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# Council pay dispute

**BLOEMFONTEIN.** — A special general meeting of Bloemfontein municipal employees decided unanimously on Tuesday night to reject the salary and wage adjustments offered by the city council and to ask for a dispute to be declared between themselves and the council.

The meeting was attended by more than 300 em-

ployees.

They rejected the offer because no provision had been made for a built-in minimum increase for all employees to compensate for the rise in the cost of living and because the remuneration allowed for each point allotted to a job in terms of the job evaluation system was too low. — Sapa.

# Mixed local govt in OFS?

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Staff Reporter

THE OFS Municipal Association has expressed support "in principle" for coloured and Asian representation on the same local authorities as whites

To make this possible in the Free State coloured people would have to be enfranchised, the association said in evidence to the economics affairs committee of the President's Council on Monday.

The OFS association said political rights of coloureds and Indians did not materially affect local management in the province because these population groups were mainly concentrated in the Cape and Natal

"It would therefore be presumptuous for the OFS to express an opinion on the issue

"There would be no objection in principle, however, to these population groups serving with whites on one local authority. Expertise on both the administrative and government levels would in this way be instilled in coloureds and Asians.

"To serve in this way on one local authority, the coloureds in the OFS would have to be enfranchised and possess the qualifications of a councillor."

The association said proposals for a new constitution would have to take "realities" into account

"One such reality is that the present constitution as contained in Act 32 of 1961 has a long history and already forms part of the national spirit (volksgees). Because historically it is deep-rooted and currently accepted, drastic amendment of the constitution can not be undertaken lightly."

The standpoint of the OFS Municipal Association was that existing State organs, with minor adjustments, could function well in the new dispensation

# Elections

for all

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Mercury

Indians

25/3/83

to board

## Mercury Reporter

FOR the first time all five Indian members of the multiracial Tongaat Town Board will be elected, Mr Vic Parkhouse, the town clerk, said yesterday.

He said since the white population of the town was small the four white board members would continue to be nominated by the Administrator of Natal, Mr Stoffel Botha.

A voters' roll would be prepared soon and voting would take place in May for the five Indian members, he said.

The decision to hold an election for all five Indian members follows a row over the axeing of two long-standing nominated members last year and the resignation of Mr A H E Jheebhai, a selected member.

The Province decided that all five members should come through an election to prevent another dispute.

Two other long-standing nominated members — Mr S K Pillay and Mr Hassim Arbee — will lose their seats when their terms of office expire in August.

Mr Parkhouse said the names of the successful candidates would be sent to the administrator for his approval.

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# Husband to sue as Lesotho holds wife

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A BLOEMFONTEIN man who was deported from Lesotho two years ago accused of being a South African spy is to sue the Lesotho Government for illegally arresting his wife.

Mr Isaac Jeffy Smith, who lives in the Coloured township, Ashbury, said his wife Susan had been arrested in Maseru on Wednesday under the country's security laws.

This was an "illegal act," he said.

Mr Smith says he was deported three days after he had refused to lend a top Lesotho police officer R1 100.

"They said I was a South African spy because I had an international

passport, and blacks in South Africa were not allowed to travel internationally. It was all nonsense."

Mr Smith, who was a diamond buyer in Lesotho, still had a house there and had taken his wife to Maseru so she could attend to some alterations. He had waited at the border post, hitching a lift back when his wife failed to return.

"On Thursday I was told my wife had been arrested under Lesotho's internal security laws."

Other than confirming that Mrs Smith had been detained, the Lesotho Government could not comment.

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A full minute of the proceedings will be circulated to all members in due course.

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(Prof.) A.H.R.E. PAAP  
Dean, Faculty of Arts

TV addicts

BLOEMFONTEIN  
Thieves broke into the premises of a television distribution company here and stole 29 television sets worth about R17 000. — (Sapa.)

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## Bikini plan angers priest

**BLOEMFONTEIN** — The storm in a bikini cup here gathered force yesterday as churchmen lashed out at a plan to get Bloemfontein girls out of their clothes — and into bikinis.

The Bloemfontein Sports Car Club has said bikini-clad girls will be given free admission to today's Brandkop motor race. Tickets cost R2.

"It's terrible to ask a young lady to expose herself at a motor race for a free ticket," stormed the Rev. Monson, a Baptist minister.

"I am not anti-bikini — my wife might wear one for all I know," he said.

He regards Bloemfontein as conservative — "why there's almost a church on every corner" — and as such he expects a little discretion.

But at Brandkop at least he's not getting it.

"It does prove a point," he said "Satan's seat flies best under the shadow of a church spire."

But the sports car club

isn't budging although as one member said. "A girl must be really hard up to put on a bikini just to save R2 on a ticket" — DDC.

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## FREE STATE DUSTMAN-BASHERS TOLD: HANDS OFF OUR MEN

23/1/58 Tribune Reporter  
WELKOM MUNICIPALITY has an unusual problem: white householders assaulting black garbage collectors.

The reason for the sudden spate of assaults in past weeks could not be determined, but officials believe it could be residents who are dissatisfied with the garbage collector's work and try to settle it their own way.

A spokesman for the municipality, however, warned that this brutality would no longer be tolerated.

He said firm action would be taken

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"The next person who assaults one of our African refuse collectors will be prosecuted summarily"

It appears a sjambok was used in one or more of the assaults.

The spokesman said: "Taking the law into one's own hands is absolutely wrong and does not help to promote good race relations. Hitting somebody with a sjambok is also no joke.

"We must stop this before it goes too far."

# Coloureds in 'We're black' declaration

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Own Correspondent

BLOEMFONTEIN — Delegates attending the thirteenth annual conference of the Labour Party in Bloemfontein loudly and defiantly proclaimed that they wanted to be called "blacks" instead of being referred to as "Coloureds" or "browns."

## 'Whites must surrender all power'

Own Correspondent

BLOEMFONTEIN — The black people of South Africa will be satisfied only when white South Africans, totally surrendered their political and economical power in the country, Mr Norman Middleton, national vice-chairman of the Labour Party said in Bloemfontein yesterday

He was addressing the 13th annual conference of

the Labour Party after the Chief Minister of Qwa Qwa, Mr Kenneth Mopeli, officially opened the conference at the Ashbury Coloured Township community centre.

Mr Middleton, wearing an Afro shirt, was repeatedly applauded to shouts of "Amandla awe-thu", when he said the future of South Africa would eventually be decided by the black people he said

They reacted strongly when the Chief Minister of Qwaqua, Mr Kenneth Mopeli, in his official address to the congress at the Ashbury Coloured Township Community Centre asked whether they would like to be referred to as "Coloureds".

More than 200 delegates declared in unison "We are blacks! We are blacks!"

Moving a vote of thanks to Mr Mopeli, Mr Norman Middleton, national vice-chairman of the Labour Party, said he was not surprised that there was confusion among black people as to what they should be called.

He said this had arisen because all the newspapers in South Africa portrayed a picture that was completely different to black thinking.

"We have no true black newspapers in this country," he said.

STAR 28/11/70

## Boycott of black buses

### in Bloem

#### Own Correspondent

BLOEMFONTEIN — Residents of Mangaung Townships this morning launched a community-council endorsed boycott of municipal buses — and thousands of workers walked to work through the rain.

The boycott is a direct result of the white city council's decision to dismiss 75 black and coloured bus drivers earlier this month. At least one incident of stone-throwing had occurred by mid-morning and it is believed a number of suspects were detained.

Official police sources said they had no knowledge of any police action, but residents of the area reported a substantial police presence.

The community council and the coloured management committee came to a deadlock in their discussions with the white body, and Mr David Tsing, chairman of the council, said the city officials were told the matter would now be taken to the community.

"We wanted a mandate from the community in support of the bus drivers and when we addressed our separate meetings it became clear the community would support such an action," he said.

City Council spokesmen were "in conference" this morning and could not be reached.

A black freelance journalist working for The Friend, was detained briefly at Batho Police Station this morning, and his film confiscated.

STAR 7/11/50

# Drivers (265) want their jobs back (265)

Own Correspondent

BLOEMFONTEIN, — Police yesterday detained about 40 of the city's former bus drivers and the men may appear in the magistrate's court today.

On Wednesday, municipal officials dismissed 75 of the city's 95 black and coloured striking bus drivers. Yesterday's a group of men were detained while holding a meeting in Bochabela.

The Free State's criminal investigation officer, Colonel F A Spiess, said that if charges were brought they might be in terms of Section 14 of the Riotous Assemblies Act which dealt with workers in utility services.

A spokesman for the dismissed drivers said they had been shabbily treated. The drivers stressed that they wanted their jobs back.

## 75 bus drivers fired

CAPE TOWN 6/11/80  
OWN Correspondent

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JOHANNESBURG — Bloemfontein became the latest city to be affected by this year's strike wave yesterday when black and coloured drivers at the City Council's transport department struck in support of wage demands.

According to a spokesman for the Bloemfontein municipality, 75 of the council's 95 black and coloured drivers took part in the strike and all the strikers have been dismissed.

According to the spokesman, drivers have been demanding a 75 percent wage increase. Negotiations on their wage demands had been taking place with the council's black liaison committee.

He said that drivers had given the council an ultimatum and said that they would strike if they were not given an immediate wage increase. When no increase was granted, they stopped work.

# 75 striking STAR 5/11/80 bus drivers 265 dismissed in Bloemfontein

Own Correspondent

## BLOEMFONTEIN

Seventy-five of the Bloemfontein municipality's 95 black and coloured bus drivers were dismissed today after they went on strike for higher wages.

The black drivers, who are paid a maximum of R3 806 a year, and coloured drivers, who are paid a maximum of R5 102 a year, asked for a 75 percent increase.

Mr P. H. J. Claassen, the deputy transport manager, said the municipal officials had asked the drivers to give them time to discuss matters, because they formed only a small proportion of a large number of drivers employed by the municipality.

"They did not want to wait," he said. "We have paid off all 75 who were supposed to report for duty today."

He explained that the remaining 20 drivers were either off duty, ill or on leave.

Mr Claassen said that substitute drivers, including black inspectors, white drivers and new recruits from the waiting list would be used to keep the service running.

Asked if the dismissed drivers would be reappointed, Mr Claassen said it was negotiable and that he was not in the position to comment further.

Among the drivers' complaints are:

- They are not insured.

- No transport is provided for drivers who start work as early as 4 am.

- Allowances for using their clothes before uniforms were issued were promised but have not been received.

## Free State race relations plan

BLAEMFONTEIN — Multiracial community committees are to be formed in every town in the Free State to see to the needs and aspirations of white, coloured and black people.

Brigadier M J du Plessis, commanding officer of the Free State Command, said in Bloemfontein yesterday that the committees would be formed in conjunction with various State departments and oth-

er bodies throughout the province.

Officers of his command had already held meetings in various towns where local sub-committees had been established.

The project was aimed at promoting better racial relationships and better living standards for all.

It was also designed to iden-

tify, co-ordinate and try to solve problems between the different race groups.

"The onslaught against the Republic is a total onslaught," Brig Du Plessis said.

"It is not aimed at the whites only, but against all race groups."

To meet this onslaught head on it was imperative for all ethnic groups in South Africa to work together, he said — Sapa

# Families forced out — for herd of cattle

**Tribune Reporter**  
FAMILIES from the black settlement outside Weenen who were forced to vacate their homes this week, left to make way for cattle belonging to the Weenen town board

This has been confirmed by Chris Viljoen, town clerk for Weenen

The **SUNDAY TRIBUNE** last week reported that the five-family settlement had been ordered by a magistrate and the board to leave the land their family had occupied for over a century because it belonged to the town

Mr Viljoen he said the families had lived there illegally, and the ground would now be used as grazing for 50 cattle belonging to the board

"This cattle herd belongs to the town board and is bred for auctions to make money for the board," he said

Two people were issued with warning summonses by police when they loosened fence wire to drive trucks to the houses to load furniture

Mr Viljoen said they were to be charged because they had tampered with fencing belonging to the town board without permission

Although Government trucks were to be provided for the people, they told the **SUNDAY TRIBUNE** they had arranged their own transport

They would not disclose where they were moving to for fear of intimidation

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# 'ANTI-BLA' ARRESTS

A TOTAL of 44 scholars from Tabong near Welkom, were detained this week by security police after they had demonstrated with placards against the Black Local Authority Board's elections.

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Sixteen of the students appeared in the Welkom magistrate court for various charges under the Riotous Assemblies Act. Lt Colonel Koen, head of the security police in Welkom confirmed that a group of students were arrested and detained on Wednesday, but refused to elaborate.

The black local elections wind up tomorrow with a poll in Bethlehem. Countrywide, the poll has reached barely 21 percent — an indication of the low level of acceptance of the Government's new deal.

By Anthony Duigan

The local authority elections in South Africa's major urban black areas, which end tomorrow with a poll in Bethlehem, must have dented Government hopes for widespread acceptance of its "new deal".

Now that all is over bar the shouting, indications are that the poll countrywide barely reached 21 percent — little over half the overall average poll for the previous community council elections.

This week's elections in Atteridgeville outside Pretoria tell the story. Fewer than one in 10 of the eligible voters turned out, against the 23 percent poll in the area's community council elections in 1978.

On the other hand, the three areas of Greater Soweto, regarded as the sounding board for all policy developments regarding urban blacks, showed an overall percentage poll of 17, just four percent lower than the poll for the previous elections there.

This, incidentally, is very close to the poll predicted by the survey of Soweto opinion on the elections, carried out by The Star's market research department.

This survey found that up to 22 percent of Sowetans would go to the polls, but that this figure would drop to about 15 percent in the event of a strong boycott movement developing.

The anti-council movement, represented by groups such as the United Democratic Front, the Azanian Peoples Organisation and the Soweto Committee of Ten, did indeed campaign actively for a poll boycott and in some areas even held public placard protests strongly urging a stayaway.

The most unexpected stayaways were in Soweto's Dobsonville and Diepmeadow which registered just under 34 percent and 15 percent respectively against 42 percent and 16 percent for the previous elections.

The lowest poll in the PWV was returned in the Vaal Triangle's Evaton where only 3.5 percent of voters, a third of the number who voted in the previous elections, went to the polls.

Evaton, an area of freehold plots owned by black landowners, is fighting a rearguard action to prevent replanning of the area which will ultimately eliminate the money-spinning shacks which have sprung up on most properties.

Ironically, one of the highest percentage polls in South Africa, 37 percent, was returned in Kagiso outside Krugersdorp, an area where pre-election activity appeared to be almost nonexistent.

On the East Rand, where seven of the black areas elected new town or village councils, the overall poll was 20 percent, virtually the same as the poll for previous community council elections in the area.

Four sitting mayors — in kwaThema, Soweto, Mamelodi and Atteridgeville — lost their council places.

Perhaps the biggest disappointment to the authorities was the absence of the more radical civic leaderships which have sprung up in several organisations outside Government-approved bodies.

Mr John Hitge, the director of black local government, said he regarded the results of the elections as "reasonable under the circumstances".

"The fact is there was intimidation of voters in some areas besides the general calls for a boycott", he said.

On the surface there did not appear to have been any attempts by boycott groups actively to prevent anybody from voting and a heavy police presence at polls ensured that demonstrations were at a minimum.

"Now that the voting is over we have to get down to the nitty-gritty of implementing the new local authorities," said Mr Hitge.

But whatever start these initial meetings give to the new councils, they will still have two major obstacles to overcome: credibility and viability. In other words, they have to win over their sceptical citizens and the Government has to come up with a formula for financing the enormous development needs of these areas.

## Stayaway at black elections a blow for 'new deal'

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# Hose row led to dismissal

7/9/84

Own Correspondent

BLOEMFONTEIN — A woman horticulturalist who felt she had been unfairly dismissed by the Welkom Municipality told an industrial court how she found a municipal hosepipe being used to water the private garden of Welkom's director of parks, Mr T L Steyn, at the height of the drought in January

Mrs Gesie Weingerl, of Virginia, whose claim of unfair dismissal was upheld, said she reported the matter to her immediate superior, Mr W P M Bester, after ordering the removal of the pipe

In February she found a private hosepipe attached to a municipal tap in a park next to Mr

Steyn's Rosalind Street home, the court heard. She confiscated it and reported the matter to Mr Bester

After an internal inquiry Mrs Weingerl was found to have contravened the municipality's conditions of service in that, among other things, she had failed to carry out written instructions to water trees on the pavement outside Mr Steyn's home

She was dismissed on May 10

The municipality did not defend the court action and Mrs Weingerl was granted temporary reinstatement. The Minister of Manpower is considering setting up a conciliation board to hear the dispute

# Num official seeks redress

JOHANNESBURG — Mr Cyril Ramaphosa, general secretary of the National Union of Mineworkers (Num), who is currently on a visit to Europe, is to fly to Holland today to meet senior Shell management over the dismissal of more than 70 black miners from the Rietspruit colliery.

Shell half owns the open-cast mine. The other half is owned by Rand Mines.

The workers were dismissed for ignoring an ultimatum to return to work and end their five-day strike over the dismissal of two Num shop stewards.

Mr Ramaphosa apparently also intends to speak to Dutch trade unions in an effort to put international pressure on the mine to reinstate the workers.

In another mining dispute, the Supreme Court has ruled that 91 out of 100 mineworkers be evicted from their hostel at the East Driefontein goldmine near Carletonville.

The workers were arrested during a strike by more than 11 000 workers at the mine last week.

The court was asked to discharge the order in respect of another 172 workers who have either been re-employed or have left the mine —

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ADRIAAN EKSTEEN

# Transport policy route



Adriaan Eksteen is the Director General of the Department of Transport (DOT). The *FM* spoke to him about the issue of privatisation and subsidies in the transport industry.

**FM. What is current thinking in government circles about subsidies in general?**

**Eksteen:** It is current national policy to further private initiative and effective competition. Within these goals the DOT sees a role for the private sector to participate as far as possible. The government must certainly distinguish between socio-economic goals and economic efficiency goals. If the former are to be achieved at a cost, the cost must be identified, and the merits of the case should be debated. If it is accepted that subsidies are to be paid, then it should be done in a direct and open way so there is little, or no, need for cross subsidisation between profitable and unprofitable services.

**What of the future of Sats and SAA?**

If one accepts the above principle, semi-governmental enterprises can be allowed to become much more like private companies, and they should also be treated as such in respect of accounting practices and rates of return on capital. Once this is achieved the ownership issue is less complicated and it might be possible to list such companies on the JSE.

**Is it reasonable to expect black commuters to pay fully for their costs of getting to work?**

Where there is a need, we will continue to pay subsidies to passengers who cannot afford to pay the economic fare. As long as commuters have to travel long distances to

and from work, the government will have to pay part of the costs. There is only one solution to this: if employers pay a high enough salary to compensate for transport costs, subsidies will not be necessary.

**Do you feel, then, that employers should pay the subsidy?**

No, this is central government's responsibility. We are trying to phase the subsidy out gradually, but this will take a long time. There is a limit as to how much we can pay out. Last year we paid out over R207m in subsidies to black bus passengers.

**What is the bottom line regarding privatisation?**

There are limits to privatisation. It is essential the private sector achieve a certain rate of return on invested capital to remain profitable. When the costs of buildings, runways, equipment and other fixed costs are considered, the picture becomes less rosy and not too many entrepreneurs will be so quick to take on the responsibility. It is no use privatising when the private sector cannot be relied on to provide unprofitable services. One has to consider the social costs as well as economic costs, and in certain cases the government is compelled to render a number of uneconomic services. It is unlikely the private sector is prepared to provide uneconomic services.

**Are bus routes likely to be opened on a more competitive basis?**

One must distinguish between commuter and passenger services over longer distances. Applications to open the longer routes are being considered, and their success depends on the extent to which these routes can be opened. As regards commuter service routes in the larger metropolitan areas, we have not a single application for a permit to operate these bus routes. Our policy is that we cannot

allow single bus operators to run routes, as this is not in the interests of the SA economy. We must ensure buses arrive on time at the correct place otherwise chaos will arise. Only those who have the infrastructure, expertise and facilities can ensure reliability.

**How is transport policy, especially financing, going to fit in with regional policy and the Regional Service Councils (RSCs)?**

We must obviously be consistent with current constitutional and regional economic development. Transport is a general affair which must, to some extent, devolve to the regional level, although transport must always be under central government control to ensure uniformity in policy. RSCs will have the powers the Metropolitan Transport Advisory Boards (MTAB) previously had. This involves a change in funding as the MTAB's activities were partially funded by the central government, whereas the RSCs' are to be funded through levies, and will most probably play an increasing role in raising finances, *inter alia*, for passenger services. All organisational, administrative and regulatory matters are being considered with the new dispensation in mind.

**How do you intend depoliticising transport?**

The RSCs are an attempt to do just this. There are also plans to implement a transport tribunal to consider cases. Transport can never be divorced from politics.

**Are you concerned about the long distances that some commuters have to travel to get to work every day, which can be up to seven hours every day?**

This is why we pay subsidies — to assist those people who have to travel far. As long as there is a great distance between home and work, there will have to be subsidies. This is why the government has tried to establish industries near the homelands. ■

## TAX REFORM

**The further case for Vat**

There is yet another compelling reason for the Margo Commission to recommend replacing sales tax (gst) with a value-added tax (Vat). Quite simply, revenues from Vat could replace the highly controversial proposed local authority taxes intended to fund Regional Services Councils (RSCs).

Gst — with its exemptions and administrative hassles — is an impost which is widely dodged. Estimates put the amount presently lost to gst evaders at about R1,8 billion a year, and that translates as upward pressure on tax rates generally. This loss could decrease by more than R1 billion with value-added taxation.

Vat taxes at each stage of the productive process — manufacturer to wholesaler to retailer — making overall evasion far more difficult, and easier to police than gst. A retailer who fails to hand over gst collected at any rate represents a 100% loss to the tax system. A retailer who dodges Vat, if not caught, is even so less of a drain on the fiscus.

The case for Vat is made more compelling when the proposed RSC taxes are viewed as purely political in intention. The RSC tax proposals have been handed for consideration to the Margo Commission, which could easily conclude that they are fundamentally flawed. An earlier idea to tax productive assets was scrapped, and the proposals seek to tax either turnover or the payroll.

The turnover tax concept enjoys almost universal revulsion among economists, mainly because the relationship between turnover and income varies from one firm to another. A small software company may show a high ratio of profit to turnover, but a hypermarket, contrariwise, operates on tiny markups and massive turnover.

Moreover, the turnover tax would be an incentive for firms to integrate vertically. This joins suppliers and customers, reducing the number of production stages liable to tax. This in turn would heighten the concern of those who allege that SA business is already too concentrated.

The payroll tax is cheap and easy to collect. It is also unfair, inefficient, and uncertain. It can be avoided by professionals, the self-employed, partnerships, sole proprietors, and many other categories of working people.

Overall, the RSC proposals would mean the taxpayer does not contribute in proportion to consumption. This is highly regressive, with the tax falling more on workers rather than on employers and/or consumers.

While the financing of municipal services is a desirable objective in itself, an acceptable tax base must be used. By adding a point or so to Vat, that goal would be far more equitably achieved. And by adopting Vat in its tax reform programme, SA would follow no fewer than 50 countries which already use it. ■

## TRANSPORT POLICY

**Unweaving the web**

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For decades, government has been spinning an intricate web of control around the transport sector. Now it has committed itself to unravelling that web and introducing a greater degree of private enterprise and free competition. But can decades of mischief be soon undone — as industry and the black sector fervently hope?

The signs are that changes must be made that government must disengage itself, allow competition, deregulate the sector, introduce privatisation and somehow halt the massive expenditure on protecting both State-owned and private-sector monopolies. Fortunately, it seems some changes will come next year, if Pretoria accepts the recommendations of the National Transport Policy Study (NTPS).

The NTPS has been hailed by some sectors of industry and government alike as transport's saviour. But perhaps too much hope is being pinned on this government-appointed and funded body — which admits that it must work within the constraints of SA's national policies. To a great extent, it is these policies — such as influx control and residential segregation — which are to blame for the current mess.

The NTPS will probably bring about the scrapping of the existing Transport Act and, with that, pave the way for the introduction of a fairer permit system for both road hauliers and black taxi operators.

Privatisation is being considered for SA Airways, and for new toll roads. But, Transport Director-General Adriaan Eksteen has made it plain (*Economy* June 7) that the bus monopolies have little to fear. It is unlikely that their routes will be opened up to competition or that commuter subsidies will cease.

The reasons for government's hesitancy are given as socio-political — the black sector must not suffer, therefore an "efficient" bus service is needed. Subsidies will continue while blacks are forced to live outside industrial areas.

Does Pretoria really understand what it has committed itself to — what private enterprise and competition really mean? More worryingly, does government really understand what hopes its commitment has inspired?

The situation is already sensitive and explosive. The transport web took decades to spin, do we have to wait yet more decades for it to be unravelled? ■

**INDUSTRIAL COURT** (20)

EM 28/6/87

The Industrial Court has moved into new premises

Its new address is First floor, Provisus Building, 523 Church Street, Arcadia, Pretoria Its postal address remains Private Bag X277, Pretoria, 0001 Its telephone number is (012) 341-1690/1/2/3/4/5 and its telex number is 3-21799 SA

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OFS is to train  
17/12/85 STAR  
more local nurses

Own Correspondent

BLOEMFONTEIN — The Free State Provincial Administration is to stop recruiting overseas nurses for provincial hospitals, according to the MEC for hospital services, Mr Humphrey Simes

More attention will now be given to the training of white, coloured and black nurses and a training college for coloured nurses is to be set up at Pelonomi Hospital

Of the 31 people recruited overseas in 1983, only five are still in the service of the provincial administration

Mr Simes said it cost R92 000 to bring the 31 people from Britain, the Netherlands and Belgium in 1983. They were recruited because of a serious shortage of trained personnel

He said the foreign personnel gave good service but experienced language problems

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SA 19/2/78  
Tribute to Mrs Molly Blackburn

CAPE TOWN — A moving tribute to Mrs Molly Blackburn, former MPC for Walmer, was made at the first sitting this year of the Cape Provincial Council yesterday.

Mrs Di Bishop (PFP Gardens), who was injured in the motor accident which claimed the lives of her husband Mr Brian Bishop and Mrs Blackburn in December, was wheeled into the council chamber in a wheelchair.

Moving an unopposed motion of condolence, the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, said Mrs Blackburn was a formidable politician and a tireless fighter for the principles for which she stood.

He recorded the deep sorrow of the council and its appreciation of the services she had rendered to the province.

Leader of the Opposition, Mr Herbert Hirsch (PFP Sea Point), said Mrs Blackburn had not displayed her concern "by the wringing of hands or the shedding of tears".

"Instead she became an activist in the best sense of the word.

"She was certainly not ambitious in the personal or political sense, but she used her political status and platform to serve individuals in need of help" — Political Staff.

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Extra R30-m added to Free State budget

Own Correspondent

BLOEMFONTEIN — An additional budget of about R30 million was introduced by the Administrator of the Free State, Mr Louis Botha, in one of the Free State Provincial Council's last sittings which began here yesterday.

An amount of R10,8 million is needed for education (mainly for salaries) — R9 million for hospital and welfare services and R6,2 million for roads and bridges.

Mr Botha said blacks would be represented at almost every level of local government in future. This was in line with Government policy to give each population group control over its own affairs.

He said it was hoped that the Regional Services Council would begin on July 1 with its own levies.

Mr Botha said Hoopstad would get a new R5,5 million hospital, while R7,8 million would be spent on extending and upgrading the hospitals at Vrede, Reitz, Winburg and Parys.

Building work on a new community centre at Heidedal should be finished within a year at a cost of R1,43 million.

# Indian boy's application to attend OFS school rejected

**265** Own Correspondent **STAR** 14/11/86  
**BLOEMFONTEIN** — An application by the son of an Indian businessman in Lesotho to attend the Brebner High School in Bloemfontein has been rejected by the Free State's Provincial Council Executive Committee

The Administrator of the Free State, Mr Louis Botha, said the application had been refused because the necessary requirements were not met and not because the applicant was Indian

The Brebner High School control board had recommended that the application be approved after 92 percent of the parents who responded to the questionnaire were in favour of the boy being admitted.

The school principal, Mr Hilary Spears, said the decision was a surprise in view of the control board's recommendation

# Azaso meets over rumours

**STAR** 14/11/86

Following rumours that more than 100 students have been expelled from Fort Hare University, the Azanian Students' Organisation (Azaso) is to hold a meeting at Khotso House, Johannesburg, at 1 p m today.

This was announced last night by the organisation's general-secretary, Mr Chris Ngcobo

Mr Ngcobo added that the meeting was being called by the Fort Hare University interim committee

# Police deny student is on hunger strike

**STAR** 14/11/86

**CAPE TOWN** — The police have denied that a final-year University of the Western Cape student, Mr John Kearns, who is in detention in Paarl, is on a hunger strike.

Last week his mother, Mrs Mary Kearns, said he had been on a hunger strike since December 26

She said then that she had visited her son in detention and that he had lost a lot of weight

Mr Kearns, who is being held in the Paarl police station under section 29 of the Internal Security Act, was detained on November 25

Police headquarters in Pretoria said yesterday Mr Kearns was not on a hunger strike

Miss Deanita Kearns, a sister of the detained student, said that they had received a message from her brother before Christmas saying he would go on a hunger strike on December 26 — Sapa

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# 'Kill councillors'

A DELMAS Circuit Court judge was told yesterday that four of the accused addressed a rent protest meeting in Sharpeville where residents were incited to kill councillors and those who defied a call to boycott their businesses.

Mr Justice K van Dijkhoofst also heard that emotions ran so high during speeches that if any one had disagreed with the meeting something could have happened to him.

This evidence was given by a witness who may not be identified, in the trial of 22 people, most of them residents of Sebokeng. Proceedings are in camera.

The accused have pleaded not guilty to a high treason charge, alternatively murder, subversion and terrorism. The charges arise from unrest that broke

**By NKOPANE  
MAKOBANE**

out in the Vaal Triangle in September 1984.

Mr X, questioned by Mr W J J Hanekom, for the State, said on August 19, 1984, he attended a meeting at St Cyprians Church. Inside the church hall there was a banner which said: "Asinamali — away with councillors, no more rent hikes".

Present at the meeting, Mr X said, were Mr Tom Manthata (45), Mr Patrick Daleka (25), Mr Oupa Hlomuka (32), the Reverend Tebogo Moselane (39) and Mr Mohapi More (25).

## **Power**

Mr X said Mr Manthata, who had been introduced as the main speaker, told the residents that they were oppressed through the councillors to pay high rent. He told them they had power but did not know how to use it.

Mr Manthata also said for a long time they had told the councillors to resign, but they had refused, Mr X said.

Because of their refusal, Mr Manthata had said, they were to be forced, to do so, or to be killed, stoned and burnt. He had further called

for the boycott of their businesses because they did nothing for the community.

In his speech Mr Baleka had said he was from the Transkei where people were oppressed by (Chief Kaizer) Matanzima. Mr Baleka said on arrival in Johannesburg, he had found that Mr Esau Mahlatsi (Le-koa mayor) and Mr Ephraim Tshabalala (then Soweto mayor) also oppressed the people.

**Cinemas in OFS  
open to all races**

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Own Correspondent

WELKOM — Ster-Kinekor has been given permission to open its cinemas and drive-ins in the Free State to all races.

Towns where this will apply are Welkom and Bloemfontein

Ster Kinekor cinemas in Kimberley in the Northern Cape, which fall under the same regional management, are also now open for multiracial audiences

# Vrystaat! Welcomes to the Indians

By BOETI ESHAK  
THE Goldfields city of Welkom has set the pace in the Free State by launching an investigation to provide housing and other amenities for Indians who may wish to move in.

Archaic legislation prohibiting Indians from living in the OFS has been lifted and the 12-member Welkom City Council did not want to get caught napping when CBDs are thrown open to all races.

At its monthly meeting last week, the council unanimously decided to apply for permission to open the central business district to traders of all races.

This action has been given overwhelming support by the people of the city, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary as a municipality this



Businessman Papas ... wants a nonracial city

year. Traders and people interviewed this week welcomed the move to have an open CBD, and also to allow Indians to live in the area.

Welkom has a population of 216 000, made up of whites, Africans and coloureds

best Afrikaans, a traffic officer for directions to the civic centre. She stopped a patrol car, which escorted me the 2km to my destination.

I had no appointments with senior city officials, but all agreed to see me and talk about their town. Mr Ian Auret, Welkom's Publicity Association director, left a meeting to chat to me. And Mr Chris Rademan, the town clerk, was about to

leave work for the day, but welcomed me into his office. In the civic centre corridors, people greeted me politely.

White workers and shop owners did not object to being interviewed by an Indian; in fact, their hospitality was typically South African — warm and friendly.

At the local hotel, being the only non-white, never mind the only Indian, in the coffee

town clerk, Mr Chris Rademan.

"I have also been instructed to apply to the relevant state departments for a declaration of free trade areas in the CBD.

## Welcomed

Mr Rademan added the broad spectrum of the Welkom business community, represented by the Chamber of Commerce, the Afrikaanse Sakekamer, the Master Builders Association and the mining companies, have all welcomed the decision.

The chairman of the Goldfields Chamber of Commerce, Mr Doug Rowlands, said: "I am delighted that the council has taken this decision.

"It is a most enlightened

move and the city fathers should be congratulated for taking this bold step.

"We are all for free enterprise and the vast majority of people are in complete agreement.

"We hope the central government will speed matters up.

"Integration will not be difficult in our town as we have a cosmopolitan community."

Mr Ian Auret, director of the city's fledgling Publicity Association, also welcomed the move, saying it would boost the city's image.

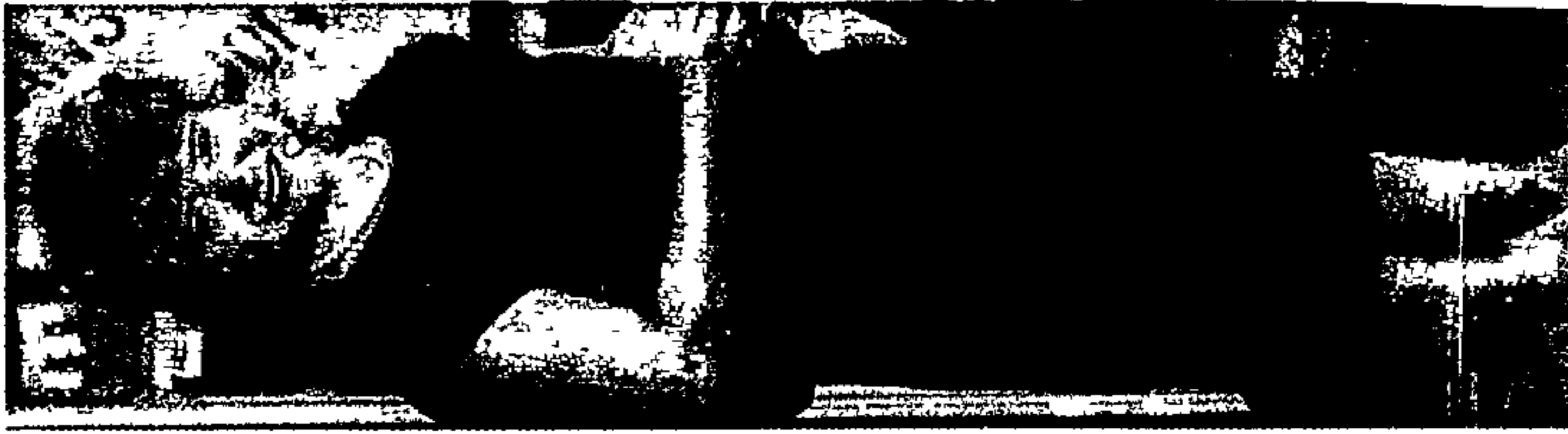
## 'Overdue'

"Business is international and nonracial. It knows no barriers and the sooner we have a free enterprise system, the better," he said.

Mr Nick Papas, a property and business broker in Welkom, said the move was "wonderful and long overdue" and that he could not wait to see the local community becoming completely mixed.

"Sure, you will find the odd objection from the public, like those who oppose the Government's reform movement and the concept that apartheid is outdated," Mr Papas said.

A shop assistant, Miss Rosemary Kriel, agreed it



ROSEMARY KRIEL Welcomes a mixed Welkom

was "a tremendously good idea" to have all races, particularly Indians, living and doing business in Welkom.

"This should have been done a long time ago," she said. "It's time we moved along with the times."

# Clarence pleased with Indaba's gains

Mercury Reporter

MEMBERS of the KwaZulu/Natal Indaba will reconvene tomorrow under the chairmanship of Prof Desmond Clarence, who returned from a four-week overseas visit yesterday

Prof Clarence expressed delight with the progress the Indaba had made

'It is very clear that the participants at the Indaba are determined to find a way of providing for a just and peaceful future for a unitary Natal/KwaZulu,' he said

'Neither the announcement regarding second-tier government made in Parliament last week, nor the opposition of some conservative political parties, has distracted the Indaba from pursuing its course towards putting proposals for the future of the region to the Government.'

Prof Clarence said the Indaba had clearly established its basic points of departure, had agreed upon what powers should be ascribed to second-tier government and was now involved in determining ways by which such government could be constituted

For this purpose a committee of specialists in constitutional matters had been appointed and had begun to share its proposals with the Indaba

About 34 delegates from a wide range of political, business and union organisations are participating in the Indaba, which was launched at the Durban City Hall last month

national terrorism, too, when he wrote "other jubilee" in the year 2000. It will coin- or death

# Maritzburg ready for multiracial council <sup>SAPC</sup> 2/6/86

Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG — Maritzburg city councillors are almost unanimous in their support for a multiracial council to run the city.

Of the 15 councillors present at Friday's meeting, only Mr George de Beer voted against a motion introduced by councillor Mr Rob Haswell

Mr Haswell had proposed that the town clerk should investigate and report as soon

as practical on the possibility of a multiracial city council. He said power-sharing was the key to South Africa's future

The Regional Services Councils were based on separate group areas and local authorities and he questioned how Maritzburg could be run by four local authorities

The city should not choose a path so flawed and contradictory, he said

Mr Haswell said that surveys had proved

that most whites were prepared to accept reform and the State President had called for the building of a new South Africa

"Let us build a new city," he said

Mr Mark Cornell, the deputy mayor, asked if ratepayers should be canvassed, but Mr Haswell said that a referendum struck him as being odd

Both Mr Leslie Simon and Mr Lawrence Gillooly said the motion did not seek to defy the Government

Mr Peter Elliott, director-general of the Automobile Association has

by progressive organisations against apartheid in education not be shouldered by



By MZIKAYISE  
EDOM

MEMBERS of the Tumahole community council in Parys were threatened with death if they did not resign from the council, the Delmas treason trial heard yesterday.

A State witness, who may not be identified, told the court that the councillors were also warned that their

properties would be attacked and set alight if they continued serving on the council.

The witness was giving evidence at the trial of 22 men charged with high treason, murder, subversion and terrorism.

They have pleaded

not guilty to all the charges.

Yesterday's hearing was held in camera and the public was barred from attending.

The business premises of Mr Hlalele, a councillor, were the first to be attacked and set alight, the witness

said. This was in July 1984.

She also told the court that just after July 1984 councillors were told at a meeting that they should resign from their posts because they were unable to perform their duties.

The meeting be-

tween members of the council and a committee representing the residents was held in the township.

"At another meeting held between councillors and members of the Tumahole Students Organisation (TSO) during 1984, the

# 'Threatened with death'

youths told councillors that they were against proposed rent increases which were supposed to be introduced on July 1, 1984.

The witness added that the council was also asked to lower rent from R26,25 to R18,50 a month and not increase it by R10 as the council had announced.

(Proceeding)

## Bonn 'won't go for SA coal ban'

BONN — West Germany will reportedly not agree to ban South African coal imports when European Community (EC) foreign ministers meet in Brussels today to co-ordinate economic measures against apartheid

The weekly news magazine *Der Spiegel* and the *Welt am Sonntag* newspaper quoted Government sources as saying Bonn may agree to ban imports of South African iron, steel and gold Krugerrand coins, but not coal as originally proposed.

*Der Spiegel* said the Government was going back on undertakings made at the EC summit in The Hague in June when Chancellor Helmut Kohl included a coal import ban in measures he would be ready to take if Pretoria refused to institute reforms. — Sapa-Reuter.

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**TANKWA-KAROO NASIONALE PARK —  
INSTELLING**

Ek, John Walter Edington Wiley, Minister van Omgewingsake en Toerisme, kragtens die bevoegdheid my verleent by artikel 2 (2) (a) van die Wet op Nasionale Parke, 1976 (Wet 57 van 1976)—

(a) verklaar hierby dat die eiendomme in die Bylae hier van vermeld, 'n nasionale park is wat as die Tankwa-Karoo Nasionale Park bekend staan, en

(b) wysig hierby Bylae 1 van genoemde Wet deur die byvoeging van die beskrywing van Tankwa-Karoo Nasionale Park.

Geteken te Kaapstad op hede die 5de dag van September 1986.

J. W. E. WILEY,  
Minister van Omgewingsake, en Toerisme.

**BYLAE**

**TANKWA-KAROO NASIONALE PARK**

Beskrywing	Grootte (ha)
Grasberg North 1084 .....	3 806,3269
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**DEPARTEMENT VAN ONTWIKKELINGS-  
HULP**

No. 1936 19 September 1986

**AMPSTERMYN EN VERKIESING VAN LEDE VAN  
DIE DORPSRAAD VAN BOTSHABELO**

Ek, Gerrit van Niekerk Viljoen, Minister van Onderwys en Ontwikkelingshulp, kragtens die bevoegdheid my verleent by artikel 30 (2) (b) en (g) van die Swart Administrasie Wet, 1927 (Wet 38 van 1927), gelees met artikel 2 (2) van die Wysigingswet op Wetgewing op Samewerking en Ontwikkeling, 1984 (Wet 83 van 1984), bepaal hiermee dat die regulasies vervat in die Bylae hiervan ten opsigte van die ampstermyn en verkiesing van lede van die Dorpsraad van Botshabelo van toepassing sal wees en dat hierdie regulasies in werking tree op 1 September 1986.

G. VAN N. VILJOEN,  
Minister van Onderwys en Ontwikkelingshulp.

**BYLAE**

**Ampstermyn van lede**

1. Die ampstermyn van die verkose lede van die Dorpsraad van Botshabelo word hierby verleng tot 31 Maart 1987: Met dien verstande dat 'n verkiesing van lede van die dorpsraad kragtens die bepalings van Hoofstuk 8 van die Regulasies vir die Administrasie en Bestuur van Dorpe in Swart Gebiede, afgekondig by Proklamasie R 293 van 1962, gehou word voor die verstryking van die verlengde ampstermyn

**Verkiesing van lede**

2. Die bepalings van Hoofstuk 8 van die Regulasies vir die Administrasie en Bestuur van Dorpe in Swart Gebiede, afgekondig by Proklamasie R 293 van 1962 is *mutatis mutandis* van toepassing op die verkiesing van lede van

No. 1934 19 September 1986

**TANKWA-KAROO NATIONAL PARK —  
ESTABLISHMENT**

I, John Walter Edington Wiley, Minister of Environment Affairs and Tourism, by virtue of the powers vested in me by section 2 (2) (a) of the National Parks Act, 1976 (Act 57 of 1976)—

(a) hereby declare that the properties referred to in the Schedule hereto shall be a national park known as the Tankwa-Karoo National Park, and

(b) hereby amend Schedule 1 to the said Act by the addition of the description of the Tankwa-Karoo National Park

Signed at Cape Town, this 5th day of September 1986.

J. W. E. WILEY,  
Minister of Environment Affairs and Tourism

**SCHEDULE**

**TANKWA-KAROO NATIONAL PARK**

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT  
AID**

No. 1936 19 September 1986

**TERM OF OFFICE AND ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF  
THE TOWN COUNCIL OF BOTSHABELO**

I, Gerrit van Niekerk Viljoen, Minister of Education and Development Aid, under the powers vested in me by section 3 (2) (b) and (g) of the Black Administration Act, 1927 (Act 38 of 1927), read with section 2 (2) of the Laws on Co-operation and Development Amendment Act, 1984 (Act 83 of 1984), hereby determine that the regulations contained in the Schedule hereto shall be applicable in respect of the term of office and election of members of the Town Council of Botshabelo and that these regulations shall come into operation on 1 September 1986

G. VAN N. VILJOEN,  
Minister of Education and Development Aid.

**SCHEDULE**

**Term of office of members**

1. The term of office of elected members of the Town Council of Botshabelo is hereby extended to 31 March 1987. Provided that an election of members of the town council in terms of the provisions of Chapter 8 of the Regulations for the Administration and Control of Townships in Black Areas, promulgated by Proclamation R 293 of 1962, shall be held prior to the expiry of the extended term of office.

**Election of members**

2. The provisions of Chapter 8 of the Regulations for the Administration and Control of Townships in Black Areas, promulgated by Proclamation R 293 of 1962, shall be applicable *mutatis mutandis* to the election of

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# Coetsee warns CP on polls

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MUNICIPAL elections now and in the future would be of the greatest importance in keeping the "Amalakites out of the Free State"

Challenging the Conservative and other parties "that are planning to oust the Nationalist Party in the Free State", Mr Koble Coetsee, the Minister of Justice and the NP leader in the Free State, gained the approval of the party's one-day congress in Bloemfontein that the constitution should be changed to enable the executive to draw up rules to put the Conservative Party in its place.

Mr Coetsee said that the National Party had not politicised city council elections in the past, but "in plain language I want to see that where the Conservative Party interferes it must be put in its place" - Sapa

# Free State hospital staff ordered to strike

Own Correspondent

**BLOEMFONTEIN** — About 900 employees at Pelonomi Hospital in Bloemfontein stopped work yesterday morning.

A hospital spokesman said the workers claimed there must be a union for the hospital workers though it was known most were members of

the National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union.

The spokesman said the strike organisers ordered workers from the wards. Others not wishing to strike hid.

The strikers remained in the vicinity of the wards while the officials negotiated with an official from the provincial administration.

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# Dismissal declared null and void

# OFS might have to

# pay sacked workers

Own Correspondent

**BLOEMFONTEIN** — The Free State Provincial Administration might face the prospect of having to find in excess of R500 000 to meet the wages of about 280 employees who were dismissed unlawfully in August and September last year.

On Thursday Mr Justice A P van Coller upheld an

application by three employees of Pelomoni Hospital in Bloemfontein

He declared their dismissal null and void because they had not been given the opportunity to state their case prior to being sacked

The three were chosen to represent all the employees who had been dismissed following a strike on August 25 and 26 last year.

The strikers wanted a democratically elected workers' committee, recognition for their trade union, the National Educational Health and Allied Workers Union (Nehawu), an end to "harassment" by hospital security personnel, a living wage and permanent status

Some employees alleged they had been on the temporary staff for about 20 years. The workers also complained about the disappearance of a colleague just before the strike.

A spokesman for Nehawu, whose members were dismissed, said the 280 employees involved earned between R142 a month — the normal starting wage — and R500 for a clerk.

## Sang and danced

About 100 of the employees affected sang and danced in the union's offices in Bloemfontein on Friday after the instructing attorney, Mr Phaketi Masekela, explained the terms of the judgment

A spokesman for the provincial administration said it had made an application for leave to appeal against the judgment but a final decision on the move to appeal had not yet been taken

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# Power of local govt outlined

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## BLOEMFONTEIN

Local government could be said to be the most influential of the three levels of government in South Africa, Mr R.J. Mokotjo, MEC with special responsibility for Black Local Authorities in the Free State, told a meeting of the Bloemfontein Joint Council yesterday.

He said it was at local government level that needs could be identified which might lead to rectifying legislation.

Mr Mokotjo spoke on qualifications and related matters for the black voter in municipal elections.

He pointed out councillors should enjoy the trust of their people, have the interests of the whole community at heart at all times, attend meetings regularly and constructively, and maintain good relations with voters, the community and officials.

Mr Mokotjo said that public accounting to the community was the final analysis to determine whether a local authority had succeeded.



# Residents, council join forces on Hill 42

By EDDIE KOCH

RESIDENTS of a remote township in the Free State are setting up street committees and a civic associations — and they have the full backing of the town council elected in last year's controversial municipal poll.

On the face of it the people of 42nd Hill, a sprawling rural slum on the outskirts of Harrismuth, are merely following the example of countless other communities who have tried to set up such institutions as a challenge to their official town councils.

But the startling thing about 42nd Hill is the impetus for these forms of community organisation, usually associated with urban rebellions that rocked South Africa between 1984 and 1986, is coming from the town councillors who were elected during last year's municipal elections.

According to the township's new mayor, Johannes Mosikini, residents decided informally that progressive candidates should contest the elec-

tions. *WWAFL 13-19/1/89*  
As result 42nd Hill had a 49 percent poll, one of the highest in the country for black townships, and Mosikini and his colleagues were swept into all seven positions on the council.

After electing Mosikini and his deputy mayor the council's first act was to hold a mass meeting in the township so that the community could endorse the decision.

Since then there have been five similar meetings in 42nd Hill where residents have discussed communal problems such as inadequate sanitation and a shortage of water as well as alternative methods of administering the township.

A meeting last Sunday, attended by representatives of local unions, youth activists and the teacher's association, a decision was taken to set up street committees and a civic association.

"No decision was taken about whether to affiliate the civic to any political organisation," says Mosikini. "We want this body to work as an independent watchdog over us. Once it is established it can make its own decisions about whether to join up with any other organisation."

Not surprisingly, one of Mosikini's councillors was visited by the security police after delivering a fiery

speech at one of the council's report back meetings and the new mayor has no doubts that there will be further visits.

Thus far the burning issues for the council has been the absence of effective sanitation, an outdated "bucket" system, a run-down tractor that is no longer capable of towing equipment to clean the septic tanks, lack of street lighting and a shortage of housing.

Strategies for coping with these problems have been on the agenda of all the mass meetings and Mosikini hopes the street committees and civic association will help provide the council with a programme of action. The council has also consulted service organisations who provide advice to other civic bodies, some of which are linked to the restricted United Democratic Front.

The outcome of these ventures in 42nd Hill will clearly have an influence on the debate about participation in local government structures that took place in some anti-apartheid circles prior to the election.

At that time the dominant feeling was that the structure of black local authorities and their legal position subordinated them to the whim of the Pretoria and that participation in the elections would give legitimacy to the government's token reforms.

# Row over mayor's nephew, wife on council payroll

# Thabong's dirty washing

By SY MAKARINGE

COUNCILLORS of Thabong are engaged in a bitter fight with former members of the town council as allegations and counter-allegations of corruption, irregularities and maladministration continue to rock the small township near Welkom.

The fight between incumbent and former Thabong councillors, which has been simmering since last year's October municipal

elections, reached its peak this week when more than 1 000 residents sent a petition to the Administrator of the Free State demanding the dissolution of the council.

Copies of the petition were also sent to the office of the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning in Cape Town and the office of the Black Local Authorities in Welkom.

The petition, dated March 7, 1989, demands that all councillors be removed from office in order to restore the council "to proper order without immense financial loss to the residents of Thabong".

It alleges that the mayor of Thabong, Dr Edgar Tlali, practised clear-cut nepotism when he appointed his nephew as town treasurer of Thabong.

It said the appointment of Dr Tlali's nephew, a Lesotho citizen, was made even though more suitable local applicants were available.

## Overruled

The petition also alleges that the council contravened the provisions of the Black Local Authorities Act when it employed Dr Tlali's wife.

"Mrs Tlali has no matriculation certificate. The previous council tried to refuse Mrs Tlali employment on the grounds of nepotism and lack of academic qualifications, but they were overruled by Dr Tlali," the petition says.

Other allegations include

- That Dr Tlali received an allowance when under suspension, and
- That Dr Tlali was allowed to take part in the October municipal

elections even though he was then three months in arrears with his rent.

In an interview this week, Dr Tlali, who is also leader of the E B Tlali Thabong Alliance, said the allegations were false.

He said when the new councillors took over, the previous council had a deficit of more than R9-million.

"It was the function of the electoral officer to decide on the competency of all candidates and it is my contention that the town clerk should have charged the returning officer with inefficiency because he allowed me and other candidates to stand for election. I was never in rent arrears," he said.

## Bloem plea for more neighbourhood watches

BLOEMFONTEIN — Bloemfontein residents have shown increased interest in the formation of neighbourhood watches, and the municipality has made an urgent plea to all residents to join the neighbourhood watch organisation.

Already 20 "watches" have been brought into operation in Bloemfontein by the city's security services in co-operation with the South African Police.

A co-ordinating committee for Bloemfontein's neighbourhood watches has also been established.

The purpose of the "watch" is to effect co-operation between members of a residential area and the police force to combat crime in the community.

According to information released by the municipality, there has been a definite decrease in the incidence of crime — particularly burglaries — in areas where neighbourhood watches operate — Sapa

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# Pretoria's mayoral allowance R176 000

**Pretoria Correspondent**  
Pretoria's mayoral allowances are to be increased to R176 000 next year.

The new allowances are made up of a R132 000 general allowance available to the mayor, and a R44 000 personal allowance for the mayoral couple.

In an intense debate during this week's city council meeting, Mr Danie Erasmus (CP) said the mayor's general allowance had increased by 70 percent in the past five years, an amount which was irresponsible if one considered that the city could not finance capital projects properly.

## INFLATION

In reply, National Party councillors referred to the inflation rate, the vast work-load of the mayor, and the need for Pretoria to maintain and improve its image as the capital city.

The allowances were approved after a CP motion failed to peg the allowance at R121 227. The deputy mayor will have a R22 000 allowance at his disposal.

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# Ex-mayor called a traitor

**BLOEMFONTEIN** — The past mayor of Welkom, Mr Gus Gouws, testified in the Welkom Magistrate's Court yesterday that he twice heard the word "traitor" when he was tarred and feathered earlier this year.

Mr Gouws was giving evidence in the trial of seven members of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging, who have pleaded not guilty to charges of crimen injuria and intentional damage to property

### MULTIRACIAL

They are Mr Stephen Etienne Terblanche of Damplaas, Theunissen, Mr Daniel Jacobus Ackerman of Rondebult, Senekal, Mr Dirk Ackerman of Brandfort, Mr Andries Stephanus Kriel of Rodenbeck, Bloemspruit, Mr Jacques Both, Mr Hermanus Johannes Crause and Mr Petrus Johannes Schalk Nel, all of Welkom

Mr Gouws said that, in his capacity as mayor, he had started a multiracial marathon for the handicapped in Welkom on May 13, 1989

Just after the marathon began he was attacked from behind. He was shocked and tried to get away

Liquid had run into his eyes and he had felt humiliated

Mr Gouws told the court he had not been injured in the incident, but his eyes had swollen and his mohair suit

was destroyed. The mayoral chain was not damaged but had to be cleaned

Mr Gouws testified that he had attached a political connotation to the attack because he had exercised a casting vote in the city council. His vote had meant the failure of a CP proposal that a black taxi rank should be moved.

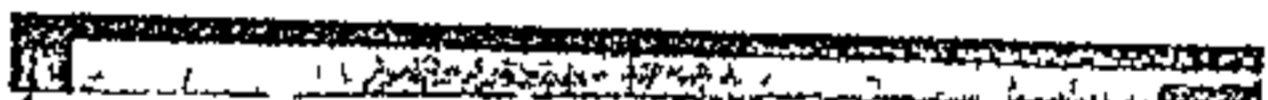
Mr Olaf de Meyer, who appeared for Mr Terblanche, the Ackerman brothers and Mr Kriel, put it to Mr Gouws that he had promised to move the rank and had not done so. "You had the deciding vote. You are a great promiser, but you collapsed and therefore you are a traitor"

### BETRAYED

The dictionary meaning of "traitor" was quoted in court in an attempt to establish whether or not Mr Gouws had betrayed the Conservative Party. He was also compared to the spy Mata Hari

Mr Armand van Heerden, a security officer of the Welkom City Council who was responsible for Mr Gouws's safety, testified that he had grabbed Mr Terblanche from behind when Mr Gouws was squirted with tar. Mr Botha, Mr Crause and Mr Nel were standing round Mr Gouws at the time

The trial was postponed to December 7. — Sapa.



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# I'll fight council to the bitter end

## Man wants pay for lost sight

By SOL MORATHI

A BLIND GaRankuwa man has vowed to fight to the bitter end to get compensation from Pretoria City Council - 21 years after he was injured by the Mamelodi municipal police

Julius Mogwale, 47, was assaulted by the Mamelodi municipal police in 1968 and became blind in the left eye the following year as a result of his injuries

Fifteen years later, his right retina was detached and he became blind in both eyes

Mogwale received R1 000 damages from the city council in 1969, and now wants compensation for the damage to his right eye

Pretoria City Council is refusing to compensate him, however, saying the matter was finalised in 1969

"The court made no further order regarding



Julius Mogwale . . . assaulted by council police.

this matter," said the council's secretary, F Prins, in a letter to Mogwale dated June 25, 1985

"It is clear that this matter was finalised in 1969 and that no further

payments can be made"

Mogwale's lawyer has told him he has no grounds to re-open the case

"I would not be having this problem had my lawyer listened to me

from the outset," said Mogwale

He said soon after receiving the R1 000 damages from the city council, doctors warned him he could go totally blind after 10 years.

He then instructed his lawyer to seek further damages from the city council

But, he said, the lawyer did not listen.

"That is why I do not have legal grounds to re-open the case"

But the blind father-of-one has vowed to fight to the bitter end

"Somewhere down the line, I will get help I still feel not all avenues have been exhausted to have the case re-opened. It is never too late"

Mogwale, who plans to work as a switchboard operator once he has been rehabilitated, depends on the R25 his wife, Annah, earns per week at the Itereleng School for the Blind.

Mogwale

# CP town to defy repeal of Act

THE Rustenburg Town Council will continue to reserve the use of its facilities for whites only despite of President F W de Klerk's stated intention to scrap the Separate Amenities Act.

It said in a statement yesterday that the council had decided at its monthly meeting to adopt a motion to this effect by councillor Ryk van Jaarsveld, and seconded by councillor Johan Vosloo, both CP members.

The town council is controlled by six independent Conservative councillors. The three NP members in the council voted against the motion. *010M 6/2/90*

Van Jaarsveld said the NP councillors had specifically said they were opposed to the opening of facilities in the run-up to the 1988 municipal elections.

"By now voting against the motion they are breaking their promises to the voters and are showing that the NP's so-called own affairs policy was just a political ploy," Van Jaarsveld said.

The motion said "It is the duty and the responsibility of this council, in terms of the mandate on which it was elected, to ensure that Rustenburg's white community life will be guaranteed. Therefore this council will control its facilities in such a manner that this ideal will be realised."

Meanwhile the CP has applied for permission to have a protest march from Pretoria's Church Square to the city hall on Thursday, February 15.

The march has been called to protest against what the CP called the "revolutionary left-wing announcements" made by De Klerk.

The move was the beginning of the "intensification of the people's freedom struggle," a CP statement said.

CP leader Andries Treurnicht is to address the marchers at the Pretoria City Hall.

"The CP is determined to lead its people towards their own freedom in their own fatherland," the statement added. — Sapa.

## Free State bodies owe R141m

CAPE TOWN — Black local authorities and development boards owed more than R141m in mid-1988 on loans from the Free State Provincial Administration, according to a report published yesterday by the Auditor-General on the province's accounts.

The province's accounting officer said in a statement included in the report that loans totalling R102,304m had been outstanding on March 31, 1987.

By March 31 1988 this had increased, with interest and further loans, to R141,126m. This included an amount of

R6,698m described by the accounting officer as "unidentified" loans.

Only R82 648 of this amount had been recovered during the 1987/88 financial year.

Unauthorised loans to black town councillors in the province which had remained uncollected for more than three years amounted to R155 065 in March 1988, the report said.

The Auditor-General said the loans were made in 1984/85.

According to information furnished, no progress had been made with the recovery of the loans since that time. — Sapa.

## Death penalty review hailed

CAPE TOWN — The SA National Institute for Crime Prevention and Rehabilitation of Offenders (Nicro) welcomed President F W de Klerk's announcement that the death penalty would be reviewed and that in the interim no further executions would take place.

In a statement yesterday Nicro said it had commissioned a marketing and media research company in November to do research on public attitudes regarding the death penalty.

Of the respondents, 42% wanted it retained while 39% felt it should be abolished. About a fifth did not know. *010M 6/7/90*

Those more in favour of the abolition of the death penalty were blacks (65%) and Asians and coloureds (55%), while 62% of whites wanted it retained. — Sapa.

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# Free State budget over R1-bn

By Esmare van der Merwe,  
Political Reporter

**BLOEMFONTEIN** — The Free State has been allocated a provincial budget totalling almost R1,1 billion, 40 percent of which will be spent on health services and 24 percent on community services.

The budget, up only 8,6 percent on that for the bookyear 1989-90, was presented to the Extended Public Committee on provincial affairs yesterday.

Expenditure on health services will go up by 1 percent to R434,9 million, community services by 10 percent to R260,5 million, general provincial services by 22 percent to R163 million, and road network provision and traffic administration by 0,8 percent to R434,9 million.

The biggest revenue source, a transfer from the State Revenue Fund, will amount to R984,5 million — up R86,8-million from last year.

During the joint provincial sitting of Parliament, political parties of all three Houses concentrated on national political issues rather than debating the proposed Free State budget.

The Democratic Party (DP), Solidarity and the Labour Party called for the desegregation of

public amenities such as hospitals and public resorts in the province.

Calling for the abolition of the Group Areas Act, Mr Tian van der Merwe (DP, Greenpoint) asked why no free settlement areas had been proposed for the province as an interim measure.

Mr Mohanlal Bandulla (Sol, Havenside) said free settlement areas could be demarcated in Bloemfontein, Welkom and Bethlehem.

Dr Frederick van Heerden (NP, Bloemfontein North) replied that there was no need for free settlement areas in the Free State.

Commenting on the virtual collapse of black local authorities in the province, Conservative Party deputy leader Dr Ferdi Hartzenberg (CP, Lichtenburg) said the ANC had already established alternative government structures in many of the province's 70 black local authorities.

The Government was allowing itself to be intimidated by the ANC, which he described as an organisation with less power than even the smallest self-governing state.

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By Craig Kotze

# Extra police for Craven Week

A special police unit will be sent to Welkom — where racial tension is still running high — to protect players and others in the racially-mixed Craven Week primary school rugby tournament next month, police said.

"The protection of players, officials and organisers will be given the highest priority," a spokesman said.

## Threats

This was because threats have been received from a right-wing organisation warning that mixed rugby will not be allowed in Welkom, said North-

ern Free State police spokesman Major Johan Fouche

He identified the controversial ultra right-wing Blanke Veilghedswag as the source of the statement

The Blanke Veilghedswag has been blamed for vigilante attacks on blacks in Welkom, where full-scale racial war has been averted by a peace accord brought about by the intervention of Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok

The special unit will be sent from

Pretoria for the special duties, said Major Fouche.

Major Fouche said police had also received many calls from concerned parents asking whether their children would be safe during the tournament

Police would allow no intimidation of any kind to take place during the games, he added.

"After threats were received against the mixed rugby, the SAP wishes to give the assurance that all possible measures will be taken to en-

sure the safety of players, officials and organisers," said Major Fouche.

Thirty teams — four of them mixed — are expected to take part in the tournament

Blanke Veilghedswag leader Henne Muller was at the time of going to press not available for comment, but has reportedly denied that his organisation would actually disrupt the tournament

Dr Dame Craven, president of the South African Rugby Board, said

today he had been assured that "nothing would happen" to disrupt the tournament  
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"It's a tragedy that rugby should be placed under these circumstances in our own country," he said

It is believed the policemen to be sent from Pretoria are part of a reserve of not-control policemen kept in Pretoria for deployment should crisis situations arise elsewhere

It is not yet known exactly when they will arrive in Welkom

# Youth struck down by arrow

*So welkom*  
A SIXTEEN-year-old youth was shot in the arm with a green, black and gold crossbow bolt as thousands of black protesters marched past armed rightwingers on their way to the Welkom police station to hand over a memorandum on Saturday morning. Hundreds of khaki-

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clad men with Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging insignia lined a part of the 8km march route armed with rifles, shotguns, pistols, whips and batons. They however remained inside white-owned private properties.

Several took up sniper-like positions on roofs and one man was

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seen carrying a crossbow before the march began.

The march, arranged by Welkom ANC-aligned structures to demand action on community grievances, proceeded about 1km through white residential area to the Jan Hofmeyer police station where a memorandum was handed to SA Police

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deputy district commander Lieutenant-Colonel Sam Kruger.

Col Kruger assured the marchers that the demands would be forwarded to Welkom's city council.

Residents of Bronville, a suburb of so-called coloured people, are demanding one city council for Welkom, the resignation of councillors and the management committee, affordable houses and service charges and the provision of service land for new housing development.

## Demand

Another demand was for the cessation of evictions and the acknowledgement by the Welkom City Council of the Bronville Civic Association.

On their return past the AWB-guarded houses, protesters danced, whistled and flaunted ANC colours chanting "ANC, ANC", while the right-wingers returned the shouting with flat handed salutes and loud cries of "AWB, AWB".

A dog in a house along the route was encouraged by its owner to bite and shake a bundle of green, yellow and black rags, the colours of the ANC.

# Border towns on the march

COMPETITION has come to the Free State town of Clarens

The Guinea-Feather Restaurant, run by former Rand Daily Mail photographer Eric Heinze and his wife Ann, no longer has the town to itself. An opposition restaurant has opened alongside it.

This may seem small beer to city dwellers, but not so to the 260 residents of Clarens

The stimulus for competition, however, comes not so much from wanting to capture the town's trade, but from people moving into the new houses and single quarters being built by the Trans Caledon Tunnel Authority.

It is this battle between two small restaurants that perhaps captures the growing mood of optimism sweeping

through the border towns as the Lesotho project gains momentum.

Industries will set up plant, transport companies will establish warehousing and staging areas, cement producers will build silos. The border towns of Clarens, Bethlehem, Fouriesburg, Ficksburg, Clocolan and Ladybrand are gearing up to welcome an influx of industry and people.

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The impact of growth has already been felt in a steady rise in property prices and house rents

"Land prices have increased by 300% in five years," says Elaine Meijer, Town Clerk of Clarens

Ladybrand, about 12km from

Maseru, the administrative capital of the project, is also feeling the effects

Ladybrand Town Council is proclaiming 190 residential stands.

Ficksburg, the main entry point into the LHWP, is preparing for a boom with 60ha of industrial ground proclaimed.

Two new residential townships have also been proclaimed

Town Clerk Frans Viljoen says that because of Ficksburg's strategic position in relation to the project, it is expected that 90% of all truck traffic, cement, cement products, steel, explosives and other goods will pass through.

The council is wooing industry. One such effort is the publication of a magazine introducing the town as the Gateway to the Lesotho Highlands Water Project

# Council resigns in wake of cut-offs

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THE Tumahole Town Council has resigned, becoming a casualty of a four-day electricity and water cut-off by Parys Town Council.

A meeting held to end the switch-off and the two-week consumer boycott ended with a decision that the council should resign and that the Free State administrator be asked to appoint an administrator for the township.

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The township's problems started last Monday when Parys Town Council switched off electricity supplies and reduced water flow by 90% because the township owed R235 000. Two days later, the water was cut off completely.

The services were restored on Thursday afternoon after a meeting between the Parys municipality, the Tumahole delegation, the Tumahole council, representatives from Eskom, the SAP and the Free State Provincial Administration.

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The delegation had demanded the write-off of arrears.

It said "The residents of Tumahole will, in the interim, pay a flat rate of R18,50 a month with immediate effect.

"It was agreed that in respect of outstanding water, electricity and sewerage accounts, R25 000 would be paid weekly by the Tumahole Town Committee, the first payment being made on September 21.

"The Parys Town Council indicated that in respect of the first payment it would be prepared to consider an extension of time up to September 28, provided that a reasonable part of the R25 000 was paid on or before September 21."

The parties agreed that a planned stayaway would be called off, and that the delegation would recommend to the boycott committee that the consumer boycott be called off.

A joint working group made up of representatives from Parys, Tumahole Civic Association and the provincial administration would be set up to investigate issues such as a new system of local government, financing and administration, standards of services and affordable service charges.

## PAC firm on 'people's constitution'

CAPE TOWN — The Pan Africanist Congress (PAC) had been invited to talk to government and it might do so — but it would not budge from its demand that the people write their own constitution, senior PAC official Barney Desai said at the weekend.

Desai told a rally of about 1 000 people in Hanover Park that the PAC called for a constituent assembly as it believed the people of a country had to draw up their own constitution.

"It is not a question of writing a constitution in someone else's lavatory. If you do, the only treatment for that constitution is

to pull the chain," Desai said.

Launching an attack on the ANC for taking part in negotiations with government, Desai said the PAC asked no favours from "our oppressors".

He said the militant Africanist chant, "One settler, one bullet", was a call for retribution for crimes against black South Africans.

Desai said the PAC stood for reconciliation, but "there can be no reconciliation between master and servant, oppressor and oppressed, unless justice is done". — Sapa.

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"The Parys Town Council indicated that in respect of the first payment it would be prepared to consider an extension of time up to September 28, provided that a reasonable part of the R25 000 was paid on or before September 21."

The parties agreed that a planned stayaway would be called off, and that the delegation would recommend to the boycott committee that the consumer boycott be called off

A joint working group made up of representatives from Parys, Tumahole Civic Association and the provincial administration would be set up to investigate issues such as a new system of local government, financing and administration, standards of services and affordable service charges

# Big blackout hits township business

THE first victims of the electricity blackout that hit the East Rand townships of Thokoza and Katlehong yesterday were the local petrol stations.

As the Thokoza town committee and the local civic association were deeply locked in negotiations to resolve the electricity-bill question, taxis operating in the adjacent areas were speeding to the nearest filling station — an Indian-owned operation on the Alberton side of the border of the two townships.

The two councils cut off power to the townships yesterday morning after the five-month rent boycott in the areas.

Meanwhile, Tumahole township was celebrating last night after electricity and water were restored after talks between the local township administration, the civic association and the Parys Town Council.

Parys withdrew the services on Monday after the township failed to pay its R235 000 bill to the council, town secretary Joop Ferreira said earlier.

A Thokoza garage owner said yesterday all her filling station operations had come to a standstill.

Taxi driver Sandile Mbhele said he had to get his petrol from a station over the bridge when electricity was cut off yesterday.

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"I sympathise with Thokoza and Katlehong garage owners, but I also have to keep my operation going," he said.

Katlehong's switch-off was selective, with emergency services such as the local hospital and the police station spared. Some street lights were on in Katlehong and the local shopping centre had power reinstated in the afternoon.

But Thokoza, whose town committee had asked Alberton to cut off its electricity supply, had a complete blackout.

Businesses in areas outside Katlehong's shopping centre experienced a day of lowered turnovers as butcheries had to do without refrigeration.

Weighing facilities were affected and meat had to be cut with butcher-knives instead of electric saws.

Shops had to use calculators instead of tills and could not keep food fresh.

Witwatersrand SAP spokesman Col Frans Malherbe said last night police had made no arrangements for street lights to be switched on in the trouble-torn areas.

"We are deeply concerned about the street lights being switched off and are going to talk to the people involved tomorrow," he said.



## Parys cuts power to local township

THEO RAWANA

THE Parys Town Council, under pressure from white ratepayers, yesterday slapped an electricity blackout on neighbouring Tumahole township and cut its water flow by 90%, Town Secretary Joop Ferreira said yesterday. *10am 11/11/90*

The town could not carry the R235 000 Tumahole owed for electricity, water and sewerage services, he said

The cuts would stay in place until the outstanding bill was paid by residents, or an agreement was reached with Tumahole Town Committee at a meeting on Thursday, Ferreira said last night

Eskom said last night Parys had not reported the switch-off, but a call to its local office confirmed the power cut.

Eskom spokesman Johan du Plessis said Eskom had offered its services, as in Sharpeville recently, to try and resolve the problems of non-payment so that power would be restored

Sapa reports Tumahole consumer committee head Ace Magashule said many residents had protested against the switch-off by not going to work

Ferreira said Parys supplied services to the township at cost and was not making any profit "My own people have said they will stop paying if we do not withdraw the services to the township What do I say to the people who are paying if we have to pay 21% on bank overdraft?"

He said there had been a rent boycott in the township since 1984 but bridging finance had been provided to the Tumahole Town Committee until June

A meeting between the Parys Town Council, the SAP and the Tumahole Town Committee was due to take place on Thursday morning, Ferreira said

TPA spokesman Piet Wilkens said yesterday talks with 40 of the 50 Transvaal councils involved in rent boycotts were "being completed or were under way"

A number of councils had undertaken to end the boycott since the TPA had written off the R515m owed by the three councils comprising Greater Soweto, he said.

# Kimberley poised to switch off power

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**KIMBERLEY** yesterday threatened to withhold electricity from its neighbour, Galeshewe, which owes about R6m in service bills.

The threat came as Tumahole township business began to feel the bite after the Parys Town Council cut off electricity and reduced water supplies by 90% on Monday morning.

Kimberley's threat to switch off follows close on the heels of Carolina in the Eastern Transvaal, Alberton in the East Rand and Vereeniging in the Vaal triangle. The cutting of supplies to neighbouring townships was prevented by means of negotiation and intervention by Eskom and the TPA.

Sapa reports that Kimberley City Council said yesterday water and electricity to nearby Galeshewe township would be cut from September 18.

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Mayor Taolo Bosvark as saying residents had been boycotting rent and service charges since March this year, and they now owed about R6m to the Kimberley council.

Pleading with residents to pay, Bosvark said his council might be able to convince Kimberley not to proceed with the switch-off.

Meanwhile, Tumahole butcher Solly Mlambo had to send R14 000 worth of meat back to the supplier yesterday because of the blanket electricity cut by Parys.

Parys cut services to Tumahole after the township had run up three-month arrears of about R235 000, according to Town Secretary Joop Ferreira.

Mlambo runs a butchery with a daily turnover of R8 000, and his adjacent grocery shop averages about the same turnover.

"But with the electric saw, the scales, the fridge and the till not working, I had to send the meat I had in stock to Vereeniging for cutting. I had to serve customers without a scale, and my stock was getting bad."

"So when the supplier came with new stock I had to send the stuff back because I could not keep rotating meat on the premises," Mlambo said.

Dry cleaner Peter Monkhe had piles of clothing sitting at his factory that had been brought by clients who hoped power would be restored.

"I keep hoping electricity will be restored, and the people hope their clothes will be cleaned. It's puzzling because not one business owes money. The Tumahole Town Committee cuts off power if you owe," Monkhe said.

His assertion was echoed by al-

most all businessmen interviewed, including grocer Ruth Tladi, who reduced orders as milk, chicken, milk products and other items began to go bad.

A meeting between the Parys Town Council, the local civic association, the Tumahole Town Committee and the SAP is scheduled for tomorrow.

And according to Sapa, about 1 000 Toekomrus residents yesterday handed a petition of grievances to Randfontein town clerk Louw Brits, demanding the immediate and unconditional resignation of the management committee.

The residents gave the Randfontein council a week to reply.

The march, which had all the makings of a showdown between "coloured" participants and conservative white residents of Randfontein, was peaceful.

The report quotes township

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**Free State council quits**

WELKOM — The town council of Thabong one of the biggest black towns in the Free State — has resigned

This follows the resignation scarcely a week ago of Mr Tom Boya as mayor of Daveyton

The former mayor of Thabong, Mr Billy Mhlafu, said the council had resigned because the system of black local government had failed.

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# Memel meeting to break boycott

By MATSHUBE MFOLOE

A POLICE delegation backed by members of the conservative Memel Town Council met local civic leaders to resolve mounting tensions between police and residents in the north-eastern Orange Free State township this week.

Memel residents called for an indefinite consumer boycott of businesses in the yerkrampie town on Monday alleging that police were harassing and intimidating residents.

Residents said Memel town was practicing segregation despite the repeal of the Separate Amenities Act by the Government early this year.

Memel town is the only and nearest provider of consumer goods to the nearby township.

The local ANC Youth League president, Mr Themba Thela, said police had allegedly assaulted a number of youths in town and several had been charged and fined R30 "for no apparent reasons".

In the meeting Thela lashed out at the Police whom he said were "serving conservatives and were not neutral".

The allegations were denied by the police who said they were in the township to maintain law and order.

Police said youths who were charged and fined had thrown stones at them.

Thela asked for all charges against the arrested youths to be withdrawn.

Appealing for cooperation and mutual understanding between police and residents, the head of the Bethlehem security police, Captain Colin Robertshaw, said. "Let us forget about the past".

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# End of consumer boycott

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THE six-week-old black consumer boycott in Bloemfontein ended yesterday morning after an agreement was signed and a forum established on Wednesday night to negotiate on further problems of mutual concern.

Terms of the agreement are that the Bloemfontein City Council will supply water at the squatter areas in Manguang and will test electricity meters that are said to be faulty.

## Problems

A technical committee will be formed to investigate the problems with water and electricity and will advise on the fairness of the electricity tariff of

R10 fixed charge and 8,3c a kilowatt hour - the standard charge for electricity supplied by the council.

Bloemfontein Mayor Mr Henri Lerm said yesterday what had been achieved was that through negotiations problems had been ironed out.

"If we want a better Bloemfontein we will have to work for it. The new South Africa will need a lot of goodwill and understanding.

"We have made friends. When you start talking and negotiating you come to the understanding and realisation of the needs of other peoples and sectors," he said - Sapa

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# Welkom in clutches of CP

By Helen Grange

The Conservative Party has seized control of the Welkom Town Council — following a baffling agreement in which an NP councillor is working hand-in-hand with the CP

The coup occurred at an election meeting on October 15, during which NP councillor Don Reynolds was nominated as new chairman of the management committee. He declared he would vote with the CP except on issues of a political nature.

With Mr Reynolds having declared himself an "independent Nat"

supporting the CP caucus, the Welkom council is firmly in the clutches of the CP

The council is currently made up of six CP-supporting members and six NP-supporting members. Mr Reynolds' vote tips the balance.

Even with the possibility of another NP councillor joining the council after a pending by-election, the CP-supporting mayor's casting vote will still affirm the CP's power

This situation could however create a problem should a political issue arise, as Mr Reynolds may then decide to vote with the NP

"I admit this could be

difficult, but then I can count on one hand the number of political matters the council has dealt with in the past two years," Mr Reynolds said.

Asked to explain the rationale behind his decision to vote CP while maintaining NP status, Mr Reynolds said: "Party politics in the council doesn't carry any weight. My town is my first priority and I must act according to its best interests

"On most issues I will vote with the CP in the council. But I am still NP as far as political matters are concerned," he said

# Tumahole protests against switch-off

By SOPHIE TEMA *2/12/90*

IRATE residents of Tumahole Parys, renewed a consumer boycott on Friday while members of the Tumahole Civic Association (TCA) staged a sit-in at the local National Party offices to protest against water and electricity cuts.

A stayaway has also been called for tomorrow.

The protesters vowed they would not budge until water and electricity had been restored to the township.

A memo was handed to the NP's vice-chairman in Parys, JF van Pletzen, who promised to take the matter to a government Minister - "once I know which Minister to talk to"

TCA official Archie Tlhbelo said in a statement that earlier talks with the Parys Town Council had led to the lifting of a six-year-old rent boycott.

An agreement was reached that residents pay a flat rate for services of R18,50 from September this year

"However, on Tuesday this week the Parys Town Council decided to cut off the water supply - including the temporary supply the TCA installed in the four squatter areas" Tlhbelo said the cuts stemmed from arrears owed by a previous committee - The Tumahole Town Committee - which had since resigned.

He said the Parys Town Council demanded repayments of R25 000 a week, which was later reduced to R20 000 a week

In the last payment the committee could only make up R13 000, which resulted in the drastic action



Kiddies from Tumahole hit the road in search of water.

■ Pic: BONGANI MNGUNI

## Maokeng violence looms

CHANCES of a negotiated settlement to the crisis in Maokeng, Kroonstad, slipped further away on Friday when the ANC Youth League announced plans to launch a "militant" mass action campaign next week. *2/12/90*

An extremely tense Maokeng has been without a normal water supply for the past three weeks, after the Kroonstad municipality cut off water and electricity because of a services

boycott by residents.

"We are now going to take this matter up with a mass campaign," said executive member Daniel George.

White businesses in the NP-controlled town have also been hit hard by a consumer boycott, which according to local businessmen has resulted in an average 70 percent drop in business.

Next week's planned mass action campaign could include a stayaway, George said, but re-

fused to divulge details.

Kroonstad treasurer At Odendaal made it clear this week that his council would only switch on water and electricity after payment by the Maokeng Council.

"If we can get the people of Maokeng to pay an amount arranged with the town council of Maokeng, so that they can pay us, we will reconnect."

But violent confrontation looms as residents are adamant they will not pay.

# Turmoil in Tumahole

From MONO BADELA PARYS. — Tumahole, the tiny black township outside Parys in the Orange Free State is dry and stinking: its 100 000 residents have been without water and electricity for more than a week.

The Parys Town Council cut off the water supply early last week because residents failed to pay the R20 000 service charges required every week.

Irate Tumahole residents staged a protest stayaway from work on Monday. They demanded that the water supply be reconnected immediately.

Last Friday residents staged a sit-in at the National Party offices in Parys to

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protest against the water and electricity cuts.

Demonstrators vowed they would not leave the premises until their water had been restored.

However, late on Friday police stormed the place and ordered them to vacate the premises or face arrest. The demonstrators dispersed.

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A memorandum was presented to the NP vice chairman, Mr JF van Pletzen, who promised to take the matter to the relevant cabinet minister — “once I know which minister to talk to”.

Residents also picketed the offices of the Parys Town Council and the Tumahole Administration offices.

Placards and banners displayed by protesters said

“We Cry For Water”, “Thirsty Man is an Angry Man Give Us Water, Not Bullets Please!” and “Free the Children, Give Them Water.”

Tumahole Civic Association (TCA) person Mr Archie Thlobelo said the TCA had been engaged in talks with the Parys Town Council aimed at reaching practical solutions to the problems of Tumahole residents.

He said the Parys Town Council had cut off the water supply without warning because residents still owed R7 000 of the R20 000 arrears.

A consumer boycott of all white-owned businesses has also been launched in pro-

test against the cuts, resulting in Parys businesses being hard hit.

Now the 100 000 residents get their water supplies from only two water outlets on the perimeters of the township.

The sewerage systems have been blocked and there is the threat of a health hazard and the spread of infectious diseases. Doctors fear for an outbreak of dysentery and gastro-enteritis among the township residents.

They have asked the Parys Town Council to restore the water supply.



# Parys' unquenchable thirst for freedom

By JO-ANNE COLLINGE

THE Parys offices of the National Party are filled with residents from the nearby township of Tumahole. No, they haven't come to join the party. They've come to stay until their grievances are taken seriously.

The silent placard-bearing rear-guard of the group makes their identity and their main demand clear. "We cry for water. Viva ANC-SACP. Water asb." This is local level talks in the flesh — with the politely paternalistic chairman of the NP, JF van Pletzen, virtually rubbing elbows in the shabby office with the ANC's plain-talking branch chairman, Tate Makgoe.

Rubbing elbows — but talking as if from different planets.

Van Pletzen had in his hand the memorandum presented by Makgoe on behalf of residents of Tumahole where the water supply had been cut three days earlier by the Parys Town Council.

At the top of the list of demands was the "immediate resupply of water to Tumahole" and "no more termination of water or electricity supply by Parys, now or in future under any circumstances".

Clear enough. But what of demand number four: the resignation of the town clerk and the administrator of Tumahole (the township councillors had already decided to abandon office).

Van Pletzen tendered another solution. Why not appoint a black administrator who might be more acceptable to township residents.

Countered Makgoe, this wasn't a question of changing the actors but rewriting the script:

"We don't want a Tumahole and a Parys. We want one municipality."

Van Pletzen: "So you want the whites to pay for the blacks?" He pointed out that the budget for Parys outstripped that for Tumahole tenfold.

"Are you aware that we are putting money into parking metres here in town and that that helps you. That we appear in court — we pay traffic fines and that helps you?" came back Makgoe. "We want a single tax base and one council for all."

Van Pletzen noted the point. The discussion went on — reconnection fees, refuse bins, etc. Then: "Scraping off of outstanding arrears owed to Parys municipality by Tumahole Town Council?" The demand related to the fact that, since residents of Tumahole had begun their rent and service charge boycott in 1984, the Tumahole Town Council had been unable to pay the Parys council for water supplied. It also owed Parys council for electricity, because the white council had settled the bill with Escrom.

At the end of September the rent boycott was called off after negotiations involving the Tumahole Civic Association and the Parys Town Council. Rent/service payments were fixed at a monthly flat-rate of R18,50 and residents agreed to make good the arrears, paying the Parys council some R20 000 to R25 000 a week.

By mid-November they had fallen behind in these arrears payments and the Parys council summarily cut off all services.

Residents, outraged at the lack of warning and lack of consultation, were now refusing to

pay further arrears. If Soweto could be let off the hook, why not Tumahole, they asked.

Van Pletzen's view was clear: "But someone must pay."

So was Makgoe's: "It has already been paid. Parys has already paid Escrom. Parys can see we are struggling to make ends meet. So Parys must help."

The reply was beyond Van Pletzen. How could people who rejected education now demand help, he asked. "Why did you leave school in standard eight? Why, when your leader Dr Mandela qualified with a BProc?" he accused a young member of the delegation.

What good did education do, Makgoe countered. The educated Parys council had broken its agreement with the people of Tumahole, he charged. Now residents "do not have confidence in the Parys Town Council" and were demanding its resignation.

The import of the demand, dawned on Van Pletzen: "You mean the white town council?"

Indeed, Tumahole ANC, in line with the organisation's approach to local authority issues, was looking to building new interim institutions. It was demanding not only the demise of the township council, but an equivalent measure in the white town — and the setting up of a new non-racial interim committee to replace the racial structures.

Outside the NP offices and around town about 200 picketers were echoing the demands voiced in the NP office. It was Friday and month-end. But the tills at the supermarkets were silent. The consumer boycott called in support of the demands had begun with a sharp lunge.

And the next few days would see the launch of a work stayaway — traditionally a successful form of political protest in Tumahole.

Van Pletzen, however, was faced with more immediate problems. A member of the Tumahole Civic Association announced that in view of the lack of progress in talks "I think we've decided to sleep here overnight".

Caught off guard, Van Pletzen wondered, "Must I sleep with you?" before regaining his composure and insisting: "No, no this is private property. I've got sympathy with you. But this is not a place to sleep." Then: "Why do you choose the NP office to sleep in?"

Makgoe answered: "There are people in the NP who are trying to sabotage negotiations. That's how we feel. You are part of the government. You must see to it that we get water."

The ANC group of nine settled in — to see if Van Pletzen could raise the necessary officials; to await possible arrest; or, maybe, to spend the night in the break office.

Eventually, they were evicted from the offices by a group of police and soldiers.

Time was when the actions of that Friday morning would have "won" the protestors weeks or months in detention. In the 1980s Tumahole buried its share of victims of political violence, contended with the A-team vigilantes — and spawned the militant youth group, The Fourteens, who were tempered in the fire of tough repression.

If political polarisation screamed persistently through every sentence of the brief encounter on NP turf, the occasional gurgling of a still-inarticulate tolerance could not be ignored.

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# Hospitals row: DP and ANC urged to see for themselves

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SENIOR DP and ANC representatives are to inspect three Free State hospitals on Monday after the provincial administration walked out of talks this week on the hospitals' desegregation.

The Goldfields Hospital Desegregation Campaign Committee has invited DP MP Robin Carlisle, ANC regional head Patrick Lekota and Tefko Gordhan of the

TANIA LEVY

ANC economics desk to see for themselves the continuing segregation of the Odendaalsrus, Welkom and Virginia hospitals.

Free State hospital services director Dr Jan Kruger said yesterday that despite Health Minister Rina Venter's announcements on desegregation of hospitals last year, they could not be fully integrated overnight.

His delegation had left Monday's meeting because the campaign committee had refused to listen to reason on its demand for total integration of the hospitals.

Saying some black patients used wards as toilets, Kruger added "It's a matter of different civilisations"

He said integration had to evolve slowly and the process had begun with the admission of black private patients to white wards in the three hospitals

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But even when given this choice, most black private patients preferred to be among their own people

A member of the campaign committee's delegation, Dr Rhett Kahn, said it was unacceptable that the hospitals had not been desegregated more than five months after the repeal of the Separate Amenities Act came into effect.

The committee consists of the Goldfields branches of the SA Health Workers' Congress, the National Medical and Dental Association, the SA Black Social Workers' Association and civic associations in the area.

Kahn said the committee's demand that hospitals be divided according to medical specialty rather than race was not just a matter of principle but was the quickest way to get rid of racial inequalities in the hospitals' services

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# Botha acts on hospital segregation

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THE Free State Provincial Administration yesterday denied it had laid down guidelines for the racial segregation of hospitals and said specialists who were reluctant to open their wards to black patients were the main cause of continuing segregation.

Provincial Administrator Louis Botha said he had set up a multiracial committee to assess methods of desegregation in the wake of Monday's tour of Welkom Provincial Hospital by ANC and DP members, following claims of racial discrimination.

Meanwhile, Welkom GP and CP town councillor Dr Pieter van der Vyver, yesterday objected to mixing in hospitals.

"I have no objection to better-class black people, but blacks in SA are not cultivated. They have a different culture, and all kinds of diseases," he said.

The Medical Association of SA (Masa) yesterday said it stood for the abolition of hospital segregation, and would complain to provincial administrations. However, Masa federal council chairman Bernard Mandell said the problem would be more difficult to solve than the ANC hoped.

Doctors were not racist, he said, but hospital specialists needed to reserve beds for private, mainly white, patients and if their wards were opened to all, patients and doctors would leave.

He said black private patients were admitted to the formerly whites-only orthopaedic ward on Tuesday.

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## OFS councils' accounts lagging

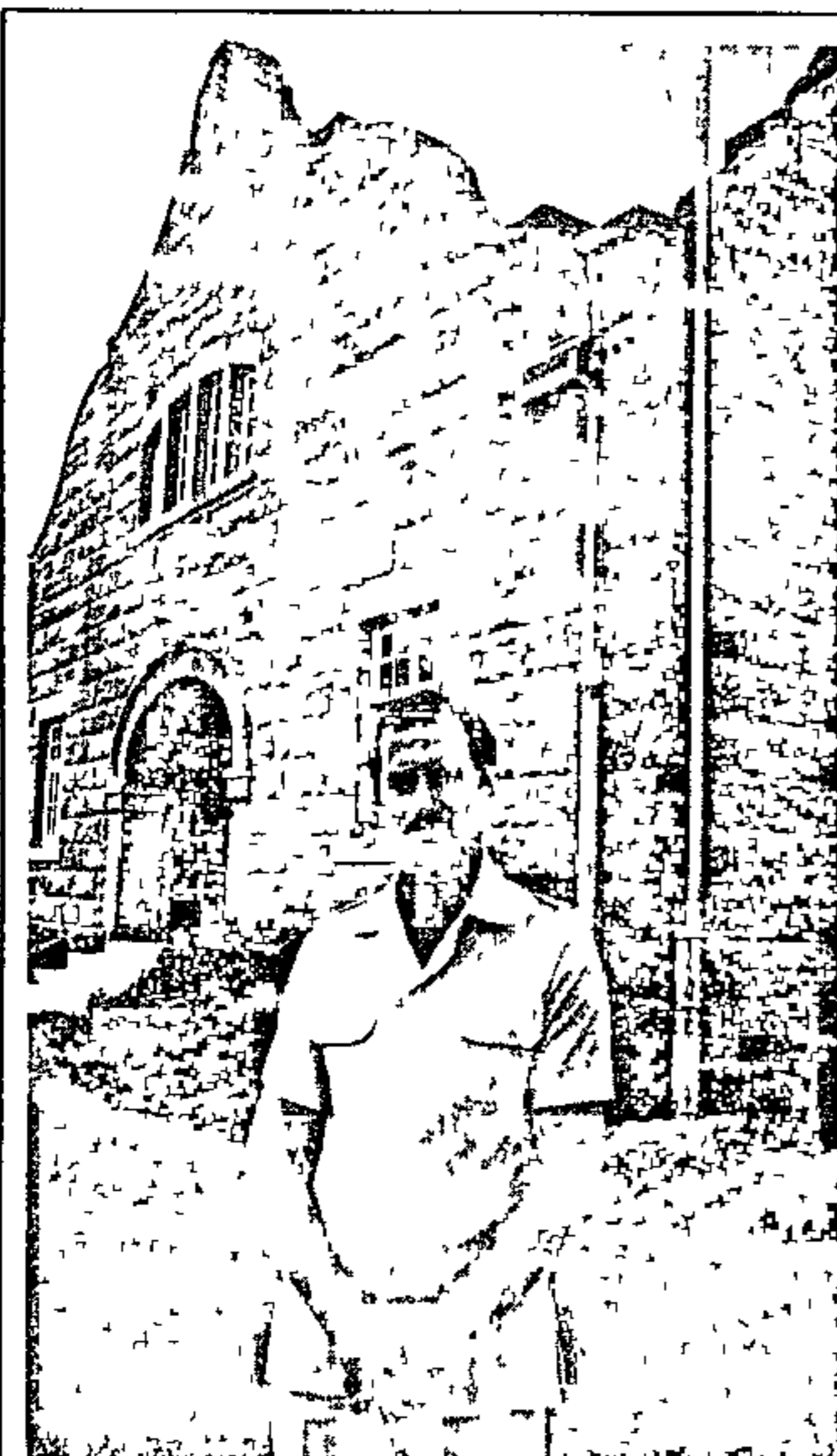
CAPE TOWN — Some 29 black local authorities in the Free State have not yet finalised their accounts for the financial years 1986/87 to 1989/90, Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs Hernus Kriel said in the House of Assembly yesterday.

Replying in writing to a question from Jasper Walsh (DP Pinelands), Mr Kriel said firms of chartered accountants were appointed in April 1990 to help these authorities.

Another 27 OFS local authorities had unfinished books going back to 87/88, and 10 to 88/89.

Corrective measures included recruiting suitable personnel, training existing staff, appointing private auditors and obtaining the services of white local authorities or auditors.

In the rest of SA, the accounts of two local authorities were not finalised as far back as 87/88 and 15 to 88/89. — Sapa.



Mashaeng town clerk Hennie Venter



Facing the future a toddler steps out warily in Founesburg

Photographs KEVIN CARTER

**T**HE majestic granite hills and deep green fields that surround the eastern Free State town of Founesburg have been fought over before.

This exquisite land was both the battleground and the prize for a decisive war between Boer and Basotho way back in 1865. The black people, whose land it was, were driven eastwards towards the Maluti mountains and into what is now Lesotho.

"They wouldn't stay on their side," says Henry de la Harpe, whose forebears staked out the farm Grootverwulf soon after that war of conquest was complete. "They kept coming across and stealing cattle the way they do today." De la Harpe now leases his farm out and spends time writing a history of the district which he hopes to have published.

He has no sons, no certainty that the farm will remain in De la Harpe hands. But despite government changes to the Land Acts, set out in a White Paper this week, De la Harpe doesn't expect Grootverwulf to be bought by a black farmer, not for a while anyway. "There are no big black farmers in the area, and while a man in Johannesburg may have the money he won't last long," De la Harpe says.

"Even the blacks here are too slow to learn and too set in their old ways. There is more to farming than milking cows and driving tractors. Even a guy from Hillbrow can do that."

Back in Founesburg, the 500 whites in the town aren't bracing themselves for black neighbours either. For a start, nobody in the adjacent township of Mashaeng has the money, be assured of that. And besides, this little town right now has more new bodies arriving than it has bedrooms.

After years of watching the agriculture on which the town depends being slowly sapped by inflation, drought and spiralling debt, the people of Founesburg are getting ready for a nice little boom. And the lifeline they are being thrown, oddly enough, comes from the descendants of the people whose land their own forebears forcibly seized.

At the end of this month, international funds for the Highlands Water Project in Lesotho are being released and work on the scheme, already un-

derway, will begin in earnest. Founesburg's farmers won't see any of the water, drought or not — some will be used for irrigation in Lesotho and the rest piped north and west for use on the Rand. But it's been good news for the town.

"We've got beautiful growth here, a nice good bloom," says BD Saayman, Founesburg's town clerk for the past 17 years. The road to the expanded new border post at Caledonpoort has been tarred, 16 houses have been put up to house engineers and supervisors working on the water scheme, and another 11 are to be built. "If you wanted to come and live in Founesburg now, I couldn't help you. There is not a house available," Saayman says.

New quarters for the South African Police are being built, in anticipation of more traffic and therefore more traffic offenders and a new bank is under construction. "The old one won't be big enough for the money that is coming in," Saayman says with a chuckle.

Fine times ahead for Founesburg, it would seem, so much so that one resident has been asking R270 000 for a tatty thatched house. The young man from Madeira who runs the local cafe says he has bought a Mercedes in the eight months he has been here, even if he has paid a price for it in being bored witless. But just across the road from the town clerk's office, in earshot of Saayman's cheeriness, is a man with a problem.

Hennie Venter has a wall full of certificates in his office, including one that came with his Pro Patria medal for "defence of the Republic and the prevention and suppression of terrorism", earned while serving as a lieutenant on the border. But despite the personal touches, Venter is irritated by his surroundings — he is, after all, town clerk of Mashaeng, until last

# Red badge over Founesburg

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**JOHN PERLMAN** visited Founesburg and found the town booming because of the Highlands Water Project but struggling because of a township boycott.

week he had his office in the township.

"Last week I was blocked from entering the township. They had put up a barricade this high," Venter says, standing up and pointing to his chest. From the start of the year township residents had refused to pay service charges and a consumer boycott of the town was under way, but this was the last straw. Venter packed up his offices and took tractors and office equipment out of Mashaeng.

This boycott, he says, has him baffled. Mashaeng, until now, was completely self-funding — it now has arrears approaching a quarter of a million rand. "They have everything they need — tarred roads, electricity, exactly the same standards as the white town. For this they paid R32 a month, compare that to a white area," he says.

"We got the white kids to play cricket against them, we made them a boxing ring, we gave them mini cricket and we arranged netball. All of that is now dead," he says, "all stopped by politics."

Founesburg has convened a forum, including businessmen, to try and deal with the problems. The consumer boycott, after all, has already put one shop out of business. But Venter seems resigned to "just letting the blacks themselves sort it out. I sometimes wonder if we do too much for them anyway. Every time they get in trouble we are there to sort it out," he says.

"They will spend money on rubbish, but they don't want to pay for their priorities. And now they are

mixing in politics with questions of municipal services. These are basic services, they have nothing to do with one man one vote. What has local government got to do with apartheid?"

Venter says channels have been opened to the local ANC. "Last week we dropped some pamphlets on the township from a plane," he says. The pamphlet begins "PEOPLE OF MASHAENG!! THE SUFFERING come to an end!! You can buy again in Founesburg. BUY and be sure that there IS MONEY to pay salaries." It goes on to say that a committee has been formed to listen to grievances. "Come to your townclerk, he will arrange these talks," it concludes. "THIS COMMITTEE LIKE TO TALK AND LISTEN!!" (Sic).

Venter says he too will listen, but his final point is given emphasis by the revolver-shaped bulge in his beige safari suit. He glances at another framed certificate, this one thanking the 'Founesburg Friends of Rhodesia', signed by a wrinkle-free Ian Smith and says "They think this is like Rhodesia or South West but it isn't. The platteland will stand strong whatever happens. They are not just going to run away with us."

The Mashaeng comrade who takes us to his leaders insists that isn't their intention. "We have a serious problem with the whites here because they think we want to kill them," he says. "The other problem in the small towns is that the security police do what they want because there is nobody to stop them."

The township, which houses some 10 000 people, appears quiet again. There are two boys putting up posters, but it's only to advertise a showing of "The Daring Dobermans".

The Mashaeng branch of the ANC Youth League, formally launched

less than a week ago, is meeting in a small little hall. No names, no pictures, please — 14 of their members have already been detained, 10 have clashed with police before and 15 of them are up on charges of public violence. Each person with a point to make addresses it to their chosen spokesman wearing a South African Communist Party badge who deftly cobble together consensus views.

"We dispute Venter's view that we have everything they need," says Red Badge. The electricity he talks of — which has now been cut off — street lights, no more. "About 100 people have electricity in their own homes," he says. "There are very few households with taps — a share taps in the street that are about 25 metres apart. And we still have the bucket system for sewage."

Red Badge says the service charge boycott was embarked on in January because people simply could not pay. "The average salary here is about R300 a month, because most of the people are domestic workers. How can people pay R32 out of that?"

The consumer boycott was the result of an all-too-familiar cycle. Forty-five residents were summoned to appear in court for not paying the bills. "We felt we should show solidarity by marching to the court," says Red Badge. The police disagreed and clashes followed in which tear gas and rubber bullets were fired and policemen's houses were burned.

"Then we applied for a legal march so that those higher up could see our grievances," Red Badge says. They set strict conditions — only 500 could march and we had to put R20 000 deposit with the town council. But there are more than 500 of us with grievances and of course we don't have R20 000. So we launched the consumer boycott.

The ANC Youth League is prepared to negotiate, Red Badge says. But public violence and non-payment charges must be dropped first. The town council — what's left of it — must resign and "all services must run effectively while negotiation continues." That would just about do it, says Red Badge, then almost as an afterthought adds "And we don't want Venter to come back. He used to talk about us as his people. What does he think this is? His farm?"

# Call for regional legislature

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A democratically elected autonomous, regional legislature should be instituted again in South Africa, the Administrator of the Free State, Louis Botha, said yesterday.

Delivering the 1991-92 R1,26 billion Free State provincial budget at an extended public committee in Bloemfontein, Mr Botha said regional boundaries should be drawn with regard to historical considerations, population distribution, economic equalisation and existing infrastructure.

It was, however, unlikely that regional governments in a new dispensation would follow the 1910 boundaries.

The proposals he was putting forward were supported by a provincial working group set up last year.

The powers, representation, functions, financial resources and boundaries, after initially being adapted and sorted out should be entrenched in the new constitution and be subject to testing by an independent judiciary.

"By propagating the benefits and importance of a unique system of regional government for South Africa, our purpose is precisely to eliminate conflict, to improve the general welfare of the community, to build new loyalties that transcend colour barriers to eliminate red tape and inefficiency, and to use the existing infrastructure, resources, potential and skills to the best benefit of all citizens."

Mr Botha said he wished to emphasise, however, that regions could never put their own interests above the national one — the central Government still had to play an important role in such matters, as initiating national projects, laying down guidelines, allocating financial resources, and the maintenance of democratic norms and values — Sapa

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## QUESTIONS

†Indicates translated version

For written reply

General Affairs

Blacks, housing shortage

104 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing

- (1) What is it estimated was the shortage of housing for Blacks in the Republic, excluding the self-governing territories, at the end of 1990,
- (2) how many houses were provided in each province in 1990 for such Blacks by (a) the State, (b) local authorities and (c) the private sector,
- (3) when is it estimated that this shortage will be eliminated?

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The MINISTER OF PLANNING, PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL HOUSING

Transvaal

- (1) 323 848 houses
- (2) (a) None
- (b) Maternal loans were granted to local authorities (5 212 loans were provided to individuals to erect houses)
- (c) 23 690 houses

(3) It is the aim of the Government that by the year 2000 shelter be provided for all South Africans

Natal

- (1) 180 000
- (2) (a) ± 500
- (b) None
- (c) ± 550

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(3) It is the aim of the Government that by the year 2000 shelter be provided for all South Africans

Orange Free State

- (1) 68 378
- (2) (a) 741
- (b) None
- (c) 1 651

(3) It is the aim of the Government that by the year 2000 shelter be provided for all South Africans

Cape Province

- (1) 184 760
- (2) (a) 415
- (b) 2 685 houses erected by way of self-help loans granted to individuals by local authorities
- (c) 5 020

(3) It is the aim of the Government that by the year 2000 shelter be provided for all South Africans

Persons/communities: resettled

132 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing

Whether any persons or communities have been resettled under section 5(1)(b) of the Prevention of Illegal Squatting Act, No 52 of 1951, as amended in 1990, if so, (a) how many persons or communities, (b) (i) from and (ii) to which areas and (c) who applied for the resettlement in each case?

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The MINISTER OF PLANNING, PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL HOUSING

Yes

- (a) 214 Black families
- (b) (i) From an area without services in the Black residential area of Dordrecht
- (ii) To serviced sites in the Black residential area of Dordrecht

(c) On request of the Black Town Council of Dordrecht 28/3/91

Apart from the 214 families mentioned which have been resettled under section 5(1)(b) of the Prevention of Illegal Squatting Act, No 52 of 1951 as amended in 1990, numerous voluntary removals have taken place which led to the orderly settlement of approximately 245 000 people up to 31 December 1990, inter alia 16 250 at Mangang near Bloemfontein, 18 000 at Odendaalsrus, 24 000 at Duda near Nigel, 80 000 at Orange Farm near Vereeniging and 47 760 at Zonkesswe near Germiston

Transvaal Black local authorities: services

162 Mr J VAN ECK asked the Minister of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing

- (1) (a) (i) In how many Black local authorities in the Transvaal has the provision of any services been discontinued and (ii) in respect of what date is this information furnished and (b) in respect of each such case, (i) what is the name of the relevant (aa) town and (bb) township, (ii) what services were discontinued and (iii) on what date was each of these services discontinued,
- (2) whether these services were discontinued only in townships that were in arrears in respect of service payments, if so, (a) what total amount is owed by each of the Black local authorities concerned and (b) to whom is it owed, if not, (i) what procedure was followed in discontinuing services and (ii) why was this procedure followed,

(3) whether he is taking or plans to take any steps to restore the provision of services, if not, why not, if so, (a) what steps and (b) when?

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The MINISTER OF PLANNING, PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL HOUSING

- (1) (a) (i) Seven
- (ii) 7 March 1991

(b)	(i)	(ii)	(iii)
Name of town	Services suspended	Date of suspension	
(aa) and (bb)			
eMzini (Bethal)	Electricity	14 January 1991	
Siyathuthuka (Bethal)	Electricity	19 November 1990	
eThandakuhanya (Piet Retief)	Electricity	6 February 1991	
Tsweleng (Wolmaransstad)	Electricity	17 October 1990	
Boroelo (Swartruggens)	Electricity	29 January 1991	
Tokoza (Alberton)	Electricity	1 December 1990	
Munsieville (Krugersdorp)	Electricity	4 March 1991	

(2) Yes

Name of town	Amount outstanding payable	To whom
eMzini	R 672 787	Bethal
Siyathuthuka	R 75 407	Bethal
eThandakuhanya	R 157 975	Piet Retief
Tsweleng	R 28 279	Wolmaransstad
Boroelo	R 4 935	Swartruggens
Tokoza	R 2 248 908	Alberton
Munsieville	R 58 225	Krugersdorp

- (b) (i) Falls away
- (ii) Falls away

(3) No steps are to be taken to restore the respective services. Consumers should pay for the electricity they use as the services cannot be rendered unconditionally without payment. Available bridging finance is not intended to finance payment boycotts.

OFS Black local authorities: services

164 Mr J VAN ECK asked the Minister of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing

- (1) (a) (i) In how many Black local authorities in the Orange Free State has the provision of any services been discontinued and (ii) in respect of what date is this information furnished and (b) in respect

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of each such case, (i) what is the name of the relevant (aa) town and (bb) township, (ii) what services were discontinued and (iii) on what date was each of these services discontinued,

- (2) whether these services were discontinued only in townships that were in arrears in respect of service payments, if so, (a) what total amount is owed by each of the Black local authorities concerned and (b) to whom is it owed; if not, (i) what procedure was followed in discontinuing services and (ii) why was this procedure followed,
- (3) whether he is taking or plans to take any steps to restore the provision of services, if not, why not, if so, (a) what steps and (b) when?

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**THE MINISTER OF PLANNING, PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL HOUSING**

(1) (a)	(1) (b)	(1) (c)	(1) (d)	(1) (e)	(1) (f)	(1) (g)	(1) (h)	(1) (i)	(1) (j)
(ii) Period 1 September 1990 to 8 March 1991	(bb) (aa)								
	Morojaneng	Dewetsdorp	Tshepong	Night-soil	1 December 1990	R	20 000		
	Ha-Rasebei	Edenburg	Tswaraganang	Garbage	1 December 1990	R	5 000		
	Maokeng	Kroonstad	Masjang	Water	12 February 1991	R	20 000		
	Rammulotsi	Valjoenskroon		Electricity	1 March 1991	R	25 000		
	Tumahole	Parys		Electricity	25 February 1991	R1	178 000		
	Mokwallo	Vrededorf		Water		R	177 578		
	Phirritona	Heilbron		Electricity		R	45 000		
	Metsimaholo	Oranjeville		Water		R	25 000		
	Kutlwanoeng	Odenaalrus		Electricity		R	5 000		
	Masilo	Theunissen		Water		R1	178 000		
	Mmamahabane	Ventersburg		Water		R	177 578		
	Meloding	Virginia		Electricity		R	45 000		
	Thabong	Welkom		Water		R	25 000		
	Tshepong	Verkeerdor		Garbage		R	5 000		
	Tswaraganang	Dealesville		Water		R	30 000		
	Masjang	Fouriesburg		Electricity		R	59 634		
				Water		R	4 000		
				Garbage		R	5 000		
				Water		R	80 000		
				Water		R	10 000		

**ANNEXURE**  
**Posts were abolished/created at the following departments/institutions**

Department/Institutions	Posts abolished 1-1-90 to 31-12-90	Posts created 1-1-90 to 31-12-90
Administration House of Assembly	291	1 332
Administration House of Delegates	98	45
Administration House of Representatives	63	825
Agriculture	17	2
Development Aid	21	130
Education and Training	30	692
Environment Affairs	1 992	—
Finance	80	255
Foreign Affairs	45	63
Home Affairs	73	29
Justice	137	462
Manpower	135	36
Mineral and Energy Affairs	10	2
National Education	4	29
National Health and Population Development	322	96
Office of the Auditor-General	30	15
Office of the Commission for Administration Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing	300	345
Public Works and Land Affairs	15	9
State President's Office	413	376
Trade and Industry	52	38
Transport	—	3
Water Affairs and Forestry	25	131
Provincial Administration of Natal	—	1 745
Provincial Administration of the Cape of Good Hope	289	972
Provincial Administration of the Orange Free State	729	484
Provincial Administration of the Transvaal	225	316
Bureau for Information Constitutional Development Service	3 164	5 706
	33	12
	—	18
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8 553</b>	<b>14 168</b>

(1) Falls away *Hansard 28/3/91*

(ii) Falls away

(3) Yes

(a) Discussions with parties concerned Motivation campaigns for payment of service charges Communication actions by means of pamphlets, other written media, radio and television Consumers should pay for the electricity they use as the services cannot be rendered unconditionally without payment

(b) On a continuous basis

**Public Service: posts abolished**

203 Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister for Administration and Economic Co-ordination Whether any posts were abolished in the Public Service in 1990, if so, what number of posts in each department or organizational component? *B534E*

**The ACTING MINISTER FOR ADMINISTRATION** *Hansard 28/3/91*

Yes See attached Annexure

## R51-m unauthorised expenditure

*Star 12/6/91*  
The Auditor-General has found unauthorised expenditure of R51 million in the accounts of the Free State Provincial Administration for 1989/90 (265)

In a report tabled in Parliament yesterday, he said the accounting officer had been asked to investigate the full extent of the expenditure of R10 288 667,14, and the matter of R50 777,72 — which had not been approved — had been re-

ferred to the Department of Finance for a decisive answer.

As a result of expenditure exceeding voted amounts regarding the Road Network Provision and Traffic Administration programmes, the accounting officer took the amounts of R38 295 512,88 and R2 407 033,58 as unauthorised expenditure.

The results of the investigations were still being awaited, the report said — Sapa

~~2165~~ Management Study tour and visited the following countries

- England
- Civil Defence training college, Easingwold
- The Home Office, Whitehall
- Central Energy Generation board, London
- Thames Barrier, flood control
- Cavney Island chemical and petrochemical plants
- International Oil Tanker Owners Association
- Swindon Constabulary Emergency control on the M3 highway (London to the West Coast)
- Bristol Informary
- Switzerland
- International Red Cross Zurich
- Swiss Civil Defence
- Austria
- International Atomic Energy Agency
- Italy
  - Italian Rescue organisation and civil defence mobile Columns
- (2) No agreements were concluded or support obtained
- (3) No

Black schools: average period textbooks used

- 461 Mr A GERBER asked the Minister of Education and Training †
- (1) (a) For what average period are textbooks in Black schools under the control of his Department used and (b) in respect of what period is this information furnished,
  - (2) whether he will make a statement on the matter? B1203E
- The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING
- (1) (a) Because textbooks were only for the first time issued in 1987 by the Department, it has not yet been possible

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The MINISTER OF PLANNING, PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL HOUSING

- (a) Yes
- (b) Yes
- (c) Yes

(i) Kutlwanong	R1 800,00 per month
Meloding	1 500,00 per month
Thabong	2 000,00 per month
Total	R5 300,00 per month

- (ii) (aa) Kutlwanong The Kutlwanong Town Council's budget vote for members' allowances
- Meloding The Meloding Town Council's budget vote for members' allowances
- Thabong The Thabong City Council's budget vote for members' allowances
- (bb) Kutlwanong The Administrator's remuneration package is paid by the Kutlwanong Town Council

Meloding The Administrator's remuneration package is paid by the Meloding Town Council

Thabong The Administrator's remuneration package is paid by the Thabong City Council

Virginia/Welkom/Odendaalsrus/Bethlehem: co-ordinating centres

464 Mr R V CARLISLE asked the State President

- (1) Whether any local co-ordinating centres have been established in respect of (a) Virginia, (b) Welkom, (c) Odendaalsrus and (d) Bethlehem if not, why not, if so, (i) who are the members in each case, (ii) how are such members chosen and (iii) how often do these committees meet,
- (2) whether minutes are kept of such meetings, if not, why not, if so,
- (3) whether such minutes are available for scrutiny by members of Parliament, if not, why not, if so, in what manner are they made available? B1206E

The STATE PRESIDENT

- (1) (a) (b) (c) (d)—Yes
- (a)(i) (b)(i) (c)(i) (d)(i)—As per annexure
- (a)(ii) (b)(ii) (c)(ii) (d)(ii)—The Local Co-ordinating Centre is composed of official functionaries and representatives of the private sector who are involved in actions of implementation to address the local needs of communities
- (a)(iii) (c)(iii) (d)(iii)—Monthly, (b) (iii)—Quarterly and according to need
- (2) Yes
- (3) No, the minutes of Local Co-ordinating Committee meetings are, as in any other organisation, a domestic matter which are not placed freely at the disposal of people who are not members of the specific institution The involvement of Members of Parliament who have an interest in a specific area is welcomed, however, and information on the activities will be made available readily to such Members of Parliament on request

- LCC List of Members—Bethlehem
- The Town Clerk Bethlehem City Council
  - Die Stadsleierk Behlokong City Council
  - The Regional Officer SA Police Commanding
  - The District Commandant SA Police
  - Mr A P Kok The Regional Librarian
  - Mr G J Pretorius Education and Culture
  - Mr C H Venter Education and Training
  - Mr W M van Tonder The Postmaster
  - Mr Olivier Krizinger The Area Manager
  - Mr S A Marais Goods and Passenger Superintendent
  - Mr D Helm Transport
  - The District Engineer Transport
  - Mr P M Fouche Department Manpower

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Comdt J P Maree	The Commanding Officer Bethlehem Commando	Dr P Human	The Medical Superintendent Bethlehem Hospital
Col D Crafford	Group 25 HQ	Dr L H van Rooyen	Veterinary Services
Comdt C Swanepoel	Group 25 HQ	The Principal	Bethlehem Technical College
Mrs H M D Wessels	PAO Health Services and Family Planning	Mr B Steyl	Department of Agricultural Information
Mrs L Nel	PAO Health Services and Family Planning	Mr H G Pienaar	Department of Environment Affairs (Weather Bureau)
Mrs M Krauwkamp	PAO Health Services and Family Planning	Mr J W Crous	Eastern Free State Regional Services Council
Mrs H Knobel	PAO Health Services and Family Planning	The Chairman	Eastern Free State Regional Services Council
Mrs S Meyer	Department of Health and Welfare	The Chief Executive Officer	Eastern Free State Regional Services Council
Mrs Van der Westhuizen	Department of Health and Welfare	Mrs Harris	Whites Clinic
Mr A A P Theron	The District Representative PAO Community Development	Mr A H Louw	The Chairman Bakenpark Management Committee
Mr J J de Jager	The Regional Coordinator JCC Secretariat	Mr P J Farrell	Member of Parliament
Mrs N Odendaal	The Chief Social Worker PAO Community Welfare	Mr F Boot	The Regional Director SA Communication Service
Mrs A J J van Rensburg	PAO Special Services	The Chairman	Bethlehem Women's Agricultural Union
Mrs W Kruger	The Regional Representative Home Affairs	Miss M Slabbert	Bethlehem Districts Farmers' Union
May P J Kriel	Correctional Services	Councillor dr R V Engelbrecht	Rural Foundation
Mrs N Grove	Population Development	Mr P T Sanders	The Mayor
Mr Chris Swanepoel	Bethlehem Afrikaanse Chamber of Business	The Secretary JCC	Member of Parliament
Mr Jan Bredenhann	Bethlehem Afrikaanse Chamber of Business	The Assistant Director	OFS-Secretariat
The Secretary	Bethlehem Afrikaanse Chamber of Business	Mrs J H Potgieter	Welfare-development Nurse
Mr Swanepoel	Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce	Dr H E van Schalkwyk	District Surgeon
The Chairman	Bethlehem Development Foundation	LCC List of Members—Virginia	

Mr J Maree	Principal—Nobils School	Mr T Barnard	Postmaster
Mr G P van der Vyver	Health Services Municipality	Wille Henderson	Provincial Administrator
LCC List of Members—Welkom		Pietro Nel	Hospital Secretary
Mr C Rademan	Chairman (Town Clerk)	May A Venter	Municipal Traffic Correctional Services
Mr P Schoeman	Welkom Municipality	Magda Steyn	Health Services
Mr N Maree	Welkom Municipality	Sanet Steyn	Clinic Services
Mr D van der Merwe	Welkom Municipality	Thys Kruger	Freddies Security
Mr J A C Steyn	Education and Training (Welkom)	Dr C Aitton	Doctor
Mr F P Pienaar	Post and Telecommunications (Welkom)	H Rowan	PAO Health Services
Mr L Wolmerhans	Escom (Welkom)	Col Wille Louw	SA Defence
Mr C Coetzer A/O	Thabong SA Police (Municipal)	Cr P Vermaak	Kutloanong Administrator
Mr J Thobi Lt/Col	SA Police Thabong	Thelma Marx	National Health
Mr H Heymans	SA Police Welkom	Eugene Meyer	Pharmacist
Capt Du Toit	SA Police Welkom	Johanna Nel	PAO Community Services
Mr J Verwey	Manpower (Welkom)		
Mr J de Wit	Home Affairs (Welkom)		
Col W G Louw	SA Defence (Welkom)		
May D de Vries	SA Defence (Welkom)		
Miss J Nel	PAO Community Development		
Mr J Botes	PAO Community Development		
Mr M Swanepoel	Manpower (Welkom)		
LCC List of Members—Onderdaarsrus			
Petra Coetzer	Chairman (Home Affairs)		
Tom Ingram	Vice Chairman (Municipality)		
J Botha	Secretary (Municipality)		
Dana van Tubberg	National Health		
Mr H Styger	Town Clerk		
Johan Jankowitz	Acting Town Clerk		
Lt Johan Mouton	SA Police		
Comdt G van Niekerk	SA Defence		
Mr T Swart	Community Services (Municipality)		

465 Mr D H M GIBSON asked the Minister of Law and Order

(1) Whether, in the light of the alleged killing of a policeman and wounding of several others in an incident which occurred at Nancefield Hostel on or about 6 June 1991, he will disclose the number of members of the South African Police who were (a) killed and (b) seriously injured during the latest specified period of two years for which information is available, if not, why not,

(2) whether all policemen have been issued with adequate protective clothing and equipment, if so, what is the nature of this protective (a) clothing and (b) equipment, if not, (i) why not and (ii) which policemen qualify for such protective clothing and equipment,

(3) whether any pensions and/or gratuities are paid to the widows and children of policemen killed while on duty, if not, why not, if so, what is the nature of these payments?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER  
B1207E

# Black Free State mayor joins NP 265

By Seruthu Seruthu <sup>Star</sup> 10/7/91

**BLOEMFONTEIN** — In a move which has stunned residents in Mangaung near Bloemfontein, Mangaung mayor Mohau Gilbert Motlouloung has joined the National Party in Bloemfontein because he is impressed by the leadership and reform initia-

tives of President de Klerk

Mr Motlouloung, in his second term as mayor of Mangaung, said Mr de Klerk was sincere and brave in his reform initiatives

Mr Motlouloung is the first local-authority member in the Free State to join forces with the National Party

He said Mr de Klerk was

the only person able to achieve change in the country, adding that in the new SA the colour of a person's skin would not be a criterion

He said he was surprised that the ANC had decided to remain a liberation movement and added he would rather join a political party

**Bloemfontein**

**Mangaung association bitter over council actions**

BUSINESSMEN and city councilors are congratulating themselves on keeping Bloemfontein on course for the new S.A. but their viewpoint is not shared by the Mangaung Civic Association.

General secretary Segopi Malebo says, "We can sense no change in attitude from apartheid times to the present transitional period."

"Last year we met the council and members of industry more than 20 times with no substantial result. The white establish-

ment sees everything in terms of race — and has shown no willingness to accede to our demands."

Association members are still bitter about the council's decision to spend R60m on the "glass palace" — the controversial new civic centre under construction in the CBD.

"We have more than 20 000 people living in informal settlements in Mangaung who don't even have

the basic necessities

"The Bloemfontein City Council thinks it's doing a great job by supplying 9 000l of water a day to those people and hiding them behind high walls," Malebo says.

The walls — earth ramps three metres high designed to conceal and contain the fast-growing squatter camps — are a thorn in the association's flesh, and Malebo says they

are creating ghettos out of the informal settlement areas

"Under apartheid, we were separated by 'buffer zones'.

"Now we are separated by walls," he says.

He is also bitter about evictions, conducted weekly by the Mangaung town council in reaction to the long-standing rent boycott engineered by the association.

"The council has shown no willingness to negotiate with us for fair rentals

"Tenants in identical houses can be paying anything from R30 to R200 a month

"We maintain that a fair rental for people earning on average R400 a month is R40 — and we are convinced it would bring in sufficient income for the council to do its job," Malebo says the pro-

posed system for allocating housing sites is unfair.

The authorities have set aside two parcels of land sufficient for 1 000 sites each for the development of low cost housing

The proposal is for one parcel to be allocated by the civic association, while the Mangaung town council allocates the other

"This approach will simply set us up for conflict. We want a neutral, inde-

pendent organisation to allocate the land for housing development — it's not a matter that either the council or the association should be involved in," he says.

Malebo also says Bloemfontein's electricity tariffs — formerly among the lowest in the country — have increased dramatically

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PUBLIC SECTOR

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

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**Big OFS council debt.**

BLACK local authorities in the Free State owed the provincial administration R77.4m in bridging finance and inter-governmental grants at the beginning of the 1991/92 financial year, Local Government Minister Leon Wessels said. The other three provinces had provided guarantees of R580.3m for loans taken out by black councils.

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(iv) the implementation of a direct radio link between the Medical Emergency Service Unit and the Valkenberg Hospital

(v) the launching of an investigation into the effective safeguarding of the Hospital

**Maximum security psychiatric facilities**

\*12 Miss M SMUTS asked the Minister of National Health

- (1) Whether there are any maximum security psychiatric facilities available in the Cape Peninsula at institutions other than the Valkenberg Hospital, if so, what are the relevant details, if not, why not,
- (2) whether any funds have been allocated to any administration for the erection of maximum security facilities, if so, (a) to which administration, (b) how much and (c) when?

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**THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH**

(1) No, planning was undertaken and completed in January 1991 for the building of a maximum security unit on the grounds of Lentegeur Hospital, Mitchells Plain, Cape Town. No funds were specifically allocated to the Administration House of Representatives, Department of Health Services and Welfare for the building of a maximum security unit and secondly, since the total budget for the financial years 1990/1991 and 1991/1992 were significantly reduced, the project could not be proceeded with,

(2) no, (a), (b) and (c) fall away

**Codesa: assistance of public servants**

\*13 Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Constitutional Development

Whether any public servants have been released temporarily or permanently from their normal duties to assist any political parties in their work at Codesa, if so, (a) what are their names, (b) what positions do they hold, (c) which political parties are they assisting and (d) what is the cost to the State of this assistance?

B304E

**THE MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

(a), (b), (c) and (d)

No, no officials of the Constitutional Development Service have been relieved of their normal duties to assist any political party involved in Codesa

**Commuters killed/injured, two persons**

\*14 Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Law and Order

- (1) Whether, with reference to an incident in which two persons allegedly killed three commuters and injured ten others on a train between Kathlehong and Wadeville on the East Rand on or about 9 October 1991, the two persons in question were overpowered by passengers and handed over to the Police, if so, what are their names,
- (2) whether these persons were arrested, if not, why not, if so,
- (3) whether they have been charged, if not, why not, if so, (a) with what offences and (b) what stage has their trial reached?

B305E

**THE MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER**

(1) Yes, one of the assaultants, Albert Dlamini, was arrested at the Natal Spruit Hospital after being pointed out to the South African Police by witnesses. A second assaultant was arrested at the Wadeville railway station after he too had been pointed out to the South African Police

(2) Yes

(3) (a) Only Albert Dlamini was charged on 2 counts of murder and 9 counts of attempted murder. The case against the second assaultant was withdrawn by the State Prosecutor because of insufficient evidence

(b) On 19 December 1991 Albert Dlamini pleaded not guilty to all the charges. The case remanded to 8 April 1992

**State funds for political parties: Namibia**

\*15 Mr F J LE ROUX asked the Minister of Foreign Affairs †

Arising from his reply to Interpellation No 1 on 19 February 1992, (a) to which political parties or groupings of political parties in South West Africa did the South African Government make funds available with a view to the election of members of the Constituent Assembly in South West Africa/Namibia in November 1989 and (b) what amounts were made available to these parties or groupings of parties?

B306E

**THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS**

(a) and (b)

This matter was conclusively dealt with in my reply to Question No 29 of 27 March 1990 as well as in my reply to Interpellation No 1 of 19 February 1992

**Black local authorities: quorums**

\*16 Mr J CHOLÉ asked the Minister of Local Government and National Housing †

How many Black local authorities in the (a) Transvaal and (b) Orange Free State still had quorums as at 31 January 1992?

B307E

**THE MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND NATIONAL HOUSING**

- (a) Transvaal  
36 out of 85
- (b) Orange Free State  
19 out of 73

Questions standing over from Wednesday, 11 March 1992

**SAP: examination fees**

\*1 Mr A J LEON asked the Minister of Law and Order

- (1) Whether the South African Police will no longer be required to pay the examination fees for policemen studying for the National Diploma in Police Administration, if so, why, if not, what is the position in this regard,
- (2) whether he will make a statement on the matter

B288E

**THE MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER**

(1) and (2)

It was never required from the South African Police to pay the examination fees for policemen studying for the National Diploma (Police Administration) nor was it a condition of service

The amount was approved by the Treasury on condition that funds were available. As a result of the reduction in state expenditure, funds have been withdrawn and expenses that were paid to members for obtaining the National Diploma (Police Administration) were recently suspended

Since January 1992 a new dispensation has come into effect, whereby a cash amount of R3 740,00 for the three year study course is allocated to students after successful completion of the course

**Theft of medicines**

\*2 Mr M J ELLIS asked the Minister of National Health

- (1) Whether any instances of theft of medicines from the State hospitals and clinics 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?

B313E

**THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH**

*Provincial Administration of the Cape of Good Hope (CPA)*

- (1) Yes,
    - (a) Eben Donges Hospital, Worcester and
    - (b) R15 000,00,
  - (2) yes, in accordance with regulations all investigations by the CPA are undertaken in conjunction with the South African Police and the Department of Justice
  - (3) no
- The above-mentioned case is still to be finalized, the accused has been brought to trial,

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Hierby word bekend gemaak dat die Staatspresident sy goedkeuring geheg het aan die onderstaande Wet wat hierby ter algemene inligting gepubliseer word —

It is hereby notified that the State President has assented to the following Act which is hereby published for general information —

No 38 van 1992 Wysigingswet op die Ordonnansie op die Delegasie van Bevoegdhede (Oranje-Vrystaat) (Volksraad), 1992

No 38 of 1992 Delegation of Powers Ordinance Amendment Act (Orange Free State) (House of Assembly), 1992

DELEGATION OF POWERS ORDINANCE AMENDMENT ACT  
(ORANGE FREE STATE) (HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY), 1992

Act No 38, 1992

**GENERAL EXPLANATORY NOTE:**

- [**            **]**      Words in bold type in square brackets indicate omissions from existing enactments
- \_\_\_\_\_            Words underlined with a solid line indicate insertions in existing enactments

**ACT**

To amend the Delegation of Powers Ordinance, 1970 (Orange Free State) (in so far as it is applied as a law on own affairs of the White population group), so as to define a certain expression and to further regulate the delegation of powers; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

*(English text signed by the State President )  
(Assented to 16 March 1992 )*

**B**E IT ENACTED by the State President and the House of Assembly of the Republic of South Africa, as follows —

**Definition**

1. In this Act, unless the context otherwise indicates, "the Ordinance" means the Delegation of Powers Ordinance, 1970 (Ordinance No 4 of 1970) (Orange Free State), in so far as and to the extent to which the provisions of Part IV of the Republic of South Africa Constitution Act, 1983 (Act No 110 of 1983), have by paragraph (a) of Proclamation No R 38 of 1989 been declared to be applicable to the said Ordinance

**10 Amendment of section 1 of Ordinance 4 of 1970**

2. Section 1 of the Ordinance is hereby amended by the deletion of the definition of "Administrator" and the addition of the following definition  
" 'Minister' means the Minister of Local Government House of Assembly "

**15 Substitution of section 2 of Ordinance 4 of 1970**

3. The following section is hereby substituted for section 2 of the Ordinance

**"Delegation of powers by Minister**

2. The **[Administrator]** Minister may generally or specifically delegate any power conferred on him by an ordinance promulgated before or after the commencement of this Ordinance or by a regulation made under such ordinance, including the power in terms of section 150(1) and (2) of the Local Government Ordinance, 1962 (Ordinance No 8 of 1962), to

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- [(a) a member of the Executive Committee;
  - (b) an officer in the Public Service as defined by section 3 of the Public Service Act, 1957 (Act No. 54 of 1957); or
  - (c) a person in the service of the [Provincial Administration of the Orange Free State] Department of Local Government, Housing and Works, Administration House of Assembly”

**Amendment of section 3 of Ordinance 4 of 1970**

4. Section 3 of the Ordinance is hereby amended by the substitution for the word “Administrator” of the word “Minister”

**10 Amendment of long title of Ordinance 4 of 1970**

5. The long title of the Ordinance is hereby amended by the substitution for the word “Administrator” of the word “Minister”

**Short title and commencement**

15 6. This Act shall be called the Delegation of Powers Ordinance Amendment Act (Orange Free State) (House of Assembly), 1992, and shall come into operation on a date determined by the State President by proclamation in the *Gazette*

Wet No. 38, 1992 WYSIGINGSWET OP DIE ORDONNANSIE OP DIE DELEGASIE  
VAN BFVOEGDHEDE (ORANJE-VRYSTAAT) (VOLKSRAAD), 1992

**ALGEMENE VERDUIDELIKENDE NOTA:**

- [ ] Woorde in vet druk tussen vierkantige hake dui skrapings uit bestaande verordenings aan
- \_\_\_\_\_ Woorde met 'n volstreep daaronder, dui invoegings in bestaande verordenings aan

## WET

Tot wysiging van die Ordonnansie op die Delegasie van Bevoegdhe, 1970 (Oranje-Vrystaat) (vir sover dit as 'n wet oor eie sake van die Blanke bevolkingsgroep toegepas word), ten einde 'n sekere uitdrukking te omskryf en die delegering van bevoegdhe verder te reel; en om voorsiening te maak vir aangeleenthede wat daarmee in verband staan.

*(Engelse teks deur die Staatspresident geteken )  
(Goedgekeur op 16 Maart 1992 )*

**D**AAR WORD BEPAAL deur die Staatspresident en die Volksraad van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika, soos volg —

**Woordomskrywing**

1. In hierdie Wet, tensy uit die samehang anders blyk, beteken “die Ordonnansie” die Ordonnansie op die Delegasie van Bevoegdhe, 1970 (Ordonnansie No 4 van 1970) (Oranje-Vrystaat), vir sover en in die mate waarin die bepalings van Deel IV van die Grondwet van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika, 1983 (Wet No 110 van 1983), by paragraaf (a) van Proklamasie No R 38 van 1989 op genoemde Ordonnansie van toepassing verklaar is 5

**Wysiging van artikel 1 van Ordonnansie 4 van 1970** 10

2. Artikel 1 van die Ordonnansie word hierby gewysig deur die omskrywing van “Administrateur” te skrap en die volgende omskrywing by te voeg  
“ ‘Minister’ die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur Volksraad ”

**Vervanging van artikel 2 van Ordonnansie 4 van 1970**

3. Artikel 2 van die Ordonnansie word hierby deur die volgende artikel 15 vervang

**“Delegasie van bevoegdhe deur Minister**

2. Die [Administrateur] Minister kan in die algemeen of spesifiek 'n bevoegdhe wat aan hom verleen is by 'n ordonnansie wat voor of na die inwerkingtreding van hierdie Ordonnansie afgekondig is of by regulasie wat kragtens so 'n ordonnansie gemaak is, met inbegrip van 'n bevoegdhe ingevolge artikel 150(1) en (2) van die Ordonnansie op Plaaslike Bestuur, 1962 (Ordonnansie No 8 van 1962), delegeer aan 20

Wet No 38, 1992 WYSIGINGSWET OP DIE ORDONNANSIE OP DIE DELEGASIE  
VAN BEVOEGDHEDE (ORANJE-VRYSTAAT) (VOLKSRAAD), 1992

- [(a) 'n lid van die Uitvoerende Komitee;
- (b) 'n beampte in die Staatsdiens soos omskryf by artikel 3 van die Staatsdienswet, 1957 (Wet No. 54 van 1957); of
- (c)] 'n persoon in diens van die **[Provinsiale Administrasie van die Oranje-Vrystaat] Departement van Plaashike Bestuur, Behu- 5**  
sing en Werke, Administrasie Volksraad”

**Wysiging van artikel 3 van Ordonnansie 4 van 1970**

4. Artikel 3 van die Ordonnansie word hierby gewysig deur die woord “Administrateur” deur die woord “Minister” te vervang

**Wysiging van lang titel van Ordonnansie 4 van 1970**

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5. Die lang titel van die Ordonnansie word hierby gewysig deur die woord “Administrateur” deur die woord “Minister” te vervang

**Kort titel en inwerkingtreding**

6. Hierdie Wet heet die Wysigingswet op die Ordonnansie op die Delegasie van Bevoegdhede (Oranje-Vrystaat) (Volksraad), 1992, en tree in werking op 'n 15  
datum wat die Staatspresident by proklamasie in die *Staatskoerant* bepaal

STAR 6/4/92

## R1 stands offered to investors

WELKOM — Stands on offer for just R1 are being advertised in European publications in efforts to attract foreign companies to the Free State gold fields

Dawid Vermeulen, executive director of the Free State Gold Fields Development Centre, said last week the advertisements had attracted great interest from both Europe and America

The FGF marketing campaign was launched last month

The organisation was recently formed to

broaden the region's economic base

Mr Vermeulen said the advertisements, which reached about 32 000 companies worldwide, outlined the incentives offered by the FGF, including the R1 a stand offer

In addition to the marketing campaign, a working group was set up last week by Transport Minister Piet Welgemoed to investigate the key to the area's development the national road between Kroonstad

and Odendaalsrus

Mr Vermeulen said FGF directors and other community leaders wanted to see the N1 linking Kroonstad with the gold fields instead, but as an interim measure wished to see the existing highway upgraded by the Free State Provincial Administration

The working group, which is headed by the ministerial representative for the region, Dr Flip Nel, is also looking at the plans to develop the region's economy — Sapa

# Thabong rates to be re-evaluated

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THE Welkom Town Council, the Thabong township administrator and the local civic organisation will re-evaluate tariffs for local ratepayers at a joint meeting on Monday. *Sowetan 10/4/92*

Development Bank of Southern Africa representatives have accepted an invitation to attend as observers, Thabong Civic Organisation's general secretary, Mr Mzwundile Kundulu, said yesterday.

Kundulu said residents had since March last year paid a flat rate of R50 for electricity, R20 for water and R25 for service charges.

These charges were introduced after residents stopped paying in protest in June 1990. *Sapa*





ions ] I shall have to determine if that is the case. As indicated on the Question Paper, that question has not been put to me, therefore I do not have the reply to hand [Interjections ]

†Mr T LANGLEY Mr Charman, further arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, what is the total number of persons who—as far as the Boputhatswana part of the reply is concerned—have been desecrated during the past three months?

†The MINISTER Mr Charman, if you will just give me a minute, I shall count them quickly [Interjections ] I count round about 14 [Interjections ]

**Customs post: Beit Bridge**

\*4 Adv T LANGLEY asked the Minister of Public Works †

(1) What is the condition of the buildings and facilities of the customs post at Beit Bridge,

(2) whether his Department intends attending to these buildings and facilities, if not, why not, if so, (a) what is envisaged in this regard and (b) when is it expected that the work will be (1) commenced and (ii) completed?

B482E

**†The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS**

(1) In a fair condition but inadequate

(2) Yes

(a) The extension and upgrading of the existing buildings and facilities *Longer term planning of additional facilities is also being attended to*

(b) (1) Planning is already in progress and if the funds are available it is anticipated that the execution of the work will begin early in 1993. *It will only be possible to determine commencement of the additional facilities stated in (a) once planning has been completed*

(ii) *It is anticipated that the extension and upgrading of the existing buildings and facilities will be completed during the second half of 1994*

of the existing accommodation and facilities will be ready this year for the invitation of tenders

In the light of the every-growing border traffic the situation at Beit Bridge is being monitored on a continuous basis in order to counter disruption of the public and officials as far as possible. However, the crux of the problem lies in the expansion of the physical facilities which is already being addressed interdepartmentally.

**Grand Prix motor race: contribution to sponsorship**

\*6 Mr A A B BRUWER asked the Minister of National Education †

Whether the Government contributed directly or indirectly to the sponsorship of the recent Grand Prix motor race, if not, why not, if so, (a) for what reasons and (b) what was the (i) nature and (ii) extent of the Government's contribution?

B484E

**The MINISTER OF NATIONAL EDUCATION**

Yes. The Government contributed indirectly to the 1992 Grand Prix motor race

(a) Section 18B of the Income Tax Act was introduced on 1986-06-01 with the purpose of encouraging private sponsors to financially support international cultural, sporting and educational events that are held in South Africa. This incentive measure, which was made available in terms of section 18B, is known as a sponsorship allowance and contains specific tax benefits. In the mean time it has been recommended that the provisions of section 18B of the Income Tax Act should be withdrawn.

(b) (i) The Government made an indirect contribution to the project through revenue forgone to the benefit of the sponsor company

(ii) The audited statement of the event is still being awaited in order to enable the Commissioner of Inland Revenue to calculate the total revenue forgone

**SADF employed to build road: Sekhukhune land area**

\*7 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Defence

Whether any members of the South African Defence Force were employed to build a road and erect tents in the Sekhukhune land area towards the end of 1991 for the wedding of a certain person, whose name has been furnished to the Defence Force for the purpose of the Minister's reply, if so, (a) what is the name of this person, (b)(i) how many members of the Defence Force were involved and (ii) for what reasons were they employed in this manner and (c) what was the total cost involved?

B487E

**The MINISTER OF DEFENCE**

Yes, to erect six tents only

(a) The name supplied by the hon member

(b) (i) 8

(ii) As a gesture of goodwill

(c) None

**Black town councillors: resignations**

\*8 Mr J CHIOLE asked the Minister of Local Government and National Housing †

(1) How many Black town councillors resigned in the (a) Transvaal and (b) Orange Free State from 1 February 1991 up to 31 January 1992, *265*

(2) whether any elections took place in (a) the wards concerned and (b) all the other vacant wards during this period, if not, why not,

(3) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

B488E

**The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND NATIONAL HOUSING**

(1) (a) 11

(b) 42

(2) (a) Transvaal—No

Orange Free State—Yes, in three wards

(b) Transvaal—No

(265) Orange Free State—No

Due to the ongoing unrest and intimidation in these local authority areas, elections could not be held

(3) No

**Vandalism in Black schools. repair costs**

\*9 Mr J CHIOLE asked the Minister of Education and Training †

(a) What is it estimated will the cost be to his Department of repairing the damage caused to Black schools as a result of vandalism in 1990 and 1991, respectively, and (b) which of these schools were damaged to such an extent that the cost of repair would be more than 20 per cent of the cost of replacement? •

**The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

1990 1991

(a) R9 847 710 R9 287 986

(b) Lundi Primary School at Elliot (in 1990)

Note

The above amounts include all damage as a result of theft, arson and unrest and is not limited to the results of vandalism

**SAP: applications for early retirement**

\*10 Mr W U NEL asked the Minister of Law and Order

(1) (a) How many members of the South African Police applied for early retirement in terms of section 6(9)(c) of the Government Service Pension Act, No 57 of 1973, read with section 3(1B) of the Police Act, No 7 of 1958, during the six-month period ended 31 December 1991 and (b) how many of these applications were approved,  
(2) whether he will make a statement on the matter? B501E

**The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER**

(1) (a) 124

(b) 122

(2) No

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

**Concessions to commercial concerns**

\*11 Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Regional and Land Affairs

(1) Whether any concessions have been paid to commercial concerns in respect of industries located in terms of the regional industrial development programme, if so,  
(a) what amount was paid in total in respect of the 1990-91 financial year and (b) what amount is expected to be incurred in respect of the 1991-92 financial year,  
(2) whether he will make a statement on the matter? B505E

**The MINISTER OF REGIONAL AND LAND AFFAIRS**

(1) No concessions are being paid to commercial concerns as only secondary industry qualify for concessions under the Regional Industrial Development Programme (RIDP) (a) and (b) Fall away

(2) I will refer to the Regional Industrial Development Programme (RIDP) when Parliament debates the Budget Vote on Regional and Land Affairs For the member's information R779 547 000 was paid in total in respect of the Regional Industrial Development Programme (RIDP) for the 1990/91 financial year and it is expected that R637 441 000 will be paid for the 1991/92 financial year in respect of secondary industry

**Schools in shack settlement areas policy document**

\*12 Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Education and Training

(1) Whether his Department or any organization associated with it has devised a policy document for the provision of schools in shack (informal) settlement areas, if so, (a) by whom and (b) when was it devised,  
(2) whether the policy set out in this document is being implemented, if not, why not, if so, how does the quality of the schooling and facilities so provided differ from the schooling and facilities provided

in ordinary schools falling under his Department,

(3) whether he will make a statement on the matter? B514E

**The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

(1) Yes

(a) The Department of Education and Training

(b) During 1991

(2) Yes

The quality of education provided in these areas will not differ from that provided in ordinary schools elsewhere The subject choices in secondary schools will, however, be limited The facilities also will not differ substantially from that available in other schools although it is intended to limit building costs and accommodate as many pupils as possible

(3) No

**INTERPELLATION**

The sign \* indicates a translation The sign †, used subsequently in the same interpellation, indicates the original language

**Own Affairs**

**Christian education within own national culture**

\*1 Mr D S PIENNAAR to ask the Minister of Education and Culture

Whether he can accommodate the insistence by Afrikaner parents on Christian education within their own national culture within the (a) current education system and (b) education system envisaged by the Government, if not, why not, if so, in what respects in each case? B518E INT

\*The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE Mr Charman, the hon member for Potgietersrus uses the term Christian education within a specific national culture without defining it However, I freely accept that he is referring to Christian education that recognises freedom of religion, education in the mother tongue with Afrikaans as the medium of instruction, the passing on of a cultural heritage, maximum devolution of power, participation in the recognised curriculum with possible addition to the content and subjects, supervision of the specific ethos, character and standards in the school, formulation of one's own admissions criteria that are justifiable on educational grounds, a say in respect of the selection of the teachers who teach one's children, control of facilities and financial management in order to fulfil one's ideals

If this is so, the answer is yes in respect of the *status quo*, because all the aspects I mentioned are fully accommodated in the present state-aided schools, just as a different emphasis can be accommodated for other communities according to those communities' wishes Certain of the characteristics mentioned above also apply in the present state schools, but because state schools have much less autonomy than state-aided schools they simply follow the policy of the government of the day to a much greater degree

As far as the future is concerned, the Government has already committed itself to the right of a people to its own education with equal financing, mother tongue and Christian education for those who prefer it, and community-oriented education The essence of Christian education with a specific national character would surely remain possible within those limits

\*Mr D S PIENNAAR Mr Charman, the hon the Minister referred to functions that can be performed by a management body in a Model C school which are nothing other than administrative and management functions that the Government previously performed and which are now being devolved to parents in management bodies

The interpellation deals with the insistence of Afrikaner parents on Christian education within their own national culture for their children, and not with administrative and financial powers and duties that are being devolved from the first tier of government to school level The Kaaplandse Afrikaanse Ouervereniging has repeatedly expressed itself on this issue In reaction to section 21 of the second draft bill of rights the TAO stated the following

Ons oordeel dat hierdie artikel by implikasie die beginsel van Christelike-volkse-moedertaalonderwys ondermyn en die kind se reg tot selfverwesentliking ontneem

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Hierby word bekend gemaak dat die Staatspresident sy goedkeuring geheg het aan die onderstaande Wet wat hierby ter algemene inligting gepubliseer word —

It is hereby notified that the State President has assented to the following Act which is hereby published for general information —

No 110 van 1992 Tweede Wysigingswet op die Ordonnansie op Plaaslike Bestuur (Oranje-Vrystaat) (Volksraad), 1992

No 110 of 1992 Local Government Ordinance Second Amendment Act (Orange Free State) (House of Assembly), 1992

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ORDINANCE SECOND AMENDMENT  
ACT (ORANGE FREE STATE) (HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY), 1992

Act No. 110, 1992

**GENERAL EXPLANATORY NOTE:**

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       Words underlined with a solid line indicate insertions in existing enactments

## ACT

To amend the Local Government Ordinance, 1962 (Orange Free State) (in so far as it is applied as a law on own affairs of the White population group), so as to further regulate the closing of streets and public places; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

*(English text signed by the State President )  
(Assented to 2 July 1992 )*

**B**E IT ENACTED by the State President and the House of Assembly of the Republic of South Africa, as follows —

**Definition**

1. In this Act, unless the context otherwise indicates, “the Ordinance” means  
5 the Local Government Ordinance, 1962 (Ordinance No 8 of 1962) (Orange Free State), in so far as and to the extent to which the provisions of Part IV of the Republic of South Africa Constitution Act, 1983 (Act No 110 of 1983), have by paragraph (a) of Proclamation No R 38 of 1989 been declared to be applicable to the said Ordinance

10 **Substitution of section 141 of Ordinance 8 of 1962, as substituted by section 55 of Proclamation 18 of 1988**

2. The following section is hereby substituted for section 141 of the Ordinance

**“Closing of streets and public places**

15 **141. A council may close or divert any street, road or public place, or any portion thereof, under its control temporarily or, subject to the provisions of section 18 of the Townships Ordinance, 1969 (Ordinance No 9 of 1969), permanently ”**

**Amendment of section 148A of Ordinance 8 of 1962, as inserted by section 8 of Act 43 of 1991**

20 **3. Section 148A of the Ordinance is hereby amended by the substitution in the Afrikaans text for subsection (1) of the following subsection**

“(1) Die Minister kan by kennisgewing in die **[Staatskoerant]** *Offisiele Koerant* standaardregulasies maak betreffende enige aangeleentheid ten opsigte waarvan ’n raad die bevoegdheid het om regulasies te maak ”

Wet No. 110, 1992

TWEDE WYSIGINGSWET OP DIE ORDONNANSIE OP  
PLAASLIKE BESTUUR (ORANJE-VRYSTAAT) (VOLKSRAAD), 1992**ALGEMENE VERDUIDELIKENDE NOTA:**

- [ ]** Woorde in vet druk tussen vierkantige hake dui skrappings uit bestaande verordenings aan
- Woorde met 'n volstreep daaronder, dui invoegings in bestaande verordenings aan

# WET

Tot wysiging van die Ordonnansie op Plaaslike Bestuur, 1962 (Oranje-Vrystaat) (vir sover dit as 'n wet oor eie sake van die Blanke bevolkingsgroep toegepas word), ten einde die sluit van strate en publieke plekke verder te reel; en om voorsiening te maak vir aangeleenthede wat daarmee in verband staan.

(Engelse teks deur die Staatspresident geteken )  
(Goedgekeur op 2 Julie 1992 )

**D**AAR WORD BEPAAL deur die Staatspresident en die Volksraad van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika, soos volg—

**Woordomskrywing**

1. In hierdie Wet, tensy uit die samehang anders blyk, beteken “die Ordonnansie” die Ordonnansie op Plaaslike Bestuur, 1962 (Ordonnansie No 8 van 1962) (Oranje-Vrystaat), vir sover en in die mate waarin die bepalings van Deel IV van die Grondwet van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika, 1983 (Wet No 110 van 1983), by paragraaf (a) van Proklamasie No R 38 van 1989 op genoemde Ordonnansie van toepassing verklaar is 5

**Vervanging van artikel 141 van Ordonnansie 8 van 1962, soos vervang deur artikel 55 van Proklamasie 18 van 1988** 10

2. Artikel 141 van die Ordonnansie word hierby deur die volgende artikel vervang.

**“Sluit van strate en publieke plekke**

141. 'n Raad kan 'n straat, pad of ander publieke plek, of enige gedeelte daarvan, onder sy beheer tydelik of, behoudens die bepalings van artikel 18 van die Ordonnansie op Dorpe, 1969 (Ordonnansie No 9 van 1969), permanent sluit of verlê ”. 15

**Wysiging van artikel 148A van Ordonnansie 8 van 1962, soos ingevoeg deur artikel 8 van Wet 43 van 1991** 20

3. Artikel 148A van die Ordonnansie word hierby gewysig deur subartikel (1) deur die volgende subartikel te vervang:

“(1) Die Minister kan by kennisgewing in die **[Staatkoerant]** *Offisiele Koerant* standaardregulasies maak betreffende enige aangeleentheid ten opsigte waarvan 'n raad die bevoegdheid het om regulasies te maak ” 25

Wet No. 110, 1992

TWEEDE WYSIGINGSWET OP DIE ORDONNANSIE OP  
PLAASLIKE BESTUUR (ORANJE-VRYSTAAT) (VOLKSRAAD), 1992**Wysiging van artikel 150 van Ordonnansie 8 van 1962, soos gewysig deur artikel 9 van Wet 43 van 1991**

4. Artikel 150 van die Ordonnansie word hierby gewysig deur subartikel (2) deur die volgende subartikel te vervang

“(2) Na die goedkeuring van regulasies kragtens subartikel (1) stel die Minister die raad dienooreenkomstig in kennis en laat die stadsklerk die regulasies op koste van die raad by kennisgewing in die **[Staatskoerant]** *Offisiele Koerant* afkondig. Met dien verstande dat ten opsigte van standaardregulasies wat kragtens artikel 148A(2) deur die raad aangeneem is, dit vir die stadsklerk voldoende is om ’n kennisgewing in die **[Staatskoerant]** *Offisiele Koerant* te laat publiseer waarin verwys word na die kennisgewing waarby sodanige standaardregulasies gepubliseer is, soos beoog in subartikel (1) van daardie artikel, en waarin enige wysigings wat daaraan aangebring is, duidelik uiteengesit word ”

**Kort titel en inwerkingtreding**

5. Hierdie Wet heet die Tweede Wysigingswet op die Ordonnansie op Plaaslike Bestuur (Oranje-Vrystaat) (Volksraad), 1992, en tree in werking op ’n datum deur die Staatspresident by proklamasie in die *Staatskoerant* bepaal

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ORDINANCE SECOND AMENDMENT  
ACT (ORANGE FREE STATE) (HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY), 1992

Act No. 110, 1992

**Amendment of section 150 of Ordinance 8 of 1962, as amended by section 9 of Act 43 of 1991**

4. Section 150 of the Ordinance is hereby amended by the substitution in the Afrikaans text for subsection (2) of the following subsection.

5       “(2) Na die goedkeuring van regulasies kragtens subartikel (1) stel die Minister die raad dienooreenkomstig in kennis en laat die stadsklerk die regulasies op koste van die raad by kennisgewing in die **[Staatskoerant]** *Offisiele Koerant* afkondig. Met dien verstande dat ten opsigte van standaardregulasies wat kragtens artikel 148A(2) deur die raad aangeneem is, dit vir die stadsklerk voldoende is om 'n kennisgewing in die **[Staatskoerant]** *Offisiele Koerant* te laat publiseer waarin verwys word na die kennisgewing waarby sodanige standaardregulasies gepubliseer is, soos beoog in subartikel (1) van daardie artikel, en waarin enige wysigings wat daaraan aangebring is, duidelik uiteengesit word.”

**15 Short title and commencement**

5. This Act shall be called the Local Government Ordinance Second Amendment Act (Orange Free State) (House of Assembly), 1992, and shall come into operation on a date fixed by the State President by proclamation in the *Gazette*

**Strikers sacked**

**BLOEMFONTEIN**  
The Free State Provincial Administration fired 1 000 employees, who had been on strike since June 25, at the Bötshabelo town office on Monday. Sapa

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Packing up . . . workers load up the last of Eskom's furniture for removal to Sasolburg. The town of Vierfontein is to be sold by auction next week. Picture: Michael Sparks

## Free State town to be auctioned

By Michael Sparks (265)

At the top of a gentle rise, five huge cooling towers dominate the horizon. They were the reason for the town of Vierfontein, but since they fell dormant a few years ago most people have moved on. And now the town is up for sale next week.

The town's owners, Eskom, have been trying to sell it since the power station stopped supplying electricity a few years ago.

The town is just south of the Vaal River, so water for irrigation is cheap, though it can be used for only three hours a day. Just 49 of the town's 180

houses are occupied. Some pensioners who used to work at the power plant still live there. Other houses are rented out to people who work in nearby Klerksdorp, Orkney or Viljoenskroon. *STAR 16/9/92*

Christine Gouws moved to the town in February this year and echoed the sentiments of many residents when she said her main concern was financial.

Nick Venter moved to Vierfontein from Hillbrow in the mid-1980s and speaks of the peaceful country life — fishing in the Vaal and playing bowls at the recreation club.

"It's so nice and peaceful here we can sleep with our windows and doors open. We don't have to worry about crime at all," Mr

Venter said.

Eskom property manager Herman van den Heever said the sale of the town included the recreation club and all its facilities, a guest house, implements used to maintain the town, and all the houses which could be sold individually once the area had been proclaimed and subdivided.

The property is 542 ha, although 500 ha are suitable for crop farming or grazing. The school belongs to the Free State Provincial Administration.

Auctioneer Piet Coetzee could not say what price the town might fetch, but said the slightly larger town of Grootvlei near Johannesburg had been sold for R4,7 million last year.

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**PROVINSIALE ADMINISTRASIE VAN DIE ORANJE-VRYSTAAT**

No. R. 2634 18 September 1992

**WYSIGING VAN DIE PERSONEELREGULASIES VIR SWART PLAASLIKE OWERHEDE, 1983**

Kragtens artikel 56 (1) (m) van die Wet op Swart Plaaslike Owerhede, 1982 (Wet No. 102 van 1982), wysig ek, Louis van der Watt, Administrateur van die provinsie Oranje-Vrystaat, hierby die Personeelregulasies vir Swart Plaaslike Owerhede, afgekondig by Goewermentskennisgewing R. 2568 van 25 November 1983, soos in die Bylae aangedui, ten opsigte van die plaaslike owerhede wat in die Oranje-Vrystaat gelee is

**BYLAE**

1. Regulasie 13 van die Personeelregulasies vir Swart Plaaslike Owerhede, 1983, word gewysig deur subregulasie (1) deur die volgende subregulasie te vervang:

"(1) (a) Indien daar na die mening van 'n plaaslike owerheid redelike gronde bestaan om te vermoed dat 'n werknemer ongeskik is vir sy pligte of nie in staat is om sy pligte op bekwame wyse uit te voer nie of aan wangedrag skuldig is, stel sodanige plaaslike owerheid, uit die geledere van die lede van sodanige plaaslike owerheid en van sy werknemers of werknemers wat kragtens artikel 35 van die Wet aan sodanige plaas-

**PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATION OF THE ORANGE FREE STATE**

No. R. 2634 265 18 September 1992

**AMENDMENT OF THE BLACK LOCAL AUTHORITIES STAFF REGULATIONS, 1983**

By virtue of section 56 (1) (m) of the Black Local Authorities Act, 1982 (Act No. 102 of 1982), I, Louis van der Watt, Administrator of the Orange Free State Province, do hereby, with regard to the local authorities situated in the Orange Free State, amend the Black Local Authorities Staff Regulations, promulgated by Government Notice R 2568 of 25 November 1983, as indicated in the Schedule

**SCHEDULE**

1. Regulation 13 of the Black Local Authorities Staff Regulations, 1983, is amended by the substitution for subregulation (1) of the following subregulation

"(1) (a) If, in the opinion of a local authority, reasonable grounds exist for suspecting that an employee is not fit to perform his duties or is not able to perform them in an efficient manner or that he is guilty of misconduct, such local authority shall appoint a committee (hereinafter referred to as "the committee") of three members, from the ranks of the members of such local authority and of its employees or employees who are placed at

like owerheid beskikbaar gestel is, 'n komitee van drie lede (hierna "die komitee" genoem) aan om ondersoek na sodanige vermoede in te stel, en wys een van die lede van die komitee as voorsitter aan. Met dien verstande dat waar 'n persoon bedoel in artikel 29 of 29A (1) van die Wet of artikel 3 (1) van die Wet op die Ontbinding van die Stadsraad van Lekoa, 1991 (Wet No 61 van 1991), die regte, bevoegdhede, werksaamhede, pligte en verpligtinge van 'n plaaslike owerheid uitoefen, verrig of nakom of daar om welke rede ook al nie genoeg lede of werknemers van die plaaslike owerheid is wat op bedoelde komitee aangestel kan word of gewillig is om op sodanige komitee te dien nie, stel die direkteur sodanige persone wat hy geskik ag as lede van die betrokke komitee aan, en wys een van die lede van die komitee as voorsitter aan

- (b) Die plaaslike owerheid bepaal, onderhewig aan die goedkeuring van die direkteur, die vergoeding wat betaalbaar is aan die lede wat in die komitee bedoel in paragraaf (a) dien."

**DEPARTEMENT VAN NASIONALE GESONDHEID EN BEVOLKINGS-ONTWIKKELING**

No. R. 2644 18 September 1992

WET OP VOEDINGSMIDDELS, SKOONHEIDSMIDDELS EN ONTSMETTINGSMIDDELS, 1972 (WET No 54 VAN 1972)

REGULASIES: VOEDSELKLEURSTOWWE: WYSIGING

Die Minister van Nasionale Gesondheid is voornemens om kragtens artikel 15 (1) van die Wet op Voedingmiddels, Skoonheidsmiddels en Ontsmettingsmiddels, 1972 (Wet No. 54 van 1972), die regulasies vervat in die Bylae hiervan uit te vaardig.

Belanghebbendes word versoek om binne drie maande na die datum van publikasie van hierdie kennisgewing gemotiveerde kommentaar oor of vertoe in verband met die voorgestelde regulasies in te dien by die Direkteur-generaal: Nasionale Gesondheid en Bevolkingsontwikkeling, Privaat Sak X828, Pretoria, 0001 (vir die aandag van die Direkteur: Voedsel, Kosmetika, Ontsmettingsmiddels en Gevaarhoudende Stowwe)

**BYLAE**

1. In hierdie Bylae beteken "die Regulasies" die regulasies afgekondig by Goewermmentskennisgewing No. R 756 van 6 Mei 1977, soos gewysig.

**Wysiging van Aanhangel 1 van die Regulasies**

2. Aanhangel 1 van die Regulasies word hierby gewysig deur teenoor die item "Graan en graanprodukte" in kolom I, die volgende besonderhede in die korrekte alfabetiese posisie in te voeg

I	II	III
Voedingmiddel	Kleur-indeks-nummer	Voorwaardes en perke (mg/kg)
Graan en graanprodukte	"75470	Cochenille of karmynsuur
		GVP"

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the disposal of the local authority in terms of section 35 of the Act to investigate such suspicion, and shall designate one of the members of the committee as chairman. Provided that, if a person referred to in section 29 or 29A (1) of the Act or section 3 (1) of the Lekoa City Council Dissolution Act, 1991 (Act No 61 of 1991), exercises, performs or fulfils the rights, powers, functions, duties and obligations of a local authority or if, for whatever reason, there are not enough members or employees of the local authority who can be appointed on the said committee or are prepared to serve on such committee, the director shall appoint such persons whom he deems suitable as members of the relevant committee, and shall designate one of the members of the committee as chairman.

- (b) The local authority shall, subject to the approval of the director, determine the remuneration that shall be payable to the members who serve on the committee referred to in paragraph (a)."

**DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND POPULATION DEVELOPMENT**

No. R. 2644 18 September 1992

FOODSTUFFS, COSMETICS AND DISINFECTANTS ACT, 1972 (ACT No 54 OF 1972)

REGULATIONS. FOOD COLOURANTS AMENDMENT

The Minister of National Health intends, in terms of section 15 (1) of the Foodstuffs, Cosmetics and Disinfectants Act, 1972 (Act No 54 of 1972), to make the regulations contained in the Schedule hereto

Interested persons are invited to submit any substantiated comments on the proposed regulations or representations they wish to make in regard thereto to the Director-General of National Health and Population Development, Private Bag X828, Pretoria, 0001 (for the attention of the Director of Foodstuffs, Cosmetics, Disinfectants and Hazardous Substances), within three months of the date of publication of this notice.

**SCHEDULE**

1. In this Schedule "the Regulations" means the regulations published under Government Notice No. R. 756 of 6 May 1977, as amended

**Amendment of Annex I to the Regulations**

2. Annex I to the Regulations is hereby amended by the insertion in the correct alphabetical position of the following particulars opposite the item "Cereal and cereal products" in column I:

I	II	III
Foodstuff	Colour index number	Name of colourant
Cereal and cereal products	"75470	Cochineal or carminic acid
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## PROCLAMATIONS

*by the  
State President  
of the Republic of South Africa*

No. 124, 1992

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DATE OF COMMENCEMENT OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ORDINANCE SECOND AMENDMENT ACT (ORANGE FREE STATE) (HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY), 1992 (ACT No. 110 OF 1992)

Under the powers vested in me by section 5 of the Local Government Ordinance Second Amendment Act (Orange Free State) (House of Assembly), 1992 (Act No. 110 of 1992), I hereby fix **6 November 1992** as the date on which the said Act shall come into operation

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Republic of South Africa at Pretoria this Second day of November, One thousand Nine hundred and Ninety-two.

**F. W. DE KLERK,**  
State President.

By Order of the State President-in-Council (Ministers' Council of the House of Assembly)

**M. A. DE M. MALAN,**  
Minister of the Ministers' Council of the House of Assembly

## PROKLAMASIES

*van die  
Staatspresident  
van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika*

No. 124, 1992

DATUM VAN INWERKINGTREDING VAN DIE TWEDE WYSIGINGSWET OP DIE ORDONNANSIE OP PLAASLIKE BESTUUR (ORANJE-VRYSTAAT) (VOLKSRAAD), 1992 (WET No. 110 VAN 1992)

Kragtens die bevoegdheid my verleen by artikel 5 van die Tweede Wysigingswet op die Ordonnansie op Plaaslike Bestuur (Oranje-Vrystaat) (Volksraad), 1992 (Wet No. 110 van 1992), bepaal ek hierby **6 November 1992** as die datum waarop genoemde Wet in werking tree.

Gegee onder my Hand en die Seel van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika te Pretoria, op hede die Tweede dag van November Eenduisend Negehonderd Twee-en-negentig.

**F. W. DE KLERK,**  
Staaspresident

Op las van die Staatspresident-in-Rade (Ministersraad van die Volksraad.

**M. A. DE M. MALAN,**  
Minister van die Ministersraad van die Volksraad.

**No. 125, 1992**

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DATE OF COMMENCEMENT OF THE TOWNSHIPS ORDINANCE AMENDMENT ACT (ORANGE FREE STATE) (HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY), 1992 (ACT No 63 OF 1992)

Under the powers vested in me by section 6 of the Townships Ordinance Amendment Act (Orange Free State) (House of Assembly), 1992 (Act No 63 of 1992), I hereby fix **6 November 1992** as the date on which the said Act shall come into operation.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Republic of South Africa at Pretoria this Second day of November, One thousand Nine hundred and Ninety-two

**F. W. DE KLERK,**

State President.

By Order of the State President-in-Council (Ministers' Council of the House of Assembly).

**M. A. DE M. MALAN,**

Minister of the Ministers' Council of the House of Assembly.

**No. 125, 1992**

DATUM VAN INWERKINGTREDING VAN DIE WYSIGINGSWET OP DIE ORDONNANSIE OP DORPE (ORANJE-VRYSTAAT) (VOLKSRAAD), 1992 (WET No. 63 VAN 1992)

Kragtens die bevoegdheid my verleen by artikel 6 van die Wysigingswet op die Ordonnansie op Dorpe (Oranje-Vrystaat) (Volksraad), 1992 (Wet No. 63 van 1992), bepaal ek hierby **6 November 1992** as die datum waarop genoemde Wet in werking tree

Gegee onder my Hand en die Seel van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika te Pretoria, op hede die Tweede dag van November Eenduisend Negehoenderd Twee-en-negentig

**F. W. DE KLERK,**

Staatspresident.

Op las van die Staatspresident-in-Rade (Ministersraad van die Volksraad):

**M. A. DE M. MALAN,**

Minister van die Ministersraad van die Volksraad

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## Free State to axe 130

John Dladu

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15/5/96

THE Free State provincial government has approved reshaping plans for its development corporation, including axing 130 of the organisation's 238 staff

Free State Development Corporation chairman Junior Putloane said yesterday that the plans, still being negotiated with trade unions, would cut personnel costs to 35% from 54% of total expenditure. It also wanted to make the organisation self-funding

In terms of the two-year plan people would be given "packages" to leave the organisation or face redundancy

Putloane said the corporation had still to resolve a dispute with the unions over the recruitment of the corporation's senior management.

The unions wanted the right to interview candidates — which the board felt was its domain

# Lekota reinstates fired MEC

OWN CORRESPONDENT

ET 3/7/96 (265)

JOHANNESBURG: Party unity took precedence over constitutional authority when, after persuasion from the ANC, Free State Premier Patrick Lekota yesterday reinstated an MEC he dismissed 10 days ago for alleged insubordination.

Lekota has withdrawn the appointment of Mr Barnard Mononyane, named last week as Public Transport and Traffic Regulations MEC and reinstated Mr Ace Magashule. The move is a direct result of a compromise brokered by ANC

national executive committee members Mr Steve Tshwete and Mr Joe Nhlanhla, who spent the weekend in the Free State dealing with the dispute.

Yesterday's reshuffle represents a step in the right direction, and a boost for party unity ahead of the December provincial congress. However, it casts a shadow over Lekota's capacity to exercise his constitutional executive powers without interference from his party.

Free State is the only ANC-led province where the premier is not

the provincial leader of the party.

Differences between Lekota and the ANC provincial executive, led by Mr Patrick Mathosa, had led to calls for Lekota to be removed as premier. Moves to table a motion of no confidence were halted when ANC Deputy President Thabo Mbeki and secretary-general, Mr Cyril Ramaphosa intervened.

Lekota is expected to face stiff opposition when the provincial congress is held in six months.

He conceded yesterday that the reshuffling could have been dealt with differently.



# Nigeria will be the loser after Olayinka's murder

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POLITICAL assassination may not be new in Nigeria, but snuffing out the life of a female political activist is certainly novel. More so since her husband is a political detainee.

Such was the lot of Kudirat Olayinka, 44, most senior wife of Moshood Abiola, the acclaimed winner of Nigeria's June 12 1993 presidential election which the country's military junta has refused to honour.

Mr Abiola was detained when he pronounced himself the president-elect in June 1994.

**TUNJI BELLO**  
comments from Lagos  
on this week's  
assassination of  
Moshood Abiola's wife

That was the beginning of Kudirat's political activism — which ended on a brutal note on Tuesday morning in Lagos when she was shot by unknown assailants.

It's only natural that her brutal murder is being greeted with loud wailings across the world. But more remarkable, perhaps, is that until her last, she

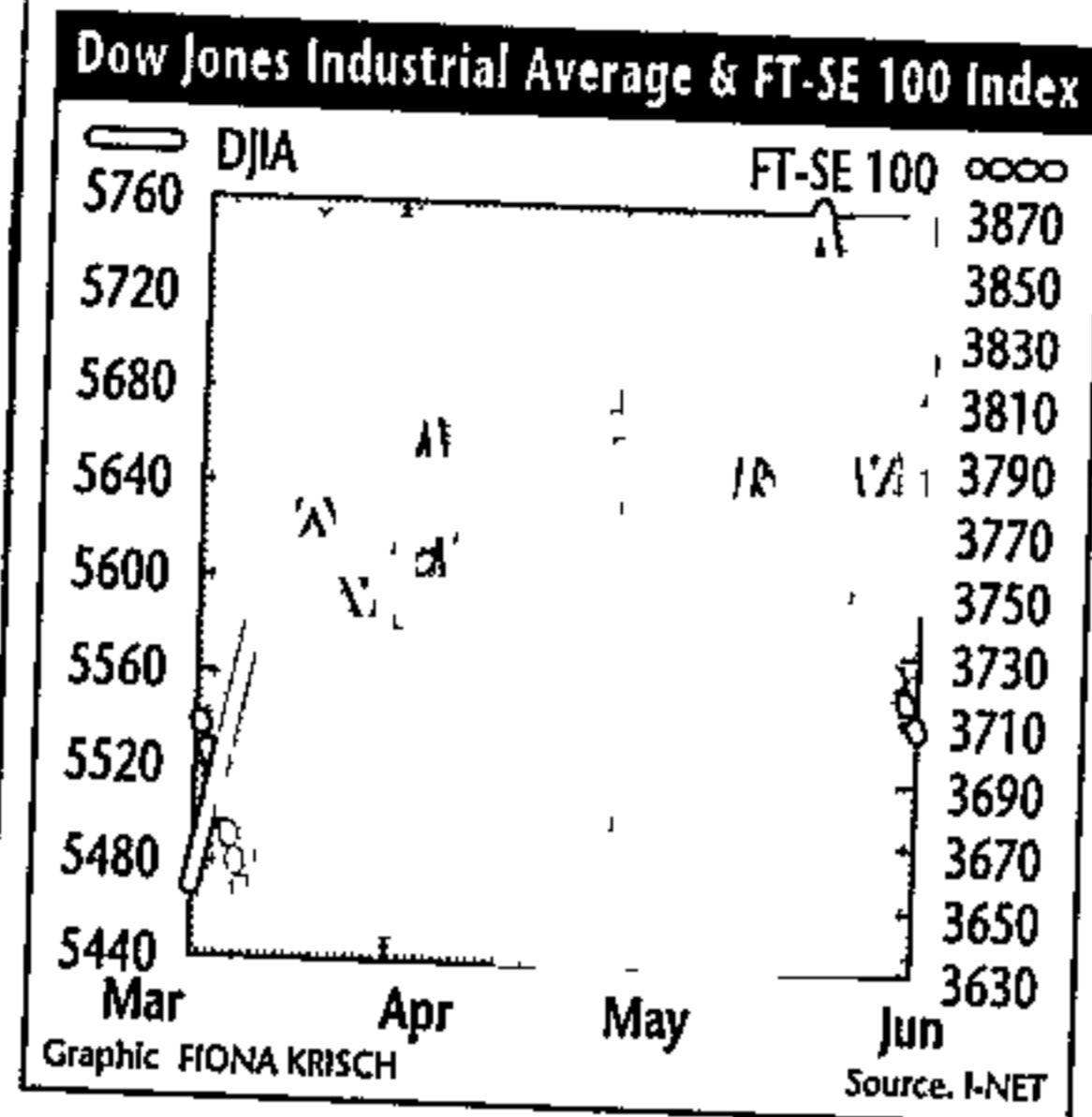
stood for what she believed in — the instant restoration of democracy in her country.

In the past three years, Kudirat came to embody the belief in the non-negotiability of the June 12 1993 mandate given her husband. She brought a certain tenacity to bear in her resolve. She invested her everything. She believed no price was too big to pay for the struggle.

June 12, she believed, was about justice. She believed it was a fight for the cause of the ordinary people. She also believed people should rise above complacency. "I am angry with their timid attitude towards this struggle."

She restated her resolve recently in a magazine interview: "If I am fighting for a just cause, I'll fight it with whatever I have. Even if it is going to take my life."

Hopefully her death will not join the many unsolved assassinations in Nigeria. And they are legion. But whatever happens, it will only add to the many political troubles of Nigeria's military regime.



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Lekota govt  
drops MEC  
(2b5)

BLOEMFONTEIN — Free State premier Patrick Lekota has dropped ANC provincial vice-chairman Ace Magashule from his reshuffled executive council, which takes office on July 1.

At a media briefing in Bloemfontein yesterday, Lekota announced legislature member Barnard Mononyane was to replace Magashule as public transport and traffic regulation MEC.

In a surprise reshuffle of the Free State executive council on May 22, after the NP announced it was leaving provincial governments, Magashule — now economic affairs and tourism MEC — was designated to take the transport and traffic portfolio of Inus Aucamp (NP).

During the reshuffle, Saki Belot lost the education portfolio to newcomer Mxolise Dukoana, but welfare was added to his art, culture and sport responsibilities.

The reshuffle caused dissent amid ANC ranks in the province, with threats of resignations, and there were questions about Lekota's authority to make council appointments without the approval of his party.

Asked the reason for Magashule's dismissal, Lekota said he had not "chucked him out".

It boiled down, he said, to Magashule having "resigned" by not accepting the premier's authority, nor wanting to work under it.

Magashule was in a meeting yesterday, and was not available for comment — Sapa

# Seat of power 'boost' to local trade

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BLOEMFONTEIN -

Switching parliament to here would be a major boost for the Free State economy, the Bloemfontein bid committee said.

Average economic growth per year would increase from 0,11 percent per year without parliament to 0,17 percent per year during construction (1998 and 1999) and the first year of operation (2000)

This would help to stabilise the Free State economy and reverse the economic decline

About 27 000 temporary jobs would be created in the Free State in 1998 and 1999

In 2000 more than 5 300 permanent jobs would be created by the operation of parliament.

This would help to extricate the Free State from its current situation in which virtually no jobs were created

The committee predicted that no impact would be felt in the Western Cape until 2000

And the withdrawal of staff and cut in spending for the operation of parliament would only reduce the region's economic growth from 1,71 percent to 1,54 percent, still among the highest in the country

The committee added that these figures didn't not take into account the influence of substitute activities in place of parliament and the possible influence of the Olympic Games

As Gauteng had the largest single regional economy, the economic impact of moving parliament to Gauteng would be far more limited than that of moving it to Free State

Economic growth in Gauteng (1995-2000) would rise from 2,31 percent per annum without parliament to 2,33 percent with parliament

The committee said the relocation of parliament would have an impact on provinces not directly involved in the process by changing the purchasing patterns of parliament

Benefits from the resiting of parliament would flow primarily to Bloemfontein, but also to the towns of the Goldfields

Economic growth was especially vital to the Goldfields, whose economy had borne the brunt of the decline in goldmining in Free State

Increased business performance in the service sectors encouraged growth in the manufacturing and light engineering sectors to provide the goods needed for the increased demand by companies and households - Sapa

# ANC sends top team to defuse Free State row

Star 27/6/96 (265)

By JOVIAL RANTAO  
Political Correspondent

The ANC is to send a top-level delegation to the Free State to mediate in internal squabbles which have threatened to split the party in the province.

Sport and Recreation Minister Steve Tshwete, Deputy Intelligence Minister Joe Nhlanhla and ANC treasurer-general the Rev Arnold Stofile are expected to arrive in Bloemfontein on Saturday to try to heal the rift between Free

State Premier Patrick Lekota and the party's provincial leadership, headed by Patrick Matosa

Matosa deposed Lekota as ANC chairman in a surprise election during the provincial congress two years ago

On Tuesday, President Mandela, who was asked by the leadership of the ANC in the Free State to intervene, met Deputy President Thabo Mbeki and asked him to handle matters. At this meeting, Tshwete, Nhlanhla and Stofile were delegated to go to the

Free State capital.

Mbeki has also had a meeting with Lekota over the problem

The Star understands that the trio will, among other things, ask Lekota to reinstate Ace Magashule, the Economic Affairs and Tourism MEC, whom he fired last week for insubordination.

Differences between Lekota and his ANC colleagues, led by Matosa, came to head when Magashule was fired.

Matosa charged that Lekota "had gone too far this time"

### Unisa panned as 'too white'

PRETORIA — The National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union and an academic body calling itself the Black Forum yesterday withdrew from Unisa's transformation steering committee.

There was a lack of commitment on the part of the management to engage in genuine transformation, the bodies said in a joint representative council.

They criticised the committee for having too many white members "with a small and insignificant island of subdued and powerless black people."

Nehawu, Black Forum and the SRC, under took to set up a steering committee to oversee the transformation process.

The SRC also demanded Unisa set up a broader transformation forum, and threatened mass action.

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# Lekota's 'authoritarian' style may bring dismissal

David Greybe

CAPE TOWN — Free State premier Patrick Lekota, embroiled in a power struggle with senior ANC provincial officials, could be axed because of his "authoritarian" leadership style, national ANC sources said yesterday.

A top-level ANC national delegation is scheduled to visit the Free State at the weekend and will discuss the matter with the full ANC provincial executive committee, ANC spokesman Ron Mamoepa said yesterday.

The delegation would consist of ANC treasurer-general Arnold Stofle and fellow national working committee members Steve Tshwete and Joe Nhlamla. Mamoepa said they were expected to report back to Deputy Premier Thabo Mbeki.

Mamoepa said it was an internal ANC matter, and he was not prepared to comment further.

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According to ANC sources, the ANC at national level still hoped to, in the words of one "get the two factions to work together". Lekota needed the support and backing of the provincial ANC to govern effectively, and the ANC needed the premier to implement its policies.

The sources said Lekota had not agreed to consult the ANC provincial leadership on all future major pronouncements instead of acting unilaterally, as he had recently.

The latest twist in the political feud came last week when Lekota axed his MEC for transport, Ace Magashule, who is also ANC provincial deputy chairman.

Lekota said at the time Magashule had indicated he was not prepared to work under the premier's authority. According to media reports, Magashule and ANC provincial chairman Pat Matosa led an ANC provincial campaign to oust Lekota.

ANC national sources described the political rift between the two groups as serious. While Lekota was constitutionally and technically entitled to shuffle his cabinet, without consultation, it was "ANC principle" to consult party structures.

Pat Matosa's 1994 victory over Lekota in the ANC provincial elections was, some believed, behind the power struggle. According to New Nation, the Free State power struggle was said to be a build-up ahead of the ANC provincial congress in November.

So serious was the situation, the newspaper said, that Mbeki and Tshwete met Lekota after Matosa and Magashule presented their case against the premier to Mbeki in Cape Town this month.

Lekota was not at his desk yesterday and a spokesman said he was under orders not to comment until the matter had been resolved by the ANC national leadership.

## Free State ANC infighting resolved

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Bloemfontein - The infighting within the ANC executive committee in the Free State, which threatened to split the provincial government, has been ironed out and Patrick Lekota is to remain the premier.

Sports Minister Steve Tshwete mediated in Bloemfontein at the weekend on the instructions of Deputy President Thabo Mbeki.

The conflict between Lekota and certain senior ANC provincial leaders started after the 1994 elections and reached a climax in June when the premier left out Ace Magashule when reshuffling his cabinet.

Lekota was accused of sacking the MEC without consulting the provincial executive, and some members threatened to resign.

The main cause of the tension was a lack of communication, Tshwete said yesterday when he announced the reconciliation. He said the provincial executive and the premier had decided that mutual consultation would curb future misunderstandings.

ANC spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said proposals arising from the meeting would be referred to a national working committee for ratification.

"At this stage the ANC is not in a position to make the proposals public, but a pronouncement will be made as soon as the national working committee has come to a decision on the matter."

-Sapa.

# Lekota to stay as Free State premier

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By Mpikeleni Duma and Sapa

## Accusations of flouting ANC policy ironed out in a meeting chaired by Steve Tshwete

**F**REE STATE PREMIER Mr Patrick Lekota's position is to remain unchanged following a marathon meeting called to iron out differences between Lekota and his party's provincial executive

Sports Minister Steve Tshwete, who is also a top ANC official, mediated at the meeting which ended in Bloemfontein last night

Conflict between Lekota and certain senior ANC provincial members started after the 1994 general election and climaxed at the beginning of June this year when Lekota left out MEC Mr Ace Magashule when reshuffling his cabinet

The main cause of the tension was a lack of communication, Tshwete said. The provincial executive and the premier decided at the meeting that mutual consultation would curb any future misunderstandings

A meeting lasting 12 hours chaired by Tshwete and Deputy Intelligence Minister Joe Nhlanhla on Saturday ended in deadlock

*Sowetan* established that the faction behind Lekota and the north block led by ANC provincial chairman Mr Pat Matosa had forwarded names of people who should constitute the provincial cabinet

Sources said Lekota had offered Free State MEC for economic affairs and tourism, Mr Ace Magashule, a portfolio of the department of housing as a compromise

Lekota shifted him to the department of public transport and traffic regulation and he, in turn, indicated an unwillingness to work in that department

Tshwete told a media briefing that there was an urgent need for consultation and consensus before any decision was made in the Free State government, particularly as that would affect the ANC. He said the national leadership was of the view that the provincial hierarchy, including the premier, was capable of resolving the impasse amicably

ANC provincial secretary Mr Kaizer Sebothelo said earlier that should things go according to plan the composition of the cabinet would be presented before the organisation's general council in Welkom, Free State, on Saturday. The composition will be thoroughly discussed and adopted by the rank and file membership

## Fragile peace in Free State as Lekota presents cabinet

Stephen Laufer

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BLOEMFONTEIN — An apparently still fragile political peace descended on the Free State yesterday as premier Patrick Lekota announced his new cabinet, including the man he had dropped two weeks ago and whose sacking led to a provincial political crisis needing ANC national leaders' intervention.

Yet despite inclusion of ANC deputy provincial chairman Ace Magashule as MEC for public transport and roads, Lekota appears firmly in charge following a weekend agreement to intensify consultation between the premier and his party on key issues.

Magashule's acceptance of a portfolio he reportedly turned down two weeks ago after being shifted from the powerful economics and tourism department was interpreted as a sign that although he had made compromises, Lekota had weathered demands for his removal from elements within the provincial ANC leadership. They too appear to have compromised, observers said.

Speaking before the announcement, Lekota said he and his party had established a consultative mechanism which would "be more efficient and create less bottlenecks in future".

Issues had been tackled in a vigorous, frank, and sometimes bruising manner. But the problems of the last few weeks had been healthy, as they had compelled in-depth discussions and forced contradictions out into the open. The secret of the ANC's success was not that it was free of contradictions, but that it was able to deal with them, he said.



# Provincial councils' accord on casinos

Ingrid Salgado

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THE Northwest and Free State executive councils agreed yesterday on several areas of co-operation to enhance service delivery in the two provinces, including that they share casino opportunities — and possibly licences — and municipal levies arising from the Vaal Reefs mining area.

Shared casino opportunities would avoid "unnecessary rivalry" between Free State and Northwest, the provinces said.

It would ensure that neither province unfairly disadvantaged the other in the location of casinos, Northwest premier Popo Molefe's spokesman Willie Modise said. It was also possible that one province would hand over a casino licence to which it was entitled to the other province. This would be negotiated.

The provinces agreed to share municipal levies paid by Vaal Reefs, which falls under both Orkney in the Free State and Viljoenskroon in Northwest. Local government MECs, relevant local authorities and district councils would negotiate the levies shares.

The executive councils also agreed that all provinces in the region be entitled to use assets retained by Northwest's Bophuthatswana Broadcasting Corporation on a private and commercial basis. A portion of the assets will accrue to the SABC.

The provinces would ask the SABC to increase provincial television window time — airtime dedicated to provincial coverage and received only in the relevant province.

Radio Bop should be retained to service these provinces. It should also be established if Mma-batho's community radio station, Radio Sunshine, could extend its reach to other provinces.

The Northwest executive council also undertook to discuss the possibility of Bloemfontein becoming the seat of Parliament.

# Lekota's troubles are not over yet

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Justin Pearce

**T**ENSIONS between Free State Premier Patrick "Terror" Lekota and provincial ANC members are not over yet. A new storm is brewing which will see provincial MPs' loyalty to the premier tested in a vote in the Free State legislature.

This follows the suspension of five senior officials from the province's Department of Trade and Industry. The suspended government officials have approached the provincial legislature arguing their suspension was not according to procedure, and the matter has been referred for investigation to the standing committee on trade and industry.

That committee happens to be chaired by Vaz Mayekiso, the former MEC for housing who has had an uneasy relationship with the premier ever since being removed from his position after allegations of corruption last year.

After investigation by the committee, Mayekiso said the matter will be put to the vote before the legislature at its next meeting, later this month or early in August. This will prove the litmus test of claims which are made against Lekota — if the ANC is as strongly against him as his detractors claim, caucusing among ANC members of the legislature could see the vote go against the premier.

Lekota said there was evidence the officials had opened two bank

accounts and spent without government authorisation.

He denied suggestions that the challenge by the suspended officials was part of a plot by his political enemies, and said the challenge posed no threat to his position: "The suspensions have nothing to do with whether I'm premier."

Provincial ANC chair Pat Matosa said there was "general dissatisfaction" with the way the premier had handled the suspension of the officials, and warned "it may become a political issue."

Lekota's position was first thought to be on the line three weeks ago, when accusations by the Free State ANC that the premier had acted unilaterally in reshuffling his Cabinet

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prompted President Nelson Mandela to send a national ANC delegation to the Free State to mediate between Lekota and provincial ANC officials.

The visit by the ANC-national delegation three weeks ago brought temporary respite to the tensions in the province, with all parties expressing their willingness to co-operate.

"The [ANC] provincial executive took the position I must stay on and resolve some of the problems," Lekota said.

But while provincial ANC Secretary General Kalzer Sebothelo insists the previous meeting came to an amicable agreement, others in the ANC describe it as a "smokescreen" which concealed unresolved differences between the party and the premier.



Controversial premier: Terror Lekota

By JACOB DLAMINI

"WIE is die baas van die plaas — Lekota, Matosa of Magashule?" asks a cartoon in Free State Premier Patrick Lekota's wood-panelled office in the Bloemfontein city centre.

The cartoon, one of many from the local Afrikaans daily, is a humorous take on a long-simmering dispute between Lekota and the regional ANC leadership over political control in the province.

This week the dispute threatened to erupt into the open after Lekota decided to suspend five senior officials from the Department of Economic Affairs and Tourism over allegations of corruption.

The claims stem from the alleged use of an estimated R7-million of government funds to set up a non-profit company, ostensibly to promote investment in the province.

Lekota charges that the company, Free State Investment and Promotion agency, was set up without the authorisation of the regional cabinet and that some transactions linked to it seemed irregular.

"This matter is independent of the political tensions in the province," he says and has launched a departmental inquiry into the case.

This has angered his ANC colleagues who say the matter should be handled by an independent investigator.

The Minister of Transport and Roads, Elias Magashule, who helped organise the agency before he was unceremoniously moved from the economics portfolio to his current position, sees the suspensions as an attempt to tarnish his image.

The 37-year-old former activist says that in his April 30 budget speech, he mentioned the allocation of R5-million for the creation of the agency. He

# Lekota's one-man show is no hit with his party

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**CHALLENGER** ... the Free State's Transport and Roads Minister, Elias Magashule, says power is the issue



**'AUTOCRAT'** ... Free State Premier Patrick Lekota is accused of undemocratic leadership  
Pictures: HERBERT MABUZA

claims Lekota's moves contradict an ANC ruling that the premier consult with his party colleagues on major decisions.

Magashule is supported by Pat Matosa, the Free State ANC regional chairman, and a number of the organisation's executive members.

This latest row has reignited the battle over the premier's relationship with the ANC.

Lekota's colleagues in

the Free State legislature, former fellow activists, blame his leadership style for the tensions. They say he refuses to consult his party on major decisions.

In their opinion the problem goes back to the days when Lekota was leader of the United Democratic Front.

Tom Letsoeny, who worked with Lekota in the UDF and served as defence researcher during the Delmas Treason trial, says

"Terror (Patrick) is afraid of consultative leadership. He always wants to give directives and throws away any suggestions given to him."

"This was good during the UDF days because we all understood how to confront the enemy. But we also could not challenge the leadership for fear of being labelled a cabal. Now Terror needs to consult and abide by the rules of the organisation."

Another former UDF activist, Lewele Modisenyane, worked with Lekota as an ANC organiser in the Free State after the organisation's unbanning. He says Lekota would often act without the authorisation of the regional executive committee.

"He would go anywhere without authorisation from the region and do the job his own way. When I demanded equal treat-

ment I was transferred to head office," says Modisenyane, now an ANC MP.

Magashule says "The issue here is power relations. Who is in power? Is it individuals or the ANC itself? We were deployed by our political party and not as individuals, and we believe the ANC, as an organisation, has the right to decide in consultation how to structure government departments."

But Lekota sees the mat-

ter differently. He believes he was elected as premier on the basis of his proven leadership and that he should be allowed to get on with his job.

"Some people find leadership glamorous and attractive because it seems to go with all kinds of thrills. But it is difficult, you sweat it out and you never have time for family. Sometimes decisions have to be taken fast ... you don't have time to consult, and people need to consider that."

But Magashule is not convinced. "The ANC is not about individuals, it is about collective leadership and constructive criticism. That has been the culture of the movement and that's why it is still there."

Magashule believes Lekota's go-it-alone leadership style was reinforced when he lost the battle for the chairmanship of the ANC in the Free State to Matosa in 1994. Thinking that ANC members would follow the example of Gauteng and elect him leader of both the party and the government, Lekota readily admits he didn't go out of his way to campaign to be chairman.

"I thought we would take a common position on the matter as comrades had shown confidence in me to be premier and that if the two positions were locked into one, that would make for smoother government. Besides, I'm not in the habit of campaigning. The culture of the ANC is that you do work when you are given work, you don't campaign," he says.

Some say Lekota still harbours bitterness over his defeat and that he has not forgiven his comrades, but he says he doesn't begrudge ANC members their choice.

"I'm sure they chose the best person to lead them, but I hope my performance as premier will continue to justify their trust in me."

# Plans to unseat the premier

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'Terror' Lekota's position as premier of the Free State lies in the hands of an ANC delegation which will decide whether he has overstepped the power of his position, reports **Jacquie Golding-Duffy**

**T**HE knives are out for Free State Premier Patrick "Terror" Lekota, even as a delegation appointed by President Nelson Mandela prepares to defuse the crisis which is threatening to tear the provincial government apart

Top Free State African National Congress officials this week bluntly told the *Mail & Guardian* they want the ANC national and provincial leadership to decide whether or not Lekota is to be unseated. On Saturday, the presidential delegation is to meet the provincial government and ANC officials in an attempt to resolve conflicts between Lekota and provincial party structures which date back to 1994, when the premier was ousted as Free State ANC chair.

In the past fortnight, the conflicts have reached crisis point over what are seen as unilateral decisions by Lekota to reshuffle the provincial cabinet.

Those members of the provincial legislature (MPLs) who also serve on the Free State ANC's executive committee blamed the crisis squarely on Lekota, saying he fails to consult with the party on key issues of policy. They pointed to Lekota's recent cabinet reshuffle in which the most senior ANC leaders were overlooked.

ANC Free State secretary general and MPL Kaizer Sebothelo says the party does not want to hold Lekota "captive" and will allow him

the choice of abiding by ANC policy or "removing himself" from both the government and the party.

A trend has developed within Lekota's cabinet, says Sebothelo, whereby party members are fired if they challenge him. "He surrounds himself by people who dance to his tune and he continually disregards the importance of maintaining relations with the ANC in the province."

ANC provincial chair and MPL Pat Matosa says the root of the split is Lekota's refusal to consult with senior party officials.

"Our view as the ANC is that the premier is where he is today on an ANC ticket. In this light, he should be accountable to

the ANC as its supporters elected him to that position.

"It is a tried and tested tradition of the ANC to collectively consult when making decisions, but the premier seems to forget that he is accountable to the ANC as a political party," Matosa says.

It is believed that Mandela was approached in his capacity as president of the ANC to intervene in a bid to quell the rising tensions.

ANC representative Ronnie Mamoepa says the delegation to the Free State will be headed by Sports and Recreation Minister Steve Tshwete and will include ANC executive members Joe Nhlamhla (deputy minister of intelligence) and Arnold Stofile (ANC chief whip in Parliament).

Mamoepa says the meeting will include the entire Free State ANC executive, including Lekota, and is intended to "find an amicable solution to the matter."

He reiterated that the dispute is an internal matter, adding "there will be no further comment on the nature of the problem."

However, the province's executive .....

**Patrick 'Terror' Lekota: Confident that the matter will be resolved**

members are adamant, saying unless Lekota toes the party line, he must quit the ANC and the provincial government.

Lekota says he is confident the matter will be resolved, but could not discuss the dispute as it is being handled by the ANC national executive committee.

Former Economic Affairs MEC Ace Magashule says the ANC is empowered by its code of conduct to recall Lekota. However, last week Lekota was quoted as saying the Tripartite Alliance was the only body which could recall him. He also said he was unaware of a meeting where a vote of no confidence was passed by fellow ANC comrades.

Magashule says the ANC's view is clear. "The premier has to learn to consult and accept collective leadership or else he must quit."

He says he did not resign from the provincial cabinet but was removed, accusing the premier of "misinforming the public." Earlier reports were that Magashule had resigned after Lekota shifted him from economic affairs to the transport portfolio.

It is understood that Magashule did not at any stage hand in a letter of resignation. He was, however, given clear instructions from the region's executive committee not to resign although he was considering it owing to the growing discontent with Lekota's management style.

In 1994, Matosa won the ANC's provincial elections against Lekota. Matosa was voted in by 33 branches, Magashule received 26 votes and Lekota 22 votes.

According to Magashule, a collective decision was taken prior to the completion of the April elections that Lekota would take up the post of premier.

"He was put into that position by the ANC and our manoeuvring, not because of his personal charm and status," says Sebothelo.

The Free State dispute is a build-up ahead of the provincial congress in November and is worrying senior ANC executives who fear the split could cause further damaging dissension within the party's ranks.



# ANC to discuss Lekota

By Themba Molefe

ANC spokesman Mr Rosine Mamoepa said national executive committee members Mr Cyril Ramaphosa and Mr Steve Tshwete were attending to the future hangs in the balance since again as his party meets to decide his fate today.

It is believed President Nelson Mandela met Lekota in Pretoria yesterday ahead of today's meeting of the African National Congress's national working committee which, ostensibly, will seal his fate.

However, the ANC has refused claims that it wants to have Lekota removed from his post and replaced with MfEC for roads and transport Mr Ace Magashule.

While neither the President's nor the ANC's officers confirmed the meeting between Mandela and Lekota yesterday, sources said the premier's position in the government and party was in the balance.

Lekota's office continued by that Mandela accompanied by MfEC for public works Mr Cyril Mthembu.

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Although the ANC said no rift existed in the regional government, Lekota was not re-elected to the party's provincial working committee in Welkom at the weekend.

He is also the only ANC premier who is not the provincial leader of the organisation after losing the position during regional elections last year.

Mr Pat Motsoa during regional elections last year.

Lekota is a member of the ANC national executive committee but not of its NW/C.

ANC insiders believe the way is being paved to replace Lekota with Magashule, who was recently appointed MfEC for roads and transport.

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Free State premier Patrick Lekota ... His fate will be decided today.

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## Free state business hurt by "uncertainty"

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and Ronny Tshabalala

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POLITICAL uncertainty in the Free State, and the suspension of five senior tourism and economic affairs department officials were seriously undermining business and investment confidence in the province, leading business representatives said yesterday.

At least one US investment, a manufacturing project valued at R65m over three years, is understood to have been

cancelled owing to the suspension.

The 69 tourism forums established in the region's towns, the district boards and the Free State Tourism Board were in danger of collapsing after funding had been cut pending an investigation. In addition, Spanish and German investors planning a R22m jewellery manufacturing facility in Welkom had decided to locate in Tunisia instead, citing red-tape in SA.

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Bloemfontein Chamber of Commerce and Industries president Abel Erasmus described the political climate as "frustrating"

Free State SA Chamber of Business

president Aubrey Nyschens said the "palace revolt" in the legislature had cast a pall over potential foreign investment which appeared to be going only to Gauteng or the Western Cape.

Free State Development Corporation CE Moteka Mohale said political uncertainty might undermine business confidence but he was unaware of investors pulling out because of it

# 'Terror' Lekota fights a losing battle

Signs are that Free State Premier Patrick 'Terror' Lekota will be deposed, write M&G reporters

**F**REE STATE Premier Patrick 'Terror' Lekota is losing the fight for his political life, having been abandoned by the African National Congress leadership in his battle with party rivals in the province.

As pressure mounts to oust him from his position, there were indications this week that the ANC leadership were not backing him in his fight against alleged corruption in the province — leaving him to the fate of bitter enemies who have taken control of the provincial party machinery.

Lekota said this week he had decided not to speak to the media, but his political allies confirmed that he is extremely worried about his future.

The premier is embroiled in a row with the ANC in his province following his suspension of senior government officials on allegations of fraud. Lekota was not re-elected to the ANC's provincial working committee last weekend after it met in his absence.

The ANC's national working committee is to hear a report from a delegation sent to the province by its national executive committee meeting Sports Minister Steve Tshwete, ANC chief whip Arnold Stofle and security boss Joe Nhlanhla recently visited the province to discuss the tensions between Lekota and provincial ANC members.

ANC spokesman Ronnie

Mamoepe said recommendations from those discussions have been referred to the national working committee. He said the political situation in the ANC Free State is receiving the ongoing attention of ANC structures with a view to finding an "amicable" solution.

In terms of the Constitution, a premier can only be removed from office by a vote of no confidence in his legislature. But Lekota's former comrades from the United Democratic Front (UDF), which he served as publicity secretary in the 1980s, are concerned that their generation does not enjoy much support in the ANC's national structures.

The Free State legislature is to hear a report this month from its provincial standing committee on trade and industry whether Lekota's suspensions of the officials were accord-

ing to procedure. The matter will be put to the vote in the legislature.

Some of Lekota's former UDF comrades are not only worried about his future, but are themselves trying to keep their heads down to avoid any kind of media attention or controversy.

There is a feeling in some UDF circles that Lekota's troubles are part of a wider political upheaval centering on provincial leaders who are involved in trying to root out corruption.

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Lekota spent six years on Robben Island for his role in organising Pro-Frelimo rallies in 1974. He was also a former Delmas treason trialist, and was one of the most charismatic internal leaders whose integrity and honesty were regarded as vital to the UDF's political successes. He was first elected to the ANC's national executive in 1991.

Endangered species: Free State Premier Patrick 'Terror' Lekota has fallen out with those in provincial and national ANC structures



# Moves to oust Lekota in bid to end crisis

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Bloemfontein - The ANC is expected to inform embattled Free State Premier Patrick Lekota today that he will be "re-deployed" to another position in a bid to end the leadership crisis in the province.

The organisation's National Working Committee (NWC) met last night and was expected to again consider a confidential report by Sports Minister Steve Tshwete, ANC treasurer-general Arnold Stofile and Deputy Intelligence Minister Joe Nhlanhla.

Highly-placed ANC leaders yesterday said one of the strongest recommendations would be that Lekota be re-deployed and another provincial ANC leader put in his place.

At a stormy ANC provincial legislature caucus meeting on Wednesday, several members of the legislature suggested that a motion of no confidence be tabled against Lekota.

But top provincial leaders - including ANC chairman Pat Matosa, transport MEC Ace Magashule - convinced members to wait for the outcome of the working committee meeting.

In the caucus meeting, Lekota reportedly said:

"I will not leave my position unless the ANC expels me." He apparently revealed that certain recommendations had been made and intimated that he may be made to leave.



## Lekota has won his battle to keep post

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By ESTHER WAUGH and  
NEWTON KANHEMA

Embattled Free State premier  
Terrance Lekota has won the fight  
to keep his job

ANC deputy secretary-general  
Cheryl Carolus told reporters  
yesterday: "The status quo  
remains."

She said "the issue of confi-  
dence or no confidence" in Leko-  
ta had not been debated at the  
ANC's national working commit-  
tee meeting on Thursday

However, the ANC was aware  
that there were problems within  
the party in the province

Lekota had faced several  
challenges to his leadership  
from within ANC structures in  
the province

The working committee's de-  
cision appeared to indicate that  
the Free State premier had final-  
ly won his battle to keep his  
post.

Carolus said the ANC's im-  
mediate concern was to build  
party unity

This was not achieved by  
"shifting people around". The  
organisation wanted to prevent  
"a squabble at leadership level"  
having an adverse effect on  
party branches

Lekota appealed to support-

ers yesterday not to stage a  
march in his support

"There is no reason to panic  
We should stabilise the province  
Let us stop listening to the spec-  
ulation that I will be removed  
from my position," said Lekota.

The working committee on  
Thursday received a report from  
Deputy Intelligence Minister Joe  
Nhlanhla, Sports Minister Steve  
Tshwete and ANC treasurer-  
general Arnold Stofile on efforts  
to resolve problems in the Free  
State. The three leaders were  
asked to continue with their  
efforts

The party's Free State  
branch said yesterday it was  
clear that the problem was not  
Lekota's alleged lack of consul-  
tation with the movement, but a  
direct challenge to his position  
as premier.

"This alleged lack of consul-  
tation was used as a smoke-  
screen by officials of the provin-  
cial leadership to cover their  
ultimate aim of removing com-  
rade Lekota from office," the  
regional branch said

Reaffirming their support for  
Lekota, it added: "The conduct  
of these officials is an expres-  
sion of ambitious individuals  
who use the organisation for  
personal and selfish reasons"



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By Justice

Malala

# Calm, but tense, in Free State as ANC's battle for governance goes on

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The country suddenly goes flat after you cross the Vaal River, travelling south, and for long periods all that meets the eye is vast tracts of farm land. It is a calm country, one that belies the tension that has come to lie beneath the surface of everyday life there in the past few months.

As ANC Free State chairman Pat Matosa describes it in that quaint, almost meaningless journalistic phrase "It is calm, but tense"

It is definitely tense when ANC members are scared to speak to each other in fear of being branded members of one cabal or the other. It is tense, when civil servants march on the ANC to ask for a halt to "harassment" of Premier Patrick Lekota.

It is definitely tense when the ANC's traditional ally in the province, the Congress of SA Trade Unions, throws its weight behind Lekota in defiance of the ANC.

But the issues are much more than just about a power struggle between two factions within the ANC, say the organisation's leaders there.

This is the question that Matosa and his deputy Ace Magashule ask in support of their continued campaign to get Lekota to consult more with them: is it the ANC which is in power, or Lekota as an individual?

It is a question which has brought the ANC and governance in the province to a standstill, and has posed one of the biggest headaches yet in post-apartheid provincial governance in South Africa.

Magashule says what is at issue is whether the ANC, as an organisation in the province, should allow its basic tenets, on which it rode into power in the 1994 elections, to be undermined by one individual put into leadership by the organisation itself.

"The decision to make Comrade Terror the premier was taken by the ANC executive, and ANC members went into the legislature and formalised that decision. The ANC members in the legislature did not of their own accord make the decision, but moved in line with organisational thinking on the matter," he says.

Thus, when Lekota decided on changes to his executive council and effected them, as is his constitutional pre-

rogative, it became impossible for the ANC to keep quiet. This has led to general problems with the way consultation takes place between the premier and the organisation.

The party formed a consultative committee with which Lekota would make decisions in order to keep the party on top of issues. But the move does not seem to have worked, and the problems in the province continue.

To make matters worse, Lekota has been removed from the Provincial Working Committee of the organisation and thus is not always fully aware of what is happening in his own ANC.

But the question that Matosa asks does not sit comfortably with other MECs in the Free State.

One of them said last week that he does not believe the legislature should become a conveyor belt for the ANC provincial executives' decisions.

"Just as the policies and thoughts of the ANC should be uppermost in our minds when we do our work, it should be remembered that we serve a community that is diverse, and we should not be slaves to our organisation."

"It is not being inimical to the ANC to make decisions that accommodate others, that do not

stick to the letter of ANC policy. We are a structure of governance, and the demands of governing a province are different from the confines of the ANC," he said.

Magashule is right in saying the issues that the executive in his province have raised are a matter for national debate, and his premise may seem attractive.

But, at the end of the day, it must be said that moving into government poses new challenges and new ways of working. To expect the executive council to work strictly within the tenets of the ANC's directives is unfair and dangerous.

For, despite the sincerity of those who try to get Lekota to be more consultative, to be closer to his party, his constitutional prerogatives remain. He is the premier, and is vested with certain indisputable powers.

To try and interfere with them cannot but lead to problems. The sooner the ANC in the Free State understands this the better.

**“We should not be slaves to our own organisation”**

# Lekota uncovers corruption in Free State

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ANC leaders are not backing Free State Premier Patrick 'Terror' Lekota in a fight against corruption, reports **Rehana Rossouw**

**F**REE STATE Premier Patrick 'Terror' Lekota has exposed abuse of almost R6-million of public money

A Mail & Guardian investigation has found that some of the money was allegedly spent by senior members of the provincial administration on unauthorised overseas trips, staff loans, a loan to the liquor board, pub lunches and compact discs

And Lekota's supporters — furious at the failure of the African National Congress to come out in support of the premier in the face of recent speculation that he was about to be fired — claim the party's national leadership is attempting to cover up the corruption scandal to protect the party from embarrassment

**Terror Lekota speaks to Mark Gevisser**  
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The accounts had been opened at banks that did not tender for government business, expensive equipment was purchased from companies that neither tendered for the contracts nor had existing contracts with the Free State government

And neither Section 21 company had boards of directors

The Free State Promotion Agency was launched to "promote increased direct foreign investment in the province"

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Setai's report claims funds were used to purchase furniture, pay consultants and for overseas trips

People were employed and due to start work on July 1 and August 1

The Free State government was advised by lawyers it was not obliged to keep these people in employment

His investigation into the two companies runs into hundreds of pages, detailing alleged infringements of treasury regulations, tender procedures and staffing contracts



'One Free State, one Lekota' Terror Lekota loyalists chanted and danced around the Free State premier at the launch of a new ANC branch in Mangaung, Bloemfontein at the weekend

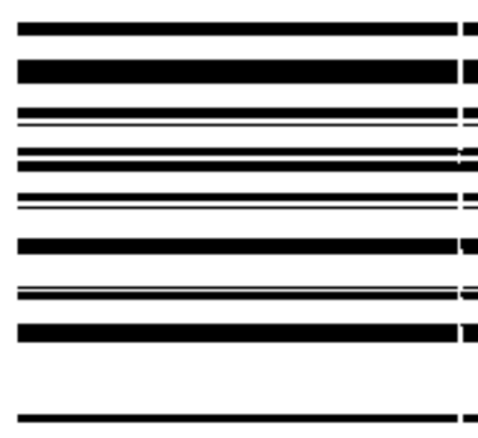
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In June, Lekota dismissed Magashule from his position as MEC for economic affairs and tourism

At the time he cited "insubordination" as his reason, but sources in the province

the provincial executive committee everything was sorted out

to arrange the ministries as he saw fit with the proviso that he appoint



their accounts

The companies were called the Free State Promotion Agency and the Free State Tourism Company

The report says "The executive committee was informed about the existence of the agency on July 3 and July 9 1996 Banking accounts had been opened and funds had been withdrawn

"There was no need for Section 21 companies. It seems the only reason for establishment of the companies was to bypass cumbersome financial, procurement and personnel provisions of the public administration and to avoid control measures. The registrations of the companies were therefore terminated."

A Cabinet committee of the Free State was approached by the Department of Economic Affairs and Tourism on April 29 to obtain approval for the establishment of a Section 21 company. The proposal was vetoed as the committee felt such work fell within the ambit of their department. The Treasury Board was also approached and turned down the request.

Yet, accounts in the name of the Free State Promotion Agency were

relocated and establish a database for monitoring and assessing exports in the Free State", according to founding documents discovered by Setai.

It was to have employed a staff of 15. An undated inter-office memorandum attached to Setai's report was sent from Magashule to his director concerning planning about the manner in which staff recruitment was conducted.

"You are directed to re-advertise in the *Sowetan* and *Sunday Times* and give 10 days for people to apply," Magashule wrote.

"An impression has been created that persons have been earmarked for these positions. I find this totally unacceptable." A massive R225 810 was spent on advertising the posts.

Staffers in the department went on three overseas trips to Amsterdam, Germany and China financed from the funds in the account. There was no approval for the trips from the director general's office.

The apparent justification for setting up the Section 21 companies is contained in the report. The Free State Tourism Company was estab-

lished and Bophuthatswana and QwaQwa have since been incorporated into the province, its founding documents read.

R784 000 was deposited in an account for the company and when the account was frozen on July 6, there was R184 711 remaining. Money

spent included several allocations for staff loans, pub lunches, CDs purchased by staffers and a loan made to the Free State Liquor Board.

A report has now been sent from the attorney general of the Free State to the regional commissioner of the SAPS and the commercial branch has been instructed to investigate the charges.

Meanwhile supporters of Lekota rallied to protect him from the ANC national structure's "meddling" in provincial affairs.

Sources in the Free State government say the political row in the province has been engineered to shift the focus away from a police investigation into fraud allegedly committed by Magashule.

State said Lekota had already begun to suspect Magashule was allegedly involved in corruption. Lekota declined to comment on this issue.

Lekota's supporters say although he did not make Setai's investigation public, they had no doubt that his dismissal of Magashule from the provincial government was in the interests of "good governance".

They say he did inform ANC national executive committee members Steve Tshwete and Joe Nhlamhla of the alleged corruption when they were sent to the Free State last month to investigate the row.

"The ANC wanted to handle it internally, to keep it quiet. But the government of the Free State has to follow the rules and leave the matter in the hands of the attorney general and SAPS. At every step of the way, formal and proper procedures were followed," said a member of the provincial legislature who did not want to be named.

"Magashule seems to have some political clout with ANC head office, though. Terror has been forced to reinstate him and Magashule managed to get a hearing with the ANC leadership outside of Tshwete's formal visit to the province.

"At the meetings Tshwete had with

an advisory committee to assist him. "But two weeks ago, everything fell apart again when we heard Magashule and some of his supporters had met [ANC deputy general secretary] Cheryl Carolus and Tshwete without Terror being informed," the source said.

ANC spokesman Ronnie Mannoepa said the organisation was satisfied that the Free State's "political problems" were in the process of being settled.

He denied that Carolus had met Magashule to plot Lekota's removal and said ANC headquarters was committed to solving the Free State's problems with a view to building unity in the province.

"The ANC's national leadership acted responsibly with regard to that problem," Mannoepa said.

Asked if the ANC's leadership was informed of the allegations of corruption, Mannoepa said the organisation would not countenance corruption from any quarter and that the "due process of the law" should take its course with any member found to be involved in corruption.

Magashule's office was repeatedly approached for comment this week, but no reaction was available by the time of going to press.

# ANC denies it is 'meddling'

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## Business Day Reporter

THE ANC has rejected as "ludicrous" suggestions that its national leadership is meddling in the affairs of the Free State government to protect officials accused of corruption.

The party said national leaders had become involved in the conflict centring on Free State premier Patrick Lekota at the request of the entire provincial executive committee, including Lekota himself. The request had been "for assistance in finding an amicable resolution to the problem".

The Mail & Guardian reported last week that Lekota's arch-rival, former economics and now transport MEC Ace Magashule, had been implicated in the illegal establishment of two section 21 companies, and had deposited R5,8m into their accounts.

It quoted a report of Free State di-

rector-general DB Setai as saying the companies in question, the Free State Promotion Agency and the Free State Tourism Company, appeared to have been set up to bypass control measures. Setai's report had been handed to the attorney-general, who had instructed police to investigate.

The Mail & Guardian quoted ANC sources as saying Lekota's supporters were rallying to protect the premier from the "meddling" of party bosses. They were said to be furious at the party's failure to support Lekota in his battle with Magashule, and to suspect its national leadership of seeking to cover up the graft scandal.

Magashule, fired from the economics portfolio by Lekota, was reinstated in the provincial cabinet after the intervention of an ANC national working committee team, including Sport Minister Steve Tshwete.

## PEANUTS

By Charles Schulz



# Lekota dispute: ANC's NEC in for a drubbing

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By JUSTICE MALALA  
Provincial Correspondent

The African National Congress' highest decision-making body after its tri-annual congress, the national executive committee, will face scathing criticism from its Free State province for its handling of the leadership crisis there.

In a document to be tabled to the NEC meeting to be held in Cape Town this weekend, the provincial working committee will voice displeasure at the slowness of the process to resolve the months-old division between Lekota and his organisation.

It is understood that the document will raise serious concerns about the fact that the ANC had failed to take any drastic action despite Lekota breaking several "agreements" between himself, the provincial leaders and representatives of the ANC's NEC.

The organisation's Free State leaders decided at a regular meeting of the provincial working committee that the long-standing feud should be discussed by its

provincial executive committee (PEC), which meets at the end of the month.

In the meantime, the issue will be discussed by the NEC and the PEC's discussions will be guided by the higher body's directives.

Free State ANC chairman Pat Matosa and the organisation's secretary, Kaizer Sebothelo, will present a paper at the NEC meeting in Cape Town which will give background on the crisis and put recommendations to the organisation on what should be done to resolve the impasse.

Sebothelo, who drafted the document, refused to divulge its details. He also refused to discuss speculation that the ANC had requested the provincial executive of the party to hold its bi-annual congress next month instead of the scheduled December date so that the leadership crisis could be resolved by branch delegates.

The provincial executive and Lekota have been at loggerheads for months, with the organisation alleging that he was acting undemocratically and had sidelined it.

# Fresh row erupts around Free State MEC

Business Day Reporter

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FRESH controversy has erupted around former Free State economics MEC Ace Magashule with the allegation that he instructed an official to sign an R85m contract with a company whose products were up to four times as expensive as those currently supplied to the province.

Sapa reports that the allegation was made by Free State director-general Bethuel Setai to the provincial finance committee yesterday.

Setai has already implicated Magashule in depositing R5,8m in two section 21 companies illegally established

to bypass control measures. The matter has reportedly been referred to police for investigation.

Magashule is at the centre of a battle between Free State premier Terror Lekota and the ANC branch in the region. Lekota recently fired Magashule as economics MEC, but reinstated him as transport MEC after ANC national leaders intervened.

Setai told the provincial finance committee yesterday that the contract, providing for the annual supply of cleaning materials worth R17m to the province over five years, had been awarded to a company called Firechem about three months ago.

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However, it had subsequently been nullified because it had been signed by an official in Magashule's department who had no authority to do so. The official had informed him in writing that he had received a direct instruction from Magashule to sign the contract.

Firechem had lodged an objection with the Free State legislature over the fact that no new final contract had been signed.

Setai said Firechem's products were up to 400% more expensive than those of the current supplier, and would be delivered on a regular basis regardless of whether new stocks were needed by the province.

# MEC moves to quell 'rumours' about contract

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By JACOB DLAMINI

FREE STATE Transport MEC Elias Magashule has threatened legal action following claims he was involved in the award of an R85-million government contract to a company whose products cost four times more than those presently supplied.

The claims were allegedly made by an official in the province's economics department, who said Magashule had ordered him to sign the contract about three months ago. Magashule was economics MEC at the time.

The contract, which apparently contradicts the government's policy of not awarding such a big tender to just one company, has since been cancelled.

The province's director-general, Dr Bethuel Setai, said the unnamed official had made the claims after being censured by the government and asked to give a written explanation for signing the five-year contract.

The contract, for the provision of cleaning materials to the province, was initially awarded to Firechem and Khotso Chemicals.

The materials were reportedly worth R17-million a year and delivery was expected to begin in June.

Setai was speaking on Wednesday at a hearing of the sub-committee on finance and expenditure, which had asked him to explain the decision to cancel the contract.

The request followed official protests from Firechem, the official supplier of the former Qwaqwa government, over the cancellation.

Magashule said he would take legal action against whoever was spreading "these rumours".

"I could not have been responsible for the awarding of the contract — that is the function of the Tender Board," he said.

"My department was involved only after the tender had been issued, and that was to ensure the contract accommodated emerging black business."

The claims against Magashule come against the backdrop of a deepening power struggle

between him and Premier Patrick Lekota, who is also locked in battle with the provincial ANC executive over the provincial leadership.

Lekota recently fired Magashule as economics MEC, but was forced to reinstate him in the cabinet as transport MEC following pressure from the regional ANC leadership.

Setai said the contract's existence had been brought to the government's attention by small businessmen who felt they had been ignored in favour of a large company.

"They threatened to file lawsuits against the premier unless the contract was cancelled and the tendering process reopened," he said.

Setai said the award of the contract had been approved during Magashule's tenure as the province's economics MEC.

But Magashule denied that he had ordered an official in the economics ministry to draw it up. "Firechem and Khotso were awarded the contract by the provincial Tender Board. My department then sat down, together with state attorneys, to prepare it," he said.

He said the allegations were a "clear smear campaign" aimed at tarnishing his image.

Magashule's sacking as economics minister followed claims that he had fraudulently allowed R5,8-million to be deposited into two accounts used to establish two Section 21 companies, ostensibly for the promotion of investment and tourism in the Free State.

Magashule denied the transaction had been fraudulent, saying he had mentioned the money in his budget speech, approved by the provincial legislature shortly before his sacking.

But Setai disputed this. "Whether the matter was mentioned in the budget speech is immaterial. The approval of the budget by the legislature does not necessarily mean that he was given a blank cheque," he said.

Police have reportedly been asked to investigate the matter.



# Police probe claims made against MEC

David Greybe

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CAPE TOWN — Police in the Free State are investigating allegations of serious financial maladministration linked to sacked economics MEC Ace Magashule and five officials in his department.

Chief investigating officer Supt Albrecht Zietsman said yesterday it would take a "good couple of months" before the investigation was completed. However, it was a "priority case".

Attorney-general Muller van der Merwe said the police investigation was requested by his office after an internal investigation by provincial director-general Bethuel Setai uncovered alleged financial maladministration in Magashule's department.

Magashule — at the centre of a battle between Free State premier Patrick Lekota and the ANC in the province — has since been made transport MEC after ANC national leaders intervened.

Setai reported recently to the provincial legislature's finance committee that he had uncovered evidence of the misappropriation of R5m of public money through one bogus company, and R2,88m through a second, set up in Magashule's department this year.

The two so-called section 21 "companies" — allegedly to bypass government control measures — were linked to five officials in Magashule's department. At least one of the five officials — they were suspended last month pending a disciplinary hearing — had im-

plicated Magashule in the misappropriation case, he alleged.

Setai alleged yesterday his investigation had uncovered documentary proof linking Magashule to the unauthorised withdrawal of monies from the two unlawful accounts.

In his report to the finance committee, Setai said the motivation given in memorandums by one of the suspended officials for the withdrawal of the monies was that the payments were made "after discussion with the MEC (Magashule)".

Setai said yesterday R5 786 659 of the R7,88m misappropriated via the two unlawful accounts had been recovered by the state attorney and paid into the provincial revenue fund.

Further details of the case are to be made public soon when the administration begins its disciplinary hearing against the five suspended officials. They have been given until early next week to reply to the corruption charges against them.

Last week Setai linked Magashule to another case of "gross maladministration". He alleged Magashule had instructed an official to sign an R85m contract with a company, Firechem, whose products were up to four times as expensive as those currently supplied to the province.

Setai told the finance committee the contract, for the supply of cleaning materials worth R17m a year to the province over five years, was awarded to Firechem three months ago.

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## Free State cracks down on officials

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BLOEMFONTEIN: At least 41 Free State provincial government officials face disciplinary action, after a crackdown on corruption in the province, SABC television reported last night

Forty-one government vehicles were impounded over the weekend, during an operation launched by the provincial government, after it was found the vehicles were being used without permission.

Several minibuses were among the vehicles impounded by provincial traffic authorities.

The vehicles were found at shebeens, private residences and in the Bloemfontein city centre.

Officials said this was just the first step in a crackdown on corruption, intended to show taxpayers the Free State government was getting its house in order — Sapa

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# ANC takes steps to end Free State feud

By JACOB DLAMINI

THE bitter political infighting that has wracked the ANC in the Free State could end after a series of behind-the-scenes meetings between the party's provincial chairman, Pat Matosa, and Premier Patrick "Terror" Lekota.

The two men have had three meetings in the past two weeks in a desperate attempt to resolve the power struggle that has beset Lekota's administration since he took control of the Free State 28 months ago.

The candid discussions follow a meeting between President Nelson Mandela and Matosa in Cape Town on August 16 during which the member of the Free

State legislature and former provincial reconstruction and development programme commissioner was urged to help mend divisions within the ANC in the province.

But the talks also come as tensions rise in the Free State following the laying of an attempted murder charge against Matosa and former provincial housing minister Vax Mayekiso. The two are due to appear in court on October 4 to answer charges that Matosa pointed a firearm at a traffic officer.

They also come against the backdrop of a continuing investigation into the affairs of the province's Department of Economic Affairs and Tourism, once headed by Transport and

Roads Minister Elias Magashule. The investigation comes after allegations of fraudulent use of some R7-million of government funds to set up private companies. Five senior officials have been suspended pending the outcome of the inquiry.

Matosa, Magashule and Mayekiso (who was sacked as housing minister following allegations of corruption last year) are three of the five senior ANC leaders locked in battle with Lekota. The battle is over who has control of the province, the ANC collectively, or the premier.

But, despite their differences, Matosa and Lekota closed ranks this week to fend off accusations of maladministration and

incompetence in the provincial government. The allegations were made on Thursday by the opposition National Party.

This show of solidarity reinforced claims by ANC provincial secretary Kaizer Sebotheo that the discussions between Lekota and his rivals were beginning "to bear fruit".

The accusations were made during a heated debate in the legislature on the state of the provincial administration. The debate, was called by NP provincial leader Inus Aucamp. The NP leader said the Free State was "well on the way to becoming a banana republic" because of the power struggle within the ANC.

He blamed "radical and wild elements" within the organisation for undermining Lekota's attempt at reconciliation and for displaying blatant racism when implementing affirmative action in government departments. "Civil servants are blamed for the blinders of the ANC," Aucamp said.

Dr Louis van der Walt, an NP member of the legislature, said the power struggle in the ANC has become an open war just because the premier chose to use his constitutional rights. He was referring to Lekota's decision to reshuffle his cabinet three times in one month, a move which angered his ANC colleagues and added to the tensions in the province. Matosa reacted angrily, saying the NP's accusations were "just an illusion". He said the ANC would not split and that the differences within the organisation were part of "normal" and democratic debate.

Lekota is a product of this revolution and you will never succeed in your aim of unhooking him from his organisation.

Lekota agreed with Matosa that the differences within the ANC were not unusual. The premier would not comment on his talks with Matosa, however, although they are expected to meet again shortly to discuss ways of ending their damaging feud, ahead of the ANC's provincial conference in Parys in December.

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# Parties join forces to pillory public servants

Farouk Chothia

**DURBAN** — IFP and ANC parliamentarians joined forces yesterday to accuse KwaZulu-Natal government department officials of treating the legislature with contempt by failing to answer questions on financial irregularities.

KwaZulu-Natal chief accounting officer Otty Nxumalo failed to arrive for a public accounts committee meeting yesterday to answer questions relating to the probe into the illegal payment of R6,6m to IFP self-protection unit members.

Health department director-general Ronald Green-Thompson also failed to attend, but sent other officials who were unable to ac-

count for the unauthorised expenditure of about R12m in the department during the 1994/95 financial year.

IFP chief whip Mike Tarr said he was "sick and tired" of being given the "run-around" by public servants. It was a recurring problem at committee meetings.

Officials treated committees like a "joke", MPs as a "nuisance", and the legislature with "contempt". They had to realise the importance of accountability with regard to taxpayers' money.

Ministers in Westminster-styled democracies went to great lengths to ensure parliamentarians questions were answered, and their "jobs were on the line" if they failed to do so, Tarr said.

ANC MP Mike Sutcliffe said officials who arrived at committee meetings did not have the "foggiest notion" of what was going on. If the government could not sort out its finances, "we might as well not be in office", he said.

The committee decided to seek an urgent meeting with the Cabinet today to discuss the problems it faced in probing irregularities highlighted by auditor-general Chris Foster.

Health department chief director (management services) Herman Conradie said the committee should appreciate the difficulties experienced by the department.

Officials had been chased away when conducting investigations, warned not to probe certain con-

tracts and received death threats. "I am told people have died," Conradie said.

ANC MP Mike Mabuyakhulu said it appeared that the "mafia" were draining the administration of funds. The province could not "hide" them, and steps had to be taken to expose them.

Conradie said irregularities started before the general elections, and continued during the post-election amalgamation process when financial control went "totally awry".

The department did not have the capacity to go into every specific irregularity of the past, and as it had still not appointed a permanent finance director, and irregularities might be continuing

## Rift widens between Lekota, colleagues

**BLOEMFONTEIN** — The rift between Free State premier Patrick Lekota and the provincial leadership of the ANC is widening and the provincial executive committee could consider disciplinary action against Lekota.

This emerged at a media conference in Bloemfontein yesterday to announce the names of provincial office bearers who would fill vacancies on the committee after the death of provincial secretary Kaizer Sebothelo.

The office bearers were elected at a meeting of the committee in Bloemfontein on October 19-20. It was disclosed that Lekota had stood for election for the posts of acting provincial deputy secre-

tary and as the 10th member of the provincial committee, but had been outvoted.

Papiki Ngesi was elected deputy secretary and Maguene Letsoha-Mathae as 10th member.

Annah Buthelezi was confirmed as acting provincial secretary.

The committee had noted problems in regard to allegations of corruption, the premier's conduct on a radio programme and allegations of his violation of the Cape Town accord that had been reached between the national and provincial ANC leadership to re-

solve hostilities in the Free State.

The committee had resolved that an ANC commission of inquiry should be set up to investigate allegations of corruption against ANC members.

Provincial leader Pat Matosa said Lekota had made numerous allegations of corruption and missing government money, but said these allegations remained unsubstantiated.

There had been a lack of consistency in the handling of allegations against officials of the economic affairs department.

Five officials had been immediately suspended on allegations that involved R7m in unauthorised spending.

Ace Magashule had been fired and subsequently reinstated as MEC for transport and public roads.

There had been allegations of unauthorised expenditure of R19,5m in the company Agri-eco, which was created when the agriculture department unbundled former development corporations. No action had been taken so far on Agri-eco. — Sapa.

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# Disciplinary committee stacked against Lekota

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Three of the four members of the Free State ANC disciplinary committee (DC) which will hear charges against Premier Patrick Lekota, accused of bringing the organisation into disrepute, belong to the "faction" led by the premier's detractors

They also sit in the provincial executive committee which at the weekend decided to issue a strong statement censuring him and ordering him to stop a popular weekly radio show

Sources within the party said

yesterday that with the cards stacked against Lekota in such a way there was no way he would get a fair hearing and the DC would merely endorse the views of the faction allegedly led by provincial chairman Pat Matosa and his deputy Ace Magashule

The three DC members who have in the past supported Matosa in the disputes are Environment MEC Tate Makgoe, new deputy secretary-general Papiki Ngesi and provincial executive committee member Lewele Modisanyane. The fourth member of the DC is Chris Nepha, an ordinary ANC member

whose affiliations are unknown

The organisation's provincial secretary-general, Annah Buthelezi, said three processes had been started by the party in the province: charges of bringing the party into disrepute had been laid against Lekota with the DC, a commission of inquiry would be set up to investigate the ongoing allegations of corruption, and the national leadership would be called in to resolve differences in the organisation

"We cannot have Lekota going around saying all these things about other comrades. We want to once and for all make sure there is no cloud hanging over anyone," she said

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# ANC relations with Terror break down

Gaye Davis

**F**REE STATE Premier Terror Lekota this week said he would deal with disciplinary charges to be brought against him by a hostile provincial African National Congress leadership "when they came" and defended comments he made on a radio broadcast as the political row in the province escalated to a new intensity.

Lekota also refuted claims that he was soft-pedalling on corruption allegations levied against his MEC for agriculture, Cas Human, involving a company called Agri-Eco, and Lekota's alleged involvement in the transfer of state land to a Chinese businessman, Van Chen.

ANC secretary general Cyril Ramaphosa has meanwhile appealed to

members of the party's provincial executive committee to refrain from any actions that could damage the ANC's image and has urged them to try and solve the problems amicably.

But it became clear this week that the fragile truce brokered by ANC national leaders in July had shattered. Provincial ANC leader Pat Matosa told the *Mail & Guardian* Lekota would be formally informed of disciplinary charges "today or tomorrow". Still to be finalised, they would involve Lekota's allegedly bringing the ANC into disrepute, publicly vilifying ANC Free State leaders and dividing the organisation.

Matosa alleged Lekota had violated agreements brokered in the so-called Cape Town accord when a team of national leaders, led by ANC trouble-

shooter, Minister of Sport Steve Tshwete, tried to resolve hostilities between Lekota and ANC provincial leaders.

"What sparked the breakdown was that the premier violated the accord by travelling to areas and vilifying ANC Free State leaders. That we could tolerate as it was just in those areas, but the broadcast on Lesedi Stereo was the last straw," Matosa said.

Lekota had described him during the programme as "a gun-toting thug", had claimed that Vax Mayekiso, a member of the provincial legislature and former MEC for Housing, was given R2-million by the National Party government "when it was still killing people" and that Ace Magashule "was party to officials who had squandered R7-million".

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Lekota fired Magashule as MEC for economic affairs and tourism in June for "insubordination", but was later forced to reinstate him as MEC for transport.

**A**t the time, corruption charges were being investigated against Magashule for establishing two Section 21 companies without authority and depositing millions of government funds in their accounts. Lekota's supporters condemned the ANC leadership for what they saw as an attempted cover-up of potentially embarrassing corruption charges.

Matosa said the provincial executive committee had called for an ANC commission of inquiry into allegations of corruption and missing government money.

This would cover Lekota's alleged involvement in the land transfer to Van Chen and his alleged failure to act against Human who had R19.5-million of government funds in the account of a private company, Agri-Eco.

But Lekota said that unlike Magashule, Human had followed proper procedures and consulted with Cabinet in depositing funds in Agri-Eco as a way of dealing with unbundling the former parastatal Agrico. The ANC caucus in the legislature decided yesterday it was unnecessary for Human to resign.

Minister of Land Affairs Derek Hanekom had approved the transfer of land to the Phuthaditjaba Transitional Council and questions about its disposal to Van Chen — whom he freely admitted was a personal friend — should be directed to the council. "Is it being said I told the council to give the land to Van Chen? No — I reject this insinuation," Lekota said.

**FREE State Premier** Terror Lekota had been bottling it up for over a month. In terms of an agreement reached with ANC luminaries, including President Nelson Mandela, Sports Minister Steve Tshwete and deputy Intelligence Minister Joe Nthlanhla, he was supposed to say nothing in public.

Dubbed the Cape Town Accord, the agreement was an effort to end public antagonism between Lekota and Free State ANC chairman, Pat Matosa, by forcing them into one-on-one meetings to sort out their differences.

Then, on a sultry Thursday night in a Lesedi Stereo FM studio in Bloemfontein, Lekota burst forth to tens of thousands of Sotho listeners in the Free State, Gauteng and the North West.

According to Matosa, Lekota told announcer Lehlohonolo Hialele during a rambling three-hour interview that Matosa was a "gun-toting drunkard who wanted to kill a traffic cop".

And he rounded on Matosa's traditional allies in the Free State leadership Vax Mayekiso — the man Lekota had dismissed following allegations of corruption over a year ago — was given R2-million by the National Party "when it was killing people in the province". For good measure, he added that Mayekiso had stolen trees.

Despite these iniquities, Matosa, who was leader of the house in the Free State legislature, had employed Mayekiso.

Provincial MEC Ace Magashule had squandered R7-million in state funds, Lekota charged.

A stunned Matosa could not believe his ears. From a seat in his office in downtown Bloemfontein, Matosa this week broke his silence to answer the charges.

"He's the premier and he doesn't even understand how Parliament works

# When Lekota opens

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**The enemies of Free State Premier Terror Lekota are going for the kill, determined that he should become the first premier to lose his job because of indiscipline, writes RAY HARTLEY**



# his mouth exposed

# his jugular

The resolution was taken by the committee after Lekota excused himself from the meeting.

Buthelezi and Matosa have been given tapes of the interview by Lesedi Stereo and are planning to have them transcribed into English by Hansard employees so that Mandela can see for himself what Lekota said "because Madiba's Sotho is not so good".

The latest round of acrimony has strained the relationship between Matosa and Lekota to breaking point. Said Matosa "We are not talking to each other, we are not greeting each other. We are passing each other like strangers".

In fact, it has become a struggle to the death, with Lekota or Matosa now facing removal from the region by the ANC leadership.

Underscoring the deeply personal nature of the conflict, Matosa said he was now being targeted by Lekota's supporters because he did not have a proper Sotho surname.

The answer lay in the looming leadership battle at the Free State's December party congress, said Matosa.

"He has reached a level of extreme desperation to be the chairperson of the ANC. He wants to rise to the chairpersonship on top of the political corpses of members of the ANC."

The row between the two leaders has simmered since Matosa took the provincial chairmanship at the province's 1994 congress.

According to agriculture MEC Cas Human — one of Lekota's staunch supporters — Matosa had agreed to withdraw his name from the race. But when Lekota left the congress to attend a meeting, Matosa stayed on the ballot, beating the premier in his absence.

This breach of trust, according to Human, was the source of the apparently unbridgeable chasm between the two leaders.

In May 1995, Lekota axed Mayekiso, then his housing MEC, following allegations that he was using his portfolio to enrich himself. From there it was downhill, culminating in a stand-off over a cabinet

terday the charges had been handed to provincial disciplinary chairman Tate Makoe following a unanimous resolution of the provincial executive committee on the matter.

reshuffle a year later which saw the axing of another Matosa supporter, Ace Magashule.

Following a rearguard action by Matosa and the ANC provincial executive committee, Lekota was forced to reinstate Magashule. Lekota fired back by suspending five officials from Magashule's department for corruption.

Now Matosa has reloaded with corruption charges of his own, claiming that Human moved state assets into a private company without official approval.

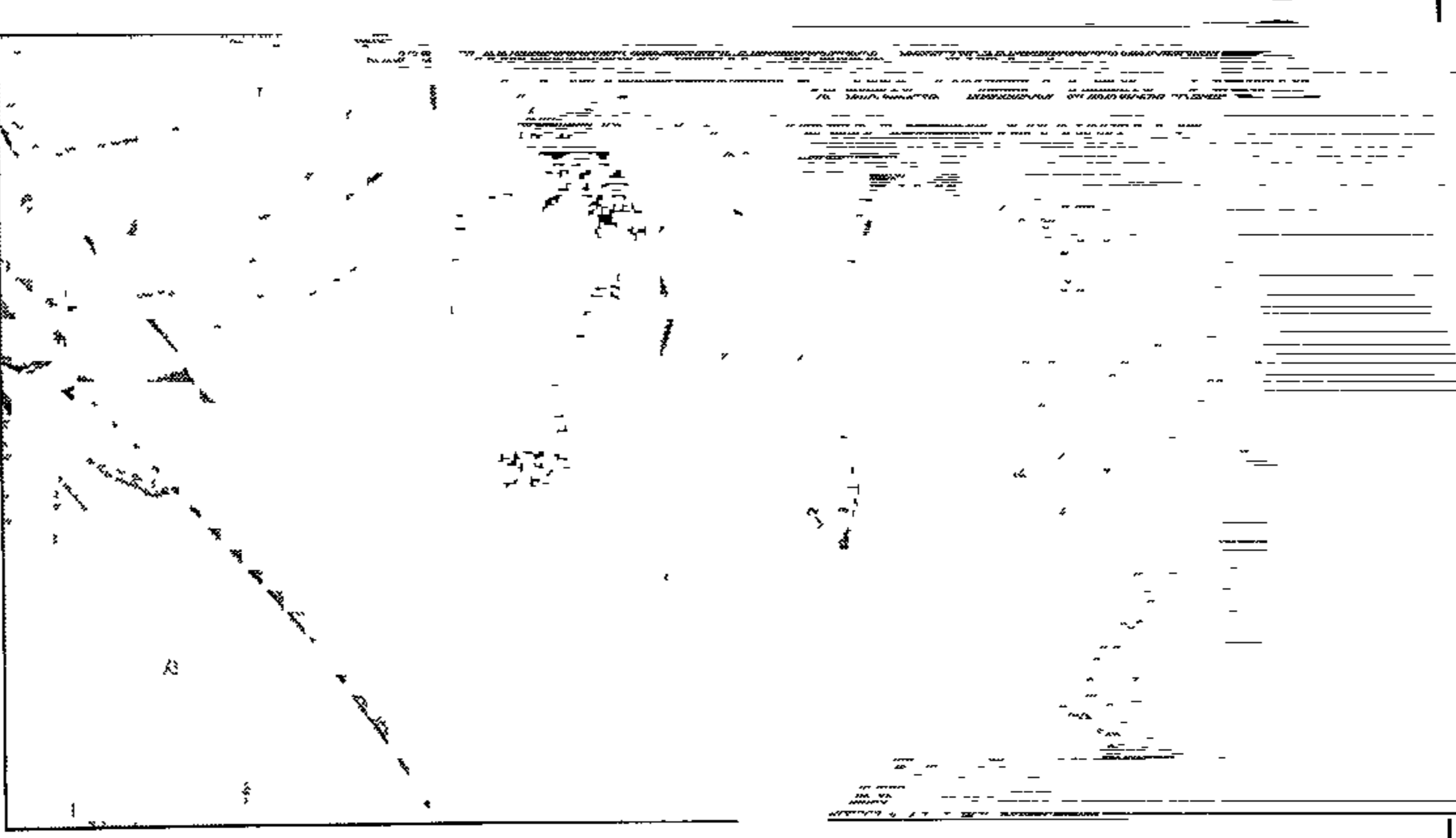
The charges have led Human to compile a dossier which he said showed his innocence.

"The documents purportedly proved that the creation of a private company, Agri-Eco, out of the old homeland parastatals was done with official approval.

"The struggle is deeper than this war of discontent. As members of the ANC, we will eventually have to come to terms and work for the people," he said.

Human's loyalty to Lekota had Biblical dimensions. He compared the premier to the Good Samaritan. "When he sees someone who is hurt, the premier will go out and help that man. He's thinking about the poorest of the poor," said Human.

**STUNNED . . .** Free State ANC leader Pat Matosa (above) and Premier Terror Lekota (left) no longer talk to each other. Picture: HERBERT MABUZA



# NEC gets slice of Anglo pie

By PHUTI NGOETIANA

THE NATIONAL Empowerment Consortium, made up of black businessmen and the labour movement, this week pulled off the biggest black takeover deal in the country when it acquired Anglo American's 35 percent stake in Johnnic.

NEC chief negotiator Cyril Ramaphosa yesterday said the conclusion of the deal marked "an historic occasion and augurs well for the future growth and development of Johnnic and its constituent companies."

There were fears early this week that the consortium might not be able to raise the money required to pull the deal through - particularly in the light of stringent terms attached by financial houses.

The 35 percent share acquisition makes the NEC the largest single shareholder within Johnnic, a position which entitles it to appoint ten members to its board. Five of these members will come from the labour component and the other five from the business component.

The consortium has nominated Ramaphosa for the chairmanship of the board.

The consortium also announced that an additional six percent of the shares had been set aside for smaller members.

# 'Switch it OFF Radio Terror'

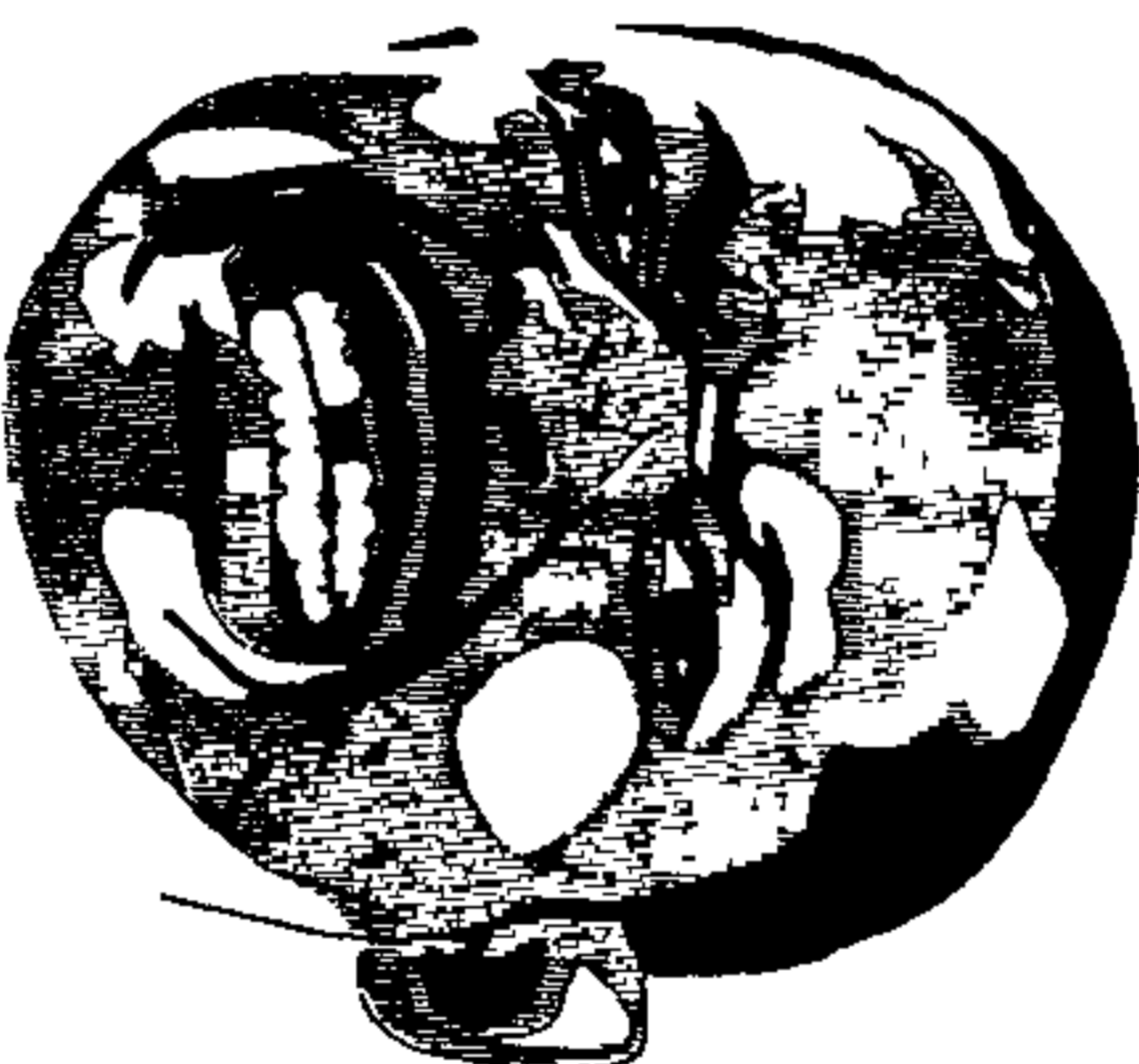
By WALLY MBHELE

THE FUTURE of Free State Premier Patrick Ter-  
ror Lekota in the province looks bleak following his renewed clashes with officials of the ANC's provincial executive committee - which saw Lekota furiously storming out of a meeting last weekend.

And now, the ANC National Working Committee will again try to "find an amicable solution" to what has become a political hot potato for the party in the Free State.

□ City Press understands that Lekota walked out of the meeting after a heated debate on his appointment of an allegedly corrupt official to the Youth Commission and his handling of a radio talk show.

It is alleged that Lekota, in his



PREMIER Patrick 'Terror' Lekota.

radio show, has "insinuated" that provincial ministers are corrupt and that he has accused former housing minister Vax Mayekiso of accepting bribes from the National Party.

City Press was told that Lekota had also suggested that the provincial ANC chairman, Pat Matosa, and Mayekiso had been "drunk" when they were recently arrested by traffic officers.

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"What emerged from this radio programme," said one official, "is that Terror has used it to canvass for the forthcoming provincial elections."

Against the background of Lekota's alleged statements, City Press was told Lekota had been asked to explain his appointment of an official who had admitted forging the provincial treasurer's signature and fraudulently withdrawing R4 000 from the ANC coffers.

"Comrade Terror then started becoming disruptive - banging the table and rendering the meeting uncontrollable.

"We suspect he wanted to disrupt the meeting," said Matosa, who had chaired the meeting.

"My own analysis is that he thought that disrupting the meeting would prevent the issues from being discussed. But seeing the determination to go ahead with the meeting's agenda, he walked out," Matosa confirmed yesterday.

□ In a statement, the ANC's provincial secretary, Anna Buthelezi, ac-

cused Lekota of "using the radio programme to vilify the ANC leadership in the province".

She said the provincial executive committee had decided to set up a commission of inquiry to investigate all allegations of corruption against ANC members in the province.

"The programme - which was meant to inform the public about government progress - was then abused consciously by the premier to destroy his own leadership and organisation.

"The PEC has therefore decided to meet the premier and instruct him to stop the programme with immediate effect," said Buthelezi.

□ Asked about Lekota's political future in the Free State, Matosa said, "His future is still there. It will depend solely on how he conducts himself. It's up to him to decide."

□ Various attempts to contact Lekota were unsuccessful yesterday - but sources told City Press: "The premier won't discontinue the programme, come what may."



# All 42 Free State ANC members for crisis talks

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Party will again try to resolve schism  
between the premier and other leaders

**By JUSTICE MÁLALA**  
Provincial Correspondent

**T**he national working committee of the ANC has summoned all 42 members of its Free State provincial executive committee to a meeting on Monday to resolve the ongoing leadership crisis in the province.

The ANC made the request in a letter faxed to the Free State provincial leadership yesterday.

The summons comes after various attempts by the party to resolve the crisis, which has affected governance in the province for months, failed. In an interview earlier yesterday, ANC spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said the party's national working committee (NWC) had decided at its regular meeting this week that an urgent meeting be called.

"The NWC views the situation in a serious light but does not believe the problems are insurmountable," he said.

Three months ago the ANC

appointed a three-person team led by Sports Minister Steve Tshwete to resolve the crisis. But despite an accord being reached in Cape Town last month, things fell apart again last week.

The ANC in the Free State said after a provincial executive meeting that it would institute disciplinary measures against Premier Patrick "Terror" Lekota, claiming he had brought it into disrepute by making allegations against provincial chairman Pat Matosa and other leaders during his weekly radio show.

The organisation also announced it would begin a commission of inquiry into allegations of corruption against its leaders "to clear the air once and for all".

Lekota has remained resolute that he acted correctly and felt he was being targeted because he spoke out against corruption within his government.

► Rift still unresolved

# Lekota rival damned in corruption report

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**NEWTON KANHEMA**  
POLITICAL STAFF

**On the eve of a crucial ANC National Working Committee (NWC) meeting tomorrow to thrash out serious differences in the Free State, the provincial premier, Patrick "Terror" Lekota, has come out fighting.**

A damning audit report, which implicates Mr Lekota's biggest political rival, MEC Ace Magashule, in an alleged abuse of his position to enrich friends with taxpayers' money, was circulated during the week at the provincial executive council meeting.

The report alleges that Mr Magashule - who is deputy provincial chairman of the ANC - approved loans amounting to millions of rands to emergent business people without proper procedure being followed, and that the loans have not yet been serviced.

The NWC meeting is, according to an ANC source in the Free State, "the last chance" for the organisation's hierarchy to resolve a festering problem which has national implications.

The special audit investigation on loans made by the Free State Development Corporation alleged Mr Magashule had sidelined the authority of the board of directors of the corpo-

ration at a time when he was MEC for Economic Affairs and Tourism.

The report states "It needs to be said that the current state of the security files is unacceptable. The majority, if not all, of these loans (R2,8-million) are not secured.

"The internal audit is also concerned about the disbursement of loans prior to the securing and registration of securities. The clients are not repaying their loans and no action, legal or otherwise, is being

***'There had been ministerial intervention in the process of granting loans'***

taken."

There had also been "ministerial intervention in the process of granting loans (bypassing the Board of Directors who are supposed to be in control of the corporation)," said the report.

The brawl between Mr Lekota and Mr Magashule - who has the support of provincial chairman Pat Matosa - has been running for two years, following the ANC's provincial congress in 1994, where Mr

Lekota lost the race for provincial chairman. Mr Lekota is the only ANC premier who is not also the party's provincial chief.

Earlier this year, Sports Minister Steve Tshwete headed an ANC delegation trying to resolve the dispute. Sources in the province say Mr Tshwete came down on the side of Mr Magashule and Mr Matosa who, like him, were part of the ANC's structures in exile.

Supporters of Mr Lekota in the province, and nationally, allege he is being targeted because of the tension within the ANC between "exiles" and "internals". Mr Lekota was a prominent member of the United Democratic Front in the late 1980s.

An ANC source said Mr Lekota had told the provincial executive that Mr Tshwete had suggested he resign and take up an ambassadorial position abroad. Sources in both the ANC and the Department of Foreign Affairs said they had "heard talk" about a posting for Mr Lekota as ambassador to Japan.

Mr Lekota said he would wait until he heard officially from President Mandela about the position before he would comment.

Mr Lekota's supporters said if he was "sent away", there would be "more trouble" in the province.

# ANC threatens to redeploy warring Free State leaders

Stephen Laufer

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THE ANC's national leadership has warned that failure to find a solution to the conflict between Free State premier Patrick Lekota and members of his government at a meeting today could lead to the dissolution of the party's provincial executive committee.

The party's national working committee would remove all of the main protagonists in the provincial power struggle from the province if they did not resolve their differences tonight, they were told last week.

Lekota, Free State ANC chairman Pat Matosa, his deputy Ace Magashule and provincial secretary general Anna Buthelezi would possibly be redeployed abroad as ambassadors or in other positions should they not bury the hatchet. The executive could be replaced by an outside body to run the party's affairs in the province.

It is understood opposing factions have been told that if necessary, they will have to burn the midnight oil in their search for a solution, or face the "shape up or ship out" option.

Meanwhile, the provincial congress scheduled for next month in Magashule's home town of Parys has been postponed indefinitely. A major public battle between Lekota and Magashule for control of the Free State party was expected at the congress.

Lekota tried to fire Magashule from his job as an MEC in July but was forced to yield to pressure from the provincial party to reinstate him.

A national ANC task group including Sports Minister Steve Tshwete and Deputy Intelligence Services Minister Joe Nhlanhla attempted at the time to mediate between the warring parties. But the conflict erupted again two

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weeks ago, with Lekota accusing some of his opponents of corruption and the provincial party leadership instituting disciplinary proceedings against him for bringing the ANC into disrepute.

The ultimatum from the national working committee has come in response to the deteriorating situation

Lekota and the 30 members of the provincial executive have been summoned to tonight's national working committee meeting at Shell House in Johannesburg. They will be given a last opportunity to resolve their differences permanently, and are expected to come to an agreement before the end of the meeting. Failure to do so, it is understood, will lead to the dissolution of the provincial executive and the removal from the province of the key parties to the conflict.

# Ignominious end to high-profile career

Patrick Lekota's fall from grace follows steady rise through various ANC leadership positions

By JUSTICE MALALA  
AND MONDLI MAKHANYA

**W**hen Free State Premier Patrick Lekota came out of the ANC's headquarters yesterday, with a cellular phone pressed firmly to his ear, he hardly looked like a man who had just been removed from one of South Africa's plummest jobs.

Without uttering a word to the expectant reporters outside, except a terse "ask those people inside", Lekota climbed into his white Mercedes-Benz and roared away from Shell House. It was probably the end, and

pinnacle, of a crisis that had brought governance in the Free State to a standstill.

It was also the afternoon that marked Lekota as the first premier to be fired by his own party, and may mark the end of a high-profile political career that started in the 1970s with the politics of the Black Consciousness Movement.

The options for Lekota at the moment are to stay on in the province and make a bid for his position again, or to move on to another position, either at head office or in the diplomatic corps. While a student at the University of the North in the 1970s,

Lekota was sentenced to six years on Robben Island for his part in organising pro-Frelimo rallies. He joined the ANC while in prison. In 1983, not long after his re-

## Played role much like Mandela's

lease, he was appointed publicity secretary of the newly formed United Democratic Front and played a key role in mobilising against the tricameral Parliament

The position catapulted him into national prominence.

He was jailed again after the Delmas treason trial and released only when his appeal against conviction was upheld.

Since the ANC's unbanning, Lekota has served the organisation in Natal, the Free State and at head office, first in the unlikely role of deputy head of the intelligence department and later as deputy head of the elections commission, where he brought his organising and mobilising experience to play in the 1994 election campaign. Primarily active in KwaZulu

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Natal, he was sent to the Free State by the ANC to lead the newly united ANC provincial structures.

He was elected chairman and then premier, and continued to play a role that was very much like President Mandela's in its emphasis on reconciliation.

Lekota's problems started with clashes with his fellow leaders in the provinces, and he later lost the chairman's position.

Since that day two years ago in Phuthaditjhaba, Lekota has fought countless battles with his chief detractor, ANC deputy provincial chairman Acc Magashule, and the rest of the leadership.

# expulsion of leaders

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## Lekota rival accepts

Top ANC body sacks entire Free State leadership, including the premier, in a drastic bid to end divisive power struggle

By JUSTICE MALALA  
Provincial Correspondent

The ANC has taken one of its most far-reaching decisions yet in governance by asking for the resignation of Free State Premier Patrick "Terror" Lekota and his entire cabinet as well as the executive committee of the provincial ANC

Ace Magashule, whose power struggle with Lekota led to the top body's shock intervention, said today "there is nothing wrong in what they decided"

He understood it to be in the best interests of the party "I am an ANC member and understand how it works and operates"

The decision taken in Johannesburg yesterday follows the long-running battles between Lekota and his rivals in the party's leadership in the province

They have accused him of taking major decisions without consultation, while he has accused some leaders of corruption. Past attempts by senior ANC officials have failed to end the bitter power plays

The rivalry began after Lekota was out-voted two years ago by Pat Matosa for the post of provincial chairman

The sacking of the leadership will be ratified at the weekend by the ANC's national executive committee

And today a high-powered team including Labour Minister Tito Mboweni, Speaker Frene Ginwala, ANC Youth League president Malusi Gigaba and MP Limpho Hani will travel to the Free State to inform the ANC cau-



He's out ... Patrick "Terror" Lekota has been dismissed.

cus in the legislature about the momentous decision.

On Sunday another delegation will explain to the provincial general council the next steps

Explaining yesterday's decision to the media, the Deputy President Thabo Mbeki, national chairman Jacob Zuma and deputy secretary-general Cheryl Carolus said there had been no discussion on who would take over as premier

"This weekend we will inform the NEC and they will come up with details as to what will happen," Mbeki said.

In a statement, the party said "The meeting agreed that urgent new steps were necessary to address the challenges the ANC faces in the province

"Accordingly, the meeting agreed on a number of steps which will be submitted to the forthcoming meeting of the NEC for ratification"

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It said principal among these were that

■ The PEC will resign and the NEC will appoint an interim committee to run the affairs of the ANC in the province as well as prepare for the next provincial conference

■ The premier and the MECs will also resign. The provincial legislature will then elect a new premier who will constitute a new provincial executive

■ The internal disciplinary processes within the ANC, arising out of disputes among members of the organisation in the province, will be discontinued

The party also said it supported the investigations being conducted by the Auditor-General into allegations of corruption against members of the provincial government

The animosity continued until the ANC dispatched three of its leaders to the province to quell it. An accord was signed binding the parties to work together.

This accord fell apart two weeks ago when Lekota accused his detractors, in his weekly radio show, of being corrupt

The provincial executive then retaliated by saying it would bring disciplinary charges against Lekota for allegedly bringing the organisation into disrepute

All the fired office-bearers, including Lekota, will have the opportunity to apply to return to their positions when the organisation holds its provincial congress on December 6-8

► Ignominious end

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# Lekota and provincial executive agree to quit

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JOHANNESBURG Free State premier M. Ferror Lekota and his entire provincial executive committee agreed to resign yesterday.

Their decision comes in the wake of allegations of corruption and nepotism in the Free State executive committee.

However, the agreement reached at a meeting between the ANC national working committee and the full ANC Free State provincial executive committee in Johannesburg yesterday still has to be ratified by the ANC national executive

committee this weekend.

ANC deputy secretary-general M. Cheliso Carolus said after the meeting it had been agreed that the provincial legislature would elect a new premier and an interim committee would be appointed to run the affairs of the ASG in the region.

The ANC supported the probe being conducted by the Auditor General into allegations of corruption against members of the provincial government.

Lekota refused to comment last night. — Sapa

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# Free State shake-up as Lekota agrees to quit

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However, the agreement reached at a meeting here between the ANC's national working committee and the ANC Free State provincial executive committee needs to be ratified by the ANC's national executive

committee, which meets this weekend.

ANC deputy secretary-general Ms Cheryl Carolus said the provincial legislature would elect a new premier.

The ANC's executive in the province would also resign and an interim committee would be appointed.

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She said the ANC supported the investigations being conducted by the Auditor-General into allegations of corruption against members of the provincial government. —Sapa

# Lekota, Free State leaders told to resign

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FREE State premier Patrick Lekota, his entire cabinet and the ANC provincial executive would be removed from office, the party's national leadership said in Johannesburg yesterday.

The move follows months of internal warfare which paralysed the provincial government and saw the party's Free State membership plunge.

Lekota and the provincial leadership were informed of the decision during an ANC national working committee meeting at Shell House yesterday.

Flanked by ANC deputy president Thabo Mbeki and the party's chairman Jacob Zuma, deputy secretary-general Cheryl Carolus announced that Lekota and his MECs — including his leading rival, public transport and roads MEC Ace Magashule — would resign. The entire provincial executive committee and other important participants in the provincial power struggle, including party chairman Pat Matosa and general secretary Anna Buthelezi were also to resign.

Internal ANC disciplinary proceedings within the province — directed at Lekota by his opponents — would be



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dropped, but the party supported the investigations by the auditor-general into allegations of corruption against members of the provincial government. This decision is a vote of support

for Lekota's tough line on corruption.

The provincial legislature would elect a new premier who would set up a new provincial government, Carolus said. Although Mbeki said the national working committee had not discussed who the party's candidate for premier should be, it is understood that Lekota and his opponents have been told they may not stand.

While some sources indicated Lekota's successor was likely to come from within the province, others said the search was likely to extend to the ANC's broader national leadership. The new provincial cabinet would be a caretaker government until a new provincial leadership could be elected at the next provincial congress, one working committee member said.

Carolus said an interim committee would be appointed to run the ANC's affairs while preparing for the next provincial conference where a new party leadership would be elected. A national working committee delegation, including Labour Minister Tito Mboweni, parliamentary speaker Frene Ginwala and MP Limpho Hani

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would go to the province today to explain the decision to the ANC caucus in the provincial legislature.

The ANC's national executive would be asked to ratify the working committee's decision next weekend, after which it would be implemented.

An working committee member who attended the meeting said the decision to remove all the major parties to the Free State conflict had been taken during an hour-long discussion before Lekota and the provincial executive had been asked to join the meeting. There had been no dissenting voices, as there had been consensus that the situation could not be saved.

Some members of the Free State executive had been visibly shocked at not

being given another opportunity to shape up before being told to ship out, but admitted that mistakes had been made to the detriment of the party and governance in the province.

Lekota and his opponents were told they could stay in the province, but there was a clear message that they would have to work differently if they wanted to return to leadership positions. There was at present no suggestion that Lekota could be moved into a senior position elsewhere.

The message to all in the ANC, the working committee member said, was that leadership positions were not for life, but brought a broader responsibility to the ANC as a whole and to the electorate. The decisive action by the working committee was designed to make everyone sit up and think, and to warn them that government and the party could not be run by cliques.



# Lekota, rivals won't stand for premiership

Various ANC leaders say main players in conflict 'will be redeployed elsewhere, in organisation's interest'

BY JUSTICE MALALA  
AND MONDLI MAKHANYA  
Political Staff

Free State Premier Patrick Lekota and his main rivals in the leadership squabble that has gripped the province will not be allowed to stand for the position of caretaker premier, which is likely to be filled next week.

ANC insiders said yesterday one of the main points of the agreement between the provincial leaders and the national working committee (NWC) of the ANC on Monday was that Lekota, ANC provincial chairman Pat Matosa and his deputy Ace Magashule, would not stand for the premier's position.

It is also understood that these three may not be allowed to stand for the position of provincial chairman "in the interests of the organisation"

The ANC caucus in the Free State legislature yesterday agreed to the NWC's decision to suspend

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Lekota, his cabinet and the provincial executive committee and for a caretaker premier to be brought in next week

The sources said the caretaker premier may well be from outside the province's current parliamentary structures and in national Government

His or her role would be to bring unity and peace back to the Free State while ensuring that governance was restored.

Various ANC leaders in the province and nationally, approached by The Star yesterday, said the main players in the conflict would be "redeployed elsewhere" and possibly be given senior ambassadorship

None of the Free State MPs and senators have a high profile, and only Casca Mokitlane, a former Robben Islander, is well-known in the province. Mokitlane was recalled to the province to head the Free State Development Corporation, but is said to be "lacking in ambition"

The NWC decided on Monday, after meeting the full provincial executive of the province, to recommend that Lekota and his cabinet and the whole PEC should resign from their positions and new structures be elected.

This move came after various attempts to heal the leadership rift in the Free State failed. The decision will be finalised at the ANC's national executive committee meeting in Johannesburg at the weekend.

The ANC's NEC will also discuss the possibility of barring any of the protagonists from standing for election at the provincial congress which is scheduled for December 6-8. Should this proposal be accepted by the NEC, the leaders will be offered the posts in the run-up to the congress.

"These people could not resolve their problems so we had to find a solution. We now have to decide whether they should be allowed to stand for election or not," said an insider.

# Free State plan accepted

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BLOEMFONTEIN. The Free State ANC caucus accepted yesterday the recommendations of the party's national working committee that embattled Free State Premier Mr Patrick Lekota and a senior member of the provincial executive committee should resign.

A four-member NWC subcommittee, led by Labour Minister Mr Tito Mboweni, briefed caucus members yesterday on the recommendation of the party's national leader.

Senior ANC leader got involved in a dispute in the party's Free State branch after the provincial executive committee decided to institute disciplinary action against Lekota for bringing the party into disrepute.

They accused the premier of abusing his position to attack ANC colleagues and of being ineffective in steps taken against alleged corruption in the province in which certain MECs and

officials were said to be involved.

A member of the NWC delegation, National Assembly Speaker Dr Frene Giniewski said yesterday. "The caucus accepted the NWC decision taken in Johannesburg. Members asked questions for clarity, especially on how we will implement the programme. We informed them the NWC recommendations will be discussed by the (ANC) national executive committee at the weekend and we will inform them of the next steps during caucus next week."

On Monday the NWC together with the Free State provincial executive committee, agreed that the Lekota government should step down.

Tensions between Lekota and the provincial executive came to a head last month when the premier accused party officials of corruption. The executive resolved to institute disciplinary hearings against him. — Sapa

# ANC to hand-pick Free State leader

By Joe Mdhlela  
Political Reporter

**A** NEUTRAL African National Congress member not tainted by the year-long political strife in the Free State is likely to succeed Mr Patrick Lekota as premier of the province, ANC sources in Bloemfontein said yesterday

This, therefore, rules out current provincial ANC chairman Mr Pat Matosa as the likely candidate for the premiership. Like Lekota, Matosa has been asked to step down with his entire provincial executive committee.

Lekota, with his entire executive of MECs and the ANC provincial executive committee (PEC), was on Monday asked by the ANC's national working committee (NWC) to resign.

It is also speculated that the new

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Many people feel that Lekota could become an ambassador

premier to replace Lekota would be a person of stature, capable of uniting the ANC in the province.

The ANC NEC is due to meet over the weekend to ratify a recommendation by the NWC that Lekota and his executive step down. The PEC has also been dissolved and the new interim structure is expected to be elected during the NEC's meeting at the weekend.

Meanwhile, the decision by the NWC to ask ANC structures in the Free State to resign has been received as "good news" in the province. The ANC in the Free State is of the view that the decision should have been taken three months ago.

An ANC source said "The group of the ANC which met on an informal basis on Monday felt the NWC's decision to have Lekota and the provincial structure resign is most welcome. We need a leadership with a vision to lead the people of the Free State to a promised land."

Most people *Sowetan* spoke to yesterday felt Lekota could be better utilised in the national Parliament or as an ambassador.

"But Terror is a man of stature and integrity and it will not surprise us if he prefers to remain in the province as an ordinary member of the legislature," the source said.

**BATTLE FOR SURVIVAL**

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The ANC's decision to remove popular and able Free State premier Patrick Lekota from office after two years of bad blood between himself and a faction of the provincial party, has baffled many

At one level, Monday's move by the ANC national working committee (NWC), presided over by Deputy President Thabo Mbeki, could simply reflect recognition that, given a deadlocked Free State administration, the situation had become untenable and required "urgent new steps" to address the problem. This follows failed earlier attempts by top party figures, including Minister of Sport & Recreation Steve Tshwete, to broker a truce between Lekota and his adver-

saries led by chairman of the Free State region of the ANC Pat Matosa

In terms of the NWC's decision Lekota, his cabinet and the ANC's Free State executive are to "resign" pending ratification by the party's national executive committee (NEC) this weekend. ANC spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa says this decision was jointly reached between the NWC and the Free State region including Lekota

The NEC will appoint an interim committee to run the affairs of the ANC in the province and prepare for the crucial provincial conference next month at which party elections will be held. After the premier and the MECs resign "the provincial legislature will elect a new premier who will constitute a new provincial executive," says the NWC. Details on the timing of these moves — and whether Lekota will be eligible for re-election — will be announced by the NEC at the weekend.

The NWC statement further says Matosa's disciplinary action against Lekota for allegedly bringing the ANC into disrepute will be dropped. Matosa had instituted the action after Lekota lambasted him and others for alleged corruption during a radio interview last month. Many suspect that Lekota did so deliberately to force matters to a head.

**CONFIDENT OF MANDATE**

If Lekota and his rivals are eligible for re-election, the NWC's move could be seen as a stratagem to finesse Lekota's adversaries — based on the assumption that Lekota has the majority of the province (and legislature) on his side.

It's a fair assumption in spite of the fact that in provincial party terms, Lekota lost out to Matosa in the December 1994 provincial chairmanship poll.

Lekota is pleased with this turn of events since he is confident of winning a popular mandate. It is significant that Cosatu recently came out in support of Lekota.

But prevailing on Lekota to resign suggests to some that he has lost the backing of the ANC's national leadership. Those who subscribe to this view say it would be inconceivable that the leadership would have failed to come out in

support of an exile figure under similar factional attack.

The implication is that those who stayed in SA (the UDF generation) like Lekota (and Cyril Ramaphosa) are viewed with suspicion by the "exile" group at the helm of the ANC. Lekota has observed that he has never been summoned to appear before an ANC disciplinary hearing.

Indeed, the most that he appears to be guilty of is a lack of diplomacy by attacking Matosa and transport MEC Ace Magashule for alleged corruption in his recent interview.

A week before the NWC announcement, Lekota had also said that the question of his alleged "re-deployment" had been raised by Tshwete "who claimed the decision was taken by the NWC."

Lekota added that he had searched in vain for such a decision "which suggests to me that Tshwete sucked it out of his thumb." Tshwete is re-

garded as part of Mbeki's inner circle of lieutenants.

Lekota, by implication, also criticised the national leadership when he said that the ANC's disciplinary committee, having dealt with Environmental Affairs former Deputy Minister Bantu Holomisa, has been "completely reluctant" to deal with alleged malpractice by, for example, former Free State housing MEC Vax Mayekiso, whom Lekota fired last year.

It appears the ANC is more concerned with maintaining party unity than rooting out the corruption which Lekota has loudly and consistently laid at the door of his detractors. They, in turn, accuse him of high-handedness and a failure to consult them.

The picture has now been clouded by suggestions that Lekota, too, may be corrupt, though few who know him credit the charge. In any event, the NWC supports the investigations being conducted by the Auditor-General into allegations of corruption against members of the provincial government.

The upheaval in the ANC's Free State region comes amid signs of growing party factionalism in at least one other province, KwaZulu-Natal. Last weekend the province's Cosatu chief Paulos Ngcobo claimed that comrades in the

ANC were "plotting" to overthrow other comrades in the run-up to party provincial elections. He spoke of a "poison" contaminating the ANC, adding that at national level jockeying for ministerial and premier's posts had already begun.

A somewhat different shake-up also looms in the Eastern Cape, where there is talk of premier Raymond Mhlaba being dropped before 1999 as a result of administrative chaos and corruption. Contenders to replace Mhlaba, a Robben Island stalwart, include Tshwete and ANC chief whip Arnold Stofile. ■



Patrick Lekota

**'You can take Holomisa and Sobukwe option'**



BLASTED Patrick Terror Lekota

# 'SHAPE UP - OR SHIP OUT!'

By WALLY MBHELE

Mandela said in a decisive meeting which, according to sources, lasted only 30 minutes.

Lekota and Matosa had been given five minutes each to state their case

City Press can reveal that Mandela's option to the two Free State arch rivals came shortly after Thabo Mbeki had announced "an unexpected NWC decision" to dissolve both the provincial cabinet and the ANC's provincial executive committee

According to sources who attended the meeting, the Free State leaders were not allowed to question the decision - which was largely seen as "Mbeki's brain-child"

The Free State delegation sat listening "like school kids" as Mandela, Mbeki and Jacob Zuma - like school principals - "wielded a big stick against them".

Details of this extraordinary meeting were revealed to City Press this week by sources within

the NWC who disclosed that the meeting had been so short that the Free State leadership's plea to postpone the forthcoming provincial conference was turned down as "it would prolong the meeting and problems"

The NWC meeting, chaired by Zuma, witnessed Lekota come under grilling cross-examination by Mbeki about why he had decided to go to the media about their differences

It is understood Matosa - in his submission - had accused Lekota of breaking the so-called Cape Town Accord by attacking his "comrades" in a radio talk show.

In terms of the Cape Town Accord, both leaders were obliged not to go public about "their problems and differences" but rather work together to develop the province.

City Press understands that after Matosa's submission Zuma



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repeatedly asked Lekota if he had indeed gone to the media about provincial problems "Comrade Terror, what I want to know from you is a simple yes or no," Zuma is said to have asked

After Lekota conceded speaking to the media, City Press understands that "the premier came in for a grilling from Mbeki, who accused him of using his premiership to undermine the ANC"

"Your premiership is not above party discipline," Mbeki is said to have told Lekota

Mbeki's anger came after Lekota had told a tense NWC meeting that he had merely exercised his rights as premier - "just like Mandela sometimes does as president" - to address voters

After Mbeki's terse announcement of the NWC decision, it was Mandela's turn to give an angry lecture of about ten minutes to Matosa and Lekota

Mandela is said to have quoted

the ANC's history since 1912, naming various people he said had not wanted to abide by the party's discipline

Among them, City Press was told, he mentioned Robert Sobukwe who led a PAC split from the ANC "Where's the PAC today?" Mandela is said to have asked

He then turned to Rocky Malebane-Metsing and General Bantu Holomisa - and asked where they were today "If you don't want to listen, you are free to follow their option, but the ANC will still be there," Mandela said

City Press understands that the NWC was also angered by Lekota's comments in a newspaper article in which he questioned the Cape Town Accord

In the article, Lekota said he had been searching in vain for a written version of the so-called Cape Town Accord. It seems "to be Steve Tshwete's thumbsuck", Lekota was quoted as saying

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# Makgoe tipped to win premier race

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been strengthened because he is seen as neutral and not aligned to any of the two factions – that of Lekota and Matosa

City Press has been told Makgoe has the support of two influential premiers – Mpumalanga's Mathews Phosa and Gauteng's Tokyo Sexwale

However, Makgoe's appointment depends on the approval of the ANC's National Executive Committee which is expected to endorse a The popular feeling within the ANC is that there are more than six officials who should not be considered for the position of acting premier Besides Lekota and Matosa, these officials include Ace Magashule, Vax Mayekiso, Papi Kganare, Anna Buthelezi, Cas Human and Barnard Mononyana

**NEXT FREE STATE PREMIER?**  
The neutral Tate Makgoe is said to be the hot favourite.

By **WALLY MBHELE**

**TATE MAKGOE**, Free State MEC for economic affairs and tourism, has emerged as a hot favourite to take the provincial premiership tomorrow following the dramatic ousting of Terror Lekota

The matter is expected to be discussed at today's consultative conference in Bloemfontein which will be attended by the ANC's special task team led by Labour Minister Tito Mboweni

□ The frantic search for a new premier comes amid tensions in the province following Lekota's removal from the premiership and alleged telephone threats to the legislature's staff that "all hell will break loose if Lekota is not reinstated"

□ Tension deepened when threats were allegedly made against former provincial housing minister Vax Mayekiso Police have confirmed that death threats were made

□ City Press understands that Makgoe's candidacy for the post has

"We need someone neutral If any one of them (the two factions) is elected premier, he's going to fire those he considers an opposition Then the cycle of conflict will continue," said an NEC official

Another provincial MP cautioned against appointing an "outsider" "The mistake we did in the past was to get someone from outside who was not acquainted with the dynamics of the province

"We must still look for someone within the legislature. We need someone who is a leader and not just an ordinary member"

According to senior members, the ANC is "looking for someone with credibility, someone who'll be a unifying factor in the province"

"We need someone who is entrenched within the ANC structures Such a person must be able to rebuild the organisation from scratch"

Branches would be briefed about the NEC's decisions at today's meeting – which would not be about debating issues, a senior ANC member said

# Free State ANC members want a say

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## Busloads of supporters arrive at meeting to brief local branches on firing of province's leadership

By JUSTICE MALALA  
Provincial Correspondent

A meeting between a top ANC delegation led by national chairman Jacob Zuma, and leaders and branches of the organisation in the Free State started three hours late yesterday after busloads of unwieldy supporters arrived, claiming their local leaders had been overlooked.

The meeting came only hours after the party's national executive committee (NEC) endorsed a proposal from its national working committee that the Free State provincial executive should resign. Premier Patrick Lekota and his MECs will also stand down.

The meeting in Welkom yesterday

was held to brief ANC branch leaders on the reasons for the ANC's shock decision to fire Lekota and the provincial leadership.

The measures were taken in a bid to stop the long-standing acrimony between Lekota and the party's provincial leadership.

"The process of consultation leading up to the election of a new premier by the provincial legislature has already begun," the party said in a statement.

"The new premier will then constitute

a new executive council. This may entail the redeployment of MPs, MPLs and others from different areas of activity.

## Process of consultation has begun

The NEC also appointed an interim committee to run the affairs of the province and to help prepare for the next provincial conference.

The members of the committee are Labour Minister Tito Mboweni, Deputy Intelligence Minister Joe Ntshahla, Parliamentary Speaker Frene Ginwala, ANC Youth League president Malusi Gigaba and MP Limphe Hanu.

## Lekota's rivals accused of buying support

By NEWTON KAMBERA

New allegations in the ANC Free State row have been levelled that the Aoe Magashule/Pat Matosa faction has been buying ANC membership cards in bulk and distributing them free of charge as a way of buying grassroots support ahead of the provincial leadership election.

ANC officials in the OwaOwa region allege that hundreds of new ANC members have been recruited recently and that they may help tilt the balance in branches towards Magashule.

"They were instructed to vote for certain individuals at the regional congress held during the first three days of this month," said an ANC official from the region.

Cited as evidence of the alleged shady dealing was the fact that the regional secretary-general, whose name is known to The Star, was presented with a single cheque for 1 000 cards which were distributed in the OwaOwa/Kestell area.

"It was only after the regional office announced that a single cheque was unacceptable and that each branch should pay for its packs that different cheques were issued, but they were signed by one person," said the official.

The name of the person who issued the cheques - an administrator at the OwaOwa/Kestell regional office - is also known to The Star.

ANC officials who were reluctant to be named for fear of reprisals, said they were shocked to see a sudden surge in membership numbers in their area at the end of last month.

One official said he and others were waiting for the caretaker committee to be appointed before they filed their complaints and call for an inquiry into membership recruitment.

Magashule denied that he was buying votes with free cards. He explained the issuing of cards in bulk as part of a move to control income from card sales.

"This is a policy of accountability. Branches were coming in and taking the cards for free, then bringing in the money after they had sold the cards, but as much as R1.5 million has not come back to the ANC coffers. A large part of that money is from the Free State."

"We as the provincial executive committee (PEC) have formulated a new policy within the region that a branch should come up with money before we release the cards to them."

"This is our regional policy unless the

new interim committee decides to change the policy," said Magashule.

Asked about complaints that there were other ANC members identified as Lekota's supporters who had no access to membership cards, he said the complaints had reached the PEC.

"We carried out an investigation into the allegations from region to region and we found nothing of this sort," he said.

One ANC official from OwaOwa said, "No matter how popular ousted premier Lekota was in the Free State, at the time of going to congress it would be impossible for him to win even a seat on the PEC. These people have been going from one region to the other with free membership cards and put only people who they are sure were loyal to them."

The ANC NEC's drastic decision to fire the entire ANC Free State executive committee and ask Lekota and his cabinet to resign and start afresh seemed harsh, but this is a move that has been regarded by many in the region as the best and as the only - move that could save Lekota in his political career.

A Lekota supporter said "If this had not happened, Lekota was heading for another humiliating defeat regardless of his popularity in the province."

The ANC said organisers from other provinces would be redeployed full-time in the province until a new executive was elected.

Internal disciplinary processes within the ANC arising out of disputes among members in the Free State would be discontinued.

"The NEC affirmed its support for the investigations being conducted by the auditor-general into allegations of corruption against members of the provincial government."

"The NEC underlined the necessity for expeditious handling of this process to ensure certainly, effective governance and the management of ANC affairs," the party concluded.

## Party's top body happy with its performance

By JUSTICE MALALA

The ANC's national executive committee has expressed satisfaction with the organisation's handling of political and economic challenges since it came into government 30 months ago, saying "the real economy is beginning to perform well".

In a statement released after its last meeting for the year held in Johannesburg at the weekend, the organisation's highest decision-making body said there had been a number of difficult challenges.

It was noted that, despite several challenges on the financial front, the real economy was beginning to perform well, including significant increases in productivity and growing fixed investments.

"We are on target with regard to the macro-economic framework the NEC was of the view that 1996 has seen the consolidation of the democratisation process and the fulfilment of the ANC's full mandate in government," it said.

The body also agreed to hold a substantial ANC NEC meeting in mid-January which will "be a forum in which the NEC will assess our performance inside and outside government with a view to developing a programme of action for the next two years".

# ANC NEC asks Lekota to resign

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By Pamela Dube  
Political Reporter

Interim committee has been set up to run the affairs of the province

**T**HE AFRICAN NATIONAL Congress national executive committee yesterday asked Free State premier Mr Patrick "Terror" Lekota, his cabinet and the provincial executive committee to step down from office with immediate effect

The NEC appointed an interim committee - which includes Labour Minister Mr Tito Mboweni, Deputy Intelligence Minister Mr Joe Nhlanhla, ANC Youth League president Mr Malusi Gigaba and MP Mrs Limpho Hanu - to run the affairs of the provincial government

The committee will also prepare for the next provincial conference which will elect a new leadership. The NEC also resolved to redeploy party

organisers from other provinces to assist the national organising department in reorganising structures in the province. The NEC action comes amid reports that provincial MEC for environmental affairs Mr Tate Makgoe will take over as the caretaker premier

However, *Sowetan* learnt yesterday that Makgoe "was definitely out"

The meeting's feeling was that the NEC should appoint someone from outside the current ANC structures in the Free State, insiders said

In fact, the intention was for the NEC to take over the running of the province until the provincial conference early next year when the new leadership will be in place

"Until then (when new leadership is elected) we will treat the Free State as a mandated territory. They will be in the same position as Namibia was with South Africa before independence"

On reports that he was running for the premiership, Makgoe said "I know nothing about that. It's all media speculation"

Lekota's replacement, insiders said, was someone who has been with the party for a long time, has in the past held a leadership position in the provinces and "more importantly someone outside the politics of the Free State structures"

"Tate definitely does not fit the picture," ANC sources said



# ANC seals ousting of Lekota's team

Welkom – The Free State provincial general council last night accepted the African National Congress' national executive committee's ruling that Premier Patrick Lekota and his entire executive committee should resign.

The NEC's decision, following earlier recommendations by the party's national working committee, was conveyed to provincial chairmen and secretaries at a

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delayed meeting at the Ferdi Meyer hall in Welkom.

The meeting began more than four hours late owing to the turnout by a large, unexpected crowd. It was also delayed so that the credentials of branch representatives could be checked.

Mr Mboweni said delegates at the meeting agreed that the NEC's decisions should be implemented.

Earlier yesterday the NEC endorsed the national working

committee's recommendations that the entire Free State government, including Premier Patrick Lekota, should resign.

The party's provincial executive committee would also have to resign.

The NEC appointed an interim committee, comprising Tito Mboweni, Frene Ginwala, Malusi Gigaba, Dimpho Hanu and Joe Nhlanhla, to run the affairs of the province. Sapa

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# Sisulu heads group to choose premier

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By Justice Malala  
Provincial Correspondent

New Free State head will be chosen from a pool of names

The new premier of the Free State, to be known within the next two weeks, will be chosen by a committee of the ANC headed by veteran Walter Sisulu and including outgoing secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa.

The committee will make its selection from a pool of names which will be nominated by the ANC's national working committee, Free State branches and the

party's communist and union allies

Malusi Gigaba, member of the four-person interim committee appointed to oversee the party's affairs in the province, said yesterday it had been decided that the national nominations committee of the ANC would handle the selection as this was "an extraordinary matter". Other members of the commit-

tee are SA Communist Party secretary-general Charles Ngakula, Congress of SA Trade Unions secretary-general Sam Shilowa and MP Gertrude Shope.

Gigaba said the processes for the committee to do its work would be finalised within the next two weeks.

The new premier would then be appointed and an executive council would be constituted.

Although the present leadership may be nominated by branches for the position, any hopes of becoming premier are short-sighted

"The constitution of South Africa does not allow a caretaker premier. We also want certainty in governance.

"We took these steps to stabilise the government. We do not want to change premiers three

times in five years, it is not good for stability," Gigaba said

The moves come as a result of the ANC deciding to fire the Free State premier, his cabinet and the party's provincial leadership to halt the in-fighting there

The decision, taken last week, was the culmination of almost two years of bitter warring by leaders in the province.

The belligerents in the present squabble will be able to stand for election at the party's provincial congress, which will be held at a date to be determined.

## Former unionist being touted by Cosatu as Free State PM

**By JUSTICE MALALA**  
Provincial Correspondent

Only hours after President Mandela's surprise announcement yesterday that Free State Premier Patrick Lekota would be moved to the Senate, a new front-runner has emerged for the post of premier of the province

Former trade unionist and provincial MEC Papi Kganare is being touted by several branches and Cosatu leaders in the north

and south regions of the Free State, traditionally divided, as the best person to take over.

Mandela said in Durban yesterday that Lekota had not been "dumped" and was still a respected and leading ANC member

Sapa reports that Lekota said: "There are many times the organisation takes decisions which we as individuals may not necessarily be excited about, but which are there to build the organisation and make it better.

"I am very anxious, along with other people, including the president and others (about) the impact this will have on the people of the Free State.

"But I would like to add my voice at this point to that of the president, and appeal to the people of the province to accept and support this decision so that there is maximum stability in the province. It will be painful for many people but it must be accepted and supported"

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FREE STATE MOVE 'FOR SAKE OF ANC UNITY'

# Lekota to become a member of the Senate

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**DURBAN:** President Nelson Mandela came out in firm support of former Free State Premier Mr Patrick Lekota yesterday, denying rumours that the ANC had "dumped" him.

Free State.

Asked what would happen to other ANC MECs, Lekota said they would become members of the provincial legislature

**S**ACKED Free State Premier Mr Patrick Lekota will become a member of the Senate, but the exact position he will occupy has not yet been announced, President Nelson Mandela said here yesterday after a two-day visit to KwaZulu-Natal.

for the sake of unity in the ANC

"There are many times the organisation takes decisions which we as individuals may not necessarily be excited about, but which are there to build the organisation and make it better

Mandela said: "We are emerging from this situation in the Free State, stronger, far stronger than we were before we addressed that situation."

Mandela, accompanied by Lekota, dispelled rumours and allegations that Lekota had been "dumped" by the ANC

"I'm very anxious, along with other people, including the President and others, (about) the impact this will have on the people of the Free State," Lekota said

During his visit to KwaZulu-Natal, Mandela met provincial leaders and businessmen to prepare for the ANC's national conference next year which will kick-start the ANC's campaign for the 1999 general election

"Here is a man who enjoys my highest respect. We (the ANC) have not dumped him, in fact we have deployed him to the Senate," Mandela said

"But, I would like to add my voice to that of the President and appeal to the people of the province to accept and support this decision so that there is maximum stability in the province

Mandela was accompanied by ANC deputy secretary-general Ms Cheryl Carolus, Sports Minister Mr Steve Tshwete, Provincial Affairs and Constitutional Development Minister Mr Valli Moosa and other high-ranking ANC officials

Lekota and his entire executive committee were fired by the national leaders of the ANC last week after months of internal conflict had paralysed the provincial government

"It will be painful for many people, but it must be accepted and supported in the interests of the organisation"

Mandela said he was satisfied that problems within the organisation had been adequately addressed and that the ANC remained united despite recent problems

After Mandela had spoken, Lekota said the decision would cause anxiety among Free State communities, but he supported his new appointment

A task team appointed by the ANC's national executive committee is overseeing the governing of the

The KwaZulu-Natal visit was the start of similar visits to other provinces, Carolus said — Sapa

# Ousted Lekota to be sent to Senate 'to end vicious power struggle'

Farouk Chothia  
and Wyncham Hartley

ANC's national conference scheduled for next December.

DURBAN — Dismissed Free State premier Patrick Lekota would be redeployed to the Senate in a bid to bring the vicious power struggle in the region to an end, President Nelson Mandela said yesterday.

Mandela said the ANC would also try to avoid bruising battles over other positions within the party — including that of his successor — by reaching consensus on candidates before the

Zweibanzi Vavi.

Mandela said Lekota was not being "dumped". He would be given a position in the Senate, and "our confidence in him and his leadership is rising all the time", Mandela said.

Lekota said he would initially be "uncomfortable" in the Senate, but he would get used to being there just as he got used to his "prison cell" while an anti-apartheid activist.

ANC national chairman Jacob Zuma said Lekota would be moved to the Senate by the end of next week ANC

Free State chairman and Lekota's arch-rival Pat Matosa would also be redeployed, but he did not know where Zuma said the two would also be barred from standing for the ANC Free State chairmanship during the "caretaker" period.

Carolus said Mandela and other senior leaders would visit all ANC regions in the build-up to the conference. Mandela said ANC leaders should reach consensus within their ranks on positions to be filled.

Popular leaders were not necessarily talented. It was important for leaders to hold frank discussions and assess who was best suited to specific positions. Zuma said the ANC wanted to avoid leaders fighting elections "to the point where the organisation runs the risk of being split".

The ANC would try to reach consensus on who should be ANC president, deputy president, national chairman, secretary-general, deputy secretary-general and treasurer. Tshwete said:

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this did not mean leaders would be imposed on ANC members. They would be entitled to express disagreement, and to suggest alternative candidates.

Zuma said Mbeki was his favoured candidate for the presidency. It is understood that Zuma is a strong contender for the position of deputy president.

Free State NP leader Inus Aucamp said yesterday that Lekota was being punished for doing exactly what Mandela preached: promoting reconciliation and fighting corruption. He characterised the moving of Lekota from his top Free State job to a post in the Senate as "a victory for the radical and wild element in the Free State ANC". In the short term the loss of Lekota

would destabilise the Free State, Aucamp said. In the medium to long term getting rid of a moderate man like Lekota could help hasten a political realignment in the province and SA.

He said that while Lekota remained in the ANC and a political opponent, he had to give him credit for what he had achieved in the Free State.

He also charged that the provincial legislature, which elected Lekota premier, had been made a laughing stock by the ANC's national leadership which had manipulated the situation without reference to the province.

ANC transport MEC Ace Magashule, who along with Matosa, is at the heart of the conflict with Lekota, said he could not comment on the move. Mandela had spoken for the entire ANC, he said.

Magashule was fired by Lekota and then reinstated after the intervention of the ANC leadership.

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# ANC to deal Free State a fresh pack

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By **WALLY MBHELE**



AS FREE STATE ANC branches began lobbying for a new premier this week, it emerged that a number of Free State provincial parliamentarians will be transferred to the National Assembly in a fresh bid to reconstitute the provincial legislature.

The move will see some of the ANC's national parliamentarians being "re-deployed to the province" after Premier Patrick Lekota and his entire Free State cabinet resigned from their positions.

According to Tito Mboweni, who is leading the ANC's task team in the province, the newly constituted legislature will then have powers to elect a new premier.

But, said Mboweni, ANC branches will take part directly in the process of nominating the new premier.

Mboweni's announcement comes in the wake of the ANC's shock decision this week to move Lekota from the Free State to the Senate.

Mboweni yesterday told City Press that "Premier Lekota and his MECs are still in charge of the province at the moment so that no vacuum occurs in government . . . We have to ensure proper political interaction."

He said his team was in the Free State "to assess the state of the organisation in the province. We have to prepare for the provincial conference and advise the leadership on what steps to take to consolidate the organisation on the ground."

Mboweni said the National Nominations

Committee was drawing up a list of people who would be swapped from the provincial parliament to the National Assembly and vice versa.

□ Mboweni's announcement of the "swopping of leaders" comes amid strong lobbying for a new premier among various Free State factions.

While the current MEC for economic affairs, Tate Makgoe, has been tipped as a hot favourite, some branches told City Press they favoured the MEC for safety and security, Papi Kganare.

Kganare's backers claim: "Tate was one of the people who made sure Terror was unseated."

"Kganare is just as firm as Lekota. We want a premier who will be able to follow up the allegations of corruption in the province". CP 17/11/96

However, the pro-Makgoe lobby claims Kganare is "Lekota's blue-eyed boy. Kganare can't be entrusted with that position as he'd simply continue where Lekota left off".

Mboweni said his team would not be involved in the lobbying for the new premier as that decision had to come from the ANC branches.

"My role and that of others is to help the National Executive Committee to implement decisions. One of our tasks is to interact and explain the decisions to membership," said Mboweni.

□ Meanwhile, the Free State legislature has adopted a report aimed at halting corruption within the local authorities.

The report, tabled by the Public Accounts Committee, said corruption was so rife that some councillors rented cars for people not in the council's employ.

INTENSIVE TALKS WITH MANDELA

# Beleaguered Lekota may get cabinet job

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A **CABINET** post may be assigned to Patrick Lekota if he decides to withdraw from provincial politics. Political Writer **BARRY STREEK** reports.

**B**ELEAGUERED Free State Premier Mr Patrick Lekota will not be dropped by the ANC regardless of what happens in the province, and he could end up in the cabinet.

Many ANC parliamentarians are convinced that he will comfortably win election at the party's Free State congress, should he decide to stand

But Lekota, who has been involved in intensive discussions with President Nelson Mandela over the past two days, could eventually decide to opt out of the contest in the interests of ANC unity

The report next week of the Auditor-General into the former Free State Department of Economic Affairs and Tourism and the report of the Goldhawk commission of

inquiry into irregularities in the Free State Development Corporation could be decisive in the power struggle

There has been speculation that heads could roll so that no one would be left to challenge Lekota

Party insiders said the situation was complex and it was difficult to say where Lekota would go, but it was acknowledged that he had "phenomenal" support in the Free State

If he did decide to leave provincial politics, his departure would have to be dignified and the ANC leadership would ensure that he was not demoted in the process, they said

If Defence Minister Mr Joe Modise and Foreign Affairs Minister Mr Alfred Nzo decide to retire

soon, as is increasingly expected, they could be replaced by Public Works Minister Mr Jeff Radebe and Sports and Recreation Minister Mr Steve Tshwete

This would leave two vacancies in the cabinet and Lekota could be appointed to one of these posts

Presidential spokesperson Mr Parks Mankahlana confirmed yesterday that Mandela and Lekota had held "intensive" discussions over the past two days, but added: "I don't know what they have been discussing"

● Deputy Environment Affairs and Tourism Minister Mr Peter Mokaba would not challenge for leadership of the ANC in Northern Province, the party said in a statement yesterday

Mokaba had expressed his appreciation for the nomination, but was unable to run for the post because of the heavy workload assigned him by the government, the statement said

# Resolution of sorts

**M**UCH HAS BEEN WRITTEN about the African National Congress's handling of the mounting differences between Patrick Lekota and its other senior Free State leaders

Now that a resolution of sorts has been imposed by Shell House and a number of senior ANC members have spoken out about the positive effect on the party's sense of direction and organisation, it is tempting to acknowledge the inevitability of the ruling party acting in its own interests to maintain party primacy as much as possible throughout the country

If we do this, we only share in the ANC's overriding of the Constitutional which it ought to have utilised

Of course, the ANC, and the minority parties, have every right to sustain party priorities as they see fit, as long as they act within the law

But the ANC, as the dominant party at national level and in seven of the nine provinces, has an extra burden

It must measure its party interest against a broader national interest. It needs to ask itself when it intervenes in provincial political disputes what its intervention will do to enhance or weaken democratic politics and constitutionality in these provinces

## Worrisome pattern

Taking this as a yardstick, the ANC is establishing a worrisome pattern in its provincial interventions in North West, Free State, Eastern Cape and, prospectively, Northern Province

The North West intervention was clearly misguided. Repeated unsuccessful efforts were made by Shell House delegations to patch up differences between premier Popo Molefe and Rocky Malebane-Metsing, but the dispute should have been left to constitutional and political forces at work at provincial level

Molefe's decision to remove Malebane-Metsing as MEC for agriculture was his constitutional prerogative

Overriding that initial decision weakened Molefe and the interim Constitution and could have strengthened Malebane-Metsing's political support in the province

In fact, that support base proved to be negligible, by the best possible proof democracy offers - the electorate's votes. Malebane-Metsing and his Progressive People's Party got only a few thousand votes in the province in last year's local government elections and have become a spent force in provincial politics

This lesson of electoral accountability has been lost on the ANC national leadership, so concerned about the risk to its control that it mistakenly sees in criticism from any quarter - whether outside or within party structures

The ANC approach to the Free State politi-

Is the ANC establishing a worrisome pattern in its provincial interventions? **John Seiler** considers the question and comes to the conclusion that the party's efforts may be misguided...



**Patrick Lekota ... the conflict between him and other Free State leaders did not concern only the ANC.**

cal dispute has reflected the same inability to trust electoral judgment and, in addition, a failure to utilise constitutional provisions and, in doing so, to strengthen the constitution's legitimacy among South Africans

If the conflict for power between Lekota and the supporters of Pat Matosa and Ace Magashule was becoming detrimental to effective governance, that made it more than just the concern of a single party. It should have been presented as a problem for all provincial voters

These voters in 1994 legitimised not only the provincial legislature but the elected MECs, the policies made by the legislature and Executive Council, their appointments to the top levels of the provincial administration and the actual implementation of provincial services and development

Both the 1993 Interim Constitution and its October 1996 version waiting Constitutional Court approval reflect the connection between the electorate and the provincial government. It is disheartening that its provisions were ignored

Even worse, Malusi Gigaba, the ANC Youth League president and a member of the ANC committee empowered to oversee the post-Lekota phase in the Free State, said the committee had to act decisively because no constitutional provisions existed for an acting premier

In fact, a provincial legislature may, by a simple majority vote, force the premier's resignation from that office (although he would continue to be a legislator). In turn, the executive

committee would elect one of its members to serve as acting premier

The legislature would need to vote within 30 days of the no-confidence vote for a person to complete the term of office as premier

If that vote is not taken or is for some reason inconclusive, the acting premier must dissolve the legislature, compelling a provincial election for that body

None of these steps would end rivalry for office or potential conflict over policies but they would enhance a sense of responsibility, first in the executive committee and in the entire legislature. Motivated mostly by self-interest, few legislators would want to risk being judged by the electorate before their term of office is complete

If new elections were required, the principal rivals and their respective supporters would need to explain to voters how their rivalry connected to legitimate differences about policy and the nature of governance and administration

## Maintaining strength

Given its concern about maintaining party strength, it is ironic that the ANC failed to make use of constitutional provisions which could only have added to its support among its Free State constituency

These constitutional provisions should be exercised if the present ANC investigations decide provincial governance has collapsed in Eastern Cape and Northern Province, as they probably will do

The provincial legislature caucuses should be encouraged to hold no-confidence debates, which may focus on the role of the premier, other MECs, or both the premier and the executive committee appointed by him

Arguably, public debate over the shortcomings of the ANC MECs and the ANC provincial governments might be seen as a sign of weakness. On the contrary, the strength to go public about shortcomings and then to deal with them can only strengthen the ANC's support in these two provinces

Failure to publicly utilise the Constitution will only weaken the ANC's legitimacy and diminish its support among local activists who recognise that their own participation is a reflection of their loyalty and discipline, rather than a sign of danger to the party



# ANC 'Ignored Free State Voters'

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Political Reporter

**DEMOCRATIC Party Chief**  
Constitutional negotiator Colin Eglin has slammed the ANC for its handling of the crisis in the Free State legislature which resulted in the sacking of Premier Patrick "Terror" Lekota

In a stinging attack on the majority party in Parliament yesterday, Eglin said the ANC's decision "has serious implications for the survival of Constitutional rule in South Africa"

"Faced with an internal party problem in the Free State, the ANC hierarchy have abandoned the concepts of accountability, transparency and public representation which underpin our Constitution"

Eglin said the ANC had now imposed its rule on Free State voters from Shell House in Johannesburg

Lekota was removed from his position earlier this month after protracted infighting among the provincial leadership, and has now been transferred to the Senate. He recently described his new position as a "prison cell"

"Heaven knows what the ANC would do if it were faced with a similar problem at national level

Sack President Mandela and his Cabinet

without reference to the legislature or voters who elected them to office"

Eglin added that this decision places the ANC on the "same political path as the Nats who spent 40 years putting their party before the Constitution"

He said it was "sad for our new democracy" that the ANC had abandoned the spirit of that Constitution and put the party first"

However, Presidential spokesman Parks Mankahlana told *Sowetan* yesterday that the issue was a party political matter

"If the Democratic Party leaders want to have a say in the ANC's affairs, then they should join the organisation"

"As far as I know membership only costs R12 and they are rich enough to pay that many times over," Mankahlana said

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# Truckers' strike goes on despite late agreement

Reneé Grawitzky

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THE countrywide truckers' strike goes ahead today, despite an 11th-hour agreement between the seven transport unions and road-freight employers to appoint a senior mediation commission to conciliate in the wage dispute, which began last night.

Transport Minister Mac Maharaj and major employer organisations welcomed the intervention of the Commission for Conciliation Mediation and Arbitration and expressed the hope that the dispute would be resolved speedily. Industry sources said the strike would not be protracted.

However, a number of major employers expressed concern about the strike's consequences especially if accompanied by blockades.

In the face of such threats, both Maharaj and the SA Police Service appealed to workers not to take unlawful action. Police said firm action would be taken against those who broke the law.

Unions including the Transport and General Workers' Union (TGWU) called on strikers to avoid confrontation, and last night the conciliation process was still continuing. Unions and employers indicated that even if an agreement was reached it would be

practically impossible to call off the strike at such a late hour with the eventuality that the strike could continue for a day or two.

Workers balloted in favour of a strike in support of wage demands ranging from 14% to 18% across the board. Employers revised their offer to 10% and thereafter the unions tabled an unmandated demand of 12,5% which was rejected by employers at a meeting on Monday. TGWU general secretary Randall Howard said last night that at the start of the conciliation process the union had reverted to its original demand of 14%.

Financial institutions including First National Bank and Standard Bank indicated that contingency plans were in place in the eventuality of disruptions to cash deliveries, as some employers were concerned about payment of weekly wages.

Meanwhile, XPS and Springbok Patrols distanced themselves from union allegations that they had been obstructive in the balloting process.

Springbok Patrols said the company had not been approached regarding balloting facilities and was not party to the dispute. Its conditions were governed by a wage determination, not the industrial council.

## Lekota's removal 'threatens democracy'

Wyndham Hartley

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CAPE TOWN — The Democratic Party (DP) has attacked the imminent removal of Free State premier Patrick Lekota as a case of rule from African National Congress (ANC) headquarters and as a threat to constitutional democracy in SA.

The DP's chief constitutional negotiator, Cohn Eglin, said yesterday the

removal of a provincial premier as a solution to an internal party problem in the Free State "abandons the concepts of accountability, transparency and representivity that underpin our constitution".

Eglin asked whether the solution would be to simply "sack President Nelson Mandela without reference to the legislature or the voters who elected him to office".

# Confusion reigns over race for premier

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The contest for a new Free State premier has begun, but is bedevilled by anger and befuddlement, reports **Rehana Rossouw**

**N**OMINATIONS from branches of the African National Congress for a premier in the Free State close today, but there is still little clarity about who is eligible to stand

Some branches are nominating deposed Premier Patrick "Terror" Lekota in protest against the ANC's decision to redeploy him to the Senate

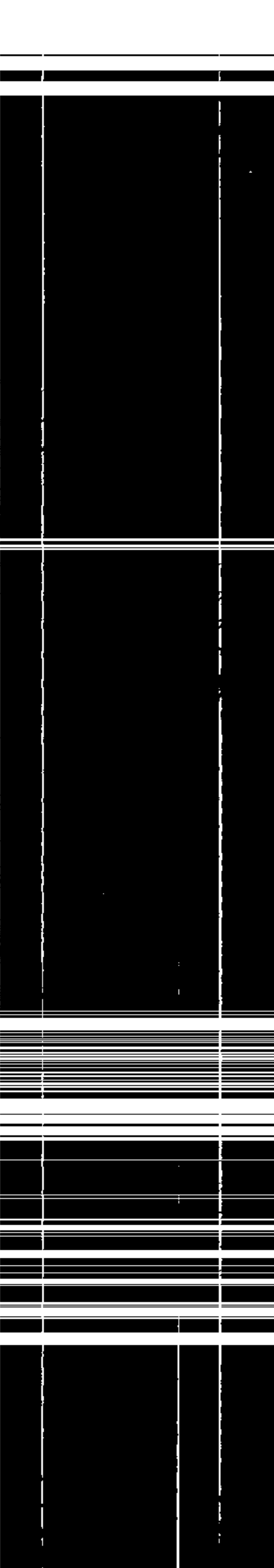
Currently leading the formal nominations race are Free State MEC for Safety and Security Papi Kganare, MEC for Environmental Affairs and Tourism Tate Makgoe and MEC for Public Works Greg Nthatsi

Makgoe is seen by many as a frontrunner at this stage, as he was not closely aligned to either Lekota or Free State ANC chair Pat Matosa in their bruising political row

But branches and senior ANC officials are still confused about how open the races are. The ANC has indicated that members serving in the National Assembly would shortly be redeployed to the Free State, and branches are



Patrick Lekota (centre) addresses a rally held for Patrick Lekota at the Bloemfontein Rugby Stadium this week. PHOTOGRAPH HEIN DU PLESSIS



available for nomination as premier. At least two MPs would leave the National Assembly to make way for Matosa and his ally Ace Magashule, who are being redeployed to Parliament.

The election of a new premier is being co-ordinated by a taskgroup dispatched by the ANC to the Free State to oversee the return to effective governance in the province. "The whole nomination process is being run in a very haphazard and undignified manner. There are no nomination forms, in some cases people are just sending their choices verbally to Walker Sisulu who is overseeing the process," said a senior Free State ANC member.

"Branches are also not sure how seriously their nominations will be taken. The ANC is on record as saying that the most popular person won't necessarily be chosen, they want the best person for the job. So why raise people's hopes that their choice will make it as premier?"

"There is a widespread belief that they are letting branches meet to discuss nominations but national [the ANC national executive committee] is going to decide anyway."

Free Staters are still absorbing the news that Lekota is not available for the position following President Nelson Mandela's announcement last week that he was being sent to the Senate Minister of Labour and taskgroup

member Tito Mboweni said branches had been asked to forward nominations but would be informed later whether people redeployed from the National Assembly were available for the position of premier.

Once the provincial legislature is reconstituted, the ANC caucus would meet and discuss who they would nominate as premier. Their nomination would be taken to a legislative session which would be attended by a chief justice to swear in the new incumbent. "At this stage we are not in a position to give a date and a time when this will happen. This is a political process, not a mathematical equation we are solving," Mboweni said.

"Branches are structures of the ANC so naturally they have to take part in processes of the ANC. Normally, branches take nominations for the position of premier to a list conference, but we are now in an emergency situation in the Free State and have to ensure this process happens as quickly as possible so we can stabilise the province."

"We also want to do it in a manner which ensures inclusivity. The leadership of the ANC will make certain proposals but will try as much as possible to find common ground with mem-

bers in the Free State."

He said the taskgroup was trying its best, under difficult circumstances, to communicate developments in the Free State to all its branches. Last weekend taskgroup members were deployed to ANC regions in the Free State to explain Lekota's redeployment.

"We want to have the complete support of ANC structures. It is not a perfect situation, but the ANC is determined to ensure a stable political environment in the Free State," Mboweni said.

The taskgroup was also "doing its best" to keep the ANC Youth and Women's Leagues informed of developments, as well as the South African National Civics Organisation (Sanco) and the South African Communist Party.

The *Mail & Guardian* has established that when Lekota was summoned to meet Mandela in Durban, he left the Free State intent on discussing the possibility of making himself available for nomination as premier.

"He was very happy to receive the call from the president, and left feeling very positive, but the man I saw on television on Thursday night was not a happy man," said a friend. Another source close to Lekota said

by Monday this week he was telling supporters that they had to accept the fact that he was leaving the Free State for Cape Town. Lekota was this week urging people to accept the decision and distanced himself from a march in Bloemfontein on Wednesday organised by the newly formed Crossroads Democratic Movement.

"There is concern about the mood of ordinary people," said a senior Free State ANC member. "We are picking up a lot of confusion and a lot of anger. Even more worrying is the talk of non-co-operation with the new Free State government which may entail a call not to pay service charges."

The taskgroup should meet with Sanco, Cosatu and the Communist Party as soon as possible to brief them on what has happened. More importantly, it should give full explanations to the branches so that ANC members can go out into the community and tell people what is happening.

The Goldfields region of the Free State ANC met at the weekend to discuss the situation in the province, and most of the 12 branches present decided they would nominate Lekota for premier, despite the decision to redeploy him.

"Jeremy Cronin represented the ANC taskgroup and we were very dis-

satisfied with the explanations he gave us. He could not explain why Terror was redeployed, why Madiba had him face the television cameras like a guilty man instead of explaining the decision to redeploy Pat and Ace as well," said a member who had been present at the meeting.

"We asked about the overwhelming vote of confidence in Terror at the July provincial general council and whether that did not count in Terror's favour for the NEC [National Executive Council], but again we got no answer. So we want Terror for premier."

Some of the answers were provided last Saturday when Mandela addressed the ANC and its alliance partners in the Northern Cape and admitted that the state of the ANC in the area left much to be desired.

"Of course, healthy competition between individuals for election posts is a natural part of any democratic organisation. But when personal competition starts to absorb all one's energies, when political programmes are forgotten and when solid grassroots work is neglected, then matters become very serious."

"The ANC has a long and proud tradition of placing the organisation above individuals, of mutual respect for one another. We defeated apartheid because we have always tried to build the collective."

Touted to take Terror's post

**Ivy for**

Seen as neutral candidate

**Premier**

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**IVY MATSEPE-Cassaburi, chairperson of the SA Broadcasting Corporation, is almost certain to take over the reins from Patrick "Terror" Lekota as premier of the trouble-torn Free State.**

Her name will be among those to be recommended to the ANC National Executive Committee – and a decision is expected as early as Tuesday, a source has told City Press

□ The former exile – who returned home after the unbanning of political parties six years ago – is seen as a compromise candidate who is not aligned to either of the two factions which have split the ANC down the middle in the province

The appointment of Dr Matsepe-Cassaburi is likely to end two years of strife between the two factions – one supporting ousted premier Patrick "Terror" Lekota and the other backing provincial ANC chairman Pat Matosa

□ At the same time her departure from the SABC could smooth relations between the incoming board – which is expected to be announced soon – and the corporation's management  
Relations between the board headed

by Matsepe-Cassaburi and the management led by chief executive officer Zwelakhe Sisulu are reported to be strained – with management said to be accusing the board of interference

□ Matsepe-Cassaburi's appointment as premier could also placate the ANC's vocal women's constituency – which has accused the party of not living up to its declared commitment of gender equality. She would be the first woman in the country to hold such a senior position in provincial government

□ Labour Minister Tito Mboweni, who heads a powerful five-man task team charged with helping to run the province, said many names had been suggested for the premiership

□ The ANC was initially expected to appoint MEC for economic affairs Tate Makgoe – but Lekota supporters rejected him, claiming he was linked to the Matosa faction

Other names which have been bandied about are Dingane Zingile, chairman of the standing committee on finance, and SM Malebo, a national MP and a powerful figure in the Free State's southern region

□ Although Matsepe-Cassaburi is one of the country's most prominent figures, not much is known about her. She hails from Kroonstad, Lekota's birthplace, and lived abroad for about 20 years. She holds a doctorate in sociology from Rutgers in the United States

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# Mboweni cagey on Free State premier

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LABOUR Minister Tito Mboweni showered praise on SABC chairman Ivy Matsepe-Casaburri yesterday but declined to name her explicitly as the next premier of the troubled Free State legislature, saying African National Congress (ANC) "redeployments" would be known by the end of the week.

Mboweni, head of an ANC ad hoc committee established to resolve the debilitating power struggle in the Free State, said at a press conference yesterday that it was "likely" Casaburri would be redeployed to the province.

The ANC wanted to discuss national executive committee decisions with members and branches. A number of people would be resigning from the legislature and others would be taking their places.

He said there was no constitutional bar to the ANC deciding who the new members of the Free State legislature would be. The constitution allowed political parties to make a limited number of adjustments to its national and provincial candidate lists.

Mboweni said Casaburri was a person of high integrity and ability, but said was only one of several "names being bandied about".

He dismissed National Party suggestions that the fact that Casaburri's name was associated with the selection process indicated that she was not politically independent and that she should therefore resign from her SABC position.

"Just because I work for Sanlam or for Eskom does not mean that I stop being a member of the ANC," Mboweni said.

He indicated that the selection of a new premier for the province would coincide with an effort by the party to invigorate the branch structure in the province. A new membership drive had begun, he said, claiming membership had swelled from about 8 000 to 17 000 members.

## Ousted IFP leader will sue

Farouk Chothia

DURBAN — KwaZulu-Natal MP Mandla Shabalala would institute Supreme Court action by next week to challenge his expulsion from the Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP), his attorney, Robinson Manzi, said yesterday.

Manzi said the IFP had presented a "very weak" case against Shabalala at a disciplinary committee hearing. IFP secretary-general Ziba Jiyane and IFP south coast chairman Calalakubo Khawula were among witnesses who testified against Shabalala, but they had contradicted themselves in "very many respects" under cross-examination.

IFP disciplinary committee chairman Sipo Mzimela said Shabalala could exercise his democratic right to institute legal action. He believed the IFP had acted correctly. The main charge Shabalala faced was in connection with his participation in a march held in May in Durban in protest against the banning of traditional weapons. The march turned violent, leaving one person dead and several injured.

Mzimela said Shabalala had participated in the march in defiance of the party, and that the march had cost the IFP many votes in the subsequent local government elections.

Manzi said the IFP had not informed Shabalala that he was not allowed to take part in the march, staged to support carrying of traditional weapons.

# Row erupts over Free State premiership

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## Likely appointment of SABC chairman has raised a storm of protest

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Provincial Correspondent

The South African Communist Party, the Congress of SA Trade Unions and the ANC Youth League in the Free State have called for an urgent meeting between their leaders and the top six national officials of the ANC to object to the possibility of Dr Ivy Matsepe-Casaburri becoming premier of the province.

The meeting, which may include President Nelson Mandela, will be held within the next two days and comes as national leaders of the ANC Youth League travel to the province today to try to bring their provincial counterparts into line.

The three traditional allies of the ANC have threatened to elect ousted Free State premier Patrick Lekota as ANC chairman in the province and to demand he be re-appointed premier if Matsepe-Casaburri is moved to the province.

The Star can now reveal the names of the MPs who will be "redeployed" to the province by the ANC, and those MPLs who will be moved to the National Assembly.

According to impeccable sources in the Free State, those who will be deployed to the Free State are MPs Dingane Zingile, Sekhopy Malebo, Webster Mfebe

and Beatrice Marshoff

Free State public works MEC Greg Nthatisi will be sent to work for the ANC nationally, and economic affairs and finance MEC Saki Belot will go to the National Assembly together with MPLs Pat Matosa and Ace Magashule.

The moves yesterday came as Matsepe-Casaburri said she was uncertain whether she would take

up the offer of a premiership or be re-appointed as SA Broadcasting Corporation board chairman.

"Obviously, if I am reappointed to the SABC board in any capacity, I cannot and will not allow myself to be considered for the legislature," she stated.

Matsepe-Casaburri said she would consider her options once her term had expired and Mandela had made his decision on who would head the Free State.

The SACP, Cosatu and the ANC Youth League in the Free State have spoken to Deputy President

Thabo Mbeki and Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi about their objections to Matsepe-Casaburri's administering the province.

If Matsepe-Casaburri drops from the race, then safety and security MEC Papi Kganare will become frontrunner for the premier's post.

Kganare has been nominated by the ANC Youth League



Uncertain ... Dr Ivy Matsepe-Casaburri



Support ... former premier Patrick Lekota



# 'We want Terror back!'

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Protesters gathered in the Free State this week to call for the reinstatement of Terror Lekota as premier of the province. One of them spoke to **Rehana Rossouw**.

**D**ESPITE the rain and the chilly weather on Wednesday, four busloads of elderly Free State residents stood outside the provincial government offices to protest the African National Congress National Executive Committee's decision to redeploy Terror Lekota.

Their determination so moved a civil servant that he decided, in the interests of his children, to share the reasons why he has decided to protest in the same spot every day from now on.

"I am a member of the ANC, so unfortunately I cannot give you my name. If I do so, I will be breaking my organisation's ban on Free State members talking to the media and will probably have to forfeit my membership. I have not yet reached the stage where I am prepared to do so," he said.

"This really angers me. ANC membership is not something cheap, people have laid down their lives for the right to carry that membership card. Yet now the movement is using it to make us toe their line. It is a sad state of affairs.

"My worry is that the message of the general community of the Free State is not getting out to the country, it is not being reflected in the media. I am also raising these things as a concerned citizen of the Free State.

"Tensions are mounting in this province. People feel Terror should not be lost to the Free State. There are people picketing outside the provincial government buildings. I can see them from my office, and they have moved me to make this lone campaign in the media.

"You should see them, they are grannies and grandpas. It is raining and cold outside, but they are worried that they are going to lose their premier, so they are braving the rain and have come with a clear message.

**T**he ANC has tried to neutralise such protests, but they have broken their word too. The ANC was built on respect for democracy, but it has decided to redeploy Terror without consulting its branches in the Free State.

"This decision is not a democratic one. As a member I have to stand up if my organisation makes a mistake. I am hoping the ANC will also acknowledge it has made a grave error. Everybody can make mistakes.

"I am talking about a principle here. It is useless to talk about democracy if you do not stick to your principles.

"I fear for my province. Everywhere you go people are disenchanted and confused. I can't count for you how many people are unhappy with the way Terror was treated, but take my word for it, everyone is unhappy, the farmers, the civil servants, everyone.

"The civil servants will now be protesting every lunchtime. I will be joining them as well. Every day.

"What do we want? It doesn't matter if the ANC doesn't overturn its deci-



**Ngoako Ramatlhodi: Corruption in the province was 'certainly not his creation'** PHOTOGRAPH ANDREW MOHAMED



**Peter Mokaba: Will not come to the province if it means the ANC will be divided** PHOTOGRAPH RUTH MOTAU

## Challenge begins for premiership

### Rehana Rossouw

**D**EPUTY Environment Affairs and Tourism Minister Peter Mokaba's bid for the leadership of the African National Congress in the Northern Province will be discussed by a high-level ANC National Executive Committee delegation (NEC) to the province this weekend.

This week Mokaba confirmed that he was available for the position of ANC Northern Province chair and would challenge the incumbent, Premier Ngoako Ramatlhodi.

Mokaba has been nominated by the Northern Province ANC Youth League (ANCYL), which is lobbying the ANC NEC to make him available to stand for the election at the provincial conference starting on Thursday.

Mokaba is a member of an NEC sub-committee established to assist the Northern Province. Other members who will travel there this weekend to discuss conference issues are Sydney Mufamadi, Mavivi Myakayaka-Manzini and Charles Nqakula.

ANCYL chair Joe Maswanganyi said Mokaba's name had been forwarded for nomination by its regional structures. He would not be drawn on why the league was not backing Ramatlhodi's re-election bid, but said it had no "political problems" with the premier.

He said the ANCYL did not believe an opportunity would be created for a power struggle if the ANC chairman and the premier were not the same person.

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sion to redeploy Terror, as long as people know that he was respected. I am not against Ivy [Matsepe-Cassaburi, who has been mooted by the ANC as the new premier for the Free State]. I respect her as a person, but I want people to know that Terror is a victim.

"He was the new broom that was sweeping our province clean. That

"We will finalise our nominations for the provincial executive committee this weekend at a Youth League conference and after a meeting between NEC members and ourselves," Maswanganyi said.

ANC Northern Province representative Ian Madikoto said the organisation was concerned about a possible power struggle if the positions of premier and ANC chair were held by separate people, but was reassured by a statement Mokaba had made saying he would not come to the province if it meant the ANC would be divided.

"A separate person in the ANC chair and premier will pave the way for power blocs to emerge."

**'What we have learnt in recent weeks is that a handful of people can create a big noise'**

Madikoto said the ANC and Ramatlhodi upheld the right of any person to contest any position in the organisation: "The premier does not own the position, and he is not going to contest the position on the pages of newspapers. At conference the Youth League only commands 10% of the votes, so we cannot understand why so much weight is attached to their candidates.

"Since our last elections we have had to function with an absentee secretary which has had a devastating effect on the organisation. There is

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was the mandate he was given. Now he is a victim because he followed that mandate.

"This is my small campaign. The media is supposed to be watchdogs. Please, I beg of you, watch closely what is happening in the Free State. Say loud and clear that there are people who are unhappy with the situation.

nothing about the position of chairperson which lends itself to such a power struggle as we are now seeing.

"But what we have learnt in recent weeks is that a handful of people can create a big noise."

Northern Province MEC for Transport, Freedom Front member Johan Kriek, said his experience of Ramatlhodi was that "he is an intelligent person capable of providing excellent leadership for this province. Perhaps he is too much of a moderate and that is why people want to replace him."

Kriek said he was perturbed about who the "someone else" was. He said his only recollection of Mokaba was that he was the prime source of the "kill the farmer, kill the boer" slogan.

"Perhaps he has changed, perhaps he hasn't shouted that slogan for years. One cannot say that a person who was a radical before 1994 is still a radical, but that is how I remember him.

"What concerns me more than whether the new chair is a radical or a moderate is the threat this poses for division. While it is not my place to interfere in ANC affairs, I certainly don't want to see a similar position to what happened in the Free State where the ruling party was deeply divided.

"The Freedom Front is not interested in taking control of the Northern Province government, we just want things to work smoothly, and right now they are."

Kriek said while there was corruption in the province, it was not crippling the government and was certainly not Ramatlhodi's creation.

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"We are all going to be judged by history, myself included. I will know that I was outside the provincial government offices, picketing every day.

"But please, I want to show this newspaper article to my children one day so that they can know I spoke out when I saw this terrible injustice. That's all I want."

**COMPROMISE CANDIDATE**

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 Despite a groundswell of all-party support in the Free State for Patrick Lekota to be reinstated as premier, the idea is "out of the question," says Labour Minister Tito Mboweni

Mboweni heads a special ANC committee charged with resolving the party split in the province, which culminated in the leadership's November 4 decision to prevail on Lekota and his executive committee to resign

His comments at a news briefing this week were generally interpreted as backing the candidacy of SABC chairman Ivy Matsepe-Casaburri as premier

Matsepe-Casaburri, like the other candidates for the premiership, hails from the province. She said this week the only certain thing in her life is that her term at the SABC ends on November 30. In a statement, she said she did not know whether she would be re-elected to the SABC board or as Free State premier — though she had earlier "reluctantly" agreed to be reconsidered for another term with the broadcaster

Leaving her options open, she said "Obviously, if I am reappointed to the SABC board in any capacity, I cannot and will not allow myself to be considered for the legislature"

The other front-runners for the Free State job are the chairman of parliament's portfolio committee on finance, Zingele Dingani, and ANC MP Sekhuph Malebo. Another contender is thought to be former unionist and incumbent safety and security MEC Papi Kganare

Surveying the names, one ANC member says that, as Matsepe-Casaburri is a woman and given the ANC's gender awareness, her appointment as SA's first woman premier would make "a good precedent"

However, the ANC's preferred choice is to be announced formally this Friday, following a round of intensive briefings by Mboweni and his team to ANC structures in the province, including Cosatu, the SA Communist Party, the ANC Youth League and ANC members of the Free State legislature who ultimately must elect a new premier

Discussions on their redeployment to parliament or in the ANC have also been held with the personalities directly involved in the provincial party squab-

bling, including Free State ANC chairman Pat Matosa and transport MEC Ace Magashule, who are scarcely on speaking terms with Lekota since he launched

a devastating attack on their probity in a recent radio interview

In the Free State this week, taxi drivers demonstrated in support of Lekota by blockading the legislature in Bloemfontein. The local taxi forum issued a warning that "blood will flow" if Lekota is removed

Dalina Musgrave, head of a recently formed Cross Roads Democratic Movement, which is not ANC or party aligned, planned to hold peaceful demonstrations this week in support of

Lekota. These will, it seems, have little effect — just as the group's urgent letter of appeal to President Nelson Mandela

has so far drawn no response. The group subsequently issued a statement in which it charges that the Free State is "being governed from Shell House" (the ANC's headquarters), that Lekota is the "most popular of all the premiers," and demanding to know why he was relieved of the post

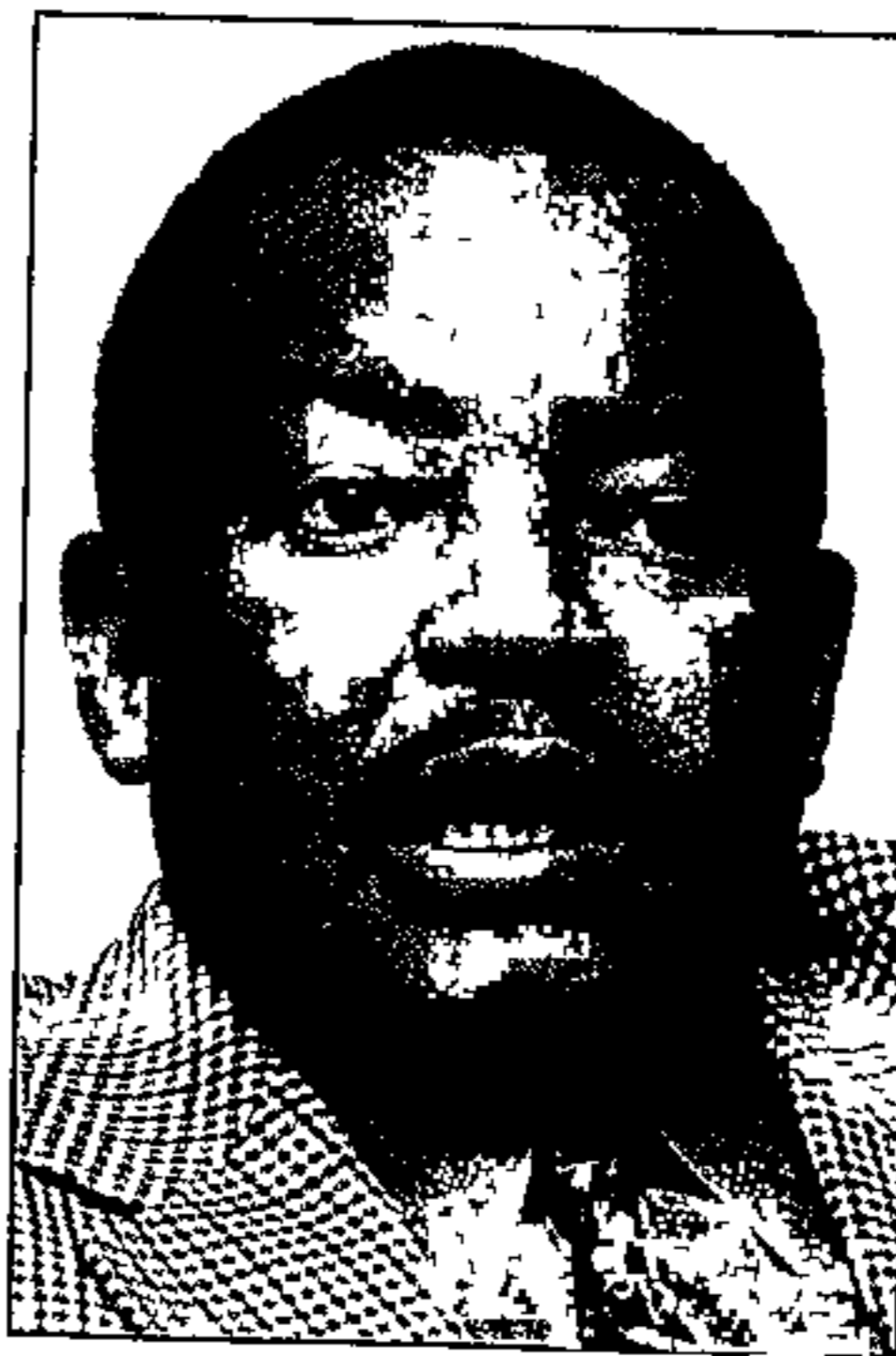
For his part, Lekota, who could emerge as leader of the House of Provinces (to replace the Senate) next year, or, rumours suggest, be appointed to the Cabinet as Housing Minister, distances himself from the

support groups

He accepts the ANC's decisions concerning the province and has reiterated that he is a "disciplined member of the ANC" ■



**Ivy Matsepe-Casaburri**



**Patrick Lekota**

# Mandibasa steps in to dole out the fire

BY WALLY MBHELE

**PRESIDENT Nelson Mandela is expected to face strong opposition today when he meets with Free State leaders in a last-ditch effort to have the outgoing SABC chairperson, Dr Ivy Matsepe-Casaburri, accepted as new provincial premier.**

So sensitive are the problems in the province that Labour Minister Tito Mboweni - tasked with resolving the problems - and ANC spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa have denied that Mandela would be visiting the region. In spite of their denials, some ANC leaders in the province have confirmed that Mandela will be addressing them. The province's ten regions are said to be closing ranks in the face of a determined bid by the ANC national leadership to instal Matsepe-Casaburri.

□ In a bizarre twist of events the warring Free State factions which precipitated the present crisis in the region are now reportedly united in opposing

the appointment of the new premier.

City Press understands that opposition to Matsepe-Casaburri's appointment stems from the feeling that the ANC Task Team - under Mboweni - has reneged on an earlier agreement to involve provincial structures in appointing a new premier.

□ Mboweni yesterday conceded that this had been an initial agreement. But he said the process had been reconsidered because of the "abnormal" and chaotic situation in the province - and the National Executive Committee had been given the prerogative to decide on the matter.

□ As tensions rose in the Free State this week, taxi drivers besieged the legislature's offices demanding Lekota's reinstatement as premier.

Earlier, the provincial leadership of Cosatu, the South African Communist Party, the ANC Youth League and Sango had objected to Matsepe-Casaburri's nomination, but they were later persuaded to review their stance.

The high-powered Task Team comprising Mboweni, Deputy Intelligence Minister Joe Nhlanhla, ANC Youth League president Malusi Gigaba and MPs Tony Yengeni and Limpopo Hani seems to have failed to normalise the situation and pave the way for the in-

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statement of a new administration. □ It is against this background of unresolved problems that it was felt that Mandela's personal intervention might help persuade provincial structures to accept the "new order".

□ One source told City Press that opposition to Matsepe-Casaburri was based purely on the "principle used in the process of selecting the name".

Provincial leaders argue that in terms of an agreement and the minutes of the National Executive Committee, branches were to take part directly in the nomination of a new candidate for the premiership. However, they argue that Casaburri-Matsepe's name was certainly not among any

of the names suggested by the branches

"Things are getting out of order here - to the extent where you ask yourself whether the leadership is really serious or not," one regional chairman said yesterday.

He said some parliamentarians had already expressed unease at having to work with Matsepe-Casaburri and this "could further compound the problems in the province".

"In terms of the agreement reached with the structures, the responsibility to nominate a new candidate was going to include the grassroots structures," he said. "We were made to understand everybody would be taken on board. We agreed that we would wholeheartedly support that decision."

□ Another official said "We went out to convince the branches to support that deci-

sion, on the solemn belief that they would be consulted. But now that agreement - written in black and white - has been undermined."

□ Among other accusations, the NEC is said to have promised the National Normations Committee would forward nomination forms to the branches, but this was not done.

□ In response, Mboweni told City Press yesterday that his team was not consulting "the structures about Ivy but about the process of reorganising the ANC and the legislature".

"For all intents and purposes, I'm assuming that Ivy is going to be deployed in the Free State legislature. We have now reached a point where we'll begin to implement the redeployment processes," said Mboweni.

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## SANCO SLAMS ANC HANDLING OF CRISIS

# Free State protests mount

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**BLOEMFONTEIN:** The SA National Civics Organisation has urged the Free State provincial legislature not to accept Dr Ivy Matsepe-Casaburri's appointment as a member.

**P**ROTESTS against Mr Patrick Lekota's removal as Free State premier and plans to replace him with outgoing SABC board chairperson Dr Ivy Matsepe-Casaburri are gaining momentum.

Latest to join the protest is the southern Free State branch of the SA National Civics Organisation (Sanco), which has handed a memorandum to the ANC task team dealing with the Free State crisis.

The memorandum details Sanco's objections to the way the ANC has handled the crisis.

Its treasurer-general, Mr Andrew Mantshiyane, said Sanco was opposed to any move by the ANC national leadership to impose a new premier on the Free State.

He urged members of the provincial legislature not to accept the ANC task team's proposal that they agree to Matsepe-Casaburri's appointment to the legislature and later as premier.

"We urge the ANC national leadership to stop its authoritarian attitude in dealing with the Lekota and Free State matter," Mantshiyane said.

"When Lekota was appointed premier of the province, the whole structure and the community were consulted. Now the same democratic procedure is being ignored and

we are not happy at all."

Mantshiyane asked the ANC national leadership to investigate all allegations of corruption against certain members of the provincial government and legislature.

He said Free State people would not accept the imposition of a new premier.

"We are not against any person, including Matsepe-Casaburri, being appointed premier or caretaker leader. We are only opposed to the whole issue being handled by the national leadership."

Supporters of Lekota staged protests yesterday. They carried placards objecting to his redeployment and opposing Matsepe-Casaburri's being appointed to replace him.

Sunday newspapers said President Nelson Mandela would face strong opposition when he met provincial leaders yesterday in a last-ditch effort to have Matsepe-Casaburri accepted as the new premier.

It was reported that the Free State's 10 regions were closing ranks in the face of a determined bid by the ANC national leadership to install Matsepe-Casaburri.

Opposition to her appointment apparently stems from the feeling that the ANC task team, led by

## Matsepe-Casaburri sole candidate for premier

**BLOEMFONTEIN:** Outgoing SABC board chairperson Dr Ivy Matsepe-Casaburri is the only candidate submitted by the ANC in the Free State for the premiership of the province.

Her redeployment to the provincial legislature and nomination for the premiership was accepted unanimously at a meeting here yesterday called by the ANC national executive committee (NEC) task team led by Labour Minister Mr Tito Mboweni.

The meeting was attended by members of the provincial legislature, ANC members being redeployed in the province, regional chairpersons, secretaries of ANC regions and national organisers.

ANC spokesman Mr Ronnie Mamoepa said the meeting had discussed political develop-

ments and the ANC's programme of action for the province.

"The meeting confirmed the NEC decisions on the Free State and unanimously agreed to confirm the redeployment process. It also agreed to rally behind and nominate Dr Ivy Matsepe-Casaburri as premier candidate of the Free State."

Mamoepa said the ANC caucus would put forward Matsepe-Casaburri's name for the premiership when the legislature reconvened.

According to the list of redeployments, former Free State premier Mr Patrick Lekota is to join the Senate.

Mamoepa said the meeting called on ANC members, alliance structures and Free State people to support unequivocally the decisions taken. — Sapa

Labour Minister Mr Tito Mboweni, reneged on an earlier agreement to involve all provincial structures in appointing a new premier.

"The process has been reconsidered because of the abnormal and

chaotic situation in the province," Mboweni was quoted as saying.

"The (ANC) national executive committee has been given the prerogative to decide on the matter" — Sapa

## ANC 'will back Matsepe-Casaburri fully'

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JOHANNESBURG. The African National Congress is confident that Dr Ivy Matsepe-Casaburri will carry out her duties diligently if she is appointed premier of the Free State, the organisation's task team appointed to deal with the province's problems said yesterday.

Team leader Mr Tito Mboweni said he was confident Matsepe-Casaburri's track record and experience would enable her to discharge her duties "with diligence".

Mboweni said the task team had already begun laying a foundation for

Matsepe-Casaburri and the new Free State executive council to restore good governance in the province.

"We will not just dump Ivy and her new executive council. We will make sure that they are supported throughout to ensure no mishaps occur."

ANC Youth League secretary-general Ms Fibi Potgieter said Matsepe-Casaburri's appointment would benefit the youth in the province because of her advocacy of youth development and her interest in education. — Sapa

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# Court blocks ANC nomination for top Free State post

ADRIAN HADLAND  
OF THE CORRESPONDENT

Johannesburg - The Supreme Court in Bloemfontein has blocked the African National Congress nomination of former SABC board chairwoman Ivy Matsepe-Casaburri as the only candidate to replace Free State premier Patrick Lekota.

The challenge, launched by an ordinary party member, caused tensions within the Free State ANC to rise to the surface.

With the ANC still awaiting the official resignation of Mr "Terror" Lekota and his provincial cabinet, yesterday's move by the court has once more thrown the

province into a state of confusion

Labour Minister and chairperson of the Free State interim committee Tito Mboweni confirmed that a 60-year-old street committee member of the ANC, Edmund Qhali, had succeeded in obtaining an urgent interdict preventing Ms Matsepe-Casaburri's sole candidacy for the post. But Mr Mboweni said the court action would not result in the reinstatement of Mr Lekota as premier.

"The national executive committee's decisions regarding Terror are known and firm. It is out of the question that he is not resigning," Mr Mboweni said.

Mr Lekota would be redeployed in the National Assembly in Cape Town next

year as planned, he added

According to court papers, Mr Lekota's resignation together with that of his cabinet, the appointment of an interim committee to run the affairs of the ANC in the province, the redeployment of some current members of the Free State legislature and the election of a new premier are not in dispute.

Instead, Mr Qhali has asked that the decision of the ANC's interim committee that Ms Matsepe-Casaburri be the only candidate be set aside and that the ANC be ordered to pay the costs.

The move is thought to mean that a second candidate could be proposed from within the ANC's ranks, though this is

unlikely to succeed

Mr Mboweni said there was nothing preventing other parties from nominating their own candidates.

As the ANC had an overwhelming majority in the Free State legislature, this is unlikely to make any difference.

In a gazette issued yesterday, Ms Matsepe-Casaburri's appointment as a member of the Free State legislature, along with several other redeployed members, became official.

Mr Mboweni said the ANC would be challenging the interdict on Monday or Tuesday. The party was confident it would

## ANC nomination for top Free State post blocked

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The initial report concluded that while irregularities had occurred within the corporation, there had been no evidence of personal gain or enrichment applying to either the minister responsible, Ace Magashule, or to his staff.

Mr Goldhawk informed Mr Mboweni that new information had come to light that had forced him to change his conclusions.

"Now he has new evidence that there has been personal enrichment," Mr Mboweni said.

He said that while this did not necessarily implicate Mr Magashule, it did appear to implicate members of his staff.

The ANC would await a report from the Attorney-General's office on the matter, which is due out this week, before deciding what action to take, Mr Mboweni said.

The ANC would be conducting investigations into every department of the Free State government to determine whether other incidents of abuse and corruption existed, he added.

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be over-turned and that the plans for Ms Matsepe-Casaburri's appointment would continue as scheduled, he added.

The court application lists Mr Qhali as a resident of Rocklands in Bloemfontein and a member of one of the party's street committees.

Mr Mboweni said the process of resignations, where each of the cabinet members must forward letters of resignation to the premier's office, was proceeding and was expected to be completed by yesterday afternoon.

"The decision of the court does not in any way interfere with these processes," he said. The ANC has until January 23 to respond to the interdict.

In a separate development, Mr Mboweni announced that further information had been obtained regarding claims of corruption in the Free State Development Corporation.

A report into the allegations was issued last week by a commission of inquiry headed by Peter Goldhawk.

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# New crisis in Free State as Ivy challenged

By ADRIAN HADLAND

Tension within the ANC in the Free State surfaced spectacularly yesterday when a party member launched a Supreme Court challenge to the appointment of Ivy Matsepe-Casaburri as the province's next premier.

With the party still awaiting the official resignation of premier Patrick Lekota and his provincial cabinet, the move has once more thrown the province into confusion.

Labour Minister and Free State interim committee chairman Tito Mboweni said last night that Edmund Qhali (60), a member of a street committee, had obtained an urgent interdict preventing Matsepe-Casaburri's sole candidacy for the post.

However, the court action would not result in the reinstatement of Lekota as premier. "The national executive committee's decisions on Terror (Lekota) are known and firm. It is out of the question that he is not resigning." He would be redeployed at the National Assembly in Cape Town as planned, Mboweni said.

According to court papers, the resignations of Lekota and his cabinet, the appointment of an interim committee to run party affairs in the province, the

redeployment of legislature members and the election of a new premier were not in dispute. Instead, Qhali asked for the interim committee's decision that Matsepe-Casaburri should be the only candidate to be set aside.

The move was thought to mean that a second candidate could be proposed from within the ANC's ranks, though this was unlikely to succeed.

Mboweni said the court's decision to issue the interdict was based on insufficient information. The ANC's provincial caucus, not the interim committee, had decided to adopt Matsepe-Casaburri as the sole candidate. There was nothing preventing other parties from nominating candidates, he said.

In a gazette issued yesterday, Matsepe-Casaburri's appointment as a member of the Free State legislature was made official, enabling her to stand for the post of premier at a special session on Wednesday.

Mboweni said the ANC would challenge the interdict on Monday or Tuesday. The party was confident it would be overturned and Matsepe-Casaburri would be appointed. Cabinet members were expected to forward their resignations to the premier's

office by last night, he said.

"The decision of the court does not in any way interfere with these processes."

The ANC has until January 23 to respond to the interdict.

In a separate development, Mboweni said he had fresh information on claims of corruption in the Free State Development Corporation. A report on the allegations was issued last week by a commission of inquiry headed by Peter Goldhawk.

The initial report concluded that while irregularities had occurred within the corporation, there had been no evidence that they had enriched the MEC responsible - Ace Magashule - or his staff.

Goldhawk told Mboweni that new information had forced him to change his conclusions.

Mboweni said that while this did not necessarily implicate Magashule, it did appear to implicate his staff. The ANC was waiting for a report from the attorney-general's office before deciding on a course of action.

Meanwhile, the national executive committee's decision to redeploy Magashule to the National Assembly stood.

Every department in the province would be investigated for corruption, Mboweni said.

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National leadership feels the heat of tense we

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By RAY HARTLEY Political Correspondent

FREE State Premier Patrick "Terror" Lekota last night confirmed he would quit his post as promised, despite failing to meet the ANC's deadline for his resignation.

He told the Sunday Times "There's no question of a rethink about it I gave my commitment and I am sticking to it"

Lekota's statement ended a day of high drama, during which anxious ANC officials feared he had changed his mind and decided not to throw in the towel

Lekota's failure to meet Friday night's deadline followed a Supreme Court ruling that the ANC's nomination of Dr Ivy Matsepe-Casaburri as his replacement was not consistent with its constitution Lekota and his provincial



rivals, Ace Magashule and Pat Matosa, had agreed to resign and move to the national Parliament after their leadership feud had debilitated the provincial government

But by Friday Lekota was the only one who had not yet quit

ANC officials feared the worst when they were unable to contact Lekota yesterday morning There had been no explanation for the premier's failure to meet the deadline until he spoke to Labour Minister Tito Mboweni later in the day

Mboweni, who heads the ANC's Free State crisis committee, granted Lekota permission to speak to the Sunday Times last night.

Lekota said he had missed the deadline because "I was made to understand that the resignations would be effective on the 17th, so I thought I had until Tuesday"

ANC spokesman Ronnie

## Lekota explains why he missed resignation deadline after day of high drama in the Free State

Mamoepa said last night he was confident Lekota would keep his promise

The latest crisis follows a week of battles between the ANC's central structures and provincial leaders In the past 10 days

● Northern Province Premier Ngoako Ramatlhodi was ousted as provincial chairman in defiance of the national leadership,

● Eastern Cape Premier Raymond Mhlaba announced his resignation amid pressure from the ANC, and

● Kwazulu Natal militant Sifiso Nkabinde defied an order from the ANC's national leadership not to contest the post of secretary general in the province

Mboweni said "He (Lekota) is very clear that the national executive committee's decisions have to be complied with The letters will be in and he's going to fax a copy to my flat"

The Supreme Court ruled in favour of an application by an ANC member, Edmund Qhali of Rocklands in Bloemfontein, for an interdict preventing Lekota's replacement by Matsepe-Casaburri Qhali was awarded costs

The ruling represents the first successful application by an ANC member against his organisation It also reflects the extent of unhappiness among the party's Free State membership with the national ANC

Mboweni said the ANC was confident that the court would reverse the decision "The NEC, being the decision-making body between conferences, can make decisions and issue instructions"

the election and sent Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi there to ensure Ramatlhodi was elected

But the province defiantly elected the little-known George Mashamba as chairman

In Kwazulu Natal, the ANC's national leadership is said to have confronted Nkabinde with evidence of his involvement in orchestrated violence and demanded that he stand down

Nkabinde defied the leadership but lost the election, much to the relief of the national leadership, which would have had to intervene to head off potentially embarrassing disclosures about him at the truth commission

Matsepe-Casaburri was nominated by ANC members of the Free State Legislature and regional executive, and NEC members deployed to the province, he said

Despite Lekota's confirmation that he will resign, ANC insiders in the province say a "Northern Province revolt" is possible when the Free State elects a new chairman next month

One ANC member in the province said "If there is one thing that unites both Lekota's faction and Matosa's faction, it is a disenchantment with the imposition of Matsepe-Casaburri"

In the Northern Province, Ramatlhodi was ousted despite a series of interventions by the national leadership — including President Nelson Mandela

Mandela refused to allow Deputy Tourism and Environmental Affairs Minister Peter Mokaba to contest



# Lekota steps down

By Joe Mdhlela  
Political Reporter

**F**REE STATE premier Mf Patrick "Terror" Lekota has relinquished his position, thus opening the way for Dr Ivy Masepe-Casaburri to be elected to the premiership of the province.

Thus was confirmed yesterday by Labour Minister Tito Mboweni, who said Lekota had tendered his resignation to the African National Congress on Saturday.

Lekota is to be redeployed in the Senate after the ANC decided to remove him and other MPs to end a power struggle within the party in the province.

Masepe-Casaburri is the sole

ANC nominee for the position of premier.

Following political tensions in the province, the national executive committee of the ANC ruled last month that Lekota and his MECs should step down.

The NEC also took a decision that the ANC provincial executive committee should resign and that the interim committee headed by Mboweni be in charge of the redeployment process and thereby ensure that the NEC recommendations were implemented.

ANC spokesman Mr Ronnie Mamoepa yesterday also confirmed that Lekota had tendered his resignation and that all other provincial MECs would resign in keeping with

the organisation's instruction.

However, Mamoepa said Lekota's resignation, and those of the MECs, would only come into effect tomorrow.

Masepe-Casaburri is expected to be the only candidate to stand for the premier's post at a special session scheduled for the Free State Legislature on Wednesday.

Mamoepa said Lekota was supportive of attempts by the ANC to implement the NEC's decisions regarding the Free State.

"The premier is fully committed to the process as charted by the national executive committee and ANC structures in the province," Mamoepa said.

He said Mboweni had had discus-

sions with Lekota and his MECs on the issue of implementing the NEC's decision to redeploy them.

"The ANC extends its gratitude to the premier, his MECs and all the comrades being deployed, and we express our trust that they will distinguish themselves in their new areas of deployment," Mamoepa said.

Turning to the Bloemfontein Supreme Court's temporary interdict effectively frustrating the ANC's nomination of Masepe-Casaburri, Mamoepa said, "We respect the court's decision. However, we believe the court's decision was based on insufficient information."

The interim interdict was filed with the court against the ANC's nomination of Masepe-Casaburri as

Lekota's replacement. The application holds that the appointment is not consistent with the ANC's constitution. The return date is January 23.

Mamoepa said whereas the court was given to understand that Masepe-Casaburri was nominated by the interim committee, the truth was that it was the ANC's provincial caucus that did so.

He said he was confident that the court, given the true facts, would arrive at a different view when the ANC challenges its initial decision.

In an interview with SABC television, President Nelson Mandela said "It is only when that order has been made final that we can attach real importance to it. As a temporary order, it has no real significance."

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# Terror takes his time but finally quits

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POLITICAL STAFF AND SABA

Ousted Free State Premier Terror Lekota tendered his resignation from his post at the weekend, clearing the way for the election of Ivy Matsepe-Casaburri as premier on Wednesday, ANC spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said yesterday.

Lekota is to be redeployed in the senate after the ANC decided to remove him and other MPLs to end a power struggle within the party in the province.

Mamoepa said miscommunication between the ANC chief whip and the secretary of the legislature brought about uncertainty regarding the timing of the resignations of Lekota and all his MECs.

He said interim committee chairman Tito Mboweni had over the past few days held discussions with Lekota and his MECs in the "cause of implementation of national executive committee decisions on the Free State".

Mamoepa said the ANC did not expect there would be any opposition to Matsepe-Casaburri's election.

Lekota had thrown the ANC's plans for the troubled province into turmoil when he failed to submit his resignation by the Friday deadline imposed by the organisation. The turmoil was compounded by a decision last week by the Bloemfontein Supreme Court which held that the dismissal was not consistent with the ANC's constitution.

President Mandela said at the weekend that the court order blocking the nomination by the ANC of Matsepe-Casaburri as their sole candidate to replace Lekota was of no real significance.

"It is only when that order has been made final that we can attach real importance to it."

As a temporary order, it has no real significance, Mandela said.

He said the ANC would challenge the temporary injunction.

The injunction was granted on Friday on the basis of an urgent application by street committee member Edmund Qhali, a resident of Rocklands in the Bloemfontein area.

Mandela said he was confident of the outcome at the return hearing of the matter.

The return date was set for January 23, but the matter can in the interim be brought forward on 12-hours' notice.

# Free State ANC 'supports' Casaburri

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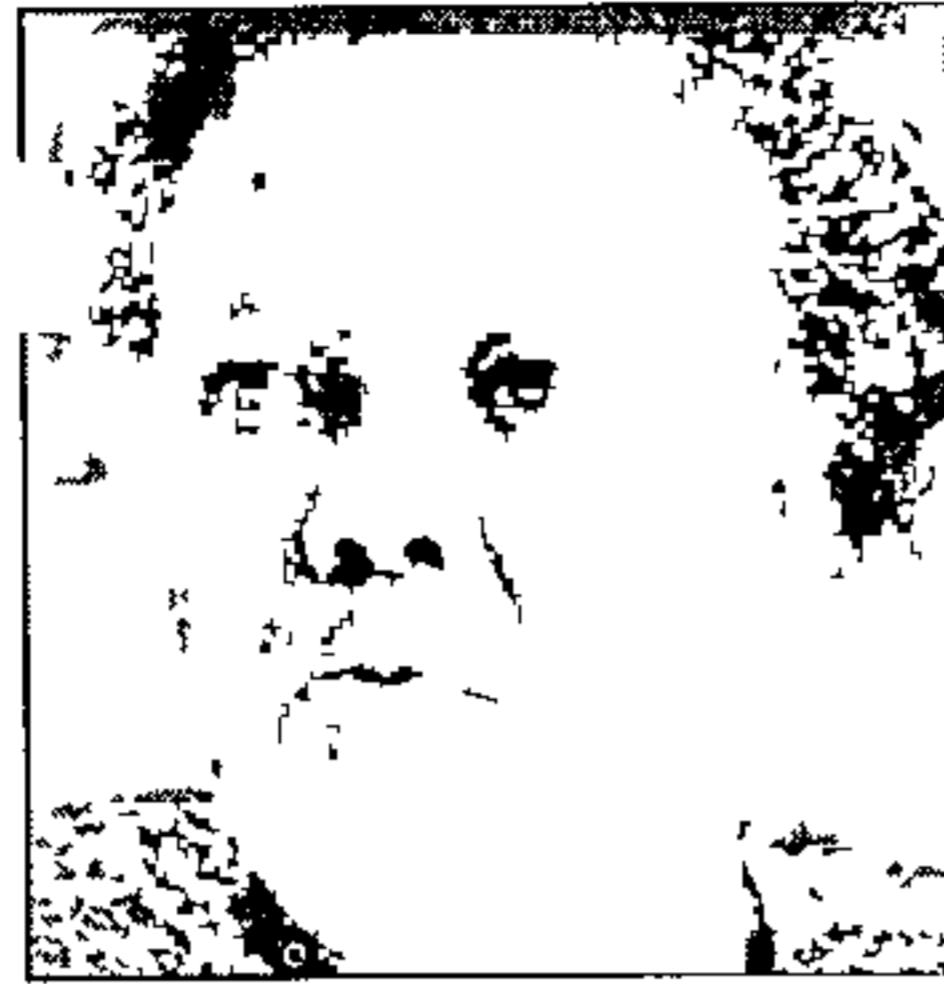
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**BLOEMFONTEIN.** The leadership of the ANC in the Free State has pledged its support for the newly elected provincial Premier Dr Ivy Matsepe-Casaburri

ANC provincial chairman Mr Pat Matosa and his deputy, Mr Ace Magashule, whose misunderstandings with former Premier Mr Patrick "Terror" Lekota led to the destabilisation of the province, said they were ready to mobilise grassroots support for the new premier

"The new premier will get real political support inside and outside the provincial parliament," Matosa said

He said local ANC leaders and members did not consider Matsepe-Casaburri as an imposition of the ANC national leadership "It would be wrong to say that she's an imposition because members of the ANC were informed about the



**PREMIER:** Dr Matsepe-Casaburri

ANC decision. People were given platforms to question the decision and voice their opinions. The nomination of the new premier received wide support

"When the ANC leadership has made a call, we as loyal and disciplined ANC members are duty-bound to conduct mass mobilisation for the support of that deci-

sion. Our personal feelings must be set aside. We cannot conduct our struggle through feelings. We have a new situation and every member of the ANC is duty-bound to make sure that it succeeds," Matosa said

Magashule, the man who at one stage was tipped to take over the premiership, declared himself a happy man. "There are no ill-feelings because real members of the ANC understand and have accepted the new process. Those who don't understand are not ANC members. We will strive to help them understand."

Magashule said the ANC leadership would ensure that stability returns to a province which for months has been bedevilled by political infighting in the ANC

Magashule and Matosa conceded that smooth working relations between Matsepe-Casaburri and the ANC leadership was crucial for the ANC in the province, which

intends to use the last 28 months before the next elections to consolidate the "gains we have made". The National Party has also expressed its support

Meanwhile, Matsepe-Casaburri has called for unity within the province and committed herself towards the upliftment of the disadvantaged communities

She was inducted yesterday after the Supreme Court discharged a temporary interdict in which Rocklands resident Mr Edmund Qhali objected to her nomination and the redeployment of Lekota to the National Council of Provinces

The former SABC board chairperson defeated the leader of the NP in the Free State, Mr I Aucamp, by 24 to 4 votes

There was deafening applause and a standing ovation in the Free State legislature after Matsepe-Casaburri was pronounced Lekota's replacement

# ANC Free State caucus throws its weight behind Matsese-

Stephen Lauler

**BLOEMFONTEIN** — The African National Congress (ANC) caucus in the Free State legislature threw its weight behind former SA Broadcasting Corporation chairman Ivy Matsese-Casaburri yesterday, unanimously electing her provincial premier following a court decision dismissing a legal challenge to her candidacy.

Matsese-Casaburri received 24 votes — equal to the number of ANC members of the legislature.

The only dissenting votes came from the National Party (NP) The Freedom Front boycotted the session.

Matsese-Casaburri's election was greeted by rhythmic clapping, whistling and shouts of encouragement from legislature members and the public. Several senior ANC leaders were also present, including the ANC's interim provincial management committee chairman, Labour Minister Tito Mboweni, Speaker of Parliament Frene Ginwala, Public Works Minister Jeff Radebe, MP Lampho Hami, Deputy

Intelligence Minister Joe Nhlanhla and Deputy Agriculture Minister Thoko Didiiza.

The NP's four-member caucus voted for the party's provincial chairman, former MBC Inus Aucamp, who was the only other candidate for the position of premier.

Congratulating his rival on her election, Aucamp said this had been a "heavy year in the political arena" for the Free State, "with many uncertain months", but he was encouraged by Matsese-Casaburri's positive attitude

Aucamp said his party would work with the new premier if her policies were in the interests of the Free State and in line with those of the NP. Earlier the NP said Matsese-Casaburri's candidacy had been forced on the Free State by people from outside the province.

She had no knowledge or experience of government and represented a dangerous party which was out of touch with the needs of Free Staters.

The Freedom Front, which has two seats in the legislature, boycotted the

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ing premier Patrick Lekota and his inner-party opponents for the "dignity and respect" they had shown her throughout "a difficult period for all of us" leading up to her nomination. Her election marked "a triumph of the human spirit and a willingness to define and redefine ourselves".

Calling on all parties to assist in the transformation and development of the Free State, she said "people cannot discover new oceans without the courage to lose sight of the shore".

Later, Matsese-Casaburri said she and the caucus needed time to size each other up before the new executive council was named.

Mboweni said he was extremely pleased with the court decision, which

had vindicated the ANC view that it had operated within the law and the spirit of the party's constitution.

Sapa reports that the Free State Supreme Court discharged, with costs, the urgent interim interdict that called for review and setting aside of the ANC decisions on the resignation and redeployment of premier Patrick Lekota, his executive committee and certain officials of the party, and on the nomination of Matsese-Casaburri.

The interdict was discharged by Judge AP Beckley on the grounds of lack of urgency.

Advocate P Geldenhuys, counsel for the applicant Edmund Qhali said after the case that it was only the interim interdict that had been discharged and that the review application still stood.

Both Geldenhuys and advocate D Berger, for the ANC, emphasised that the judge had not dealt with the merits of the application in his judgment.

sitting and the election pending a decision on whether to challenge the ANC's nomination of Matsese-Casaburri in the Constitutional Court. Party leader Abrie Oosthuizen said the front did not believe the ANC had acted in line with the national constitution in sending her to the Free State.

A final decision on a constitutional challenge would be taken after consultation with lawyers.

Matsese-Casaburri thanked outgoing

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# An ordinary man's five minutes of fame

The conclusion of the Free State leadership struggle this week left the old man who challenged the ANC in court with little but daunting legal bills, writes RAY HARTLEY

**WEARING** a wide-brimmed straw hat and two shirts, 82-year-old Edmund Qhali cut an eccentric figure outside his one-roomed house in Rocklands outside Bloemfontein.

Ten days ago, he was just another resident of the neat township, sitting in his front yard watching the soccer crowds come and go from the stadium across the road.

Then he took political centre stage, successfully persuading a Supreme Court judge to interdict the ANC against appointing Ivy Masepe-Casaburri as Free State premier in place of Patrick "Terator" Lekota.

That was last week, on Friday 13. This week, Qhali's luck ran out and the application was discharged with costs by Mr Justice A P Beckley.

In court on Wednesday, Qhali cut a lonely figure behind his advocate, Pieter Geldenhuis. To his right on a raised central platform sat his supporters, some of them wearing ANC badges.

When the case was over, they streamed out of the court room and mounted an impromptu protest at the judge's findings, clustering around television cameras and radio microphones on the court steps.

The question on the lips of the lawyers, the journalists and some members of the ANC was how Qhali would pay the R30 000 or so in fees he now owed his legal team.

Qhali's answer was unconvinc-

ing. Gesturing towards his assembled supporters, he said "These are my children, they will help me."

Even if the 30 or so people on the court steps were prepared to pay, it would be difficult to see how they would be able to afford R1 000 each.

Also on the steps, in a crisp white shirt, was the man whose factional fight with Lekota had led to all the trouble, Pat Matosa.

Matosa — who the ANC had transferred to the national Parliament along with his ally Ace Magashule and Lekota after no way of resolving the conflict could be found — went out of his way to be a loyal defender of the organisation.

He engaged in a loud debate with Qhali's supporters. "We are mobilising the ANC behind Ivy Masepe-Casaburri. We'll defend Ivy, she will be premier until 1999," he shouted.

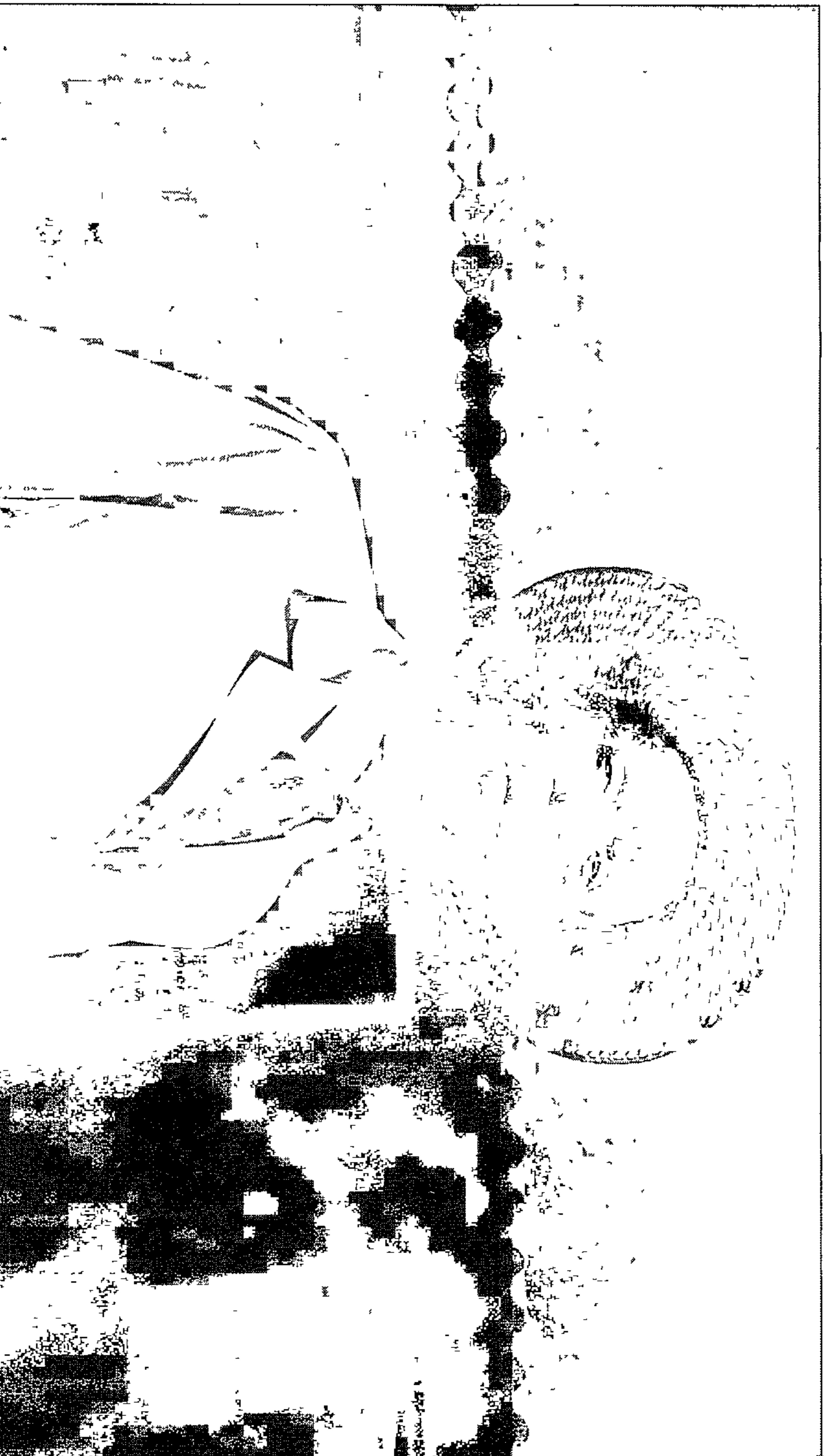
When the crowd asked him how he knew Lekota had not been forced to leave by the ANC's national leadership, Matosa replied "I was in Shell House with comrade Terror. He was present on the 10th floor when this decision was made."

As Matosa displayed his loyalty, at the edge of the crowd, ANC lawyer Teto Radtapolé, his shaven head gleaming in the Bloemfontein sun, punched Labour Minister Tito Mboweni's number into his cellphone.

"Good news, we've won on the urgency point," he said with a grin.

As the ANC national leadership's point man on the Free State crisis, Mboweni had featured large in the Qhali court case.

The defence drew heavily on his 26-page deposition outlining how the crisis had progressed from simmering tension to a factional



**OVERRULED . . . Edmund Qhali, 82, who this week lost his bid to stop Lekota being replaced by Masepe-Casaburri**

**Pictures: BRETT ELOFF**

Mboweni wrote "Mr Lekota and Mr Matosa were unable to work properly together."

In fact, ever since Matosa took the chairmanship of the ANC away from Lekota in 1994, the two could barely bring themselves to speak to each other.

Matosa had holed himself up in the legislature's offices a block or two away from Lekota's downtown executive building. Like oil

In essence, Mboweni's affidavit argued that the ANC had tried gentle persuasion in the form of Deputy Intelligence Minister Joe Nhlamhla and MP Limpopo Hanu.

When this had failed, Deputy President Thabo Mbeki, ANC secretary general Cyril Ramaphosa and others had tried talking to Lekota, Matosa and Magashule.

When this too failed, and Lekota

Minister Steve Tshwete — a man said to relish knocking heads together — was sent to the province.

An agreement was reached, but before long it was breached and tensions resurfaced. In a final bid to bring the two feuding leaders together, President Nelson Mandela called them together in Cape Town where an anti-factional

accord was signed.

"gun-toting drunkard" during a three-hour interview on a Lesedi FM talk show.

All hell, as they say, broke loose.

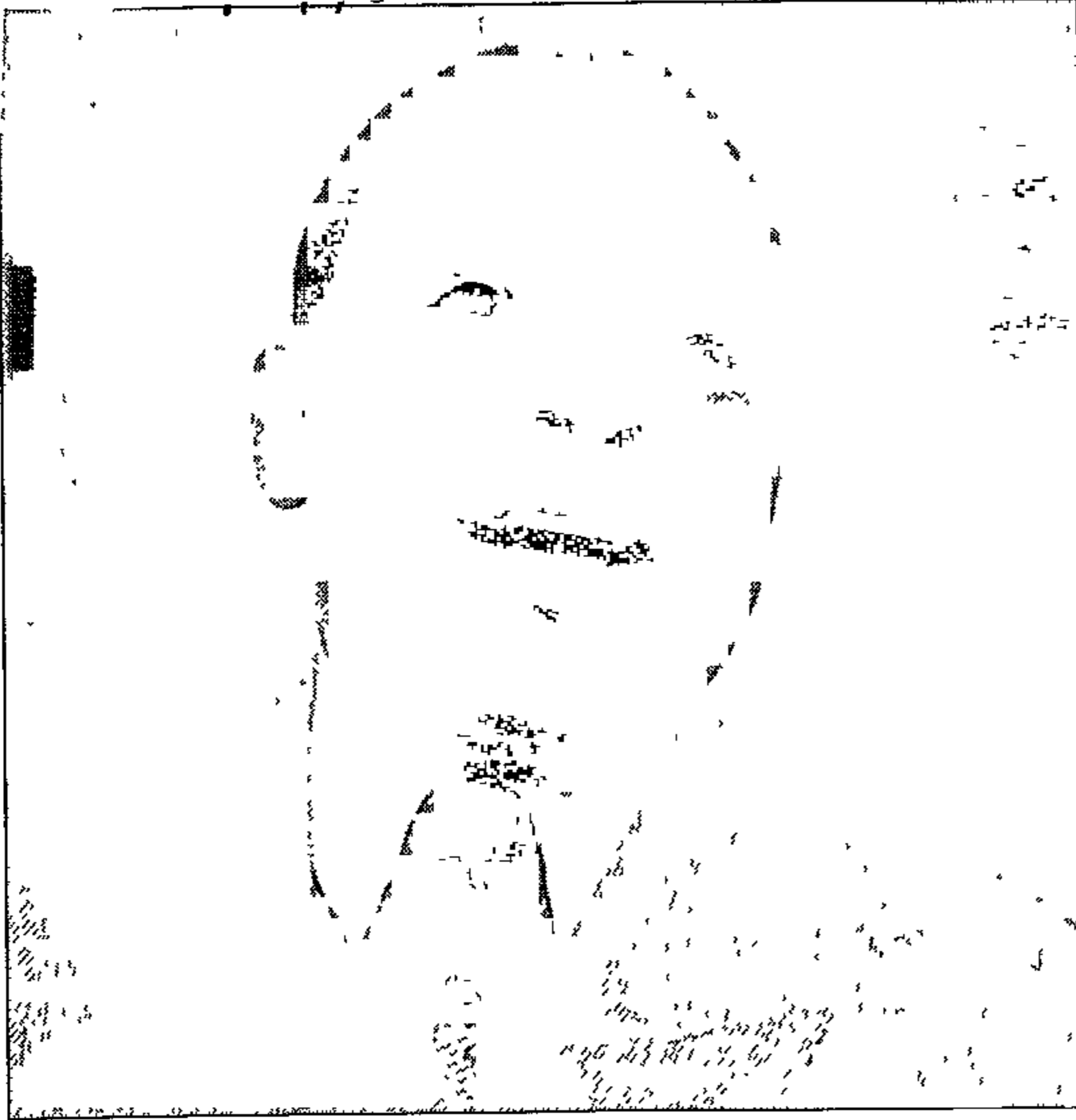
Matosa went on the record with claims of ethnic discrimination and accused Lekota of overlooking corruption among his allies.

Early in November, the Free State provincial executive met the ANC's national working commit-

Lekota, Matosa and Magashule agreed at the meeting that they would leave the province for the national Parliament. The decision was endorsed by the executive committee, with Lekota and Matosa present.

Replying to allegations of central intervention in provincial affairs, Mboweni pointed out that a meeting of Free State branch chairmen and secretaries had also

agreed to support Mboweni's bid to



**END OF THE REIGN OF TERROR . . . Patrick 'Terror' Lekota, who has apparently agreed to move to Parliament**

Qhali of its decisions Like many ordinary ANC members, all he could see was that his beloved premier was being taken away from the province

On Wednesday afternoon, after Qhali lost his case, attention shifted to the Free State's Raadsaal, a stone's throw from the courtroom, where a special sitting of the province's legislature had been called

Lekota sat in the public gallery as Matsepe-Casaburri was sworn in as premier

Just as Lekota had done when he was sworn in in 1994, Matsepe-Casaburri made her first speech in English, Afrikaans and Sotho

In English she said "You cannot discover new oceans until you have the courage to lose sight of land"

In Sotho "I will use my knowledge to show that we are capable of improving our province"

And in Afrikaans "We must live together like brothers and sisters and not die together like fools"

Meanwhile, kilometres away in Rocklands' dusty Moshoeshoe Road, a defeated old man sat down in front of his one-roomed house as the sun set on his life's biggest drama

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# New broom leading Free State finance office vows to sweep out corruption

John Dlodlu

THE Free State economic affairs department, which was recently rocked by a fresh storm of financial scandals, would have to regain business and investor confidence, the newly appointed provincial finance and economic affairs MEC Zingile Dingani said this week.

Interviewed during his first week in office, Dingani, the former chairman of the influential parliamentary committee on finance, said the department had lost the confidence of investors in the past two months and the situation had to be redressed.

Recently, Dingani's predecessor, Ace Magashule, was implicated in allegations of financial irregularities, including claims that he had deposited R5,8m in two section 21 companies illegally established to bypass control measures.

Provincial sources said the allegations, which kept resurfacing under Magashule, saw investor confidence in the department ebbing.

Dingani, who had seen the provincial auditor-general's report, vowed to tighten controls by training people better and putting in place measures that would nip corruption in the bud. "Sometimes people commit mis-



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takes because of lack of proper training."

With just more than two years before new elections, the African National Congress-led administration had to improve the electorate's quality of life. This would be done by, among others, using economic affairs to promote job creation through small business development.

Dingani, a former activist in the now defunct United Democratic Front, was in favour of moves by provinces to instil further fiscal discipline, saying the

new budget proposals — drafted by the Financial and Fiscal Commission — went a long way towards this.

Although the finance department had been blamed for not hastening the implementation of the commission's proposals, including more fiscal powers, Dingani believed the department had done its best, and felt more devolution of responsibilities should be accompanied by improved management capacity in the provinces.

He believed provinces should "get their act together" by learning to better manage their allocations without having recourse to the national fiscus to finance overspending.

The budget council, the intergovernmental body looking at sharing resources from different tiers of government, is discussing proposals of taking the provinces' right of resorting to state expenditure to fund overspending.

Dingani, a former teacher in the province, would encourage his executive colleagues to participate more actively in the budget process to reverse the current practice in which budgets were drawn up by bureaucrats. "Politicians are the ears of the people." He said budgets should address people's needs.

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# Free State picks Lekota for top post

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Latest move could trigger another power struggle in the ANC provincial leadership

**T**HE STRUGGLE FOR POWER IS ON again in the Free State as former premier Patrick Lekota was at the weekend nominated to contest the provincial leadership of the African National Congress.

The ANC's Bloemfontein branch unanimously nominated Lekota for the leadership of the party at the ANC's Free State congress next month.

The decision was taken at a branch meeting in Bloemfontein last week, an ANC statement said at the weekend.

Lekota had accepted the nomination, the ANC said.

In its statement the branch expressed "utter dismay" at what it termed "the blatant disregard" the party structures had for the ANC's constitution in resolving leadership issues in the province.

The branch condemned the lack of disciplinary action taken by the ANC's national executive committee against the people mentioned in the auditor-general's investigation into the accounts of the former Free State economic affairs and tourism department.

It further rejected what it termed the

"unconstitutional and undemocratic" action of the task team, which the branch said had acted without awaiting the findings of the auditor-general.

Lekota was ousted as Free State premier and recently replaced by former South African Broadcasting Corporation board chairwoman Dr Ivy Matsepe-Casaburri.

Together with two other ANC provincial executives, including his archrival Mr Pat Matosa, Lekota was redeployed to the National Assembly by a decision of the NEC last year.

This had followed a bitter tug of war between the Lekota and Matosa factions which resulted in the ANC NEC appointing a three-person commission led by Labour Minister Tito Mboweni to intervene and make recommendations to the executive.

Lekota and his entire cabinet of 10 were subsequently summoned to the ANC's Shell House headquarters in Johannesburg and instructed to resign.

The ANC's Free State congress takes place in Welkom from February 14 to 16.

- Sapa



# Free State branches rally behind Lekota

BY MONDLI MAKHANYA  
Political Reporter

Former Free State premier Terror Lekota is receiving wide support among provincial ANC branches.

Lekota was nominated for the position of provincial chairman by the party's Bloemfontein branch at the weekend. In a defiant statement, the branch criticised the ANC's handling of the Free State leadership crisis, saying it smacked of blatant disregard for the party's constitutional structures.

The ANC in the province will hold its congress from February 14 to 16 and it is expected there will be tough battles for positions on the executive.

The Star understands that the decision of the Bloemfontein



**Terror Lekota ... nominated as ANC provincial chairman.**

branch is set to be repeated by other branches, including some in his rivals' Welkom backyard. Lekota is also set to get the backing

of the 42-branch Goldfields region, which is scheduled to hold a "general council" to discuss the matter within a week.

"What the Bloemfontein branch did is going to spiral. It will not be on television or newspapers, but many more branches will join in," said a provincial activist.

Lekota's entry into the race is certain to encourage his opponents Pat Matosa and Ace Magashule to accept nomination by branches, thereby reviving the tensions that led to the dismissal of the entire cabinet last year.

Some party members fear that the national leadership may once again be forced to intervene in the matter, especially since Ivy Matsepe-Casaburri has not yet received much backing from grassroots structures.

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# ANC steps in on Free State row

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**IN A BID** to stop bickering over leadership of the Free State, ANC leaders have paved the way for their own choice of candidate to take up the position. **BARRY STREEK** reports.

**T**HE ANC leadership has moved to prevent a potentially divisive contest for its Free State leadership by announcing that neither former Free State premier, Mr Patrick Lekota, nor its current provincial leader, Mr Pat Matosa, would stand for the position next month.

ANC secretary-general Cheryl Carolus said yesterday that the organisation had held discussions with Lekota, Matosa and his former deputy Mr Ace Magashule, who had all agreed that they would not be contest the position or any of the top five positions of the party in the province.

Lekota, who was sworn in yesterday as a senator, is expected to be elected chairman of the new National Council of Provinces (NCOP) early next month.

The ANC move paves the way for new Free State premier Dr Ivy Matsepe-Casaburri, to be elected provincial leader in February.

But it remains to be seen whether restless ANC branches in the province, one of which has already nominated Lekota for the position, will accept this.

After he had been sworn in by the retiring president of the Senate, Senator Kobie Coetsee, yesterday, Lekota declined to comment on the leadership issue.

However, in Johannesburg, the ANC's acting secretary-general, Ms Cheryl Carolus, said "Terror Lekota informed the national executive lekgotla (strategy meeting) on Sunday, that after long thought, he has decided not to stand."

Carolus said two other potential candidates, Magashule and Matosa, would also not stand for election.

They would also not stand for election as officials "not with any prejudice to themselves" within the provincial executive. However,

they would be eligible to stand as ordinary members of the provincial executive.

Carolus added that the move was a "gesture from their side" to try to ensure the province could start again after its provincial conference without the tensions which superseded it.

The Bloemfontein region of the ANC, led by Safety and Security MEC Mr Papi Kganare who on Saturday called for Lekota to be provincial chairman, is believed to have taken a decision to nominate either Lekota or another leader at the last moment at the provincial conference next month and stage an upset.

This leader is believed to be Kganare himself.

The provincial conference will be held on February 16 to 18.

Matsepe-Casaburri, who has said she will stand, is emerging as a strong contender for the position.

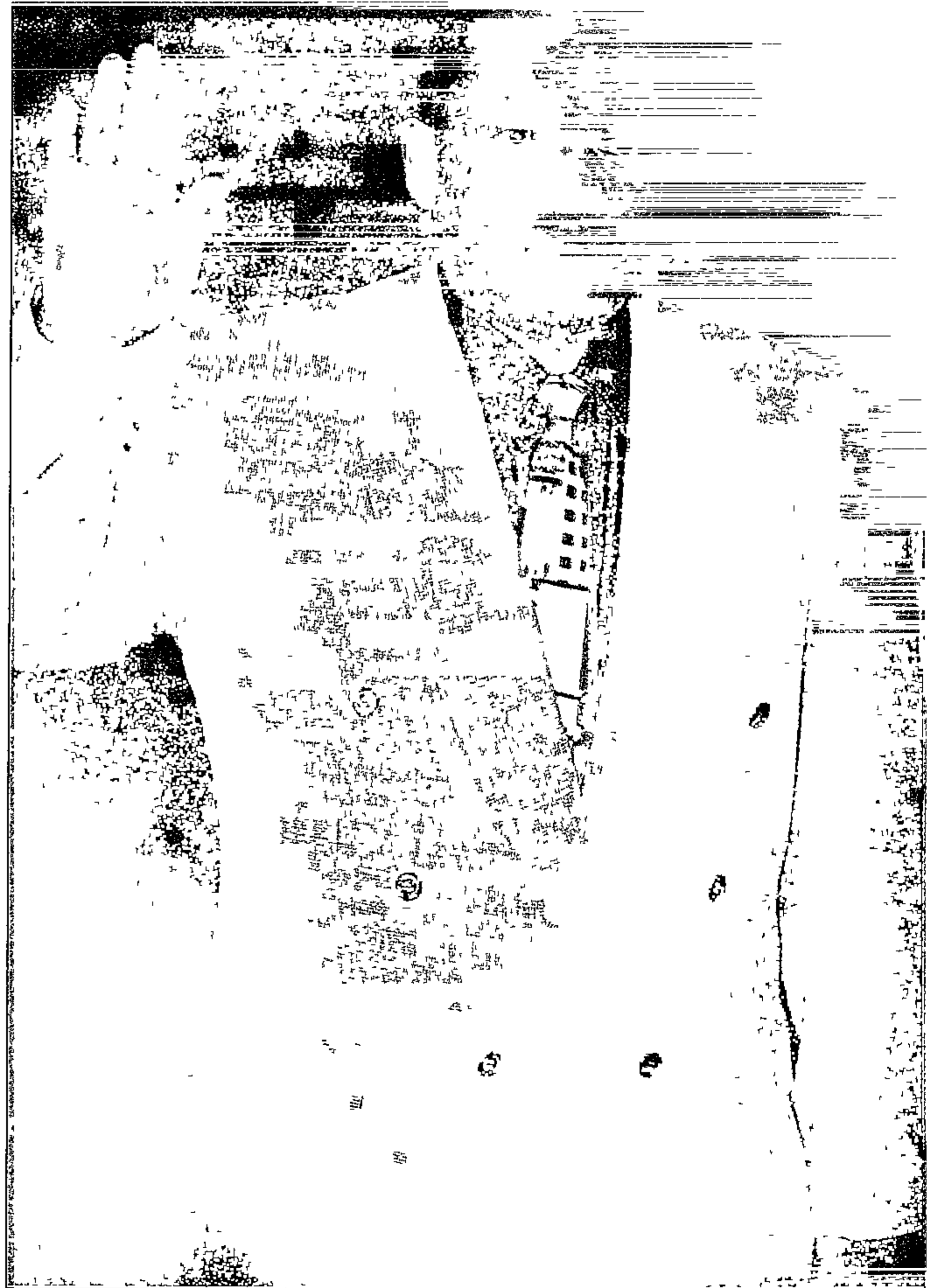
Matosa and Magashule supporters have now thrown their weight fully behind Matsepe-Casaburri and it is understood that supporters of Lekota, disgruntled by the incessant in-fighting there, are looking to her as a saviour.

Matosa and Magashule confirmed yesterday that they would not be contesting the position, and Matosa said it was clear that for the organisation to move out of its present crisis Matsepe-Casaburri was the best choice.

With Lekota almost certain to become the chairperson of the NCOP, Coetsee is expected to announce his retirement from active politics.

He was a key figure in the National Party's negotiations with the ANC.

The Deputy President of the Senate, Senator Govan Mbeki, who is back in hospital, is also expected to retire from active politics.



**STEPPING DOWN:** Patrick "Terror" Lekota is sworn in as a member of the Senate yesterday. Senator Lekota has withdrawn from the race for ANC leader in the Free State.

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# Bigger things beckon as Lekota takes Senate job

## ANC moves to defuse Free State crisis

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Former Free State Premier Patrick Lekota has been sworn in to the short-lived job of senator, but with bigger things ahead of him as a leading candidate to head the new National Council of Provinces (NCOP).

One job for which he will not be in line will be that of leader of the African National Congress in the Free State.

On his behalf, acting ANC secretary-general Cheryl Carolus announced that Mr Lekota had told a weekend meeting of the national executive that he would not accept a nomination to stand for the provincial leadership.

The Bloemfontein central branch earlier said it had nominated him for election as leader at the party's provincial congress

next month and claimed he had accepted the nomination.

Speaking after his swearing-in as senator yesterday, Mr Lekota said he would not comment on internal party matters.

Mr Lekota was "redeployed" to Parliament's second house after intervention by the ANC national leadership in a dispute in the province involving, among other things, allegations of corruption.

Asked about his prospects of becoming chairman of the NCOP, Mr Lekota said he would accept if most of the provinces wanted him to head the new body.

Ms Carolus told a press conference, held in Johannesburg simultaneously with Mr Lekota's swearing-in in Cape Town, that Mr Fekota and two other nominees for provincial executive office, Pat Matosa and Ace Magashule, would not accept nomination for the sake of ending the tensions

which have racked the province. The sole remaining meeting of the Senate which Mr Lekota will attend will be its last, to be held next Monday, as the body faces extinction when the new constitution comes into effect.

The special final session is to be addressed by President Mandela. Meanwhile, Ms Carolus hit out during yesterday's ANC press conference at the United States for trying to block South Africa's proposed R3-billion arms deal with Syria.

Accusing the US of being a "bully-boy", she also charged it with hypocrisy, claiming that an American company was among those bidding for a contract with Syria.

Boy Geldenhuis, National Party chief spokesman on foreign affairs, urged Deputy-President Thabo Mbeki to veto cabinet approval of the arms deal.



Senator Lekota with Senate President Kobie Coetsee who swore him in yesterday

LEON WOLLER

# Lekota declines Free State nomination

Wyndham Hartley

CAPE TOWN — A second African National Congress (ANC) leadership crisis in the Free State was defused yesterday when it was announced that former premier Patrick Lekota would not accept nomination as chairman of the provincial executive

Lekota, who was forced by the national ANC to resign as premier, along with his political opponents Pat Matosa and Ace Magashule as a solution to their protracted power struggle, was nominated as chairman by the ANC in Bloemfontein

This raised the spectre of a leadership challenge to newly installed premier Ivy Matsepe-Casaburri at next month's provincial congress

ANC acting secretary-general Cheryl Carolus announced that Lekota

had told the ANC's strategy meeting at the weekend that he would not accept the nomination

In response to questions in Parliament shortly after he was sworn in as a senator, Lekota said he did not want to discuss party political matters on the occasion of his entry to the senate

He is expected to be elected chairman of the national council of provinces, which will replace the senate in terms of the new constitution, early next month

His "redeployment" to Parliament is thought to be the reason why he is not contesting the leadership of the ANC in the Free State

Magashule said that if he or Matosa were nominated as candidates for the provincial leadership — which their branches might do — they would decline. He said the political leadership of

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the province was certain not to stand for any of the top five jobs in the ANC's provincial executive

He said the ANC's statement on January 8 had called for unified collective leadership and it was now up to the leaders in the province to ensure that this brought stability to the province. He said he would support Matsepe-Casaburri as a candidate for the provincial leadership, but he stressed that he could speak only for himself and not for ordinary members in the branches

After being sworn in by Senate president Kobie Coetsee, Lekota said he was grateful for the opportunity to continue serving the people of SA at national level

He also said he was grateful to "those who have invested their trust in me and sent me here to serve"

# Warning municipal project funding might

Farouk Chothia

DURBAN — Only 5,07% of reconstruction and development programme (RDP) funds allocated for municipal infrastructure projects in KwaZulu-Natal had been spent, prompting provincial local government MEC Peter Miller (IFP) to warn local government structures — most of which are ANC-controlled — that their funding could be withdrawn.

Miller said that he "admonished" representatives of local councils, regional councils and the development services board at meetings yesterday for their failure to spend R603,6m approved for infrastructure programmes. Only R32,8m, or 5,07% out of a total of R636,4m, had been spent, Miller said.

He said this was "totally unacceptable". Ratepayers were entitled to expect local government to upgrade and install desperately needed infrastructure.

Miller said that he had asked local authorities last November to provide the RDP manager in his department with revised project programmes and cash-flow forecasts by December 13.

The response was "very poor", even though he had stressed that all projects would have to be completed by September this year.

Miller warned that if local authorities failed to meet the deadline, he would have to suspend the projects and reallocate funding.

Funding allocation consisted of R230m for the urban renewal programme, R149,9m for the municipal infrastructure programme, R136,6m for the bulk connector infrastructure grant, and R120m for the extended municipal infrastructure programme.

Miller said the programmes presented local authorities with a "golden opportunity" to upgrade infrastructure at little or no cost to ratepayers. Local authority budgets in coming years would be under increasing pressure to simply meet current expenditure, and relatively little funding would be available for current expenditure, Miller said.

ANC KwaZulu-Natal local government head Mike Sutcliffe said that Miller would be justified in withdrawing funds if local authorities were "sitting back and doing nothing".

However, "legitimate reasons" had delayed implementation, Sutcliffe believed. Provincial government should assist local authorities in overcoming difficulties.

Sutcliffe said that at least half the councils in KwaZulu-Natal had no capacity to implement the projects. The provincial government should "provide" assistance in drawing up business plans and transforming the bureaucracy to meet development needs.

The ANC was assessing the situation in each local council so that it knew what specific problems they faced, Sutcliffe said.

He said another major problem was that local government employees in all former black townships were still being paid by the provincial government due to difficulties in transferring them to local authorities.

Many employees refused to be accountable to newly elected local authorities, and it was necessary for the provincial government to "put its foot down", Sutcliffe said.

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# Lekota row stews in Free State

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The run-up to the ANC's provincial conference has spawned new tensions, reports

**Rehana Rossouw**

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In another salvo fired at the African National Congress's leadership, the branch members in the Free State town of Bothaville this week condemned national leaders' "arrogance" and nominated former premier Terror Lekota for the position of provincial chairman.

The ANC's Bloemfontein branch had also nominated Lekota for the position last week. However, ANC Acting General Secretary Cheryl Carolus announced on Monday he would decline the nomination.

"The Bothaville branch nominates Lekota despite the statement of Cheryl Carolus that he will not contest the election. The arrogance, undemocratic and unconstitutional manner in which the top leadership has addressed the problem in the province makes a mockery of the ANC Constitution," said Bothaville ANC general secretary Aupa Ramaisa.

"Unlike the premier imposed on the Free State [Ivy Matsepe-Cassaburi], the provincial chairman will ultimately be elected by branches at the conference. The branches will be voting, not Carolus."



Mr Popularity. Several branches of the Free State ANC want Terror Lekota to stand as the party's provincial chairman, but national leaders have said he won't be available for the post

PHOTO HENNER FRANKENFELD

Carolus had, however, said Lekota had informed the ANC national executive's Iekgotla last Sunday that he had after "long thought and consultation" decided not to make himself available for the position.

She said two other nominees for the position, former Free State chair Pat Matosa and former MEC for economic affairs Ace Magashule — whom the ANC redeployed to the National Assembly — would also not stand for election to the top five positions but would be eligible for election as ordinary members of the provincial executive committee.

Carolus said this was a "gesture on their side" to try to ensure the province could start after its provincial conference without the tensions which superceded it.

Lekota was sworn in as a member of the Senate this week in a move which is certain to see him elected as chairman of the National Council of Provinces, which is to replace the Senate next month.

He refused to discuss his nomination as ANC Free State chair, saying "I would rather not deal with party matters at this stage."

The Free State provincial conference takes place from February 14 to

16 under the guidance of a task-group mandated by the ANC national executive committee (NEC) to restore political equilibrium to the province.

Task-group leader, Minister of Labour Tito Mboweni, said no disciplinary measures would be taken against the Bloemfontein branch, and that members acted out of ignorance when they nominated Lekota.

The ANC's Constitution dealt with grievance procedures to be followed by branches, Mboweni said "In this case, they forgot the Constitution."

But angry Bloemfontein ANC members say their national leaders themselves have ignored the party's Constitution by denying them the right to nominate Lekota as their chairman.

"We have observed with utter disappointment and shock the growing tendency by the present ANC leadership at national level to dish out posts and positions undemocratically to favourites instead of following the democratic election route," said Bloemfontein ANC member Jones Bopape.

"Section 5 1 of the ANC constitution as adopted at the 1994 conference in Bloemfontein defines the rights of members and says among other things 'a member of the ANC

shall have the right to take part in elections and be elected or appointed to any committee, structure, commission or delegation of the ANC'.

"The undemocratic action of the NEC in the Free State has created the impression that it has become a law unto itself to the point where it is the major violator of the Constitution instead of upholding it ardently."

Lekota's supporters have also attacked their leaders for remaining mum on the auditor general's report into alleged corruption in the province. The report, released in December, found there had been unauthorised spending of R7,7-million in the provincial Department of Economic Affairs and Tourism while Magashule was in charge of its affairs.

"The contents of this report clearly documents substantial disregard for due process and proper procedure by individuals in positions of public trust." Acting Auditor General JAJ Loots concluded "It is clear that the interests of the taxpayer and that of good government have not been served in this instance."

Bothaville ANC members are aghast that Magashule would be available for election to the provincial executive committee before the implications of the auditor general's report are considered.

**'I would rather not deal with party matters at this stage' — Terror Lekota**

# Buthelezi insists on controversial Ujundi offices

Farouk Chothia

DURBAN — Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi has ordered the Kwa-Zulu-Natal government to press ahead with controversial plans to build a multimillion-rand office complex in Ujundi.

Party sources said the instruction was handed down at the IFP national council meeting at the weekend. It came against the background of provincial premier Frank Mdlalose's resignation, which sources said was prompted partly by Buthelezi's interference in the provincial government. Sources said yesterday Buthe-

lezi had read the "not act" to certain KwaZulu-Natal MPs at a national council meeting on Saturday for opposing plans to build the office complex, including a chamber for the house of traditional leaders, at a cost of R78m.

Outgoing premier Frank Mdlalose decided last year that the office complex should be built, but he faced unexpected resistance from IFP MPs in the legislature who felt the money could be better spent on providing services such as roads and schools.

The legislature's executive board, which included IFP chief whip Mike Tarr and MP Walter Felgate, decided to hold talks with

public works MEC Celani Mletwa over the project. They wanted the project put on hold pending further discussions.

African National Congress KwaZulu-Natal MP Mike Sutcliffe said the ANC hoped incoming premier Ben Ngubane would demonstrate "independent thinking" in line with his commitment to running a cost-effective administration and would not implement "silly political decisions" taken by Buthelezi.

But Ngubane said the office complex would proceed. He believed it should be done in partnership with the private sector, which could build the complex and

let offices to the government.

Ngubane said the complex was necessary in order that the government be "visually" present in rural parts of the province to bring about development.

Sources said that Buthelezi was also angry with Felgate for backing moves to establish offices for the national council of provinces in Maritzburg, rather than in Ujundi and had ordered that the decision be reversed.

This was despite the fact that a lease for office space in Maritzburg had already been negotiated, and MPs felt Maritzburg was better suited than Ujundi to effective participation in the council.

## Land committee wants evictions stopped pending new law

Wyndham Hartley

CAPE TOWN — Eviction of farm workers should be made illegal and stopped while legislation to secure their land tenure rights was being negotiated, National Land Committee spokesman Brendan Pearce said yesterday.

He was speaking after the final consultative summit meeting organised by Land Affairs Minister Derek Hanekom, designed to involve all agriculture stakeholders in the design of legislation to protect farm workers from unfair eviction.

Pearce noted that the committee's main objective — to achieve

permanent rights for farm workers to the land on which they lived — was not included in draft legislation tabled at the meeting yesterday. He said the committee would take the battle to Parliament. The committee wanted to achieve ownership of land for farm workers, similar to that enjoyed by former labour tenants.

Pearce said evictions across the country, particularly in Gauteng, were "skyrocketing" and had to be stopped. He suggested retrospective measures as a means to bar farmers from evicting workers.

Land affairs director-general Geoff Budlender said yesterday's talks were "very constructive", al-

though "some interest groups obviously have some reservations". He said the new legislation would make the criteria for evictions "fairer and more balanced".

It is understood that the new legislation will apply to all land except in proclaimed townships and cities. Agricultural land that was proclaimed townships would also be subject to the new act.

At present farmers have to obtain court orders before they can evict farm workers.

The new legislation is expected to entrench that principle by providing clearer criteria for granting eviction orders. Much of the debate surround-

ing the proposed legislation has centred on the nature of the permission to occupy granted to the farm worker by the owner. For example, if the occupation is tied to employment which is legally terminated it will be possible for access to the land to be withdrawn.

It is understood the legislation will establish that farm workers and intentional damage to property may be evicted. The right to family life, entertaining visitors and visiting traditional burial sites will be included in the law.

It is hoped that a final draft of the legislation will be placed before cabinet in mid-March.

# Ngubane will need very broad shoulders

**T**HE stakes are frightfully high for incoming KwaZulu-Natal premier Ben Ngubane in his hands as the political future of Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) leader Manosuthu Buthelezi

Buthelezi's entire political survival is dependent on the IFP retaining power in KwaZulu-Natal in 1999. If the party loses the province, he will cease to be a politician of note in SA.

So, Ngubane has to guarantee Buthelezi a future in national politics by winning handsomely in the forthcoming election.

Speaking at the drama-filled IFP national council meeting last weekend, Buthelezi said: "We are more than halfway in the term of office of the provincial legislature, and not much time is left for the IFP in this province to prove its worthiness when seeking re-election as the sole ruling party."

Ngubane will find it difficult to meet Buthelezi's expectations. The IFP just scraped a majority in 1994 by obtaining 50,3% of the provincial vote, and fell below the magical 50% mark when the local election results of last year were translated into a provincial tally.

Buthelezi chose Ngubane as premier because he is a highly capable and efficient leader who has the potential to lift outgoing premier Frank Mdlalose's government out of its morass.

"Our front-runner (in the 1999 elections) will have to stand on the strength of a proven track record of government," Buthelezi said.

Buthelezi seems to hope that Ngubane's image as a suave modern-looking politician, who comes from the ranks of the former homeland government, will help the IFP regain the support of the business sector and whites.

"Whoever leads our team (in 1999) will need to do so being well

In the wake of the past week's upheavals in the Inkatha Freedom Party, Farouk Chothia looks at prospects for KwaZulu-Natal's new premier



NGUBANE

known both to our people, and to the new constituencies which we will be soliciting," Buthelezi said.

Perhaps the most important reason behind Ngubane's elevation to the premiership is the fact that he has not up to now at least — done anything which Buthelezi could construe as a threat to his personal power. "He showed no ambition to rise within the party hierarchy, and waited for the calling," a source says.

But Ngubane has landed in trouble in the past about two years ago, there was a feeling in certain IFP ranks that he was too close to the African National Congress (ANC) in the govern-

ment of national unity, where he served as arts and culture minister, and was not pulling his weight in the IFP. There were rumours of a plot to assassinate him, and he asked police to step up security at his home.

IFP leaders now expect conflict to sharpen between Ngubane and Buthelezi. "He has moved into the trenches of battle, and will have to make tough decisions. What he might see as a victory, or a strategic retreat, Buthelezi will see as a defeat. Ngubane will either have to stand up to Buthelezi, or bow to his wishes, or just trudge along into retirement," the source says.

IFP sources rule out any possibility of Buthelezi leaving Ngubane alone to govern.

"Buthelezi took the decision that government office blocks will be built (at a cost of millions of rands) in Ulundi — the same day that he announced that Ngubane would be premier," a source says.

It is thought that the best way for the party to avoid possible confrontation between the two men is to fulfil an obligation in the party's constitution for an IFP provincial council to be elected.

"The ANC has its provincial executive committee. Our equivalent is the provincial council, but it is dormant. All decisions affecting KwaZulu-Natal are taken in our national council, where the Cape Town-based leadership takes decisions aimed at meeting their own national objectives," one IFP leader says. "The sources say failure to draw a distinction between

provincial and national issues has also bedevilled the peace process in KwaZulu-Natal.

"When you talk about peace, the issue of Mandela's refusal to agree to international mediation, or his refusal to accept an honorary doctorate from Zululand University because he will have to bow before Buthelezi, comes up," says one

The party insiders believe Ngubane will be expected to fall in line with a strategy of waging conflict against the ANC.

"There is a view (believed to be advocated by home affairs ministry special adviser Mario Ambrósini) that in the absence of conflict, there will be no identifiable distinction between Buthelezi and Mandela," one IFP source says.

Another believes Ngubane will push for a Mandela-Buthelezi meeting in the hope that it will give him breathing space. "If Buthelezi is given some recognition by Mandela, Ngubane will have room to chart a moderate course."

IFP leaders point out that Ngubane's difficulties will be compounded by the fact that party structures on the ground are weak. Secretary-general Ziba Jiyane, under whose control the structures fell, will relinquish his post in July.

"He is leaving partly because of frustration, and partly because he was no longer wanted. He was made the scapegoat for our poor performance in the local government elections, but the question is how was he expected to register

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growth when Buthelezi was calling for a rise and resist campaign against central government and Ambrósini was behaving like the Mafia in the legislature?"

IFP leaders say that Buthelezi is considering dismantling the secretary-general's post, as it has always been "problematic".

Jiyane's two predecessors — Sibusiso Bengu and Oscar Dhlomo — also quit after falling out with the leader.

"The view is that we should have a team of functionaries to deal with administrative issues, and to help with research on policy issues. Political authority will be with the national council," a source says.

The party also appears to be in dire financial straits. A decision has been taken to downgrade the IFP head office in Durban, to close some of the party's regional offices, and to retrench staff. All this at a time when Buthelezi has called on the party to swing into gear for an election which is "only" about 820 days away.

"The biggest problem we face," says one IFP leader, "is that two and a half years after the 1994 elections a proper constituency has still not been demarcated for each MP. Constituency allowances (paid by the taxpayer) go in to the party's kitty."

"This means that MPs cannot build and bring their own support base into the party. The party continues to revolve around a few individuals, and we are dependent on their patronage," the IFP lead-

er says.

Each MP has been asked to write to national council secretary Sue Felgate pledging loyalty to the party in the run-up to a three-day workshop scheduled for next week where dissidents will be flushed out and the sickly will be asked to retire.

IFP leaders say that among those at risk are KwaZulu-Natal MP Walter Felgate, once a close ally of Buthelezi, who has shifted from a hardline to a moderate course. "Felgate is the one person who has really been standing up to Buthelezi, and even told him that he overestimates his political strength. Unfortunately, Felgate has become very ill," a source says.

Another leader viewed as a dissident is KwaZulu-Natal local government MEC Peter Miller, while public works MEC Celami Mletwa and education MEC Vincent Zulu are viewed as "baggage".

IFP leaders say that the fortunes of individuals keep changing in the eyes of Buthelezi treasurer-general Arthur Komkrazamer, with whom Buthelezi was at loggerheads last year, is now coming back into favour.

One IFP source says that, in line with Buthelezi's strategy to put into place an election team now, he made no attempt to persuade Mdlalose — as he had done in the past — to reconsider his decision to quit. In fact, Buthelezi hastened Mdlalose's departure, fuelling the belief that there was much bad blood between the two.

Mdlalose had indicated he was willing to stay until the process of finding a successor had been completed. But Buthelezi had already found one," says an IFP source.

The question now is: will that successor prove the sceptics wrong by forging a partnership with Buthelezi and producing a winning formula in 1999?



# Ngubane will bow to Buthelezi's bidding

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Kwazulu-Natal's premier-in-waiting is a cautious, *saave* politician with an impressive resumé, reports **Ann Eveleth**

**K**WAZULU-NATAL'S premier-designate, Ben Ngubane, has signalled he will do Inkatha Freedom Party leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi's bidding, rather than risk the fate of his colleagues

In an interview with the *Mail & Guardian* this week, Ngubane stressed that he would not make controversial policy moves without the support of the IFP's national council which Buthelezi controls with an iron fist.

He pledged to champion the cause of party traditionalists, promising to keep up the pressure on the African National

Party talks and is well-versed in the party's constitutional demands

It was this — and his respected tenure as South Africa's first arts and culture minister — that will help Ngubane resurrect the IFP's reputation as the party of business-friendly traditionalists, which earned it international attention in the 1980s

The suave, approachable young medical doctor has already staked his claim on these two divergent paths "Let's put it this way. A political party grows or disappears depending on the support it can muster," he said "So, we have a varied constituency



standing constitutional demands

"Our people have not accepted that their interests have been taken care of," he said "You can speak generally about the Constitution protecting human rights but that's not enough. Communities must feel secure. At the moment there's no security."

Ngubane hints that these constitutional victories will be the key to maintaining the IFP's traditional support base in the 1999 elections

"These are the things that must be addressed, so that I can go to a peasant in the countryside and say 'This dispensation has brought you this. These are the things that it secures, that it guarantees for you,'" he said

Observers said this week that Ngubane's nomination to succeed outgoing party chairman and provincial Premier Frank Mdlalose was a shrewd

move by Buthelezi. He has marshalled the talents of a respected moderate to extract concessions from the ANC and position the IFP for electoral victory in the province in 1999

Ngubane has already signalled he will push hard during peace talks with the ANC. Denying that his party was opposed to ANC national chairman Jacob Zuma's "peace package", he said the problem was a lack of clarity on the terms of the agreement, and that the two parties should be looking toward a "comprehensive political settlement"

You know they met with the Nationalists, when they came back from exile. There was the Groote Schoor minute, the Pretoria minute and many, many such consultations and understandings. We have not had that type of understanding," he said

Observers suggest he may prove a more formidable negotiating partner for the ANC than Mdlalose — whose close ties to Zuma are reported to have contributed to his downfall

Ngubane honed his skills as a negotiator during the World Trade Cen-

tronal sector, minorities, cultural and religious diversity — we are trying to accommodate all that within the IFP."

He said his party planned to transcend its rural strongholds with "forays" into suburbia, to challenge the Democratic Party's support base

With Ngubane's reputation and the national council's support he appears to be the party's best choice for the job, but party sceptics warn he will have to tread carefully

"He has no enemies," a senior IFP official said "But he also has no close allies — mainly because he's stayed out of the controversies in the party. Now he will have to take decisions, and he will make enemies"

Ngubane expressed confidence in his ability to accommodate the party's competing interest groups

This week's dramatic resignation announcements by Mdlalose, party secretary general Ziba Jiyané and Gauteng legislature leader Musa Myeni have — despite the party's attempts to minimise their significance — highlighted the growing disillusionment of the party's most skilled leaders.

The timing and manner of the departures (see sidebar), together with reports that other leaders are expected to follow, suggest Ngubane will inherit not only a disillusioned party machinery, but also a depleted skills base from which to launch his "implementation" plans for the province

Those rumoured to be leaving include Walter Felgate, Correctional Services Minister Sipho Mzimela, MP Dennis Madde, local MEC Peter Miller, IFP national organiser Senzo Mfayela and public works MEC Celam Mletwa.

Ngubane does have plans, however, to bolster "good governance" and "accountability" in the Kwazulu-Natal government. He intends to inject some of his national government know-how into the province with government peer reviews, per-

Juggling act: Ben Ngubane will have to balance many different personalities in his new post, but can all back on experience gained in the World Trade Centre negotiations

# How Mdlalose 'resigned'

**Enoch Mthembu and Ann Eveleth**

NKATHA Freedom Party leader Mngosuthu Buthelezi called his closest party allies to a secret meeting in Pretoria on January 23 to determine the fate of Kwazulu-Natal Premier Frank Mdlalose.

A senior IFP member who was briefed about the meeting said it was the last in a series of events that led to the "resignation" of the premier. It started in December when Mdlalose told Buthelezi that he wanted to quit as party provincial chairman but finish his term as premier. According to the source, Buthelezi replied that the two posts could not be separated.

A second IFP source said the matter appeared closed until Buthelezi called a meeting with illegal casino operators to discuss Mdlalose's attempts to shut them down. "Mdlalose was very upset about that." He approached Buthelezi again, and was told the matter would go to the National Council.

A third IFP source, also a senior party member, said the "crunch" came at the Pretoria meeting.

formance measurement-related budget prioritisation, and "collegial governance" modelled on the national Cabinet's collective review processes

The outstanding question is whether he will be able to do this under the province's — and particularly the traditionalists' — prevailing culture of patronage

Buthelezi was there, together with some senior leaders — his current inner circle — and they decided Mdlalose must be forced to resign the premiership as well.

"They talked about his desire to quit the chairmanship, the gambling issue and his closeness to [ANC chairman Jacob] Zuma."

The IFP sources said the same series of events lost secretary general Ziba Jiyané his post. "Jiyané told the Presidential Review Commission he would not run for a second term, in order to forewarn them, but he failed to tell Buthelezi directly. When Jiyané announced it at the national council meeting, Buthelezi got angry," one of the sources said. A number of IFP leaders insisted that Jiyané should go immediately, rather than wait until July, the source said

"[Youth Brigade leader] Zenzele Pakhathi said it was unconstitutional to make him leave now, and that Jiyané had also spent time in hospital. Then Buthelezi compromised, but he said Jiyané will get no party salary until the end of his term," the source added.

Another senior IFP member this week said the party's financial affairs were "the root of all the party's problems". Commenting on reports that illegal casino operators had contributed to the IFP's election coffers, the source said: "It's not only the IFP. It cuts across political parties and MPs and MPPs. These people give money, expensive briefcases, expensive perfumes and other favours to those they think can keep them running. There was a white BMW belonging to a big casino boss parked at the provincial legislature this weekend [during the IFP National Council meeting]. What was it doing there?"

Mdlalose's designated successor, Ben Ngubane, denied this week there was anything "sinister" about the resignations. He said Mdlalose and Jiyané resigned for health reasons, while Gauteng legislature leader Musa Myeni quit to pursue business interests.

Asked about the growing gambling scandal, Ngubane said he didn't think Mdlalose would have resigned over such an issue: "There have been far worse disagreements," he said.

"If I get an idea or a vision, I will go to my party caucus and discuss it with them. And then if it means a policy change or a modification of policy, I will go to my national council and get approval [The World Trade Centre talks were] always with reference to the principals

"It's a tedious process, but unless you do it, you are bound to get into problems. So I tend to be very cautious in how I've conducted myself in politics"

# Bedside lamps cost R599 each

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## OWN CORRESPONDENT

SEVENTY-TWO plastic bedside lamps cost the KwaZulu-Natal government R599 each, but investigations by private auditors revealed that the actual price of each lamp was only R44,98.

The audit also revealed that 144 ordinary blankets were bought at R299 each, and 72 mattresses cost R1 599 each.

All this furniture and these household goods were bought for 72 Ulundi flats used to house members of the provincial parliament. The flats were renovated and refurbished in 1994, shortly before the new government came into being.

However, the same 72 flats were again renovated and refurbished last year, at a cost of R3 million to

the provincial government. The latest refurbishment is now under scrutiny by the auditor-general's department.

These revelations follow a report last year that the government spent R500 on a teapot and millions of rands on curtaining and carpets for ministerial residences and King Goodwill Zwelithini's palaces.

This report is expected to be put before the parliamentary public accounts committee next month.

The audit pointed to outright fraud by government officials, as it was discovered that one official was in charge of the entire process to obtain the furnishings.

Sources said the official was a member of the economic committee that decided to refurbish, pre-

pared the quotes for the work to be done, made a submission to the Tender Board to grant an exemption to the tendering process, authorised the orders and certified the receipt of the goods.

It was also revealed that junior staff in the official's department authorised the payments.

Another startling revelation in the report links two front companies, Home Interiors and Prestige Furnishers, to the fraud. Both companies were also linked to supplying curtains and carpets for the ministerial residences.

The auditors also discovered that five companies had initially quoted for the refurbishment — but on closer investigation it was revealed that the handwriting on all five documents was identical.

# ANC national leaders snubbed in Free State

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**WELKOM:** Free State Premier Dr Ivy Matsepe-Casaburri has been defeated in her bid to lead the ANC in the province, with delegates to the organisation's weekend provincial congress electing an executive committee seen as overwhelmingly in favour of ousted premier Mr Patrick Lekota.

Matsepe-Casaburri's defeat is seen as a snub for ANC national leaders who descended on Welkom this weekend. More than 20 national executive committee members were at the conference.

Matsepe-Casaburri, favoured by ANC national leaders who saw her election as the best solution to unite warring factions in the province, lost the chairman's position to her newly-installed Finance and Eco-

nomics MEC, Mr Zingile Dingani. He beat her by 29 votes, receiving 218 votes to her 189.

Ironically, Dingani was "redeployed" to the province from the National Assembly three months ago in a bid to stop the in-fighting between then-premier Lekota and chairman Mr Pat Matosa.

In elections marked by intense lobbying and manoeuvring which included Dingane entering the race at the last moment on Saturday, the 438 voting delegates swept in leaders sympathetic to Lekota.

Dingani said his standing for the chairmanship was not motivated by any desire to see himself becoming premier.

"There shall be close co-operation, both personal and professional, between myself and the premier," he said.

# Casaburri defeat a slap in face for ANC

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Welkom - ANC national leaders suffered yet another major blow at the weekend when their favoured candidate for the chairmanship of the ANC in the Free State, Premier Dr Ivy Matsepe-Casaburri, was snubbed by delegates at the organisation's conference.

Matsepe-Casaburri, backed by ANC national leaders who saw her election as the best solution to unite warring factions in the province, lost the vote for the chairman's position to her newly installed finance and economic affairs MEC Zingile Dingane.

He beat her by 29 votes, receiving 218 votes to 189.

Ironically, Dingane was "redeployed" to the province from the National Assembly three months ago to stop the bitter in-fighting between then premier Lekota and chairman Pat Matosa.

The result is seen as rank-and-file members' rejection of the na-

## Dingane's win a snub for national leaders

national leaders' attempts to ensure their own choice of leader is endorsed.

It is the second provincial conference where delegates have rejected national proposals.

In Northern Province last year, Premier Ngoako Ramatlhodi lost the ANC chairmanship despite attempts by national leaders to ensure no candidate opposed him.

More than 20 ANC national executive committee members attended the Welkom conference to show support for Matsepe-Casaburri.

In elections, marked by intense lobbying and manoeuvring (which included Dingane entering the race at the last moment on Saturday), the 438 voting delegates swept in leaders seen as sympathetic to Lekota.

MEC for local government and housing Itumeleng Kotsisoane was elected deputy chairman (267 votes) over environment and tourism MEC Tate Makgoe (148), a known Matosa sympathiser.

The secretary is Sello Dithebe, mayor of Odendaalsrus, who defeated ousted transport MEC Ace Magashule's friend Casca Mokitlane.

The deputy secretary is Godfrey Baarde Tsoa and the treasurer is Doctor Monareng. Both defeated perceived Matosa supporters.

Dingane, a former Bloemfontein teacher and chairman of the powerful parliamentary standing committee on finance, said his quest for the chairmanship was not motivated by any desire to become premier.

"There shall be close co-operation, both personal and professional, between myself and the premier. We do not see this executive committee as a stumbling block to the premier."

Labour Minister Tito Mboweni, leader of the interim committee appointed by the ANC to resolve the in-fighting in the province, said that what would happen to the premier was not an issue.

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# Free State premier loses ANC contest

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Vuyo Mvoko

BATTLE lines have been drawn again in the Free State with new premier Ivy Matsepe Casaburri losing the contest yesterday for the provincial leadership of the ANC, despite her "deployment" to the province by the ANC's national leadership.

Free State finance and economic affairs MEC Zingile Dingham, who beat her by 29 votes, won through intense lobbying by supporters of ousted premier Patrick Lekota. The conference was attended by what was perhaps the highest-ranking ANC delegation — consisting of cabinet and national executive committee members — yet to attend a provincial congress.

During the conference and before, the "Lekota lobby" made no secret of its dissatisfaction at the way the ANC national leadership was handling the leadership tussle that had ensued between Lekota on the one hand, and former provincial chairman Pat Matosa and former economic affairs MEC Ace Magashule on the other hand. Their determination and thorough groundwork also ensured that the party's top five positions went to their preferred men.

Benny Kotsoane was elected deputy chairman, with Sello Dithebe (secretary), Barde Tsoai (deputy secretary) and Ngaka Monareng (treasurer).

An SA Communist Party member said: "This is a demonstration to the ANC NEC that they cannot dictate to the people what to do. You cannot impose a leader on people, democracy must take its course. They have seen today, the people have spoken." The men held responsible for the

anarchic leadership tussle that drove the Free State into chaos also agreed. "It is the decision of the majority," said Magashule. And in a different interview Matosa added: "The people have spoken during free and fair elections."

ANC acting secretary-general Cheryl Carolus, who was part of the task team sent to facilitate the 10th conference, said the national leadership did not share the perception that there were two factions in the run-up to the provincial conference.

The elections "indicated that there was quite a vibrant process of elections for the top five positions," she said, and "we feel good because there has been a democratic process." She said everything had been done to ensure that the elections were free and fair, and the delegates spoke on behalf of their constituencies and not themselves. "The lesson we have learnt in the Free State is that you need hands-on leadership to be able to ensure that the outcome at conferences truly reflects the views of the membership on the ground."

Carolus said the new executive was "very mindful of the kinds of bruising battles that have gone before, and we also believe that they understand fully that as a leadership we are holding them accountable for what will happen in the province after this."

Dingham said he would work closely with the premier "at official and personal levels."

"I am quite humbled by the kind of confidence that the people of the Free State have shown in me and I accept this as a big challenge," he said.

"My first task would be to go to all

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the regions of the ANC to make sure that the kinds of reports that would be given by delegates would be confirmed and actually filtered down by the leadership of the province and the branches to ensure that the kind of unity we are talking about is actually achieved."

Dingham said his willingness to stand for the chairmanship had not been influenced by a desire to be the premier of the province. "I was inspired

by the fact that there is a lot of work to be done by the ANC in this province, and nothing else."

The newly elected provincial executive takes over with immediate effect, and the ANC task team that was sent to the Free State will soon present a report to national leaders on the state of the province.

Task team leader Tito Mbowem said "There will be no parallel leadership. However, members of the ANC NEC who are permanently deployed to the province, as part of their ongoing ANC work will continue to work with the elected provincial executive."

# Lekota makes a dramatic comeback

ARGUS CORRESPONDENT

Welkom - Ousted Free State premier Patrick Lekota has made a dramatic comeback to the province's politics after delegates to the organisation's provincial conference voted him the most popular leader after the top five officials.

Mr Lekota was returned to the provincial executive committee by a whopping 301 votes of 407 votes cast yesterday in a move that is a blow to ANC national leaders' attempts to remove him from the region and give him a national profile to

end leadership wars in the province

Mr Lekota's victory comes after the organisation's national leaders suffered a major blow at the weekend when their favoured candidate for the chairmanship of the ANC in the Free State, new Premier Dr Ivy Matsepe-Casaburri, was snubbed by delegates

Ms Matsepe-Casaburri, backed by ANC national leaders who saw her election as the best solution to unite warring factions in the province, lost the vote for the chairman's position to her newly installed finance and economic affairs MEC Zingile Dngane. He beat her by 29 votes, receiving

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218 votes to 189. Ms Matsepe-Casaburri has, however, been voted into the new executive committee

Mr Lekota and a few other leaders were "advised" by national leaders not to stand for the top five positions

The new executive committee is dominated by leaders seen as pro-Lekota and his anti-corruption drive. His opponents in the leadership wars, Ace Magashule and Pat Matosa, are not in the new executive committee. The result is seen as rank-and-file members' rejection of the national leaders' attempts to ensure their own choice of leader is endorsed

# Dingani and Ivy to 'work together for common good'

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NEW Free State ANC chairman Mr Zingile Dingani and Premier Dr Ivy Matsepe-Casaburri pledged yesterday to "put the difficulties that this province has experienced recently behind us and work together for the common good".

The two said in a joint press statement that they could make a major contribution to progress in the province.

Dingani pipped Matsepe-Casaburri by 218 votes to 189 for the provincial chairmanship.

"Recent press reports have suggested that having the positions of the premier and the chairman of the ANC held by two people could create problems. However, we believe in collective leadership and

therefore we also believe that two heads are better than one," the two leaders said.

Ousted premier Mr Patrick Lekota's emphatic backing by delegates at the conference is seen as yet another blow for ANC national leaders who appointed him to the National Council of Provinces.

His foes in the warring province, Mr Pat Matosa and Mr Ace Magashule, did not stand for election. He is the most popular leader in the organisation after the top five officials.

The new executive committee is seen as overwhelmingly pro-Lekota.

The ANC, in a statement yesterday, denied that the election of Dingani was a snub to its national executive committee.



# Free State delegates flout leaders'

# Wishes

well come out the winner

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The ANC sought to impose its will party members in the Free State. Instead, Vuyo Mvoko discovered, the province may

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THERE were two victories for the African National Congress (ANC) and the Free State at the party's provincial congress at the weekend: the rank and file resisted attempts by national leaders to force them to toe the line, and all sides pledged to work for the good of the province.

At issue was the election of a new provincial leadership, against the background of a bitter power struggle between former premier Terror Lekota and the provincial executive which led to the shock dismissal of both when the ANC's national executive intervened. Many ordinary Free State members were infuriated by what they saw as interference in local democracy.

Party deputy president Thabo Mbeki was at pains to stress that delegates were free to choose whomever they wanted as their provincial leaders. But everyone knew that he and the ANC's national executive committee wanted the endorsement of premier Ivy Matsepe-Casaburri as party chairman, to prevent another duopoly and tussle for power.

Despite this, delegates re-

jected the "imposition" of Matsepe-Casaburri, electing in her place former national MP and Lekota man Zingile Dugani. At the same time, they promised not to misuse their political muscle in future and to seek a co-operative relationship with the premier.

They would work with Matsepe-Casaburri, they said, with their rivals and with the national executive committee that had "betrayed" them.

The "biggest ANC national leadership delegation yet sent to a provincial conference did not cow the delegates. They appeared unimpressed by the presence of chairman Jacob Zuma, Labour Minister Tito Mboweni, Public Works minister Jeff Radebe, Transport Minister Steve Maharaj, Sports Minister Steve Tshwete, acting party secretary-general Cheryl Carolus, Deputy Finance Minister Gill Marcus, intelligence chief Joe Nhlanhla, chief whip Max Sisulu, MP Tony Yengeni

and executive committee members Jeremy Cronin, Thembiso Mthintso and Limpopo Hanu Mbeki's keynote address was well prepared and carefully thought through. In its efforts to drive the region into line, the executive committee even invoked the ghosts of party luminaries. Emphasising "the need for discipline and loyalty", Zuma said in his opening remarks: "If Oliver Tambo heard that his ANC was in trouble, I'm sure he would turn in his grave."

The deputy president appealed in a diplomatic tone, but also issued subtle warnings and threats. "In an ordinary football club," he said, "when the club takes a decision and if I disagree with that decision, I go out and implement it."

"We are a voluntary organisation. People who feel they do not like majority decisions are

free voluntarily to leave, as voluntarily as they joined."

One of his aims appeared to be to weaken the cohesion of the anti-Casaburri lobby, to encourage them to surrender willingly and, as he put it, "put the movement first".

"It cannot be that this province could do things which would result in the destruction of the ANC," Mbeki said, reminding delegates that the organisation had been formed in that province 85 years ago.

ANC leaders were alarmed that party membership in the province had shrunk from about 200 000 before the leadership conflict erupted to about 80 000. Personal interests had been put before the party and the masses it purported to serve.

"We could not allow a situation like that to happen. It was indeed necessary for the nation-

al leadership to intervene and take its own decisions to create the conditions which have led us to this conference today," Mbeki said.

He dismissed as "a straightforward lie" beliefs that the national leadership had its own list of preferred candidates.

He argued that the conflict did not have its roots in real ideological or policy differences.

Each time the national leadership asked "what is it politically that divides you, comrades?" we never got a clear answer.

Again justifying the intervention of head office, he said the Free State provincial leadership had failed to resolve the crisis. "The fact of the matter is that there was agreement with the provincial leadership that the national leadership should come in."

In a clear reference to the outcry among ANC members in the Free State over Matsepe-Casaburri's premiership, he said that when the national executive committee reached a decision, a situation where "a comrade goes out and makes statements opposing that will not be allowed".

"We cannot allow chaos to develop in the movement, anarchy described as democracy."

Mbeki said "We started participating in government in 1994. It was inevitable we would make mistakes. There are things we have to change... because they are not working."

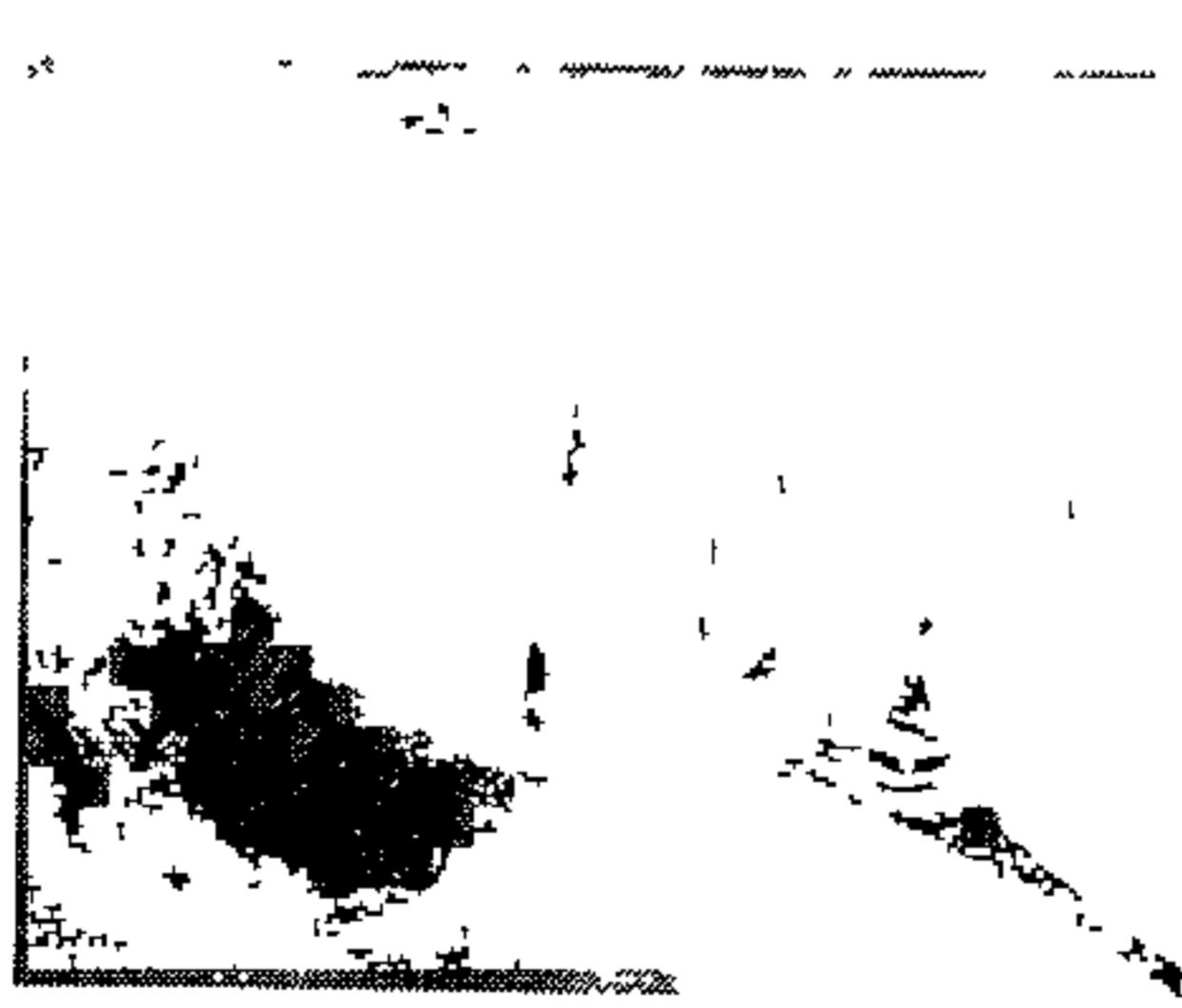
The ANC was "coming out of a difficult period". He said: "We need to ask ourselves what it is that we did wrong, what it is that we need to do to ensure that we do not repeat that experience."

The delegates responded with a song which rang through the hall in Welkom throughout the meeting, but which reached a crescendo before the announcement of the election results. "Lent' oyenzayo ayilunganga" (What you are doing is wrong).

Mbeki had warned against playing into the hands of "our enemies". By their choice of leader, they appeared to be responding that the problem was within, rather than outside, the organisation.

The Free State congress was the second occasion on which ANC national leaders had tried to drag a region into toeing their line. Last year delegates at the party's Northern Province congress also flouted the wishes of the national executive committee by rejecting premier Ngoako Ramathlodi as provincial party boss.

Mbeki had warned of a "disease creeping into the movement" which he said arose mainly from "low levels of political understanding among some comrades". By their actions, the Free State delegates seemed to suggest it was the top brass who lacked the correct perspective.



MATSEPE-CASABURRI

# Profligate Natal needs R1,6bn boost from gov

Nicola Jenvey

ULUNDI — KwaZulu-Natal suffered a R2,4bn budget deficit, or 15% of its R15,3bn national allocation, for the year to March and effectively required an additional R1,6bn from central government, finance MEC Ben Ngubane said yesterday.

Another R820,1m was funded from savings the previous financial year, while R322,4m had been carried over.

The Provincial Service Commission bore the brunt of the overspending, blame — reflecting a R1,02bn increase — but Ngubane said this represented the amount attributed to improved service conditions across the votes and had been reflected within the commission for appropriation purposes only.

Health, which received R3,2bn, reflected an increase of R416,9m largely due to the R270,6m carry-over by the national health department from the previous financial year. Another R100m assisted with the anticipated shortfall in provincial general and community hospitals.

An amount of R208,3m transferred to the works department from education and culture boosted this vote's increase to R352,6m. Capital projects committed during 1995/96, but not yet funded, were also rolled over.

Across the remaining votes the reconstruction and development programme (RDP) department reflected a R130m overspend, social welfare R102,1m, agriculture R88,8m (including R45,8m for drought relief), education and culture R80,1m, local government and housing R75,9m (including R52,4m from national government for the delayed local government elections in the province); transport R41,9m; economic affairs and tourism R41,8m (including R38m to assist the KwaZulu Transport Services in "financial

crisis and avoid disastrous consequences" for the provincial economy); premier R36,45m; traditional and environmental affairs R17,8m, finance R6,5m; and provincial parliament R79 000 (for a motor vehicle not delivered the previous year).

The national agriculture department allocated KwaZulu-Natal R19,7m for flood damage and Education had rolled over R86,8m for funding the culture of learning, early childhood development

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and RDP education projects. The national Public Service Commission transferred R5,3m for human resource development and state expenditure boosted the provincial peace initiative by R106m.

However, Ngubane acknowledged that KwaZulu-Natal had spent R33m on aviation services. Ngubane criticised departments which had not fully utilised their budget allocations during the financial year, effectively forcing funds to be rolled over.

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## Judge says IFP carried out massacre

DURBAN — The Shobashobane massacre of 18 villagers on the KwaZulu-Natal south coast in 1995 was clearly a politically motivated attack by the Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) on the African National Congress (ANC), Judge Hillary Squires said in the Durban High Court yesterday.

In the summary of evidence, Squires said the attack was not factional because members of extended families were among both the accused and the victims. It was also not merely criminally motivated, although houses were looted during the attack.

Squires said the fact that the attackers had organised themselves into two groups showed it had been anticipated beforehand that people fleeing

from the attack would try to run in the direction of Izingolweni police station.

During the trial last month several state witnesses said that when they tried to run away from the mob of 2 000 people to the local police station another attacking group from the direction of the police station blocked their way.

Squires said the evidence of local IFP leader and accused Sipho Ngcobo, 43, that the attack had not been sanctioned by the IFP, should be viewed with caution as witnesses had identified Ngcobo as one of the active participants in the attack. Ngcobo and 17 co-accused are on trial on 18 counts of murder and nine of attempted murder. All have pleaded not guilty. The hearing continues. — Sapa.

## Expired feeding contracts put pupils in precarious position

BISHO — The Eastern Cape provincial school feeding scheme will grind to a halt unless new contracts are awarded before existing contracts expire.

Thousands of pupils were not fed this week, although officials in Bisho said today this was normal as it was the last week of the first school term.

A meeting of representatives from the health and welfare, education and reconstruction and development committees today heard that no new contracts had been awarded this year.

The committee was shown a tender notice, published on March 13, which gave the closing date of April 3 — five days before schools opened for the second term and more than a week after the current contracts expired.

Officials said they were worried that it might take up to three months to get the scheme operating properly again, leaving pupils hungry.

Health and welfare deputy director for the nutrition programme, Nomahungelo Bongco, and provincial coordinator Nomawonga Kama said the contracts awarded to five nongovernmental organisations to administer the schemes in the Eastern Cape expired at the end of the month.

Bongco and Kama told the committee that pupils were not being fed this week as it was the last week of term.

The committee agreed to try to find a solution.

Kama said that at the end of last year the programme had reached 95% of the targeted schools.

More than 875 000 pupils were getting bread and peanut butter, biscuits and a soft drink every school day.

These figures excluded the Queenstown region, where statistics were unavailable at the time of going to press. — Ecna.

# 13 guilty of massacre

## Five acquitted of killings at Shobashobane

By Mbongeni Hlopho

**T**HIRTEEN of the 18 accused in the Shobashobane massacre trial were found guilty yesterday in the Durban High Court of murdering 18 African National Congress supporters in December 1995

Judge Hillary Squires acquitted five of the accused, saying that the evidence had failed to place them at the scene of crime

Among those found guilty was Inkatha Freedom Party South Coast leader Mr Siphso Ngcobo

The others are Disco Nyawose, Solomon Shabane, Zithulele Zuma, Gideon Zulu, Mhinda Cele, Thengokwakhe Zenda, Mdzanze Cele, Ntakazobom Gambushe, Zimele Nyawose and a 15-year-old minor

The five who were acquitted are policeman Bafanyana Cele, Swengu Zenda, Phineas Jamma, Israel Cele and Bulelani Xolo

Squires said he had found enough evidence to convict the 13. They were convicted on 18 counts of murder and nine of attempted murder

In particular, the judge said, the evidence of Mr Alpheus Shabane was the most credible. He said Shabane had had enough time to observe the killers from his hiding place

Turning to Ngcobo (Siphso) he said it was clear he was lying when he claimed to have been at home on the day of the attack

"We think his alibi is untruthful. We are satisfied that he was present during the attack and that he was armed with a rifle," the judge said

The judge questioned how Ngcobo, as leader of the IFP in the area, could not have been part of the attacks since there was enough proof that the attack was initiated and facilitated by the party

Squires also took a swipe at the police's handling of the case. He said he now understood why many witnesses could not trust the local police after the attack

Eighteen people were shot and hacked to death in a daylight attack at Shobashobane, the ANC stronghold on the KwaZulu-Natal South Coast

The attack took place on Christmas Day in 1995

Today the judge will listen to evidence in mitigation of sentence before passing sentence

The ANC welcomed the verdict yesterday and said the party respected it

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# IFP supporters guilty of Shobashobane killings

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Farouk Chothia (265)

DURBAN — Thirteen Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) supporters were convicted in the Durban High Court yesterday on charges of murdering and attempting to murder African National Congress (ANC) supporters in Shobashobane on the KwaZulu-Natal south coast on Christmas Day 1995.

Five other accused were acquitted. Judge Hilary Squires said in his judgment that the 13 — including local IFP leader Siphon Ngcobo, who was placed at the massacre site by about 10 witnesses — were guilty of the common purpose crime of murdering 18 people, and attempting to murder five others.

IFP supporters had "savagely" attacked Shobashobane residents with firearms, spears and knives. Those who survived were fortunate, and it did "not seem to be for want of trying" on the part of the murderers, Squires said. The attack was premeditated and aimed at "chasing" the ANC out of Shobashobane, he said.

SA navy employee Mindwa Cele and a 15-year-old boy were among those convicted. The boy's father testified against him. Squires said the father's testimony had been convincing and led to his son's conviction.

Among the five acquitted was Durban's Brighton Beach police station officer Phineas Cele.

Squires said that Cele's acquittal was due to the state's weak case

against him, rather than him having satisfied the court of his innocence. Israel Cele, who was also acquitted, had impressed more than any other accused. There was no basis to link him to the massacre, Squires said.

Squires said that Izingolwem police station constable captain Siphon Msweli had attempted to cover up Ngcobo's role in the massacre. This helped explain the perception among Shobashobane residents that the local police were biased in favour of the IFP.

Squires said that Msweli was "wholly unimpressive", and had been "reckless" with the truth when testifying in Ngcobo's defence.

Ngcobo had claimed he had been at his girlfriend's residence when the massacre took place and he later went to the police station to inquire about what had happened.

But Squires said that Ngcobo was a "vigorous" IFP leader, and "credible and cogent" evidence had been presented that he was part of the group which had committed the killings.

Msweli had claimed that Ngcobo arrived at the police station between 8am and 9am on the day of the massacre. However, the killings were taking place at the time, Squires said.

The evidence of accused Gideon Zulu had been "nonsense". He claimed he was grazing cattle at the time of the massacre, but the court had "no

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qualms" about convicting him

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ANC KwaZulu-Natal spokesman Dumisani Makhaye said that the judgment would restore confidence in the justice system.

The ANC expected the IFP to expel Ngcobo. Failure to do so would imply

that the party condoned the Shobashobane killings.

IFP spokesman Ed Tillett said that the IFP accepted the verdict, and that the massacre was carried out by "misguided individuals". It was regrettable that Squires had failed to draw a distinction between their "excessive actions" and the IFP.

There had been no evidence of complicity between local IFP leaders and the rest of the party.

# Thirteen convictions will not end Shobashoba

Farouk Chothia

DURBAN — The SA Police Service (SAPS) would continue investigating the Shobashobane massacre as only 13 people had been convicted, while 600 to 2,000 people had participated in the attack, KwaZulu-Natal south coast special investigation unit head Supt Doug Hannaway said yesterday.

The conviction of the 13, including local Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) leader Siphiso Ngcobo and a 15-year-old boy, in the Durban High Court on Monday did not mean that "this is the last you have heard of the case. The case can, and will, run for the next 25

years," he said

His comments followed a ruling by Judge Hilary Squires that the accused could be convicted under the "common purpose" doctrine for the murder of 18 people, including a baby, in the African National Congress (ANC) stronghold of Shobashobane on Christmas Day 1995

Squires ruled that it was not necessary for the state to prove that each accused had murdered a particular person. The participation of the accused in the invasion of Shobashobane indicated that their objective was to murder, he said

Hannaway said that warrants of arrest had been

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prepared for seven other people thought to have been involved in the attack. However, the warrants would be effected only if KwaZulu-Natal attorney-general Tim McNally decided to prosecute.

Squires was to pass sentence against 12 of the convicted IFP supporters today. He said in court yesterday that he would await a probation officer's report before passing sentence on the boy. Squires said he was not sure that prison was the "right place" for the boy as he needed "some firm guidance".

Counsel for the boy, advocate Shane Matthews, argued in mitigation that Squires should give him a suspended sentence. The boy lacked maturity and

might have been influenced by "not only political elders but also cultural elders"

The IFP-supporting boy was convicted after his ANC-supporting father testified that his son had been among the attackers.

Prosecutor Sindish Sankar said that while the boy might be a special case, he believed that all the accused should be given lengthy jail terms to send the message that the courts would not tolerate violence

People between the ages of 14 and 20 were "major role-players" in crime, and it was "quite dangerous to keep treating them leniently". It contributed to older people using them for their own motives

Ngcobo's counsel, Pieter van der Berg, said that Squires should not regard Ngcobo as the leader of the attackers. They could have been led by traditional leaders or other community leaders

Matthews said Squires should note, in passing sentence, that the attack took place after "prolonged provocation" from ANC supporters who blockaded roads and burnt the homes of IFP supporters. It was unfortunate that elderly people, children and women had been killed, but "sometimes females cause more trouble than men".

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# Probe — police

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**'The full extent of this horror, even discounting the sensationalism of the media, was awful and brought enormous shame to the entire country, especially this province . . .**

**The special edge to the ghastliness was to choose Christmas for the attack, a day of family celebration and goodwill.'**

**— Judge Squires**



**A GRIEF TOO GREAT TO BEAR** A mourner is supported as she collapses in anguish at the mass burial in 1996. This week — a year later — justice was at last seen to be done as the killers who had chased, tortured and butchered 18 people were jailed, some of them for life

of the media, was awful and brought enormous shame to the entire country, especially this province," said the judge, who had sat on the bench for more than a month listening to the litany of crimes

The crimes had shown the outside world the residual savagery in our country, said the judge. There had been no differences of religion, race or culture in the area – yet the killings resembled "ethnic cleansing" in other countries, said Judge Squires

The massacre had shamed everyone into the realisation that "our own people can do the same"

"The killers lowered our standing in the civilised world, especially when attempts were being made at reconciliation

"The special edge to the ghastliness was to choose Christmas for the attack, a day of family celebration and goodwill"

Within 90 minutes on that Christmas morning, 18 people – men, women and an infant – were hunted down, terrorised and butchered

Some of the nine survivors were still disabled, said the judge

One victim, a young pregnant woman, was so badly injured that blood had to be drawn from her lung. Her child died in her womb.

The judge said the sentence should not only serve as severe retribution but should be an example to any leader of a party, or warlord, that setting in motion such acts will be punished

The judge, who had earlier found that the massacre had been carried out by Inkatha supporters, decided that his court would be the stage where an example would be set of what would befall such people

□ However, Ngcobo's wife wanted her husband out of jail and called on their lawyers to do everything to help him. After her husband was sentenced, she called out to them: "Even if it costs R50 000, or any

that Christmas Day. And in the attacks preceding the massacre, six other family members had been killed – including her sisters Shonisile, Thandi and Fezile, and her brothers, Sifiso, Mafika and Mathenjwa

Some of them were mothers and fathers

Her brother Khupha left two women who were both pregnant with his children, she said as tears began to well up again.

As if she had passed all stages of pain and there was no longer any room for anger in her heart, she said she felt no need for revenge

"I'm a religious person. I only know that people who commit sin get punished." But that was a matter between them and their God, she said. Their ruined home is now deserted. Her pensioner mother lives somewhere in the south coast

□ Other families of victims were jubilant. They joined fellow ANC supporters in stomping their feet loudly after the sentences were passed

Dumazile Nyawose said the killers should never be pardoned

□ Another Inkatha member, youth leader Zithulele Zuma, was also jailed for life

Like Siphon Ngcobo, by virtue of their office in Inkatha, he should shoulder the major part of the blame in this "shocking" affair, the judge said

□ The judge sentenced Solomon Shabane to eight years in jail

Gideon Zulu – a 67-year-old man whom the judge described as very active in the attack, despite his protestations that he was too old – Mlindwa Cele and Thengokwakhe Zenda were jailed for 10 years each.

Six of the attackers – some of whom had boasted about the killings while in police cells after their arrest – were jailed for 15 years: Disco Nyawose, Phineas Jama, Mhambi Ntombela, Mdlezane Cele, Thulisani Mnganga and Zimele Nyawose.



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Ngcobo's son, a warder, turned to her, red-eyed, and cried on her shoulder. His stepmother consoled him and said "Look at me. I'm not crying. We are now putting all our hopes on you."

She seemed to have taken the news better than the families of the other condemned men - mostly married men. Their wives were subdued and looked worried.

Outside the courtroom, a member of the family of the slain Khupha Nyawose - one of the households that suffered perhaps the most misery - had

sat waiting to get into the packed gallery.

The previous day the unemployed Jabu Nyawose had been unable to attend the proceedings because she did not have money for the fare to the city.

And today she was unable to get in. But she did not show anger.

□ The sentencing of Dumisani Zulu, who was 14 at the time of the attack, will take place on April 10. The judge wanted information from Correctional Services on the holding of a juvenile in prison, including facilities like education.

The youth's father - who has testified against him - should be present, said the judge.

On April 10 the judge will announce whether the defence's request for leave of appeal is granted.

□ One of the investigating officers, Alfred Khakhuse, said their success in the trial was proof that the police did their work. "The community must now have faith in us."

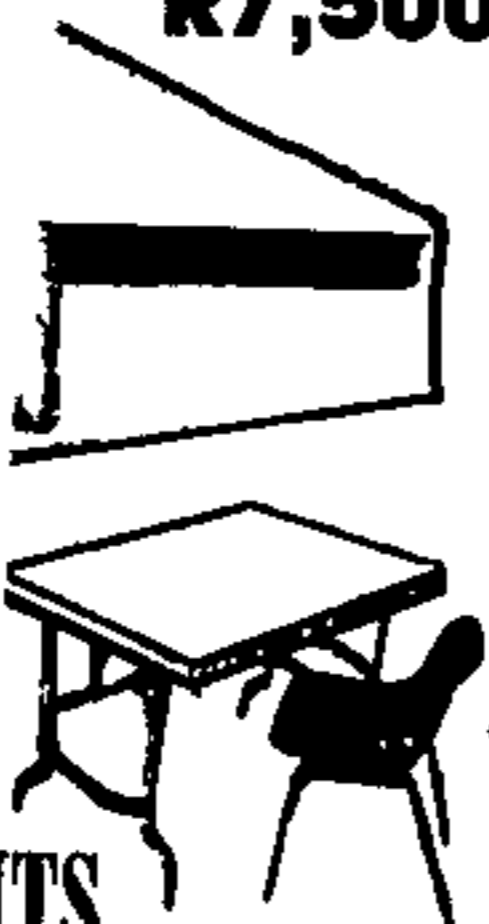
He said the case had been difficult. "We did our level best - especially with suspects running away and having to hunt them down."

□ Unhappy with the sentence, an IFP central committee member, Louis Mhlongo, complained that Inkatha supporters were being arrested while ANC supporters were not. He also complained that no Inkatha leaders had come to show solidarity with the accused members.

□ The ANC in KwaZulu-Natal welcomed the fact that the "courts in the province are now joining the fight against political violence and the culture of impunity".

□ Meanwhile, the situation was tense but quiet at Shobashobane - where there has been a heavy police presence to forestall any violence after this week's trial.

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Free State premier Ivy Matsepe-Casaburri at a news conference in Johannesburg on Friday at which she outlined three years of African National Congress provincial governance.

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## 'Lack of capacity' in provincial government

Kevin O'Grady

THE Free State provincial government had found, in its first three years in power, that there was a lack of capacity among those new to government and those with experience, premier Ivy Matsepe-Casaburri said on Friday.

She was speaking at a briefing in Johannesburg on three years of ANC provincial governance

Matsepe-Casaburri also said there was "gross exaggeration" about the capacity in existence

when the ANC took control of the province.

Other issues which the provincial government had to deal with included mediating competition between the provinces and ensuring provinces' policy frameworks and laws "do not undermine one another".

The ANC government, nationally and provincially, had endured a "steep learning curve" since taking over and it was now time to "assess whether the things that our heroes died and stood for are

the things to which we are still committed".

"We have certainly laid a foundation from which we must now judge what we do over the next two years," she said

Referring to her election as premier following Patrick Lekota's removal to chair the National Council of Provinces, Matsepe-Casaburri said "We have overcome the problems of taking over" There was no sign in her executive council that its members were not prepared to work together

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# Retribution comes at assassins

## Christmas Day

## Killers are sent to jail for life

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THE INKATHA leader convicted in the Shobashobane massacre trial showed little emotion as the life sentence imposed on him drew gasps from the Durban High Court gallery on Thursday. But he did seem close to tears as he hurried down to the cells to begin his sentence.

Before Sipho Ngcobo left the court, his weeping son hugged him and cried on his shoulders. His wife, showing a brave face, kissed him on the cheek and let him go.

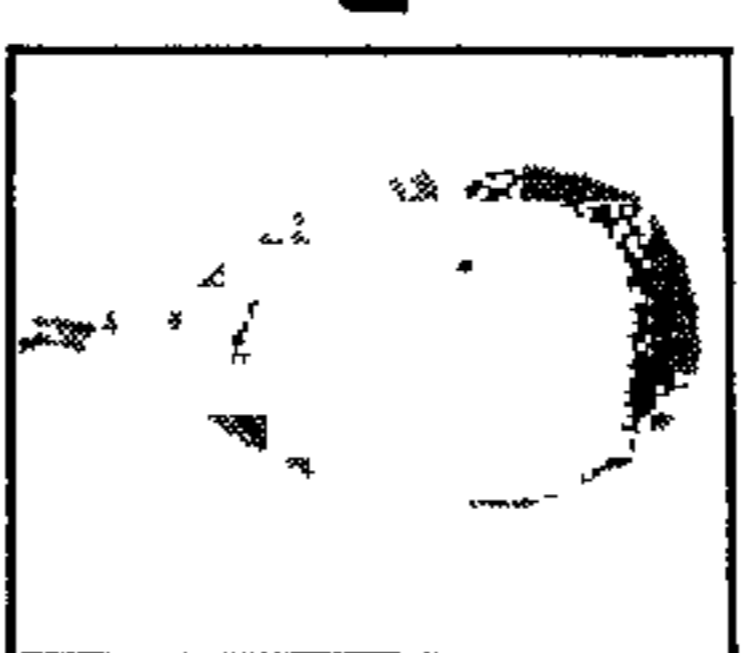
Ngcobo, a local Inkatha chairman, had been found guilty of setting in motion the most horrendous of crimes – a massacre akin to ethnic cleansing. He had planned and led the butchery of 18 people on the south coast, on a Christmas morning two years ago.

On a day even non-Christians regard as a day of goodwill, as Judge Squires commented, about 2,000 attackers, armed with guns, bushknives and spears, chased ANC supporters – cutting off all ways of escape.

The intention was to eliminate them. Some victims were stabbed repeatedly and died pleading for mercy. Their attackers also plundered property.

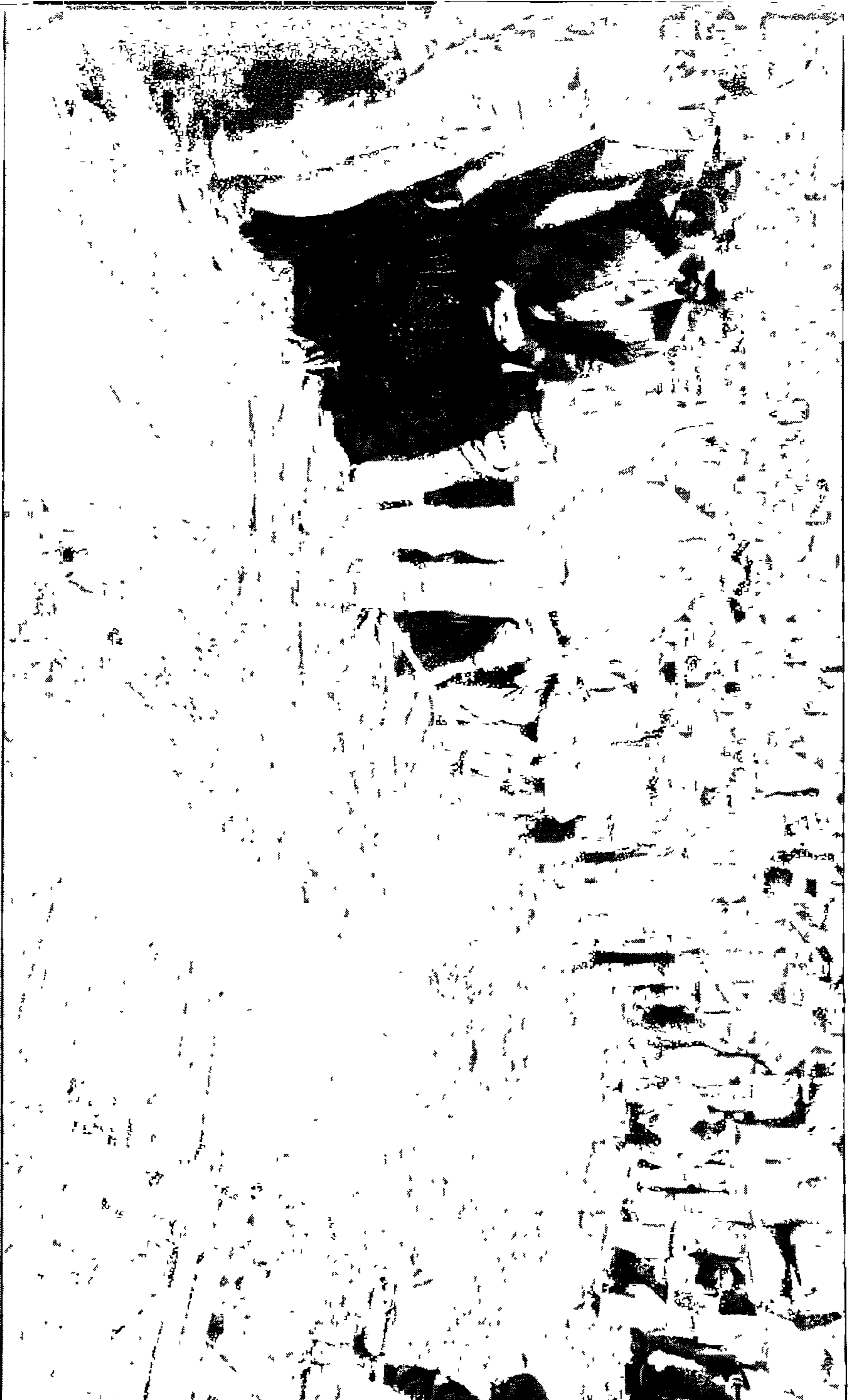
The full extent of this horror, however, was not known until the trial.

THERE WAS A loud stomping of feet when two Inkatha leaders were imprisoned for life and other Inkatha members were jailed this week by the Durban High Court for their part in the Shobashobane massacre. CHRIS HLONGWA reports on the day of retribution.



Her brother was one of the victims who had been captured by the attackers and killed.

A devoutly religious young woman of 22, with no interest in politics, she said her second-born brother Khupha was not the only one in the family who had died in the massacre, when the attackers also set their home on fire. Her sister had also been slain on



ASHBACK TO HORROR Deputy President Thabo Mbeki joined a shattered community at the mass burial of the 18 victims of the Shobashobane massacre on January 6 1996. The brutality of the killings of the helpless men, women and a child on Christmas Day 1995 had shocked the whole world. ■ Pic: RAJESH JANTILAL

# Three years on, democracy's a mixed bag for a Free State town

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A small Free State town provides a testing ground for South Africa's three-year democracy **Stuart Hess** and **Dawn Bialock** report

**E**LIZABETH MORENYANE, a mother of six, sits on a blanket in the dirt plot she can now call her own. She traces a small square in the dust with her fingertip, fills it with an X, and describes the day three years ago that she queued for 10 hours to vote for the first time in her life.

She makes a thumbprint next to the square: "Mandela," she says. She is proud to have "done a wonderful thing to choose Mandela and bring him to power".

Regardless of class or colour, lives have changed dramatically, for better and for worse, in this farming community in the north-

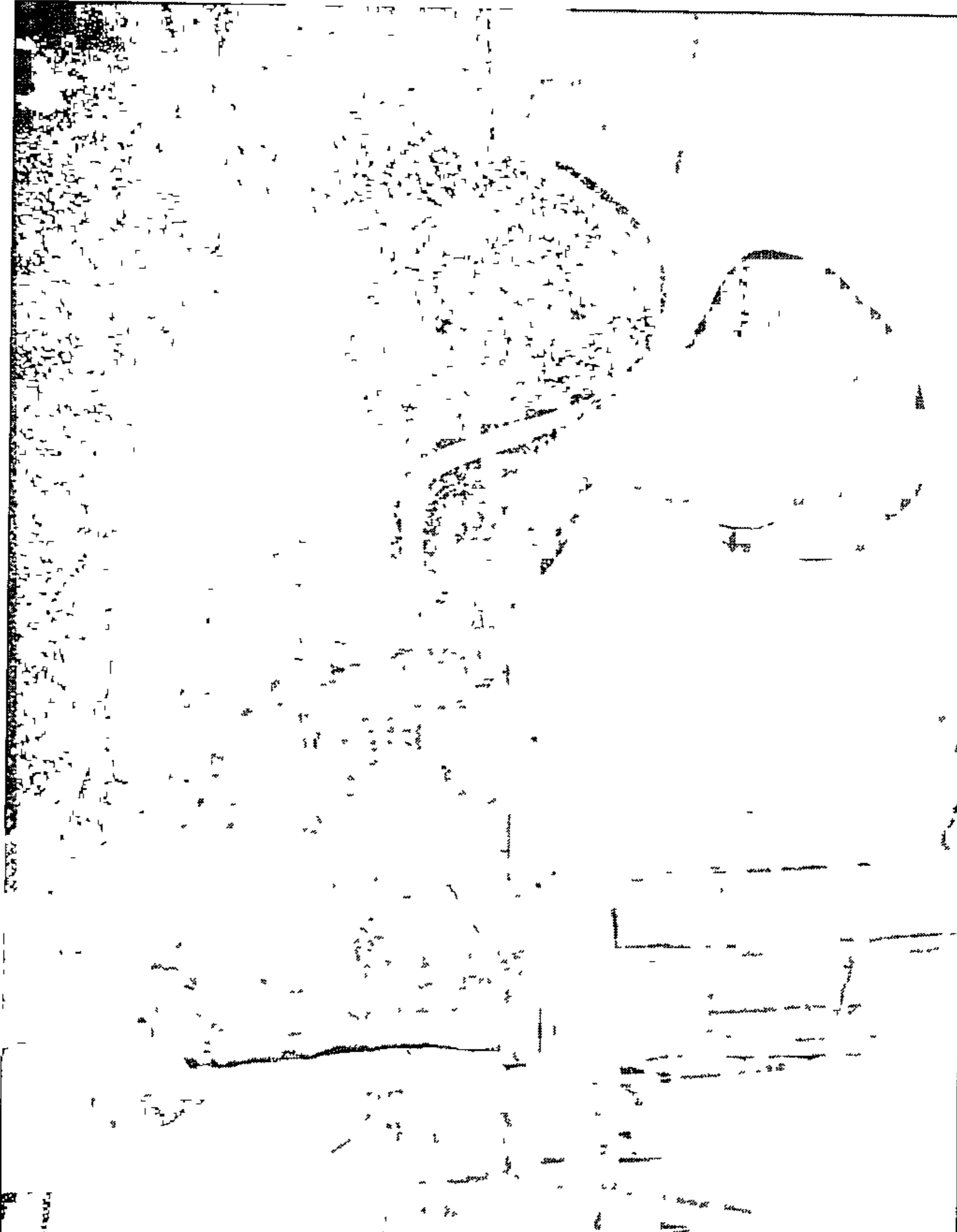
squatter camp

"We see some fruits of the changing — the old authority and the new authority are joined together to be one," says pensioner Nathaniel Seobi (79). After all, this former church leader explains, a three-year-old child doesn't learn to walk, run and talk immediately.

Other Viljoenskroon residents are not as satisfied with the new South Africa. "Mandela gets paid lots of money but we, we've got f-all," says an angry Abram de Jager (27). "Parliamentarians only look out for themselves, but here in the squatter camp, we work very hard but we get nothing."

De Jager supports a family which includes uncles, cousins and aunts on the R200 a month he earns as a farm labourer.

He paid in blood for democracy — two of his brothers were killed in the struggle against apartheid. De Jager



Sitting pretty: Elizabeth Morenyane (above) now owns her own plot, and has electricity and a tap near her shack, but like farmer Louis Botha (left) worries about crime

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calls South West Africa) and an ex-policeman, he calls a former police buddy on his private cell number when he needs the police. No one answers the phone on the re-ular

residents are paleosopical, others still hopeful — and others still angry.

Viljoenskroon is probably as typical a small town as anywhere in South Africa. If changes brought by democracy can happen and succeed here, they can happen anywhere.

Three years on, the town still has distinct divisions between black and white. There is a "white" town and, across the R59 highway, a "black" town. Rammulotsi, the sprawling township with 102 000 residents outside the main town, is growing rapidly every year.

The 7 000 white residents in the town are more empathetic to their fellow black residents. Emily Ramule, a social worker in Rammulotsi, says "They have come to understand that this country is changing and they must go along with the change."

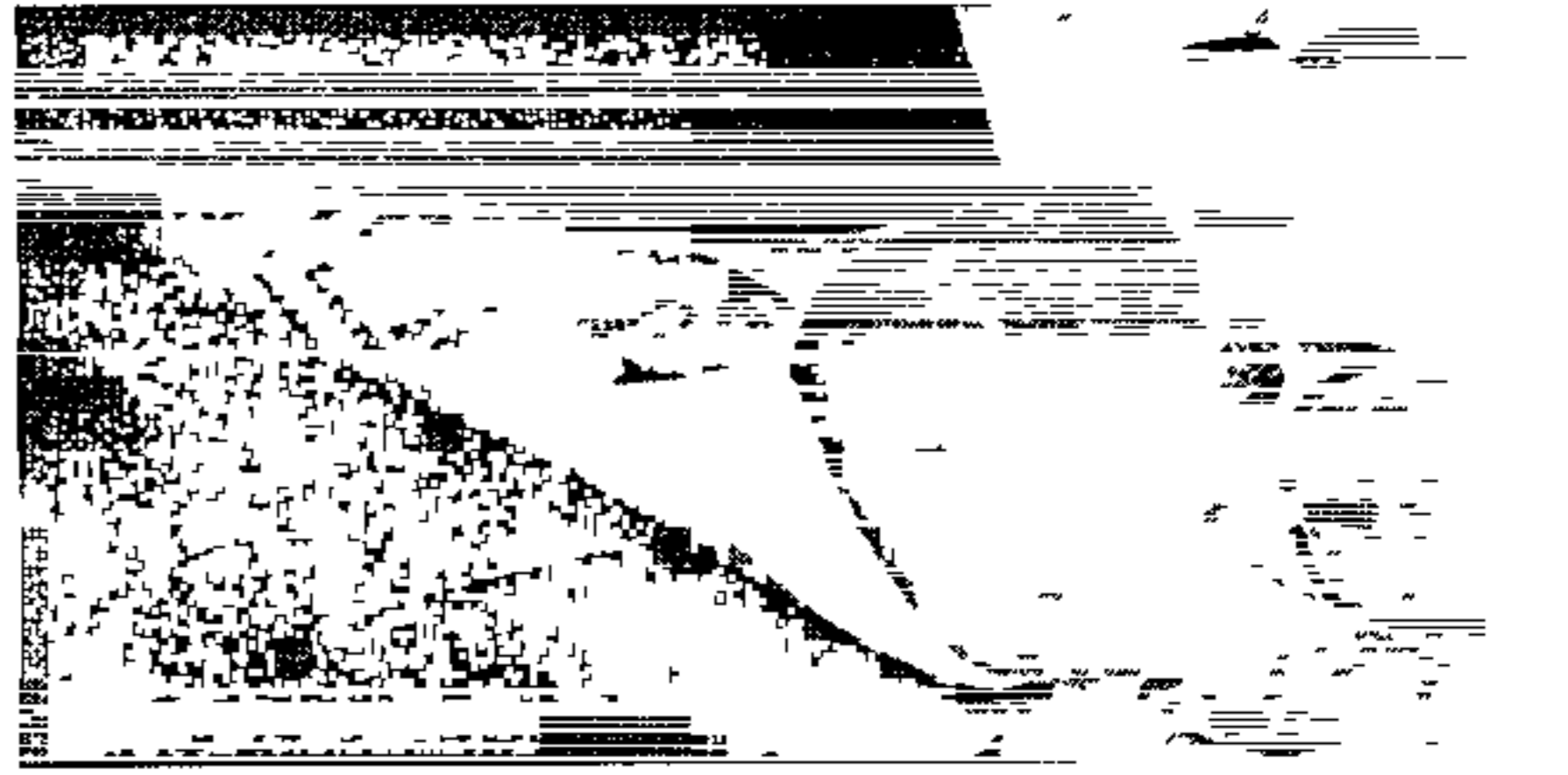
Moroenyane is pleased with the material changes in her life since 1994. She no longer walks 12km to fetch water, but points to a tap in her yard. Her shack has electricity. Nurses regularly come to treat residents.

She says black residents now have the right to walk through the town whenever they please. In the past, they had to heed a 9pm curfew.

She says she paid R10 a month and now owns the land on which her corrugated-iron shack stands. But a shack is still a shack. By now, she expected her family of 12 would have had a real house. She believes violence and crime are worse.

Children are sexually abused by men who are home all day as a result of worsening unemployment.

Some turn to crime because jail, with free food and warm clothes, beats starving and freezing in



those who bought it. It's benefiting while he has few options.

"Those who killed my brothers are still working in nice offices," he says.

The President still has a debt to pay, he warns. "Mandela must remember a lot of people spilt blood for him. He would not be where he is now if we didn't do that."

Meanwhile, the government is preoccupied with the ghosts of apartheid activists. "They dig up bodies of old fighters, but what about us? We have problems here and they don't help us."

Three years ago a farmer, Louis Botha, was the acting chairman of the Viljoenskroon branch of the National Party. He saw change coming and prepared for it.

"I was in favour of a new dispensation and I worked for it, so in a sense I got what I worked for," Botha says. "There's no room in this country for the type of democracy that allows whites to rule themselves as a separate entity. I accept the fact that I'm in an African country — I don't mind being ruled by a government that is democratically elected."

Yet, Botha says, unemployment has increased since 1994 and union policies are contributing to the problem. "Farmers are afraid and are holding back [on turning] right now because of concerns about the unions."

Although Botha says he saw it coming, crime has hit hard. And it hits across the board. The Viljoenskroon police force seems paralysed to fight it. Botha suspects the police were involved in the theft of some of his cattle.



scientist, is emigrating to California's Silicon Valley. Botha is happy for him, and confident that one day he'll return and that South Africa will be worth returning to.

"If it is not normal at the moment," he says, "we are heading for a normal life."

Mohau Morapedi (20) has recently had his efforts thwarted by vestiges of the apartheid mindset. It's not white youths but their parents, he says, who are making it difficult for him and others to start a sports club for youths.

Too young to vote in 1994, he supported the ANC although he's not a member.

Morapedi wants to be an office administrator. He is very satisfied with the secondary education he received. "Now even in the black school we've got a white principal and

"I was thinking a black president would get us out of the oppression my parents lived under. The new government must try to work harder to see how many they can help to be in tertiary education. If not, some are going to be thieves or join organisations that make our country corrupt."

He'd like to continue his education but he can't afford it. "The problem is financial. I was thinking that money is not the real problem and now I see that it is."

Bryden Leather sits drinking beer at the Birds Bar at the Hotel Mahem in the white town with his AK-47 on his knee — one of 107 guns he owns and collects on his 4 300-hectare farm. When not farming, he organises private hunting trips for Americans around Southern Africa. A former Koevoet soldier who saw

What has improved in his life in the past three years? "Crime," he says, without making clear exactly what he means. "All the shit they expected to happen before the elections — it's all happening now," he says. "Crime has doubled — and he [Mandela] can do nothing about it."

Leather says farmers have been left out in the cold by government policies over the past three years, fuel prices have skyrocketed, the Mazze Board was demolished leaving farmers to market their harvests with their own rand, and that rand is worth considerably less than three years ago.

Blacks "have been promised everything" and the goods have not been delivered. They have to resort to crime to survive, he says. "I've got nothing against the black person," adds Leather, even though he often uses less than flattering (unprintable, actually) words to describe blacks. "I cannot exist in my farming operation without him."

Ask Viljoenskroon people what has changed the most in their lives over the past three years since the election. The resounding answer, regardless of colour or class, is the same crime.

However, the town's mayor, Pule Mokatlane, believes residents are exaggerating the crime problem, although his house was recently deliberately burnt to the ground. He now lives in the "white" town.

"Serious crime is not that bad. There has been an increase in house-breaking, but our police force is handling that very well," he said.

But it's the sage-like Nathaniel Seobi who sums up Viljoenskroon's adjustment to democracy.

"Everyone is free to live, not free to make violence, to be a thief," he says. "Freedom is to know each other and respect each other."

# Provinces asked to resolve dispute

John Dlodlu

THE Free State and North West governments will have to intervene to resolve the latest deadlock in talks to settle the dispute over assets worth R50m belonging to the North West Development Corporation, a Free State Development Corporation spokesman says.

The Free State Development Corporation, which is refusing to pay for the assets belonging to the former Bophuthatswana Development Corporation, has proposed an interim management deal to North West Development Corporation to prevent the de-generation of factories and shopping complexes which have become "ghost towns" in Thaba Nchu.

Free State Development Corporation public relations manager Kgotsa Tau said yesterday the corporation's management had briefed finance MEC Zingile Dingani about the latest deadlock in negotiations with the management of the North West parastatal, which took over the activities of the now defunct Bophuthatswana corporation.

"Clearly, the opinions of the two (North West and Free State development corporations) do not seem to meet," Tau said. His management believed the solution would be political intervention.

The dispute arose in 1994 after the elections which saw the provincial boundaries being redrawn, placing Thaba Nchu in the Free State.

The place where the assets were situated was one of about six far-flung pieces of land that made up the former Bophuthatswana.

The North West Development Corporation, which was unavailable for comment yesterday, wants to be compensated for the assets, while its Free State counterpart insists that assets belonging to government through the parastatal will have to be transferred to it without any compensation.

However, the Free State institution would be prepared to consider compensation for assets involving third parties — such as joint ventures with private sector participation, Tau said.

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Wheeling and dealing in government money has left some officials dazed, confused ... and in trouble

# Lekota's foe implicated in dubious deals

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A year ago, Terror Lekota fired a man. The action led to his own 'redeployment'.

Now a report shows Lekota may have been right, writes **Rehana Rossouw**

**T**HE senior African National Congress official who helped oust former Free State premier Patrick "Terror" Lekota has been implicated in dubious deals involving more than R10-million of taxpayers' money.

A special investigation by the province's public accounts committee earlier this month tabled a damning report into former economics and tourism MEC Ace Magashule, following eight days of hearings in which senior officials were called to testify.

The report, which details a web of unauthorised expenses and tramplered procedures with Magashule's department, is the second investigation into his activities as MEC.

The first — completed last year by the Free State government's director general, Dr DB Setat — was sent to the police for investigation Lekota

fired Magashule in June, long before Setat completed his probe.

The dismissal split the ANC in the Free State, leading to Lekota's "redeployment" to the National Council of Provinces. He was replaced as premier by former SABC chair Ivy Matsepe-Casaburri Magashule, who was supposed to go up to the National Assembly, has been in political limbo since then.

A representative for the Free State attorney general said this week that the police commercial branch had still to finalise its investigation. It was reporting fortnightly on progress, but he did not know when charges would be formulated.

The public accounts committee investigation presented its findings in nine resolutions to the legislature.

- It found R7,78-million was transferred irregularly to the Free State Promotion Agency and the Free State Tourism Company, which were not registered as companies.
- Some of the money has been recovered. It recommended that the province's Department of Finance, Expenditure and Economic Affairs attempted to recover the rest.

- It found that two officials were employed by the agencies and the combined payment for their services



**Outta here: Ace Magashule at his farewell party in the Free State last year**

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between September 1 and October 31 1995 was R32 492. However, the committee was satisfied with their performance and recommended that their salaries be authorised by the provincial legislature.

- It found that a senior official in the provincial tender board had allowed the two agencies to be established without taking corrective steps and recommended that controls in the board be improved.
- It resolved that the tender board re-

examine the allocation of tenders, talking into account the policies of the government and attempting to empower disadvantaged communities.

- It discovered that the proceeds of auctions were not always paid into government accounts and in one case, resulted in the loss of R1,5-million. Legal steps have been taken to recover the money and the state attorney has received R438 000 so far.
- It discovered that services and

goods to the value of R2,1-million and R112 000 had been given to the two agencies and recommended that the expenditure be authorised. However, there was no documentation for a further R174 000 spent and the committee recommended that if the money was not recovered within two months, charges be laid with the SAPS;

- It found R157 141 was received by the Free State Development Corporation that should have been paid into the provincial revenue fund. However, only R44 828 had to be recovered.

- It discovered that the corporation had granted loans of R1,6-million — loans authorised by Magashule. The loans were paid out without securities being obtained and no repayments were made. The amount outstanding, together with interest, now far exceeds R1,6-million. The committee could not establish whether Magashule made any financial gain when making the loans and recommended that effective measures are instituted to ensure such irregularities do not recur.

- The committee also heard of irregularities in the tendering and supply of cleaning agents for the Free State government by a senior official and recommended that disciplinary steps be taken against him and a lawsuit be instituted against the successful tenderer.

Magashule was not available for comment. But a spokesman for the provincial legislature, Jongi Ndakana, said: "At the moment Magashule is not being held responsible for maladministration. Where he goes from here is not certain. The ANC is still waiting for our report before making a decision."

The ANC's national spokesman was not available for comment.



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## METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENTS

## Why Durban pips Jo'burg

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Durban's record development loan exposes a local government anomaly

The Durban Metropolitan Council's coup in securing a R684m loan for infrastructural development from the Development Bank of SA (DBSA) contrasts starkly with the difficulty Johannesburg has with large-scale borrowing (see *Editorial Opinion*, page 32)

Not only is the Durban loan a DBSA lending record to a local authority and a benchmark for local government borrowing, but it indicates the city's apparent creditworthiness while other local authorities, such as Johannesburg, are foundering in a morass of rates and funding disputes

DBSA CE Ian Goldin, with typical banking reserve, refuses to be drawn into comparisons between Durban's and Johannesburg's creditworthiness

But it is known in local government circles that the Greater Johannesburg Metropolitan Council is also in the throes of

negotiating a loan with the DBSA — and that the loan is likely to be smaller than that awarded to Durban

Though Johannesburg's budget is much larger than Durban's (larger even than some provinces'), analysts believe that by the same criteria applied to the KwaZulu-Natal city, Johannesburg would attract a smaller loan

Historically the DBSA made regular loans to regional services councils (the closest to predecessors to the current metros) The metro will pay an average 15% interest over the 20 years that it takes to repay the DBSA, says acting city treasurer Mike Turrell

The DBSA would have satisfied itself that, based on Durban's budgetary controls and effective prioritisation, effective cost recovery mechanisms will be in place

That means it is satisfied that the funds will be used effectively and that all risks of nonrecovery have been mitigated

In doing so it would have found that the substructures have significant control over their own budgets The metro receives payment from them only for services rendered As Turrell says, the metro is a partner



DBSA's Ian Goldin

rather than a controlling body for the substructures

Durban will soon drop the substructure suffix to its council names — which will mean it cannot draw from North Central Council's budget to subsidise South Central Turrell adds the city is relatively debt-free, the loan will be repaid without raising rates

In contrast, Johannesburg Metro is essentially a

super-council and the controversy over the Eastern Council subsidising the Metro Council and other local councils stems from central council pulling the purse strings

It is also probable that lending institutions, including the DBSA, would balk at handing over R600m or more to a city riven with financial complexities and disputes and run by a bloated bureaucracy

Ironically, Johannesburg's overall borrowings are in a relatively healthy state — with a reported debt equity ratio around 9% It has the capacity to attract substantial loans (bodies such as the DBSA generally accept up to 20% debt equity) — but only when it gets the rest of its house in order

Herb Payne

# Premier Ivy sets up two commissions

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Probes into alleged misdeeds in education, agriculture

By Simon Zwane  
Political Reporter

**F**REE State Premier Dr Ivy Matsepe-Casaburri has set up two commissions of inquiry to probe alleged irregularities and possible fraud in the departments of agriculture and education.

This follows allegations of a R21 million scam in the education department and the alleged irregular transfer of R100 million to three section 21 companies by the department of agriculture.

A senior official in the education department is alleged to have awarded a relative the contract to supply stationery to provincial schools without following tender procedures.

## Exposed scam

The scam was exposed when a businessman who had tendered for the same contract blew the whistle.

Provincial spokeswoman Mrs Mary Kodisang said Advocate V Duba had been appointed to chair the commission. He will be helped by Mr CK Hickling, Mr Tiego Moseneke and Mr H Moloto.

The commissioners met education MEC Mr Mxolisi Dukwana on Wednesday to discuss terms of reference.

Mr M Kgosana and Mr RL Mokgotsi have been appointed to investigate the financial status and expenditure of Free State Agriculture and Eco-tourism Development (Pty) Ltd, the Rural Strategy Unit, and the Rural Foundation Ltd.

The commission will also investigate the role played by advisers to agriculture MEC Mr Cas Human in the establishment of the companies in 1994 and if the three companies followed tender board guidelines when procuring supplies and services.

Alleged irregularities in the establishment of these companies and the suspected improper channelling of funds to them first came out at the height of the economic affairs and tourism scandal last year involving ousted MEC Mr Ace Magashule.

Some politicians at the time called on then premier Mr Terror Lekota to investigate the department.

## Free State factionalism hinders administration

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CAPE TOWN — The provincial audit has found that the Free State's "highly unstable" political climate has destabilised administration, with public servants being aligned with different political factions.

The Free State was one of four provinces, along with Mpumalanga, North West and the Northern Cape, with administrations judged to be "somewhere between the worst and best".

Political divisions in the Free State seemed to work themselves out in personality conflicts",

the report said. Political office bearers who worked in the administration were given access to elected officials, often above the heads of their superiors.

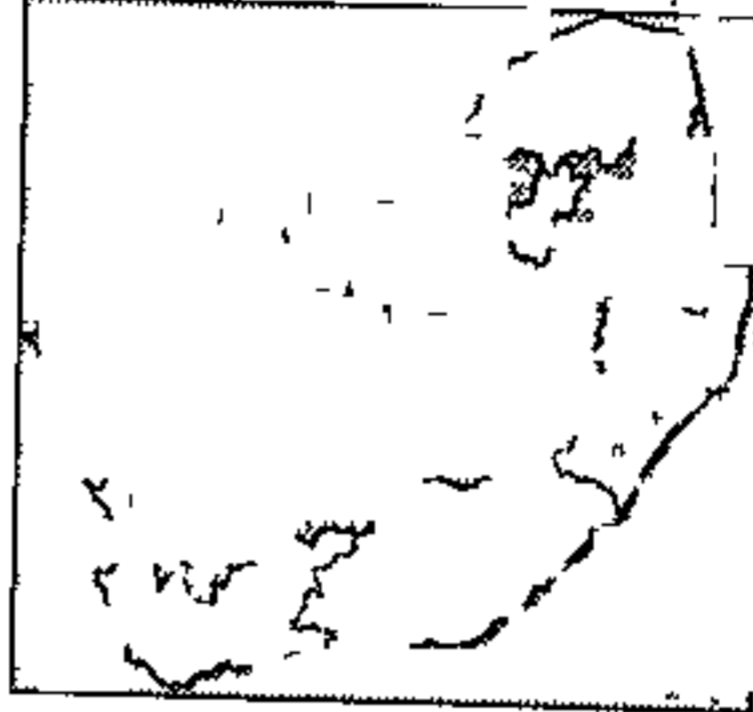
The task team found that senior managers were not held accountable for the achievement of performance targets for their line management responsibilities. "There is minimal or no overall co-ordination or leadership of the provincial administration."

There also appeared to be a lack of discipline in the Free State administration, and the effectiveness of the cabinet was "questionable".

In Mpumalanga the task team found evidence of "strong leadership" by senior management in the departments. Service delivery needed to meet demand.

The task team reported North West was coming to the end of its initial transformation phase, which was to combine various administrative elements it had inherited. Its second phase would focus on delivery.

It appeared that staff morale in the Northern Cape provincial administration was "very low".



# All parties pleased with Durban budget

Farouk Chothia  
and Nicola Jenvey

DURBAN — The Durban metropolitan council passed a balanced budget of more than R4bn yesterday with all parties praising the high level of financial discipline and multiparty co-operation in the African National Congress-led council.

Executive committee chairman Margaret Winter, unveiling the budget in Zulu, Afrikaans and English, said it was "no mean feat" to present a balanced budget, which provided R948,9m for capital expenditure and R3,4bn for operating expenditure.

She said the most important aspect was that the council had been able to borrow from the Development Bank of Southern Africa and commercial banks, indicating its creditworthiness.

However, she warned that the bud-

get had been balanced by using R160m from nonsustainable resources, including a 20% allocation from the Joint Services Board's total levy and the interest earnings accruing on the housing development account. The council would be "irresponsible" if it did not address that inherent shortfall.

Democratic Party Durban caucus leader Mark Lowe said it would have been "easy and expedient" to follow the example of DP members in Johannesburg's eastern substructure by rejecting the budget, but it would not have been "honest" to do so in Durban.

Johannesburg was by "all intents and purposes bankrupt", while Durban was a "beacon of stability and delivery" in municipal affairs. The city had embraced prudent financial measures.

Inkatha Freedom Party councillor Cyril Pillay said his party "firmly believed" in co-operative governance and

welcomed the allocation of 43% of the capital budget to disadvantaged areas.

However, Pillay criticised the "excessive" allocation of R740 000 for "mayoral protection".

Winter said R35m was to be spent on installing water meters and replacing leaking water mains to boost payment levels. A total of 60 000 households were not being billed.

It would take 10 years before every household had its own water supply and a proper sanitation system. The council had started a programme to meet this challenge.

Winter said Durban had in the past seven years electrified 12 000 residences and provided street lighting to disadvantaged communities at a cost of R574m. Purchase tariffs from Eskom needed to be improved and it was necessary to "moderate" the programme to ensure sustainability.

# Free State 'is running smoothly under Matsese-Cassaburri'

Vuyo Mvoko

THE Free State government was now running smoothly with the premier, Ivy Matsese-Cassaburri, after an initial period of cooling down, making her own imprint.

The legislature's speaker, Mthalepule Chabaku, speaking during a news briefing yesterday, said Matsese-Cassaburri had received an enthusiastic reception that was contrary to what the media had predicted. Chabaku, with her Gauteng

counterpart, Trevor Fowler, was addressing journalists as part of the African National Congress's drive to inform the public on the progress of governance in the provinces it controls.

Chabaku criticised the media for being more interested in the problems rather than successes of the government, saying proof of this lay in the fact that less, if anything at all, was being reported on the successful running of the Free State under Matsese-Cassaburri.

Matsese-Cassaburri first needed a period of cooling down and was now making her own imprint after having seen that she had been enthusiastically received, Chabaku said.

With only 36 MPs compared with Gauteng's more than 100, Chabaku said, the Free State was expected to deliver just as much, without consideration to its lack of resources and its "overburdened" government leaders. Nevertheless, the province was coping. A "pain and embarrassment"

for the province was the lack of change of hearts among some of its people who were still conservative and prejudiced, Chabaku said. One example of this was of farm workers who were still being treated badly by their employers.

The country had good a legislature, but it was very hard to implement law because of people who did not want to change their attitudes, she said. The leadership problems that once gripped the province were now a thing of the past.

# Free State truce talks fail to materialise

Pule Molebeledi

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A TRUCE meeting between warring Free State African National Congress politicians, including Patrick Lekota, Ace Magashule and Pat Matosa, failed to materialise at the weekend.

The meeting was scheduled to be held on Friday night and Sunday morning at a Thaba Nchu hotel and was another bid to bring about reconciliation between the "comrades"

However, it failed to materialise after National Council of Provinces chairman Lekota, provincial ANC deputy chairman Bennie Kotsoane and provincial party spokesman Gregory Nthatsi did not arrive.

It is believed that the failed attendance stems from concerns about the meeting's credibility, voiced by senior Free State ANC official Papi Kganare, at the provincial executive committee on Saturday about the gathering.

# Court rules on R6m in seized assets

Deborah Fine

PORTIONS of the Insolvency Act which allow liquidators to seize the assets of solvent spouses, although temporarily, along with the property of their insolvent partners were not inconsistent with the constitution, the Constitutional Court ruled in a majority judgment yesterday.

The finding follows an application by Jeanette Harksen, wife of billionaire German financier Jurgen Harksen, to have portions of the act declared unconstitutional because they violated her constitutionally guaranteed property rights and unfairly discriminated against her on the basis of her marital status

Harksen has been living with his wife in Cape Town since 1993. His SA estate was sequestrated in the Cape High Court in 1995. In terms of section 21 of the Insolvency Act, liquidators seized what Jeanette Harksen has claimed to be her personal property valued at R6,1m. In terms of sections 64 (2) and 65 (1) of the act, the liquidators are entitled to summons and interrogate her on issues relating to the business affairs of her husband.

Delivering a majority judgment, Judge Richard Goldstone said the purpose of section 21 was not to permanently divest spouses of their property, but rather to ensure that the insolvent estate was not deprived of assets to which it was entitled

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and health made up about three-quarters of the province's staff numbers, and both areas were set for overruns.

Meiring complained that the provinces did not have a mechanism to reduce staff numbers, and that the voluntary severance packages had done

nothing to improve the situation.

"The long-run solution is for government to enable us to cut staff numbers. In the short term, by March we will be unable to pay salaries if central government does not provide bridging finance."

Meiring said before central government had granted salary increases of about 15% for public servants, the province's salary bill accounted for about 70% of its budget

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which 10% would be offered to investment institutions owned by historically disadvantaged people and trade unions. 90% to management and em-

ment and employee transactions were expected to be finalised by mid-June.

The strategic equity partner would have to be committed to affirmative action targets, training and skills transfer programmes, and co-operation with the rest of Africa

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# Ramos urges rethink on transfers to provinces

Jacob Dlamini

CAPE TOWN — Finance director-general Maria Ramos yesterday called for a review of the principles used to decide intergovernmental transfers to provinces and municipalities, as the present system was too fragmented and unfair.

Ramos said the system was unsatisfactory because it worked on an ad hoc basis without a clear formula to determine the amount of money central government transferred to municipalities.

Speaking during a parliamentary hearing on the local government green paper, Ramos said most of the money transferred to municipalities was swallowed up by large bureaucracies.

Central government transfers about R7bn to municipalities annually in the form of operating subsidies and grants.

Ramos said there was a need to shift to a more formula-based system, which would take between five to seven years to implement.

The constitution said all three tiers of government were entitled to an equitable share of the revenue raised nationally, but this was not the same as an equal share, Ramos said.

Local government raised 95% of its revenue locally while provincial administrations were dependent on central government for 95% of their finances.

However, if municipalities

wanted an increase in their share of the national revenue they would have to be accommodated within the amount given to provincial governments.

Ramos said municipalities had the capacity to raise their own income, but she warned them to operate within the bounds of what they could afford to ensure their financial viability.

Ramos said a new formula for intergovernmental grants would have to be driven by developmental needs and take into consideration factors like population size.

Chippy Oliver, the constitutional affairs department's deputy local government director-general, told the hearing the green paper did not give details about a regulatory framework for municipal finances. There was, Oliver said, a need for clearly defined sanctions to be used against municipalities which budgeted for deficits.

The sanctions could vary from withholding of funds to loss of executive authority. Oliver said there was a need for redistribution but that this could not be used as an excuse for municipalities not to balance their budgets.

The green paper was published last month and is intended to generate debate on the future shape of SA local government. The discussions are expected to lead to a white paper and comprehensive draft legislation will be published early next year.



A part of the 7 000 Libanon Mining miners who yesterday entered the third day of an unprotected strike for the implementation of wage increases for this year agreed to by the Chamber of Mines. Picture TREVOR SAMSON

## Free State requests more clarity on inquiry report

BLOEMFONTEIN — The Free State executive council has received the report of a commission of inquiry into the provincial agriculture department but has requested further clarification and exploration, premier Ivy Matsepe-Casaburri said in Bloemfontein yesterday.

The report was commissioned by the premier after the legislature requested that the affairs of three institutions associated

with the department be probed. They are Agri Eco, the Rural Strategic Unit and the Rural Foundation.

Matsepe-Casaburri indicated that a crucial factor in the issue, ignored by the commissioners, was the legality of the establishment of the institutions.

She said the executive council had noted recommendations that there were other issues that should be investigated.

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Kevin O'Grady

A LEGAL battle in the private annual wage avoided after a 'gansation, the Employers' Org was allowed to Organisations

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# Accusations fly in wake of speaker's axing

**Pule Molebeledi**

ACCUSATIONS flew in Free State politics yesterday over the abrupt axing of the provincial legislature speaker, Rev Motlalepule Chabaku, by the African National Congress (ANC) on Wednesday.

The National Party accused "a radical element" within the ANC of being behind Chabaku's sacking. It was the same faction that orchestrated the campaign which saw former Free State premier Patrick Lekota lose his position earlier this year, it said.

Provincial National Party leader Inus Aucamp said Chabaku was a "victim" of a radical element

which had put enormous pressure on her, making her job nearly impossible to perform. Aucamp said the axing was symptomatic of the tensions within the ANC caucus.

Describing the development as a "tragic story", Aucamp said despite the accusations of incompetence, nobody came forward to help Chabaku do her job well.

He said Chabaku was above average. "She has the ability, but was never helped."

It is believed, however, that un-sound working relations among provincial ANC members in the legislature, lack of capacity and "old age", were some of the reasons behind Chabaku's axing.

ANC spokesman Gregory Nthatsi said the decision that led to the sacking of the speaker was made by the provincial executive committee at the request of the ANC caucus in the legislature.

Sources said the caucus complained that Chabaku lacked capacity and was not well versed with the procedures and processes of running the legislature. The sources said Chabaku had fallen asleep during legislature sessions.

Chabaku was not available for comment yesterday.

Her secretary said she might comment next week.

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## PRESS RELEASE



**STELLENBOSCH** - Adv. Francine-Ann du Plessis, a partner in the accounting firm of Loubser Du Plessis Inc., based in Stellenbosch, has just returned from the 1997 IA International European & African Regional Meeting held from 18 - 21 October 1997.

IA International, one of the 25 largest international accounting affiliations, is a network of 135 independent accounting firms located in 68 countries. Headquartered in Miami, Florida, IA International was founded in 1978 and is recognised by the United Nations Department of Transnational Corporations and the AICPA.

Adv. Du Plessis attended three days of intensive seminars covering such topics as International Tax, Exchange Control and Foreign Investments, and ISO 9000 Quality Management Systems.

Attendees at this meeting included representation from the four regions within IA International. This allowed interaction between partners from the Asia/Pacific Region, European & Africa Region, the Latin American & Caribbean Region and the North American Region.

"These meetings are essential for our Member Firms. Interaction with other IA members not only enables us to provide our clients with comprehensive international services, but also to draw on the varying expertise available from firms in the Association," an excited Adv. Du Plessis concludes.

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# Maintenance laws will get tougher

**Taryn Lamberti**

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WELFARE Minister Geraldine Fraser-Moleketi has welcomed new draft legislation published by the justice department yesterday which is aimed at reforming the maintenance system and giving magistrates new powers in handling maintenance defaulters.

The new maintenance bill was published for comment by magistrates, maintenance officers and members of the public before it is passed by Parliament.

Fraser-Moleketi said the bill would lead to "greater efficiency" in the private main grant system. The reason many beneficiaries had not received maintenance payments in the past had been because of inefficiency in the system. She said she "absolutely applauded" the new bill.

Deputy Justice Minister Manto Tshabalala-Msimang welcomed the bill, saying it was long overdue. "At present they cannot make a maintenance order against someone who does not turn up in court and cannot order the money to be deducted from his wages until he has been convicted of not paying maintenance," Tshabalala-Msimang said.

The bill proposes that courts be allowed to grant maintenance orders in the absence of defaulters and that deductions be made directly from their wages. Courts would be able to make defaulters pay by stop order or by debit order.

A set of general principles and guidelines would be established to assist magistrates and maintenance officers in assessing the appropriate levels of maintenance and specialised staff would be employed to locate defaulters and serve court documents on them.

The SA Law Commission, which examined the maintenance system in August last year, would monitor implementation of the new system.

The bill was approved by cabinet and would be introduced in Parliament as soon as possible, said a statement released yesterday.

The justice department hoped it would be passed early in the next parliamentary session.



# Parastatal probe finds irregularities

Pule Molebeledi

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A TWO-man commission of inquiry looking into the affairs of the Free State agriculture department has found massive financial irregularities and nepotism within the province's Agriculture and Eco-tourism Development (Agri-Eco) parastatal.

The commission found that Agri-Eco — created under the previous government as a vehicle for rural development — was guilty of unauthorised expenditure and irregular payments to consultants amounting to more than R5m.

The commission, consisting of KKMT Brey senior partner Moses Kgosana and Lloyd Mogotsi of Moseneke & Partners, tabled a report in the provincial legislature last week recommending that the manager, S van Aswegen, be replaced.

The report describes Van Aswegen as "clearly not up to the job".

The report also recommends that Agriculture MEC Cas Human, the parastatal's only shareholder in his capacity as Agriculture MEC, should replace the Agri-Eco board of directors in consultation with the legislature's portfolio committee for agriculture.

The board was criticised for failing to appoint managers to safeguard and administer the company's assets and for not acting on repeated letters from auditors disclosing weaknesses in internal controls.

The commission was appointed in June by provincial premier Ivy Matsepe-Casaburri following complaints from the portfolio committee that Human, in rationalising the province's agricultural development corporations, had made use of private companies instead of the existing development corporations to avoid falling under the jurisdiction and guidelines of the state tender board.

This, the report contended, meant that the private companies were funded from public coffers but were in no way accountable to the public for the use of those public funds.

The report, which has been referred to the portfolio committee for further deliberation, said Agri-Eco had made extensive and indiscriminate use of consultants. Some Agri-Eco employees were reflected on the payroll as consultants under various trade names. "These employees were paid full amounts and the company did not withhold PAYE from their amounts paid to these employees-cum-consultants", said the report.

It warned that the practice amounted to tax evasion and was a criminal offence.

The report said it could not get a satisfactory explanation from the financial manager and the payroll clerk on why outside consultants were on the company's payroll.

the future, be linked. However, it was possible that, for example, cases may arise in the future where an individual claims to have committed an offence on the

have to show that they did it member of a political organis and their part in it fell within th imition of a political offence. Coetzee said the amnesty

# Two senior officials suspended over report

BD 4/12/97

Pule Molebeledi

SIX senior Free State government officials, including a departmental head, are in hot water after the release of a report which found them guilty of "gross negligence" in their handling of the tender process for books and stationery which resulted in the education department losing R48m.

Two of the officials have subsequently been suspended.

The department stands to lose another R24,5m pending the result of a claim instituted against it by a printing company in Qwa Qwa.

The report, which followed a commission of inquiry into the department, was released this week by Free State premier Ivy Matsepe-Casaburri, who said the provincial cabinet accepted its findings and recommendations.

She said some officials, believed to be five, had already been served with letters warning them of possible disciplinary action.

The report found the tender process was far from satisfactory and was "amenable to manipulation and corruption", and said that the

minutes and decisions were inadequately recorded. Letters sent to tenderers with details of the contracts were generally "vague" and easily led to misinterpretation.

It said the award of a computerisation tender to Umbono Consultants smacked of nepotism and advised the provincial government to seek legal advice on the matter.

The report was critical of the department's head Ben Khoali and a senior director Frank Rumboll, who have been suspended. It said they lacked management skills and did not take satisfactory action when problems arose. It recommended they be discharged.

Khoali, the report said, gave the impression of a head of department who was ignorant of critically important issues, while it charged Rumboll with lack of consultation, and harassment of staff and colleagues. It found him an "arrogant" administrator who displayed disregard for existing "arcane" administration rules.

Matsepe-Casaburri said the report showed government's commitment to clean, efficient and accountable administration.

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# Anti-corruption unit probing 2 000 cases against policemen

Bonnie Ngqiyaza

THE SA Police Service anticorruption unit had brought 490 cases of police corruption to the courts for prosecution since December last year, with about 2 000 additional cases still under investigation, legal unit spokesman said yesterday.

Anticorruption unit director Stefan Grobler said the corruption cases were of all types. He said that 1 781 investigations

against policemen in different units were being conducted, of these 691 were "mere enquiries", while the unit had opened dockets in the remaining 1 070 cases.

Station commanders in White River, Mpumalanga and Klerksdorp were being investigated on charges related to vehicle theft.

The White River station commander — originally charged with six counts, four of being in possession of stolen property and two of

theft — had already been sentenced to a suspended sentence of three years and a R10 000 fine or nine months' imprisonment.

On the two counts of theft, the station commander had been sentenced to four years' imprisonment, Grobler said.

He said a third senior man working from the Mabopane police station in the North West, who had forged and falsified documents and stolen a minibus from the Mabo-

pane police pound, had recently lost his appeal in the Mmabatho High Court and was serving a 10-year jail sentence.

In Klerksdorp, four members of the public were awaiting trial on 64 counts of fraud and car theft. One of them, Dirk Esterhuysen, had already been sentenced to a R15 000 fine or five years' imprisonment for car theft.

In North West, five policemen and a civilian were awaiting trial on

"another issue related to the 64 counts. There are two or three syndicates involved in that case which we infiltrated and broke up."

Captain Jan Kruger in Rustenburg had been sentenced to a nine-year term of imprisonment for vehicle theft, and SAPS member Henk Fourie, working from the Boschkop police station outside Pretoria, had been sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment, eight of which were suspended.

## Police knew of planned Shobashobane attack

ITWONGO

An Izingolweni policeman testified yesterday that he had informed police officers of a possible attack on the Shobashobane village on the KwaZulu-Natal south coast two years ago.

Sgt Frans Nxumalo was giving evidence before a commission of inquiry into police action before, during and after the massacre of 18 African National Congress (ANC) supporters on Christmas morning in 1995.

He said he had received the information from a reliable member of the community in early December and passed it on to Izingolweni detective In-pu Hume de Bruyn, who recorded it in writing.

The informant said Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) members planned to attack the mainly ANC-supporting Shobashobane village in the mainly IFP-supporting Izingolweni region.

He said De Bruyn assured him he would pass the information onto the police joint information centre which would inform the joint operation centre to decide how to act on the information.

Nxumalo said he had also received information of possible attacks planned by ANC youths on IFP members for after schools closed and passed this on to his superiors.

The inquiry has been plagued by administrative problems. Commission chairman Mervyn

## MEC grilled on inquiry

Pule Molebeledi

BLOEMFONTEIN — Free State agriculture MEC Gas Human was grilled by the provincial standing committee on safety and security after denying the findings of a commission of inquiry that there had been corruption in two of the province's parastatal bodies.

The committee, headed by Neo Masisihela, forced Human to withdraw a letter he had written to it saying public hearings on the commission's report were a waste of time and energy.

Free State premier Ivy Matsepe-Casaburri set up the inquiry last year to look into the affairs of two agriculture parastatals: Agriculture and Eco-tourism Development (Agri-Eco) and the Rural Strategy Unit.

Although it conducted a limited forensic audit, the inquiry found large-scale financial irregularities, nepotism and incompetence by key managers and directors. It recommended that Human, the parastatals' only shareholder, should replace the Agri-Eco

board of directors in consultation with the provincial agriculture committee.

The board was criticised for failing to appoint managers to administer the company's assets and failing to act on auditors' letters highlighting weaknesses in internal controls.

Human said the board had dismissed Terry Burns, a former GM of tourism at Agri-Eco, for nepotism after he had offered his wife a job at a local resort at a monthly salary of R15 000.

According to the report, income tax was not deducted from the salaries of Burns, his wife and other employees. Human conceded that the parastatal's extensive use of consultants, who were mostly its employees, amounted to corruption.

However, he defended as "humanitarian" the R114 000 severance payment to D Beaton, a former CEO employed for one month and then asked to resign because of his "mental state".

This had been done on the advice of a labour relations consultant. It was less than voluntary redundancy payments.

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# Free State local govts in red

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**BLOEMFONTEIN** — The financial state of several local authorities in the Free State has deteriorated, and accumulated shortfalls and outstanding debtors have drastically increased, a report on local government by the provincial auditor-general says.

The report was tabled in the provincial legislature yesterday. Many of the local authorities will only be able to survive as viable undertakings with the aid of grants from the provincial administration, the report said. In the 1995/96 financial year grants of about R97m were paid by the administration to local governments. Only 21 of the 100 local authorities in the Free State presented their financial

statements for 1995/96 before October 31 1996, while only 42 applied for an extension.

As the requisite statements for 1995/96 were not timeously tabled, no audit opinion could be given in seven cases. In a further 10 cases, no opinion could be given due to limitations on the extent of audits, uncertainties arising from unconfirmed figures, deficient accounting systems and missing or incomplete records and vouchers.

There were several instances where matters previously raised in auditors' reports had not received attention in the latest audit.

Most local governments had overdrawn bank accounts, while seven cases exceeded the prescribed limit. In 14

cases operating expenses exceeded assets, indicating that there were cashflow problems.

On October 31 1997 R2,8m was owed by various Free State local authorities to the office of the auditor-general for audit services.

Attempts to recover the money had not been successful.

Local governments had been asked to indicate how the potentially disastrous effect of the year 2000 "bug" would affect their computer systems. Only 63% had reacted, while only 30% were working on the problem. The report warned of the chaotic consequences if the situation was not addressed.

The report contains specific comments on the state of the accounts of towns including Botshabelo, Deneysville, Jacobsdal, Jagersfontein, Koppies, Mautsendal, Odendaalsrus, Rietz-Petsana, Thaba Nchu, Trompsburg, Tweeling, Vrede, Waterkloof and Welkom — Sapa.



Western Cape finance MEC Lampie Fick presents his first provincial budget in the Western Cape legislature yesterday

Picture ERIC MILLER/AFRICA

# Free State has left little for job creation and capital development projects

Nicola Janvey

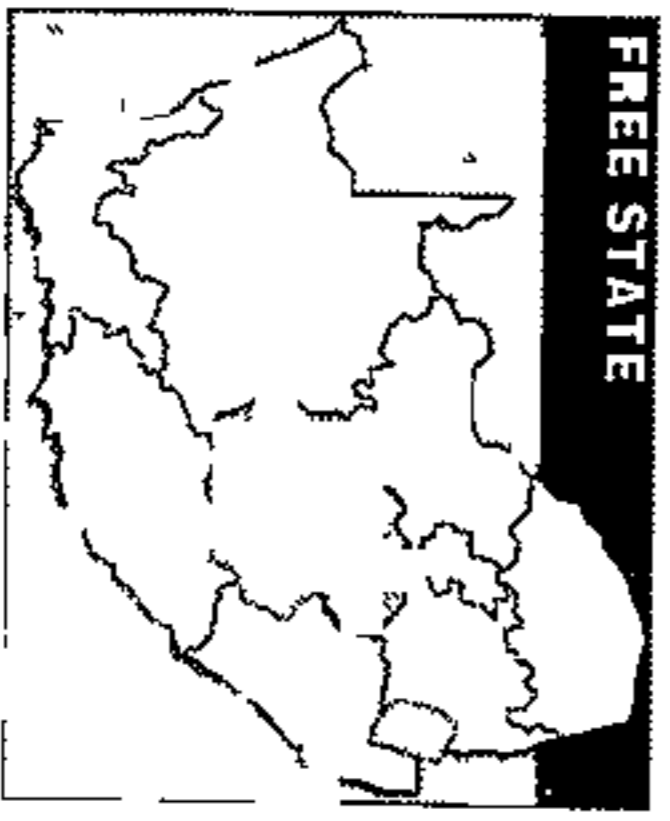
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THE Free State's commitment of 82% of its R6,4bn provincial budget to basic social services left "very little" over for job creation and capital development projects, finance, expenditure and economic affairs MEC Zingile Dingani said yesterday.

Presenting the provincial budget in Bloemfontein, Dingani urged that the province's decision to spend R5,18bn on social services in 1998/99 should not be construed as "neglecting the importance of job creation and economic development".  
"This was especially true given the government's commitment to these projects.

The huge backlog in basic social services needs to be addressed to eradicate inequalities of the past, while at the same time redirecting the provincial focus towards job creation and economic development," he said.

The Free State awarded the largest slice (38% of total expenditure) to education, with a 13,04% rise to R2,42bn. Dingani said further resources could not be made available from provincial revenue, and the rising cost of education would fall increasingly on households with the ability to pay



Health remained the second largest vote, with an 11,6% increase to R1,56bn (25% of total expenditure). Dingani said that during 1998/99, priorities would include the further development of the district health system, health care delivered at the correct level and HIV/AIDS prevention and care.

Quality health care would also be made accessible throughout the province, especially to women, children and those in rural areas.  
Social welfare boosted its vote allocation 17,3% to R1,2bn (18,9% of expenditure)

Dingani said that in a bid to enhance the efficiency of social security administration, R18m had been included to fund the electronic payment system across the Free State.

This would eliminate duplicate claims, ghost beneficiaries and syndicates, putting the Free State in a better position to cater for those genuinely entitled to benefits.

The public transport, roads and works vote decreased 14,6% to R653m (10,2% of expenditure). The province would spend 20% of this allocation on road maintenance and construction and 19,7% on the provision of buildings.  
Another R51,5m would be transferred from national government to subsidise bus tariffs and promote public transport

# Huge debt cripples Kroonstad

Council has tried cutting electricity but residents just won't budge

By Joshua Raboroko

**R**ESIDENTS of the Greater Kroonstad area in the Free State owe the local council R36,6 million for services and they are apparently not prepared to settle the huge debt accumulated over the past four years.

Mayor of Kroonstad Mr Donald Colbert said at the weekend that the council had tried various methods, including cutting off the electricity and water supply, but they had met only resistance from residents.

The majority of the defaulters are in Maokeng township, where residents owe R23,8 million.

Payment levels in the township are extremely low. On average, 34,5 percent of the people have been paying since January.

He said that the rest of the defaulters were in the suburbs. Figures showed that about 84,32 percent of the population in those areas were meeting

their obligations.

The culture of non-payment was highlighted last week when 38 families in the suburb of David Malan in Kroonstad resisted when the sheriff of the court evicted them from their homes and confiscated their furniture and other goods.

The residents protested to the local authorities. They claimed that they were not consulted about the debt and threatened to take legal action against the municipality.

However, the council suspended credit control measures in the area pending negotiations with residents' representatives, Colbert said, adding everybody was aware they had to pay.

"We must support the Government by paying for our services. Let us forget the politics of protest," he said.

Colbert warned residents that their continued non-payment of tariffs would delay delivery of services and infrastructural projects in previously disadvantaged communities.

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# Speaker denies lodging dismissal claim

Pule Molebeledi

The Commission for Conciliation, Mediation and Arbitration (CCMA) yesterday said the former speaker of the Free State legislature, Motlalepule Chabaku, had lodged an unfair dismissal case with it, but Chabaku denied she had done so.

She said she knew nothing about reports that she had taken the African National Congress (ANC) to the commission.

"I've signed nothing and I have not been to the CCMA," she said.

Despite her denials, commission spokesman Lizelle Behrens said the

CCMA had received a referral form from Chabaku against the ANC declaring an unfair labour dismissal case.

Provincial ANC spokesman Gregory Nthatsi said that although it had not received official notification from Chabaku, the commission had informed it of the case.

Chabaku was removed from her position for "health reasons" late last year, amid claims that she slept during legislature sittings. She is now an ordinary provincial MP and was replaced by Joe Mafereka, the legislature's technical committee chairman.

When the ANC asked her to resign, Chabaku agreed, but then took a

month to do so. It took a threat by ANC legislature members to bring a vote of no confidence against her before she tendered her resignation.

Nthatsi said if Chabaku was taking the ANC to the commission, it would be a "foreign approach".

"It is unprocedural for any member of the ANC to go to outside bodies before utilising internal channels," he said. The ANC would look into the matter before making further statements.

Speculation was rife that Chabaku could find herself a subject of a disciplinary hearing for possible breach of the ANC constitution, particularly by a senior elected leader.

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# Sums missing from councils 'likely to run into millions'

Kevin O'Grady  
and Deborah Fine

THE Heath special investigating unit is waiting for authorisation to investigate the financial affairs of 10 town councils in addition to the 17 already authorised and indications are that the missing sums sought by the unit run into several hundred million rand

The unit investigates fraud, corruption and maladministration involving state assets and public funds and attempts to recover misspent money through its special tribunal, which has similar powers to a high court

Its investigations must be officially sanctioned by a presidential proclamation in the Government Gazette. Probes into 16 Eastern Cape town councils and the Durban metropolitan council were authorised in last week's gazette

Unit spokesman Guy Rich said yesterday the unit was waiting for autho-

risation for 10 more investigations into town councils, including East London

Eastern Cape councils affected by last week's proclamation were Bedford, Cala, Cofimvaba, Despatch, Engcobo, Hamburg, King William's Town, Komga, Klipplaat, Lusikisiki, Nqamakwe, Port St Johns, Qumbu, Sterkspruit, Tsomo and Umtata

Most will be investigated for failing to pay or collect rates and taxes. Other allegations include the payment of allowances without authorisation, the misappropriation and misuse of funds, the failure to keep proper financial and accounting records and the unauthorised purchase of cellular telephones

Umtata mayor Edgar Mapekula said he was unaware of the unit's impending investigation but it was "welcome". Estimates were that the town was owed R100m in rates and taxes

Despite high arrears, Mapekula believed the situation had improved, par-

particularly as a result of the installation of prepaid meters in all households

Murray Stewart, the head of the Durban council's forensic services and litigation team, confirmed yesterday that the unit had assisted in an internal investigation of two parks department employees who, the investigation found, had defrauded the council of more than R361 000 between July 1994 and February last year.

King William's Town council spokesman Eric Gqabaza said the unit would assist in an internal investigation launched by the council more than a month ago into allegations of fraud, mismanagement and corruption

The investigation focused on the alleged appointment of consultants at "excessively high remuneration", the unauthorised or irregular creation of top management posts, unauthorised transport allowances and the irregular purchase of cellular telephones

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# Audit shows millions wasted in Free State

Kevin O'Grady

AUDITS of certain Free State government departments showed shortcomings in management and planning that resulted in the unnecessary expenditure and wastage of millions of taxpayers' rands, an auditor-general's report released last week disclosed.

The performance audits were carried out last year in the Free State education and public works departments, as well as in the Free State Development Corporation. After the audits, departmental accounting officers were asked to comment on the findings and suggest corrective measures. In many cases these were not forthcoming.

A major problem in the education

department was the rolling over of funds for capital expenditure and reconstruction and development programme (RDP) projects, despite the urgent need for them.

The audits found that, based on a pupil-classroom ratio of up to 153:1 in some schools, there was a "material shortage of facilities". Despite this, R79,1m of the R135,7m budgeted for upgrading and building schools in fiscal 1995/96 was not spent.

The department also failed to spend R26,5m for reconstruction and development programme projects that was allocated to it in 1994/95 and 1995/96, rolling the money over to 1996/97.

Budgeting deficiencies were also evident, with only R19m being set aside

for filling 1 596 vacant posts in 1996/97 when R80m was needed. As a result, only 121 posts were filled.

The department had also not implemented sufficient teacher training programmes, resulting in 4 314 (16,3%) of the province's teachers having no formal qualification while "some teachers were not professionally qualified in the subjects they taught".

In other cases teachers and other staff were paid for doing no work. Although teaching at the Bloemfontein Education Centre ceased in October 1995, R1,2m was paid in salaries to teachers employed there from January to October 1996.

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## Audit

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In the public works department, similar blunders occurred. Because advertisements for vacant posts were not checked before publication, R33 901 was wasted publishing inaccurate information and the posts had to be re-advertised at a cost of R34 881.

There was also widespread theft and loss of departmental assets. In the QwaQwa region these cost R1,3m in

1995/96 and R49 316 in 1996/97.

The audits found shortcomings in several aspects of the Free State Development Corporation's activities, including senior appointments without the proper procedures being followed.

The auditor-general also queried the spending of R6 265 by the corporation's CEO on his corporate credit card. The CEO, as accounting officer, said the expenditure was business-related. The auditor-general then said "vouchers could not be submitted to determine whether the expenses had been business-related".

# Suspension of Nxumalo urged

Farouk Chothia

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DURBAN — The Congress of SA Trade Unions (Cosatu) called yesterday for the suspension of KwaZulu-Natal director-general Otty Nxumalo pending the outcome of investigations into the use of money from a R31m reconstruction and development programme (RDP) fund and a R100m peace fund.

The province's public accounts committee decided at a meeting on Friday to recommend to a full sitting of the legislature, scheduled to take place later this month, the freezing of expenditure from the RDP fund. The provincial cabinet decided recently to do likewise with the peace fund.

The committee reportedly decided at its meeting on Friday that there was a "total lack of proper documen-

tation" of RDP projects. The director-general, as the accounting officer, appeared to have decided unilaterally on the approval of projects for payment, the committee reportedly said.

The cabinet had called in a firm of private accountants to probe the expenditure from both funds. The investigation was expected to be completed in about three months. Auditors and government staff were to carry out site visits to see whether projects existed.

Cosatu said Nxumalo should be suspended so that investigations could continue without "hindrance".

Nxumalo said Cosatu's call was based on "malicious" information.

Committee chairman Tino Volker said that about half of the R31m in the RDP fund apparently remained unspent. The fund was formed

during the 1994/95 financial year.

Volker said he could understand expenditure on borehole projects but had to place a "question mark" when coming across an allocation of R300 000 for choir groups.

Nxumalo would not be drawn on the committee's decision, but said he hoped that the "whole exercise" would not give the impression that elements within government were opposed to the RDP. He personally had witnessed how the RDP had brought hope to communities in abject poverty, he said.

The Democratic Party claimed recently that only about R6m of the R100m in the peace fund, established last year, had been spent.

KwaZulu-Natal was expecting a further R80m from Finance Minister Trevor Manuel for a "peace education" project.

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# Row brews in Free State

## Local Govt Association

By JIMMY SEIPE

A POLITICAL row is brewing in the Free State civic structures over who should be appointed to head the Free State Local Government Association, as suggestions are made that a senior party official is to be deployed into the structure.

The local government association, representing various local authorities at the provincial level, is currently without a head.

At the heart of the row are suggestions that former Free State housing MEC, Vax Mayekiso, should head the association.

Mayekiso's possible appointment to the structure has enraged branches who feel that a more neutral individual should be given the post. ANC provincial secretary, Paul

Mahlatsi, said suggestions that the provincial movement wanted to impose its authority on the association were not a true reflection of the situation and discussions were taking place. He expressed concern about how the information was leaked to City Press, denying that Mayekiso had already been designated for the position of chair of the local government structure.

He said "the ANC would not impose its will as to who should head the association. The process would be dealt with through proper consultation and advertisement."

He said any deviation from the normal procedure could be a recipe for disaster.

Meanwhile, the party released a list of nominees to the branches this week in preparation for its

provincial list conference to be held on December 12.

The list conference has been postponed for several weeks following allegations that the provincial congress which elected a new leadership almost three months ago was riddled with irregularities.

An internal investigation to probe allegations that a number of "ghost" branches were established in the run-up to the congress has still not looked into the matter.

Concerns are being raised that failure by provincial leaders to deal effectively with the allegations could have serious repercussions for the coming list conference.

Mahlatsi confirmed to City Press that not much had been done by the ANC to probe the allegations of "ghost" branches.

He said the Provincial Executive Council's last meeting called for a speedy resolution to the matter.

He agreed that failure to deal with the allegations could have a serious bearing on the party's list conference and standing.

Mahlatsi said he was confident that failure to deal with the allegations would not divide the organisation and rejected suggestions that the party was already divided on the matter. He said this was the opinion of a few individuals who did not have the interests of the organisation at heart.

"We are working towards unity in the province. Whoever is trying to make a mountain out of these allegations should be investigated and dealt with," he said.

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# Government rescues debt-ridden Free State

## Province shows a budgetary shortfall of R416-million

BY JOVIAL RANTAO AND HOPEWELL RADEBE

**T**he Government has come to the rescue of the Free State provincial government, which is teetering on the brink of financial ruin.

Free State finance MEC Zingile Dingane said last night that the province had a R416-million budgetary shortfall.

The Free State has, after the Eastern Cape and KwaZulu Natal, become the third province in the past five years to seek help from the central Government after its finances fell into a chaotic state.

Finance Minister Trevor Manuel is expected to announce an allocation of at least R500-million to the province, which will be accompanied by

strict guidelines on how the money should be spent.

The decision to intervene was taken at a cabinet meeting in Cape Town yesterday.

The Cabinet agreed to invoke section 100 of the constitution, which authorises central government intervention in provinces under certain circumstances.

The section gives the national Government the right to issue a directive listing corrective measures where a province has failed to fulfil its obligations.

Government spokesperson Joel Netshitenzhe said negotiations on the forms and conditions of assistance would be entered into as a matter of urgency.

The Free State's education

department has exceeded its expenditure by R250-million; the health department has over-expenditure of R100-million and the welfare department has overspent by between R70-million and R80-million. The safety and security department is expected to exceed its budget by between R4-million and R6-million.

The Free State health department was reportedly failing to pay for its electricity and phone bills. Hospitals have been informed that their back-up generators might be shut down if they do not pay an electricity account of about R66-million.

Spokesperson Victor Liti-hakanyane said some hospitals were providing only essential and emergency services.

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LAURICE TANTZ

THE ANC in the Free State has formally apologised to the nation for deaths that may have occurred because of the collapse of health services in the province

ANC member Vax Mayekiso told the Free State legislature on Wednesday "The most honourable thing the ANC could do is express its condolences to the bereaved families in Bethlehem and elsewhere whose children died because of a lack of medicine and supplies"

Mayekiso was speaking during a debate over the province's R17-million cash-flow crisis, which has brought health and other services to the brink of collapse

He said "We acknowledge that arising from the cash-flow crisis, hospitals closed or had no food and some contractors were not paid"

Free State Premier Ivy Masepe-Gasaburi said in an interview yesterday

# LIGHTS OUT IN THE PROVINCE THAT CAN'T PAY ITS WAY

## Emergency cases in some Free State clinics treated by candlelight

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"It is normal if people are running a business to have an over-trait. We wouldn't have had a problem if the bank had allowed us one."

She said the province would use accountants to establish how much it owed creditors.

The cash crisis is expected to be alleviated by a R200-million bail-out from central government.

However, this week's announcement that the Minister of Finance, Trevor Manuel, is to meet senior Free State officials to discuss the conditions

for the bail-out was not greeted with much enthusiasm by health officials.

Signs of the health department's R63-million debt were in evidence around the province — municipalities cut power to clinics and hospitals, and many facilities were facing severe shortages of food and basic drugs.

In Virginia, doctors spoke of having to treat emergency cases by candlelight. At the Petrusburg community clinic, the electricity cuts have affected water pressure, leaving the facility with no toilets for two weeks.

The department stopped paying creditors in October and has been sinking deeper into debt since. The MEC for health, Senator Ntlabati, said "Our morale is low, but we must not lose hope."

As a cost-cutting measure, the department sends home mothers who give birth without complications after one day in hospital to save on food and resources.

Among the casualties of the debt crisis are:

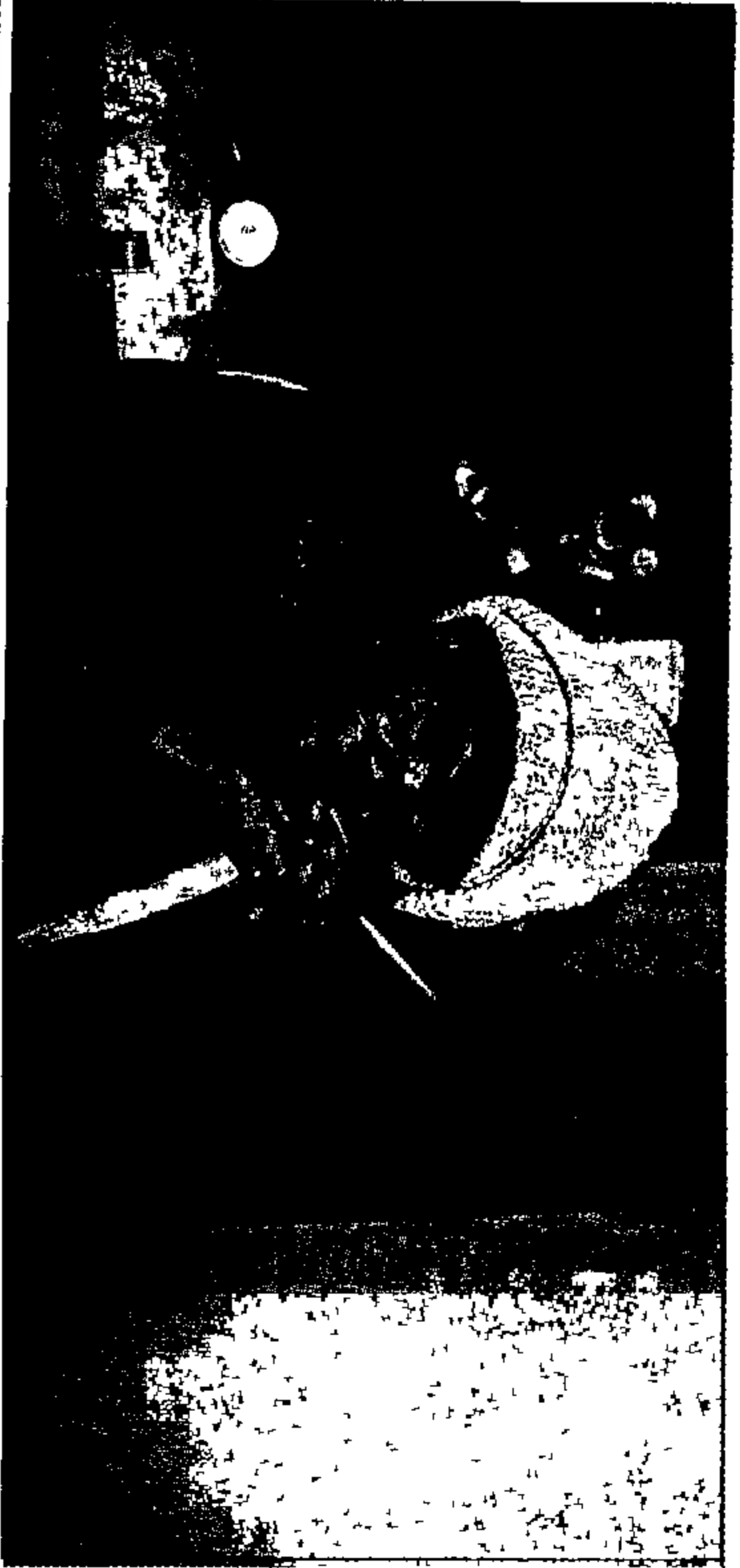
● Petrusburg Clinic, 80km west of Bloemfontein, which has been without power for two weeks

and is relying on torches to treat patients in its casualty ward. Sophisticated x-ray equipment lies idle, and patients are being turned away as even simple urine tests cannot

be performed due to water supply problems.

● Ficksburg Hospital, near the Lesotho border, which is treating only emergency and maternity cases owing to a shortage

of food. The 52-bed hospital, which is normally about 80 percent full, is less than 32 percent full. A local butcher and farmers in the area are donating eggs and meat to the hos-



Picture: ELIZABETH SELAKE

**SUFFERING:** The Free State's financial crisis is hitting hospital patients the worst

is being performed. All other surgical cases, such as cataract operations, have been indefinitely postponed. As temperatures soared this week, the hospitals' air-condi-

tioning system was out of order.

● Virginia Hospital, near Welkom, which is running on a generator and has enough diesel to last for only another week. One doctor told of trying to help a woman in labour, but finding the hospital had run out of paracetamol painkillers.

Others told of how, when the generator stopped one night, a baby was delivered in the glow of the lights of an ambulance.

● Phekoong and Parrys hospitals, which have enough food to feed patients only once a day. At Parrys, seriously ill patients are being stabilised and sent to Sasolburg.

Ntlabati said that as soon as the department received its bail-out, creditors would be paid in order of priority — drug suppliers first.

But even with the Cabinet's decision to bail out the province, it will be difficult to contain the spiral of debt.

Other departments in the province, such as welfare, education and safety and security, are also badly in debt.

# Calls for probe into Free State cash crisis

By Jimmy Seepe

AFRICAN National Congress deputy secretary and member of the Free State provincial legislature Mr Vax Mayekiso has called on the provincial government to investigate its cash flow crisis

The crisis in the province caused the near collapse of the province's health system with several hospitals unable to pay for medicines and provide adequate health services

Mayekiso told the legislature this week that someone had to answer for the cash flow mess that had paralysed the province "Such an individual or persons must take full responsibility and face the consequences"

It is reported that two children died last month as a result of the crisis at a government run hospital in Bethlehem

Mayekiso apologised to the fam-

ilies of the two children and the province He conveyed the message on behalf of the ANC in the province

The province was granted conditional financial assistance making it the third province to be bailed out by central Government because of poor financial administration

Cabinet decided at its fortnightly meeting in Cape Town to invoke the controversial section 100(1)(a) of the Constitution, which gives central Government the right to issue a directive listing corrective measures for a province that has failed "to fulfil its obligations".

Negotiations on the forms and conditions of assistance would be entered into as a matter of urgency, a Cabinet statement said

Government spokesperson Joel Netshitenzhe said the conditional assistance was similar to grants given to the Eastern Cape and

KwaZulu-Natal last year

The details of the Free State grant would be announced by Finance Minister Trevor Manuel, who would have discussions with provincial authorities

Free State finance MEC Zingile Dingane said he had not been informed of the Cabinet decision and would not comment

The province needed R416 million to cover its debt and other expenditure, he said

Reports this week alleged that the Free State health department might shut down back-up generators in its hospitals if it did not receive help from central Government to pay a R66 million electricity account

Spokesman Victor Lihakanyane said some hospitals were providing essential and emergency services, and were asking patients with minor illnesses to come back when things improved

# Free State welfare and health services in crisis

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Provincial government's accumulated overdraft of R460-m is preventing it from receiving financial relief from bank

BY SIMON ZWANE AND RAPHAEL BANDA

Social welfare services and major public-works projects in the Free State could grind to a halt because of a financial crisis which has already forced some provincial health facilities to shut down.

The situation threatens to paralyse all state functions as the provincial government has run out of money to keep its services in operation.

The government has overspent its budget by R170-million and an accumulated overdraft of R460-million is preventing it from receiving financial relief from its bank.

A promised bailout by central government has not yet materialised.

Non-governmental organisations, which provide services to the elderly, children and rehabilitation of drug addicts, have not received government subsidies since last year and some of them are considering closing down.

Fears have also been expressed that the welfare de-

partment could experience difficulties in paying old-age and disability grants if the promised bailout is not forthcoming.

Construction companies - which are owed about R80-million in outstanding payments by the provincial public works department - are also facing financial ruin and possible liquidation because of the provincial government's failure to pay them for the work they have done.

Public works MEC Sekhupi Malebo confirmed that his department owed about R80-million to contractors that have been involved in road construction and the building of schools and clinics.

The provision of services such as health and welfare as well as the building of schools, clinics and hospitals has been thrown into chaos because of the cash flow problem.

The financial crisis came to light in June when the province was moving its account from FNB to Absa. When it emerged that the province had accumulated a R460-million overdraft

over the past two years, Absa refused to grant an overdraft facility to the government.

The crisis deepened last week when hospitals started turning patients away as they ran out of basic necessities.

The health department received R10-million on Monday when the situation became critical to pay outstanding accounts. It still owes R63-million to suppliers.

"Some welfare organisations are talking of closing down," said Gert Kruger, director of the Aurora Alcohol and Drug Centre in Bloemfontein.

The provincial welfare department had recently asked welfare organisations to detail their financial positions and operations "for a clear picture of what is happening" by February 10, social welfare MEC Ouma Motsumi-Tsopo said yesterday.

At a meeting with representatives of the non-governmental organisations on January 25, the department said it would prioritise struggling organisations when allocating subsidies.



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# Cautious welcome for symbolic Durban facelift

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**VERNON MCHUNU**

DURBAN. There has been mixed reaction to the news of the imminent renaming of Durban metro's streets and monuments and the replacement of old colonial statues with those of people who fought for democracy.

Metro mayor Obed Mlaba said earlier that the replacement last week of historic pictures and statues of colonial and apartheid heroes on display at Durban's City Hall was the tip of the iceberg — a no-nonsense symbolic facelift of the entire metro region, coupled with vigorous black economic empowerment.

While welcoming the move, Margaret Winter, metro executive committee chairperson and former

mayor, warned against making other communities feel alienated — much as the colonial and apartheid-based monuments had made blacks feel subservient.

She said there should be critical reasoning when deciding to bring down or put up a statue.

Democratic Party spokesperson Roger Burrows said "As we proceed with the facelift, we need not obliterate our past."

Former KwaZulu-Natal premier Ben Ngubane, now Minister of Arts, Culture, Science and Technology, said there needed to be consultation with the public and all structures concerned.

King Shaka, Albert Luthuli and Mahatma Gandhi are among the heroes who are being honoured.

# Free State money crisis hits workers

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**T**HE Free State provincial government's huge financial deficit is threatening to let services grind to a halt, with a number of local municipalities failing to pay salaries.

South African Municipal Workers Union provincial secretary Mr Mthandeni Nhlapo said yesterday the financial crisis had affected six local authorities where municipal workers' salaries have not been paid since February.

Nhlapo said the situation had become critical because the delivery of basic services was becoming impossible in certain areas.

Provincial local government and housing ministry spokesman Mr Jomo Klaas confirmed that only the Fouriesburg and Hertzogville councils had approached the department with problems about municipal workers' salaries and that the "situation is now being addressed".

The provincial government denied that the reported incidents were linked to any financial problems in the province.

The chief executives of the Winburg, Steynsrus and Deneysville councils confirmed that all salaries were paid up to March, Klaas said.

Samwu said that workers in Fouriesburg, Deneysville, Hertzogville, Hobhouse, Cllococlan, Steynsrus and Winburg had not received their February salaries.

Nhlapo also accused departmental officials of shying away from meeting the union to discuss the non-payment of municipal workers' salaries.

Meanwhile, Hertzogville and Fauresmith avoided electricity cuts this week. They apparently made last-minute arrangements with Eskom to pay their arrears, it was reported.

An Eskom spokesman said the Hertzogville Transitional Local Council paid most of its arrears on Monday, and Fauresmith had paid almost all its arrears.

Sapa reported last week that the Free State towns of Trompsburg and Ventersburg were in the same situation, although the central Government's decision to release R200 million to help the Free State provincial government offset a R333 million deficit.

Azapo national projects director Mr David Lebethe said the Free State provincial government lacked the ability to manage its finances.

The financial injection makes the Free State the third province to have received a reprieve from the central Government in less than a year.

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# Free State voters queue late into evening

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BLOEMFONTEIN — Voting in the Free State went off smoothly yesterday but some polling stations were still facing long queues of anxious people late in the evening

Voters moved through the polls slowly, particularly in the densely populated townships, where most people were casting ballots for only the second time in their lives

At the time of going to press, about 2 000 voters were still waiting to vote at the Pieter Swartz informal settlement outside Bloemfontein. There was a similar situation in the township adjoining Sasolburg.

Free State electoral officer Jabulani Mepha said voters outside the demarcated areas at 9pm would not be able to cast their votes. He had instructed Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) officials at the stations affected to stop using scanner machines to find people's names on the roll and

to begin forming extra queues

Many voters were exhausted after waiting in line from 7am, paramedics were called to help one elderly woman suffering from dehydration.

The Pieter Swartz area was identified as a potential trouble spot because a group of protesters had threatened to burn the IEC tent during voter registration.

The crowd grew restless at one stage but soon calmed down. There were about 15 police officers and some soldiers on duty.

Earlier, an armed defence force member arrived under the influence of alcohol but was removed by his colleagues.

There were other minor problems in the province that left some people feeling frustrated and confused.

Certain stations opened a few hours late, causing some people to threaten that they would not vote at all. Others learned through the media that their declaration votes were

invalid unless they had been officially stamped by the IEC.

A large group of people arrived at the IEC provincial headquarters in Bloemfontein to cast their ballots and became restless when they were told to go to their respective voting districts.

Some stations did not receive the required electoral material on time. Emergency supplies of ballot boxes had to be sent to Kroonstad and Bainsvlei, while voting stations in Thaba Nchu and Brandfort ordered extra provincial ballot papers.

In Excelsior, east of Bloemfontein, there were reports that farmers were preventing their workers from going to the polls by refusing to provide transport or time off.

About 700 labourers were waiting on the side of the road for transport to polling stations and were getting very agitated. Late in the afternoon, the ANC provided the voters with transport to the poll.

ELECTION '99

# Township voters queue for a kilometre

Taryn Lambert

**BLOEMFONTEIN** — While the national community appeared not to be as interested in yesterday's general elections as they were in 1994, the same could not be said for the residents of the Pieter Swartz township outside Bloemfontein. John Khoase stood outside the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) tent, which served phases two and three of the recently established township, from 3.30 yesterday morning. "When I got here, I was fourth in the queue. I asked the others to keep my place while I ran home to fetch my blanket and my wife."

By 6.30, the queue snaked almost a kilometre around the massive field adjoining the razor-wire enclosed voting station. Spirits were high despite the biting chill of the early morning sunrise as voters huddled around fires made at various points along the line of people. An entrepreneurial bug seemed to have bitten some residents who walked up and down the line of voters selling sandwiches and popcorn. One man was selling his cigarettes for 50c each. Older men and women came prepared to wait. They brought paint tins to sit on, knitting, flasks of warm drinks and thick blankets. Younger voters appeared to be enjoying the festive atmosphere of the occasion and the promise of a public holiday ahead, with a strong odour of dagga and alcohol waiting around them.

## Huffy Free State farmer forfeits his right to cast his ballot

By 7.30 it appeared as if all 5 700 voters registered to vote at the station had arrived. Some grew aggressive when they discovered that women with babies on their backs and pensioners were being allowed to form a second, far shorter queue. An angry voter, who had been queuing for a few hours, shouted that one woman had just put her friend's child on her back to avoid standing in the longer queue. After much shouting and gesturing, the police were forced to abandon the idea of allowing the mothers and elderly to form a shorter line and sent them to the back of the longer queue.

Capt Stanley Ledimo, commander of the crime prevention unit in the area, said the township had been marked as a "hot spot" because there had been a threat of violence during the first week-end of voter registration. About 150 people had threatened to pull down the IEC tent and burn a car belonging to Ledimo, the only policeman on duty at the time. Violence was averted when the crowd moved away, but Ledimo was not taking any chances yesterday and had, about 20 colleagues with, him to ensure things ran smoothly. It was a different scenario a few kilometres down the road at the Koot Nemand Primary School in Bloem-spruit. A short queue of less than 100 farmers and a few of their labourers stood quietly, waiting patiently to cast their ballots. A few enterprising Free Staters stood at their gas cookers selling boerewors rolls and hotdogs. The only trouble at this station by 8.00 in the morning occurred when a farmer refused to show his fingers to IEC officials who wanted to check if he had already voted. Once voters had cast their ballots, their fingers were marked with permanent ink preventing them from voting twice. The incident was defused almost instantly when the farmer marched out of the school grounds in a huff, forfeiting his constitutional right to cast a vote.

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