, Professor Schalk Engelbrecht, said that investments should be done through the Sanlam head office and not through a branch, but he stressed that Vista had not lost any money as a result of it being placed through Strydom.

However City Press has been told that Strydom, his branch manager Johan Kruger and regional manager Hans de Beer,

By DESMOND BLOW

could have earned as much as R720 000 in commission on the two policies – one for R5-million and the second for R4-million.

The first policy was placed in April last year when Strydom was engaged to one of Van Niekerk's four daughters and the second was placed later in the year after the couple were married.

Strydom's success in obtaining the high investments from Vista would – apart from the high commissions he earned – also make Strydom a star performer among the Sanlam agents and could bring him further bonuses.

Although Engelbrecht said that the paying of the commissions did not effect Vista's investments as such, he confirmed that had the investments gone through Sanlam head office directly, Vista could have prob-

ably received a large donation from Sanlam.

Engelbrecht defended Vista's action in investing part of their government subsidies, despite the fact there was not sufficient money for capital expenditure.

He said that while awaiting approval for certain capital expenditure the money would lie idle and it was in Vista's interest to earn on the money while it was not being used.

However, he admitted that money was usually invested for short periods and a five-year investment was unusual.

He said the investigation into the manner in which Van Niekerk had invested the R9-million had been completed and that it was now up to the disciplinary committee to decide what action should be taken against him.

If found guilty of unethical behaviour he could be let off with a reprimand or could face dismissal.

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assaults up 25 percent

By David Katz (38)

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Reported assaults in the Johannesburg CBD in the last three months increased by almost 25 percent compared with 1991 figures for the same period, say police.

Statistics provided by the Witwatersrand SAP public relations department show motor vehicle thefts in the CBD up by 16 percent and

armed robberies by 11 percent since 1991.

Reports of robbery — including muggings — increased by about 6 percent. Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said between 25 and 31 muggings were reported a month. Members of the public provided a ready market for the muggers by buying their stolen goods as "bar-gains", he said.

Captain Opperman advised

women not to wear expensive jewellery which might attract potential muggers.

He said more police had been deployed in the CBD since February this year but there were simply not enough police to "put a policeman on every street corner". SA Chamber of Business (Sacob) Business Watch co-ordinator Gerald Heine said the increase in crime in the CBD was directly linked to a shortage of policemen.

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Instituit, the Johannesburg Chamber of Commerce and the Central Johannesburg Partnership had made representations to Government to address crime in the CBD, Mr Heine said.

Big business was moving out of the city and tourists were avoiding it, he said.

Southern Sun Group managing director Ron Stringfellow said that although the Johannesburg Sun had not seen "significant cancellations", in-

creased crime did affect occupancies of hotels in the city.

If crime in the CBD continued "there would no doubt be cancellations", he said.

Johannesburg City Council security subcommittee chairman Councillor Koos Roets said people working in the city had become despondent about the high crime rate. Not enough policemen were deployed, he said.

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Man forced into dustbin,



Toll of train violence in two years near 300

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RAY HARTLEY

AT LEAST 20 rail commuters have died violently in the past two weeks, bringing the death toll since July 1990 to nearly 300.

A Human Rights Commission (HRC) report released today said 295 rail commuters had been killed, nine on the East Rand on Wednesday.

Police said yesterday they were searching commuters on an ad hoc basis at Johannesburg Station in an effort to enforce a ban on weapons. Additional manpower could be deployed to assist with train security, they said.

Referring to the proposed "rail guard", police said: "A project has already been launched and the first formal report will be presented to the SA Rail Commuter Corporation on September 15."

Witwatersrand police spokesman W/O Andy Pieke said yesterday it was too early to say with certainty what had caused the latest spate of attacks, but they could have been revenge attacks sparked off by earlier killings.

Sapa reports police shot and injured a man and a woman in Phola Park yesterday, after they were attacked by angry residents at the conclusion of a crime prevention operation.

A policeman fired into a crowd after stones were thrown at police, a police spokesman said.

Police said they detained nine people in

the operation for offences ranging from murder to possession of dagga.

The ANC-linked Peace Action Group slated the exercise as harassment of local residents. "Shack doors were broken down and teargas was used. All men were herded into two yards created with razor wire and were forced to stand in the rain for approximately five hours," it claimed.

Renewed calls for the Goldstone commission to investigate violence in the Esikhawini area were issued yesterday following the killing of eight people there on Wednesday.

ANC northern Natal chairman Aaron Ndlovu also reiterated a call following the killings for the permanent presence of UN violence monitors in the region.

SA women should condemn acts of aggression and urge government to bring perpetrators of violence to book, African Women's Organisation of Azania (AWO) president Ellen Mthopeng said yesterday.

She said AWO, the PAC women's wing, wanted to point out most victims of violence "happen to be women and children".

SA women should therefore bring pressure to bear on government to stop its "delaying tactics" and to arrest and prosecute the perpetrators of violence.

Justice unable to cope, says Von Lieres

CHARLIE PRETZLIK

THE criminal justice system was unable to deal adequately with rising crime levels, Witwatersrand Attorney-General Klaus von Lieres und Wilkau told a conference of the SA Security Association at Nasrec yesterday.

Intimidation of witnesses and delays in summoning the police resulted in insufficient evidence to charge criminals.

One result of this was the fact that during the past

year more than 1 000 politically related killings in the East Rand region had gone unsolved, he said.

Pointing to the increased prominence of "people's courts" in townships, Von Lieres said the criminal justice system faced a crisis of legitimacy.

"If this problem is not dealt with then we will be on the slippery slide to anarchy," he warned.

Government had already taken steps in the right direction by repealing discriminatory legislation, but more needed to be done to encourage the black community to assist in sentencing cases in court, he said.

"Moves are also afoot to take some of the weight off the criminal justice system by transferring more responsibilities for matters like traffic offences and violent disputes onto justices of the peace."

Nicro Soweto to hold AGM

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The Soweto branch of the National Institute for the Prevention of Crime and Rehabilitation of Offenders (Nicro) is to hold its 11th annual general meeting at Nicro Service Centre, Mofolo South, at 2 pm on Sunday.

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The AGM's theme is "community involvement in the prevention of crime and violence"

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and the guest speaker is Soweto community leader Ishmael Mkhabela.

Nicro regional community developer Shimane Khumalo has called on Soweto residents to attend Sunday's meeting, and to take out membership or become volunteers so as "to help in this task of tackling crime and violence". — Staff Reporter.

2 metro**600 new policemen set
to tackle city crime**By Charmeela Bhagawat

Six hundred new armed police assistants will be deployed in Johannesburg on Monday to combat the high crime rate in the city.

Crime Prevention Unit (CPU) commander Captain Petrus Jacobus Peché said the move was "part and parcel" of Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel's anti-crime drive announced earlier this year. It was "all about visibility", and the uniformed policemen would cover every part

of the city, he said at a Johannesburg press conference yesterday.

About 340 of the policemen would join the CPU and patrol the city on foot, and 200 of them would be deployed to police stations around the city, said Captain Peché. Others would join Johannesburg's Business Watch and the Tourist Assistance Unit.

Captain Peché said the men were all recruited from Johannesburg and had undergone 12 weeks of intensive training — similar to training given to other policemen.

They had undergone a se-

ries of mental and physical tests, especially on the use of weapons. They would be closely supervised, and would be in constant radio contact with CPU headquarters, he said.

The men were required to speak and write one of the official languages, have at least a Std 6 education, be between the ages of 18 and 45, have a good character and be mentally and physically fit.

Captain Peché said the SAP would continue to expand the CPU, and there were moves to extend Business Watch to Fordsburg, Mayfair and Johannesburg's southern areas.

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Staggering rise in white-collar crime

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By Charmeela Bhagawat
Crime Staff

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White-collar crime and fraud increased by a "staggering" 67 percent in the past five years, Witwatersrand Attorney-General Klaus von Lieres und Wilkau said in Johannesburg yesterday.

He was speaking at Anglo American's Central Training Unit fraud seminar.

He said the Witwatersrand Commercial Crime Unit had about 840 cases of serious fraud on its books in June. The value of only about half of these crimes could be determined — and that amounted to nearly

R600 million, he said. He predicted the total amount would exceed R1 billion.

Syndicate frauds such as foreign exchange "round-tripping" involved about R242 million and "ordinary frauds" totalled R232 million.

He added: "The policing levels provided in the Witwatersrand Local Division to combat fraud in its various guises are substantially inadequate."

Inexperienced policemen were being drafted into the police force to combat crime while older policemen needed for their experience and expertise were being offered early retirement at the age of 50.

He said that "to prevent the position from getting totally out

of hand" he had taken more than 4 200 fraud cases from the Fraud Unit.

He had formed a special fraud unit to "enable the police to keep abreast with current cases". The unit, formed in June, operated from the Attorney-General's office.

He said the cost of fraud to employees, companies and the entire economy was staggering. It affected profitability, credibility, self-esteem and ethical standards.

Mr von Lieres urged companies to be the vanguard leading the attack against fraud, to have integrated corporate strategies to prevent crime, and have adequate and efficient stock and asset controls.

Police incompetent, say Yeoville women

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By Susan Smuts

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Women living in Yeoville claim the police have been incompetent in tracking down the serial rapist who has attacked at least 10 women and is still terrorising the Johannesburg suburb.

Some of the rapist's victims are in contact with each other and have spent time and effort trying to help police track him down. They and other concerned residents have formed street committees. On Saturday they held a picket in Bellevue.

A lack of results in the police investigation has led the vic-

tims — and many potential victims — to consider asking that the case be transferred to the East Rand or Brixton murder and robbery squads.

Among the criticisms of the police are:

- A sculpted head of the rapist — shown by police to the press — does not look like him. A photo of the bust was published although three of the victims stated it bore no resemblance to their attacker and another three have not seen it. Victims are working on another bust.
- Two identikits earlier released to the press were inaccu-

rate, yet victims were not given the opportunity to rectify them.

- Suggestions and leads have not been followed up.
- Police neglected to inspect the premises and escape route the rapist used after one attack.
- Fingerprints from two of the houses were lost because police did not have the correct equipment with them at the time.
- The police have refused to tell a victim whether sperm samples taken from her matched those of other victims.
- The police reported they were following a lead that a man on a TV advert was the

rapist — days after a victim said he was not the man.

Though Yeoville police have set up patrols and respond to calls promptly, victims say there is little co-ordination between Yeoville and Hillbrow police, who are both investigating.

The investigating officer, Colonel Henri Basson, could not be reached for comment yesterday, but police spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe said: "It is absolutely unfair that people are pointing fingers at the police. It is sheer ingratitude for what the police are doing."

Rich now feel the pinch

Crime Reporter

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maintain their high standards of living.

The recession has hit even affluent suburbs so hard that residents have taken to shoplifting at an alarming rate. They are "not stealing for fun, but to survive", a surveillance company general manager said yesterday.

Securisearch general manager Bryan McDermott said the recession, retrenchment and unemployment were forcing people in "mink and manure belts" to pinch to

The highest incidence of shoplifting countrywide were recorded at the Sandton City and Eastgate shopping complexes, where most perpetrators were "white-collar workers". Shoplifting was no longer a crime committed primarily by the poor, he said.

According to Mr McDermott, retailers stand to lose R1 billion to shoplifting and internal theft this year.

focus on Rape

STAFFERS AT THE Medico-Legal Clinic at the Baragwanath Hospital believe the figure of 880 rapes reported in Soweto between March and August this year to be a mere five percent of the total number of women raped.

Women officers of the South African Police at the centre who take statements from rape complainants said most victims did not report the assaults to the police.

The women officers at the centre said they could imagine what it felt like to be a victim of a sexual attack.

"Working with rape victims can easily drive you to being a man-hater," one officer said.

It even gave rise to a tendency not to trust men, including husbands. "You get worried when your child is with a man," said one officer.

The officers said some women refused to lay charges against the molesters of their children, particularly if the culprit was a relative or spouse.

Revenge attacks

Other parents who refused to lay charges said they feared revenge attacks, while some accepted financial compensation from friends or relatives of a rapist.

An officer at the clinic recalled that a man who raped his own daughter, aged four, said he wanted to "taste a virgin".

An interview with staffers at the clinic also pinpoints reasons why some people will not lay charges of rape against people who are often known to them.

"In April a six-year-old child was raped. As a result she was infected with a venereal disease," said one officer.

"After a lengthy questioning of the child's mother it turned out that the girl was raped by her stepfather," the officer said.

The mother was reluctant to lay a charge because she feared her relationship with her husband might come to an end.

Signs of pregnancy

The officers said some victims only came to the police when there were signs of pregnancy.

"Recently a woman came here after giving birth. She wanted to abandon the child because it was a product of rape.

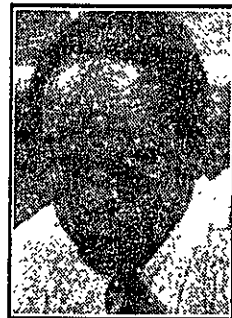
"She said she did not report the case because she feared being scorned by neighbours," an officer said.

Three weeks ago a man raped the 12-year-old granddaughter of a woman with whom he was having an affair.

The girl told her grandmother, who took her to a local doctor.

The grandmother refused to lay a charge because she wanted to keep her affair - not her

Women police officers who interview rape victims at the Medico-Legal Clinic at Baragwanath Hospital believe that the 880 rape cases reported in Soweto between March and August this year is only the tip of an iceberg. **Abbey Makoe** reports:



Demonstrators on the march against sexual abuse.

marriage - alive.

This case was described as a "typical example" of the behaviour of some adults in the township.

Fifteen women were raped in Soweto during the first three days of this week. Orlando township registered the highest number with six cases.

Soweto police spokesman Colonel Tienie Halgryn said the victims were aged between 15 and 33.

Three were raped in Meadowlands, two in Moroka, one in Diepkloof and one in Dobsonville.

Record of shame

Women raped in March: 184

April: 125

May: 135

June: 130

July: 131

August: 175

First seven days of September: 42

385 extra policemen for PWV trouble spots

Crime Reporter

The Witwatersrand and Vaal Triangle would soon receive 385 extra policemen in an effort to combat crime and political unrest, the police announced yesterday.

Internal Stability Division (ISD) spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Ray Harrald said 50 policemen would be deployed in Soweto, 50 in Diepkloof, 110 in Dunnottar on the East Rand and 175 in Vereeniging and the Vaal Triangle.

He said 86 percent of unrest-related incidents occurred in these areas and the police had decided to increase the force to create stability.

ISD chief Lieutenant-General Johan Swart said yesterday that the idea to deploy extra policemen in Johannesburg to combat crime was proving to be a major success.

He said almost 400 people had been arrested for murder, robbery, rape and theft between August 24 and September 15.

More than 50 stolen vehicles had been recovered and 45 illegal firearms confiscated, he said.

About 4 000 dangerous weapons had been confiscated and forged bank notes totalling R52 000 seized during the period.

Crime workshop ³⁸

THE Soweto Anti-Crime Initiative will hold a workshop at Vista University campus hall on Saturday to discuss plans to combat the escalating crime wave in Soweto.

The workshop, with the theme "Combating crime through alternative community policing", will involve the youth, women, church ministers, civic community leaders, social workers, artists, police, media representatives and business people.

Members of the business sector, religious bodies, social workers and media representatives will deal with community mobilisation and action.

Speakers on the manifestation of crime and its trends in Soweto will be Mr Steve Mokwena, Mrs P Tshabalala, Mr Keith Mageza, Mr Joe Malibo and Mr Derrick Thema.

Sowetan Reporter

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Jo'burg considers special rape court

A SPECIALISED court in Johannesburg for rape cases was under consideration, Johannesburg attorney-general Klaus von Lieres said yesterday. *Blom*

The move follows the creation of a regional rape court in Cape Town, which will begin hearings on an experimental basis from November. *25/9/92*

Von Lieres said he would consult senior prosecutors on whether more specialised rape prosecutors were required, or whether a specific court should be set aside.

"I am glad my colleague in Cape Town (attorney-general Frank Kahn) has taken this initiative. Hopefully it will go some

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way to assisting with the problem," Von Lieres said.

The Cape Town court, with specialised prosecutors and investigators, was set up after the first meeting this week of the Cape Town co-ordinating committee on rape, Sapa reports.

The attorney-general's office would assess the interaction between police and prosecutors.

Psychologists would represent rape victims and funding would be provided by Lawyers for Human Rights.

New police scheme to curb criminals

Spokesman
28/9/92

■ Spokesman says plan was introduced because of tremendous crime rate: 38

By Ike Motsapi

THE South African Police are offering a R1 000 reward for any information that might lead to the arrest and conviction of people involved in unlawful acts.

Members of the public have been asked to provide this information to a committee that will include appointed members, the police and respected leaders.

Persons who provided this information would not be asked to divulge their names.

A police spokesman said the scheme was not a ploy to turn people into police informers. The exercise was aimed at curbing crime.

Colonel Johan Mostert, head of the police


public relations division in Pretoria, said: "On July 1, the crime prevention programme called, 'Crime Stop', was launched.

"Members of the public can telephone the toll-free number 0800-11-12-13 at any time of the day and night and supply information regarding crimes that they have knowledge of.

"For such information a reward, not exceeding R1 000 may be claimed.

"In view of the fact that crime is increasing tremendously and that there are many unsolved cases that have to be closed because eye-witnesses do not come forward for fear of intimidation, this programme offers a solution."

4 nabbed for doctor's killing

Soweto 11/10/92. 
■ Police received a tip-off 30 minutes after Walter's murder:

POLICE yesterday arrested four youths suspected to be involved in the killing of a Baragwanath Hospital doctor on Monday.

Dr Stephan Walter (29) was gunned down in his car near Soweto while he was on his way home.

The youths, aged between 16 and 17, were arrested in Diepkloof, Soweto, after police were tipped off by a member of the public, regional commissioner of Soweto police General Kobus Malan disclosed yesterday.

Malan said a person who phoned them used a police toll-free number about 30 minutes after the shooting.

"I would like to ask the public to please use the toll-free number to report any crimes committed. They do not have to identify themselves," he said.

The youths had stolen firearms when they were arrested, Malan said. ~~an 48~~

The youths were arrested ~~ordered~~ hours after Walter was for.

Meanwhile, the company has offered to pay the costs of tests for residents affected by gas from the fire.

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More police to patrol CBD

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STEPHANE BOTHMA

AN additional 150 detectives would soon be deployed in Johannesburg's CBD to curb the unacceptably high level of crime, deputy Law and Order Minister Gert Myburgh announced yesterday.

The planned deployment followed the formulation of a joint anti-crime strategy between the SAP and the Central Johannesburg Partnership at a meeting held yesterday.

The strategy will be in place by the end of 1992.

By January next year, 250 extra detectives will have been transferred to the central area, including the 100 trained detectives promised by Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel on August 25.

During the past two months, 400 police assistants have also been deployed in the CBD.

The battle against crime should produce tangible results when all elements of the strategy were in place, Myburgh said in a statement issued jointly with the partnership.

Statistics showed that the increase of crime in the city centre had in fact already been curbed but crime remained unacceptably high, Myburgh said.

Police/community forums have already been established in every police station on the Witwatersrand — including those in or near the Johannesburg

CBD to improve co-operation between the community and the SAP, he said.

Extra satellite police stations, in addition to the two already operational in the Small Street Mall and Bank City, were also envisaged for the CBD and its immediate vicinity.

"Should these plans be implemented, it is hoped that six new satellite stations will be established in either Frederick or Delvers Streets in the CBD, in Fordsburg/Mayfair, in Selby, in Wolmarans/Twist Streets, in High Point Centre in Pretoria Street Hillbrow and in Braamfontein," he said.

At a meeting held between the police and the Central Johannesburg Partnership yesterday, it was also decided to monitor the effectiveness of the joint measures implemented, Myburgh said.

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Anti-crime battle gets boost

Staff Reporters

Six more satellite police stations are to be built in central Johannesburg.

This was announced yesterday in a joint statement by the Central Johannesburg Partnership (CJP) and Law and Order deputy minister Gert Myburgh after a meeting between Mr Myburgh, the CJP and police on Wednesday. Satellite stations are to be

set up in Fordsburg/Mayfair, Selby, Hillbrow, Braamfontein, Fredericksburg, Delvervlei, and at the intersection of Wolmarans and Twist streets in Jonhannesburg Park.

They will complement the two satellite stations already operating in the Smal Street Mall and Bank City complex.

Yesterday's statement confirmed that 250 detectives would be stationed in Johannesburg by the beginning of

next year. Since Law and Order Minister Hermus Kriel announced a new crime-fighting plan, 1 100 police assistants have been deployed in the city.

The statement said statistics showed the increase in crime in the city centre had been curbed since the deployment of additional policemen, but that crime rates remained unacceptably high. The statistics have not yet been made public.

Both parties reaffirmed their commitment to working together even more closely to fight crime.

"The battle against the unacceptably high level of crime in central Johannesburg should produce tangible results when all the elements of a joint anti-crime strategy formulated between the SAP and the CJP are in place towards the end of the year," the statement read. Police and community

forums have already been established in every police station on the Witwatersrand to improve co-operation between the community and the police.

Johannesburg management committee chairman Jan Davidsen, who led the CJP delegation, said that for the first time he could see a light at the end of the tunnel. "The meeting was thrilling. What really came across was that the police and the ministers are determined to rid Johannesburg of crime."

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Money or your life

By MOSES MAMAILA

BUSINESS people in Vaal townships are living in constant fear following the emergence of the Mafia's Roll gang which orders them to pay exorbitant protection fees or face robbery and even murder.

The notorious gang has targeted Evaton, Sebokeng and Sharpeville in a terror campaign that has left at least one person dead and a number of businesses robbed.

The gang issues letters or passes the message by telephone, ordering businessmen to pay amounts of up to R3 000. They threaten that should they fail to comply their properties will be destroyed.

Residents say the gang unleashed its reign of terror in June and were assisted by comrades who said they needed the money to buy food as they were guarding the townships against faceless attackers.

But the situation got out of hand when the youths formed themselves into a heavily armed, organised criminal gang.

The gang allegedly gunned down businessman Puncto Kgotha after his family explained that they could not comply with the gang's cash demands.

Police confirmed the incident and said a murder charge was being investigated. No arrests have been made.

Also in Evaton, another victim of the Mafia's Roll gang, Aletta Machobane, 42, gave a chilling account of how the gang robbed her family of more than R11 000 in cash after they ignored the gang's order.

On August 31 the gang dropped a letter in the Machobane's yard "asking for a donation" of R300.

"We took it lightly and just ignored the letter which ordered us to pay or our property would be destroyed.

"We could not just obey the letter because the next one might demand R3 000," said the woman whose husband owns a flourishing coalyard and a tuckshop.

A week later the Mafia's Roll came to the house to carry out their threat. They ransacked the house and stole cash and a firearm.

Another businesswoman, Martha Sandamela, 52, said the gang robbed her of R700 a few days after she failed to comply with the telephonic order to pay R3 000 for her protection.

Although she has lost a house and a shop which was looted by the youths, the latest tragedy happened on Monday this week when the thugs fled with her Toyota Cressida after robbing her of money in the Orange Farm squatter camp.

A businessman who refused to be named revealed that most business owners in the Vaal were paying protection fees to the gang and preferred not to challenge the Mafia because that was tantamount to signing a death warrant.

Approached for comment, ANC PWV regional organiser Simon Tsotetsi said there were gangs in the Vaal terrorising people in the name of the ANC while they were actually thugs who were not members of the organisation.

The matter was receiving the serious attention it deserved, he added.

Asked whether police were aware of the gang, police liaison officer Capt Piet Van Deventer said it was difficult to link every robbery to the gang because there were many criminals in the area.

In response to the township anarchy, Azapo has called on the Vaal Civic Association to disband for "failing to take drastic steps" against thugs terrorising residents in the name of defence units.

Azapo regional chairman Tladinyane Kgodumo said the civic body should dissolve and that a non-aligned civic organisation be established.

Petrified residents pay cash to stay in business

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Living it up down south

By MOSES MAMAILA
 IMMIGRANTS from African countries, particularly Zaire and Nigeria, have invaded Johannesburg.

Many of these foreign men and women stay in luxurious five-star hotels and posh flats while in SA.

But what amazes many locals is that these people, who seem to afford everything an ordinary worker cannot, are apparently not employed, or at least, not formally.

In an attempt to trace what attracted the foreigners and how they survive, City Press conducted an investigation at a Hill-brow flat which houses mainly Zaireans and other foreigners.

Unlike most of the Zaireans there who were suspicious and declined to be interviewed, Perrie, who refused to give his sur-

name, explained that he came to the country because there was a market for his kind of business.

"I sell things you know. All things," he said jokingly, exposing a sparkling golden tooth.

Asked how he bought his materials, which he refused to specify, he replied that he had connections.

"SA is a good place, because if you have money you can enjoy it. There is plenty of fun and much to do here," he said before being called over by a wary colleague.

Although a weekday, there were many people at home who spoke different foreign dialects.

The building is a hive of activity, with foreigners shuffling in and out with huge sealed boxes.

One thing that is evident is business -

but whether legal or otherwise, few people know. Some of these foreigners are being sought by police for drug trafficking and smuggling of illegal materials like protected game hide and horns.

Police narcotics chief Capt HC du Plooy said some Nigerians and Zaireans were involved in a sophisticated drug smuggling network, but they were not alone in this business.

Du Plooy said the smuggling of drugs was not only confined to African immigrants, but other foreigners, including Americans, Italians and Israelis, were active in bringing drugs into the country.

Sounding a warning that the smugglers were dangerous, he said three Nigerians who were arrested last month after being found in possession of

cocaine had escaped from custody.

According to Du Plooy most international drug dealers bring drugs in large quantities and sell them to local dealers.

Foreign dealers were professional and made sure they had all the right travel documents, he said, adding it was difficult to get anything on them because their operations were well planned.

Drugs were brought in on private flights and trans-Africa trucks and were smuggled from neighbouring states through the border fences, he said.

Only this week, about 200 000 mandrax tablets with a street value of about R3-million were confiscated by police, leading to the arrests of three suspects.

The nationalities of the three could not be confirmed.

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Armed suspect may be freed prisoner

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Political Reporter and
Lowveld Bureau

MIDDELBURG — Police are investigating the possibility that one of five men arrested after an armed robbery at a Machadodorp petrol station on Friday is an Umkhonto we Sizwe member released as a political prisoner last week.

The man, who was wounded during a high-speed chase and shootout with the police, is being treated at the Middelburg Hospital.

Asked to comment, Lieutenant-Colonel R M Harrauld of SAP headquarters in Pretoria said last night that a possible connection was being investigated, but he could neither confirm anything nor release any further details.

He said that should any more details come to light they would be immediately released.

Police said five men travelling in an allegedly stolen car robbed the petrol attendant of R1 470 in cash and cheques on Friday morning.

At Middelburg police located

the vehicle and a chase followed.

After a hand grenade was flung at the police car the escaping vehicle swerved into a fence and came to a standstill.

An exchange of fire followed, during which police wounded three of the robbers.

Constable Madelaine Bekker followed the robbers on foot and single-handedly arrested them.

Police later recovered an AK-47 assault rifle, two Star 9 mm pistols, a Taurus 38 special revolver, one Bernardelli 7,65 mm pistol and an HMG 75 hand grenade.

Released

Eleven other criminals were released with gangster Lucky Malaza last week when a number of political prisoners were set free in terms of an agreement reached by the Government and the ANC, according to a Sunday newspaper.

The Sunday Times said the 11, whose names were on the list of political prisoners to be released, included people convicted of stock theft, robbery, housebreaking and possession of dagga, assault, culpable homi-

cide and murder.

Including Mr Malaza, this brings to 12 the known number of common criminals who walked out of prison gates to freedom when political prisoners were released last week.

They are T Mngeni, Thebu Mhlawuli, Christopher Danster, M Mbotyana, Mziwoxolo Chris Makelini, A Tyenele, H Chicken, Ndayithi Delihlazo, Mlandeli Haba, Justice Mamayo and Josiah Tsawane.

All were serving sentences ranging from nine to 28 years for murder and other crimes, including housebreaking, theft and possession of drugs.

The Department of Correctional Services yesterday said the face value of a crime was not an indication of political motives when the offence was committed.

A Correctional Services spokesman said that people should not jump to the conclusion that these incidents did not have a political motive at the time the crimes were committed.

The spokesman further said all the men were on the Human Rights Commission's first list of political prisoners.



GET OFF MY CASE! ... Lucky Malaza says he's staying in Soweto and nowhere else! **BY PIA EVANS MBOVENE**

'Untouchable' Malaza gets folk-hero status

By ELIAS MALULEKE

A BID by the Department of Prison and Correctional Services to return Lucky Malaza to prison has turned the bank robber and murderer into a folk hero.

Although Malaza has admitted that his crimes were not politically motivated, he is now the "untouchable".

Soweto residents are showing increased resistance to the bid by the Department of Correctional Services to have Malaza returned to prison.

Residents want Malaza out and about!

Support for Malaza has also come from the South African Prisoners Organisation for Human Rights (Sapo).

Contrary to reports that he is in hiding, Malaza is living it up in Soweto and the city centre — just like a person who has just returned from an overseas trip, rather than from a cell.

Wherever he goes he is mobbed by youths and elderly people.

Although red-faced prison officials are still trying to have him put back in prison, Malaza — who is said to have stashed his robbery loot — is not at all bothered.

Correctional Services Minister Adriaan Vlok has indicated that he

intends to seek to amend legislation in parliament next week for the re-arrest of Malaza.

However, Malaza is thinking of a future away from a life of crime: he wants to use his loot for business and is scouting around for a taxi of his own.

"The authorities cannot hold me responsible for their own bungle. I won't run and I won't go back. They will have to carry me back to prison dead on a stretcher," he said on Friday.

He refuted allegations that he may have paid a bribe for his release and said: "If that is true, I must be a powerful guy."

The notorious bank robber was released by "mistake" last week among 150 political prisoners, after mistakenly being listed as one by State officials.

He was serving 16 years for various offences, including armed robbery, murder and being in possession of unlicensed firearms. At the time of his release he was also facing another bank robbery charge.

Malaza is now enjoying the protection of political and civic organisations — including the ANC, which he joined last week.

Back home in Fear City

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Sunday Times reporter CHARMAIN NAIDOO arrived back in Johannesburg after an 18-month posting to London and discovered a city living on its nerves

NEVER have I felt such a sense of communal fear. Everyone is afraid — of personal injury by gunmen or knife-wielding criminals, of rape, of robbery, of rampant inflation, of poverty ...

And with good reason. In the 18 months I've been away, three good friends have been raped and everyone I know has been burgled or mugged or had a car stolen.

Within hours of my return from London two colleagues welcomed me home with news that their sons had been killed in the violence — one shot, the other stabbed.

Fierce

The "new" South Africa has unleashed a sinister revival of Us and Them. We are the victims and They the perpetrators of dark and criminal deeds.

I came home expecting closer co-operation and a sense of relief that the horrors of apartheid were finally over. Instead I find a fierce hostility on the streets of Johannesburg.

This grudging sullenness seems to have permeated the service industry. On my first visit to a Yeoville supermar-

ket I watched two women shelf packers turn on an arthritic old woman who'd mumbled a complaint that they were talking too loudly. "We have been kept silent for too long under apartheid. We will not be denied a voice." The store manager looked on silently. Where are the days of the customer always being right?

Later that day I brushed against a pedestrian as we both began to cross Diagonal Street and he turned and glared at me, then spat close to my feet in anger.

People are barricading themselves in. I am a guest in the home of a friend who handed me eight keys which unlock padlocks, deadlocks and Yale locks to allow entry into his thrice-burgled home. It makes me yearn for my tiny London flat where my first-floor sash windows stayed open all summer and where a single key let me in.

The warnings from colleagues came early on my first morning in the office: never leave the building carrying your handbag; don't wear any jewellery; never walk to the car park.

I assumed it was just col-

lective paranoia until individual stories of hold-ups, muggings and stabbings began to unfold. I am afraid, not only of the constant perceived threat to my person and belongings, but also that I will forget to take extra care and end up a victim.

Not that the city centre is terribly appealing, with its dangers and filthy streets. Downtown Johannesburg looks more like an African capital than when I left a year and a half ago — make-shift vending stalls lining the pavements in the shadow of first world buildings, where everything from fruit to shoes, handcuffs to gun holsters can be bought.

The aftermath of a day's trading is evident in the late afternoon when the streets are piled high with litter and filth. Management committee chairman Ian Davidson says the budget for cleaning the city centre has doubled, with streets being swept morning and evening. Yet the seediness remains.

One of my biggest surprises was how expensive South Africa has become in the last two years. Inflation is out of control with prices up

between 40 and 45 percent since I last shopped here. Comparatively, food prices in London are cheaper, even when multiplied by the current R5 to £1 exchange rate.

We've lost something in this New South Africa — I think it's trust. Nobody trusts anyone any more. Hostility has replaced congenial communication, anger has replaced reason, guns have replaced debate. But most important is the ever-present fear that has everyone looking over their shoulders.

Angry

I'm angry that within a few months of being back home, living with the fear will become normal and I will get used to locking myself in and complaining about the violence like everyone else. People have asked what I'll miss most about London. It is the sense of safety I felt living in a country where human life has a value and where anything which threatens the security of the individual is considered a very serious crime.

Until we get rid of the simmering anger and the fear we're doomed.

Another resident, Mr John Pimm, said: "I can't believe they can do something like that. It seems very insensitive."

Crack squad's 'sterling work'

■ Rooiberg police confiscated drugs and weapons worth millions this year:

ENOUGH weapons to equip a small army, dagga with a value of half a billion rand, and stolen goods worth nearly R3 million were confiscated by the South African Police's Criminal Investigation Support Unit at Rooiberg, in the northern Transvaal near Nylstroom, between January 1 and September 30 this year. *Soutan*

Police said yesterday that the unit unearthed 138 AK-47 rifles, 151 pistols and revolvers, 61 homemade firearms and a large number of other weapons and explosives in the first 10 months of the year. *12/10/92*

In addition dagga with a value of R593 873 332 and stolen goods valued at about R300 000 were confiscated. The unit, claimed by the SAP to be regarded as the best tracking force in the world, is mainly to combat cattle theft. - *Sapa*.

MR JOHN MACDONALD said: "The cemetery was taking a lot of space." He said he believed in cremation and therefore the whole fracas was to him "immaterial".

Focus on violence

■ Looking for concrete solutions:

Soutan 12/10/92
By Mokgadi Pela

UMTAPO Centre, an organisation which promotes self-reliance in the black community, is to host a seminar to examine the solutions to the violence in Durban this coming weekend.

The seminar - to be held at the Athlone Hotel - will be addressed by among others Professor Herbert Vilakazi, Linda Zama, Nomavenda Mathiane, Fatima Meer and Eugene Nyati. It runs from October 17 to 18.

In a statement, Umtapo said violence was not restricted to political organisations but afflicted the entire society. Umtapo condemned the "rush" to establish conflict management non-governmental organisations and other dispute resolution bodies, saying they were loaded with private agendas.

Umtapo called for an agenda that was against the use of people's lives for political gain.

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Attacks on elderly increase

Police yesterday expressed deep concern over the increase in violent attacks on the elderly in the past year.

A total of 74 attacks involving 96 elderly people had taken place last month alone, according to police statistics.

Thirteen were murdered, 53 robbed, seven raped and at least three seriously assaulted in September.

Most attacks occurred during the day when senior citizens seemed more lax about personal safety.

Men and women appeared equally at risk, with 46 of the victims women and 41 men.

In the latest incident last Thursday, three gunmen killed Jakobus Groenewald (79) and wounded his sister Maria Elisabeth (81) on their farm Brak-sloot, near Pietersburg.

Police spokesman Lieutenant Brahm du Preez said the murderers had posed as stock buyers. About R70 was stolen from the home.

Groenewald was in a serious condition in the Pietersburg Hospital yesterday, he said.

Police have offered a R5 000 reward for anyone with information leading to the arrest of the assailants.

In an appeal to senior citizens yesterday, police advised them never to leave doors and windows without burglar proofing open or unlocked; never to talk to strangers, especially when alone at home, on a farm or in a car; never to keep watchdogs on a leash; and to instruct domestic workers and labourers to report immediately the presence of strangers on the premises. — Sapa.

DET man in court

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A FORMER regional director of the Department of Education and Training appeared in the Pretoria Regional Court yesterday charged with theft and fraud. Mr Petrus van Rheebe Struwig, a former chief regional director in Johannesburg, appeared with Mr Gert Swart yesterday.

Journal 23/10/92
It is alleged Struwig and Swart stole R62 000 from the DET regional office in Springs between April 1986 and November 1988 and that they raised funds without the department's consent.

They are also accused of having intentionally deceived a Mr Greyling by pretending that R14 000 he owed the DET would have been paid with a cheque made out to Nigel Ford. The cheque was to be handed over to Struwig and Swart.

Toasters gang runs wild after breaking free

By ELIAS MALULEKE

THE third batch of members of the notorious and dangerous "Toasters" gang of Thembisa bolted from their police cells this week while awaiting trial.

This is the third such incident in less than three months since police swooped on the mob in August.

The crack police unit known as "Delta Force" is working around the clock in a bid to recapture the thugs who conducted a reign of terror in the East Rand township.

This time the four escaped from the Kempton Park police cells by cutting the cell bars with a hacksaw.

Late in August, 13 gang members escaped from custody by overpowering two policemen. Nine others made their getaway last month from the Olifantsfontein police cells - also by cutting the cell bars.

Police liaison officer Capt Ida van Zweek said on Friday that there were 28 members of the Toasters still in jail following the re-arrest of three gang members who escaped from the Olifantsfontein cells.

She said two gang members were found murdered in the township, leaving only four Olifantsfontein escapees still unaccounted for.

The four Toasters and a fifth man, who was being held in connection with robbery, escaped from the Kempton Park police station between 3 am and 4 am on Wednesday, sending

Residents claim police assisted in their escape

more shockwaves through Thembisa.

The Toasters were being held in connection with over 200 cases, including numerous counts of alleged assault, rape, robbery and at least 20 counts of murder.

The Toasters have been terrorising Thembisa residents, shebeens owners and motorists for the past two years.

On their arrest police confiscated semi-automatic 9 mm pistols, AK-47s and R1s.

It's alleged the gang have been using the Vusumuzi hostel, an Inkatha stronghold in the township, as their hideout.

The gang is known for allegedly raping women in shebeens while patrons watched, forcing women to bath in tubs filled with beer and then making the men drink the filthy beer.

Residents are now accusing police of being casual in their dealings with the dangerous criminals. They claim some policemen are working with the gang and helped them to escape.

Residents are supported by Japie Mokwebo, the editor of a local newspaper, who has also demanded to know why the gang members, who are

known by the police to be daring and ruthless, were being held in ordinary police cells and not in jails with maximum security.

Mokwebo has in the past been threatened with death for carrying reports about the activities of the thugs by callers claiming to be members of the Toasters.

Van Zweek said residents who have information about any policemen having connections with the gang should come forward because these were serious allegations.

"If any policemen were found to have assisted the gang in any manner whatsoever, the police would not hesitate to take appropriate action," Van Zweek said.

Van Zweek said a total of 34 gang members were arrested by police in numerous raids after the arrest and subsequent escape of the 13 gang members from the Thembisa police station cells.

She said as a result of the re-arrest of some gang members who had escaped from police custody in Olifantsfontein, there were 28 Toasters in jail and the police were hunting for others still on the loose.

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Commercial crime: 31 suspects arrested

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PRETORIA — The SAP's Commercial Branch arrested 31 people countrywide from October 12-19 on charges of commercial crime involving about R30m.

The SAP's liaison department said yesterday those arrested included two directors of a group of companies under liquidation.

Commercial Branch head Maj-Gen Martin Nel said commercial crime largely went unnoticed by the media

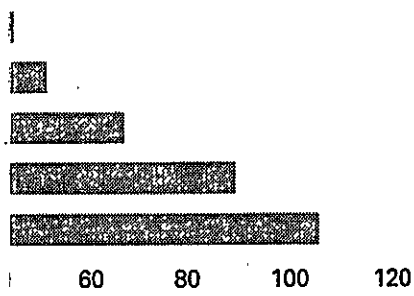
and the public. Between 1987 and 1991 the number of cases reported to police had increased by 70%. (38)

In the Witwatersrand area the Commercial Crime Unit was investigating more than 900 fraud-related cases involving several billion rands.

"We need the media to take up the public outcry ... innocent victims are being exploited by fraudsters, swindlers and commen," he said. — Sapa.



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BIDAM 28/10/92

VEREENIGING — A Sebokeng South municipal police constable and Casspir driver told the Goldstone commission yesterday that another policeman and witness visited his home and accused him of allowing white men to use his Casspir on the night of the Boipatong massacre. (278)

Const Phafodi Khanye told the commission he had then told Const Diau Monare this was not possible because Monare was with him in the Casspir on a patrol of Boipatong that night.

Monare told the commission last week that when the vehicle arrived at Kwa-Madala Hostel soon after the attack, three internal stability unit members carrying balaclavas alighted from a Nyala armoured vehicle and told them to leave. (278)

This was denied by Khanye, who said the internal stability unit policemen did not alight from their vehicle or speak to the municipal policemen.

Monare, however, had said they were told by the commander of the Nyala that the hostel was a unit post and had nothing to do with the municipal police.

Monare said he felt disappointed at the time because the unit had prevented them from arresting the prime suspects.

The commission adjourned until tomorrow for closing argument. — Sapa.

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Blueprint was not meant to aid Unita, says expelled Cleary

SITimes 8/11/92

FORMER Foreign Affairs official Sean Cleary, who was this week expelled from Angola, denied that he worked on behalf of the South African government or Unita while he was in Luanda.

Mr Cleary was thrown out after Angolan press attaché Jorge Marais charged him with providing Unita with "logistical and political support when the rebel movement threatened to resume civil war".

The accusation revolves around a policy document Mr Cleary drew up on solutions to the present crisis.

But in an extensive interview this weekend, Mr Cleary said the offending blueprint was not meant to undermine the government but offer suggestions to both parties on resolving tensions.

He said he had presented his suggested strategy plan to all parties involved in the conflict as well as to foreign observers in Luanda.

In the document, he blamed the Angolan crisis on the lack of joint political control of the electoral process.

Collapse

The document suggested that unless the Angolan government accepted joint control of the country's key ministries, the country would collapse into civil war once more. It argued that the police and media should be controlled jointly by Unita and MPLA.

"Aspects of my document were discussed by the parties before the fighting broke out on Saturday," said Mr Cleary.

"I did not mean to impose my views on the situation. It was just a discussion document."

"The reality is that Angola is a major tragedy. I have nothing to gain from the present conflict. In fact, I have everything to lose because I have business interests in the country."

"Unita is fighting against its own interests by resorting to arms."

Mr Cleary admitted that he had had close ties with Jonas Savimbi since the early 80s when he was director-general of Namibia. He last spoke to Dr Sa-

By HEATHER ROBERTSON

vimbi 11 days ago, when he suggested proposals for resolving the electoral dispute.

"I cannot say that I have influence over Dr Savimbi; I merely suggested to him possible peaceful solutions to the conflict."

Mr Cleary was expelled from Luanda after the Angolan Minister of Interior called him to a meeting to discuss certain unspecified "illegal actions" he was involved in.

"I waited for five hours for a meeting that did not take place. I was not told what the illegal actions were but was instructed to leave Angola on the first flight out," he said.

He flew back to South Africa on a Safair flight with several other refugees, landing at Waterkloof on Friday.

There have been widespread allegations that his Midrand-based political consultancy Strategic Concepts — which assists associates in Europe and the US in identifying investment opportunities in southern Africa — is a front company for military intelligence.

Mr Cleary denied this yesterday.

"Strategic Concepts is a private company and is not funded by any government department or foreign agencies," he said.

Cavalier

The company is paid for consultancy services in scenario work and socio-political evaluations for a range of companies.

Mr Cleary said he left Foreign Affairs after 15 years service in 1985 because he felt South Africa was too "cavalier" in its dealings with other countries.

Deputy director-general of Foreign Affairs Mr Derek Auret said Mr Cleary had not worked for Minister Pik Botha since he left eight years ago.

Mr Cleary said he was not sure that South Africa could play a decisive mediatory role in the Angolan conflict.

"The amount of time that some government officials can devote to mediation in Angola will probably not be enough to mesh with the Angolan parties' own pressures and time tables," he said.

Mr Cleary has also been accused of undermining Swapo during the run-up to elections in Namibia.

At the time he was employed to run the South African transitional government backed Transcontinental company, which promoted the Democratic Turnhalle Alliance parties internationally.

Denial

This week Mr Cleary admitted to disseminating anti-Swapo propaganda on atrocities in their detention camps.

But he denied that he set up a foreign lobbying body, Strategic Network International, to discredit Swapo in Europe.

More recent reports have speculated that Mr Cleary may try to link up with Renamo to undermine the Frelimo government when elections take place in Mozambique.

Mr Cleary said he had been invited by the Mozambican government in May to

NEWS ROUND-UP

Police in hunt for killer kids

POLICE have warned that Soweto children — some as young as 12 — are carrying guns and killing people "for thrills". The warning comes after increased cases of hijackings involving children.

Colonel Tienie Halgryn said the police were concerned about the trend. "It's a very serious situation. These children are highly dangerous and don't hesitate to kill," he said.

Col Halgryn urged the public to report anyone seen carrying an illegal firearm. "We will act immediately because these guns are used to hijack and kill innocent people."

"The sharp increase in hijackings by children is largely due to easy availability of firearms. They feel they are in control when they are armed. This, they feel, gives them access to other people's property."

48 prisoners to be freed

THE government and the ANC have agreed to the release of 48 more political prisoners by November 15.

After weeks of tedious negotiations in terms of the Record of Understanding, the two sides have whittled down an original list of 500 who are claimed to be political prisoners.

Among those rejected for release are prisoners guilty of rape.

Taxi men die

TWO taxi owners were shot dead in the East Rand township of Kwathema yesterday, raising fears that the feud between taxi associations in the area would flare up again.

Mr Johannes Tshabalala, a member of the Springs Taxi Association, was fatally wounded in the neck and head.

Mr Frans Motsiela was shot at by unknown gunmen armed with AK-47 rifles.

CCB deal

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down the gauntlet to the government in a document entitled The Handling of the Financial Disbandment of the CCB by the SADF.

Copies of the document — sent to top government officials, including President de Klerk — also demanded the appointment of an independent committee to deal with the agents' claims "before the CCB skeletons come out of the closet, and in particular, before a new government assumes power".

The agents said they had lost confidence in the SADF's "steamroller approach" and warned that if the government continued to ignore their demands, information about a series of "extremely sensitive issues" would be leaked to the media as part of a carefully designed plan to embarrass President de Klerk and the government.

To emphasise the gravity of their threat, the agents "pointed out" that "this is already happening... with revelations about Inkatha funding".

A spokesman for the agents said information about government funding of Inkatha rallies "was never leaked from within the inner circles of the SAP, but came from people inside the SADF".

The first salvo in the battle between the CCB and the government was fired in March last year. A group of agents sought an urgent hearing in the Pretoria Supreme court on their breach of contract claim amounting to more than R1.5-million from the government.

The court ruled that the matter was not urgent, although legislation was pending in parliament to indemnify former Defence Minister Magnus Malan and the SADF against claims by dissatisfied CCB members.

The agents — including two women — claimed that the SADF owed them nearly R14-million in outstanding medical aid bene-

In February this year, the auditor-general's report revealed that the CCB's R3-million pension fund had been paid over to a member of the organisation by an insurance company, and that "the member insists on certain indemnities before paying the money over to the SADF".

On June 4, Defence Minister Gene Louw said the cabinet had decided at its meeting the day before that "unfinished matters" regarding the CCB should be referred to the ombudsman. This followed a request by Mr Verster that CCB agents be allowed to give evidence to parliament's Joint Committee on Public Accounts, which was turned down by the chairman, Dr Francois Jacobs.

On October 3, President de Klerk announced in Gazankulu that the government would bring legislation before parliament granting amnesty to those who had committed politically motivated crimes but had not yet been charged or sentenced.

On October 12, the inquest into the murder of Dr David Webster opened in the Rand Supreme Court, and parliament convened for a short session.

Three days later, a letter signed by Dr Jannie Roux, director-general in President de Klerk's office, assured Joe Verster that the SADF had arranged for the state to pay his legal costs at the Webster inquest.

The following week, the Indemnity Bill was defeated in all three houses of parliament, and President de Klerk took the unusual step of referring it to the President's Council for approval.

This was given on October 30 — the same day on which Mr Verster agreed to testify at the Webster inquest, in camera.

However, when the Rand Supreme court convened last Monday, Mr Verster's legal representative informed Mr Justice Michael Steyn that he

Anderson hits at IFP

SITimes 8/11/92

Official Bruce Anderson wrote a party leaders denying gun-running before he signed an affidavit saying to the IFP.

Anderson wrote from his mother's understanding the press in South Africa speculations about my deportation, British intelligence agent, I was

By CHARMAIN NAIDOO

Ulundi for various meetings, and we met at rallies."

Mr Buthelezi also claimed Mr Anderson had "a long criminal record".

The Sunday Times knows of at least 20 criminal convictions dating back to 1962, with the most recent being 1982, which include fraud, theft, forgery, and cocaine possession.

Dirty

Mr Anderson said: "It is no secret that I had a drug problem when I was younger. The IFP investi-

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ANC men in court after alleged crime spree

SUSAN RUSSELL

THREE self-confessed ANC members who allegedly murdered two security guards during an armed robbery and gunned down a traffic officer while on a 10-month crime spree appeared briefly in the Rand Supreme Court on Friday. Solomon Mqanqeni, 33, and William Makhosi, 28, both of Phola Park, and

Daniel Motaung, 35, appeared in court on 22 charges including three counts of murder, six of attempted murder, robbery with aggravating circumstances and the unlawful possession of a machine gun, various other firearms and ammunition.

It is alleged the three held up staff at the Standard Bank's Southdale branch on May 29 last year where they also assaulted security guard Ezra Sikwebu and stole his uniform and firearm. Mqanqeni and his co-accused allegedly staged a second robbery at Corobrik, near Nigel, on Novem-

ber 21 last year in which they murdered security guards Hermanus Lombaard and Daniel Verster. Mqanqeni, Makhosi and Motaung allegedly murdered traffic officer Jacobus van der Merwe near Alberton on March 27 this year after they were caught in a speed trap.

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When the three first appeared in court last week they refused the services of pro deo counsel, claiming the ANC had promised them legal representation.

The case resumed on Friday and the pro deo counsellors provided were told they were no longer required because the three had obtained alternative legal representation.

They were not asked to plead and the trial was postponed until January 25.

WHAT CARS ARE DECISION MAKERS DRIVING?

Muggers force peace observers to move

MANY of the UN and EC peace observers have moved out of their five-star hotel in central Johannesburg because of muggings in the area.

Nearly 50 envoys from various countries are staying in Johannesburg, and others are stationed in various parts of the country to monitor public violence.

Fewer than 10 are still living in the Carlton Hotel, the rest having moved — as one diplomat put it — “to more amenable pastures” after making their own accommodation arrangements.

At least four members of the group have

GAVIN DU VENAGE

been attacked and robbed barely metres from the hotel, and a Norwegian diplomat on a one-day stopover had his pockets emptied a few hours after his arrival.

With a bit of time to spare after a meeting, the Norwegian went for a stroll to do some sightseeing, and was mugged.

Jim Anderson, security liaison official for the delegations, said alternative arrangements for the monitors still in the hotel were being considered, and a decision would be made shortly.

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Carlton Hotel GM Stephen Ford said the hotel had held consultations with the delegation heads, and every possible step was being taken to ensure guests were adequately protected.

He said talks with Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel and local police chiefs had been held, and a number of security measures had been taken.

□ Satour says 130 Carlton guests and 119 guests at the Johannesburg Sun have been mugged this year. Both hotels were providing armed escorts for residents, the Sunday Times reported yesterday.

Big arms cache found at East Rand hostel

^{Soweto}
AN operation by police and the SA Defence Force yesterday uncovered one of the largest illegal weapons finds yet on the Witwatersrand.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said the security force operation took place at the Buyafuthi Hostel near

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■ Largest stock of illegal weapons uncovered on the Witwatersrand:

Katlehong on the East Rand.

Police and soldiers seized 23 AK-47 assault rifles, 2 200 AK-47 rounds, 28 AK-47 magazines, two RPG-7 rockets and 431 7,65 rounds of ammunition.

No arrests had been made so far "but we are investigating this find thoroughly. No more information can be made available at this stage as investigations are at an extremely delicate stage," police said. - Sapa.

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Police learn
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to counsel
rape victims

By Charlotte James (38)

Following angry outcries over police treatment of the victims of the "Yeoville rapist", the first police officers in the country yesterday received training to help rape victims.

A total of 32 Johannesburg policewomen gathered in Benoni on the East Rand for a three-day workshop to learn counselling and communication skills.

University of South Africa (Unisa) criminologist Dr Irma Labuschagne, who spoke at the workshop, said it was "a start" but that policemen also needed training.

"Thirty-five out of every 36 women raped do not report the crime. It is these women who must be encouraged to speak out," she said.

Police officers needed to realise that a rape victim who was not injured during the crime was not looking to be raped. She should not be treated as the guilty party, said Labuschagne.

Outrage member Margaret Auerbach welcomed the workshop as a step in the right direction. Auerbach - a founding member of Outrage, an organisation of Yeoville women - said police should inform victims of their rights as a routine procedure.

"They must know that their statement can be given in private and they can ask for a female officer to take it down," she said.

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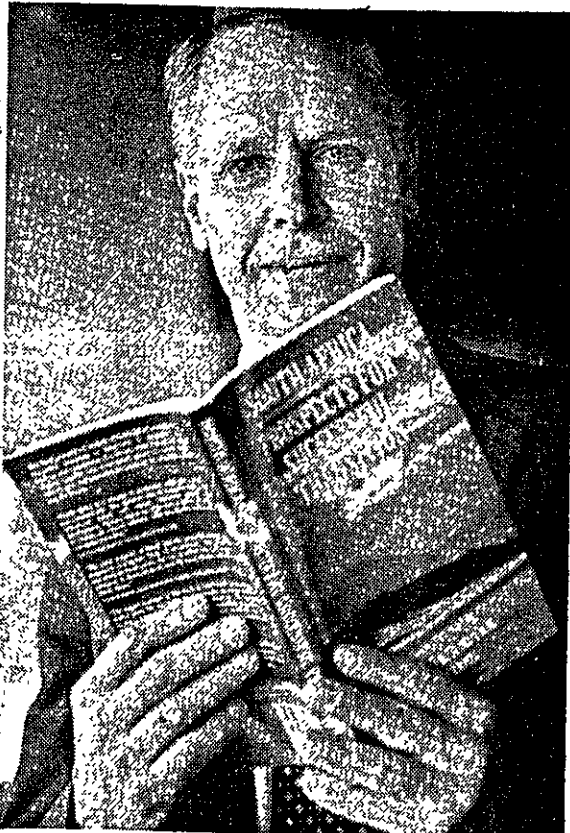
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Bob Tucker, co-editor of the Nedcor/Old Mutual book of scenarios, SA — Prospects for a Successful Transition, presents the book to the literary group the Bloomsbury Circle at an Exclusive Books and Juts function in Johannesburg yesterday.

Picture: ROBERT BOTHA

Spoornet workers begin training in basic skills

STEPHANE BOTHMA

SPOORNET has embarked on a multimillion-rand literacy and numeracy programme for about 38 000 of its employees.

And advanced courses on economic principles, business philosophy and supervisory training were being attended by 64 000 employees, Spoornet senior human resources manager André Verwey said this week.

Basic literacy training in the mother tongue of workers and in Afrikaans or English — began last year, while a numeracy training system was underway in the western Cape.

Aimed at the self-advancement of employees, the programmes had been chosen in co-operation with the 13 trade unions represented in Spoornet.

The programmes would cost about R5m a year.

"We want to get people in a position to be literate and so enable them to attend normal training courses to

work themselves up in the organisation," Verwey said.

Spoornet did not envisage a growth in staff for the near future and was looking at promoting from within.

Because of the nature and structure of the former state-run SA Railways, thousands of workers were employed for "muscle rather than brains", resulting in Spoornet having a large percentage of illiterate and semi-literate people.

Although social responsibility contributed to the decision to train employees, it was not fundamental. As a result of privatisation clients viewed Spoornet with different expectations, Verwey said.

"We realised there was a more effective and efficient way to conduct our business, that of having literate and trained workers even on the lowest level of employment," he said.

Commercial crime rate soars

STEPHANE BOTHMA (38)

SAP commercial crime units around the country arrested 349 people on counts involving more than R36m during the past month.

More than 350 white collar crime cases were finalised during October and early November, SAP public relations in Pretoria said yesterday.

"The extent of commercial crime goes largely unnoticed by the media and the public. It seems that the economic climate, erosion of ethical standards, greed and credulity are major factors attributing towards the large number of people arrested for commercial crimes," SAP national commercial crime unit co-ordinator Brig Manie Schoeman said yesterday.

A solution to the problem was urgently needed, especially in view of millions of rands changing hands over the festive season, he said.

Preventative measures included insistence on proof of identity when credit cards or cheques were presented, refusal to accept post-dated cheques and immediate

reporting of cheque frauds to the police, Schoeman said.

"Particular attention should be paid to people who cash cheques for large amounts, want to cash a large number of travellers' cheques, profess to be old customers, want to cash cheques made out with a felt-tip pen, or want to cash a cheque while under the influence of alcohol," he warned.

Police arrested 63 306 people for serious offences in October, 23 497 of whom had previous convictions.

Diamonds, gold and other precious metals worth almost R1m were confiscated by Diamond and Gold Units who made 248 arrests.

A total of 1 567 offences against children were reported country-wide, leading to the arrest of 452 people — 189 for rape, 34 for indecent assault and 71 for assault, police said.

The Truck Theft Unit recovered property to the value of R153 561, while 184 people were arrested for thefts of copper, aluminium and other cargo transported by Spoornet.

The Narcotic Bureau arrested 1 790 people and confiscated 110 785 Mandrax tablets, 20 791kg dagga, 547 gram cocaine and three gram LSD, police said.



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Farmers fight crime

A DELEGATION of farmers from Losberg in the south-western Transvaal has requested a meeting with State President FW de Klerk to discuss the spate of attacks on farmers in the area. ~~It is~~

The delegation, under the leadership of the Conservative Party MP for Losberg, Fanie Jacobs, agreed on Thursday that a feature of the criminal activities - which included murder and armed robbery - was well-organised attacks in which a political motive could not be ruled out.

The delegation said the criminal elements in many cases came from the squatter camp in neighbouring Fochville. Others came from Sebokeng and Johannesburg.



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Suburban security drive under way

By Jonathan Davis (38)

STAR 8/12/92

Police and private security companies are stepping up their operations in the suburbs to protect holiday-makers' unattended homes during the holidays.

However, the number of burglaries in Johannesburg and surrounding areas is not as high as might be expected during the festive season.

"Normally there are more burglaries ... but not many," said Sandton police station commander Major B van Wyk.

Housebreakings increased by 5 percent in the area in December last year. Although it

was difficult to say whether the same could be expected this year, police had undertaken "special duties" which included more patrols, he said.

Parkview police station commander Captain P.A. Gerber said crime levels in the area for the period were slightly lower than usual.

This was partly because "there are more people at home during December, rather than being out at work," he said.

A larger number of burglaries was expected to be reported in January, when holidaymakers returned home and found they had been robbed.

Sandton Sentry security company director Harry York

said an increase in burglaries was "certainly a possibility" because unoccupied homes were potentially vulnerable.

But the company had not experienced an increase to date.

Paramed Security managing director Barry Blind said he did not expect any real increase in calls this month, although extra staff would be on duty.

Because Paramed provided both medical and security services, a decrease in the normal number of medical calls and an increase in the number of security calls might indicate a small increase in attempted burglaries, he said.

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NEWS Husband left home to gas himself ● Series of gospel shows start on Sunday

Bank employees face probe

By Ike Motsapi  11/12/92

POLICE are investigating several employees at a First National Bank branch in Soweto for fraud believed to involve thousands of rands.

This was confirmed by Soweto police spokesman, Captain Joseph Ngozeni, yesterday.

Ngozeni said the investigations were isolated and concerned individuals and not the bank itself.

The manager of the branch, Mr Anthony Lotwane, also confirmed that one of his employees was subject to a police investigation for fraud.

He, however, said the money involved was "minimal."

And another bank employee who was believed to have been one of the people

being investigated, committed suicide last week.

Obed Morekore, (43), gassed himself in his car last Wednesday night, according to his wife, Mrs Favourite Morekore.

She said her husband had been "depressed lately" and that she had had no time to ask him what was worrying him.

Morekore said it was however "a mystery as to why Obed killed himself".

She said the family was puzzled about the incident.

She said: "My husband returned from home earlier than usual last Wednesday. He did not say anything. "He unpacked all the goods that he

had with him and left the house. The family did not suspect anything. We became worried when he did not return home that evening.

"The following day, about 9,30am, police came to our Magaliesig, Fourways, home where they found my daughter Wandile.

"I had just gone out. "They showed Wandile his identity document and asked her to identify that person.

"When she did the police broke the bad news to her," she said.

She said police had told the family that Morekore was found dead in his car at the West Fourways Mall along Witkoppen Road on Thursday morning.

Gospel group Mighty Clouds of Joy arrives

Grammy winners to perform all over the country:

By Victor Metsamere

TOP American gospel music group Mighty Clouds of Joy arrived here last night for a series of shows starting in Bophuthatswana on Sunday.

The group, a three-time Grammy Awards winner, arrived without fellow group member Elmo Franklin, who is believed to be ill.

The group's tour is promoted by Fame Casting and Artists Agency. Group leader and founder member Joe Ligon said they were happy to be

in Africa where the origins of the black man were anchored.

"We promise the South Africans gospel music lovers, particularly our loyal fans, good gospel music and high-energy presentations which should be worth their money."

The group will perform at Odi Stadium in Bophuthatswana on Sunday at 4.30pm. Other shows will take place at Village Green Theatre in Durban on December 16; Standard Bank Arena in Johannesburg (December 18); and De Beers Stadium in Kimberley (December 19).

Robbery suspect now 'vegetable'

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By Mathatha Tsedu
Investigations Editor

■ PSYCHIATRIC PATIENT *When he*

came back he was a changed person:

Moses has a vacant look in his eyes. As if his mind were focusing on something far away.

His walk is a shuffle, his feet hardly seem to leave the ground. His hands, hanging in the air, shake all the time.

His mouth is covered with the remains of his last meal. Other vestiges of that meal are splashed on his trousers.

Moses Mcenthe is 19 years old and before his arrest by a group of white police officers from Potchefstroom on September 22, he was a bouncy young man who bore no resemblance to the shell that stared at us, we were told.

Now confined to the Witrand Rehabilitation Centre for psychiatric patients in Potchefstroom, Moses drools and his speech is slurred, a sign of suspected brain damage.

His story starts on September 22 this year when a group of policemen arrived at his Wilgeboom home and accused him of robbing a nearby white farmer of a pistol, a wallet and a watch.

A co-worker, Mr Phillip Mothata, said police arrived in two kombis and three other cars.

"Moses denied having taken part in the robbery. They took him to his home and made a search but found nothing. They brought him back here and started beating him up.

I cannot stand seeing my son as he is now, looking like a zombie

"They kicked him and smashed him against the wall. And then they took him away," Mothata said.

Also arrested for the same crime were Phillip's two brothers George and David.

And here, too, Phillip said, the items allegedly stolen from the farmer were not found.

What happened between that day and October 16 when Moses was released on R400 bail paid by his employer, Mrs JJ Visser, is not clear.

However, Mothata said when Moses came back he was a changed person.

"He told me he was tortured by police who gave him electric shocks and poured water over his body at the same time.

"After a few days he started throwing stones at me, saying I was one of the CID policemen who had tortured him," Mothata said.

It was after this that he was taken to a doctor and later to Witrand.

The eldest in a family of five children, Moses earned R70 a month from Visser.

His father, Mr Ben Mcenthe, said he intended taking legal action against the police.

"That is not my son. He was fresh and full of health when they took him away in front of my eyes," Mcenthe said.

"They take my son here and the next thing he is a vegetable that can't



Ben and Maria Mcenthe ... looking at the pictures of a healthy Moses in his young days.



A scared and vacant look in Moses' eyes ... what brought this about?

even walk or talk. That is not my son," Mcenthe said, shaking with rage.

His wife, Mrs Maria Mcenthe, said she had only gone to see her son once at the hospital. "I could not take it and I can't go back there. They have killed my son and I can't stand seeing him the way he is now, looking like a zombie," she said, close to tears.

Moses told us he was assaulted by the police.

Witrand superintendent Dr DC Greyling said Moses would never recover completely.

He said his condition could have been triggered by alcohol, dagga and other drugs or "severe emotional stress" consistent with assaults.

Greyling said Moses could not stand trial in his condition.

His attorney, Mr Lebogang Mogale, said the case against Moses and the Mothata brothers was postponed to January 5 next year.

He confirmed that police had not found any of the items allegedly taken in the robbery.

They kicked him and smashed him against a wall. Then they took him away

"The police also held an identification parade in which both the farmer and his witnesses failed to point the three out," Mogale said.

We sent a list of the allegations to the police in a fax and asked them: "Could you please look into this matter and advise on how Mcenthe could have been reduced to the human vegetable that he is today while in the custody of your members."

Their full response was: "1. No complain (sic) of assault was laid by Mr Moses Mcenthe while he was in SA Police custody. There is no record of it.

2. Mr Moses Mcenthe is welcomed (sic) to come and lay a charge of assault so that his allegations can be properly investigated.

3. The SA Police cannot say anything about the mental condition of Mr Moses Mcenthe, only the Psychatrist (sic) can tell what the cause of his mental retardation is."

Back at the Mcenthe family, a worried family sits and waits for word about their son's condition. The journey of about 20km to Witrand is too long on foot and too expensive on fares for them to do it as regularly as they would like to.

The walls of their sitting room are adorned with cover pictures of records by Lucky Dube and Chicco, a pointer to the musical taste of Moses then.

In another room stands his bicycle, one of those relics of his other life that he will no longer be able to use.

What happened to Moses?

Farmers take on banks

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RAY HARTLEY

FARMERS were showing good business management skills by questioning unilateral bank increases in their interest, Agricultural Credit Board chairman Koos van Zyl said yesterday. *8:09 AM 15/12/92*

He said successful moves had recently been made to persuade banks to indicate interest rates on formal statements to farmers as this enabled them to negotiate increases in the rates following an "overall complaint" from farmers.

A weekend newspaper reported that a farmer had taken a major commercial bank to court for failing to inform him of five successive increases in his interest payments. The case is continuing.

A commercial bank economist said it was usually farmers in severe financial difficulties who took banks to court over technicalities to postpone sequestration.

He stressed that he was unaware of the details of the case currently before court, but added it was unusual for a bank not to inform a client of interest changes.

"It is not in the bank's interests to do something (such as raise interest rates) that the client doesn't know about," he said.

Van Zyl said farming debt traditionally increased during drought years and was subsequently reduced when crops were harvested in good years. It was too early to say whether or not recent rains indicated the kind of season in which the accumulated agricultural debt of between R17bn and R20bn could be reduced.

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Tremors in Johannesburg's heartbeat

An alarming crime rate, the exodus of many businesses to the suburbs and a growing housing crisis have combined to cause tremors in the heartbeat of Johannesburg's city centre. The search for remedies and a blueprint for a dynamic new future is being tackled by a high-powered team formed by the key players, reports MICHAEL CHESTER.

THE VIEW that always inspires Neil Fraser from an office suite on the 44th floor of the Carlton Centre is the sort of panorama that Johannesburg loves to show tourists to boast about its status as the economic giant of southern Africa.

What concerns him more than the impressive skyline, however, are the nervous tremors in the heartbeat of the city. "The crime wave on the streets, from muggings and burglaries to violence and vehicle hijackings, plus the pavement clutter caused by the invasion of thousands of street hawkers, plus black/white tensions in flatlands... everyone is on edge," says Fraser.

"The most unfortunate aspect about the current scenario is that political transition to a non-racial society has coincided with one of the deepest economic recessions on record.

"Unemployment and poverty — the root cause of much of the crime and frustration of homeless families — were bound to add to tensions. Yet, the transition phase also brings enormous opportunities to take radical new approaches in planning the future."

Fraser believes opportunities are being seized with both hands by expert task forces created by the Central Johannesburg Partnership, formed a year ago to draw the blueprint of a revitalised inner-city. The CJP has pooled the talents and ambitions of the three key players in the planning exercise — the business sector, the city council, and, with an equally powerful voice for the first time — the community.

"Until now," says Fraser, who has been named executive director of the partnership, "each one of the three sides has been trying to run its own affairs and carry out its own battles in isolation."

"There has rarely been any co-ordination and it has often been a tug of war between vested interests with little regard

for anyone else's problems. Now we are operating in round-table fashion, searching for a common approach to problems and how to solve them.

"We agreed at the outset there is a stark alternative. We can allow the city centre to fall into gradual decay — meaning the exodus of more shops and offices and restaurants to suburbia, the decline of flatlands into slum ghettos, streets turned into eyesores....

"Or we can trigger radical action to make Johannesburg a model example of economic vibrancy and social harmony in a new South Africa."

Based on the logic that the future of the inner-city would remain precarious as long as it was regarded as a crime zone, the first priority listed by the CJP was security.

Initial successes are already on the scoreboard. It was the CJP that was behind initiatives that have resulted in the deployment of 750 additional policemen, including 250 detectives, around the city centre.

The next move has been the creation of special satellite police stations at such key spots as Bank City and the Small Street Mall, now used as bases for "bobbies on the beat". More satellites are in the pipeline to cover Hillbrow from Highpoint and the southern zone of the inner-city around the Standard Bank Centre.

Next item on the list of priorities is finding a solution to the growing housing problems in the inner-city, aggravated by a massive influx of low-income families as old apartheid Group Areas Act barriers came crashing down and the danger of a spread of exploitation by slum landlords.

The CJP answer has been to form a company named the Inner City Housing Upgrading Trust (ICHUT) that has been assigned the task of finding radical new ways for tenants to either buy or rent apartments in blocks of flats — with full security of tenure.



Call for action... Neil Fraser, executive director of the Central Johannesburg Partnership, looks out on a panorama of the city centre from an office suite where planners are drawing the blueprint for a dynamic new future.

The ambition is to clear the decks for deals to be struck on either an individual or a communal basis, with special mechanisms to guarantee repayments to mortgage lenders or property owners. The accent will be on affordability — and an end to the over-crowding that is often the source of tenant/landlord conflict.

Pilot schemes in Hillbrow and Joubert Park are due to be launched in the next few weeks.

The CJP believes a first injection of about R6 million is in the pipeline from overseas development sources to set in motion a central fund that will handle the schemes. And it expects the investment to be more than matched by cash from local development agencies and financial institutions.

"Our initial aim," says Fraser, "is a cash pool of about R50 million, which, used primarily as guarantees, should mobilise home loans valued at R200 million or more. We are confident the schemes will expand at a faster and faster rate as we prove the security of investments."

Also being investigated is the possibility of converting several unused commercial and industrial buildings on the periphery of the inner-city — such as warehouses — into housing units for low-income families.

"Once the wheels start turning and the schemes prove they are sound investments," adds Fraser, "we are certain that it will be the catalyst that starts a whole set of new projects by householders and property developers."

"Longer term, when solutions are in sight to pressing low-income housing needs, the CJP will concentrate on attracting more middle-income and upper-income families into apartments and even penthouses in the city centre — vital to enliven the round-the-clock rhythms of any metropolis."

"There's nothing more forlorn than an inner-city that sees a wholesale evacuation at sunset. We want Johannesburg to be throbbing in the evening, in the cinemas and theatres, in the restaurants, with window-shoppers and concerts and dinner parties."

All that, though, also brings on to the agenda the challenge of turning the invasion of informal street vendors from a problem into an asset.

"If we can get our act right, the hawkers and street markets, rather than be seen as a nuisance, can add zest and colour. The missing element so far has been planning to acknowledge that street traders have become a permanent feature — not a passing phase."

"Other cities around the world — from Mexico to Rio de Janeiro and particularly in the Far East — have turned street trade into a dynamic tourist attraction. Even the West End of London has its barrow-boys. Johannesburg needs to heed a few lessons from them."

Fraser believes the economic clout of the hawkers needs to be recognised. "After all," he says, "they spend no less than R2 000 million a year at the fresh produce market alone. Doesn't that merit a better deal?"

The start, he argues, must be to get better facilities for hawkers, not least the provision of space where trolleys and stalls and merchandise can be stored overnight.

That still does not exhaust the agenda, however. Task forces have also been assigned by the CJP to tackle such problems as public transport services, better marketing of Johannesburg assets, urban planning, and municipal services in general.

The CJP, says Cas Coovradia, general-secretary of the Civic Association of Johannesburg, and publicly secretary of Act-stop, brought in as a director to voice community concerns, is an indication of the current socio-political climate in South Africa.

"The coming together in a development partnership of three central stakeholders who have been either hostile or suspicious of each other, is a clear sign we have moved into the development and reconstruction phase," he said.

Adds Dr Diana Mayne, who holds a doctorate in urban planning from Cornell University and acts as CJP co-ordinator and consultant: "The central area of Johannesburg is undergoing a major socio-political and inevitably a physical transition. The way it is reslapped will depend on the co-operation of all the main players." □

Crime flourishes in violent Sebokeng

By Joshua Raboroko

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The crime rate has soared in Vaal Triangle townships over the past year and Sebokeng has emerged as the most violent.

In the past six months 186 murders and 469 robberies have been reported in the township. During the same period there were 137 attacks on policemen. Ten were killed.

The figures were released to Meyerton MP Willie van der Merwe and Sasolburg MP Louis Stofberg last month after they

questioned deputy Minister of Law and Order Gerrit Myburgh over soaring crime.

The figures show there were 51 rapes in Sebokeng in the past six months, 43 in Ennerdale, 33 in De Deur and 32 in both Vereeniging and Evaton.

Twenty-one people were necklaced and there were 208 cases of arson reported.

In the whole Vaal triangle area in the past six months 464 people were murdered, 265 women were raped, there were 1 656 robberies and 186 stone-

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throwing incidents.

Police have promised to deploy more policeman in the area. A spokesman said a large number would be involved.

Chairman of the Vaal Council of Churches the Reverend Lord McCamel expressed shock at the high level of crime.

The Vaal Civic Association yesterday hosted a conference of more than 300 delegates from the area to discuss various issues, including anti-crime campaign and the peace accord.

Lawyers throw down gauntlet

■ **MVA ACTION** Legal eagles say police are trying

to destroy black practitioners handling claims:

THE POLICE are out to destroy black legal practitioners dealing with Motor Vehicle Accident claims, a group of lawyers in the PWV area, claimed yesterday.

"There is deliberate and sensational reporting on third party cases in which black legal practitioners have been portrayed as having committed irregularities against their clients and the Motor Vehicle Accident Fund.

"Most of these stories are often an exaggeration of the actual situation," said Mr Moses Mavundla, a spokesman for the group.

The lawyers' claims followed an intense police investigation into the alleged multi-million MVA fraud scandal.

So far two black lawyers and three white attorneys have appeared in court over allegations of fraud. One senior white police officer has also appeared in court on similar charges.

A spokesman for the Office for Serious Economic Crimes denied claims that the police were out to destroy black lawyers.

"The real issues which were the irregularities in the operation of the fund, its agents and assessors have been shifted to the background and the spotlight has now been focused on black legal practitioners who have become scapegoats for malpractice on the part of the fund," Mavundla said.

"The enactment of the Serious Economic Offences Act has become a convenient instrument in the hands of the police who regard the Act as empowering them to hound and harass black lawyers handling third party claims," Mavundla said.

"The effect of the investigation has been to discredit the black attorneys and destroy mutual trust between them and clients as well as the community they serve," Mavundla said.

He said although some white attorneys were being investigated as well, their number was significantly low compared to that of black lawyers.

"We intend to take the matter further, but we are awaiting the outcome of an application in which one of the black lawyers is challenging police actions in the Supreme Court."

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Muriel Masemela and Sandra Thema (left) after their alleged ordeal in the hands of the Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad Photo: SARAH PRALL

'Police beat suspect's mother'

By HEIDI KRIZ
WIM said 18/11-22/12/92

THE Brixton Robbery and Murder Squad regularly tortures and abuses family members of criminal suspects in the course of investigations, according to a leading Johannesburg defence attorney.

The allegations square with those in numerous statements and affidavits collected by the South African Prisons Organisation for Human Rights. Much of this evidence was contained in article about torture at Brixton published in last week's *Weekly Mail*.

The lawyer, who has asked not to be named for professional reasons, this week introduced *The Weekly Mail* to the mother of one of his clients, who gave a horrifying account of the physical abuse of her son, herself and other family members by Brixton squad members.

According to Muriel Masemela, the family's ordeal began on a day in mid-November at about 1am, when about a dozen policemen showed up outside her home in Rockville, Soweto, and pounded on the windows and doors.

She alleged that when her 17-year-old niece, Sandra Thema, opened the front door, she was struck in the face by a policeman who demanded to know the whereabouts of Masemela's son, Kenny.

"He hit me so hard that I flew across the room into the refrigerator," Thema said.

Kenny Masemela was taken away handcuffed, while the rest of the family was forced to wait for about an hour until the police returned, said Masemela, adding that: "If people wanted to go to the toilet, the police would only let them go with a gun pointed at

them, even the three-year-old girl."

When the police came back, Kenny Masemela accompanied them with his face "black and blue" from an apparent beating, according to his mother. The family, still wearing pyjamas, was then herded into a minibus and taken to the Brixton station.

There, Muriel Masemela said, she and her son were separated from the others, taken to a room and beaten.

"A big white cop *klapped* me in the face so hard that I fell to the ground, and then another one kicked me," she said.

Kenny Masemela, she continued, begged the police to stop beating his mother, saying he would co-operate fully, but the beatings continued for several hours, no matter what the two said or did.

After holding her in custody for about seven hours, one of the policemen brought her a statement and said

that she had to sign it and then, she said, she was allowed to go home.

Kenny Masemela is on trial for armed robbery and murder and was subsequently tortured in detention, according to his mother. "He told me that they stuck wires to him, his private parts and electrocuted him. He said he can still hear the sound of his skin burning, of the 'fire on me'. He said they tortured him for a whole weekend, for three days."

She said that on his appearance in court, Kenny had begged the magistrate for a transfer to Diepkloof Prison, as he feared he would be killed if he stayed in Brixton.

Responding to allegations that suspects are routinely tortured at Brixton, the SAP launched a top-level investigation, saying it had never condoned or tolerated misconduct by its members, particularly unlawful killings and torture.



DP condemns pensions for retired SADF officers

RAY HARTLEY

GOVERNMENT's decision to pay millions of rands in full pension packages to 16 senior SADF officers put on early retirement by President FW de Klerk last week has been condemned by DP finance spokesman Ken Andrew.

Andrew said the decision not to dismiss the officers generated the impression that "other than having to change their jobs, it is as if they have done nothing wrong."

"People who are guilty of serious improper behaviour, whether that behaviour is illegal or not, should be dismissed," he said.

An SADF spokesman said no figures could be given on how much the two generals, four brigadiers and 10 other officers would be paid out, but he confirmed that they would receive their full packages.

According to sources, an SADF major-general earns slightly more than R120 000 a year, and would continue to receive roughly the same monthly income after retirement — in addition to a gratuity payment of up to R360 000.

A brigadier on early retirement would receive close to his annual salary of R102 000 and a gratuity of about R300 000.

Andrew said government should have rather suspended the officers and held a review, affording them an opportunity to present their case, before clearing or dismissing them.

DP defence spokesman Gen Bob Rodgers has suggested that the 16 officers placed on early retirement were being removed because they opposed government's reform direction, while the seven who were put on compulsory leave were suspected of criminal offences.

Andrew said it was as a result of incompetence, cover-ups and an unwillingness to face the truth that government had dragged its heels on purging the SADF.

"Given the evidence that one has seen in the Webster inquest and the evidence to the Goldstone commission, I am astonished that more senior members of the SADF seem to be keeping their hands clean," he said.

Umkhonto we Sizwe chief of staff Siphile Nyanda has supported the decision to pay full retirement benefits to the officers, saying the ANC would do the same when it removed

officers from the SADF when it was in government.

Sapa reports Constitutional Development Minister Roelf Meyer said in Washington yesterday the action against the SADF members would raise De Klerk's credibility internationally and strengthen government's position in negotiations. Government was in a stronger position because it could press "a few other organisations" to follow its lead.

"There is no doubt that other organisations have rogue elements in their ranks they will have to attend to. This is something that everybody is aware of in SA and it puts us in a position where we can press for that."

□ Meanwhile Sapa-Reuter reports the US has welcomed the action against the SADF members.

"We ... welcome the steps taken by President de Klerk to discipline members of the military implicated in illegal activities," State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said in Washington on Monday.

"We hope that his positive actions will send a clear signal to all South Africans that illegal activities by security forces will not be tolerated," Boucher said.

Guards linked to missing gold

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HARARE — Police had arrested two security staff employed by Air Zimbabwe over the disappearance of 52kg of gold amalgam from a British Airways flight from London to Harare on December 8, The Herald reported yesterday.

The gold, worth R1,7m, was being returned from processing in the US. For political reasons, President Robert Mugabe's government has stopped Zimbabwean gold mines sending amalgam to SA refineries. Until the robbery it had been thought the Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe favoured processors in Western Australia.

Police are investigating why the gold was routed to London via Tel Aviv's Lod airport, The Herald reported.

"A complication lies in this fact," said an official.

Zimbabwe's Reserve Bank has refused to comment on the fate of the shipment.

By the time the gold was reported missing, three hours after the BA flight from Heathrow had landed, the Boeing 747 had left for Lusaka.

A BA spokesman said the airline had taken stringent precautions to ensure safe delivery of the gold in Harare.

Johannesburg nightspots hit as fearful patrons stay away

RAY HARTLEY

THE perception that Johannesburg CBD was the epicentre of a crimewave was scaring away nighttime pleasure seekers who preferred to entertain themselves in their suburbs, SA Restaurant Guild chairman Robert Mauvis said yesterday.

Mauvis said reports of tourist muggings and general security fears had created the climate which had led to "the worst year ever" for CBD restaurants and hotels.

The film industry was also suffering the effects of a decline in the number of people visiting the city centre at night, according to an industry source.

A total of 156 tourists had been mugged outside two major Johannesburg hotels during four consecutive months of 1992, the source said.

Police spokesman W/O Andy Pieke said between 17 and 21 people were mugged during an average day in the CBD, but violence was seldom used during these muggings and the city centre remained relatively safe at night.

Pieke said the number of muggings needed to be seen in the context of the large numbers of people shopping in the CBD during the day.

The perception that it was unsafe to go to restaurants or cinemas in the CBD at night was "completely incorrect", he said.

In fact, crime decreased in the CBD over the festive season as fewer

people were on the streets and there were fewer people in relation to the number of policemen on duty.

He said the public would be well advised to maintain basic security consciousness and to avoid people who seemed to be following them or gathering in groups with no apparent purpose.

Hillbrow and Joubert Park remained problem areas, and would receive special attention from police during the festive season. The recent relocation of police sleeping quarters to the Downtown Inn building would lead to a naturally greater police presence in the area, he added.

Pieke said new satellite police stations were already in operation in the Smal Street Mall, Bank City and at Johannesburg station.

Mauvis said hotel and restaurant business had declined 20% during 1992, but the industry could look forward to a busy 1993.

Police should place "bobbies on the beat" on all street corners as was the case in major cities in the US, Australia and Britain to improve security in urban centres, he said.

The Durban beachfront and CBD had radically reduced muggings by employing such a strategy and the lowest number of muggings was recorded there since 1987, he said.

Johannesburg at crime crossroads, says Ampros

By Frank Jeans

Mounting crime on the streets of Johannesburg must be checked now if the city is to survive and the trend towards "suburban safety" halted.

Welcoming the security measures announced by the Central Johannesburg Partnership, Gerald Leissner, managing director of Anglo American Property Services (Ampros), says the city can no longer afford delays in restoring order to its streets.

Commenting on the problem in the latest issue of the Ampros Property Review, Leissner says: "The people of Johannesburg have a right to protection from criminals. Without the confidence of its citizens, the city may well not survive."

He makes the point that apart from the stress suffered by law-abiding people who come into the city to do business, the never-ending criminality is encourag-

ing businesses to move to the perceived safety of suburban addresses.

"The city simply cannot afford to keep losing its ratepayers and the matter needs urgent action, not discussion," says Leissner.

While unemployment and social turmoil were undoubtedly behind much of the increased wave of criminality, this did not mean it must be left unchecked.

The security measures include the deployment of 600 additional policemen and the deployment of an extra 150 probational detectives; six extra satellite stations; a commitment to better liaison between the police and the community, and the monitoring of the effectiveness of the joint measures implemented by the police and the Central Johannesburg Partnership.

"An injection of manpower is undoubtedly the most direct and effective means of solving the

problem," says the Ampro MD.

"It needs to be done now if Johannesburg is to reverse its image as a crime capital of the world."

Looking at prospects for the property industry, Leissner sees both office and retail rents under severe pressure.

This situation is worsening because of the fact that new projects, initiated in recent years, are coming on stream.

In addition, many businesses continue to move from central areas to decentralised, suburban locations.

"It's not all bad news, though," he says.

"People tend to forget the almost total despair of the late Eighties and the positive forces currently at play.

"Certainly, South Africa's readmittance to international trade has created new windows of opportunity, and the economy is now showing hesitant signs of improvement," he says.

Suspect gets protection from police

By David Katz

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A temporary interdict has been granted in the Witwatersrand Supreme Court preventing members of the Benoni and Sandton SAP anti vehicle theft units from assaulting a Johannesburg industrial chemist.

John Combrink (43) alleged yesterday that he had been assaulted at the Benoni police station last week.

He said that on December 23 members of the Benoni Vehicle Theft Unit arrived at his Florida home to arrest him on suspicion of car theft.

He said policemen removed his telephone before they left, and his paraplegic girlfriend was not able to inform anyone of his arrest.

At the Benoni police station he was allegedly made to lie on the floor where his hands and feet were tied together behind his back.

A rope, tied to his hands and legs, was pulled upwards causing "excruciating pain" and a wet cloth was placed over his face preventing him from breathing and causing him to lose consciousness.