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# Odi residents 'locked out' of township by Bop soldiers after rally

CP Reporter

RESIDENTS of the troubled Odi region of Bophuthatswana were "locked out" of Mabopane after being teargassed and shot at by police following a rally at Soshanguve Stadium

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A march to Soshanguve Magistrate's Court had been planned to protest against the incorporation of Soshanguve, a trust land, into the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA)

But this was scrapped at the rally, which was attended by over 50 000 people

Patron of the Soshanguve Residents' Association (Sorea) and director of the Institute of Contextual Theology Father Smangaliso Mkhathshwa read a report from the Ministry of Education and Development Aid

Mkhathshwa said the authorities had decided against ceding Soshanguve to the TPA.

As residents tried to return home, the defence force fired teargas and live ammunition, chasing

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them back into Soshanguve. No serious injuries were reported

The fleeing Bop residents returned to Soshanguve Stadium, a short distance from the unmarked border between the two townships and a delegation went to negotiate with the defence force

After meeting members of the defence force, Anglican priest Rev Johan Viljoen reported back.

"We spoke to Maj Mosiane who gave the assurance that you can file back into Mabopane in groups of five people, on condition there is no singing and no banners," he said.

Later he said "It became clear that they did

not have the intention of keeping their part of the bargain because in the background, the Tswana-speaking soldiers said we should be arrested and taken to prison

"One senior officer said 'Arrest the priest and all people who attended the rally and torture them'. He spoke in Tswana thinking we did not understand the language"

Residents then decided to seek sanctuary at the Roman Catholic Church in Soshanguve to avoid confrontation with the defence force.

■ Residents of Bophuthatswana have complained about police and defence force harassment in the Odi region.

# Photo man has narrow escape

A PHOTOGRAPHER'S narrow brush with death at Sebokeng this week revived grim memories of the shootings in neighbouring Sharpeville 30 years ago

Prize-winning news photographer Peter Magubane was back behind his camera lens this weekend — just days after being on the receiving end of police birdshot in Monday's Sebokeng shootings

Magubane, 53, was hit above the heart and in the groin as he photographed the incident which left at least 11 dead and hundreds injured

The Vaal townships of Sebokeng and Sharpeville are less than 10km apart

For the intrepid Magubane, the shootings are career milestones he was present at both.

On March 21 1960 he was on the scene within three minutes of the Sharpeville confrontation in which 67 people died when police opened fire on a crowd of pass law demonstrators

On Monday, Magubane was in the thick of it again



TEARS ... a man wounded in the Sebokeng unrest shakes Nelson Mandela's hand as wife Winnie looks on

## SEBOKENG • by David Jackson

as 50 000 protesters marching to Vereeniging to hand over a petition bearing a list of community grievances were stopped at a police roadblock.

Said Magubane. "I was taking pictures from the top of a car about 100m away when I was hit by a burst of birdshot

"At first, I didn't feel any-

thing at all . I just heard something hit me. It was only afterwards, back in the township, that I felt pain just above my heart

"Fortunately, the shot had lost velocity by the time it hit me. It penetrated just a little on top of the heart and in the groin If I had been a lot closer it could have been fatal "

According to the police, the mob threatened to attack and began hurling bottles and knobkerries. Police say they then used teargas and shotguns in self-defence.

The Vaal Civic Association claims the police action was unprovoked

Magubane, who has photographed riots for 35 years, gave his view. "I think someone panicked, because no order was given — and I could hear very clearly The burst of fire didn't last for more than a couple of seconds At the time, the march leaders were busy talking to the crowd up front.

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"There was one sharp burst of fire and I saw a number of people jumping for shelter In its own way, this was as bad as Sharpeville At Sharpeville most of the dead and injured were adults. Many of these were youngsters It was uncalled for "

In 1976 Magubane had his nose broken during violence in Alexandra township. In Soweto in 1976 the muzzle of a gun was put to his temple by a policeman And in 1985 he received 17 buckshot wounds in a confrontation at Katilehong.

The victims of the shooting were visited this week in Sebokeng Hospital by senior ANC leaders, including deputy president Nelson Mandela.

"We wish you a speedy recovery," Mr Mandela told



PETER MAGUBANE Sharpeville memory

one of the injured. "We are going to do something about this We will take up the matter in a vigorous way."

And in Lusaka the ANC external leadership blamed the Government for the recent upsurge of violence in black areas

The ANC's national executive committee called for an end to bloodshed but a continuation of the mass struggle. *st Times 1/19/90*

### Brutality

"These most recent killings establish a pattern of police brutality and repression which holds out the prospect not of peaceful transformation but of increased bloodletting and death," the statement said.

"The African National Congress condemns these massacres in the strongest terms and demands an immediate end to this crime," it added, calling for an end to the presence of troops and police in black townships



March turns into bloodbath, as police open fire without warning on 10

# 30 years on, a replay of Sharpeville massacre

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By STAN MHLONGO

THERE was little difference between the Sharpeville shootings on March 21, 1960, and the Sebokeng massacre this week

The 30-year difference was wiped away when police opened fire on a crowd of 100 000 marchers

The sunny Monday turned into a day of mourning and aroused anger and violence in Sebokeng and Evaton

Bodies were strewn all over the ground near the Houtkop police station outside Sebokeng

Police opened fire on the marchers without warning, said Vusi Vilakazi, a member of the Vaal Civic Association

"Just like Sharpeville, most of the victims were shot in the back"

The difference was that policemen were among the marchers

This followed a decision by members of the Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union (Popru) to join the struggle

Two policemen were reported wounded

Five people were killed instantly and 350 wounded, according to first reports. The death toll later swelled to 17, and the MDM claimed 2 000 were wounded

## People shot in the back as they fled cop pellets

Earlier, holding ANC flags aloft, the crowd marched from the Mphahlalatsane Hall in Sebokeng Zone 14, unaware their intention to march to the Vereeniging Town Council offices to deliver a memorandum had been declared illegal by the area's chief magistrate

Police blocked the way on the outskirts of Sebokeng, and marchers handed a petition to Houtkop Station Commander Col Othniel Mazibuko

After Mazibuko had departed, the bloodbath started

Conflicting rumours began. Some blamed the regular police for the shooting, others the Vanderbijlpark Riot Unit

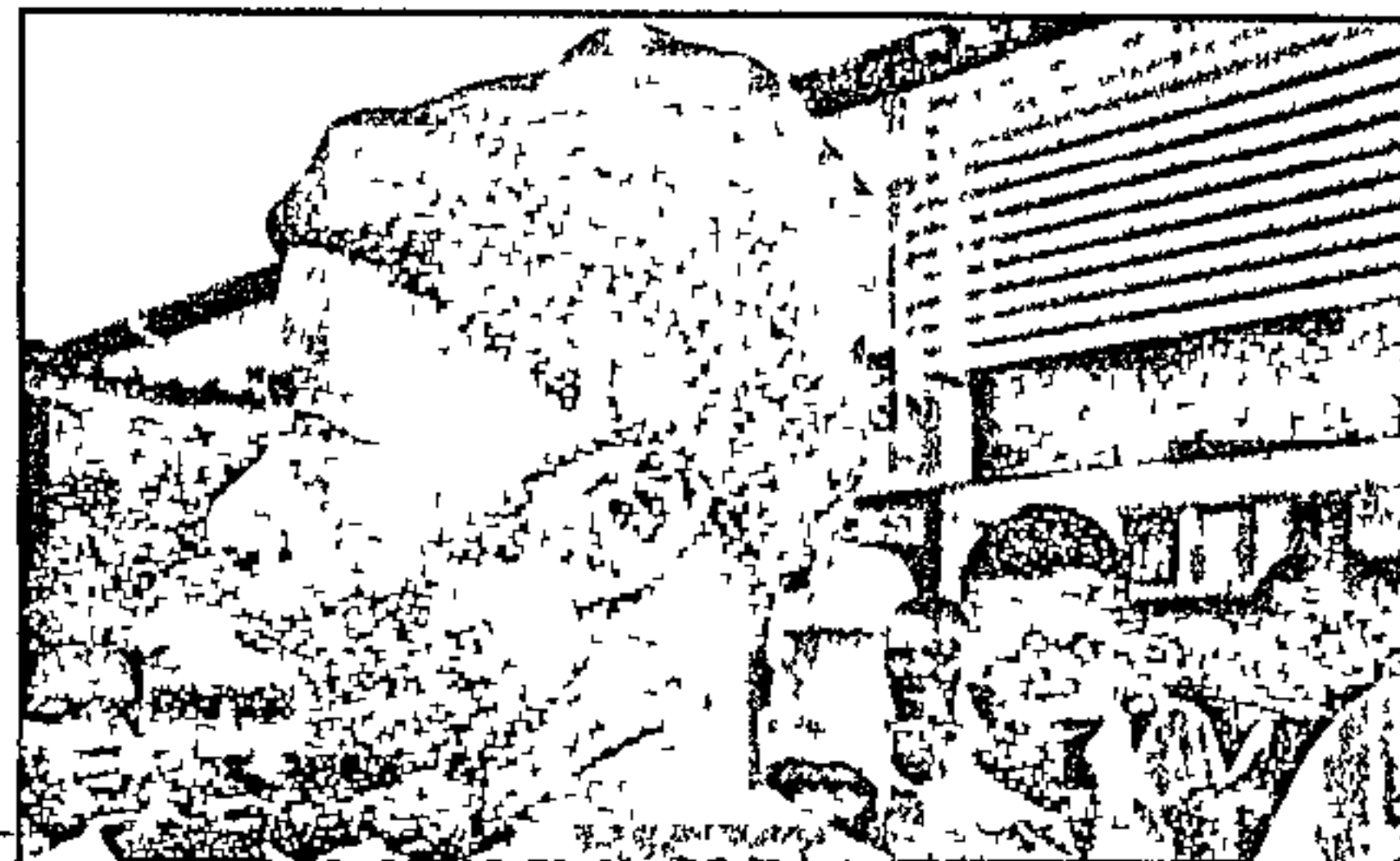
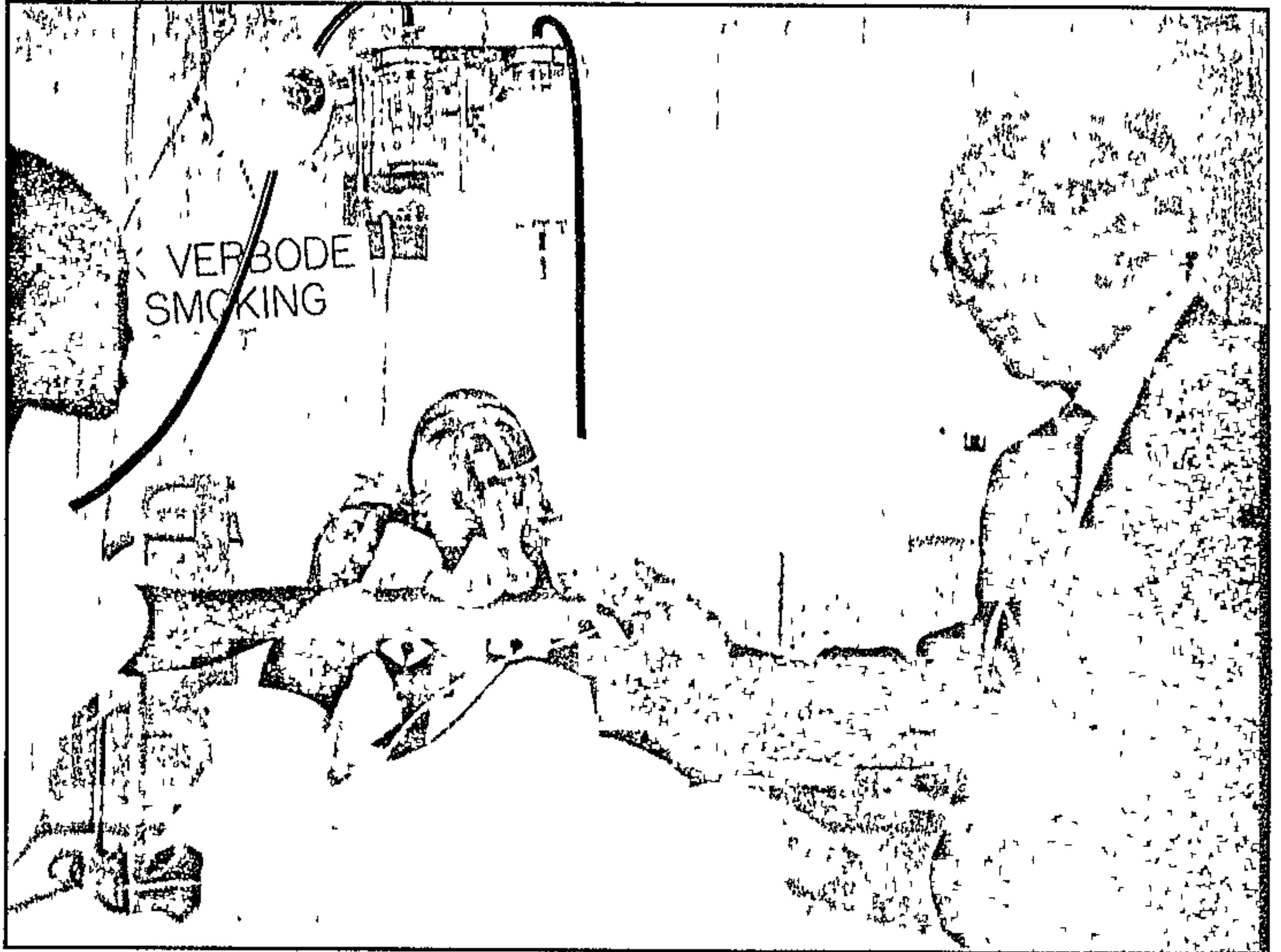
Then the angry masses went out to avenge the deaths

First targets were the garage of former Lekoa mayor Esau Mahlatsi, the rent offices and a policeman's house

The garage of Evaton mayor Sam Rabotapi was attacked and an Evaton chicken outlet badly damaged

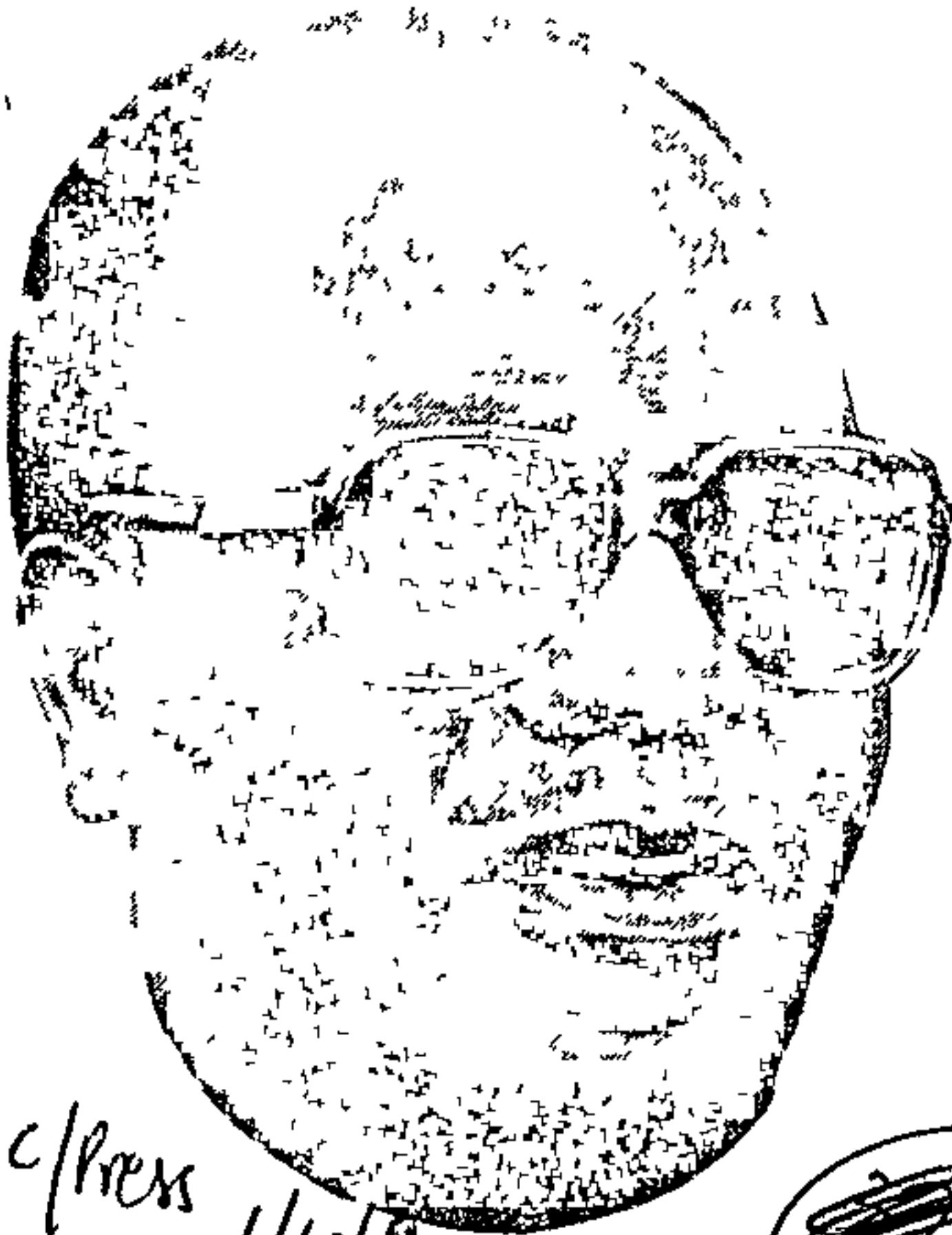
At a Press conference this week the MDM said at no stage were police provoked into shooting the people

"If South Africa is a Christian state, such police brutality cannot be condoned. The actions of the police are clearly an embarrassment to State President FW de Klerk"



Walter Sisulu (above) at the hospital bed of one of the estimated 2 000 injured victims of the Sebokeng massacre. Just like the Sharpeville killings on March 21, 1960, most of the marchers taking a petition to the Vereeniging Town Council offices on March 26, 1990, were shot in the back. One of the victims (left) was wounded after police opened fire without warning.



**0 000 Sebokeng residents.****'I spoke to the crowd and then pellets flew'**

Another "Sharpeville Shooting" played itself out in Sebokeng this week. This time 17 were killed and many injured when police opened fire on a crowd outside the Sebokeng police station. Police say they shot in self defence, but scores of people who witnessed it say there was no provocation, nor justification. The Rev VUYISILE MNTOTHOZA (left) of the RR Wright School of Religion was addressing the crowd when the police opened fire. This is his first-hand account, as told to CHARLES MOGALE

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**6** I LEFT with three colleagues for Houtkop in Sebokeng. When we arrived, we found the Sebokeng people were already there.

There was a large crowd, and more were expected to arrive from Evaton. The people stopped outside the Sebokeng police station. A distance from them, facing in the opposite direction, were the police in Casspirs, Land Rovers and other vehicles.

Station commander Othniel Mazibuko came from the police to meet Bavumile Vilakazi and myself so we could give him the memorandum from the residents. We met about halfway between the police contingent and the people.

We read out the memorandum to Mazibuko, before giving it to him, and asked him to get us a reply before the end of the week. Mazibuko promised he would pass our request to his authorities.

We then turned and went to the people waiting for us. We asked them to go back to their different townships because the memorandum had already been handed in.

The people said they wanted to march to Vereeniging, as was the initial plan. I told them there was no point as the memorandum had already been handed in.

~~278~~ I stood on top of my car and addressed them. At that time, the group from Evaton, knowing nothing about the memo having been submitted, arrived. They could not understand why we had to turn back.

While I was still pleading with them, I heard the first shot. I stood there and looked at the police.

More shots were fired, people were falling all over the place, just next to me. I did not run or hide, I just stood there as pellets whizzed past me.

ANC stalwart and former Robben Island prisoner Liwaa Mbatha fell just a few paces from me.

I picked up a young girl who had been standing next to me. She had a bullet wound in the neck and another in the hip. Many more people had fallen by now, and the police just stood there, not moving.

We started collecting the corpses.

Some people wanted to confront the police and ask why they had shot, but we warned them against it. We could see they still wanted to shoot. Many of these cops were black.

There was no provocation, no justification. People were just standing there and saying they wanted a way to Vereeniging.



THE killings at Sebokeng which were given by the ANC as the reason for suspending exploratory talks with the government occurred when police opened fire on about 50 000 people taking part in a protest march a week ago.

In the ensuing chaos, at least eight people were shot dead and more than 400 wounded by shotgun blasts. The final official death toll was 11.

Police claimed they fired in self-defence when they were attacked by the crowd who they said carried sticks, bricks and other weapons.

A police spokesman said last week that "the crowd which acted in a threatening manner, surged forward. Police were attacked and opened fire in self-defence".

Police yesterday said they were keeping to their version of events in that they had fired in self-defence.

## Sebokeng — police insist it was self-defence

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However, witnesses said the shooting appeared to be unprovoked after the marchers — protesting against high tariffs and poor living conditions — presented a memorandum to a police officer.

Internal ANC leader Mr Walter Sisulu blamed right-wing elements in the police for the killings while the external ANC leadership declined to comment on the deaths but said the issue would not affect the talks with the government.

The UDF, however, con-

demned the police action saying it "was absolutely unnecessary and uncalled for". The killings also drew strong international criticism.

ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela visited some of the victims in hospital and told them: "We are going to do something about this".

"We will take up this matter in a vigorous way," he said.

The Vaal triangle and especially Sebokeng has long been a hotbed of political violence and in 1984, Sebokeng became the first township where troops were sent into in an attempt to quell unrest.

Earlier last month, a white man was killed when he and a business associate were attacked by a mob near Sebokeng. Several other people were injured when their cars were stoned on the Golden Highway near the township — including a teenage girl who was hit with a garden fork.

# Venda bomb blasts

LOUIS TRICHARDT. — Six bombs have exploded in Vanda since Friday. *CAF TRIPS 2/4/90*

A spokesman for the Venda Defence Force said a transformer was damaged by a blast in the Sibasa area on Saturday morning.

An electricity sub-station at Sibasa, offices of the Department of Health at Thohoyandou and a bottle store at Thitekere were also damaged by explosions.

There were another two blasts at an electricity sub-station in Thohoyandou.

The origin and nature of the explosive devices have not been established. The cost of the damage is still being assessed. — Sapa

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# Six shot after ~~the~~ weekend funeral

By MOKGADI PELA

SIX members of the Azanian Students Movement were injured when they were allegedly shot by municipal policemen in Bekkersdal at the weekend.

The six students were returning from the cemetery, where a crowd of almost 5 000 had buried Sello Mogosi (22), an Azasm member killed by political rivals.

The mourners, holding Azapo and Azasm banners, were singing freedom songs when municipal policemen opened fire.

Those shot were Thabo Mokhobana (19), Trevor Mazibuko (19), Khumanelo Seoka (37), David Motingoe (22), Monwabisi (22) and Popo Mboneli (18).

Police said a report on the incident would only be available today from the Krugersdorp security branch office.

Azasm publicity secretary, Siphon Maseko, condemned the incident.

Meanwhile another activist, Mbuyiselo Montshiwa, could not be buried on Saturday. About 1 000 mourners were told by the Montshiwa family that the funeral had been postponed as police had allegedly refused to release the corpse.

A family spokesman said the funeral would now be held today at 1pm.

Mbuyiselo and Sello died during the feud between Azasm and the Bekkersdal Youth Congress in the West Rand township.

'No bowing to ANC hardliners'

# FW to launch crackdown on violence

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CAPE TOWN — President F W de Klerk will announce a countrywide crackdown on violence when he addresses Parliament today.

Despite the ANC having given the Sebokeng shootings as the reason for cancelling the historic April 11 "talks about talks", De Klerk and his Cabinet believe violence, especially in Natal, the Vaal triangle and Welkom, must now be stopped.

Although government spokesmen have been loath to comment on the actions contemplated, De Klerk can be expected to announce that troops will be sent in to restore order. With organisations like the Black Sash having recently called on government to send in the troops to combat violence, De Klerk and his Cabinet are confident this step will not attract the same international outcry as in the past.

Government spokesmen were yesterday bitterly disappointed that the ANC had called off the planned April 11 meeting, but said they believed this reflected tensions within the organisation.

A senior official said there was a large body of opinion within the ANC that was opposed to negotiations at this stage. These people, he believed, were using the Sebokeng shootings as an excuse to override those in the ANC who favoured talks. The official said Nelson Mandela's hardline speech at Bisho at the weekend, in which he said it was premature to suspend the armed struggle, was a further indication

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that hardliners in the ANC were becoming dominant.

Commenting, in a speech at an NP youth rally in Naboomspruit at the weekend, on the cancellation of the talks, De Klerk said that even if there was room for criticism of police action at Sebokeng, this was not a sufficient reason for cancelling the talks. The whole point of the April 11 talks was to put an end to violence and incidents such as the Sebokeng one.

In his speech to Parliament, De Klerk is expected to give details of contacts between government and the ANC in the run-up to the planned talks. He is also expected to give a further indication of government's preparedness to be flexible on issues such as the freeing of political prisoners and the return of exiles.

Despite the suspension — and indefinite postponement — of the April 11 talks, government spokesmen said they believed there was no alternative but to maintain contact with the ANC in the hope of securing another meeting date. In this they were looking to the international community to pressurise the ANC into reversing its decision on the postponement.

Arrangements for the April 11 talks had reached such a stage that the ANC had already indicated to government who its delegates would be.

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## Crackdown

The first hint of the impending crackdown by government came on Friday when De Klerk told the Cape Town Press Club he would be announcing in Parliament today, steps to combat violence.

At a weekend meeting with KwaZulu's Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok promised more policemen would be sent into Natal.

De Klerk is expected to announce that in addition to extra policing, large troop deployments will be moved into trouble spots there and elsewhere in the country. In Natal, government is expected to set aside protected areas for the temporary housing of refugees.

Government believes the fabric of the present violence throughout the country is different from that in 1985 and 1986. Where then it believed violence was directed at overthrowing the state, it believes now that the violence results from rivalry between black political groupings. It also believes that playing a major part in fomenting violence is an anarchic youth element that cannot be controlled by any of the major black political groupings.

De Klerk said on Friday government was determined to ensure that the process of negotiation and change took place in an

orderly and peaceful manner. "The future of this country will not be decided through the barrel of a gun, the waving of arms or stamping of feet. It will be decided around a conference table."

Unbridled protest politics, De Klerk said, could spell serious dangers for the process of reform. "Large masses of people proclaiming extreme positions in our streets promote polarisation and violence. What we need is reconciliation and goodwill."

Government, De Klerk said, was not approaching negotiations from a position of weakness. It had not waited until the balance of power had turned against it before deciding on a course of peaceful negotiations. "The initiative is in our hands and we have the capability to ensure that the process of negotiation and change is peaceful and orderly," he said.

There was no room for violence from any quarter in determining the future of SA. "If certain elements on the left and on the right continue their present course of violence and lawlessness, the government will be obliged to use the full weight of its power to restore law and order in an unprejudiced manner."

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# SAP 'takes all steps' to avoid opening fire

By Craig Kotze

Police took the necessary steps to prevent killings in rioting, but no one could say that situations such as that when nine people were shot dead in Sebokeng last week could never happen again, says SAP public relations chief Major-General Herman Stadler.

"We value life highly and we are extremely concerned about the Sebokeng deaths. The SAP does everything possible not to have to take action which results in death, but each situation develops on the ground — out of the control of higher authority — and has to be judged on its own merits."

## 50 000 crowd

Nine people died in Sebokeng in the Vaal Triangle last Monday when a 50 000-strong crowd was involved in a confrontation with police, who used birdshot fired from shotguns.

The incident reverberated around the world and became virtually a "second Sharpeville"



Major-General Stadler.

and the ANC has used the incident to call off pre-negotiation talks with the Government, scheduled for April 11.

General Stadler said policemen were trained in accordance with the international principle of minimum force but had to act in self-defence when their lives were threatened.

"We take all the necessary precaution to prevent loss of life — especially when children are involved. But there are many factors which have to be taken into account in unrest situations

"In the first case the mobs or crowds of marchers have to come to their senses. Police did not instigate the Sebokeng violence. A magistrate decided the march was illegal and we had to uphold the law.

"The crowd in Sebokeng shouted 'Kill the Boers' — that was already a threat — and attacked police. Another factor in general is that so many policemen have been killed in unrest before that no policeman is going to stand aside and watch his colleagues being murdered," said General Stadler.

"Without justifying the deaths in the least, I would say that if there were 2 000 policemen present it would have been a different story, but if those present on the day had baton-charged those 50 000 armed people, they would have been massacred.

"Also, if the policemen had used sharp ammunition and the rifles they had at their disposal, many more people would undoubtedly have been killed," he added.



# Apartheid leads to boycott aimed at white businesses

The Argus Correspondent ~~27~~ 278 ~~27~~  
JOHANNESBURG — A consumer boycott of white-owned businesses, aimed at forcing the desegregation of facilities and the release of detainees; has been launched in the Western Transvaal towns of Klerksdorp, Stilfontein and Orkney.

A spokesman for the National Union of Mineworkers said the boycott, launched on Monday last week by Cosatu, the Jouberton Civic Association, the Jouberton Youth Congress and other community organisations, had been "highly effective"

Business sources said shops catering for the black trade appeared to have been hit by the action. Checkers and Pick 'n Pay in Klerksdorp said turnover had been unaffected, but stressed that their outlets were used mainly by whites.

According to Mr Tsediso Ntaopane, secretary of the Jouberton Civic Association, the boycott aims to secure the release of about 20 people detained on and before Sharpeville Day (March 21).

The NUM said there had been further detentions since then, linked to the boycott.

The Klerksdorp Town Council, which was dominated by the National Party, had refused to desegregate municipal facilities, he added

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## Bop cops hold journalists

**GARANKUWA.** — Bophuthatswana security forces yesterday broke up a protest march by church ministers and briefly detained about 10 journalists monitoring the event in Garankuwa township.

The march, organised by the Garankuwa Interdenominational Ministers' Fraternal, was on Tuesday declared illegal by local Chief Magistrate, Mr A C Greyling.

Police released the foreign and local journalists after confiscating their film and other materials.

At one stage a scuffle broke out at the entrance to the Magistrate's Court as security forces struggled with the journalists for the possession of their equipment. — Sapa

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# IT'S RISE UP

**SIX of the victims of last week's Sebokeng massacre will be buried on Sunday, with a mass service being held at Sebokeng's Zone 7 stadium at 9am.**

Local teacher Teboho Reginald Morobe is being buried today, while five others will be buried outside the Vaal.

Petrus Makau, has already been buried. Vaal community organisations who are organising the mass burial claim there are still several unidentified bodies at the government mortuary.

People have been requested to exercise restraint and observe the funerals with dignity.

"We call upon our members to discipline unruly elements who may misdirect the purpose of the day, that is to bury our dead with respect and dignity," a statement from the organisers said.

At least 15 people died on March 26, when police opened fire on 50 000 people marching from Sebokeng to the National Party offices in Vereeniging to deliver a

memorandum.

Shops will close from 10am to 3pm and organisers have asked the local taxi association to provide free transport for the mourners.

They also warned people not to make donations except at specified collection points.

Those to be buried jointly are Lydia Mphahle, Phillip Motang, the Rev David Kgafie, Oupaki Dlamini, Joseph Nhlapo and Dumnisane Nakani.

Those to be buried outside the Vaal are Makhonjwa Mkhwanazi, Zongezile Ndlameza, Yuyani Makholwa, Eddie Tsamaisa Mamogwa and Abram Machaba.

Spokesman for the UDF area committee, Bavumile Vilakazi, said donations can be sent to the Vaal Council of Churches, Vereeniging; McCamel's Church of God, Evaton, Methodist Church, Zone 3 Sebokeng; the Presbyterian Church in SA, Zone 7 Sebokeng; Methodist Church, Zone 13 Sebokeng; Roman Catholic Church, Zone 14 Sebokeng; NG Kerk in Afrika, Bopparong; NG Kerk in Afrika, Bophelong; Methodist Church, Sharpeville; Faith Mission Church, Refengkgotso, Deneysville and Methodist Church, Zamdeba near Sasolburg.

By  
Ali  
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## ANC STATEMENTS

ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela is due to meet State President Mr FW de Klerk this afternoon for informal talks about the way of violence in the country. Sowetan 5/4/90

Yesterday Mandela dismissed reports that the ANC was losing interest in holding talks with the Government.

"The fact that I have accepted the State President's invitation tomorrow refutes that perception, and shows we are keen to find a solution," he said. De Klerk will first meet bicameral Parliament and homeland leaders and then hold talks with Mandela and his team.

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PAC supporters give the Africanist salute at the Sharpeville commemoration at which Azapo supporters were told to remove their flags

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## Hidden tensions burst into rage

By CASSANDRA MOODLEY

*W/Mant 5/4 - 11/4/90*  
THE violent confrontation between Pan Africanist Congress and Black Consciousness Movement supporters at last month's Sharpeville Day commemoration in the Vaal Triangle is a reflection of glaring ideological tensions between the two movements, despite superficial similarities.

At the PAC-hosted March 21 commemoration in Sharpeville, PAC supporters ordered the Azanian People's Organisation to take down its banners and then physically attacked Azapo supporters, according to eyewitnesses.

PAC internal secretary-general Benny Alexander dismissed the incident as an "unfortunate one, where PAC marshals perceived chanting by Azapo members as provocative".

Alexander added that he did not hear of the incident until after the commemoration service and was "amazed that the Azapo leadership did not come to resolve the matter with the PAC leadership instead of taking the matter to the press". "The incident is in no way indicative of the PAC attitude to Azapo," he said.

Azapo Vaal branch representative Machone Marumo condemned the incident, calling it "an attempt by the PAC to coerce us into their ranks".

Azapo publicity secretary Strim Moodley said that the incident was "indicative of PAC membership failing to recognise the right of other organisations to exist."

The PAC-Azapo fracas was regarded with surprise, because the media often conflates the two organisations.

But, says Moodley, "We don't see ourselves as a specific ally of any specific organisation. We are part and parcel of all organisations in the liberation movement."

"We seek unity with the African National Congress, the PAC, the Unity Movement," adds Moodley.

But there has also been talks of BCM/PAC splits in the trade union federation Nactu. Reports have pointed to the resignation of several non-Africanist supporters because of a claimed neglect of worker interests in favour of political interests. There have been allegations of persecution of BCM supporters.

Alexander says that the PAC is opposed to trade unions adopting a political manifesto or document of any outside organisation.

It is Moodley's opinion that there is sufficient evidence to indicate an Africanist move to take over the federation. "The ANC and the PAC have had a history of trying to prove *bona fides* to the world, claiming this is theirs and that is theirs — this has resulted in them trying to take control of every organisation internally."

"Nactu is a victim of this counter-revolutionary attempt."

Azapo does, however, intend holding talks with the PAC as it has done with other movements, says Moodley.

Alexander, for his part, talks of meeting with organisations the PAC regards its "natural allies", like Azapo, the Cape Action League and the New Unity Movement, "organisations which genuinely seek liberation and socialism".

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# Violence: issues not clear cut

In citing the Sebokeng shootings as the prime reason for suspending its scheduled meeting with President de Klerk and his senior Ministers, the African National Congress focused on only one aspect of the violence which has swept across the country since February 2

Its sense of outrage is understandable, whether or not one agrees with its narrow focus or its decision to suspend the talks

The shooting of demonstrators by police in any society is, of course, a highly emotional issue, in South Africa, with its long history of police action against black crowds, it is particularly so

Writing 16 years ago, Mr Albie Sachs, an ANC man who was later the victim of a bomb explosion in Maputo, identified "direct violence" by police against blacks as a crude but effective technique of maintaining white control

"Police have opened fire on protesting crowds on roughly 30 occasions in the (last) 60 years and killed approximately 500 Africans," he said of the period from the Act of Union in 1910 to the early 1970s

In the nearly 20 years since the publication of Mr Sachs's article, perhaps twice as many black civilians have been killed by police bullets in confrontations countrywide

During the 1976-77 township rebellion, 575 people were killed, the Cillie Commission of Inquiry found. The vast majority, 451, were killed by police action

Later, with the start of the 1984-86 revolt, there was another round of clashes Langa, where 20 people were killed when police opened fire on a black crowd on the 25th anniversary of the Sharpeville shootings of 1960, is the best known example

Now, of course, South Africa is in the midst of yet another upsurge of violence. It, too, has seen confrontations between crowds and police, with the killing of 11 — or 16 by the ANC's count — protesters at Sebokeng only a few days after many of the same protesters had commemorated the 30th anniversary of the

The roots of the violence sweeping the country are only partly political. It is fed in large measure by underlying demographic and socio-economic forces

**PATRICK LAURENCE** reports.

Educationist Dr Ken Hartshorne makes the point that school drop outs become the "leaders of the street children" who thrive on anarchy and may have only superficial ideological attachments.

the heavy toll in the fighting in Natal makes plausible

The recent violence can be classified into three broad categories: police action against protesting crowds, fighting between rival ideological factions in the black community, clashes between competing interest groups in townships

Fighting between rival political groups can be further sub-divided into three categories

In all three categories forces from the ANC-UDF axis have been involved

## Locked

In Beekersdal on the West Rand, they have fought battles against black consciousness loyalists, in Natal their adversaries have been Inkatha-linked fighters, and in Uitenhage in the Eastern Cape they have been locked in battle with Africanists (who appear to have an alliance with Ama-Afrika)

Clashes between rival groups takes different forms in Kakehong's bloody "taxi war", fighting was sparked between opposing taxi



apolitical but bloody struggles is what may be labelled the "Zulu factor", a belief on one side that its foe was composed of, or reinforced by, Zulus

The "Zulu" dimension gives these conflicts a political content "Zulus" are associated with Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi's Inkatha movement and, in the minds of some people, with vigilantes

In Katilehong some residents spoke of assault by "Zulu-speaking" men. In predominantly Sotho-speaking Sebokeng the first episode of violence — the one that led to the killing of a white motorist, Mr Elney Corfe — was sparked by fears that "Zulus" were massing to attack, all vehicles entering, or even approaching, Sebokeng were suspected of ferrying Zulus

But underlying all manifestations of township violence is an explosive mix of demographic and socio-economic elements

The black population is growing rapidly at close to 3 percent per annum, the white population growth rate is closer to 1 percent and that for coloured and Indian people

share will be barely over 12 percent by the year 2000, a drop of nearly 4 percent since 1980.

As important, however, the black population increase will be highest in the under 20 age group, an estimated 60 percent of blacks are under 20 today — against 54 percent in 1980 — and the proportion is still rising. It is precisely here that the crisis is worst

Writing in 1986, the educationist Dr Ken Hartshorne calculated that only five out of every 100 black pupils who entered grade one matriculated. The rest dropped out along the way

## Outstripped

With the economic growth rate outstripped by population increase, many of the drop-outs became in Dr Hartshorne's words "leaders of the street children"

The drop-out rate may have improved in the late 1980s. But two developments are calculated to cancel any improvement that may have been made last year's disastrous matriculation results, which saw the pass rate fall from 54 to 42 percent, and the present educational crisis, marked in Soweto by empty schools and a paralysing strike by teachers

The street children appear to be on the march. Unemployed, they soon become unemployable. They thrive on anarchy. It offers them excitement and an opportunity to pillage

They often plunder and even kill in the name of ideology. Their ideological attachments are superficial, however.

In Natal research has found that many of the youths at the cutting edge of the violence cannot name the leaders of the organisation to which they proclaim loyalty.

Perpetrators of the dreaded "necklace executions" are often drawn from the ranks of the "street children", according to Mr Lloyd Vogelman, director of Project for the Study of Violence at the University of the Witwatersrand. Any attempt to discipline them is

# Unrest in Gazankulu 'not caused by ANC'

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JOHANNESBURG — Unrest in Gazankulu had not been sparked off by the African National Congress, Gazankulu Chief Minister Professor Hudson Ntsanwisi said yesterday.

In a statement, Professor Ntsanwisi said he had met ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela concerning the unrest, and they had concluded that the situation was undesirable and should be discontinued.

"During the meeting it was resolved that continuous boycotts and marches are counter-productive and not in the interest of the nation," Professor Ntsanwisi said.

According to the statement, no major incidents of unrest had been reported during the past 24 hours.

However, a seventh petrol-bomb attack had occurred and 13 people had been arrested, bringing the total number of arrests to 2 294 — Sapa



# 13 killed in Vaal shooting, says hospital

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The death toll from the Vaal Triangle shooting of a fortnight ago has risen to at least 13, with 447 injured in the clashes between police and marchers

A Sebokeng Hospital spokesman yesterday confirmed that so far 13 people had died, four of whom were certified dead on arrival. Nine died after being admitted to hospital.

A spokesman for the Vaal Council of Churches (VCC) said that until last week 13 fatalities had been confirmed, but three more people were positively identified by their relatives at the government mortuary on Wednesday, bringing the death toll to 16.

The VCC spokesman said the following people had died: Mr Owen Mkhwanazi, Mr Reginald Morobe, Mr Zongezile Ndlameza, Ms Lydia Mphela, Mr Zebulon Makholwa, Mr Eddie Mamogwa, Mr Phillip Motaung, Mr David Khaile, Mr Oupatjie Dlamini, Mr Abram Machaba, Mr Joseph Nhlapo, Mr Patrick Nakani, Mr Petros Makau,

Mr Piet Tsotetsi, Mr Livingstone Vitshima and Mr Petros Hlanguza.

A police spokesman said that as far as the police were concerned, the death toll still stood at nine as they had not yet received the latest list of casualties.

"It is possible the death toll could be 13 or 16 or even more but, as it was reported at the time, nine people died on that day," he said.

This was after police opened fire on about 50 000 marchers who were attempting to march to the National Party offices in Vereeniging to deliver a memorandum.

Six of the victims will be buried on Sunday. The burial will be preceded by a mass service at Sebokeng Stadium at 9 am. Two people, including a local teacher, have already been buried.

Shops will close from 10 am to 3 pm and the organisers have asked the local taxi association to provide free transport for the mourners.

They have also warned people not to make donations except at specified collection points.

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# Venda: Youths abuse new ruler

**THOHOYANDOU.** — Thousands of Venda youths packed the National Stadium here yesterday and shouted abuse at the new military ruler of the homeland

The youths, numbering over 10 000, were part of a crowd estimated at 15 000 which gathered at the stadium to hear Colonel Gabriel Ramushwana at his first public engagement

The youths, who were wearing ANC T-shirts, chanted "Voetsek, voetsek", "Away with Ramushwana" and "Viva ANC" as the colonel continued to read the speech that he had read the previous day announcing reasons for the coup

The South African Defence Force has been present in the homeland for the past two weeks since Foreign Minister Mr Pik Botha announced that the South African government would not stand by idly while the Venda government was being subjected to intimidation

Troops of both the Venda Defence Force and the SADF are currently patrolling the homeland's urban streets

At a press conference held before he was sworn in by the homeland's chief justice yesterday, Col Ramushwana said political organisations such as the ANC, PAC and Azapo were welcome to operate in Venda if they did not intimidate people to join their activities

**THOHOYANDOU.** — Venda's new leader, Colonel Gabriel Muthewana Ramushwana, is a former South African security policeman who at one time allegedly infiltrated the ANC in Lusaka.

Colonel Gabriel Ramushwana was born at Messina on July 1, 1941. He worked as a clerk at the Messina mines from 1962 to 1965.

He joined the South African Police in 1966 and transferred to the security branch the following year.

He joined the Venda National Force, which was a combined force of police, army, prisons and traffic departments, in 1978, a year before independence.

He became deputy chief of security police until he was transferred to the Venda Defence Force in 1985. He was promoted to colonel the same year and became Chief of Staff in 1985.

Married with four children, Colonel Ramushwana speaks 19 black languages as well as English and Afrikaans. During his service as a security policeman, he infiltrated the ANC in Lusaka until he was withdrawn by the police. — Sapa

He said Thursday's military takeover was not prompted by similar actions in other independent homelands

Col Ramushwana said he was called back by "authorities" from

a military course in Pretoria to take over government. He said his former chief, Brigadier P G Steenkamp, was forced to resign and leave Venda because he was found to be working against the "ideals of the Venda people"

He said a new cabinet comprising people from a cross-section of people would be announced in two weeks' time. Until then, he was sole member of the council.

He said elections might be held in future if so demanded by the people of Venda. However, the council's immediate task was to restore stability and law and order.

The press conference, held at the offices of the deposed president, was attended by a representative of the South African embassy, Mr T L Steyn, in what was seen by many journalists as a show of acceptance by the South African government

Meanwhile, the chairman of Ciskei's new Military Council of State, Brigadier "Oupa" John Gqozo, yesterday said in a statement that the circumstances surrounding the military takeover of Venda were only superficially similar to what happened in Ciskei recently

Brig Gqozo wished the colonel "God's blessing, good fortune and the support of all in Venda"

Brig Gqozo took power in Ciskei in a coup in March this year, ousting President Lennox Sebe from power — Sapa

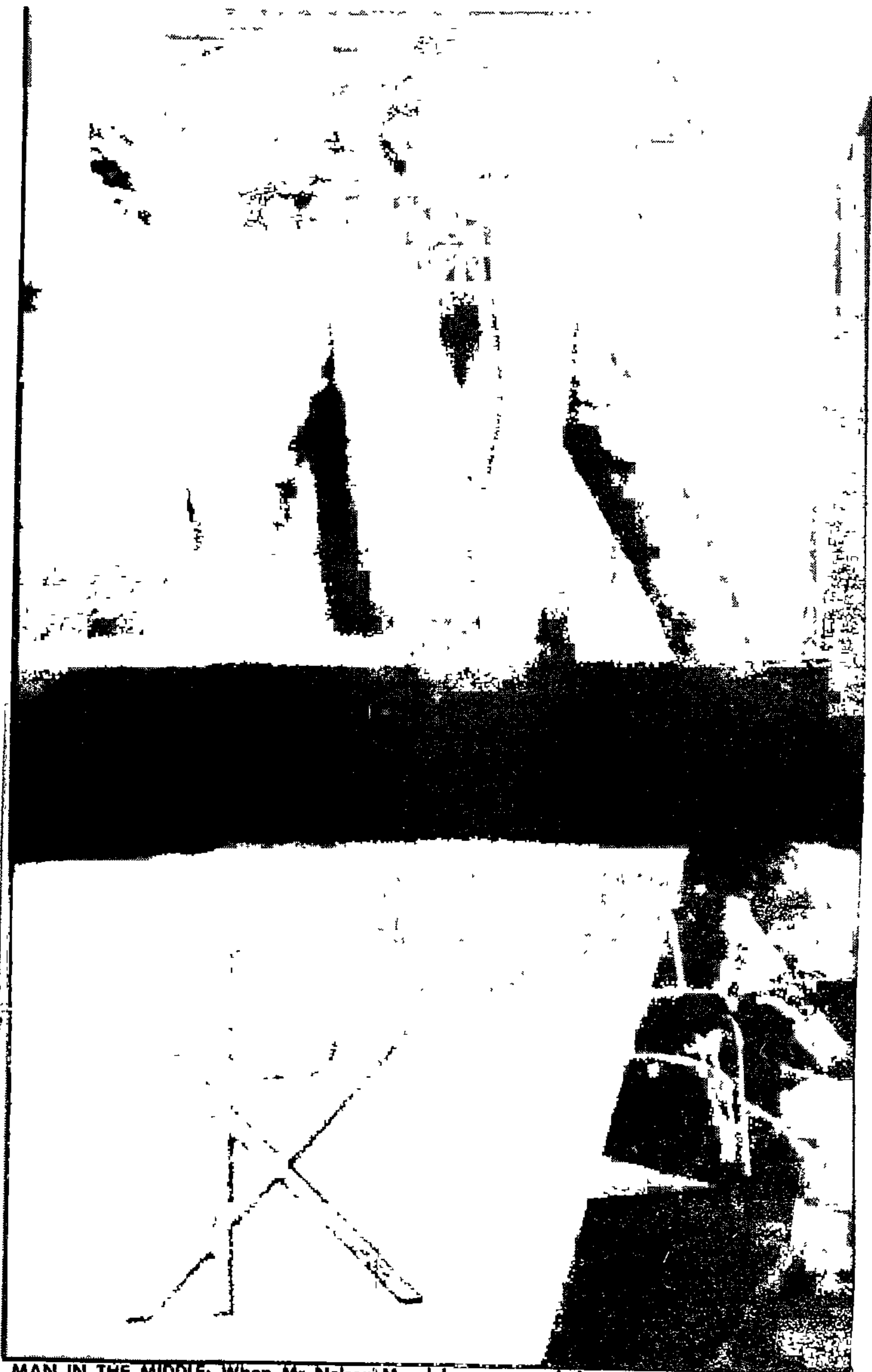
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**MAN IN THE MIDDLE:** When Mr Nelson Mandela announced that the ANC had suspended talks with the Government, his choice of words suggested that he might not be in total agreement with the decision, and was not happy about it. ● Photograph by Herbert Mabuza.

ing would sabotage the pending talks  
"I don't see why it should," he said  
As late as Friday March 30 — that is, four days after the Sebokeng shooting — the Government was given the names of the ANC team for the April 11 talks.  
Extrapolating from these events, it seems that a faction

within the ANC, disconcerted about the rapid push towards negotiations, seized on the Sebokeng shooting as a reason to halt the process  
Continuing the extrapolation, the faction gained the ascendancy — temporarily, at any rate — after a long debate, and the April 11 talks were suspended. But Mr Mandela, acting resolutely, put negotiations back on

track within a week  
Saturday Star's confidence in its interpretation is bolstered by one important fact on Thursday March 29 — two days before the suspension of the April 11 talks — it was tipped off by a person close to the ANC and to Mr Mandela that there were people in the ANC wanting to wreck the negotiations  
Identifying the anti-negotia-



Chris Ham, chief of staff of the ANC's army, Umkhonto we Sizwe, used to be one. But, after talking in 1988/89 about the need to make whites bleed, he appears to have had a change of heart.

Some observers suspect that Mr Joe Slovo, general secretary of the South African Communist Party and a member of the ANC national executive committee, may be one. But their surmise is based on suspicion and, perhaps, anti-communist bias.

The decision to suspend the talks was taken in consultation with the "Interim Leadership Core", as the ANC's internal leadership calls itself. The hardliners in Lusaka must therefore have had some support inside South Africa.

Mr Cyril Ramaphosa, the tough-minded and ambitious general secretary of the National Union of Mineworkers, is thought in some circles to be a likely candidate.

Successful negotiations, the reasoning goes, would consolidate the position of Mr Thabo Mbeki, the ANC's secretary for foreign affairs, as the heir-apparent to Mr Mandela and the ailing Mr Oliver Tambo. Mr Mbeki's gain would be Mr Ramaphosa's loss, hence the deduction that Mr Ramaphosa may have had a hand in suspending the talks.

Mr Ramaphosa, whose leadership of South Africa's biggest black trade union gives him plenty of clout, is the man who said of Mr Mandela last year "Mandela is a member of the ANC and his status is no different from any other member of the ANC."

His remarks were made when Mr Mandela, working from his prison bungalow, was acting as a facilitator for negotiations between the ANC and the South African Government.

But a well-informed observer who closely monitors events in the ANC cautioned against premature deductions about Mr Ramaphosa.

The cool-headed trade union leader, he said, is highly thought of in the ANC and SACP, and his future as a top man seems assured whatever happens.

The real motivating force for halting or delaying the negotiation process may, however, have come from the external leadership in Lusaka.

According to the authoritative publication, Africa Confidential, there is a great deal of dissatisfaction among rank-and-file

bents of leadership positions in the ANC.

These men nervously fear that the day is drawing near when they will be unceremoniously voted out of their positions, that day will dawn when the ANC holds its long-awaited national conference on December 16.

Unlike the ANC's two previous national conferences held at Morogoro in Tanzania in 1969 and Kabwe in Zambia in 1985, the December conference — to be held in Bloemfontein — will be attended by a new generation of top leaders who have been blooded in the struggle within South Africa.

One thinks of men like Mr "Terror" Lekota and Mr Popo Molefe, of the United Democratic Front, Mr Ramaphosa and Mr Chris Dlamini, of the Congress of South African Trade Unions; and the recently released prisoner, the Rev Arnold Stofile.

Voting in December is expected to be by secret ballot and not popular acclamation, as was the case at Morogoro and Kabwe, many of the older leaders are unlikely to survive.

Thus, some members of the ANC's "old guard" — some observers reckon — want to delay progress to the December

conference. The assumption is that if negotiations fail or are postponed and prolonged, the December conference may have to be deferred as well.

In an illuminating article, Africa Confidential notes that when Mr Sisulu visited Lusaka he called on the ANC to accept criticism and to engage in self-criticism.

His invitation was "received with a wild cheer" from the rank and file and triggered a barrage of criticism against "inertia and abuse of power".

According to Africa Confidential, those singled out for criticism included Mr Alfred Nzo, the general secretary, for "timidity", Mr Thomas Nkobi, the treasurer-general, for incompetence, Mr Joe Modise, the commander of Umkhonto we Sizwe, for "failure to visit his soldiers", and Mr Josiah Jele, for turning the ANC's political-military council "into a personal fief".

By extension these ANC leaders emerge as men who might have a vested motive in delaying negotiations and the December conference.

The full saga has yet to be told, however.

According to the publication, Africa Confidential, there is a great deal of dissatisfaction among rank and file exiles with some incumbents of leadership positions in the ANC.

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WITH the energy and stamina of a much younger man, Mr Nelson Mandela, has — with the help of the seemingly unper- turbable President de Klerk — put a negotiated settlement firmly back on the agenda

Close examination of events, however, provides strong circumstantial evidence that the septuagenarian ANC leader had to deal with, at the least, an attempt by a faction within the ANC to slow down the pace towards negotiations.

The first clear hint of internal dissension came a week ago with Mr Mandela's shock announcement that the ANC had suspended the talks with Mr de Klerk and his senior lieutenants scheduled for April 11

Mr Mandela told a huge rally in Bisho, Ciskei, that he had been instructed by the ANC's national executive to suspend the talks. Mr Mandela's reported choice of words suggested that he might not be in total agreement with the decision, and his actions over the next two days hardened deductions that he was not happy about it

At a press conference last Sunday after addressing another massive rally at Motherwell near Port Elizabeth, Mr Mandela acknowledged that there had been differences of opinion. He declined to elaborate, saying he was not prepared to discuss the matter publicly

In a dispatch from Port Elizabeth, Associated Press quoted him as saying "I prefer addressing the question to the particular person involved and not making use of the media for settling disputes"

The next day, April 2, Mr Mandela arrived in Durban for a tour of areas outside Maritzburg which had been — and at that stage still were — ravaged by internecine fighting between pro-ANC forces and loyalists of Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi's Inkatha movement.

Within minutes of his arrival at Durban's Louis Botha Airport, Mr Mandela was on the phone to Dr Gerrit Viljoen, the Minister of Constitutional Development and Mr de Klerk's trusted confidant. His purpose was to arrange an "informal meeting" with Mr de Klerk.

According to uncontradicted news reports, Mr Mandela was clearly anxious to contact Dr Viljoen, watched by journalists, he "fumbled for change" to pay

airport inquiries desk

An appointment was set up for April 5, with Mr Mandela being slotted to see Mr de Klerk on the same day as appointments had been made for the six Chief Ministers of the black tribal states. The appointment, confirmed by Mr de Klerk in a speech to Parliament on the same day as Mr Mandela made his airport phone call, appeared to negate the ANC executive's decision to suspend talks

The April 5 rendezvous duly took place at Mr de Klerk's sumptuous Tuynhuys office. Within a week of the suspension of the April 11 meeting, Mr Mandela and President de Klerk — supported by their chosen advisers — held "fruitful" and "cordial" talks

In fairness it should be added that the April 5 meeting — which resulted in an agreement to reschedule the suspended April 11 talks — enabled Mr

Mandela to raise the issue cited by the ANC as the reason for suspending the April 11 talks — the shooting by police of "defenceless demonstrators" at Sebokeng on March 26.

At least 11 people were killed or died later after police fired on the crowd, it had assembled earlier to march into

the neighbouring white town of Vereeniging, which Mr de Klerk had represented in Parliament until last year's general election

The ANC leadership, like most black people, was outraged. There is no question about that. Mr Mandela, who visited the wounded at Sebokeng Hospital, expressed himself forthrightly on the tragedy.

If white civilians had been gunned down by police at Sebokeng, he said, "white South Africa would be screaming at the top of its voice". But because the victims were black, "whites think it is not important"

But, as several observers remarked, the shooting seemed to underline the urgent need for talks rather than their suspension. The shooting, and the behaviour of police generally, could have been added to the list of obstacles to negotiations which the ANC had in mind when it first requested the April 11 meeting

On the day after the shooting, Mr Walter Sisulu, the second highest-ranking internally based ANC leader after Mr Mandela, mooted just that option in an interview with the BBC. He rejected the notion that the shoot-

Close examination of events provides circumstantial evidence that Mr Nelson Mandela had to deal with a bid by a faction within the ANC to slow down the pace towards negotiations.

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# Paupers' funerals for missing youths?

By DAN DHLAMINI

PARENTS OF missing youths in Carletonville fear their children may have been killed in recent unrest and are being quietly buried as paupers.

This week residents of the trouble-torn Khutsong township halted paupers' funerals for three alleged unrest victims.

The discovery of the bodies caused anger among residents who went on the rampage, setting alight at least five vehicles

Last month nine unrest victims allegedly shot by police were buried in a peaceful mass funeral

Scores of youths are reported to have been either detained or killed after police launched a house-to-house search last month

Others fled their homes making it difficult for

## Angry residents riot after fears of death cover-up

members of local structures to establish their whereabouts

Residents claim parents of missing youths were denied the opportunity to enter the government mortuary to identify the bodies

A Khutsong Youth Congress spokesman said residents fear at least 31 youths were killed during the riots

The spokesman said Saffas Undertakers brought three corpses in coffins to the local graveyard on Wednesday where they were to be given paupers' funerals

Residents became sus-

picious because no mourners came to bury the unknown trio

He said residents went to the graveyard and found that one of the deceased was Esther Bothokoane, 24, of Potchefstroom

However, her next of kin confirmed they could not afford to bury her

Residents took the bodies to the local mortuary and are trying to establish the identity of the two youths among the trio

He said arrangements were being made to get a second post mortem examination performed to establish the cause of

their deaths

Attempts to contact Saffas drew a blank The post office said the Saffas telephone was out of order and their premises were deserted when City Press arrived.

Police spokesman Maj RA Crewe confirmed seven vehicles were burnt out during rioting in Khutsong this week.

He could not say whether the riots were sparked off by the discovery of the three dead people who were to be given paupers' burials

However, he said people were given an opportunity to identify the dead at the government mortuary in Carletonville

He reaffirmed the earlier police statement that 17 and not 31 people died during unrest in the area two months ago



With solemnity and anger

# Thousands mourn at Sebokeng funeral

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**PEACEFUL BURIAL** . . . Thousands of people yesterday attended the funeral of four of the 11 victims of last month's police shooting at Sebokeng — which effectively derailed talks between the government and the ANC. At the funeral ANC supporters, some brandishing fake guns, carried the coffins while a young boy in uniform (right) stood guard on the dead. Addressing mourners, the ANC internal leader, Mr Walter Sisulu, said the gravity of the situation had demanded that the ANC suspend the talks. He also said that he hoped the government would institute a similar inquiry into the situation in Maritzburg as it had for the Sebokeng shootings.

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FRIDAY MAVUSO

## Disabled say 'no' to killings

THE Disabled People of South Africa will hold a demonstration opposite the Baragwanath Hospital, Soweto, tomorrow, in protest against the 'wave of political violence sweeping the country.

Mr Friday Mavuso, chairman of the association, said the DPSA had noted the Natal carnage in particular with alarm.

He invited all disabled people in Soweto and other townships to join in the demonstration.

The protest action starts at 1pm on the old Potchefstroom Road outside the hospital.



## Sebokeng shooting victims buried

THOUSANDS of mourners in the Vaal yesterday heard the ANC and the South African Council of Churches call for an immediate judicial inquiry into the Sebokeng shootings and demands for the dismissal of the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok.

This was at the Sebokeng stadium at the burial of four people killed on March 26. Seventeen names of those killed were read at the beginning of the service.

An estimated crowd of 100 000 people jam-packed the stadium to hear ANC internal leader, Mr Walter Sisulu, pay tribute to the victims.

By **THEMBA MOLEFE**

Among the speakers were SACC general secretary the Rev Frank Chikane, Cosatu general secretary Mr Jay Naidoo and representatives of the United Democratic Front and the Vaal Chamber of Commerce.

Those buried yesterday were Mr Phillip Motaung, Mr Oupaki Dlamini, Mr Dumisane Nakanani and Mr Joseph Nhlapo. The other victims have already been buried.

UDF Vaal executive member and leader of the march which preceded the shootings, Mr Bavumile Vilakazi, called on De Klerk to fire Vlok immediately.



**MOURNERS** carrying coffins shoulder-high at a mass funeral in Sebokeng yesterday. Pic: Len Kumalo

## 'ANC' carved on miner's arm

A young miner was attacked by a group of blacks and had the letters "ANC" carved into his forearm in Heidelberg last night, police said.

Police are investigating an assault case after Mr Andre Kotze (18), from Orkney in the western Transvaal, was attacked by men who said they "wanted to see if his blood was the same colour as theirs".

Mr Kotze is in a stable condition in hospital after suffering multiple injuries and possible broken ribs. No arrests have been made — Crime Reporter

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# Leaders demand probe of Sebokeng killings

By Montshiwa Moroke

About 100 000 mourners in Sebokeng, Vereeniging, yesterday heard leaders call for the appointment of a judicial commission of inquiry into last month's police shootings in which 17 people were killed.

The general secretary of the Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu), Mr Jay Naidoo, went so far as to call on President de Klerk, to sack the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok

The speakers were among leading labour, political, business and religious leaders who addressed the large crowd at a more than three-hour mass funeral service at the Zone 7 stadium, Sebokeng

Speakers said "the people" wanted Mr Vlok to explain what happened on the day of the Sebokeng killings and to say who gave the police orders to shoot

Among the dignitaries were representatives from the Canadian Embassy and the Swedish Legation A representative of the Christian Council of Churches in New Zealand, also attended

Those buried were Mr Phillip Motaung, Mr Oupatje Dhlamini, Mr Dumisane Nakan and Mr Joseph Nhlapo

Silence fell as the thousands of mourners

bowed their heads in tribute to the "fallen heroes"

The coffins were draped in colours of the African National Congress while khaki-clad youths with wooden guns formed a guard of honour.

A police helicopter hovered above, monitoring the entire funeral proceedings

The general secretary of the South African Council of Churches, the Rev Frank Chikane, said during his visit to Sebokeng Hospital he had found some of the injured with bullet wounds in their heads and others with pellets all over their bodies

"In a just and normal country the President would have given orders that a judicial commission of inquiry be appointed that same night for the murders It took the Government days to say they considered appointing one.

"Our black people are also human beings like other people The value of our lives are the same as those of the oppressors," he said.

Mr Naidoo said the violence was meted out against black people everywhere because the ruling class wanted to maintain cheap labour.

"We call on De Klerk to charge the murderers and send them to jail, where they belong We also call upon him to fire Vlok as the person in charge of the police," Mr Naidoo said



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This young "soldier", armed with a wooden gun and in full uniform, formed part of the guard of honour for four of the victims of the March 26 Sebokeng police shootings. Among the dignitaries present at the event were representatives of the Canadian Embassy, the Swedish Legation and the Christian Council of Churches in New Zealand.

● Picture by Herbert Mabuza. |

# ER taxi war: police appeal for evidence

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East Rand police have appealed to complainants in the recent Katlehong taxi clash, to contact the police so that statements can be taken.

A police spokesman yesterday said complainants should contact the investigating officer, Warrant Officer de Goede at (011) 906-3384.

The cases will be referred to the Attorney-General so that justice can take its course.

# Both ANC, Azapo depl<sup>str 9/4/90</sup>ore the violence<sup>(278) 277</sup>

Moves toward the urgent resolution of the violence plaguing parts of South Africa, and the presentation of a united front against the Government, were discussed at a meeting between leaders of the ANC and the Azanian People's Organisation in Soweto on Saturday night.

A joint statement issued by the two organisations deplored the violence and blamed it on "apartheid colonialism".

"Unity in action and peace among our people require urgent resolution," the statement said, adding that a two-member committee comprising ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela and Azapo president Mr Jerry Mosala had been formed to contact other organisations to discuss the possibility of an all-encompassing consultative conference.

This is seen as the latest move to emanate from a host of meetings-about-meetings about talks-about-talks.

Another committee was established to deal specifically with ways to seek an end to the violence and to speak to the leadership of various organisations in an effort to address the people in the war-torn areas and so halt the killing.

This committee is to report back within a week on its progress.

The statement said both organisations "stressed the principle of political tolerance and therefore unity in diversity".

Saturday's meeting was a one-off event and further contact between Azapo and the ANC would continue, the statement said. — Sapa.



# 'ANC' carved on man's arm

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A GROUP of men assaulted an Orkney manworker and carved the initials "ANC" into his arm in Heidelberg, Transvaal, at the weekend

A Heidelberg resident said the man, Mr Andre Kotze, 18, hammered on his front door and when he opened the door he found Mr Kotze covered in blood

The resident, Mr Lionel Coetzee, said he was told by Mr Kotze — who is white — that he was assaulted by a group of black men who told him he was being assaulted to see whether "his blood was the same as theirs".

# Four killed in Soweto gun raids

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**AT LEAST** four people were shot dead and several others injured when unknown gunmen fired shots on residents in the streets of Orlando East, Soweto, at the weekend.

Residents claimed that six people died but only four deaths were confirmed.

Those who died were John Mona (25), Michael Motlatsi Makapa (30), Hlafang Ncube (26) and Ananias Montshwa (22), all believed to have been Orlando East residents.

Soweto police spokesman Colonel Tienie Hal-

By **MATSHUBE MFOLOE**

gryn confirmed two men were shot dead. One was found with bullet wounds in the stomach while another died of gunshot wounds on the way to Baragwanath Hospital.

He denied knowledge of any street battles in Orlando East over the weekend.

The motives for Saturday's attacks could not be established, but there were indications that a squabble over a firearm sparked the shootings.

Residents said shots were fired on Saturday night.

A shebeen owner who refused to be named said he saw three bodies in the street the next day.

One victim was rushed to hospital but was understood to have died early yesterday.

Mrs Margaret Mofokeng (38) said she heard some men in a shebeen arguing about a firearm but did not think it was serious.

"I was lucky to survive," she said, adding that she had dashed for cover in a toilet.

She said the bullet riddled bodies were left unattended until around 10am on Sunday.

# Group plans to bring back 'people's courts'

Staff Reporters

"People's courts" — which were controversial at the height of the 1984-86 unrest — will be re-introduced in Tembisa soon, the Tembisa Youth Congress (Teyco) revealed yesterday.

At a press conference attended by the entire Teyco executive in Johannesburg, Teyco president Mr Sam Semetse announced that included in the congress's programme of action for the year was the re-introduction of "people's courts", to be manned by "disciplined regiments," in an attempt to combat crime in Tembisa.

He said, "We intend to combat crime (by) forming regiments in our different sections (in Tembisa). Regiments (will) be accountable to the people and be protectors of the people."

Police reacted sharply to the announcement yesterday and said "people's courts" would be smashed.

A Law and Order Ministry spokesman said "people's courts" were illegal and were associated with the barbaric necklacings of 1985/86 and other cruel punishments meted out.

These "kangaroo courts" allowed no appeal for sentences.

"Any alternative structures are illegal and we will act against them wherever they are found. If so-called 'people's courts' are found, they will be smashed."

The Teyco executive said at yesterday's press

conference that "people's courts" would be revived in a sincere effort to combat crime, and that strict discipline and a code of conduct for the people involved in the planned "regiments" would be enforced.

## 'Graffiti squads'

"We will continue with the people's courts in a very disciplined way and strictly within regiments. There will be a code of conduct for people in the regiments," said Teyco treasurer Ms Debora Marakalala.

The organisation's secretary-general, Mr Philemon Nzimande, said Teyco regarded crime as one of the evil results of apartheid. Consequently, apart from the soon-to-be-revived "people's courts", anti-crime rallies would be held to teach people about the iniquities of crime.

Tasks the Teyco executive has set for itself include:

- Putting more pressure on town councillors to resign and be replaced by "organs of people's power".

- The formation of "graffiti

squads which will continue with the work of popularising our organisations and our leaders, so as to declare our township as an ANC (territory)".

- To embark on educational programmes "to prepare and guide the youth in order to grasp the progressive ideas of our revolution".

- To support the "motherbody", the South African Youth Congress, and participate in all its activities.

- To set up an intensive campaign to call for the release of Tembisa-based political prisoners such as Andrew Maphethi, Obed Madonsela, Chris Khumalo, Vusi Mngomezulu and Paul Mathole, including those on death row such as Joseph Chidi and Boxer Molefe.

The Teyco executive told of repressive measures and police harassment they had to endure under the state of emergency since Teyco's formation in 1986, resulting in the organisation's inability to hold an annual congress before the only one held three weeks ago.



# Woman 'executed' in Xroads killings

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WITNESSES yesterday described how three men shot and felled a fleeing Old Crossroads woman before walking up to her and cold-bloodedly executing her at point-blank range.

The 35-year-old woman, identified only as "Miriam", was one of four Old Crossroads residents who fell victim to the three gunmen about 7am yesterday.

Another unidentified person was shot dead as violence continued in the camp last night, bringing the total of recorded deaths there to five.

Emergency personnel said scores of people fled their homes last night as a group of people torched about six homes.

Fire engines were at first not able to enter the area and had to wait for police reinforcements because of the intense violence, a spokesman for the fire brigade said last night. The others who were shot yesterday morn-

ing were Mr Notali Sibunzi, 44, who died instantly when the gunmen shot him in the head, and Mr Lungifile Dyan, 40, who was late yesterday in a critical condition in Grootte Schuur Hospital with a similar head wound.

All three of those executed yesterday morning were apparently on their way to work. Extensive and independent inquiries by the Cape Times and by police failed to provide an immediate motive by late yesterday. Residents claimed that seven people were killed. Police had records of two while a Grootte Schuur spokesman said four people were dead on arrival, plus one critical and one serious.

The shootings are almost certainly linked to the ongoing feud between supporters of the Old Crossroads Committee and the breakaway faction of 15 headmen led by Mr Jeffrey Nongwe.

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## Crossroads

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All victims are or were followers of Mr Nongwe, residents claim

The fourth known victim, 12-year-old Victor Zuzike Sinkinye, was wounded in the calf by a stray shotgun cartridge apparently aimed at an old man who escaped with his life by knocking the weapon to one side as it was fired.

Eyewitnesses said this round knocked the old man's hat off and a second, fired as he fled, also missed and pierced a shack, hitting 12-year-old Victor who was admitted to Red Cross Children's Hospital.

Eyewitness Mr Javula Tungane, 41, said he earlier emerged from his shack to see "two or three" men around a woman on her knees "as if praying"

"One guy in a striped shirt grabbed her, pulled a gun from his waist belt and shot her in the head. They let her drop and walked on behind a building when I heard a second shot," Mr Tungane said.

Sources close to the investigation said police had recovered spent 7,65mm semi-automatic pistol rounds at one scene.

Police confirmed that a 35-year-old man, linked to the killing of the woman, was arrested soon afterwards.

The violence is the most brutal yet in a bitter 18-month feud which has claimed dozens of lives and seen scores of homes petrol-bombed. A large armed group of Mr Nongwe's supporters gathered at his headquarters yesterday as police riot vehicles patrolled nearby.

Police investigations involving extensive fraud, murder, arson and attempted-murder allegations against Mr Johnson Ngxobongwana and his committee and a few of Mr Nongwe's faction are all at various stages of completion.

Mr Jan Van Eck, DP spokesman for local black affairs, said he yesterday briefly spoke to Mr HERNUS KRIEL, Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs, to request an urgent meeting over the Old Crossroads civic crisis.



BLAZE . . One of the six homes torched during faction violence in Old Crossroads last night.

Picture OBEDZILWA

Cops charge <sup>Cart</sup>  
workers at <sup>Temp</sup>  
Isando station <sup>11/4/90</sup>

JOHANNESBURG —  
Chemical workers who  
assembled at Isando sta-  
tion yesterday morning  
in preparation for a soli-  
darity march ignored an  
order by police to dis-  
perse and were baton-  
charged several times,  
police said

A police vehicle had  
its windscreen smashed  
in a stone-throwing inci-  
dent, Major Reg Crewe  
said

The union said its  
members had gathered  
at the station and were  
planning to march to  
Rolfes factory in support  
of workers on strike

Permission to hold the  
march had been refused  
by the Boksburg magis-  
trate — Sapa

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Unrest in  
Gazankulu  
continues

GIYANI — Weekend unrest in the Gazankulu homeland — involving petrol bombs and attacks on official transport services — continued yesterday

According to an official report from the homeland's government, police are also investigating three separate shooting incidents in the homeland's capital Giyani on Monday night

In two of the incidents, shots were fired at private houses in a residential suburb of Giyani. The third incident involved what appeared to be undirected automatic fire in the older part of the town — Sapa



Poignant demo outside Bara

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# Stop collecting guns plea from cripples

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A demonstration by disabled people outside Baragwanath hospital took a poignant turn yesterday when Mr Friday Mavuso broke down and cried while making a speech.

Mavuso, co-chairperson of Disabled People South Africa, appealed to people to throw their weapons away "For those who are collecting one million rifles, I appeal to you to think twice before you buy them. "Those one million guns will cause suffering and misery. Those guns are going to maim black people," he said.

"How long must

By SOWETAN  
REPORTER

people kill each other? The hospitals are full of disabled people. That is why we are having our demonstration here."

Dr William Rowland, co-chairperson of DPSA, said for every one person killed violently, three and a half people were blinded or permanently disabled.

"This means about 10 000 people have died through violence in Natal over the past three years; and between 12 and 14 000 people in South Africa."

He said DPSA called the demonstration to oppose violence in all forms and from all sides

"Disabled people

faced a future of poverty, unemployment and discrimination. Services and structures are hopelessly overloaded."

A statement issued by the organisation said "Apartheid has taken its toll on disabled people in South Africa. Many of our people became disabled as a direct result of state repression

"Others sustained injuries in violence as a result of socio-economic conditions in apartheid's townships. Disabling diseases related to health conditions have claimed still more victims.

"It is with a sense of great urgency that DPSA joins in the call by political leaders for an immediate end to the violence by

all parties.

"We especially condemn the excessive use of force by the police in situations of conflict."

People in wheelchairs carried boards reading 'Shot 76' and 'Stabbed'.

One man walking with crutches carried a placard reading 'See what violence does'. Others said 'No more violent actions', 'We don't believe Vlok or Buthelezi - Stop the killing' and 'Stop police violence'.

DPSA represents 10 000 disabled people. The majority of its membership were disabled through violence. It is open to disabled people, regardless of creed, colour or political affiliation.

# 21 hurt in foiled march

By LEN MASEKO

AT LEAST 21 people were injured when police baton-charged a group of workers who were preparing to march on an Isando company yesterday, witnesses said.

The workers, members of the Chemical Workers Industrial Union, are locked in a dispute with Rolfes Limited.

The workers had organised the march to present a memorandum to the company's directors.

The petition called on the company to heed the union's call to join the chemical industry's provident fund.

Police spokesman Major Reg Crewe said the workers, who assembled at Isando Station, ignored a police order to disperse and were baton-charged several times.

A police vehicle's windscreen was smashed

during the incident, Crewe said.

He said no injuries or arrests had been reported.

\* A National Union of Metalworkers of SA member was among the 21 workers injured when police broke up a march at Isando Station yesterday, a Numsa spokesman said. *Sowetan 11/4/90*

The Numsa spokesman said the worker, whose name could not be established, was among a group of Xerotech employees who had just

alighted from a train at Isando when police charged at CWIU members.

\* Fifteen Food and Allied Workers Union members were yesterday treated by a doctor for injuries sustained when police allegedly whipped Clover strikers near Dunswart Station, Benoni, a Fawu spokesman said.

But Crewe yesterday said he was not aware of the incident.

# Conditions at Ga-Rankuwa Hospital disastrous doctor

By Kaizer Nyatumba

Conditions at Ga-Rankuwa Hospital, where sjambok-wielding police allegedly entered wards and operating theatres and fired teargas at everyone in sight on Monday, were way below minimum hygienic conditions and were downright disastrous, a doctor at the trouble-torn hospital said today.

The doctor, who is prepared to back his claims in court if necessary, said wards at the hospital were filthy and smelly, and patients were not cared for because no nurses were on duty.

"Conditions at the hospital at the moment are disastrous," he said. "They are way below the minimum expected conditions for hospital care. In fact, the hygienic conditions one normally expects at hospitals are completely non-existent."

The doctor said that although some of his colleagues had told him their patients were being transferred to other

hospitals around Pretoria, there were still many patients left at the hospital.

The strike by nurses and the hospital's non-professional staff was still on, and doctors would continue with their "go slow", caring for emergency patients only, because none of the doctors' demands, including the resignation of the two superintendents of the hospital, had been met.

Workers were due to meet one of the superintendents early today to discuss their demands and grievances, the doctor said.

He told The Star yesterday of a police siege which saw police firing teargas inside wards and operating theatres, and arresting nurses, patients and visitors at random.

He said that because some of the police could not distinguish between nurses, visitors and patients, some patients were also dragged out of their wards and arrested.



# TWO slain in

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## Body snatcher sparks fears

OWNERS of a Tsakane funeral parlour fear for their lives after a relative was caught trying to exhume a body from a new grave at Tsakane cemetery in the dead of the night at the weekend, writes PHANGISILE MTSHALI

The Magudulela daughters, who inherited Magudulela Funeral Parlour from their father, have asked the Tsakane Civic Association for protection after rumours that residents wanted to burn down their business

"We are appealing to the community to calm down until the whole matter has been thoroughly investigated," TCA president Mr Themba Mabuza said

Mabuza said residents near the graveyard were alerted at 2am on Sunday that a man was digging a new grave

The people who found him digging attacked him. He was reportedly saved by TCA members

"He later told us that

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# taxi war

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## Gunshots

A neighbour said she heard five gunshots just after 8pm. When she rushed to the scene she found Mtswi lying down, bleeding.

He was taken to Alexandra Clinic where he died.

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He was an executive member of Armsta and an Alexandra City Council employee

The Alexandra Civic Organisation has appealed

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BY PHANGISILE MTSHALI

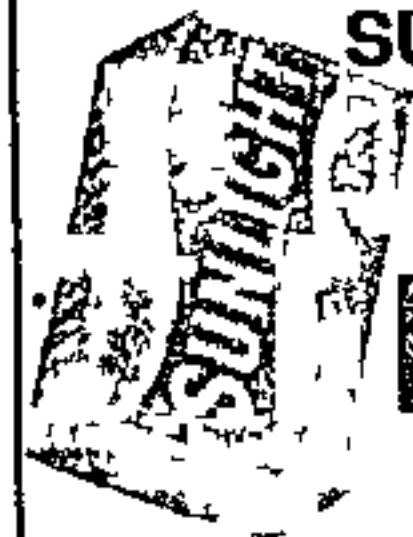
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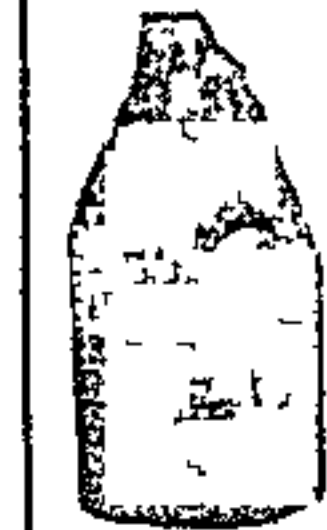
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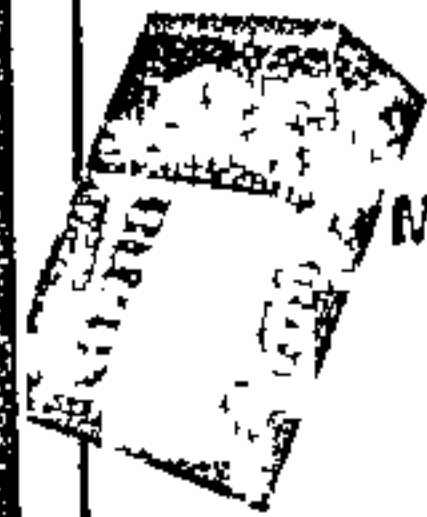
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OR SPAGHETTI IN  
TOMATO SAUCE

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A suspected bank robber lies dead on the street after he was shot by police soon after a robbery at an Allied Building Society branch in central Johannesburg yesterday. Four others escaped with an unspecified amount of cash. Story on page 3

Pic SEAN WOODS

A feud between the two organisations broke out in 1985 and reached its height in 1988 with the death of a number of taxi owners from both sides. No further incidents of shootings had been reported until this week's deaths

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# Families say policemen fired indiscriminately

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By Shehnaaz Bulbulia

A seven-month-old baby and a youth were shot dead last week when police allegedly fired tear-gas, birdshot and bullets at residents of a western Transvaal township after a police Casspir got stuck in a patch of mud.

A lawyer — whose name is known to The Star — revealed yesterday that several witnesses had made statements about alleged police action, which lasted several hours, at Kukosi near Fochville on April 6.

A baby and a youth were fatally wounded and several people injured, she said.

The lawyer said police yesterday arrested a number of people, among them people who had assisted her in obtaining information. Police did not give any reasons for the arrests, she added.

The operational chief of police in the western Transvaal, Colonel B J Mouton, told The Star 39 people from Kukosi had been arrested in a crime prevention operation yesterday.

A spokesman for the SAP in Pretoria, Major Reg Crewe, refused to comment on police action on April 6 and referred The Star to the police unrest report on April 7.

According to the report, police used shotgun fire and tear-smoke to disperse a crowd who had thrown petrol bombs and stones at a police vehicle.

A policeman had been injured when he was struck in the face by a stone.

The report said a 32-year-old woman was wounded and a child

she had been carrying was fatally wounded.

According to the lawyer, Kukosi residents reported that a Casspir was patrolling the area and got stuck in a patch of mud in the heart of the township.

Residents believed the policemen inside the Casspir panicked and began to shoot indiscriminately from about 4 pm for several hours, she said.

They claimed there was no crowd around the Casspir, except for a few people returning to their shacks.

The lawyer received a statement from family members of the baby who was killed, claiming that police in a Casspir trapped in a patch of mud had shot at a woman carrying her baby on her back.

## Identified

The statement said "At about 6 pm I was standing in the doorway of my house I saw my sister walking towards the gate, with her seven-month-old baby tied to her back I heard a shot and saw her fall."

"The shooting came from the direction of a Casspir which was stuck in the mud about 35 metres to the right of our shack."

According to the statement, family members identified a policeman, named Pheipher, and claimed that he allegedly went over to the mother, kicked her and said "Ek het haar dood ge-maak (I killed her)".

The baby died and the family later found out that the mother

had been admitted to Baragwanath Hospital.

In the statement, family members described Pheipher, who was wearing a blue SAP uniform, as tall with light brown hair and a spiky beard.

In another statement to the lawyer, a mother reported that she found her son's body in a shack situated close to where the Casspir had been stuck.

She reported that his body was riddled with birdshot and bullets.

A total of 48 bullet holes had been found in the wall of the shack where the youth was lying, according to the statement.

In yet another statement, residents claimed that police who were in a Casspir stuck in a patch of mud close to their shack fired several rounds of tear-gas and bullets into their dwelling.

"I was sitting in my house between 4 pm and 5 pm when I heard shots I went outside and saw a Casspir stuck in the mud about 80 metres from my house. Police fired tear-gas and bullets."

"The tear-gas affected my two-month-old niece, who is still having chest problems. My sister, who was not seriously injured by the bullets, had slight abrasions on her shoulder blades," the statement said.

According to another statement, at about 2 am on April 7 police in a Casspir fired shots and injured a woman.

"I was sleeping in my room. It was about 2 am I was woken by a bullet which hit my left thigh. I was later admitted to Baragwanath Hospital," the statement said.

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Own Correspondent

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"Stop the killings" ... disabled demonstrators, themselves victims of violence such as the 1976 riots, mustered in Soweto yesterday to protest against the violence in Natal and elsewhere in the country. Picture by Ken Oosterbroek.

## Disabled people in protest

By Montshiwa Moroke

Members of Disabled People South Africa (DPSA) staged a demonstration outside Soweto's Baragwanath Hospital yesterday to register their protest against the current wave of violence in Natal and other parts of the country.

An emotional Mr Friday Mandla Mavuso, co-chairman of the organisation, pleaded "For God's sake, for how long must people kill each other?"

The protesters, some from as far as Tembisa, then took to the old Potchefstroom Road and brought traffic to a standstill.

### Blew hooters

Diepmeadow traffic officers controlled the flow of traffic as some motorists blew their hooters in support.

Some protesters were carrying placards, one of which read "We don't believe Vlok and Buthelezi can end the violence".

Others said "I was shot in 1976" and "I was stabbed".

Uniformed police in a minibus monitored the demonstration.

The DPSA said it was with "a sense

of great urgency" that the organisation had joined in the call by political leaders for an immediate end to violence by all parties.

"We especially condemn the use of excessive force by the police in situations of conflict.

"In the past month, 300 people have been killed in political violence in Natal alone.

"Already we have heard of too many people who have been blinded, paralysed and otherwise disabled in the current violence."

The DPSA said it was a terrible fate to be disabled in South Africa. For the vast majority, it meant a life of poverty and isolation, facing discrimination on all fronts.

The few support services which existed for disabled people were hopelessly over-burdened and had little to offer to the majority of such people.

"Apartheid has taken its toll on disabled people in South Africa. Many of our people became disabled as a direct result of State repression. Others sustained injuries in violence as a result of socio-economic conditions in apartheid's townships," the DPSA said.

## Necklace killing stumps police

Mystery still surrounds the necklacing of a black person in Hillbrow, Johannesburg, on Good Friday, and police have appealed to anyone who witnessed the incident to contact them

So far, the motive for the killing and even the sex of the victim are unknown. Police discovered the remains of a body along with the remnants of a burnt tyre in an empty lot near Banket Street — Staff Reporter

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# Sebokeng probe - FW to decide

THE President, Mr F W de Klerk, is expected to announce in Parliament on Tuesday whether an inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the Sebokeng shootings on March 26 will be instituted.

A few days after the shooting, which left 17 people dead and scores injured, Mr de Klerk requested information on circumstances surrounding the incident and promised to make an announcement soon.

"No formal statement has been issued on the matter but we expect the President to address the matter in Parliament," said a spokesman from Mr de Klerk's office.

## Screaming

The 17 Vaal residents died when police opened fire after stopping the marching residents on the main road to Vereeniging on that day. A day after the shooting police said they opened fire in self-defence when they were attacked by a mob screaming "Kill the boers".

The incident led to a decision by the ANC to suspend the "talks about talks" with the Government. The talks have since been re-scheduled for May 2, 3 and 5.

Mr Nelson Mandela, ANC deputy president, welcomed a commission, but as all South African judges are white, he believes the commission should include members credible to the "masses". Mr Mandela said he welcomed both the steps to appoint a judge to hold the inquest and to set up a judicial commission.

Major Reg Crewe of the SAP public relations in Pretoria said police took necessary steps to prevent killings in rioting, but no one could say that situations were such as that when nine people were shot dead in Sebokeng could never happen again.

Major Crewe said police would conduct their own

# FW to decide

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procedural inquiry but the findings, which would form part of documents forwarded to judicial officers, would not be made public.

He added that inquests would be held into the deaths, as was done in any unnatural death. Police as a matter of routine also conducted internal investigations into police actions taken during unrest.

The Vaal Detainees Support Committee (Descom) has alleged that police in the Vaal triangle were intimidating and harassing people who had been injured at Sebokeng and were forcing them to make false statements.

The SAP public relations division confirmed statements were being taken from persons involved in the shooting incident in Sebokeng but "rejected as false" allegations police were forcing people to make false statements.

## Questioning

Descom spokesman Mr Sakhwe Khumalo said police had a list of those treated in Sebokeng Hospital after the shootings and were taking them to police stations for questioning. At the police station they were forced to make false statements, he alleged.

He cited Mr Andrew Hlalele who he said was forced to make a statement saying demonstrators threw stones at police before they were shot at.

A police statement said suspects were warned in terms of the Judges Rules and were not compelled to make statements.

"While we reject allegations of police intimidation and harassment we expect there might be other persons or groups who will try to intimidate witnesses and persuade them not to co-operate with police."



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# Horror stalks Hillbrow after necklace killing

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By STEPHANIE HULL

A WAVE of revulsion and fear swept Johannesburg's flatland yesterday after a gruesome "necklace" killing in densely populated Hillbrow

Horrified residents found the body of a black man smouldering in an open lot on Good Friday. The remains of a burnt tyre were around him.

Yesterday Democratic Party MP for Hillbrow Mr Lester Fuchs made an urgent call for more policemen in the crime-ridden area

"It is quite clear that there are not enough police and I will be bringing up this matter in Parliament," he said

Most residents in the area denied knowing anything about the murder, saying they were afraid of reprisals

## Frightened

Police spokesman Lieutenant Henrietta Bester said the body of the black man was burned beyond recognition

"We know it was a necklacing but not how or why it happened. We are investigating," she said.

Witnesses from flats surrounding the deserted lot, which lies between busy Claur and Bapket Streets in the heart of Hillbrow, said they were too frightened to comment.

"The murderers will think we saw them and then our lives will be in danger," said the caretaker of one block of flats

Mr Thammy Vangile and his

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# Anger after horror death

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family were among the first to find the body of the man whom police have not yet been able to identify

"One of the glue-sniffers who sleep in the lot came to call us to look at a dead man he had found," he said. "We went down and found the man lying on his back

"The smell was terrible — so bad you wanted to run away — and the body was so badly burnt that only his legs were untouched

"The body was no longer burning but there were wires from the tyre lying around the stomach and next to him so we knew he had been necklaced"

Mr Vangile said a crowd gathered and shortly afterwards the police arrived and cordoned off the area.

"People were very shocked and some vomited from the smell and the horrible sight," Mr Vangile said.

A witness who refused to be named said he was in his flat which overlooks the open lot when he heard a "soft bang"

"So much happens here that I didn't think anything of it,



HORRIFIED . . . city councillors at the spot where the man was 'necklaced' Picture: JUHAN KUUS

but then it was followed by this really awful stench

"I went on to the balcony and I could see a fire burning but I never realised it was a body, not until the police came to the scene"

Another witness said the crowd gathered after the fire had gone out. He said "If anyone did see anything they won't say — they are too scared it will happen to them"

A local shop owner said the open lot was a "disgrace"

which had been the scene of a number of crimes

"The council should do something like fence it in because there are always violent crimes taking place and many hobos and glue-sniffers sleep there. Only three months ago the burnt body of a baby was found there," he said.

Some residents said they thought the man might have been the victim of faction fighting. Others thought it was the "usual violence which has got worse and worse over the past two years"

Johannesburg city councillors joined Mr Fuchs yesterday to visit the scene of the killing

Independent councillor for Joubert Park Mrs Desree Simpson said "I am going to Pretoria to take letters to the State President as well as to a number of Cabinet Ministers

"We are not accusing the police of negligence — there are no police to blame. Every day we read about 2 000 soldiers in Natal — now we would like some of them to come and patrol Hillbrow"

# Community groups release list of dead

By STAN MHLONGO

THE first known ANC member to be shot during the Vaal massacre this week was Liwaa Mbatha, 65, who served 18 years on Robben Island.

Mbatha, who had several foot wounds, was being treated in hospital, family members said.

On Tuesday, a *City Press* team had to duck as members of the SAP opened fire on a crowd near the Sebokeng shopping complex. Police caught up with the Press car and confiscated photographer Tladi Khuele's films at gunpoint.

This happened seconds after local teacher Teboho "Cutter" Morobe, 31, was gunned down on his way to the shop.

Local organisations list the dead as: Vuyani Makholwa, Ernest Mkhwanazi and Eddy Mamogwa of Sebokeng Hostel; Lydia Ramphele, 17, of Bophelong; David Khaile and Oupakie Dlamini, 24, of Evaton; Petrus Hlanguza of Zone 12 and William Motaung and Phillip Motaung both of Zone 14.

# Cemetery attack baffles police

Star  
16/4/90 By John Miller  
Pretoria police are still baffled by the mysterious attack on a graveyard in the capital city

Damage amounting to thousands of rands was caused when a building was gutted and eight graves desecrated. Vandals defaced tombstones with slogans.

Police said the incident occurred last on Wednesday night.

A member of the Jewish community who visited the Rebecca Street cemetery on Thursday morning discovered the damage.

Police said the post-mortem building at the Pretoria West cemetery was completely gutted by fire while eight graves were damaged.

Three of the tombstones had been knocked over and vandals left graffiti on the others.

Slogans included "Viva ANC," "Kill the Boere," and swastikas.



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# Necklace victim still unidentified

JOHANNESBURG: — Hillbrow police have still not identified the person brutally burnt to death here on Friday in what is believed to be the first inner-city necklace murder.

Hundreds of people watched as the victim — identified only as a black male — was burnt beyond recognition in an open lot in crowded Hillbrow on Friday afternoon.

Neither those respon-

sible nor the motive for the murder has been established.

Witwatersrand police liaison officer Lieutenant Henriette Bester said no progress had been made in investigations.

Witnesses to the macabre incident said the man was undressed before being necklaced. They said they suspected the victim was a youth because of the size of a

pair of trousers and a sweater found next to the body.

A medical doctor called by police could say only that the victim was a black male of unspecified age.

Police were told about the necklacing about 2.45pm on Friday. When they arrived on the scene the body was still smouldering but had already burnt beyond recognition — Sapa

# TUATA CRISIS ACTION

In accordance with the need to resolve the current education crisis and in order to encourage effective teaching and learning in Black schools, TUATA has intensified its campaign to assist the teacher at the grassroots level

TUATA has planned a series of rallies for teachers throughout the province over the next three months. Rallies have already been held in Soweto, Springs, Kagiso, Carletonville, Letaba North and Potchefstroom. These meetings have provided teachers with a platform to air their grievances, and an opportunity to learn of TUATA'S action on their behalf.

TUATA has also been actively engaged in several areas of grievance and social responsibility, notably:

#### - Retrenchment of Teachers

The retrenchment of teachers has been a grievance of teachers in recent strike action in the province. But, TUATA had already tackled the DET on this issue in December 1989, and by January 1990 had been successful in having all 124 retrenched teachers reinstated. As a result of the agitation of TUATA, DET was forced to abandon the policy of retrenching underqualified teachers.

#### - Reinstitution of Pre-School Classes and Establishment of Early Learning Centres

Besides condemning the closing down of Pre-School classes and successfully demanding their continuation, TUATA has also commenced a project to establish Early Learning Centres in communities where the need is greatest. Centres have already been set up in Diepkloof, Meadowlands, Zondi, Kagiso and Vosloorus. TUATA is also in the process of erecting the Likhwetl Early Learning Centre in Kanyamazane, Kangwane.

#### - Increase of Teachers' Salaries

TUATA has already been instrumental in achieving parity of salaries between male and female teachers from post level two upwards and a better salary package for underqualified teachers. (Refer to Page 9 of the recent DET memorandum, "Reply to the Demands" submitted to the Department by Teachers, 5 February and 23 March 1990). TUATA has nevertheless continued to insist on further increases. Those teachers in Category A1 and below, who earn less than a living wage, are of particular concern.

#### - Transfer to the Government Service Pension Fund

TUATA has been instrumental in persuading DET to grant teachers another opportunity of transferring from the Temporary Employees' Fund to the Government Service Pension Fund. Since the conditions of such transfer are not satisfactory and beyond the means of most teachers, TUATA will continue to agitate for more lenient terms.

#### - Revision of Syllabi and Curriculum, and Curriculum Development

TUATA continues to call for a revision of syllabi and curriculum and has herself embarked on the initial phase of a curriculum development project in preparation for the new era. TUATA'S first Curriculum Development Conference took place in Potgietersrus in August 1989.

#### - Student-Teacher Co-operation

TUATA is now promoting "open agenda" meetings with school students in order to address issues of concern and encourage student-teacher co-operation. Districts and branches throughout the province have been instructed to organise such meetings

#### - Cessation of Youth Camps

On becoming aware of the extreme opposition to youth camps among students, TUATA was instrumental in the last year in effecting the cancellation of these camps.

#### - Inter-Organisational Co-operation

TUATA is now involving herself in meetings with other teachers' organisations, such as NEUSA, in order to promote unified action towards the resolution of the education crisis. The Presidents of TUATA and NEUSA met on Monday, 26 March 1990, to discuss the education crisis and "Chalk Down".

#### - Legal Aid

TUATA continues to provide legal aid, to students and teachers who have become victims of the apartheid system or other unfortunate circumstances. Notable cases include two bus accidents: in 1987, involving children from Alexandra High School; and in 1989, involving children from Seolwane High School. TUATA provided legal representation in both cases and gained compensation for the parents of the victims. TUATA has also taken successful legal action on behalf of teachers who have been abducted, subjected to forced transfer, charged with misconduct, and the like.

#### - Insurance Cover

In keeping with its commitment to promoting the welfare of teachers, TUATA offers membership of the TUATA Old Mutual Group Scheme at low premiums. The package of five different elements including disability, death, parents' cover, family benefits and endowment ensures that members are well covered. In the event of the death of a member from TUATA whose children are the beneficiaries, TUATA continues its support of the family; TUATA acts as trustee, managing and investing the funds until the children attain their majority.

#### - Charity Donations

TUATA continues to recognise its responsibility to the community over and above its normal role. To reflect this commitment, over the years TUATA has consistently made donations to needy causes. More recently TUATA has contributed to the Flood Disaster Fund in Natal, bus disaster funds in the Western Transvaal, Soweto and Durban, and last year a sum of R5 000 to Operation Hunger.

In order to address the problems of teachers within its ranks even more effectively, particularly in this situation of crisis, TUATA will shortly expand its operations. Qualified full-time staff, based at a new central office, will be appointed to liaise with members throughout the province and co-ordinate the activities of the Association.



# Councillor is killed in ER blast

AN East Rand councillor, Mr Dan Mlangeni of Katlehong, died when a hand grenade was thrown into his bedroom on Sunday night.

By SONTI MASEKO

of grenade used were still unknown to the police.

Police confirmed the blast and said a woman in the bedroom with him at the time was taken to hospital with serious injuries. Mlangeni's wife, Agnes, was away visiting relatives in Durban. His daughter was also away from home.

Mlangeni's house had a municipal guard but the attack occurred when the shifts were changed.

The force of the explosion ripped the bedroom ceiling apart and flying shrapnel damaged walls and furniture.

Police spokesman, Lt H Bester, said the reasons for the attack and the type

A large pool of blood was found beneath the window through which the grenade was thrown. The family showed *Sowetan* a pair of trousers, blood-soaked and tattered, which Mlangeni wore at the time of the attack.

Neighbours reported hearing a big blast around 10pm which shook their houses.

A family friend who asked not to be named, said Mlangeni had been living in fear of his life since he received death threats from unknown people a month ago.

Mrs Martha Mlangeni points to the pool of blood where her brother-in-law, councillor Mr Dan Mlangeni, was found dead.





general Sir Shridath Ramphal during supper at Ramphal's London residence on Sunday.

### Alexandra walk postponed

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THE "Jo'burg to Alex Walk" planned for Saturday had been postponed following the killing of an Alexandra Youth Congress member Aldo Mogano, the Five Freedoms Forum (FFF) said at the weekend.

In a statement the FFF said Mogano, killed on April 7, would be buried on Saturday — the day on which the walk to Alexandra by residents from Johannesburg, Sandton and Randburg was scheduled to take place

The walk, which was initiated by the FFF and the residents of Alexandra, was postponed to April 28

The organisation said it was disturbed that political killings "by mysterious gunmen" had not ceased despite the appointment of the Harms Commission

"Documentation by human rights organisations has shown that Alexandra activists are prime targets of right-wing attacks," the FFF said

It added that it deplored the "cult of violence that had become a feature of" SA life

"Constructive negotiations cannot take place while civil war rages," it said.

### 'Necklace' case still unsolved

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THE Hillbrow "necklace" killing at the weekend is still a mystery — the victim has not yet been identified, there have been no arrests and no witnesses have come forward

Hillbrow residents found the remains of a black man smouldering under a burnt tyre on Good Friday.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Lt Henriette Bester said yesterday that no arrests had been made.

"The matter is under investigation and to date no witnesses have come forward to help in the identification of the man," she said

In another weekend killing, Katlehong councillor D Mlangeni died when a hand-grenade exploded in his bedroom

Bester said a woman had been injured by shrapnel, and had been admitted to Natalspruit Hospital.

In Pretoria, vandals set fire to a burial house and desecrated graves in the Jewish section of the Rebecca Street cemetery

Police spokesman Lt-Col Steven van Rooyen said yesterday no arrests had been made

Police were investigating charges of arson and desecration of the graves.

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# killings: FW orders probe

Political Staff

PRESIDENT F W de Klerk last night announced a commission of inquiry headed by Mr Justice Richard Goldstone to investigate the killings at Sebokeng which the ANC gave as its reason for cancelling the original meeting scheduled to take place with the government this month.

Speaking in the debate on his vote in Parliament, Mr De Klerk said the cabinet had agreed at its meeting yesterday to appoint a judicial commission of inquiry into incidents which took place in Sebokeng on March 26.

It has been officially confirmed that 11 people were killed in clashes with police in Sebokeng on that day, but some estimates put the death toll as high as 17.

A judicial commission of inquiry, he said, had been requested by both Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok and Commissioner of Police General Johan van der Merwe before his meeting

with an ANC delegation led by Mr Nelson Mandela on April 5.

He had agreed with this suggestion but had said this would have to be agreed to by the cabinet.

Mr De Klerk said he had told Mr Mandela of his own volition that he was considering appointing a judicial commission of inquiry into the Sebokeng shootings. However, he had pointed out at the time that the cabinet still had to make a final decision on the issue.

Mr De Klerk said the Goldstone Commission had been instructed to investigate all the events which took place in Sebokeng and surrounding areas on March 26 and to report urgently.

He believed this would be in the best interests of the people of Sebokeng as well as the SAP.

He added that the cabinet had considered requests from the SA Council of Churches delegation, he met last week to appoint a judicial commission of inquiry into violence in Natal.

# Petrol bomb blast in Kutlwanong

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THE home of the secretary general of the Kutlwanong Civic Organisation, Joseph Mayekiso, was petrol bombed early yesterday morning.

Kutlwanong is near Odendalsrus

Mayekiso said two petrol bombs had been thrown at his home by unknown attackers. One petrol bomb had ignited in the main bedroom and had caused damage

estimated at R6 000 to furnishings and clothes before he managed to extinguish the fire.

The other petrol bomb had been hurled through the window of another bedroom but had failed to explode, he said.

There were a number of unrest-related incidents in Kutlwanong at the weekend.

The SAP unrest report yesterday said the houses of two policemen had been damaged in separate petrol bomb attacks in the 24 hours to 9am.

A police vehicle was badly damaged in a stone-throwing incident.

A truck was extensively damaged when it was set alight. The group responsible was dispersed with a round of birdshot and a man was injured." - Sapa



## Cabinet to decide on Sebokeng today

Political Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — The Cabinet is expected to decide today whether to appoint a commission of inquiry to investigate the police shooting of several black protesters at Sebokeng in the Vaal Triangle last month.

President de Klerk announced after meeting African National Congress deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela on April 5 that the Government had agreed to consider appointing a judicial inquiry.

He said the Cabinet would make the final decision at its next meeting, which takes place today.

The ANC cited the police shooting at Sebokeng, which caused the death of several black youths, as its reason for calling off pre-negotiation talks with the Government scheduled for April 11.

Most political observers believe that the Cabinet will decide to appoint a judicial inquiry and that this is a condition for the ANC's participation in new talks with the Government scheduled for May 2 to 4.

News in Brief

**Stayaway over**

GIYANI — Civil servants in Gazankulu streamed back to work this week after a stayaway of more than a month to back demands for the resignation of Chief Minister Hudson Ntsanwisi

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# Judicial probe into Sebokeng killings

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Speaking in the debate on his Budget vote in Parliament, De Klerk said the Cabinet had agreed at yesterday's meeting to appoint a judicial commission of inquiry into incidents that took place in Sebokeng on March 26.

It has been officially confirmed that 11 people were killed in clashes with the police in Sebokeng on that day, but some estimates put the toll at 17.

De Klerk denied CP accusations that the commission was a concession to the ANC or that government was undermining police by pinning blame for the incident on the police force.

A judicial commission on inquiry, he said, had been requested by both Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok and Police Commissioner Gen Johan van der Merwe prior to his April 5 meeting with an ANC delegation led by deputy president Nelson Mandela.

He had agreed to this suggestion but had said it would have to be agreed to by Cabinet.

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De Klerk said he had informed Mandela at the meeting he was considering appointing a judicial commission of inquiry into the Sebokeng shootings.

De Klerk said the Goldstone Commission had been instructed to investigate all the events which took place in Sebokeng and surrounding areas on March 26 and to report back urgently. He believed this would be in the best interests of the people of Sebokeng as well as the SAP.

De Klerk said Cabinet had also considered requests from the SA Council of Churches delegation he had met last week to appoint a judicial commission of inquiry into violence in Natal. No final decision had been made.

THEO RAWANA reports that ANC internal leader Walter Sisulu said last night, his organisation welcomed De Klerk's decision to appoint an inquiry.

"At the Sebokeng rally I expressed the wish that De Klerk and his government stood by their promise that they would consider the appointment of a judicial commission.

"A judicial commission is important in our situation because it is able more or less to sift through things — not depend on opinions," Sisulu said.





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# Sebokeng judicial inquiry 'urgent'

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By Peter Fabricius  
Political Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — President de Klerk has appointed a one-man judicial commission of inquiry into the police shooting of black protesters at Sebokeng on March 26, when a number of people were killed.

Mr de Klerk told Parliament last night that the Cabinet had decided yesterday to appoint a commission.

It would be conducted by Mr Justice R E Goldstone, who had been instructed to treat the inquiry as urgent and report to him as soon as possible.

Mr de Klerk strongly denied

that the decision had been influenced by ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela.

Mr de Klerk said that before he met Mr Mandela on April 5, Minister of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok and Commissioner of Police General Johan van der Merwe had recommended to him that in the light of all the accusations, a commission of inquiry should be appointed.

Mr de Klerk had agreed to put it to the Cabinet.

At the meeting with Mr Mandela he had, on his own initiative and without being asked, told Mr Mandela about the decision. Mr de Klerk dismissed CP

suggestions that the decision to appoint the commission had been made at the request of the ANC or its leaders.

The ANC originally cited the Sebokeng shootings as the reason for calling off its April 11 exploratory talks on negotiations with Government leaders.

● Mr de Klerk also announced that the Government had decided not to appoint a commission of inquiry at this time to investigate the Natal violence.

However, it would continue to consider the matter thoroughly and further announcements would be made in due course.

Sebokeng  
inquiry welcomed

JOHANNESBURG — Mr Nelson Mandela has welcomed the appointment by President F W de Klerk of a judicial commission of inquiry into the police shooting of black protesters at Sebokeng last month.

"I think it is a good decision," Mr Mandela said.

A brief statement issued by the ANC's information and publicity department here yesterday said: "Whilst we welcome the appointment of a judicial commission of inquiry into the massacre of peaceful protesters in Sebokeng, we hope this commission will serve to put an end to such killings in future."

Up to 17 people were believed killed in the Sebokeng shootings on March 26 — Sapa-Reuter

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Hilton  
Crawford  
Rivonia  
Noupoort  
Randfontein  
Newcastle  
Kriel  
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# Children flee attacks

TENSION has gripped the Bushbuckridge area where several activists and their homes were allegedly attacked by vigilantes leading to many children and elderly people seeking refuge at a local police station.

A complete work stayaway, described by police as 100 percent effective, started yesterday and is to continue today to protest against the alleged partisanship of police in investigating the attacks.

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# Masemola services ~~1/1~~

THE Pan Africanist Congress and two of its affiliates have arranged memorial services in the Vaal Triangle for PAC leader, Mr Japhta "Jeff" Masemola, who died after a car accident this week.

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A service will be held from noon today at Lekton House, Wanderers Street, Johannesburg.

*Sevofan*

Tomorrow another service will be addressed by the general secretary of the Azanian Students Movement, Carter Seleke. It begins at 10.30 am at the Methodist Church, Zone 7 Sebokeng. Busang Thakaneng, a cultural group, will perform.

On Wednesday Paso general secretary Lawrence Nqandela will lead a service at the Sebokeng Vista University.

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## Four killed, 20 injured in demo

SOUTH African police shot dead four black youths and wounded about 20 during a demonstration in a black township yesterday, in an incident that could jeopardise next month's negotiations between Pretoria and the African National Congress.

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Black activists in Rammulotsi township, Viljoenskroon, about 200km south of Johannesburg, said four boys aged between 13 and 16 were killed when a peaceful march was stopped by policemen who opened fire on the crowd.

Police said the youths refused two requests to disperse and then began throwing stones at the officers.



## 2 held after accusing policemen

By Esmaré van der Merwe,  
Political Reporter

Two Kutlwanong community leaders were detained yesterday after describing earlier this week how police had killed two youths in the troubled Oden-daalsrus township

Mr Joseph Mayekiso, general secretary of the Kutlwanong Civic Association, and Mr Monty Mayekiso were detained under the emergency regulations, says the Democratic Party's Gold Fields constituency chairman, Dr Rhet Kahn

Police confirmed that Mr Joseph Mayekiso was being held in Kuruman and his brother in Kimberley

They were detained in the wake of Easter weekend violence Mr Joseph Mayekiso told The Star earlier this week that two off-duty policemen had shot two youths

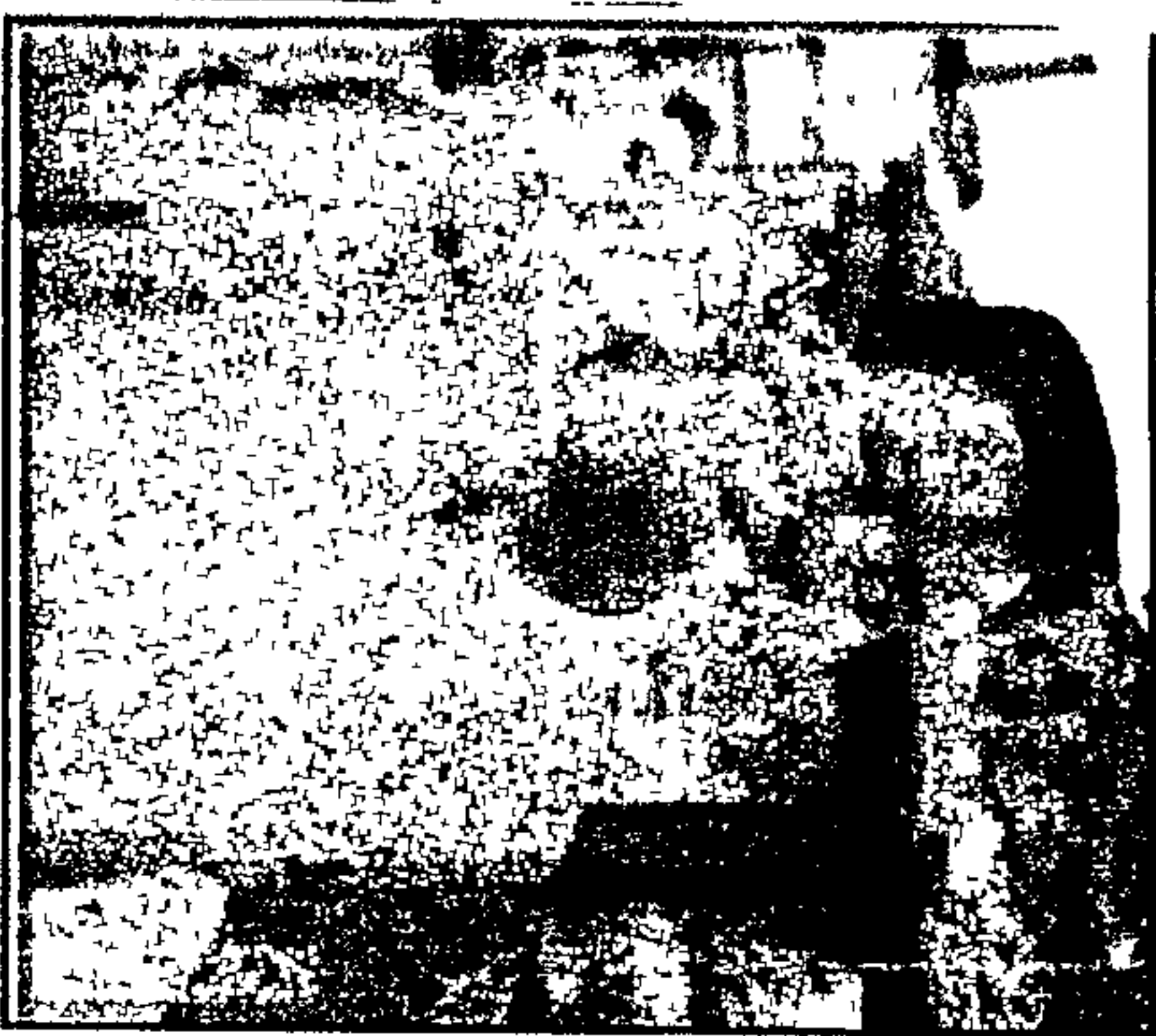
Police said earlier the SAP members had been on their way home when they had met between 20 and 30 youths singing freedom songs

One of the policemen had fired a warning shot When the group had refused to disperse, two shots had been fired, killing one youth and injuring another who later died.

Police yesterday said the dead were Mr Piet Chaka (19) and Mr Motlalentoa Chaka (22)



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Motlalentwa Chaka... was shot dead by a policeman on Good Friday.



Sekgoba "Mapiza" Chaka... killed by an off-duty Odendaalsrus policeman.

# Kutlwanyong lives in fear of police

By DAN DHLAMINI

RESIDENTS of the strife-torn Kutlwanyong township near Odendaalsrus are living in fear following the fatal shooting of five people - including a 12-year-old-boy - by police within a month.

The latest victims are nephews Sekgoba Chaka, 19, and Motlalentwa Chaka, 23, who were gunned down in two separate incidents during the Easter weekend.

Other victims shot dead by police on March 12 were Moses Moshane, 12, and Mandla Sangwenya, 20 Chairman of the Kutlwanyong Student Congress Bapelo Botipe, 18, was shot dead on March 13.

Orange Free State police liaison officer in Welkom, Maj J Fouche, confirmed the shootings.

He said the two Chaka nephews were shot after a group of about 30 youths singing freedom songs threatened off-duty policemen.

According to Piet Chaka, his son Motlalentwa was shot in the back on Good Friday evening, while his brother Roos Chaka's son Sekgoba was shot on Saturday afternoon.

He said the family intended taking legal action against the police.

In another development, lawyer TV Matsepe said Kutlwanyong Civic Association general secretary Yakele Mayekiso and his brother Montli were detained under emergency regulations this week - days

## Five dead and the cops who killed still roam the streets, say residents

after their houses were petrol-bombed.

Fouche confirmed the detentions.

Earlier Yakele Mayekiso said he suspected his home, that of his brother, and that of another KCA member were petrol-bombed in a bid to sow division among the Kutlwanyong residents.

Mayekiso added the KCA would fight attempts to evict the 7 000 squatters in the area.

Two others detained with the Mayekiso brothers this week were Sello Dibebe, who was released from detention on March 20 and is the Odendaalsrus branch member of the South African Youth Congress (Sayco), and MA Dukwana, a teacher who is also president of the local branch of Sayco.

Matsepe who was this week asked by

members of KCA, the Youth Congress Teachers' Association and parents to s harassment of youths at the local police station and in the township, said he had arranged a meeting with a Capt J Hugo the Riot Squad.

Matsepe told City Press the aim of meeting with the police chief was to ask a low police profile while members of the Democratic Movement structures convened a public meeting in a bid to normalise the situation.

Matsepe said Yakele Mayekiso, Ditha and Dukwana were to have formed the delegation to meet Hugo.

He added that feelings were running high in the township because the policemen who allegedly shot Kutlwanyong residents were still roaming the streets.

May Fouche said none of the policemen had been arrested and police were investigating.

The re-opening of classes was disrupted as pupils spread a rumour that police were going to get them in the classrooms.

Scores of youths were rounded up by police on Wednesday and when City Press arrived at Kutlwanyong police station, heard some youths screaming in agony though they were being assaulted.

Asked to comment on what happened at the police station, Fouche said he had knowledge of any assaults but that people were free to file charges against police, who assaulted them.



# New violence fuels Katlehong taxi war

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GERMISTON — A simmering taxi war that has already claimed nearly 50 lives erupted at Katlehong near Germiston again on Saturday night

apparently sparking off new violence

Police public relations spokesmen said it was "very quiet" in Katlehong yesterday. — Sapa

Youths stopped cars entering the township and searched them for weapons and a taxi was set alight.

Residents came across the mutilated body of an unidentified man about 5pm yesterday on the railway line near Kwe-sine and Pilot stations

However, police in Pretoria said no murders had been reported in the township yesterday

Nearly 50 people died in the township a month ago, when a feud between rival taxi organisations exploded into violence. Operators stopped serving the township but some began again on Friday.

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# Katlehong taxi war breaks out again

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Sapa's correspondent reports the man had been badly mutilated and identification was impossible because of the number of

stab wounds. However, police in Pretoria said no murders had been reported in the township yesterday.

Nearly 50 people died in the township a month ago, when a feud between rival taxi organisations exploded into violence.

The correspondent reported that hundreds of youths barricaded streets yesterday with burning tyres. One taxi was stopped, the passengers hauled out and assaulted and the taxi set alight.

Since the killings a month ago, the Germiston and District Taxi Association and the Katlehong Taxi Association have not been operating in Kat-

lehong. The South African Black Taxi Association had suspended its affiliate, the Germiston and District Association, until the feud was resolved.

But, some taxis started operating on Friday which apparently sparked off the violence.

Gunshots were heard in the Ramokonupi and Zulu sections, the correspondent said.

Police public relations said it was "very quiet" in Katlehong yesterday with only four stonethrowing incidents reported.

who refused to be treated at kwaZulu-administered Edendale Hospital,

provisions to those forced to flee their homes.

## Township dwellers plan boycott

*B1 Day 23/4/70*  
RESIDENTS of Rammulotsi township near Viljoenskroon say they will embark on a consumer boycott from today after Thursday's police shooting incident in which five youths died.

Detainees' Parents Support Committee field worker Biza Makhate said the situation in Rammulotsi was "volatile. Police are at this moment in the township with Hippos (troop carriers) and vans, picking up students and other youths," he said yesterday.

Unrest continued in the township at the weekend. A police report said that on Saturday, Casspirs had been stoned in three incidents in the township. SAP spokesman Capt R Maree said rubber bullets had been fired but nobody was injured.

Makhate said Rammulotsi residents were angry and had decided to embark on the consumer boycott. "We plead with the police to get out of the townships," Makhate said.

Maree was not able to confirm immediately yesterday whether police were making arrests in the township.

Police Commissioner Gen Johan van der Merwe on Thursday ordered an urgent commission of inquiry into the Rammulotsi incident.

Meanwhile, a weekend police unrest report said two women had been killed in Natal, one of them stabbed to death near Port Shepstone and the other stoned to death near Port Edward.

Two men had been killed in Inanda, near Durban, and a man was found necklaced near Port Shepstone. This means six of 14 people who have died in unrest-related incidents on the lower Natal south coast this month were necklaced.

Police said the bodies of two men who had been shot were found near Inanda and a youth was shot dead by police. The youth was killed near Volksrust after a large crowd stoned and petrol-bombed police — Sapa.



# Teargas fired at sit-in mob

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At least one person was injured when police fired teargas to disperse about 1 500 people who staged a sit-in outside the civic centre in Maokeng township near Kroonstad yesterday.

The group, which had been given two minutes to break up, was leaving the gates at the fortified civic centre when police fired a barrage of teargas which blanketed the area with dense white smoke.

The group was part of a mob of about 6 000 which converged on the civic centre demanding the resignation of the entire town council and the mayor, Mr Caswell Koe-koe.

A boy was treated at Boitumelo hospital near Maokeng for a head injury allegedly caused by a teargas canister.

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Lull in taxi feud

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KATLEHONG in the East Rand was quiet but tense yesterday following the burning of two taxis and a bus at the weekend.

The violence has evoked renewed condemnation and fresh appeals for calm from the ANC, the United Democratic Front and the Southern African Black Taxi Association.

The UDF's Southern Transvaal region announced it would send a task force today to assist in re-establishing peace in the area.

A house belonging to a member of the Katlehong Civic Association, Mr Nelson Mabizela, was petrol-bombed early yesterday morning.

Two petrol bombs were thrown and one went through the window of the living room, causing minimal damage to the house.

Mabizela said he did not think the attack was related to the renewed clashes.

The KCA is representing Katlehong residents in peace talks between the warring taxi groups, the Germiston and District Taxi Association and the Katlehong Taxi Association.

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# Teargas used at civic sit-in

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SEVERAL people were injured yesterday when police fired teargas to disperse a crowd of about 1 500 who staged a sit-in outside the civic centre in Maokeng township, near Kroonstad.

The group, which was given two minutes to break up, were leaving the gates at the fortified civic centre when police fired a barrage of teargas canisters which blanketed the entire area with dense white smoke for minutes.

The group was part of about 6 000 angry residents who refused to leave the front gate of the township's civic centre yesterday until the mayor, Mr Caswell Koekoe, and his council resigned.

A delegation of seven women and two executive

By MATSHUBE MFOLOE and SAPA

members of the Maokeng Democratic Crisis Committee (MDCC) were allowed into the civic centre to call for Koekoe's resignation and to demand answers to a memorandum delivered to the town council on February 26.

## Memo

The memorandum complained about rates and tariffs, alleged corruption in the council and the presence of police in the township.

The council was given until Sunday to reply to the residents' grievances and as nothing had been

received by early yesterday a group of 2 000 assembled in a shopping centre at 7.30am with the intention of marching on the civic centre.

Police however erected a massive roadblock between the shopping centre and municipal offices and as the protesters waited for a decision as to whether the illegal march would continue or not, the crowd swelled to more than 5 000.

Shortly after noon, Maokeng's Town Clerk

Mr P C Slabbert told MPCC members Koekoe would meet the seven women and two man delegation.

The women confronted Koekoe and demanded his resignation. They alleged he had brought vigilantes into the township to beat up and intimidate residents. Koekoe refused.

The crowd outside, on hearing of Koekoe's refusal, shouted "Phansi" and started singing, ululating, shouting and waving their fists in the air.





# PECTATION UP 17,5%

0 (Unaudited)	
	Pro forma 12 months to 31 August 1989
7	1 654 898
8	145 570
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8	111 135
6	36 776
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0	2 826
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7	71 504
5	22 430
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7	106
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8	4,2
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Pro forma 31 August 1989	
88	318 447
50	450
89	7 068
17	191
44	326 156
36	150 924
80	477 080
44	200 651
81	50 223
35	512 596

# Teargas used to break up Kroonstad crowd

*BVD 24/4/90 (278)*  
**KROONSTAD** — At least one person was reportedly injured when police fired teargas to disperse about 1 500 people who staged a sit-down outside the civic centre in Maokeng township near Kroonstad yesterday

The crowd was given two minutes to disperse, thereafter police fired a barrage of teargas, police said.

The group was part of a crowd of about 6 000 which converged on the civic centre demanding the resignation of mayor Caswell Koekoe and the town council.

Shortly after the crowd had been dispersed, police fired more teargas at people congregated on pavements or in private yards.

A boy was treated at Boitumelo Hospital near Maokeng for a head wound allegedly sustained when he was hit by a teargas cannister.

□ **WILSON ZWANE** reports that at least one taxi was set alight and several others were damaged when hundreds of Katlehong youths stopped, stoned and petrol-bombed taxis on Saturday.

Katlehong Civic Organisation spokesman Ken Moetsi said the violence was sparked when the Germiston and District Taxi Association resumed operations in the township.

Moetsi said the association was intimidating Katlehong residents by resuming operations. It was not supposed to operate while investigations were in progress into the causes of its feud with the Katlehong Taxi Association.

The feud between the two associations has reportedly claimed about 50 lives.

Since the taxi war the Germiston and District Taxi Association and the Katlehong Taxi Association have not been operating in the township.

Sabta spokesman Fanyana Shiburi said yesterday a meeting of interested parties was to be held last night to decide what action should be taken against Germiston and District Taxi Association for resuming its services.

Sabta suspended the association because of its war with the Katlehong association over routes in Katlehong

NATAL UNREST DEATHS	
September 1987 — January 1989:	668
February 1989 — April 22 1990:	934
Past 24 hours' official toll:	2
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>1 604</b>

Necklace' victim a woman

24/4/90 (278)  
The person necklaced in Hillbrow over the Easter weekend has been identified as an adult woman, although her name was not yet known, Johannesburg police said yesterday.

A spokesman said witnesses had come forward after the body was discovered in an open lot adjacent to Claim Street, Hillbrow.

The exact cause of her death had not yet been established. Police are awaiting a full post-mortem report. — Crime Reporter.

● See Page 15.

# Taxis burnt as violence returns to Katlehong

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By Stan Hlophe

Two taxis and a privately-owned bus were set alight and several other vehicles damaged when a group of youths went on the rampage at the weekend in Katlehong on the East Rand.

Yesterday the township was quiet, but tense. Large rocks barricaded main roads leading to the township.

Township residents said a group of youths stopped the taxis and beat passengers with sjamboks, warning them not to board taxis because of a boycott which started in the township last month.

The boycott started after a route dispute between the Germiston and District Taxi Association (GDTA) and the Katlehong Taxi Organisation (Kato).

At least 50 people were injured when the boycott escalated into full-scale fighting between taxi owners and youths.

GDTA members yesterday blamed the Katlehong Civic Association (KCA) and youths.

They said: "We were given permission by the KCA to resume operating last Thursday. This was after talks between Sabta and the KCA. But to our surprise we were stopped, forced off the road, passengers sjambokked, our vehicles stoned and two others set alight."

They said private vehicles

were allowed to operate and saw this as "a ploy to force us out of business".

The GDTA members said gangs of unemployed youths, backed by the KCA, were attacking them. "The KCA want us to affiliate to a union. That will not work. We are a business and we will not survive."

A KCA spokesman said the organisation had had several discussions with Sabta, the GDTA, and Kato, and it was decided that taxis should suspend their operations pending the formation of a new association.

"We strongly condemn the violence ... however, there are certain elements within the GDTA who are bent on perpetuating violence in the community. Recently one youth was abducted from his home and assaulted by these people."

The spokesman said private vehicles were given permission to operate last month because there was no co-operation between the associations.

"No taxi was allowed to resume operating until talks have been finalised."

The ANC yesterday called for an end to the violence, saying outbreaks of this kind could only serve "apartheid interests", reports Sapa.

The UDF said a task force would be sent to Katlehong today to re-establish peace.



BACKGROUND

# Fear and violence stalk Hillbrow's mean streets

"Early mornings are the worst. In less than four months I've seen two dead bodies on the pavement on my way to work," says Ms Elizabeth Robinson of Hillbrow.

"One oke had a bottle in the back of his head. Last Saturday there was one on Kotze Street Slashed Blood everywhere."

"A couple of days ago one of those okes who come out of the discos dead drunk at 6 am tried to grope me as I was opening the shop."

Like many Hillbrow residents Ms Robinson is terrified. Come twilight she locks herself in her house and doesn't move until morning.

She's been in Hillbrow for years. She doesn't drive and her home is a few minutes walk from her shop. That's why she stays.

In Banket Street Mr Fred Levy (80) shuffles up the road. He won't walk on the pavement. He's been mugged twice. Once his arm was broken.

In the wake of a "necklacing" in Hillbrow, Johannesburg, this month calls have been made for SADF troops to be deployed in the area. Police say serious crime is decreasing, but residents are too terrified to venture into the streets after sundown or on weekends. **DAWN BARKHUIZEN**, who was offered wages by a dogga merchant while on the street doing this story, reports.

"I bought my flat six years ago. Now I'm too scared to go out after 4 pm. I can't sell and even if I could, where do I go? This is a terrible place and it's getting worse," he said.

His sentiments were echoed by two women who lock themselves up, not only at night, but from Saturday afternoon to Monday morning.

Says Mr George Zachos, co-owner of the Chelsea Hotel, "Hillbrow today is dreadful. We can't sleep with all the screaming and alarms going off. Our clients are terrified, they're mugged and their cars are broken into daily."

He points to a nearby street corner. "That's a big Mandrax dealing area. Hookers, drugs,

You don't see policemen," she said.

Former MPC for Hillbrow, Mr Simon Chulchik, said the situation in the overcrowded area was chaotic.

"The fact that somebody can be necklaced here speaks for itself. There are not enough police. Conditions are deteriorating rapidly."

SAP spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said serious crime for the first four months of 1990 was marginally down on that of 1989.

Police were short staffed. The only person who seemed to like Hillbrow yesterday was Belinda, playing pool at Michael's Tavern. She says she's 18-years-old but she looks 14.

"I hang out here most days. I go to college at night. Hillbrow is great. It's like New York."

The stars in her red eyes were clearly caused by something far stronger than the beer in her hand.



Living in a slum • the necklacing in Hillbrow this month has only added to the unease felt by residents in the overcrowded Flatland

Picture by Stephen Davames



# Accusations of bias follow Sebokeng

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Is The Star hostile to the SA Police? Some readers appear to think so, and believe they have found an example in its report on the shooting at Sebokeng on Monday March 27, in which at least 11 blacks were killed and hundreds injured.

Mr Leon Alexander, of Bryanston, thinks in the first place that The Star, in its stories on Pages 1 and 2 on March 28, should have referred not to "marchers" but to "a mob". I do not agree. This would have been no more justified than, for instance, calling the police "trigger-happy". It is a newspaper's duty, where possible, to avoid emotive and judgmental labels.

Mr Alexander also rejects a statement by Wume Graham on Page 2, based on film of the incident, that only "a few men" among the marchers had sticks. This, he says, is contradicted by the picture of a group of marchers on Page 1.

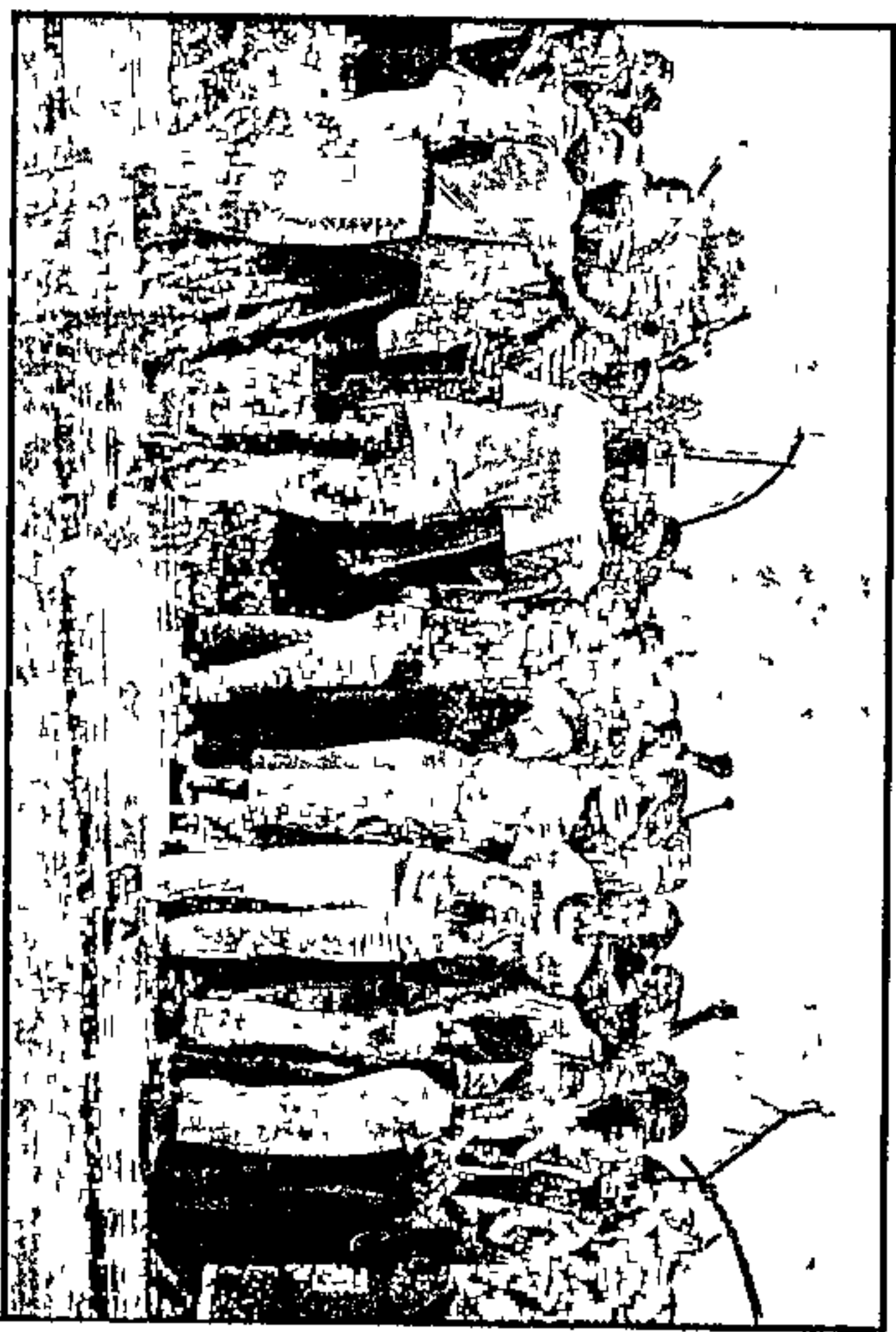
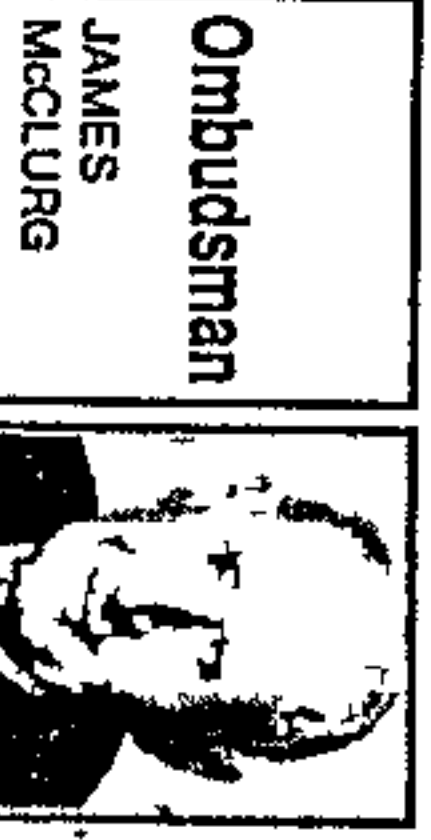
"Few" is a difficult word to define, but to my eye the picture in question gives the impression that sticks among that particular group were, to say the least, sparse.

Mr E G Layton-McCann, of Roodepoort, entirely rejects the account of the incident given by one of The Star's photographers, Herbert Mabuza, in which he said the shooting by the police came "out of the blue". Mr Layton-McCann says a "good, honest friend" of his was there. According to him, the crowd "stoned, reviled and provoked" the police and would have overwhelmed them had they been allowed to.

Three pictures taken by Mabuza from a point on the road between the police and the crowd appeared on Page 1. Undoubtedly he was in an excellent position to judge what happened. His superiors at The Star tell me they have total faith in his integrity and had no hesitation in printing his story, flanked by a contradictory statement from the police.

In terms too delicate to be reproduced here, Mr Layton-McCann goes on to say that by continually denigrating the police, The Star has become "a

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Before the shooting... few sticks or many?

tool of the ANC/SACP"

From his lament for earlier days when The Star "used to print the facts", I assume Mr Layton-McCann is among those who believe The Star has recently taken a "leftward lurch".

It is not my function to make political judgments, but I cannot help wondering whether it would not be more accurate to say that many of The Star's readers and other English-speaking people have recently taken a "rightward lurch".

The pace of events has unnerved many people, much violence is abroad and the future is still obscure. It is no wonder that nerves are raw. But for a newspaper to trim its sails to each new wind that blows would be to forfeit its self-respect and eventually the respect of others.

fresh news. For instance, a double-column story in one edition may be reduced to a single column in the next, necessitating a new headline. Secondly, a critical eye is cast on each edition. Any identified inaccuracies, misspellings, misprints, solecisms or lapses of taste are corrected in the next edition.

The process is, of course, not unique to The Star. The UK Press Gazette, a British magazine for journalists, has just called attention, somewhat derisively, to changes made by a provincial newspaper that had published a diagram of a gynaecological operation. In its second edition, labels identifying certain features of the female anatomy were carefully excised. Even the neutral word "bladder" was not spared. This may be carrying vigilance too far, but it illustrates how the system of edition changes works.

More closely relevant to Professor Doyle's query is that, because of their prominence and sensitivity, particular attention is always paid to headlines. Sometimes they may be changed to eliminate errors or ineptitudes, sometimes just to make them read better.

Many readers occasionally come across the same story twice in the same edition. This is simply a breakdown in the normal sorting out of copy — extremely regrettable but hard to avoid altogether.

Worst of all, though, the keen-eyed Professor Doyle has found (in The Star of Monday March 26) the same story printed twice on the same page. There are two sets of headlines, one of which has nothing to do with the story below. It appears that someone in The Star's generally efficient works had attached the wrong headline to a story, and in the pre-deadline rush nobody picked up the error.

## HOW'S THAT AGAIN?

Shooting Frenchmen in Spain — the world's best sport? See Pages 34-37 — Shooting Times



# 18 deaths by necklacing in three months

AT LEAST 18 people have died by necklacing in the first three months of this year, says SA Institute of Race Relations (SAIRR) executive director John Kane-Berman.

If violence continued at its present level, Kane-Berman said in Johannesburg yesterday, it could claim nearly 4 000 lives this year. *6/10/90 25/4/90*

Last year the figure was 1 403, the highest recorded to date.

He has researched statistics on violence in SA since the turn of the century and has compared them with violence-related figures for the first three months of this year.

"Black-on-black violence in SA is now at

ADELE BALETA

its highest level. This violence is occurring in all four provinces and includes 18 or 19 necklacings," he said.

Deaths in the first three months of this year ranged between an official total of 574 and a total of 966 based on information gathered by the institute and figures provided by various groups monitoring political violence in Natal.

A striking feature of the violence was its spread outside Natal. Institute data showed only 9% of fatalities last year occurred outside Natal, whereas in the first three months of 1990, the proportion out-

side Natal had risen to 28%. Political deaths outside Natal totalled 124 in 1989, but were running at 271 for the first three months of this year.

"In January there were 26 fatalities in the three other provinces. This number doubled in February, and then the February figure almost quadrupled in March," Kane-Berman said.

Conflict between Inkatha and the UDF and its allies was one of the major contributory causes of the violence in Natal. However, the UDF camp had been involved in conflict in Natal with black consciousness (BC) groups as well. UDF/BC

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## Necklacing

conflict had also occurred on the Reef, while in the eastern Cape there had been UDF/Africanist conflict.

Another feature of the first three months of the year was renewed violence between hostel dwellers and other township residents. And violence erupted again in Crossroads, Cape Town.

Kane-Berman said that compared with the first three months of last year, there had been a tenfold increase in deaths outside Natal and an increase of similar magnitude in fatalities involving the security forces. Deaths in security force action outside Natal appeared to account for about a third of deaths. The proportion would be much smaller if Natal were included.

Deaths in the independent homelands had gone from none recorded in the first three months of last year to 53 in the first three months of this year.

The institute has recorded figures provided by Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok in mid-1988. Vlok said at the time 392 people had died by the necklace method between 1984 and 1987.

Vlok added that 1 121 people had been charged with murder after necklace deaths during this period.

In an article published in the second quarter of 1990 in American Review, a chief director of the SA Bureau for Information, Maj-Gen Pieter Groenewald, said between September 1984 and October 1989, 399 people died as result of necklacings.

In addition, Groenewald said, during this period a total of 372 people were burnt to death in their homes and 771 people died after fuel had been poured over them and they were set alight.

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# Katlehong taxi war moves for peace hit major snags

Sowetan 26/4/90

PEACE negotiations to set up a single taxi association in Katlehong, East Rand, yesterday broke down when the Katlehong Civic Association withdrew from the committee of 13.

A KCA spokesman said residents gave them a mandate to withdraw from the talks

He gave no reasons for the withdrawal.

Setting up a single taxi organisation was also a condition for ending the taxi boycott that started in March as a protest against the taxi war, he said

The KCA are the sec-

ond party to withdraw from the talks

However, Kato alleged they have been excluded from the committee of 13, which has organised the talks, after they expressed dissatisfaction about the participation of the South African Black Taxi Association

"We cannot continue to negotiate successfully as long as Sabta, which is not our mother body, is involved in the talks," a spokesman for Kato, Mr J Mbele, said

Kato said their members had affiliated to the Black Union of South Af-

rican Taxi Operators since October 1989

The committee of 13 was established at the height of the Katlehong carnage last month in an attempt to prevent future taxi wars in the township

Sabta has expressed disappointment at the breakdown of the talks and has called on all peace-loving residents of Katlehong to seek ways of resolving the conflict.

"Sabta remains seriously committed to exploring all avenues to find peace through negotiations," a statement released by Sabta late last night said

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## NOWHERE IN THE WORLD IS THE POLITICAL VIOLENCE WORSE

THERE is nowhere in the world where political deaths occur on the scale they do in South Africa now.

As the African National Congress and the Nationalist government prepare to negotiate our future, statistics indicate that South Africa is entering its worst winter of discontent and violence ever.

According to research journal *Work in Progress*, the current climate is generating more deaths than in 1985/86, when an insurrectionary situation was temporarily quelled by the State of Emergency.

If killings continue at the current rate, said the Institute of Race Relations this week, an estimated 4 000 people will die by the end of this year. The official toll of deaths related to political violence in the first three months of this year is 574 people; the IRR says 996 people have died (1 403 died in political violence last year).

"Political conflict is now at its highest in modern times," said the IRR.

Death figures from the political strife in Natal are at present higher than both Beirut and Belfast. But the violence has spread beyond Natal. Many political

By **THANDEKA GQUBULE**

w/ Mar 27/4 - 3/5/90  
deaths have occurred in the Transvaal and in the homelands.

The IRR shows that last year only 9 percent of political deaths occurred outside Natal, yet so far this year 28 percent have died in the rest of the country. There were 124 fatalities outside Natal in the whole of 1989 — but 271 in the first three months of this year.

But the number of those who were killed or injured in political violence this month was also high. Unrest figures show more than 15 people died in April. Five people were killed in Natal last week and the figure is rising steadily.

Eighteen people have been "necklaced" this year. In Natal, two children aged nine and 14 met this gruesome death.

The number of people in detention has increased. The Human Rights Commission has recorded that 320 people are being held under Emergency regulations, as of April 25. In Natal 18 people are held. There are 142 people held in the Orange

Free State, nine in the Cape Province and 146 in the Transvaal.

The HRC has recorded 43 Section 29 detentions since the beginning of 1990. Official figures for detentions under Section 31 is five. No one is being held under Section 50. (278)

Although there has been a noticeable decrease in guerrilla attacks inside the country, some did occur in the last two months. On March 1 suspected guerrillas using RPG7 rockets launched an attack on the offices of the Soweto City Council. On the same day three limpet mine blasts damaged the Langlaagte police station in Johannesburg.

Thouhoyandou, the capital of Venda, suffered five bomb blasts on March 31 this year. This month, on April 8, a municipal policeman and a woman were killed in a grenade attack in Katilehong. A man died on April 15 when a hand grenade was thrown through his bedroom window.

Last week police shot four people in Rammulotsi township near Viljoenskroon in the Free State; more than 20 people were injured.

# Police harassing me, claims Witbank priest

By Therese Anders, Highveld Bureau

Witbank Catholic priest claims he is the subject of a terror campaign aimed at driving him out of kwaGuga township. He says he is being watched by security police, possibly because of his work among the "poor and oppressed".

However, local police have denied any knowledge of the "terror campaign" or of watching the priest.

## Father Chico Medeiros says:

"I have no proof at all who is behind the campaign, but I have my suspicions"

He says one of the tactics being used to frighten him — midnight death threats over

the telephone — was also used against two other white priests who previously lived in the huge industrial township.

He says two Witbank security policemen visited him last year with a warning that "anything can happen to you if you stay in the township".

Ten days later, he says, he was awakened in the middle of the night by a knife pressing into his neck. Two black men, whom he describes as "total professionals in track suits", used skeleton keys to get into the parish house, lock one sleeping priest in this room, and then terrorised him.

They fled with a TV set, video and a watch, but left the cash in the parish. He immediately reported

the matter to the police, and has not heard from them.

Since then he has received death threats.

"They usually phone in the early hours of the morning. Sometimes it has been a person with an African accent, other times it's a black person — two or three times the caller asked me why I worked with certain activists, in fact ones I hardly knew. Other times they said they were going to kill me and take away my heart."

"One call I got before a church service on Detainees Sunday last year told me the service was going to be revolutionary and promote communism. The caller said if there was any political activity at the service they would come to fetch me."

He says that every the next morning a security police contingent moved into the church grounds and began filming worshippers arriving for the Sunday Mass. They also sat in on the service.

They stayed the entire day "frightening every many of the parishioners."

Azores-born Father Medeiros says the security police had been warning him since he arrived as the Catholic Church's assistant parish priest in Witbank in December 1988.

The Witbank police say:

The Witbank police are not aware that Father Medeiros is the "subject of a terror campaign aimed at driving him out of kwaGuga town-

ship".

The security branch denies the allegation that they visited Father Medeiros last year or that they have been "watching him since he arrived in December 1988".

"Should Father Medeiros have a legitimate complaint against any member(s) of the SAP he is at liberty to lodge his complaint with the police."

"The fact that an alleged incident in which Father Medeiros was 'woken in the middle of the night by a knife pressing into his neck' is mentioned in the same context as an alleged visit by two Witbank security policemen 10 days earlier, has not gone unnoticed."

"We reject the insinuation which is made."



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**3 000 snoop on Katlehong**

The Argus Correspondent  
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JOHANNESBURG — Thousands of security force members sealed off a large part of Katlehong — scene of a recent taxi war and several terror attacks — near Germiston and searched thousands of homes, residents and vehicles

More than 3 000 policemen, soldiers and municipal policemen took part in the snoop yesterday, planned in great secrecy over the past week, which was one of the biggest displays of security force might on the Reef

The aim of the operation was to "build bridges" between the SAP and Katlehong residents, prevent crime and to show that security forces could still protect the inhabitants of the township, said Witwatersrand police spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe

Fifteen suspects were arrested in the action, which lasted from 6am to 1pm, and was carried out over an area of several square kilometres

The arrests were made for possession of dagga, possession of stolen property and one for possession of a petrol bomb

# Cops die in unrest

FIVE people were killed, including a member of the South African Police and a special constable in unrest-related incidents, according to yesterday's official unrest report released by the police.

The SAP member was killed when stabbed by an unknown man at Crossroads near Cape Town.

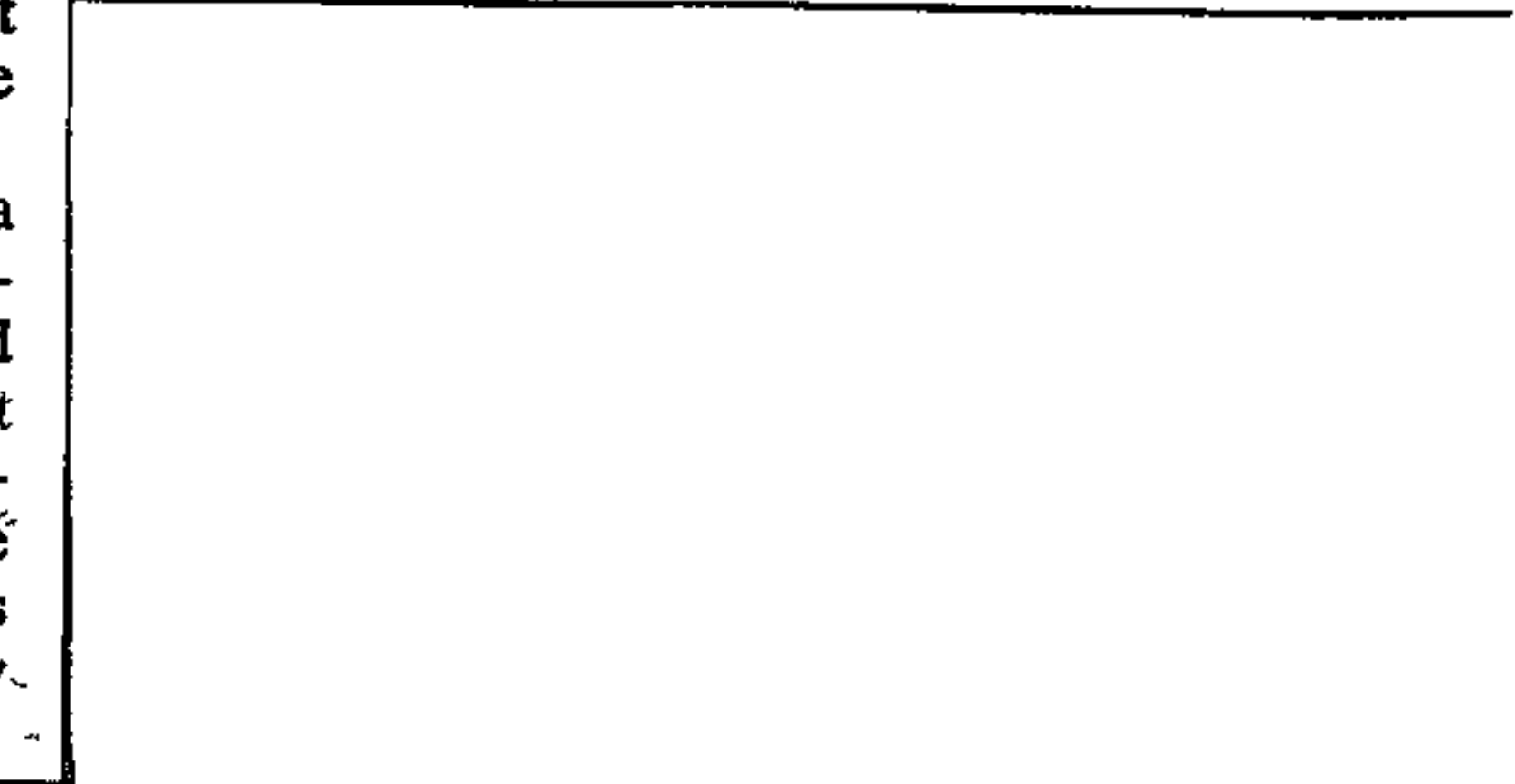
In another incident, a special constable was attacked by a mob and stabbed with knives at Khayelitsha, near Wynberg. Police report he fired a shot and one of his attackers was fatally wounded.

At Imbali, Pietermaritzburg, a mob opened fire on two men killing one and seriously injuring the other.

In a late report dated April 27, police said the bodies of two men were found at Mpumalanga, Pietermaritzburg. Both

had been shot. It was later established that one of the deceased had been a special constable.

The unrest report also included numerous incidents of arson, including the burning of vehicles and homes. - Sapa.



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# Police seal off 'Spruit'

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## Crime

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# 'Building bridges' in Katlehong

Crime Reporter

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"The main aim was to build bridges between the police and the public of Katlehong. This was done on a personal contact basis and pamphlets were handed out explaining the purpose of the operation," the colonel said.

"Other aims were crime prevention and showing the public that the police and security forces have the capability to protect them.

"This action was very well received by Katlehong residents."

Colonel Malherbe said soldiers and policemen set up road blocks and searched thousands of vehicles, homes and people in the area, where councillors had been attacked and at least one hand grenade incident reported.

About 40 percent of the township was sealed off and thoroughly searched.

Two arrests were made for possession of dagga, four for possessing stolen property and one for possession of a petrol bomb. Two unlicensed guns were recovered.

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# Winnie's words terrifying — witness

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JOHANNESBURG — "Mrs Winnie Mandela said some words which terrified us most of all — she said 'you are not fit to be alive'."

With these words Mr Kenneth Kgase, 31, began describing a series of interrogations and beatings which he and three other young men allegedly endured at Mrs Mandela's house at 585 Diepkloof Extension, Soweto

He was testifying yesterday at the trial of Mr Jerry Vusi Musi Richardson, 41, of Orlando West, Soweto

At the start of the trial before Mr Justice B O'Donovan and two assessors in the Rand Supreme Court Mr Richardson pleaded not guilty to 11 counts — four of kidnapping, five of assault with intent to commit grievous bodily harm, one of attempted murder and one of murder. The murder charge

arises from the death of James "Stompie" Moketsi Seipei, 14

Mr Kgase said he had lived at the Methodist Church manse in Orlando West

On the evening of December 29 1988 he was playing cards with Stompie, Mr Barend Thabiso, 20, and Mr Gabriel Pelo Mekgwe, 21

Someone burst into the lounge and ordered them into the kitchen, where he saw a tall, well-built man who he now knows as Jerry Everyone from the house was rounded up

## "Quietness"

They were taken to Diepkloof Extension in a bus, to a house with a swimming pool and a jacuzzi

Supper was served, more people arrived and Mrs Mandela came in

"There was an intense quietness," Mr Kgase said

Mrs Mandela then said they were not fit to be alive

Xoliswa, a woman who lived at the manse, said Mr Kgase, Mr Mono and Mr Mekgwe had slept with the Rev Paul Ver-ryn Stompie had sold out comrades in Parys who were killed by the police and Stompie had also complained about sexual misconduct

Mrs Mandela went up to Mr Kgase, grabbed him by the hair and punched him

She asked how he could be so irresponsible as not to stop the sexual misconduct, Mr Kgase said

Then grabbed Stompie by the shoulder and interrogated him about using cameras to spy on everyone Stompie said he knew nothing about it

After each had been interrogated by Mrs Mandela, she asked for sjamboks Then each was beaten up

The hearing continues

# Tension in villages after murder

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PIETERSBURG — Widespread tension has gripped villages around Duiwelskloof in the Northern Transvaal, where a man was decapitated and a house burnt in retaliation for the murder

Colonel C W Bower of Far North Command of the SA Defence Force, based in Pietersburg, yesterday confirmed the death of Mr Enoch Ramoho and the burning of a village home

Violence apparently erupted on Sunday when Mr Ramoho had a quarrel with a taxi owner Mr July Molatisane.

A group of people later attacked Mr Ramoho at his home, stabbing him several times before severing his head from his shoulders

Villagers, apparently infuriated by the Ramoho killing, went to Mr Molatisane's house and set it on fire — Sapa



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# Peace returns to 'war-zone'

BY SOWETAN REPORTER

THE children are back playing on the streets of Section F in Ntuzuma - once a bloody battleground for warring United Democratic Front and Inkatha factions and 90 homes being burnt down.

Today, most of the people are back and at least 58 homes have been rebuilt by the residents themselves with grants from various organisations such as the Catholic Church and Diakoma. And last night, a delegation representing the residents of Section F was due to call on the home of The Most Reverend Archbishop Denis Hurley to thank him for his assistance for making it possible for them to rebuild their homes. A resident said that

## Fighting

peace had returned to Section F and while it will take time for the emotional wounds to heal, a determined effort is being made to start all over again. "Many of our people had to run away because of the fighting. But now it has stopped and we have managed to rebuild our homes with grants from the Catholic Church and Diakoma. "We feel that we should say thanks," said one of the residents. Work on other damaged houses has started, but most of them need new roofs, doors and windows and since the residents are doing the repair work themselves,

they can only do it during the evenings after work and over weekends.

The residents are not saying how they are going to thank Archbishop Hurley as they want to keep it as a surprise. Meanwhile, another resident said that at one

time it was almost impossible to find anything on the streets - but now the children are back.

"Life is back to normal again and we have peace. It is our prayer that it remains with us forever," said the resident.



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# Team stabbed man — witness

**The Argus Correspondent**

**JOHANNESBURG** — After being assaulted by Mrs Winnie Mandela and members of her soccer team, Mr Kenny Kgase was asked to join the team and a few days later was taken along when team members caught and stabbed a man

This evidence was led in the Rand Supreme Court during the trial of Mr Jerry Richardson. Mr Richardson, 41, of Orlando West has pleaded not guilty to four counts of kidnapping, five of assault with intent to commit grievous bodily harm, one of attempted murder and one of murder

## **"Kicked Stompie"**

Continuing his evidence in chief yesterday, Mr Kgase said he and the other three were guarded that night by Mr Richardson and a man called Slash

Later a "tall, muscular man" arrived and asked who they

were. Mr Richardson repeated the allegations against the four young men and the newcomer became angry with Stompie

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

On New Year's Day last year, Mr Kgase said, Stompie was told to write his address on a piece of paper because he was going home. Various men spoke to Stompie before Mr Richardson told him to collect his belongings.

He described January 2 as a "different day" saying everyone referred to them as comrades and they were told the past was forgotten. Mr Richardson asked him if he played soccer

"He said he was looking forward to having a strong team. I was asked if I was going to join them and I said 'no'. They said they had a league with people in exile," Mr Kgase said

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

Later there was a debate about who should be taken with Mr Richardson and other team members

Mr Kgase said they were not sure what was happening but eventually were escorting a man in a red shirt to see "Mummie"

Later he was ordered to hold the man's legs while Mr Richardson sat on the man's chest and stabbed him with a blade from a pair of garden shears, the court heard

The hearing continues

# Stompie trial: Court told of assault

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JOHANNESBURG — The Rand Supreme Court has heard how a man, identified as Mr Andrew Ikaneng, was assaulted by Mr Jerry Richardson, said to be a former member of the so-called Mandela football team

Thabiso Mono and Gabriel Pelo Mekgwe were allegedly abducted from the Soweto Methodist Church by members of the football team in December 1988 and taken to various places, including the home of Mrs Winnie Mandela

Mr Richardson is on trial charged with murdering 14-year-old anti-apartheid activist "Stompie" Seipei Moeketsi. He has pleaded not guilty

In previous hearings the court heard that Mr Richardson and other members of the team went to the Soweto home of Mr Ikaneng and said they were taking him away because "Mummy" (Mrs Mandela) wanted to see him

He has also pleaded not guilty to a charge of attempted murder, four of kidnapping and of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm

The court also heard that Mr Kgase escaped from Mrs Mandela's home after Mr Richardson and a companion had left

## Garden shears

The court heard earlier that Mr Ikaneng was taken by team members from his Soweto home to an open piece of veld where he was stabbed with garden shears

He jumped over a wall, rushed to Baragwanath Hospital and caught a taxi to the Methodist Church in central Johannesburg. He was taken to a doctor for examination

Mr Kenneth Kgase yesterday told the court Mr Richardson had taken a garden shear blade from a man he identified as Isaac, who he earlier told to stab Mr Ikaneng, and had himself stabbed Mr Ikaneng, who was being held by two other men

The court heard that at one stage Stompie spent two days without food during a party that had been held for Umkhonto we Sizwe cadres at Mrs Mandela's home

Mr Ikaneng was left to die  
Mr Kgase, Stompie, Barend

The trial continues on Monday  
— Sapa



# Youth killed in attack on farmers

PRETORIA. — Three people, including a municipal policeman, were shot dead in incidents of unrest on Thursday, police reported yesterday.

A 19-year-old youth was killed and four others were injured in an attack by residents of a Witbank squatter camp on two farmers and two farm workers who were travelling in a bakkie.

The farmers, whose names were not

released, then fired on the group.

*Art Times 5/5/80*  
A special constable and another man died after unidentified attackers fired a number of shots at them at Elandskop near Maritzburg, the report added.

Other incidents of unrest included arrests at protest gatherings in Cape Town and the stoning of a 70-year-old man at Dududu, Natal. — Sapa

# Court told of assault by Winnie's team member

*not true 5/5/90*

**JOHANNESBURG** — The Rand Supreme Court yesterday heard that a man identified as Mr Andrew Ikaneng was assaulted by Mr Jerry Richardson — said to be a former member of the so-called Mandela football team.

Mr Richardson is standing trial for the murder of 14-year-old anti-apartheid activist "Stompie" Seipei Moe-ketsi.

Mr Richardson has pleaded not guilty to murdering Stompie on January 1 or 2, 1989.

He has also pleaded not guilty to a charge of attempted murder, four charges of kidnapping and several charges of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

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Yesterday Mr Kenneth Kgase told the court Mr Richardson had taken a garden shear blade from a man he identified as Isaac, whom he had earlier told to stab Mr Ikaneng and had himself stabbed Mr Ikaneng, who was being tightly held by two other men.

Mr Ikaneng was later left to die at the scene.

In previous hearings, the court also heard that Mr Richardson and other members of the team had gone to the Soweto home of Mr Ikaneng and had told people there they were taking him away because "Mommy" (Mrs Mandela) wanted to see him. The hearing continues on Monday. — Sapa

# Pupils stone teachers' cars

TEACHERS at Mohlakaneng High School in Seshego, Pietersburg, have resolved not to conduct lessons until pupils stop ideological fights that have led to the temporary closure of the school.

Addressing a meeting of parents at the school, the principal, Mr Lance Mthanj, said pupils had stoned cars belonging to teachers, causing damage

By MATHATA  
TSEDU

calculated at about R2 000

Mthanj told parents that pupils were divided along ideological lines with some supporting the Black Consciousness Movement while other supported the African National Congress

He said a battle for supremacy was raging in the schoolground, making it impossible for the education process to go on. Window panes on all outer walls were smashed and teachers were no longer free and secure while on the school premises, he said

"We are not policemen and we therefore do not come to school armed. We cannot continue to work when the children come here to wage their political battles and then turn on us as teachers to vent their frustrations

## Interfere

"Calling them back with parents in order to find documents will not assist because each one of them find a similar declaration at the beginning of the year

"We need to bring it home to the children that their political organisations should not interfere with schooling," Mthanj said

The meeting resolved that the costs for the damaged cars and the school building should be borne by parents

The school committee, the principal, staff, the various students' groupings are to meet with representative of the Seshego Civic Association and the Seshego Education Watchdog Committee on tomorrow evening to try and resolve the matter, Mthanj told *Sowetan* after the meeting

Other parents had suggested that the Students

Representative Council should be abolished while others suggested that soldiers be called in to guard the school to stop further unrest

Parents complained that due to the persistent boycotts Standard 10 pupils at the school had not been registered for the end of the year examinations

It was revealed that there had only been four weeks of uninterrupted schooling since the beginning of the year

## Demand

Meanwhile, students at the University of the North went back to classes on Thursday, making that the sixth day of lessons since the beginning of the year. The students were boycotting lectures to demand the provision of accommodation for more than 400 first-year colleagues. The demand later changed when students and a lecturer were detained by security police

The detainees have all been released



# Alex youths flogged me, says mother

By PHANGISILE MTSALI

A GROUP of youngsters in Alexandra Township have set up "kangaroo courts" in which people are tortured.

The latest victim is Mrs Elizabeth Hlatshwayo (32), a mother of two who lives in 17th Avenue. She was sentenced to R200 or 100 lashes

When she did not pay the fine, the youths took turns in flogging her on the buttocks **278**

After giving her 42 strokes, they told her she would receive the remaining 58 when her wounds had healed

Hlatshwayo said she had been found guilty of stabbing a man, although this was in self-defence

"Last Monday a man from the neighbourhood broke into my home and tried to rape me," Hlatshwayo said

"In self-defence, I grabbed a table knife and stabbed him on the arm. He ran away and returned with a crowd of 'comrades'. I was taken to the inkundla (people's court) where I was found guilty

I was not allowed to give my side of the story

"I was stripped half-naked in front of the crowd and flogged on the buttocks by 12 of the 'comrades'.

"I did not report the matter to the police because of threats that my shack would be burned down if I did," she said.

*Sowetan 7/5/90*

## Actions

Alexandra Civic Association general secretary Mr Sydney Hiliza condemned the actions of the "comrades"

He called on other civic structures in the township to address the matter urgently

Several abductions and floggings following "kangaroo court" prosecutions have been reported to the ACA during the past two months, Hiliza said

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## PROKLAMASIE

*van die*

*Staatspresident van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika*

No. R. 86, 1990

KOMMISSIE VAN ONDERSOEK NA DIE VOORVALLE BY SEBOKENG, BOIPATONG, LEKOA, SHARPEVILLE EN EVATON OP 26 MAART 1990

Kragtens die bevoegdheid my verleen by artikel 1 van die Kommissiewet, 1947 (Wet No. 8 van 1947), verklaar ek hierby dat die bepalings van daardie Wet van toepassing is op die Kommissie van Onderzoek na die Voorvalle by Sebokeng, Boipatong, Lekoa, Sharpeville en Evaton op 26 Maart 1990 en vaardig ek hierby die Regulasies (Afrikaans en Engels) in die Bylae vervat met betrekking tot genoemde Kommissie uit.

Gegee onder my Hand en die Seel van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika te Kaapstad op hede die Vierde dag van Mei Eenduisend Negehonderd-en-negentig.

F. W. DE KLERK,  
Staatspresident.

Op las van die Staatspresident-in-Kabinet.

H. J. COETSEE,  
Minister van die Kabinet.

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#### REGULASIES

1. In hierdie regulasies, tensy uit die samehang anders blyk, beteken—

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“dokument” ook 'n boek, pamflet, aantekening, lys, omsendbrief, plan, plakkaat, aanplakbiljet, publikasie, tekening, foto of prent;

“Kommissie” die in hierdie proklamasie bedoelde Kommissie van Onderzoek na die Voorvalle by Sebokeng, Boipatong, Lekoa, Sharpeville en Evaton op 26 Maart 1990;

## PROCLAMATION

*by the*

*State President of the Republic of South Africa*

No. R. 86, 1990

COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO THE INCIDENTS AT SEBOKENG, BOIPATONG, LEKOA, SHARPEVILLE AND EVATON ON 26 MARCH 1990

Under the powers vested in me by section 1 of the Commissions Act, 1947 (Act No. 8 of 1947), I hereby declare that the provisions of that Act shall be applicable to the Commission of Inquiry into the Incidents at Sebokeng, Boipatong, Lekoa, Sharpeville and Evaton on 26 March 1990, and I hereby make the Regulations (Afrikaans and English) contained in the Schedule with reference to the said Commission.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Republic of South Africa at Cape Town this Fourth day of May One thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety.

F. W. DE KLERK,  
State President.

By Order of the State President-in-Cabinet.

H. J. COETSEE,  
Minister of the Cabinet.

### SCHEDULE

#### REGULATIONS

1. In these regulations, unless the context otherwise indicates—

“Chairman” means the Chairman of the Commission;

“Commission” means the Commission of Inquiry into the Incidents at Sebokeng, Boipatong, Lekoa, Sharpeville and Evaton on 26 March 1990,

“document” includes any book, pamphlet, record, list, circular, plan, placard, poster, publication, drawing, photograph or picture;

“inquiry” means the inquiry conducted by the Commission,

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No. R. 1042

7 Mei 1990

**AANSTELLING VAN KOMMISSIE VAN ONDER-  
SOEK NA DIE VOORVALLE BY SEBOKENG,  
BOIPATONG, LEKOA, SHARPEVILLE EN  
EVATON OP 26 MAART 1990**

Hierby word vir algemene inligting bekendgemaak dat dit die Staatspresident behaag het om Sy Edele regter R. J. Goldstone as Voorsitter en enigste lid van 'n Kommissie van Ondersoek na die Voorvalle by Sebokeng, Boipatong, Lekoa, Sharpeville en Evaton op 26 Maart 1990 aan te stel.

Die Kommissie se opdrag lui soos volg:

Om al die feitlike omstandighede met betrekking tot die voorvalle wat op 26 Maart 1990 by Sebokeng, Boipatong, Lekoa, Sharpeville en Evaton plaasgevind het waartydens mense gedood of beseer is, te ondersoek en dringend daarvoor verslag te doen.

Enigeen wat getuienis by wyse van memorandum of mondelings aan die Kommissie wil voorlê, kan skryf aan Die Sekretaris, Kommissie van Ondersoek na die Voorvalle by Sebokeng, Boipatong, Lekoa, Sharpeville en Evaton op 26 Maart 1990, Privaatsak X81, Pretoria, 0001

No. R. 1042

7 May 1990

**APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSION OF INQUIRY  
INTO THE INCIDENTS AT SEBOKENG, BOIPA-  
TONG, LEKOA, SHARPEVILLE AND EVATON  
ON 26 MARCH 1990**

It is hereby notified for general information that the State President has been pleased to appoint the Honourable Mr Justice R. J. Goldstone as Chairman and sole member of a Commission of Inquiry into the Incidents at Sebokeng, Boipatong, Lekoa, Sharpeville and Evaton on 26 March 1990.

The Commission's terms of reference are as follows:

To investigate all the factual circumstances with regard to the incidents that took place at Sebokeng, Boipatong, Lekoa, Sharpeville and Evaton on 26 March 1990 during which people were killed or injured and to report thereon urgently.

Anyone wanting to submit evidence to the Commission by way of memorandum or orally can write to The Secretary, Commission of Inquiry into the Incidents at Sebokeng, Boipatong, Lekoa, Sharpeville and Evaton on 26 March 1990, Private Bag X81, Pretoria, 0001.

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# Sebokeng shootings probe <sup>(278)</sup> tomorrow

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By ALI MPHAKI

THE judicial commission of inquiry into the shootings at Sebokeng and other areas in the Vaal Triangle will begin tomorrow in Vereeniging

The commission is to investigate and report on all the circumstances relating to incidents on March 26 at Sebokeng, Boipatong, Lekoa, Sharpeville and Evaton in which people were killed or injured

Altogether 17 people were killed at Sebokeng when police fired shotgun rounds at peaceful protest marchers on March 26. *Dowden 815790*

The commission will conduct its inquiry in the Vereeniging Community Centre

The head of the commission, Mr Justice Goldstone, invited anybody with evidence or those who wished to make representations to contact the commission's secretary, Mr J A Meyer, at (011) 834-2940

Written representations could be addressed to The Secretary, Commission of Inquiry, Private Bag 1, Johannesburg 2 000

# Civic body slams people's courts

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

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

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

The ACA will hold an anti-crime conference on May 13. - Sapa *Sowetan 8/5/90*

# Sebokeng shootings probe starts today

By MATSHUBÉ MFOLOE

Vaal Triangle residents have welcomed the appointment of the Goldstone commission of inquiry into Sebokeng shootings. *Sowetan 9/5/90*

The inquiry begins today.

The judicial commission, under by Mr Justice Goldstone, will hear evidence from various parties about the circumstances which led to the fatal shooting of 17 people on March 26, this year

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Mr Floyd Mohanoe (30), said he was satisfied that the government had showed some concern. He hoped the world would be in a position to know that the residents were "no at war" He also wished that the commission should be objective and allow the participation of residents

Mr Frank Lethoba said it would have been better if some members of the community were involved to gather evidence of what happened that day.

Mrs Mirriam Lebatl (37), said she was in the procession that day. Asked whether she would volunteer to give evidence should the commission require it, she said, "never ever..."



# Councillors' houses burnt after march

AT LEAST three houses belonging to councillors were burnt down at Ikaneng near Potchefstroom yesterday after a march to present a memorandum to the council was dispersed by police.

Several people were wounded when police used birdshot and teargas to disperse the youths, who had barricaded the streets with rocks, tin cans and used tyres.

Police vehicles were

By ALI MPHAKI

pelted with stones and other missiles, and in one instance a group of youths tried to free several people from a police van but it was locked.

There was an almost 100 percent stayaway in the township, following a resolution by the community to march to the council offices to present the memorandum containing their grievances.

Residents are demanding the resignation of councillors and have also

called on them to align themselves with the "wishes and interests" of the community.

The councillors whose houses were burnt are deputy mayor Mr Jacob Mokuke, Mr Papi Merabe and a Mr Motsumi.

Among the people who were shot are Gertrude Slange (23), Mpho Mafisa (13), Miss Anna Sello and Johannes Bosakwe. All were admitted to hospital.

By late yesterday afternoon the township was still tense.

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## Probe into Sebokeng shooting starts today

By Stan Hlophe

The Goldstone commission of inquiry into the Sebokeng shooting on March 26, in which at least 16 people died when thousands marched on the Vereeniging police station to present a petition, begins its sittings today

Mr Justice R J Goldstone will, judging by media reports on the shootings, hear vastly different versions of what happened that day.

Herbert Mabuza, The Star photographer who was at the scene 10 minutes before shooting started, says

"There was a volley of shots. Then silence. The police started laughing. The crowd seemed frozen for a second — then they started screaming, turned, and ran, fighting and jumping over each other to get away from the police

"As quickly as the shooting started it ended. As the people ran a cloud of dust rose up, mixing with teargas

"Those who were injured struggled frantically to crawl or get up and run"

**A committee member of the Vaal Civic Association says**

"We were returning to the crowd after handing over a memorandum to the police station commander, Lieutenant Colonel O Mazibuko. Suddenly the police opened fire, we didn't know why. I and other organisers and leaders had our backs to the police"

**Mr Isaac Rantsasi, who headed the march, says**

"I was about 20 m from the police when they started shooting. People carried sticks but there was no threat"

**Oupa Tsotetsi (17), a Std 7 pupil, says.**

"I was part of a human chain formed by marshals to stop the crowd from surging forward after the leaders had given Colonel Mazibuko the memorandum, when the police started firing"

**The police say**

"Police opened fire on a crowd of 50 000 armed people — killing five and injuring hundreds in the Vaal Triangle's Sebokeng township after SAP members were attacked by the mob screaming 'Kill the Boers'

"In another incident in the same township police shot dead three people who plundered a bottle store

"The crowd was armed with sticks, rocks, bricks, knobkieries, and other weapons. Police opened fire in self-defence. Two people were killed at the scene, another three died later in hospital, 130 were hit by birdshots and 170 were injured when they were trampled in the rush to get away. Thirty people were admitted to hospital

"The crowd was warned to disperse several times and was allowed to hand over a petition to Colonel Mazibuko, the station commander. The crowd was then ordered to disperse

"The crowd, which acted in a threatening manner, surged forward and refused to disperse. Police were attacked and opened fire in self-defence"

# Ikageng township tense after mass detentions

By Montshiwa Moroke

Ikageng near Potchefstroom was still tense last night after the arrest of several hundred people at the local Methodist church

Lawyers told The Star last night that six people were still being held by police. The rest were released.

Between 300 and 400 residents were arrested yesterday. They were loaded on to more than 10 trucks and driven to the Potchefstroom police station after armed police had surrounded the church where a meeting was in progress.

The arrests occurred at 8.30 am after police halted a march which was about to proceed to the municipal offices and fired teargas at residents who had earlier gathered at the Ikageng stadium.

For several hours afterwards police fired teargas and rubber bullets at youths in the township and in the yards of homes.

Three-month-old twins Matthew and Beauty Mkhize, asleep when the disturbance began, were taken to Kalie de Haas Hospital after inhaling teargas.

Scores of residents stood by as youths attacked houses and torched them. The home of a councillor was gutted and that of another damaged by fire.

A stayaway had been called yesterday and no taxis travelled to or from the township, while buses operated a service outside the boundaries of the township.

After the march had been broken up, defiant residents handed an Ikageng Civic Association memorandum to the town council.

It contained many grievances, including the critical shortage of housing, untarred roads, lack of street lighting, no electricity in many homes, lack of recreational facilities, faulty refuse removal and the pay system for the aged.

The memorandum also called for the resignation of the entire council within 48 hours. Councillors who resigned were asked to align themselves with the community and "march with the people to a free, non-racial and democratic South Africa".

Six members of the civic body were detained on Monday under emergency regulations, according to an attorney.



## Councillors' houses torched

*CMT 7/2/90  
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**JOHANNESBURG.** — Two houses belonging to Ikageng councillors were set alight yesterday after police used teargas to disperse a crowd which had gathered at the Ikageng Stadium.

The crowd was planning a march to the local municipal offices.

The houses belonged to deputy mayor Mr. Matex Mokuke and councillor Mr Kuni Motsumi.

About eight truckloads of residents were arrested at the Methodist Church at the township after the aborted march.

Two three-month-old twins, who suffered from teargas inhalation, were hospitalised.

Yesterday's incidents follow Monday's detention of at least seven Ikageng Civic Association leaders, reports said. — Sapa

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# Nelson Mandela's bid to free boys

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

This was revealed by one of the four, Mr Barend Thabiso Mono, 20, when he testified in the trial of Mr Jerry Richardson, 41, of Soweto, charged with murdering teenage activist, "Stompie" Moekeisi Serpe.

Mr Mandela had instructed his attorney, Mr Ismail Ayob, to remove the four from the Mandela home, where they were allegedly being kept against their will, Mr Mono said in his evidence-in-chief.

But when Mr Ayob went to the Mandela home, Mr Richardson had refused to allow the youths to be taken away.

Mr Mono, Mr Kenneth Kgase, 30, Mr Gabriel Pelo Mekingwe, 21, and 14-year-old Stompie, were allegedly abducted in December 1988 by members of the Mandela United Football Club from a

## Court told of assaults at house

Soweto Methodist Church, and taken to the Mandela home in Diepkloof Extension, Soweto.

Stompie's decomposed body was found in open veld in Soweto early in January last year. It has emerged in testimony that Stompie had been accused of "selling out" to police four comrades who were shot dead at Parys.

Mr Richardson has pleaded not guilty to a charge of murder, one of attempted murder, four of kidnapping and five of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm. He was a member of the Mandela United Football Club.

Mr Mono also told the court Mr Richardson had instructed the youths not to reveal in a statement they were to make to a Johannesburg attorney, Mr Krish

Naidoo, that they had been assaulted at Mrs Mandela's house.

Mr Richardson, however, told them to mention in their statement that they had had a sexual relationship with the Rev Paul Verryn, who had been in charge of the Soweto Methodist Church. They were also told by Mr Richardson to say they had been staying at Mrs Mandela's house because they objected to the sexual relationship with the priest.

In January 1989 the youths were taken to a Soweto medical practitioner, Dr Nthato Motlana, for treatment, but the doctor did not treat them for assaults allegedly inflicted on them by Mrs Mandela and the team members, Mr Mono told the court.

Dr Motlana later took the youths to Mr Naidoo's Johannesburg offices, from where the attorney and a Methodist priest, Bishop Peter Storey, took them to a meeting in Soweto.

They told the meeting about the assaults that took place on them at Mrs Mandela's house.

Mr Mono reiterated under cross-examination yesterday that he and the three other abducted youths had been assaulted by Mrs Mandela — Sapa



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# Inquiry begins

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*Sowetan 10/5/90*  
By THEMBA MOLEFE

THE Goldstone commission of inquiry into the March 26 Sebokeng shootings began in Vereeniging yesterday.

No evidence was led and chairman of the commission Mr. Justice RJ Goldstone spent the day visiting Sebokeng and Evaton, where the shootings took place.

Seventeen people were killed and more than 400 wounded when police opened fire on thousands of residents who were marching to deliver a petition of grievances to the National Party offices in Vereeniging.

More than a dozen lawyers representing residents, police and the State spent the day inspecting the scenes of the shootings and property damaged after the killings.

Residents in Sebokeng and Evaton lined the streets as the long procession of cars accompanying Goldstone winded its way through the township.

Among buildings inspected were municipal offices, the gutted garages of former Lekoa mayor Mr. Esau Mahlatsi, and Evaton mayor Mr. Sam Rabotapi.

The formal hearing begins on May 16.



Burger, "Stefan" was Chappie Mar-ree, "Deon" was Calla Botha and

hard, Botha and Abraham "Slang" van Zyl were not involved in the murder.

mostert replied "No, in respect of the CCB we have enough facts we can go to court on, but in respect of the Webster case we have not."

# Police major refuses to vouch for accused's safety

SUSAN RUSSELL

A BOPHUTHATSWANA police officer yesterday refused to give an undertaking that a man wanted to stand trial for the murder of nine policemen would not be abducted or interfered with pending an extradition application.

Maj H Slabbert refused to give the undertaking to the presiding magistrate in Johannesburg after being called to the witness box and asked by the magistrate if he was prepared to do so.

Bophuthatswana has applied for Samuel Ramolosa's

extradition to stand trial on May 21 for the murder of the nine policemen in Leeufontein on July 1 last year.

The policemen were murdered during violence in Leeufontein and Braklaagte when residents protested against incorporation into Bophuthatswana

Ramolosa, a migrant worker from Leeufontein, is employed as a cleaner in Johannesburg by Transnet.

The extradition application was postponed until June 18 at the State's request.

Counsel for Ramolosa Prof John Dugard asked for an order prohibiting the Bophuthatswana Police from abducting or interfering with his client.

After Slabbert refused to give an undertaking, the magistrate ruled that he did not have the power to make such an order and suggested an approach to the Supreme Court. *8/10/90 1015/90*

Three other people wanted by Bophuthatswana authorities in connection with the nine murders are to appear in the Krugersdorp Magistrate's Court today. They will oppose an application for their extradition.

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**Sebokeng inquiry begins**  
*8/10/90* THEO RAWANA *278*  
 THE site in Sebokeng where at least 12 people died during a shooting incident in March was yesterday the scene of an in loco inspection by the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry into the violence in Vaal townships  
 Commission chairman Mr Justice Goldstone opened the inquiry at the Vereeniging council chambers with a briefing at which he said Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok had instructed that the whole proceedings of the commission be in public.  
 The commission was ordered by President F W de Klerk on April 18 to investigate the circumstances of clashes between demonstrators — who had allegedly planned to march to Vereeniging — and police on the main road between Sebokeng and Vereeniging on March 26. It is expected to hear evidence for about four weeks from May 16

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# Winnie assaulted me, says witness

JOHANNESBURG — Mr. Pelo Mekgwe, 21, was kidnapped with Stompie Sepele and taken to Mrs. Winnie Mandela's house where he was accused of being a police informer and having slept with the Rev. Paul Ver-ryn, the Rand Supreme Court has heard.

Mr. Mekgwe was then assaulted by several people, including Mrs. Mandela, he said.

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

Mr. Mekgwe described being kidnapped on December 29, 1988 with Mr. Kenny Kgase, Mr. Thabiso Mono and Stompie. He said they were taken to Mrs. Mandela's house where Stompie

was accused of being a police informer and the other three of having slept with Mr. Ver-ryn.

## SWOLLEN EYES

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

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

Mr. Richardson stabbed Mr. Ikaneng in the neck, he said, then instructed them to throw him in a ditch.

Back at Mrs. Mandela's

house, the three young men were warned not to speak about the stabbing.

The court has heard that the men at Mrs. Mandela's house were referred to as the Mandela Soccer Team.

Mr. Mekgwe said he attended a training session but the "team" did exercises and did not use a soccer ball.

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

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

(Proceeding)



**Mpho Mafisa is carried by friends to get medical treatment after she was hit by birdshot when police dispersed mobs in the streets of Ikageng near Potchefstroom on Tuesday. She was one of the several people, mostly youths, who were injured after a march to the local council offices was halted by the police. Pic: Mbuzeni Zulu.**



# Youths held 'under guard'

JOHANNESBURG. — One of the four youths allegedly kidnapped and kept "prisoner" at Mrs Winnie Mandela's house told the Rand Supreme Court yesterday that he and other abducted youths had not been allowed to leave the house freely

Mr Thabiso Mono, 20, was testifying in the trial of Mr Jerry Richardson, 41, who has pleaded not guilty to the murder of teenage activist James "Stompie" Moeketsi Seipei, the attempted murder of Andrew Ikaneng, four kidnapping charges and five of assault

Mr Mono told the court he and the other abducted youths had always been under guard by Mr Richardson, even when they played soccer with members of the so-called Mandela United Football Club

He said under cross-examination that Mr Richardson had told him and Mr Gabriel Pelo Mekingwe, 21, that if one of them should escape from the house, he "did not know what would happen to the other"

Mr Richardson said this after one of the four, Mr Kenneth Kgase, 30, had escaped from the Mandela home.

Mr Mono also told the court Mrs Winnie Mandela had taken him and the other youths into Johannesburg where she had bought clothes for them

He reiterated that Mr Richardson had refused to leave the abducted youths in the care of Mr Nelson Mandela's attorney, Mr Ismail Ayob. — Sapa

# 'Misconduct' denied by minister

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11/5/90  
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JOHANNESBURG — A Soweto Methodist minister, the Rev Paul Verryn, yesterday denied any knowledge of sexual misconduct between himself and three of the four youths kidnapped from the church and kept "prisoner" at Mrs Winnie Mandela's house

Mr Verryn gave his evidence-in-chief in the trial of Mr Jerry Richardson, 41, who has pleaded not guilty to the murder of "Stompie" Moeketsi Seipei, the attempted murder of Mr Andrew Ikaneng, four kidnapping charges and five of assault

Mr Verryn testified that although he had heard reports of the sexual misconduct, he had no knowledge of the allegations

He had also heard reports that Stompie had been an informer, but he denied he had any knowledge of this

It had emerged in court that Mr Barend Mono, 20, Mr Gabriel Mekgwe, 21, and Mr Kenneth Kgase, 31, had been accused by Mrs Mandela and members of the so-called Mandela United Football Club of sexual misconduct with Mr Verryn

Stompie had been accused of "selling out" four comrades to police. The four had been shot dead at Parys

Mr Verryn told the court, "After the (informer) allegations about Stompie a meeting was held, and my feeling was that a 14-year-old cannot be held responsible for the decisions of adults. We decided that Stompie should stay in the (church) house"

He did not clarify with whom he had met

Mr Verryn said he had not stayed regularly at the church and on January 7 he had received a telephone call from the pastor of the Central Methodist Church, Mr Alan Ching, telling him Mr Kgase had escaped from the Mandela home and was with him

The hearing continues — Sapa

# Visser grilled on security reports

TIM COHEN

THE advocate acting for the End Conscription Campaign (ECC), Gilbert Marcus, yesterday asked a witness testifying before the Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry why his own name appeared on a personal profile of NUM general secretary Cyril Ramaphosa.

Former Johannesburg City Council security division chief Brig Jan Visser said he was not aware Marcus's name was included in the profile, which was drawn up by the council's information-gathering network before his term of office.

Smiling broadly, Visser agreed Marcus was not a danger to council property or personnel. *B102m 11/5/90*

Marcus placed before the commission the personal profile of Dr Anne Reynold, who was married to Matthew Cobett, a member of the Five Freedoms Forum (FFF) who stood in council elections for the Progressive Federal Party.

Visser said he had no qualms about information on Reynold being gathered by an informant posing as a student.

The profile included the statement: "It seems as if they had adopted a coloured child". Marcus asked Visser what relevance the statement had, and Visser replied it was of no value.

Visser's own advocate, Schalk Burger,

SC, placed on record six reports which included information gathered by council sources relating to the protection of council property or personnel.

Visser confirmed in one of the reports there was information on intimidation by union members, who had threatened that non-compliance with certain union demands would result in the offending worker being "necklaced".

Visser also confirmed that the houses of DP members, including Tony Leon, had on occasion been guarded by council security members.

The security department had also undertaken security arrangements at certain DP meetings, Visser said.

He had given no specific orders for the infiltration of the End Conscription Campaign of the FFF, but he admitted he did not curtail the activities of sources once it became clear they were being "re-searched".

Commission chairman Mr Justice V G Hiemstra said yesterday he still believed the Bar Council should take note of the actions of Advocate Hans Bornman, despite Bornman's objection that he had not advised his client, Martin Hennig, to refuse to testify.

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## Error in Sebokeng report

BUSINESS DAY yesterday incorrectly reported that chairman of the commission of inquiry into the Sebokeng shootings, Mr Justice R Goldstone, had been instructed by Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok to declare the proceedings of the commission be in public.

This was incorrect. Mr Justice Goldstone declared the proceedings open to the public, and his decision was then supported by the Minister's legal representative, Etienne du Toit SC, acting on instructions from the Minister. *B102m 11/5/90 (278)*

Business Day regrets the error and apologises for it.

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# 'Stompie' trial told of Mandela team threat

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A day before four young men were taken from the Orlando West Methodist Church's manse, two of them told the Rev Paul Verryn they had been threatened with the Mandela Football Team because they had refused to wash the dishes.

This evidence was led in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday by Mr Verryn during the trial of Mr Jerry Richardson, 41.

Mr Richardson has pleaded not guilty to four kidnappings, five assaults with intent to commit grievous bodily harm, the murder of teenage activist "Stompie" Sepei and the attempted murder of Mr Andrew Ikageng

## SHARED BEDS

Mr Verryn said he was aware of allegations of sexual misconduct at the manse but said he knew nothing about it. He said about 20 people lived in the three-bedroomed house. Every bed was shared and people also slept on the floor.

In December 1988, Kenneth Kgase, Thabiso Molo, Pelo Mekgwe, Stompie and Xoliswa Fulati lived there. Mr Kgase, a cleaner at the Central Methodist Church, had no place to stay while on leave. Mr Molo and Mr Mekgwe had both been traumatised by detention and Stompie was brought to him by Mr Martin Chaskalson who did part-time work at the attorney's firm Priscilla Jana, Mr Verryn said.

He said there had been a house meeting after an allegation that Stompie was a "sell-out".

"I felt a 14-year-old could not be held responsible for decisions taken by adults. We agreed that he would not leave the house so that there would be no further suspicion."

On December 28 1988, Mr Verryn, who was on leave, called at the manse. Mr Mono and Mr Mekgwe told him Miss Falati had threatened them with the Mandela Football Team. When Mr Verryn spoke to her, she confirmed she had difficulty with the two young men who resisted her discipline. He told her not to call on the team.

On January 7 last year, while still on leave, he received a telephone call and as a result went to the Central Methodist Church. There Kenneth Kgase told him a confused story of events, including an escape from Mrs Winnie Mandela's house. Mr Kgase's face was swollen, one eye was bloodshot and he had about 20 scabs on his back.

Mr Verryn said that at a community meeting in Dobsonville on January 16 last year, Mr Kgase, Mr Mono, Mr Mekgwe and Mr Ikageng gave evidence and a decision was taken that a group of community leaders would try to see Mrs Mandela  
(Proceeding)

# 17 held following witch burnings

CAPE TOWN, 12/5/90  
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**PIETERSBURG** — Seventeen people, including a sangoma, are being held by Lebowa police following a gruesome incident on Wednesday in which six people, alleged to be practitioners of witchcraft, were burnt to death at Makweya village, 20km west of Pietersburg.

Villagers alleged that those killed were responsible for the death of a Std 10 pupil, Reginald Rakwena, who disappeared from his home a week ago. His body was found in a pond.

Lebowa police liaison officer Brigadier Phillip Moloto confirmed the detention of the 17, but could not reveal the names of the dead because their next-of-kin had not yet been informed.

An informed source who requested anonymity said villagers were angered by the disappearance of Reginald, who was last seen by his grandmother on Thursday last week when he was on his way to fetch water for his family from a pond.

He added that on Wednesday, pupils of schools in the village did not report for classes and instead collected money from villagers to finance an inyanga to "sniff out" the witches in the area alleged to have been responsible for Reginald's disappearance. — Sapa

# Vosloo consumer boycott mounts

A VIDEO shop belonging to a Vosloorus councillor was attacked by a group of youths who smashed a window at the weekend, writes MZIKAYISE EDOM.

The video rental outlet, situated at the Lesedi Shopping Centre, is

owned by Mr Sidwell Mofokeng.

Mofokeng declined to comment yesterday.

The attack on Mofokeng's business follows a call to the local community to boycott businesses owned by councillors in the East

Rand township. The community is protesting against their refusal to resign from their posts.

Two youths have been arrested in connection with the incident.

## Boycott

Meanwhile, the boycott of a supermarket owned by chairman of the local chamber of commerce and industries, Mr Justice Radebe, has been

lifted.

This decision was taken at a meeting held between the Lesedi City Tenants Committee, Vosloorus Chamber of Commerce and Industries and Vosloorus Crisis Committee last week.

They also congratulated former mayor Mr Douglas Montsheng on "the bold step" he took by resigning from the council last week.

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# Alex leaders hit out at street justice

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**KANGAROO** or "people's courts" were condemned by community leaders of Alexandra township at a meeting yesterday.

The meeting, attended by about 300 delegates from community organisations, was organised by the Alexandra branch of the United Democratic Front.

It was called to address the escalation of crime and the existence of kangaroo courts in the township.

Delegates said kangaroo courts had no direction, they lacked order and they physically abused people.

Most of these courts were being run by children, who were sentencing people to severe punishments but did not have any legal experience.

The meeting condemned the courts and called on them to stop operating with immediate effect. Delegates also agreed to form a group to monitor police activities in the area.

"People do not see any justice

prevailing and the guilty do not seem to be punished," said Obed Bapela, a spokesman for the group.

The monitoring committee is to liaise with the station commander to address the community's grievances. Bapela appealed to residents to stop taking cases to the youth and the people's courts.

"All serious crime-related cases have to go to the police," he said.

## Committees

He added that neighbourhood watch committees were to be set up in each part of the township. They would be there to prevent crime and violence, but not to resolve problems. They are to be regarded as the "eyes of the community", he said.

The resolutions passed at yesterday's meeting are to be put to a mass meeting of the community to gauge its support for them - Sapa

# Police fire teargas in Tokoza

POLICE yesterday fired teargas into a crowd gathered at the Tokoza stadium on the East Rand where civic association leaders reaffirmed their commitment to a rent boycott in the township

The teargas was fired from two Casspirs patrolling outside the stadium.

No reports of injuries following the attack were received and the meeting continued

After a few tense moments the police left.

Earlier, teargas was also fired in an adjoining township road by police - who also then moved off.

Several thousand Tokoza residents gathered at the stadium for a report-back meeting on a rent

boycott and developments on a commission of inquiry into alleged maladministration and corruption in the Tokoza town council.

Tokoza Civic Association executive member Caswell Khanyile said: "Tokoza residents want to know what has happened to the money - which is in the region of R1,6 million - that has been misappropriated.

"The boycott continues until we get answers."

About 4 000 people who gathered at the stadium were told that negotiations were underway for Tokoza to be able to buy electricity directly from Eskom instead of from the Alberton municipality.

ANC internal leader for the

Vaal Triangle Mr Greg Malebo said the organisation had become involved in talks about talks in response to President FW de Klerk's meeting some of the its demands.

He said the ANC would continue to do so "with or without the PAC". (278)

The Democratic party's Dr Etienne le Roux from nearby Alberton was applauded when he addressed the meeting.

He said: "I am here to tell you that even in Alberton there are non-racial democrats who are on your side.

"Let us build a new country we can all be proud of." - Sapa.

## Boy shot in <sup>278</sup> stoning incident

*Cap. Temb 14/5/90*  
DELMAS — A 14-year-old boy was wounded when a white resident opened fire on a group of black people on the outskirts of Botleng township on Friday night.

A police spokesman said Mr C S Pienaar was off-loading building materials when the group stoned his vehicle.

He fired nine shots with a 9mm pistol and escaped and reported the incident to the police — Sapa



JOHANNESBURG — A state witness in the trial of Mr Jerry Richardson, Mr Andrew Ikaneng, was admitted to Baragwanath Hospital in January last year with a 3cm stab wound in the neck, Dr V M Breckon told the Rand Supreme Court yesterday

Dr Breckon gave evidence in the trial of Mr Richardson, 41, who has pleaded not guilty to the alleged murder of 14-year-old Stompie Moeketsi Seipei, whose decomposed body was found in open veld in Soweto early last year

Mr Richardson has also pleaded not guilty to the attempted murder of Mr Ikaneng, four kidnapping charges and five of assault

Dr Breckon told the court Mr Ikaneng received the stab wound in the left side of the neck, regarded as a dangerous area, close to the major vessels, the oesophagus and the spinal cord. Mr Ikaneng was treated for two weeks

On Friday Mr Ikaneng told the court he was taken by a group of people led by Mr Rich-

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## 'Stompie' trial: Doctor tells of wound

ardson to open veld in Soweto where, he said, Mr Richardson stabbed him with a garden shear blade. Later, after his assailants had left him to die, he was taken by an ambulance to Baragwanath

Evidence given by forensic experts yesterday was that traces of blood were found on Mrs Winnie Mandela's minibus, confiscated near Jan Smuts Airport, and there were also blood traces on a Nissan vehicle and in two outside rooms at Mrs Mandela's house

Forensic experts testified that blood traces were also found on a sjambok and a pair of shoes found by police when they raided Mrs Mandela's house in February last year

The case continues today —

Sapa



Mlungisi Quva claims he was severely assaulted at a kangaroo court in Daveyton.

# Comrades beat up knifeman after stabbing

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By MZIKAYISE EDOM

A 20-year-old Daveyton youth was seriously injured after he was severely assaulted by a group of youths calling themselves the "comrades" at a kangaroo court

The youth said his 'crime' was that he stabbed another youth with a knife at a game of dice

Mlungisi Quva claims he was assaulted for more than three hours with sjamboks, pipes and sticks by about 30 comrades.

He had to receive medical treatment

The matter has been reported to the East Rand police who are investigating

No arrests have been made.

## Paraded

Quva said "I was found guilty without being given a chance to defend myself. They hit me all over the body. It was terrible"

He claims he was paraded in the township's streets after the beating and was told he would be picked up again for more punishment if he "misbehaved" in future.

Two other people were badly beaten up at a kangaroo court in Alexandra township, near Johannesburg, recently after being found guilty on various charges.

# Rail union man is shot in head

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A MEMBER of the South African Railway and Harbours Workers Union was shot in the forehead by a non-union member yesterday at the Braamfontein railway running shed, a Sarhwu official said in Johannesburg.

Mr Phineas Mukhodi, in his late 30s, was taken to Hillbrow Hospital, Sarhwu's media officer, Mr Johannes Ngcobo, claimed.

There was no immediate information available on Mukhodi's condition, but union leaders were on their way to the hospital, Ngcobo said.

"As a result of a new wave of intimidation by non-union workers no one is working at Braamfontein

running shed at present," Ngcobo said.

Sarhwu accused non-union railway workers of violent intimidation, which began on Monday afternoon at Braamfontein when two of their members were allegedly attacked with pangas and ended up having to have stitches for wounds on their heads.

As a result of the tense situation, Transnet management and senior Sarhwu officials agreed to hold an emergency meeting on Tuesday morning.

Transnet spokesman Mr Charles Biggs confirmed a meeting of top management and all other "concerned parties", including Sarhwu, began at 11 30am in Johannesburg.

He declined to comment on the

situation at Braamfontein running shed, except to say Transnet was "one hundred percent aware" of what was going on.

Transnet would most probably comment after the meeting ended, he added.

According to Sarhwu's regional co-ordinator in the Southern Transvaal, Mr Ntai Sello, this week's alleged intimidation of union members followed a recent call by Sarhwu for all railway workers to join the union.

"Large numbers of workers have started joining Sarhwu," he said. "This could be behind the intimidation."

Non-union members were using facilities at the Braamfontein running shed to manufacture weapons, Sello also claimed - Sapa.





Ikageng township near Potchefstroom was tense yesterday as hundreds of homeless people continued to build shacks in an area they have claimed as their own, despite a council order that they should leave the area. Hundreds of youths roamed the streets, apparently in anticipation of police action. The youths also burnt a tyre in one of the streets. **278** Pic by LEN KUMALO

Sowetan 16/5/90

## Cops shoot 2 in township

CAPE TOWN 16/5/76 (276)  
MAOKENG, Kroonstad — Police shot two people in Maokeng township yesterday, SAP liaison officer Major Reg Crew confirmed.

He said a crowd of about 1 000 people surrounded policemen patrolling the township in a private vehicle and threw stones and a petrol bomb at them. The policemen used shotgun fire to disperse the crowd and a man and a youth were killed. — Sapa

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## Violence flares among unions at Railnet yard

MATTHEW CURTIN

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VIOLENCE flared at the Braamfontein railway yards in Johannesburg on Monday as rivalry between different unions continued in the aftermath of the 1989 Sats strike

SA Harbour, Rail and Allied Workers' Union (Sahrwu) regional coordinator Ntai Sello said union members were attacked by panga-wielding non-union members on Monday afternoon. Two unionists were injured.

In a second incident a man had been shot in the head, Sello said. Phineas Mukhodi, who is in his late thirties, was taken to the Hillbrow Hospital.

A Witwatersrand police spokesman confirmed the incident. Mukhodi was in a serious condition and police were investigating the incident.

The situation at the railway yards was tense yesterday, Sello said. He attributed the trouble to Black Trade Union (Blatu) resentment over a Sahrwu recruitment drive, and called for all railway workers to join the union.

He alleged 500 non-union members, some from Germiston, had congregated for the second consecutive day and used a Braamfontein running shed to manufacture weapons.

Blatu members and Railnet supervisors had mobilised non-union members to intimidate Sahrwu workers, Sello claimed.

Railnet labour relations director Jan Bredenkamp would not comment on the situation yesterday.

Railnet held an emergency meeting with union representatives all day yesterday. Bredenkamp said Railnet would make a statement today after processing union statements this morning.

Sello said industrial relations between Sahrwu and Railnet management were excellent. Labour relations managers realised the extent of the problem and both sides were trying to normalise the situation.

But the problems lay with lower management, supervisors in particular, who had not taken heed of new initiatives.



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# 'Trojan horse' shooting alleged as police kill two

The Argus Correspondent

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JOHANNESBURG — Two people were shot dead by police and an unknown number were injured in Kroonstad's Maokeng township, allegedly in a "Trojan horse" type operation

Witnesses to yesterday's shootings and police gave fundamentally different accounts of the incident

Mr Biza Makhate, a Detainees Parents Support Committee field worker in Kroonstad, said that a Protea Furnishers truck carrying police hidden under rags on the back entered the township about 5.30pm

## SITUATION "TENSE"

"A crowd of about 60 to 80 people, mainly youths, began stoning the vehicle," Mr Makhate said.

"The police threw off the rags and started shooting. Two people died. I don't know how many people were injured."

Mr Makhate said he got his

information from witnesses, some of whom "were very near to the bodies"

He said the situation in Maokeng at 6.30pm was "still very tense", adding that gunfire continued to be heard

In a statement to Sapa last night, police liaison officer Major Reg Crewe confirmed that a man and a youth were killed by police

He said police patrolling the township in a "private vehicle" were surrounded by a crowd of about 1 000 who threw stones and a petrol bomb at them

The police dispersed the crowd with shotgun fire and a man and a youth were killed. No injuries were reported to the police

Mr Makhate said the injured were taken to the Boitumelo Hospital where they were treated. Last night the hospital's superintendent, a Dr Oosthuizen, refused to comment

# I was amazed to find Stompie had fled, says coach

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — The former coach of Mrs Winnie Mandela's football team told the Rand Supreme Court yesterday that he was "amazed" to find that teenage activist Stompie Seipei had disappeared overnight from the room in which he and four others were sleeping.

Mr Richardson, 41, denied he had killed Stompie when he took the witness stand yesterday.

The former coach said that on the night of January 1, he, Stompie, Mr Kenneth Kgase, Mr Barend Thabiso Mono and Mr Gabriel Pelo Mekingwe and a member of the football team known as Slash, had gone to sleep in the room.

When they awoke Stompie was "absent", he said.

"I tried to look for him. I thought he might be in the toilet or another room, but I couldn't find him."

"We were amazed for the whole day because we did not

know where he was."

Mr Richardson denied testimony by Mr Mekingwe, Mr Mono and Mr Kgase that he had taken Stompie away the night before after the teenager was told he was being taken home.

Mr Richardson has pleaded not guilty to Stompie's murder and kidnapping the 14-year-old activist, Mr Mono, Mr Kgase and Mr Mekingwe from the Rev Paul Verryn's house and assaulting them while questioning them about alleged sexual misconduct with Mr Verryn.

He pleaded not guilty to a further count of attempted murder.

He also denied that Mrs Mandela was present when the four youths were questioned about allegations of sexual misconduct or that she assaulted them.

Mr Mono, Mr Kgase and Mr Mekingwe have all testified that they were assaulted by Mrs Mandela after she accused them of sleeping with Mr Verryn.

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## WARNING TO POLICE ON VIOLENCE

PRETORIA — Commissioner of Police Gen Johan van der Merwe has urged policemen not to become involved in acts of unlawful violence.

Speaking at the police riot control training base at Maleoskop near Groblersdal yesterday, Van der Merwe said too often young policemen became embroiled in unlawful violence.

Parents, too, in moments of strong emotion, sometimes made statements that planted the seeds of violence in young hearts. This, he said, could lead to death and destruction

He was addressing the first "clearing out" parade of conscripts undergoing their national service in the police.

While it could be expected of policemen to exercise a certain amount of violence in the course of their duties, this had to be committed with the greatest circumspection and with the knowledge that human lives were precious.

But he warned that the SAP stood united against crime of any nature and the force would leave no stone unturned to apprehend criminals. — Sapa.

## Inquiry sees videos of Sebokeng violence 278

VEREENIGING — The Goldstone judicial commission of inquiry into the violence in the Vaal Triangle townships on March 26 started hearing its first evidence yesterday at the Vereeniging council chambers

The investigating officer, Lt D S Cilliers of the Sebokeng SAP detective branch, and Sebokeng station commander, Col O Mazibuko, were both due to testify

Video material was submitted from CBS, BBC, ITN television, the SAP and a Mr Deysel of Vereeniging

At least 12 people died and about 300 were injured in clashes between police and demonstrators at 11 different sites. Seven policemen were also injured.

The main incidents took place in front of

the Sondela brewery in Sebokeng between 11am and noon during the all-day events.

The estimated crowd of 50 000 UDF demonstrators had allegedly planned a march to the Vereeniging business district to present petitions to NP MP Tom Gunning and the Transvaal Education Department offices against what they termed inferior black education.

The videos showed how police negotiated, then asked the crowd to disperse, fired teargas and, when this failed to disperse the people, fired shotguns and rubber bullets.

Mr Justice R J Goldstone is chairing the commission. — Sapa.

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# Sebokeng inquiry told of burst of gunfire

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — Only minutes after leaving the scene where he had been handed a memorandum at a large gathering in Sebokeng in March this year, Colonel Paddy Mazibuku, station commander of the Sebokeng police, heard a short burst of gunfire, the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry was told

Soon afterwards the "shocked" colonel said he saw crowds of people thronging to the entrance of Sebokeng Hospital. He saw blood in the road in front of him and shoes, branches, kerries, sticks, iron pipes and bricks scattered around, Colonel Mazibuku said yesterday on the first day of the inquiry into the Sebokeng shooting. It is under the chairmanship of Mr Justice R G Goldstone

The shooting occurred after a proposed march by the UDF and affiliated organisations through Vereeniging was halted by police on March 26

Colonel Mazibuku said the gathering was to assemble at the Vereeniging Showgrounds from

where they would march to the offices of the National Party MP in Vereeniging

Colonel Mazibuku testified that on March 26 he had started patrolling at 4am. He saw people moving towards the bus terminals in Adam's Road, Evaton, and to a community hall in Sebokeng

### Hear loud noise

Several hours later Colonel Mazibuku said he was in his office when three of the organisers of the march approached him to receive a memorandum in Sebokeng

They were still discussing the issue when they heard a loud noise in Moshoeshoe Street. After everyone had dashed out of the office they drove to the gathering where "more than 45 minutes was spent trying to cool the spirit of the multitudes. But it was evident the crowds were uncontrollable," Colonel Mazibuku stated

He was later asked to move backwards towards a police cordon, which had been erected without his knowledge, so that those at the back of the crowd could see the memorandum being handed to him

"Those in front were quite hap-

py, they even clapped us, but there was a force which kept pushing from behind. I interpreted the crowds feelings to be mixed"

Soon after receiving the memorandum, Colonel Mazibuku left in his car

"About 500m away from the scene I suddenly heard a short burst of gunfire. I was shocked and turned back towards the crowd. They were already thronging the entrance of the hospital"

Asked by Mr Johan du Toit, who is leading the evidence in the inquiry, whether he had at any time seen people throwing stones at the police or heard them chanting that they were going to kill the police, the colonel replied "No, not in my presence"

The inquiry continues today



JOHANNESBURG — Police were not called in after teenage activist Stompie Moeketsi Seipei disappeared from the house of Mrs Winnie Mandela because she was not at her house at that stage, the Rand Supreme Court was told yesterday

Mr Jerry Richardson, 41, testified he did not call in the police then because he had decided to wait for Mrs Mandela to return home and report the matter to her.

Mr Richardson has pleaded not guilty to the murder of Stompie, the attempted murder of Mr Andrew Ikanéng of Soweto, four kidnapping

# Accused 'waited to tell Winnie about Stompie'

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charges and five of assault.

Stompie's decomposed body was found in open veld in Soweto early last year

Mr Richardson told the court Mrs Mandela had gone to the Free State when the four young men were removed by a group of people led by himself

from a Soweto Methodist Church and taken to Mrs Mandela's Soweto house

Earlier evidence was that Mrs Mandela was at her house when the young men were taken there, and that she had taken part in the assaults on them

Under cross-examination by the prosecutor,

Mr L C J Van Vuuren, Mr Richardson told the court he was concerned about Stompie's disappearance. They had searched for him unsuccessfully

Mr Richardson admitted punching and slapping the four young men, but denied that they sustained serious injuries

He said he had kept the young men at Mrs Mandela's house for the Rev Paul Verryn to counter allegations that the priest had homosexual relationships with the young men at his church

The hearing continues today. — Sapa

# Probe sees videos of Vaal violence

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**THE Goldstone judicial commission of inquiry into the violence in the Vaal Triangle townships on March 26 1990 viewed videos and started hearing its first evidence yesterday at the Vereeniging council chambers.**

The Investigating Officer, Lt D S Cilliers of the Sebokeng SA Police detective branch, and Sebokeng station commander, Colonel O Mazibuko, were due to testify all day.

Video material was submitted from CBS, BBC, ITN television, the SA Police and a Mr

Deysel of Vereeniging.

These show the march and the violence that day which were filmed by both the SAP and the foreign and local news sources.

Chairing the commission is Mr Justice R J Goldstone. The commission is expected to sit for about four weeks to hear evidence - all in public - about the violent incidents at Sebokeng, Boipatong, Sharpeville, Bophelong, and Evaton known by the combined name of Lekoa

At least 12 people died and many (the exact total is yet to be established) were injured in clashes

between police and demonstrators, which took place at 11 different sites - identified in detail at the commission yesterday.

Seven policemen were also injured that day.

## Petition

The main incidents took place in front of the Sondela brewery in Sebokeng with the day's events starting at 6 45am.

About 50 000 demonstrators who convened from all the townships had allegedly planned a march to the Vereeniging business district to present petitions to

NP MP Mr Tom Gunning and the Transvaal Education Department offices.

The petitions, containing various grievances about black education, were eventually handed over to Sebokeng police station commander, Col Mazibuko.

The violence that day in the Vaal Triangle townships was cited among the reasons for the ANC to call off its first planned talks with the De Klerk government - originally due on April 11. The ANC-NP plans to hold "talks about talks" were resumed after April 18, when De Klerk announced the judicial inquiry. - Sapa



Commission sees  
videos of unrest

VEREENIGING — The Goldstone Judicial Commission of Inquiry into violence in Vaal Triangle townships on March 28, 1990, viewed videos and started hearing its first evidence yesterday at the Vereeniging council chambers

The investigating officer, Lieutenant D S Cilliers, of the Sebokeng detective branch and Sebokeng station commander Colonel O Mazibuko were both due to testify all day.

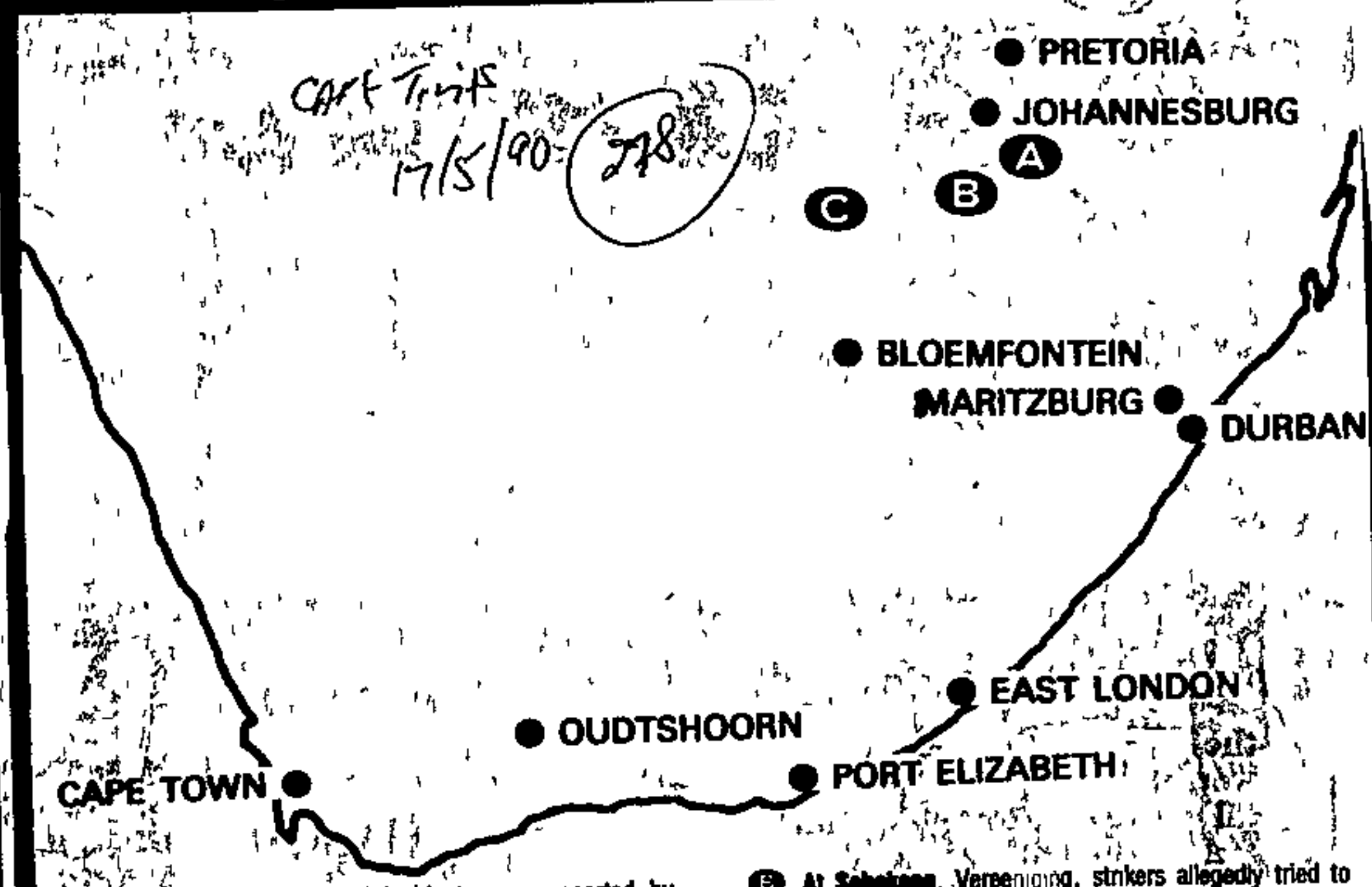
Video material of the march and the violence was submitted from CBS, BBC, ITN television, the police and a Mr Deysel of Vereeniging. Five different groups of demonstrators had gathered in the townships and started marching towards Vereeniging that day, according to the video footage.

The main incidents took place in Sebokeng between 11am and noon.

An estimated crowd of 50 000 UDF demonstrators had allegedly planned a march to the Vereeniging business district to present petitions to NP MP Mr Tom Gunning and the Transvaal Education Department offices against what they termed inferior black education.

The videos showed how police negotiated, then asked the crowd to disperse, fired teargas and, when this failed to disperse them, fired shotguns and rubber bullets. Scenes of people taking away wounded in private vehicles were also shown — Sapa

# UNREST: POLICE REPORT



THE following unrest-related incidents were reported by police over the past 24 hours.

② At **Belleng, Delmas**, a clinic and a beer hall were set alight. Policemen fired pistols at attackers who petrol-bombed their homes. A police vehicle was stoned and petrol-bombed. Teargas was used. A crowd stoned and petrol-bombed the administration board offices. Municipal police dispersed them with shotgun fire. A crowd stoned a police foot patrol, injuring a policeman who was hit by a bottle. Birdshot was used to disperse the crowd. A policeman shot a man allegedly about to petrol-bomb the policeman's home.

③ At **Sabatong, Vereeniging**, strikers allegedly tried to intimidate non-striking workers. Two security guards were assaulted by the strikers.

④ At **Ilagang, Potchefstroom**, a group of youths petrol-bombed the mayor's house. Municipal policemen dispersed them with shotgun fire. A police vehicle was stoned and petrol-bombed. A passing private vehicle was struck by the petrol-bomb. Police used rubber bullets to disperse the crowd. A crowd who stoned a police vehicle were dispersed with rubber bullets. Five youths were arrested. A crowd stopped a bus, removed the driver and set the vehicle alight.

# Soweto gangs start fierce battle

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## Shaft shut at Welkom clash mine



**PRESIDENT** Steyn  
Number 1 Shaft in Welkom has been closed in terms of the Mines and Works Act to secure the safety of all employees, Anglo American announced yesterday.

The closure follows a violent clash between mineworkers and mine security on Wednesday afternoon in which two men died and several were injured.

Of the four company officials injured two are in hospital, one in a serious but stable condition, Anglo said in a

statement. Fourteen marchers were also injured. Eight are in hospital, three in a serious but stable condition.

"The incident is the subject of a criminal investigation by the South African Police.

"The shaft will be re-opened when employees indicate a clear commitment to peaceful and orderly work practices," the statement said.

It said mine management was meeting all parties concerned.

## TWO Soweto gangsters were shot dead during a fierce gun battle between two rival gangs this week.

One of the dead was Mandla Skosana (24), a member of a gang in Jabulani, and the other unnamed youth was a member of the Ninja gang in Zola.

Both were killed in Jabulani on Wednesday. The township was tense yesterday.

A spokesman for the Soweto police, Lieutenant G Marimuthoo, confirmed the incident and said police were still investigating. He said no arrests had been made.

Five gangsters have been killed since the war between the rival gangs started last month - three Ninja members and two from the other gang.

Residents told *Sowetan* yesterday the gang war started after two Ninja members were killed last month. This had sparked off a spate of revenge attacks in the

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## Soweto mobs in fierce battle

BY MZIKAYISE EDOM

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TO prove that each person's contribution, no matter how small, can make a difference to the Earth's survival, Sowetan and Pick 'n Pay have launched a Green Week competition. Supplement inside.

## NOW 2 die in gang war

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two townships.

Two weeks ago, Brian "Guzu" Zondo, of Jabulani, was shot dead. He was buried last weekend.

Skosana's family said he was confronted by members of the rival gang at a shop. "They chased

him into a nearby house where they cornered him. He was shot several times," a family spokesman said.

The Zola gangster was shot dead not far from Skosana's home an hour later.

Yesterday no funeral arrangements had been made for Skosana.

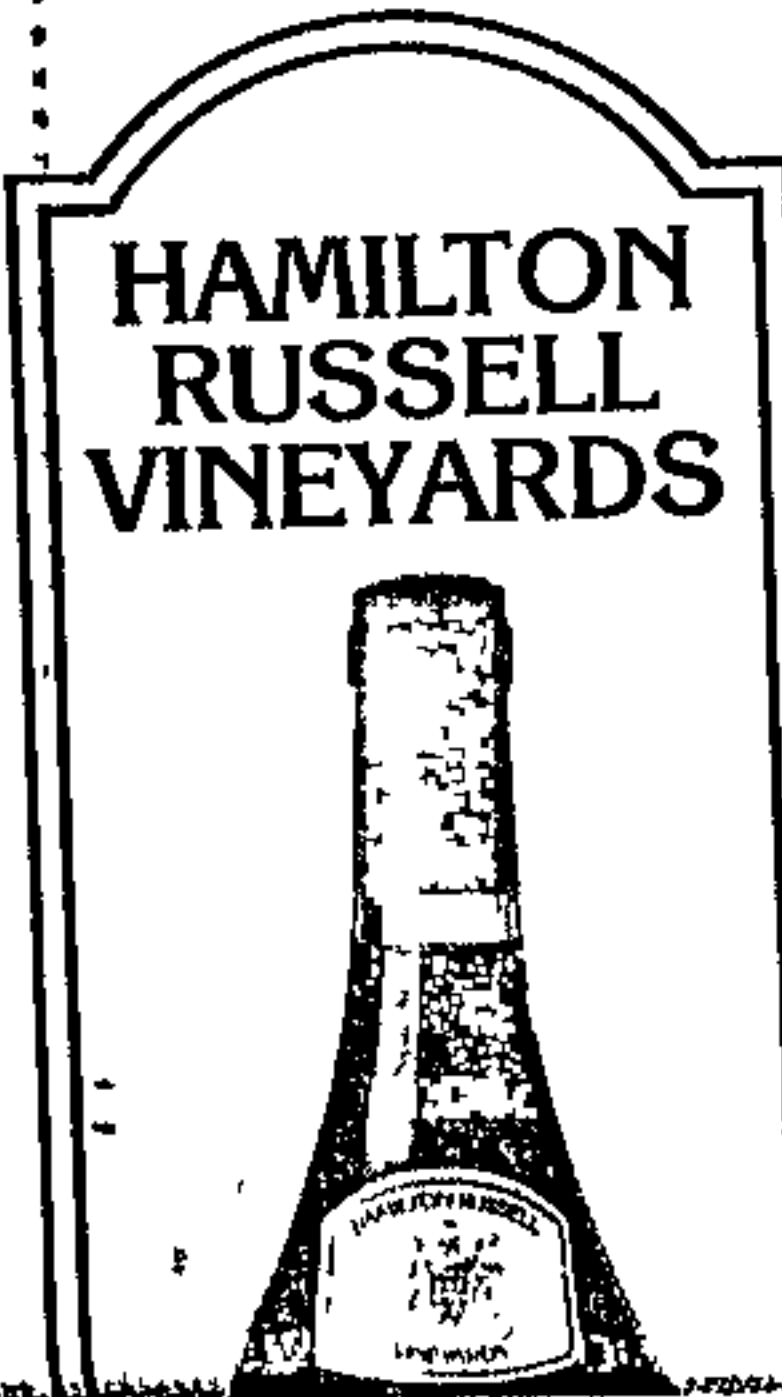
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## Residents 'did not know of ban on march'

VEREENIGING — Two days before the unauthorised march in Sebokeng on March 26 which ended in tragedy with the deaths of 12 people, the Vereeniging municipality distributed pamphlets and posters informing Lekoa residents the event had been prohibited *by 18/5/90.*

The Goldstone Commission of inquiry into the violence during the march was told by Sebokeng police station commander Col Othniel Mazibuko that when he inspected the prominent places where the placards had been posted, they had all been removed. As a result there was no way of informing residents the march had been cancelled.

He said he had been handed a memorandum by the marchers and had promised to

deliver it to the NP offices in Vereeniging. A Capt du Plooy of the Reaction Unit asked him for the memorandum "for the big boss in the helicopter who wanted to read it" (Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok had been circling overhead in a police helicopter.)

He had a heated argument with Du Plooy as he had promised the people he would take the memorandum to the NP offices. However, he handed the memo over as he thought the instruction to do so came from the helicopter. *(278)*

"That's why I moved away so quickly in the direction of Vereeniging. The crowd would disperse when they saw me go to Vereeniging," Mazibuko said — Sapa



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# Vaal riot probe hears of shots

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The Goldstone judicial commission of inquiry into violence in Vaal Triangle townships on March 26 this year yesterday

## SAPA

heard more evidence from the Sebokeng police station commander.

On Wednesday, the first two police witnesses were introduced and the commission watched videos of the violent events on March 26

The police investigating officer, Lt C L Cilliers, and Sebokeng's station commander, Colonel Othniel Paddy Mazibuko, also testified

The estimated crowd of 50 000 UDF demonstrators had allegedly planned an unauthorised march to the Vereeniging central business district to present petitions to NP MP Tom Gunning and the Transvaal Education Department offices on March 26

Mazibuko testified he had not been asked to make a written statement until April 30 although he had been the most senior police officer at the scene at that time

Du Plooy as Mazibuko had "promised the people to take the memorandum to the National Party offices"

Du Plooy was in radio contact with the helicopter and he believed that these must have been instructions from the helicopter

Mazibuko said he eventually handed over the memorandum so that Du Plooy could "take it to the chopper"

Advocate George Bizos, for some of those killed "With two senior police officers arguing about this memorandum, the lives of police could not have been in great danger?"

Mazibuko: "The crowd were not violent

while I was there and I agree that this is true"

The crowd was stretched out about two km from the blockade and the marshalls had difficulty controlling the people in the back, he said He felt it was safe to leave.

He testified that "after travelling only about 500 metres" towards Vereeniging he heard a short burst of gunfire

"I was shocked and turned back What I found was the crowds thronging into the Sebokeng hospital I saw a pool of blood but no injured or dead people - on the street. Shoes were scattered, knobkieries, iron pipes, many broken stones lay everywhere" - Sapa

## Facts

He was summoned the Friday following March 26 to "give the facts which were required by the Commissioner of Police"

The station commander testified he had "negotiated a peaceful dispersal" of the crowd on March 26 with the UDF-Cosatu marshalls and organisers - only to be confronted with a Reaction Unit road-block which he had not been told was in the area under his command

Mazibuko had been handed the memorandum to the NP MP from the marchers - which he promised to deliver to the National Party offices in downtown Vereeniging.

## Helicopter

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(Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok had been circling overhead in a police helicopter)

Mazibuko had a "heated argument" with

# Richardson admits murder attempt

JOHANNESBURG. — The one-time coach of the so-called Mandela United Football Club, Mr Jerry Richardson, 41, yesterday admitted he had tried to murder a Soweto man, Mr Andrew Ikaneng, but he denied murdering teenage activist "Stompie" Moketsi Seipei

He has pleaded not guilty to the murder of Stompie, the attempted murder of Mr Ikaneng, four kidnapping charges and five of assault

Under cross-examination Mr Richardson admitted in the Rand Supreme Court he had tried to murder Mr Ikaneng.

Earlier he had said Mr Ikaneng had tried to escape after taking football jerseys without his permission

● Giving evidence yesterday, Ms Xoliswa Falati said one of the young men accommodated by the Reverend Paul Verryn at his Soweto Methodist Church had vowed to kill Mr Verryn because the priest had allegedly abused him sexually.

Ms Falati told the court the young man, Katiswa Cebekhulu, told her on December 29 1988 he was going to stab and kill Mr Verryn because the priest had abused him sexually one night at the church

The trial continues — Sapa



# Colonel weeps at Sebokeng inquiry

MINUTES before Sebokeng residents were shot dead by shotguns Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok was circling overhead in a police helicopter the Goldstone Commission of Enquiry heard this week.

Giving evidence before the commission into violence in Vaal townships on March 26, Colonel Omiel Paddy Mazibuko said the crowd — gathered at the Sebokeng township exit and intending to march to Vereeniging — was not violent.

Most of the bloodshed occurred when police fired on the crowd while they were waiting to march. At least 12 people died and hundreds were injured.

Mazibuko, who wept as he recounted his version of the events of March 26, said he had negotiated a peaceful dispersal of the crowd with the UDF-Cosatu officials, and had agreed to hand over the marcher's memorandum to the National Party offices in Vereeniging.

However he said he was then confronted with a reaction unit roadblock which he had not been told was under his command. He said a Cap-

tain du Plooy of the unit asked for the memorandum "for the big boss in the helicopter who wanted to read it".

Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok had been circling overhead in a police helicopter and had been in radio contact with Du Plooy.

Under cross-examination by advocate George Bizos SC, acting for some of the families of the 12 people killed by police, Mazibuko agreed that the lives of the police, who were arguing about where the marchers

memorandum should be delivered, were not in danger.

Mazibuko said he handed over the memorandum. He testified that at this stage the crowd stretched about two kilometres from the blockade, and the marshals had difficulty controlling the crowd.

However, he felt it was safe to leave and after travelling about 500m towards Vereeniging he heard a short burst of gunfire: "I was shocked and turned back. What I found was the

crowds thronging into the Sebokeng Hospital. I saw a pool of blood but no injured or dead people on the street; shoes, knobkerries, iron pipes and many broken stones lay scattered on the street."

Mazibuko said he knew nothing of an alleged "unknown person in shortsleeves among the police lineup" who had allegedly fired into the crowd with a shotgun and them mysteriously disappeared. He denied knowing any of the police officers at the roadblock.

Post mortem results showed that most of the dead had shotgun pellets in their bodies and heads. — Sapa

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# Colonel discounts <sup>CAPE TIMES 18/5/90</sup> 'mystery man' <sup>(1978)</sup>

VEREENIGING — Sebokeng police station commander Colonel Paddy Mazibuko yesterday denied any knowledge of "a mystery man" in short sleeves who apparently disappeared from a police cordon after firing a shot into a crowd of marchers in Sebokeng on March 26

Col Mazibuko told the Goldstone commission during cross-examination by Mr George Bizos, SC, for relatives of the dead and injured, that he would not have allowed any person in a police cordon if his identity was unknown.

Referring to events which took place before the shooting which left an estimated 17 people dead, Col Mazibuko said he was anxious to leave the gathering after a memorandum had been presented to him, as he had promised the organisers of the march he would present it to the NP offices in Vereeniging

However, a "heated argument" arose over the memorandum between him and a Captain du Plooy of the Vanderbijlpark riot unit

The captain insisted on taking the memorandum, saying he would give it to the "big boss" (apparently Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok) circling overhead in a helicopter

"I told Capt du Plooy the crowd was going to disperse as soon as the memorandum was being handed to the MP. That's why I moved away," Col Mazibuko said

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# 4 burnt to death in blaze

PRETORIA. — A man, a woman and two girls were burnt to death, and another man and a boy suffered severe burns when the squatter shack in which they were sleeping at Maokeng, near Kroonstad, was set alight on Wednesday night

Police said yesterday a black man had been arrested and would be charged soon

● The killing of two young men in Kroonstad earlier this week added yet another chapter in the "indictment of brutality" against members of the SAP, UDF spokesman Mr Murphy Morobe said yesterday — Sapa



# Witnesses differ about Winnie

JOHANNESBURG — Conflicting evidence about Mrs Winnie Mandela's whereabouts at the time teenage activist Stompie Moeketsi Seipei disappeared was given in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday, the last day of the defence case

Mr Jerry Richardson, 41, former coach of the so-called Mandela United Football Team, has pleaded not guilty of the murder of 14-year-old Stompie, whose decomposed body was found in open veld in Soweto early last year

He has also pleaded not guilty to the attempted murder of a Soweto man, Mr Andrew Ikaneng, four kidnapping charges and five of assault.

Evidence yesterday was that Mrs Mandela was in the Free State on December 29, 1988, when Stompie, Mr Barend Mono, 20, Mr Gabriel Mekgwe, 21, and Mr Kenneth Kgase, 30, were allegedly kidnapped from the Rev Paul Verryn's Soweto church and kept "prisoner" at Mrs Mandela's house

Mrs Norah Moahluli of Brandfort, Free State, testified that Mrs Mandela arrived in Brandfort on December 29, 1988, and left again on December 31, after consulting leaders of various community projects in the area

But political activist Ms Xoliswa Falati testified that Mrs Mandela was at her Soweto home on December 29,

1988, and that she and Mrs Mandela had taken a young man to a Soweto medical practitioner, Dr Abu-baker Asvat, for treatment the same day

Ms Falati, who had been staying at Mr Verryn's church at the time, said Katiswa Cebekhulu had complained to her that Mr Verryn had abused him sexually

Dr Asvat was gunned down in January last year Ms Falati said he had been killed to destroy evidence which could prove Mr Verryn engaged in homosexuality

When the prosecutor, Mr L C J van Vuuren, put it to her that Dr Asvat was shot dead in a robbery, Ms Falati said "It is a vivid lie"

She also told the court that Johannesburg lawyer Mr Ismael Ayob had suggested to her last year that Mr Mono and Mr Mekgwe were "sell-outs" and that Mr Nelson Mandela, then in Victor Verster Prison, wanted to have them moved from the Mandela home

Yesterday Mr Richardson's lawyers handed in to court a letter indicating that Mrs Mandela had been advised by lawyers not to give evidence in the murder trial

The defence closed its case and the hearing will continue on Monday — Sapa



# Whites 'back integration'

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## Boksburg:

# Dramatic shift for fa

Boksburg has become the symbol of apartheid — yet it could become the first town to create an integrated system of local government in South Africa. Weekend Argus reporter GRAHAM LIZAMORE examines the implications of a comprehensive study that was made of the town.

**BOKSBURG**, the East Rand town known internationally as the symbol of apartheid after rightwing thuggery against blacks who tried to use the town's lake, could become the first racially integrated municipality in South Africa

A study of the troubled town has revealed that a majority of Boksburg's 80 000 whites would support a single multiracial municipality, it also showed that the town conformed to the guidelines set recently by the State President for the establishment of integrated municipalities

The results of the study conducted by the Policy Research Unit of the American Chamber of Commerce are also significant in view of two crucial by-elections within the next six weeks which should see the National Party wrest control from the Conservative Party's destructive stranglehold on the town

If successful, the National Party is certain to consider an integrated municipality to renew interest and investor confidence in the town

However, if the CP retains control of the town council, the government might well exert pressure on the council to integrate so that it can exploit the instant national and international publicity that a multiracial Boksburg municipality would generate

The findings could have far-reaching implications for the rest of the country where the question of mixed municipalities has to be addressed

### Far-reaching effects

Integrated systems of local government are seen as a vital stepping stone to power sharing at central government level

Dr Phillip Frankel, of the Department of Political Studies at the University of the Witwatersrand, who was invited to conduct the study, said the findings would have far-reaching effects not only for Boksburg but on all municipalities in South Africa

Before President FW de Klerk left for Europe he paved the way for open cities by calling on all interested parties and groupings to begin negotiations for new systems of local government

When he opened the congress of the Cape Municipal Association in Port Elizabeth, President De Klerk said municipalities should consider integration if it was economically and administratively feasible and if it had the support of the community

This, says Dr Frankel, is exactly what his research has shown

The American Chamber of Commerce conducted the research because there are a number of American corporations on the East Rand and two giants, Colgate Palmolive and Lever Brothers are in Boksburg itself



Forward into the future ... Clement Padiachy and Jaap van Veen have broken down racial fences as neighbours in Boksburg.

Colgate alone contributes more than a third of the town's taxes

When the Boksburg crisis began almost two years ago the American Chamber of Commerce felt it had to know what was going on in Boksburg so it could make recommendations to its companies in the area

The first part of the study included an opinion poll where whites were asked if they would be prepared to admit the coloured people of Reiger Park into the municipality and share power at local level. There are about 40 000 coloured in Reiger Park

"We were very surprised. Fifty-four percent said they were willing to consider power sharing with the coloured people"

But another surprise was in the offing

At the time President De Klerk made his speech to the Cape Municipal Association congress, Dr Frankel had just completed the final part of the study

"We had to look at the feasibility of an integrated single municipality in Boksburg to see if it would make economic and administrative sense"

### Exercise power

Dr Frankel found there could never be a normalisation of race relations in Boksburg unless the people of Reiger Park were allowed to exercise power in the municipality

He also found that contrary to popular opinion



Flashback to a darker

the consumer boycott did not result from the exclusion of blacks from Boksburg Lake. What angered the coloured people was the refusal of whites to accept them as members of the Boksburg community by excluding them from decision-making at local government level

"This is what they have campaigned for and unless the white community recognises this desire to share power at local level there can be no reasonable race relations in the town," Dr Frankel said

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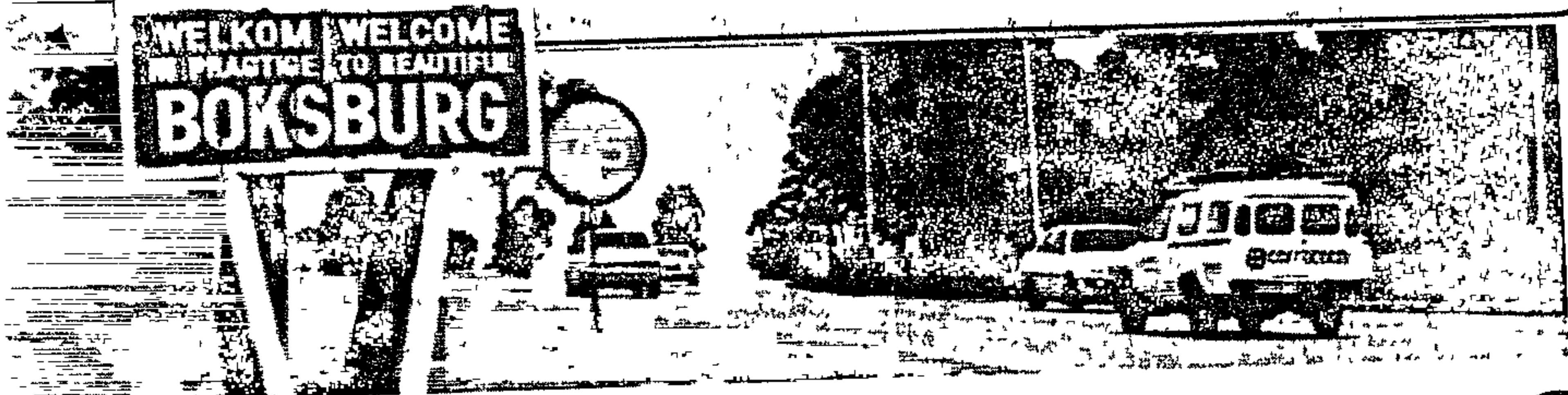
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# for far-right town?



Jaap and Jaap as neighbours

Flashback to a darker past ... Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging members clash with black picnickers at Boksburg lake in December.

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burg," the Wits political scientist said.

But the overall significance of the research was that Boksburg could become the first integrated municipality because it is the first town to meet the State President's demands for economic and administrative viability. At the same time a majority of Boksburg's whites have shown support for a mixed system of local government.

"Our findings showed that anything except a single municipality does not make sense," Dr Frankel said.

Standing in the way of a single municipality is a massive ideological barrier in the form of a CP-dominated town council.

Dr Frankel has proposed a number of strategies to break down barriers.

### Government intervention

He says the central government should take a more strongly interventionist position on Boksburg simply because a single mixed municipality in Boksburg would have enormous international publicity value because it stood as a symbol of apartheid.

The business community has to sit down with people of other races and start negotiations on power sharing — on the basis of the findings of the American Chamber of Commerce study the time is right.

The study also showed that during the 14-month consumer boycott which ranked as a milestone in

protest politics, there was considerable sympathy for the coloured community.

Also, the first glimmering of pragmatism is beginning to stir among the Conservative Party faithful in the town.

The study found that the CP did not have a problem with the opening of the CBD to all races. This change of heart was not confined to Boksburg but also apparent in other towns including Rustenburg.

### Massive hurdle

The reason. A lot of people in the CBD in Boksburg were CP supporters and they were the hardest hit during the consumer boycott.

But even if Boksburg integrates with Reiger Park another massive hurdle awaits the town. How to involve the blacks of Vosloorus in some form of political representation in a single council?

The present white population of 80 000 was twice the size of the coloured group which meant one man, one vote was possible without white interests being damaged.

But there were 150 000 to 200 000 blacks in Vosloorus which indicated a need for a temporary two-tier council system (to allay white fears) which would eventually lead to universal franchise.

The important thing at this stage is that if Boksburg takes the lead, other municipalities will follow.



# Man assaulted in street, says wife

PRETORIA — A resident of the Eersterus "coloured" suburb near here was allegedly assaulted by three white men early yesterday.

His wife told a local newspaper the man had to plead for his life

"His attackers wanted to lock him in the boot of a car so they could take him to a lonely place and kill him," she said

Her husband, who works at

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night as a computer operator, was walking with a friend down Van der Walt Street in central Pretoria about 4 50am on his way to get a taxi home

A car occupied by three white men pulled up next to them. Both men suspected trouble and started running

"The men chased my husband in their car after his friend managed to get away," said the wife

"One of the men in the car pointed a gun at my husband and threatened to shoot him if he didn't stop"

All three men punched and kicked her husband, she said

As the victim staggered backwards from a punch he turned and ran to safety

He was later treated at H F Verwoerd Hospital for severe cuts and bruises — Sapa

# BOOK REVIEWS

FOR the first time someone has had the guts to lay bare the fruits of ideological intolerance that rocked Soweto following the disastrous Senator Edward Kennedy visit.

The parties in this newly released book are members of the Azanian People's Organisation and the United Democratic Front, both committed to the black man's liberation.

What is surprising however, is that what Rian Malan has documented has been known by every journalist in Johannesburg. But in the author's words "No newspaper that I know of printed it. Why? Because white reporters and Editors did not want to be branded racists."

Azapo's George Wauchope said black reporters on the other hand, were paralysed by fear.

After reading the 349 page book, I was amazed at the bravery of this young white boy I also knew some of the atrocities Malan mentioned, but I always tried to rationalise why I should not write about them.

## Conflicts

Although one may not agree totally with Malan, he helps the reader to fathom the conflicts in the black community.

This book should make black journalists ashamed of themselves. Drawing from his courage, black reporters should expose the other unfold miseries that have been going on in the community in the name of the struggle.

The first question from the Press, of course, is why should black activists suddenly turn on one another?

In the book, Muntu Myeza said it was not only difficult for outsiders to understand why blacks were at each other's

# Unravelling the conflict in the black community

MY TRAITOR'S HEART by Rian Malan (Distributed by Random Century) Reviewed by Mokgadi Pela

throats, "it is difficult for ourselves"

Malan said the rivalry between the UDF and Azapo was initially peaceful. "Then in 1985 Ted Kennedy came to South Africa at the invitation of the UDF's clerical leaders and the real trouble began.

"The Reverend Allan Boesak and Bishop Tutu felt that such a visit would focus international attention on the freedom struggle.

"Azapo was incensed, it wanted to know what kind of black men, not to mention socialists, would go to bed with a white millionaire from Boston.

"In radical circles in South Africa, this was the worst insult imaginable. There were angry confrontations, brawls and fist fights," Malan said.

A few days thereafter the feud between Azapo and UDF spread to other parts of the country.

"At the end of 1986 the Institute of Race Relations released statistics which counted only 79 perceived collaborators among 1 302 unrest fatalities, thereby wearing thin the claim that blacks who died at the hands of their brothers were all collaborators or sell-outs."

The book also recounts the tragedy of 32 black women who were

hurled alive into pits of flame in Sekhukhuniland in the Northern Transvaal.

He says this was the worst mass murder in South African history.

"The 76 youths arrested in connection with the massacre were all members or supporters of the UDF - the supposedly nonviolent movement.

"The 32 victims were suspected of using sorcery to retard the freedom struggle and were incinerated in the name of fundamental change."

Referring to the terms "zim-zim" and "warara", he says BC followers were dubbed "zim-zim" because of the -isms in their ideological arsenal: socialism, racism, capitalism, colonialism.

Charterists were called "wararas", meaning "where-where".

"Zim-zims" said anyone who believed the UDF's nonracial doctrine was very confused. They were groping around in the dark in search of their true enemy, crying "Where-where."

This is one book that will certainly shake South Africa by storm, especially in a country whose journalists have not exhibited the bravery symbolised by their colleagues in places like Nicaragua, Afghanistan and the Middle East.

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# Sebokeng: 'Skiet Piet' mystery grows

VEREENIGING — The Goldstone Commission of Inquiry continues in Vereeniging's council chambers today with media speculation that the "underground" Boerestaat Party deputy leader and political activist, Mr Piet "Skiet" Rudolph, may have been involved in the shootings on March 26 at Sebokeng.

Of five dead, four were fatally wounded in the back of their heads, and 46 of the 76 injured were hit in the back of their bodies.

Mr Rudolph, a former police detective and Pretoria city councillor, is reported to have claimed in a telephone interview with a Pretoria newspaper to have been "involved in the shooting at Sebokeng. It was not only police who fired, I was also there."

## Gone underground

Mr Rudolph has taken refuge in the underground "Boer Commando network" since he allegedly was involved in an arms theft from the South African Air Force headquarters in Pretoria several weeks ago.

He is also reported to have accepted responsibility for the arms theft during another phone call to a Pretoria journalist who knows him personally.

Police launched a huge search amid mounting fears that Mr Rudolph might already have dispersed the highly sophisticated captured military arms among the "Boer Commandos".

These now are believed to be forming, especially in the Witwatersrand's increasingly volatile mining communities as well as in the Vaal Triangle.

Mr Rudolph's alleged claims place in a new light last week's

testimony before the Goldstone Commission by two senior police officers that they had little knowledge of a "mystery man in shorts and shirtsleeves", who had been seen storming forward into the reaction unit's police cordon, had fired salvos from a shotgun, and mysteriously disappeared soon afterwards.

## Denied seeing man

Lawyers said during questioning last week that several written statements before the Goldstone Commission also mentioned the "mystery man".

Sebokeng's police station commander, Colonel Othniel Paddy Mazibuko, and Captain Willie du Plooy, the officer commanding the police's Vanderbijlpark and Krugersdorp reaction units who were deployed at the Sebokeng shooting scene, have denied seeing or have failed to identify several "mystery men" in civilian clothing seen in a photograph of the police cordon.

The hearing is chaired by Mr Justice R J Goldstone — Sapa



# Was Skiet Rudolph the 'mystery man' at Sebokeng?

VEREENIGING. — The Goldstone Judicial Commission of Inquiry continues in the council chambers here this morning — amid new media speculation that the "underground" Boerist-Party deputy leader and political activist Piet "Skiet" Rudolph might have been involved in the shootings on March 26 at Sebokeng.

Mr Rudolph — known among his friends as an excellent shot — is a former police detective and former

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Mr Rudolph's alleged claims place into a new light last week's testimony before the Goldstone Commission by two senior police officers that they had little knowledge of an alleged "mystery man".

Advocate Mr J J du Toit SC, representing the Attorney-General's office, said on Friday that the strength and number of shotgun shells fired by Reaction Unit policemen on the Sebokeng scene "had not been nearly enough to cause the deaths of five people and injuries to 76 residents". — Sapa

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PRETORIA (21/5) — He reportedly claimed in a telephone interview with a Pretoria newspaper to have been involved in the shooting at Sebokeng. "It was not only police who fired, I was also there," he reportedly said.

Mr Rudolph has taken refuge in the secret underground "Boer Commando network" since he allegedly was involved in a spectacular arms theft from the South African Air Force headquarters in Pretoria several weeks ago.

# Family flees 'cops'

## Mystery men terrorising us -- granny

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A SOWETO grandmother yesterday claimed she and her family had fled their home after men looking for her missing grandson attacked and assaulted them on three occasions.

Mrs Emily Mabunda of Meadowlands alleged that she, her children Charlie, Bertha, June and granddaughter Victoria were assaulted on April 21, May 2 and 4 by men claiming to be policemen who were looking for her grandson Sello in connection with an alleged murder.

"The men claimed Sello had killed a man," said Mabunda.

The family is no longer sleeping at home fearing more attacks. They have reported the matter to Meadowlands police. Spokesman for the

Victoria's head with a wet sack while punching her. They also look Bertha and Victoria on separate occasions, demanding that they show them where Sello was," she said. "Mabunda also claimed that she was hit on the head with a TV set after

she had told the men she did not know the whereabouts of her grandson. She said "These people have threatened to come back and assault us further if we do not produce Sello. We are living in fear of our lives now

Soweto police Colonel M J Halgryn confirmed that they were investigating the allegations. He has not established as yet whether the men were policemen or not. Investigating

Mabunda said they were assaulted with fists and kicked all over their bodies. "They also covered

gations are still continuing," Mabunda said they were investigating the allegations. He has not established as yet whether the men were policemen or not. Investigating

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# Journalist says he heard police laugh after shooting

A JOURNALIST, who arrived in Sebokeng shortly before the shooting incident on March 26, first heard a burst of gunfire then laughter coming from armed men in plain clothes behind him

Herbert Mabuza of The Star newspaper told the Goldstone Commission of inquiry into the shootings that the restless crowd was chanting "We want to march to Ver-eemging" shortly before the shooting took place.

Before the shots were fired, he saw no stone-throwing, nor any aggression, nor a sudden rush forward from what he described as a "noisy crowd".

He was asked by Etienne du Toit, SC, for the Minister of Police, why he had stated in his newspaper report the next day that "police started laughing" instead of mentioning that laughter had come from men in plain clothes behind him.

Mabuza replied: "I was there and heard laughter from the armed men in plain clothes behind me. I presumed at the time they were security police"

Du Toit asked: "You were also in shock and threw yourself to the ground, and the crowd started screaming and running away. You could still hear the laughter?"

Mabuza said he had heard the laughter clearly because he was about four metres away from the police

W/O Etienne Roedolf Coetzee, officer commanding the Vanderbijlpark Reaction Unit, earlier testified, in reaction to newspaper reports claiming that deputy leader of the right-wing Boerestaat Party Piet "Skiet" Rudolph was present at the Sebokeng shootings, that this "might have been possible" but was not very probable.

Rudolph is wanted by police in connection with a theft of arms from the Air Force headquarters in Pretoria.

The Goldstone Commission is investigating the circumstances relating to incidents on March 26 at Sebokeng, Boipatong, Sharpeville and Evaton in which at least 12 people were killed and about 300 injured.

Coetzee said the 50 000-strong crowd in front of Sondela brewery in Sebokeng had consistently tried to break through the police cordons

After police chased back two flanks, which attempted to go around the cordon, stones came flying out of the crowd and on police vehicles.

In spite of a "human chain" formed by march marshalls, the crowd crept closer to the police cordon, chanting and singing loudly

By the time a 10-second burst of gunfire rang out, the crowd was about 15m-20m away from the first police cordon, he said. The hearing continues. — Sapa.

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**PHOTOGRAPHER** Herbert Mabuza, who arrived in Sobokeng shortly before the shooting incident on March 26, first heard a burst of gunfire - then laughter coming from armed men in plain-cloth.

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Before the shots were fired, he saw no stone-throwing himself, nor any aggressiveness or a sudden rush forward from what he described as a "noisy crowd" before the shooting, Mabuza said.

He was testifying before the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry which is investigating the fatal shootings in the township in March this year.

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"I was there and heard laughter from the armed men in plainclothes behind me. I presumed at

the time they were security police."

Du Toit: "You were also in shock and threw yourself to the ground, and the crowd started screaming and running away. You could still hear the laughter?"

Mabuza said he had heard the laughter clearly because he was about four metres away from the police.

Meanwhile, a senior police officer told the commission earlier that 13 of his men had possible lied in their statements about the number of rounds they had fired at the crowd.

Warrant Officer Etienne Coetzee, second in command of the riot unit at the scene of the shootings, said his men had fired after they had been pelted with stones.

The hearing is continuing.

# Attacks on 2 activists lead to stayaway

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**THOUSANDS** of people yesterday stayed away from work in Zithobeni, Bronkhorspruit, after two local political activists were seriously injured during an alleged attack by members of the local council at the weekend.

Schools were also empty.

The vice-chairman of the Zithobeni Residents' Organisation, Mr Mshuluzane Mayisela, and the organisation's assistant secretary, Mr Johannes Moleya, were

attacked for allegedly opposing the local council.

They had to receive medical treatment.

*Sowetan* knows the identity of the three councillors.

Spokesman for SAP headquarters in Pretoria Major R Crewe said police could not comment on the stayaway as it was unrest-related. He also said he did not know about the alleged assault.

Northern Transvaal police also said they did not know about the assault and stayaway incidents.

Speaking on behalf of

the two men, the chairman of the Zithobeni Education Crisis Committee, Mr Chabe Kekane, said "There has been tension between members of ZRO and councillors over the past few weeks concerning the running of the township's affairs.

"Things came to a head at the weekend when the two were attacked. Local residents retaliated by stoning a councillor's home. Yesterday they consulted a lawyer with a view to taking legal action against the councillors," he said.

*Sowetan* could not reach the three councillors yesterday.

# Reporter: Police 'laughed' after gunfire

**VEREENIGING** — Photo-journalist Herbert Mabuza, who arrived in Sebokeng shortly before the shooting in March this year, first heard a burst of gunfire — then laughter coming from armed men in plainclothes four metres behind him.

Mr Mabuza, of the Star newspaper, said he saw no stone-throwing or any aggressiveness from the "noisy crowd" before the shooting.

He was testifying before the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry which is investigating the shootings in the township on March 26 in which at least 12 people were killed and an estimated 300 residents injured.

He told the commission "I was there and heard laughter from the armed men in plainclothes behind me

I presumed at the time they were security police."

Earlier, Warrant Officer Etienne Roedolf Coetzee, officer commanding the reaction unit at Vanderbijl Park, testified that reported claims that deputy leader of the right-wing Boerestaat Party Mr Piet "Skiet" Rudolph having been present at the Sebokeng shootings "might have been possible" — but not very probable.

Video material, photographic and personal evidence from the incidents at Sebokeng so far show an absence of any person resembling Mr Rudolph, currently wanted by police in connection with a theft of arms from the Air Force HQ in Pretoria.

The hearing continues — Sapa



# Police fired into crowd — salesman

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THE first shots fired by policemen at Sebokeng were aimed at the crowd of demonstrators, a used-car salesman yesterday told the Goldstone commission of inquiry into the Sebokeng shootings.

Arnoldus Duvenhage of Vanderbijlpark said "a great many stones" were thrown shortly before the shooting. He was on the scene because he wanted to purchase second-hand lorries in Sebokeng and police would not allow him past the roadblock.

Duvenhage, who was armed, stayed on the scene thinking the police "might need help". He had noticed "there were far too few policemen to stop this huge crowd of blacks from marching on Vereeniging".

He heard the first shot fired from a group of five policemen in front of him shortly after the first stone had been thrown, Duvenhage said.

Those who fired first had aimed into the crowd, Duvenhage testified

Another witness, special constable Themba Wellington Mnanesi of the Vanderbijlpark Reaction Unit, told the commission he was hit by a stone before the shooting.

"I was waiting for an order when I heard a shot ring out from my right, and when other shots followed I fired a warning shot," he said.

He heard a W/O Coetzee shout "stop, stop" and he fired no more shots.

The commission also heard that a demonstrator in the crowd was filmed carrying a 12-gauge home-made shotgun while the crowd was shouting "hit the Boere", and two flanks tried to get past the police cordon

It also heard a container of tearsmoke grenades stolen from police was triumphantly displayed by the crowd and stones were thrown at police — all shortly before the shooting in front of the Sondela brewery.

W/O Anthony Slinger testified he "would also have shot at the crowd if he had been outside his vehicle".

He said he had his first crowd contact at 6.45am near Boiphelong township, when he encountered a huge mob stoning vehicles on the Golden Highway.

He warned the crowd to disperse, but they continued singing "Shaya ma Boere" and attacked the police van.

Const D Kotze, who was in the van with him, was injured by a stone from the crowd and both men fired tearsmoke. Later, a crowd attacked his vehicle.

He testified that he was just getting ammunition and his R-1 rifle out of his van when a stone hit it and shots rang out almost immediately thereafter.

The hearing continues. — Sapa

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# Mourning Thabong cleans up

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**THABONG is cleaning up, and the mourning has begun.**

Residents took to the streets yesterday with brooms and shovels to remove the ashes of 48 hours of violent unrest.

The official death toll stands at nine with 39 injured of which seven are critical.

The memories of the dead will not be erased as easily as the barricades, and police are still withholding their names.

The death of a former councillor and local Inkatha leader Mr A Phakathi has sparked fears that the violence in the town might spill over into the Northern Free State.

Rumours spreading through the community hold that Inkatha members are being bussed in,

By ISMAEL  
LAGARDIEN

But the police are watching the situation and staying clear of crowds - especially after meetings.

"Our presence could incite further violence," Major Johan Fouche of the Welkom police said.

If the police are cautious, so too are the people. Albert for dif-

ference reasons.

"We would very much like to get on with our lives now," a resident said yesterday.

Residents agreed, however that the presence of the police in the township is provocative.

The police in turn say they deal only with looters and vandalism and are "maintaining a low profile".

# 'Slur against Winnie'

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Mrs Winnie Mandela's reputation was being besmirched in a case which was revolving around her but in which she was not the accused so had no opportunity to defend herself, ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela said yesterday

"This is an inappropriate way of handling judicial proceedings," Mr Mandela said after his return from a seven-nation tour of African states

He said he believed the government had deliberately created the

situation where the press was judging his wife while she was unable to defend herself.

He confirmed evidence led in the case, in which Jerry Richardson is charged with the murder of teenager Stompie Seipei and other offences, that his wife had been advised not to consult defence attorneys.

This was because it would be inadvisable to make statements on matters which could possibly be the subject of later charges against her. Asked whether he thought his wife should be charged, Mr Mandela said: "It is

not for me to tell the government what to do."

Mr Mandela said his trip had succeeded beyond expectations in terms of the warm manner in which he had been welcomed everywhere, and the material support offered to the ANC. He declined to give details of the material support.

He said he had received no information to back the widespread assumptions that Mr F W de Klerk had made any concrete breakthrough against European sanctions



# Kitscop under AG's protection

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**VERENIGING.** — Mr. Justice R J Goldstone yesterday placed a special constable under the protection of the advocate representing the Attorney-General's office.

The special constable (Kitskonstabel) had identified a white colleague, a Constable S van Rhyu, as allegedly firing the first shot at the site of the Sebokeng shooting in front of the Sondela brewery there.

The Goldstone commission is investigating the shooting in Sebokeng in which five demonstrators died and at least 76 were injured on March 26.

Mr Justice Goldstone told Special Constable Moshawo Oujfan Mhaboko of the Vanderbijl Park SAP reaction unit: "If would be quite wrong if any action were taken

against you in connection with the evidence you gave today."

He said that if any action were taken against the constable (for testifying against a colleague) he was instructed to immediately contact Mr J J du Toit, who represents the Attorney-General's office at the inquiry.

Special Constable Mhaboko testified about his position in the police cordon, that the crowd had slowly advanced towards them, and that he saw stones thrown at the police vehicles.

"I heard a shot, looked up and noticed it had come from my right side. I noticed it was Constable van Rhyu," he said.

The special constable had been afraid to come forward with this information until late on Tuesday.

"I was afraid to tell them that a white police officer had fired first without having been given a command."

As a special constable, he had temporary status and felt insecure in his job, which also supported his parents.

The Goldstone commission's terms of reference are to investigate on all the circumstances relating to incidents on March 26 at Sebokeng, Boipatong, Sharpeville and Evaton in which at least 12 people were killed and an estimated 300 residents injured. The hearing continues. — Sapa

# Scared cop fired first <sup>(278)</sup> by accident

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**VEREENIGING** — Constable S van Rhyn, of the Krugerspark Reaction Unit, admitted before the Goldstone Commission yesterday afternoon that he had accidentally fired the first shot at Sebokeng on March 26.

Yesterday's dramatic testimony came after a special constable had indicated Constable van Rhyn was the man to fire the first shot.

Until then Constable van Rhyn had not told anyone of his role in the shooting. He had not volunteered the information although "my conscience had bothered me"

The constable had been tense and nervous about the size and aggression of the 50 000-strong crowd

Shortly before the shooting, he grew frightened and extremely tense when the noisy crowd slowly danced closer to the police line

He had held his finger on the trigger and when a stone came flying past his head from the crowd, Constable van Rhyn accidentally fired his "stopper" (containing one teargas projectile)

He said it had been a "fear reflex". "If the stone had struck my head, I

could have died from it," he said

Constable Van Rhyn admitted that his first shot — firing a teargas grenade — had set off a similar chain reaction among his colleagues

He fired another two teargas projectiles before he heard the "stop firing" shout from the commanding officer, Captain Willie du Plooy

At this scene, opposite the brewery in Sebokeng, five people died and 76 people were injured, most of them with bird- or buckshot pellets

The attorneys representing the families of the deceased and the victims maintain the police had fired unnecessarily at the crowd in front of the brewery, and that the resultant injuries and deaths set off the rest of the day's rioting, looting and arson

None of the previous police witnesses had been able to say which of their colleagues had fired that first shot — which may have started a chain reaction among the rest of the police contingent

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# Limpet blast sparks petrol inferno

TWO limpet mine explosions destroyed a BP fuel storage depot in the northern Transvaal town of Louis Trichardt early yesterday morning causing an inferno and damage estimated at R10-million.

An hour later there was an explosion at a sub-power station less than 500m away from the depot. A transformer was extensively damaged.

The saboteurs at the BP depot cut through a high security fence to place their limpet mines, two of which exploded at 6.45am. Police managed to disarm a third SPM limpet mine found at the scene.

Lieutenant Eddie Gilliers, of the South African Police in Louis Trichardt, who was in charge of operations at the blast, said flames leapt 50m

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into the air.

He said a security guard at the depot was in the kitchen in the administration building at the time of the blast. He was not injured.

Assistant fire chief of the Pietersburg Fire Department, Flip Small, said about 30 firemen battled for over an hour to put out the blaze.

"We arrived at about 7.30 to aid Louis Trichardt firemen who were battling to control the blaze engulfing the entire depot."

Small said except for the administrative offices 500m away, the entire plant — containing hundreds of thousands of litres of fuel — had been destroyed.

"When we arrived on the scene the entire area inside the bundwall (a two-metre high wall surrounding the tanks) was blazing."

Small said three petrol tankers next to the plant were also destroyed.

"One limpet mine was planted on the dome of one of the horizontal tanks (the plant contained two vertical and six horizontal tanks). The dome of the tank went like a rocket through the adjacent premises (20m away) and ignited the rest of the tanks as well. One of the horizontal tanks and two vertical tanks collapsed."

"The rest of the tank flew across the road about 120m away spilling ignited petrol everywhere and landed on an adjacent building."

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## Fuel tanks ignite like dominoes

causing extensive damage. Most of the petrol burned away in the air," he said.

Small said three small sheds inside the area (about 100m away from the bundwall) were also burned down.

He said the other limpet mine was planted on one of the tankers which exploded, igniting two other tankers nearby, destroying them.

The blasts come in the wake of reports of black-white tension in the town, with many blacks alleging incidents of attack by white residents.

Louis Trichardt has also been rocked by a consumer boycott since the beginning of May. Last week the Consumer Boycott Committee was due to meet town council officials to discuss the opening of amenities to all races and argue against the incorporation of the Vleifontein township

(25km outside Louis Trichardt) into Venda.

Residents were forced to move from Tshilota to Vleifontein for the incorporation.

Municipal workers have also been on a wage strike since April.

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# The culprit in the killings at Sebokeng: sheer panic

W. M. 25/5-31/5/90

By PHILIPPA GARSON

AFTER eight days of evidence before the Goldstone Commission into the shootings at Sebokeng on March 26, a coherent picture is emerging of why police fired on a crowd of 50 000, killing at least five and injuring 76

This week Constable Sean van Rhyn of the Krugersdorp Reaction Unit told the court how he "accidentally" fired the first shot (a teargas grenade) in a "reflex action of fright", triggering a spontaneous reaction from the police line which then fired on the crowd for at least 10 seconds.

Van Rhyn, who admitted to reloading and firing two more rounds of teargas, said he was "tense and nervous" and when he saw a stone coming towards him he panicked

Under cross-examination by advocate George Bizos SC, acting for relatives of 12 of the dead, Van Rhyn said he did not shout at the police to stop firing when he realised the implications of his accidental shot, because he did not think of it at the time.

He said he did not come forward to tell Captain du Plooy of the Vanderbijl Riot Unit that he fired the first shot because he was not "altogether convinced" of this fact. Although he said his conscience "had bothered him" he never made a statement. He admitted that evidence given earlier, by Special Constable Motshawao Mhaboko that he (Van Rhyn) fired

the first shot, led to his confession.

Earlier that day Mhabako testified that he had not disclosed this information before because "if I do tell (my superiors) something they don't like, I would be expelled".

Another special constable, Tomani Ratamo, admitted he fired because the other police were doing so. He said he fired at the ground 35m away because he did not want to injure people. Under cross-examination by Bizos he said he had not been told during training that shots fired onto the ground could ricochet and injure people

The day before, a member of the Vereeniging security police, Warrant Officer Kalman Csajaghy, admitted he had not witnessed the crowd throwing stones and attempting to storm the police line, although he had made a sworn statement to this effect. He said he had only heard this version of events later.

Today, Lekoa residents will give evidence before the commission, chaired by Mr Justice R Goldstone in the Vereeniging town hall, which is to investigate and report to State President FW de Klerk on violent incidents in the Lekoa area on March 26, where at least 12 people died and 300 were injured.

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# Angry youths burn Gaddafi gang member

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By PHILIPPA GARSON

A GANG member of the so-called Gaddafi Squad was burnt to death this week in a revenge attack by Khutsong youths who claim the gang has terrorised and tortured township residents

A member of the Khutsong Civic Association (KCA) said yesterday concerned youths held a meeting early this week to plan action against the gang which has unleashed a reign of terror over Khutsong for the past three months.

Gang members interrupted the meeting and youths set upon one, killing him. The gang, who residents say are heavily armed with pangas and firearms, allegedly "disciplined" eight youths at a deserted school at the weekend, accusing them of committing murder.

The youths say they were beaten and forced to eat pieces of their ears which had been slashed off with razor blades

A local doctor said the condition of the youths was "terrible": "They were bruised all over their bodies. Many had cuts and two had pieces of their ears missing"

The KCA has expressed grave concern at the cycle of violence but says the community is paralysed a mass meeting to discuss the problem was called off because "it could result in a bloodbath".

People are too scared to give their names for fear that members of the gang — who pose as "comrades", set delivery vehicles alight, and attempt to elicit support by claiming Azasm/ Pan Africanist Congress members are attacking them — will seek revenge.

They are reluctant to involve the police because of a legacy of police violence against youths in Khutsong. Residents agree, however, the police must take action against the vigilantes before it is too late

A KCA member said the gang had prevented children from going to school over the past few months so they (gang members) could not easily be identified by police

"All we want is peace in the township and for the children to return to school," he said

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# Hand grenades hurled at police homes in Soweto

Grenades were hurled at the Soweto homes of two policemen last night. A police spokesman said last night two Soviet-made grenades were thrown at the Molapo home of a police warrant officer at 8 05 pm, causing damage to the walls and windows.

No one was injured. Shots from an AK-47 were fired at the house.

Earlier, at about 7 pm, a hand grenade of unknown origin was thrown at the Tladi home of a special constable, damaging walls, windows and a bed.

The constable's hand was injured in the blast.

The names of the policemen have been withheld.



## Grenade attacks

TWO handgrenade attacks took place in Soweto last night, a police spokesman said.

The attacks were directed at the homes of two policeman, and one was slightly injured, Major Reg Crewe, police liaison officer in Pretoria, said.

At 7pm a grenade was detonated outside the house of an unnamed special constable in Tladi, Soweto. *Soweto 25/5/90*

"The special constable was slightly injured," Crewe said "Fairly serious damage was caused, mainly to the walls and windows of the constable's house, and some furniture inside."

In the second attack - at 8.05pm - two handgrenades "of Russian origin" were thrown at the house of a police warrant officer in Molapo

"At the same time shots were fired at the house with an AK-47 rifle," Crewe said. - Sapa.

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# Police halt funeral

RIOT police yesterday halted the Soweto funeral of exiled African National Congress member, Marks Mosioa Moleko, for more than an hour and then ordered mourners to disperse within two minutes.

Moleko (26) died of asthma in Lusaka early this month (278)

Intervention by Mr Chris Ngcobo, a lawyer and community leader, prevented what could have turned into a bloody clash between youths and police near Avalon Cemetery (277)

He defused the tense situation when police warned more than 5,000 mourners to disperse, saying the gathering was illegal and ordered the crowd to disperse within two minutes "or else police will take action".

He managed to get the police to hold fire with only seconds remaining before the two minutes elapsed *Sowetan*

During the procession through the streets of Mapetla and Chiawelo a police van drove through the crowd at high speed. Marshals had to quell the angry crowd, which appeared irritated by the incident. 2815790

The crowd defied the warning, surged forward while truck-loads of riot and security police watched closely.

During and after the burial police monitored the proceedings

*Sowetan* photographer Mbuseni Zulu had two of his films confiscated by police after the funeral

# Youths forced to eat own ears

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KHUTSONG township near Carletonville was tense yesterday after "comrades" fled their homes following an attack on five boys.

The boys had pieces of their ears sliced off - which they were then forced to eat. Girls were also mutilated.

The victims said a vigilante group known as the Gaddafi Squad, also known as the G Squad, had run amok in the area.

## Sowetan Correspondent

A spokesman for the Khutsong Civic Association described the situation as volatile.

Residents interviewed yesterday said the Gaddafi Squad was made up of armed youths who wore T-shirts and claimed to be ANC supporters.

Local police have distributed pamphlets asking

residents to report the activities of the vigilante group.

One victim said 20 members of the squad held him and friends on Saturday and tortured them after accusing them of killing.

## Treated

"They beat us up and then sliced off pieces of our left ears, except for the girls, who had pieces of their forehead sliced off," he said.

A doctor confirmed that he had treated two youths with pieces of their ears sliced off.



# Mandela coach found guilty

CAP TUIS 26/5/90

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JOHANNESBURG — Former Mandela United Football Club coach Jerry Richardson was yesterday found guilty of the murder of teenage activist "Stompie" Moeketsi Seipei

He was also convicted on all other charges, including attempted murder, four kidnapping charges and five of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm

Judgment was handed down by Mr Justice B O'Donovan in the Rand Supreme Court.

Mr Justice O'Donovan also found that Mrs Winnie Mandela was, at one time, present when the four kidnapped men were assaulted by Mr Richardson and his associates at her Soweto home

Evidence was that Stompie and three others were abducted from the Methodist Church in Soweto on December 29, 1988, and taken to Mrs Mandela's house

There Stompie was accused of being a police informer, and accused of having sold out four comrades to police at his home town, Parys

The other three, Mr Barend Mono, Mr Gabriel Mekgwe and Mr Kenneth Kgase, were accused of having homosexual relations with the Rev Paul Verryn at the Soweto church.

Stompie's decomposed body was found in open veld in Soweto in January last year

Mr Richardson, 41, had pleaded not guilty to all charges

Except in a few instances, the version of state witnesses was corroborated in all respects, Mr Justice O'Donovan said in his judgment

He rejected the evidence of Ms Xoliswa Falati and Ms Norah Moahlodi, in support of Mr Richardson

Mr Justice O'Donovan said there was no evidence given to substantiate allegations that Mr Verryn had homosexual liaisons with the young men

He said that although Mr Richardson testified he had only slapped and punched each of the abducted young men, this was only part of much more serious assaults "He played a leading role throughout the episode"

Mr Richardson did not sleep in his room the night Stompie was last seen alive, and on the next day when he returned his shoes were bloodstained

The hearing was postponed to August 6 for the defence to consult with a psychiatrist to examine Mr Richardson

Mrs Mandela was not charged in the case, and she was not called as a witness — Sapa

# Goldstone inquiry hears police evidence

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**VEREENIGING.** — "Today we will kill you policemen, because we want Mandela's policemen now," was the slogan heard by WO Gabriel Johannes van der Lith of the Sebokeng municipal police the morning of the shooting on March 26.

Earlier, Constable Willem Joseph John van der Walt of the Krugersdorp Reaction Unit testified that the crowd were slowly closing in towards the police.

He denied an allegation put to him by advocate Mr George Bizos that "your specific little group of policemen discussed plans to shoot certain people in the crowd".

The Goldstone Judicial Commission of Inquiry, appointed by the State President, is urgently investigating the circumstances relating to incidents on March 26 in which at least 12 people were killed and about 300 injured. — Sapa

# YOUTHING TO ORDER PREPARE

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Youth's ear hit off with brick; others then cut to look alike

By CHARLES NOGALÉ

TERRIFIED Kintsong youths this week told how they were tortured by thugs and forced to eat their severed ears.

The youths, five boys and three girls, were victims of the Carletonville township's fearsome "Com-Tsosis", gangsters rejected by the comrades for their thuggery. The police are investigating, but no charges have been laid.

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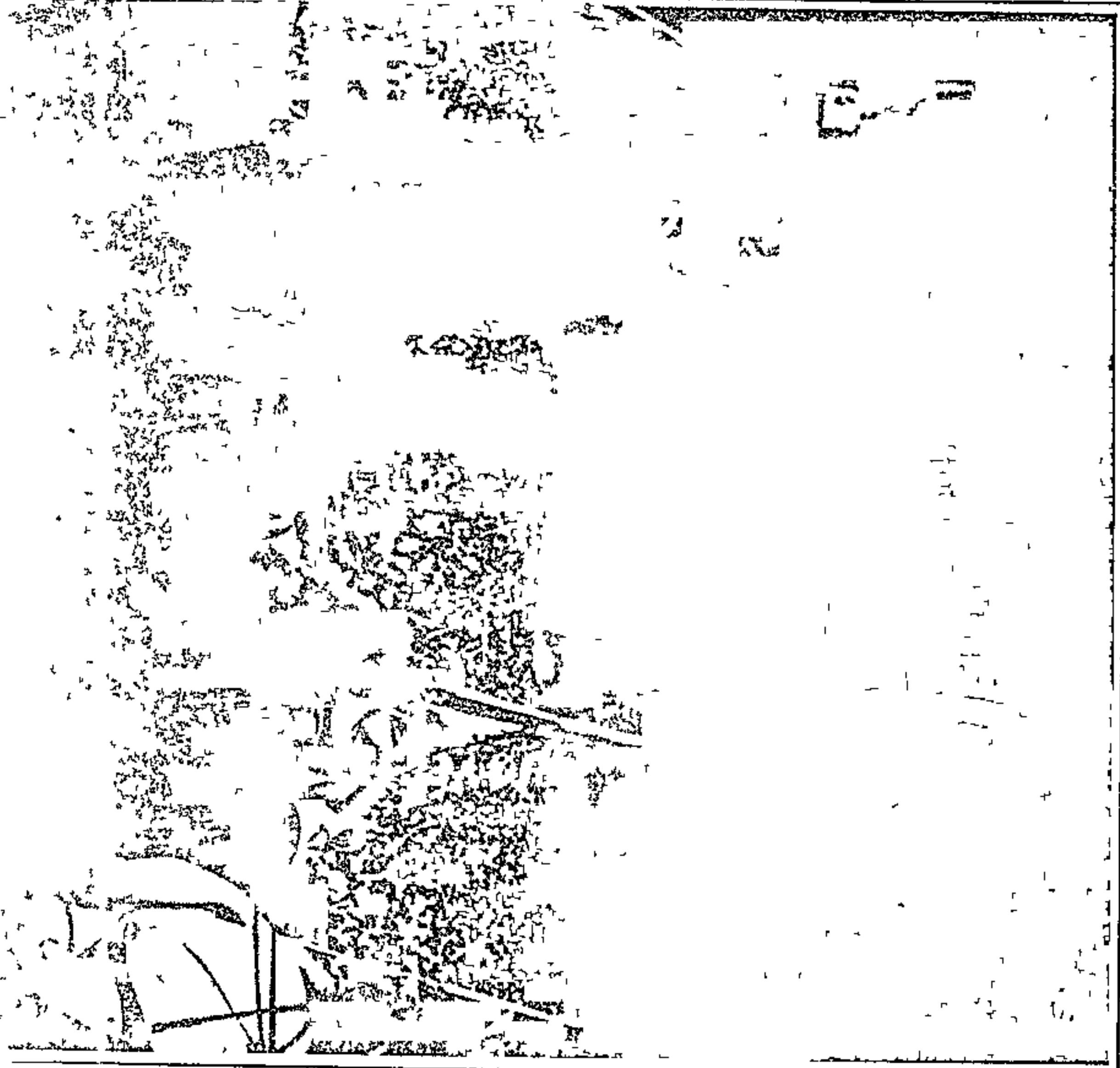
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A PLOT of the National Intelligence Service (NIS) to lead Allan Boesak, other anti-apartheid leaders and Soviet diplomats into a trap to prove a communist conspiracy against South Africa and cause an international scandal, has been exposed.

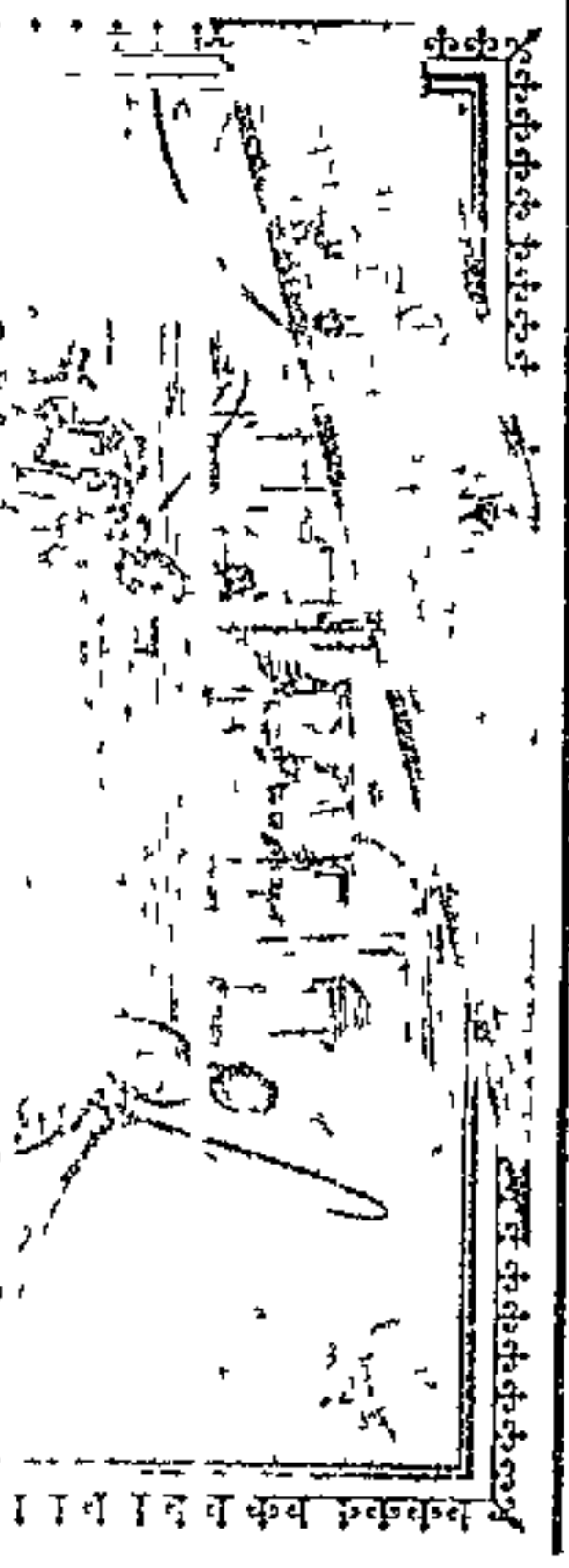
A former agent of the NIS and the security police spilled the beans in an interview with the Afrikaans weekly *Vrye Weekblad*.

He also revealed that plans were made to lead Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Cosatu leader Jay Naidoo into traps to prove a communist onslaught against the country.

Boesak, who had two former wives, had a



**Sophie Modise ... a youth was necklaced outside her home.**  
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**YOUTHING TO ORDER**  
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After a while, he said, the interrogators decided all their hostages' ears should be severed to make them look alike.

"I could not believe it," said the youth, "but one of them produced a blade and they came for us. One by one, they cut off bits of our ears and ordered us to eat them. We did."

The eight were saved by a rumour that a police hippo was somewhere in the neighbourhood. When the news broke, the interrogators fled.

Bleeding profusely from their wounds, the eight ran home.

The incident has sent shockwaves through the Western Transvaal township. A squatter area dubbed Beirut in the township has become a strictly no-go area for outsiders.

In apparent retaliation for the attacks, a group of comrades on Monday necklaced a youth allegedly belonging to the rival Com-Tsotsis.

Relating the necklace incident, hairdresser Sophie Modise said she was asleep when she heard a loud noise outside her home.

She went out to meet a frantic youth trying to get inside her house.

"He grabbed me, but before I knew what was happening, the group dragged him off. They assaulted him all the time and he was bleeding profusely. I went back into my house and when I went out later I saw the youth's body burning a few paces from my house," Modise said.

She called for calm in the township.

Chairperson of the Khutsong Federation of Women Nonzima Cashibe blamed the violence on "external forces". She said several advances had been made by political movements trying to establish themselves in the area without consulting the residents first.

Sophie Modise... a youth was necklaced outside her home. **PICT: BONGANI MNGUNI**

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# Actstop plans meeting with Vlok on attacks

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By Abel Mushi

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In a bid to counter alleged police and Inkatha attacks on its members, Actstop announced last week that it was planning to meet with the Minister of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok to discuss the issue.

Cas Coovadia, Actstop's publicity secretary said that the organisation had already spoken to the Democratic Party to arrange a meeting with the Commissioner of Police.

Actstop claims that on January 11 this year, the landlord of Goldway Mansions in Johannesburg had ordered an "impi" of Inkatha men to assault tenants after he had had disputes with them about rent and the condition of the building.

On April 26, the organisation claims, the chairman of the West Rand branch of the Inkatha Youth Brigade, Themba Khoza, led about 50 Inkatha youths who broke down doors, damaged furniture and assaulted tenants of Claridge Court in Joubert Park.

Tenants were told by the police to go back and stay in Soweto when they reported the matter and charges were only accepted when an attorney intervened.

It is also alleged that plain-clothes policemen from John Vorster Square raided Heathgate Court in Joubert Park on May 15 and broke down the door of an Actstop official Nathaniel Kgaria.

The police arrested the naked Mr Kgaria on suspicion that he was an immigrant. Mr Kgaria, who pleaded not guilty, was released on bail.

An Inkatha spokesman said the organisation did not condone any acts of violence from their members.

He told The Star that the organisation would contact Mr Themba Khoza to get an account of what happened.

Stressing that the police acted only within the boundaries of the law, an SAP spokesman said a policeman guilty of such misconduct would have to "explain his actions in a court of law or to his superiors in terms of the Police Act."

He denied claims that the police had harassed Actstop members in particular.



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By MONK NKOMO

THE Department of Education and Training has threatened to close down trouble-torn schools and warned it would not consider salary increases for teachers unless they performed their duties well.

Mr Job Schoeman, the DET's Northern Transvaal regional director, said in a circular to principals last week that many schools had been disrupted because of political interference since the beginning of the year.

## Meeting

He instructed principals to hold meetings with parents and pupils and inform them about the situation. They should report back to circuit inspectors within five days after such a meeting.

The disruptions resulted in some principals and teachers being chased away from their schools, said Schoeman.

Teachers and pupils were encouraged to defy authority and some teachers refused to teach certain subjects or perform certain duties.

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Schoeman said certain organisations had attempted to take over the control of schools by usurping the authority of the staff.

Teachers, parents and pupils were subjected to subtle and open intimidation.

"Teachers' unions had severed all ties with the department and had openly threatened inspectors and other officials not to attempt to visit schools or try to exercise any form of control," said Schoeman.

He warned that where people in authority were prevented from exercising proper control, the department would suspend all services to such a school.

Failure to exercise control over internal examinations could lead to the rejecting of promotion schedules at the end of the year.

"Year marks submitted for Standard 10 students have to be moderated. Where such moderation cannot take place, year marks will not be acceptable to the department and the Joint Matriculation Board.

"The legitimacy and validity of end-of-year examinations, particularly the Standard 10 examination, can only be guaranteed if proper control is exercised at every school," Schoeman said.

He also warned that the appointment of teachers on probation would not be confirmed.



## March 'depended on police presence'

A DAY before the prohibited mass march on Vereeniging on March 26, the Vaal Civic Association had decided to go ahead with it anyway — unless there was "too heavy a police presence" the next morning.

In that case, the alternative plan was to organise "alternative marches" at the last minute to three local police stations — Sharpeville, Evaton and Sebokeng — where copies of the protest marchers' memorandum to the local National Party MP would be handed over.

This was heard by the Goldstone commission in Vereeniging yesterday when Vaal Civic Association organiser and UDF area committee member Bavumile Vilakazi testified.

The Goldstone Commission, chaired by Mr Justice R J Goldstone, was appointed to investigate and report urgently on circumstances relating to incidents on March 26 in Sebokeng, Boipatong, Sharpeville and Evaton — known as the Lekoa area — in which at least 12 people were killed and an estimated 300 anti-apartheid demonstrators injured at 10 different sites.

Legal representatives of the families of the deceased and of victims allege police unnecessarily fired shots into a 50 000-strong crowd at Sebokeng as police lives had not been in danger.

There were indications the commission could complete its public hearings in Vereeniging on Friday. — Sapa.

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## Seven hurt in Azapo, ANC township clash

TIM COHEN

SEVEN people were injured, three seriously, in the Free State township of Maokeng near Kroonstad yesterday morning after a clash between large groups of local ANC and Azapo members, a police spokesman said yesterday.

Azapo publicity secretary Strini Moodley said the clash followed four separate weekend attacks on Azapo members.

But the ANC recruiting officer in the area Stoffel Mofokeng said the strife began on Friday when Azapo supporters attacked ANC supporters at a vigil for youths allegedly killed in clashes with police earlier in the week. *6/24/90*

Mofokeng said the Azapo supporters were angry at not being invited to take part in the vigil.

"They then began attacking our members. The attacks took place throughout the weekend and ended this morning," said Mofokeng, who is also a member of the Maokeng Democratic Crisis Committee.

Moodley claimed that local ANC members "hijacked" the night vigil, which was organised by the Maokeng Woman's Organisation in memory of the two youths.

He said Azapo members at the vigil were chased out of the building, and the organisation's local chairman Mzimkhulu Ndweni was blinded after being attacked with pangas and knives.

At the weekend three other Azapo members were attacked by the same group of ANC members, either in the street or at their homes, he said.

Moodley decried what he described as the ANC's current strategy of intimidation, which he said was an indication of what the future might hold.

POLICE and Inkatha have respectively denied allegations of bias and "brutal attacks" on Actstop members in Johannesburg's "grey areas".

Actstop publicity secretary, Mr Cas Coovadia, last week told a media conference that Inkatha was involved in "brutal attacks" on its members in

# Actstop attack claims refuted

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

the city." Captain Eugene Op-

erman, police PRO in the Witwatersrand region, yesterday dismissed Actstop's allegations that they administered the law

unequally He, however, confirmed that in certain cases, police had visited and searched flats. He

said these did not only belong to Actstop members. Police had gone there in reaction to complaints by landlords, estate agents and even residents.

Dr Oscar Dhlomo, Inkatha secretary general, said Actstop was a UDF affiliate and it was clear the allegations were part of the UDF/Cosatu/ANC campaign to besmirch Inkatha.

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# VCA worried about police

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-- This was heard by the Goldstone commission yesterday afternoon where Mr Bavumile Vilakazi, an organiser for the Vaal Civic Association, was testifying.

The commission continues all week.

The Goldstone Commission was appointed by State President FW de Klerk and convened on May 9 to investigate and

report urgently on all the circumstances relating to incidents on March 26 at Sebokeng, Boipatong, Sharpeville and Evaton - known as the Lekoa area - in which at least 12 people were killed and an estimated 300 anti-

apartheid demonstrators injured at 10 different sites.

The legal representatives for the families of the deceased and for the victims allege that police had unnecessarily fired shots into a 50 000-strong crowd at Sebokeng as police lives had not been in danger.

They further maintain that the rest of the day's violence in the Lekoa townships - looting and arson during which seven more people died and more than 200 were injured - had occurred in protest at the shootings in front of the brewery at Sebokeng, where five protesters died and 76 were injured. - Sapa

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# ANC, Azapo clash leaves 7 wounded

SEVEN members of the ANC's Maokeng branch, near Kroonstad, were hospitalised with gaping wounds yesterday following bitter internecine fighting between ANC supporters and Azapo in the township earlier in the day.

Three of the men, Michael Gqozo, Meshack Moekhetsi and Vincent Twapa, are reported to be receiving intensive care treatment, with the rest in general wards.

The police public relations spokesman in Pretoria, Major Reg Crewe, confirmed the heavy fighting, but said they had not heard of any deaths.

"Two large groups of

By NEIL LEWIS

armed black men clashed in the area. Seven people were injured, three seriously. We have as yet not heard of any deaths," said Crewe.

According to Mr Stofel Mofokeng of the Maokeng Democratic Crisis Committee, which is recruiting on behalf of the ANC, the strife began last Friday.

## Anger

Azapo supporters allegedly expressed anger at not participating in a vigil held for two students shot dead during unrest earlier in the week.

"It seems they (Azapo supporters) wanted to be a part of it, but were denied that by the organisers. They then began attack-

ing our members."

However, Azapo's publicity secretary, Mr Sirim Moodley denied Azapo was prohibited from being at the ceremony.

"The Maokeng Women's Organisation invited all organisations to attend the night vigil for the two students. When we went, ANC members hijacked proceedings and chased out those who wore Azapo T-shirts."

Meanwhile, the general secretary of the South African Council of Churches, the Rev Frank Chikane, last night appealed to ANC internal leader Mr Walter Sisulu and the general secretary of Azapo, Mr Pandelam Nefolovhodwe to personally intervene in the fighting. - Sapa

# Lekoa leader denies police were 'afraid'

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**VEREENIGING** — Mr Bavumile Vilakazi, organiser of the Lekoa area march that led to police shootings on March 26 this year, yesterday angrily demanded a temporary adjournment of the Goldstone Commission and stalked out — after vehemently denying that police had been afraid of the 50 000-strong crowd of demonstrators and had thus fired on them

The outburst came after cross-examination by Mr Etienne du Toit SC, legal counsel for the SAP and the Minister of Law and Order

Mr Vilakazi reacted after Mr Du Toit put it to him that "police had felt threatened" by an apparently uncontrolled crowd, which had danced ever closer to the police line, had thrown stones, made two unsuccessful flanking movements around police, made threatening gestures, had carried sticks and shouted "We want to march to Vereeniging"

Mr Vilakazi "I saw no reason to do anything about the crowd carrying sticks. It is a sign of authority in their homes I cannot see it as provocation

"I do not accept that police had

been afraid I still have to be told the real reason why police fired at the crowd," he said angrily — before demanding an immediate adjournment and stalking out of the room

Earlier, he denied allegations by Mr Du Toit that he had been "extremely irresponsible" by making last-minute changes in his organisations' (the Vaal Civic Association and the United Democratic Front) plans for a mass march

These changes, Mr Du Toit said, allegedly created massive confusion among the huge crowd

Evidence was that large sections of the crowd had believed they were marching to Vereeniging, while others believed they would witness a petitioning ceremony at their local police stations instead

The Goldstone Commission was appointed to investigate and report urgently on all the circumstances relating to incidents on March 26 in the Lekoa area — in which at least 12 people were killed and an estimated 300 demonstrators injured

Chairing the commission is Mr Justice R J Goldstone Mr J J du Toit appears for the Attorney General's office Two legal teams, headed by Mr George Bizos and Mr S C Mhinga, represent families of the dead as well as injured marchers

The commission continues today and thereafter reconvenes next Monday — Sapa



# Petrol bombs follow march

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IN the early hours of May 11, the homes of five activists of Ikageng township in Potchefstroom were petrol-bombed

The attacks followed an aborted march by residents to the community councillors' offices to hand over a memorandum of grievances

Police have not arrested the people responsible for the attacks, although witnesses reported seeing a white car speeding off after the incidents

Buti Moolwanyana was worst hit that morning. Both his and his grandmother's homes were attacked

His front and back doors were drenched in petrol and set alight. Damage at both houses is estimated at R1 400 (278)

The home of Patrick Baloyi, president of the Ikageng Youth Congress (IYC), was petrol-bombed at 1.30am

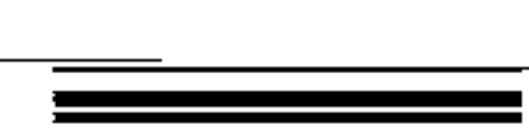
The bomb hit a bedroom wall and caused minor damage. Baloyi was detained later that morning

At 1am, the home of Glen Mosiane was also petrol-bombed. The bomb hit the living room wall and caused minor damage

Another member, Joseph Molapise, also fell victim to the petrol bombing. His home was attacked at about 2am and damage was estimated at R600. He was later detained

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# Paballelo remembers day of grief

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IN the small Upington township of Paballelo, May 26 will always be remembered with grief

It was the day a year ago when 14 township residents, including an elderly couple, were sentenced to death in terms of the "common purpose" doctrine for having killed municipal policeman, Mr Lucas "Jetta" Sethwala in 1985.

In terms of the controversial legal principle, any member of a mob intent on murder is equally guilty if their action results in someone being killed, irrespective of which individual inflicted the

fatal blow.

On May 26 this year, residents and relatives of the Death Row prisoners attended a service at the Paballelo stadium to commemorate the day sentence was passed.

The "Upington 14" and 11 other township residents given lesser sentences for the same murder have appealed against their sentences and are awaiting a date for the Appeal Court hearing.

In October last year, 64-year-old mother of 10, Mrs Evelena de Bruin, the only woman on Death Row, lost an application for bail

on the grounds that she was under severe psychological strain

Mr Justice Basson found there was insufficient evidence to make her request for bail exceptional

De Bruin's husband, Mr Gideon Mandlongolwane, is also on Death Row

The other Upington residents on death row are. David Lekhanyane, Andrew Lekhanyane, Tos Gubula, Zuko Xabendlini, Zonga Mokgale, Wellington Masiza, Boof Japhta, Myner Bovu, Justice Bekebeke, Kenneth Khumalo, Albert Tywillh, and Xolile Yona

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# Baby shot dead on his mom's back

By MATHATHA TSEDU

AN 18-month-old baby died on his mother's back after being hit by a rubber bullet when SADF members opened fire at a crowd at Lulekani township, near Phalaborwa, on Monday afternoon, residents said.

The baby's name is unknown but residents said his father is Mr Piet Maluleke, a migrant worker in Cape Town.

Residents said the boy was hit by a rubber bullet on the head while on his mother's back. He died instantly.

Police at Lulekani Police Station declined to comment and said only the station commander was authorised to speak to the Press.

They said the station commander was at a meeting in Giyani. A spokeswoman for the SADF Northern command in Pietersburg, Lieutenant H Lourens, said she would investigate and come back to Sowetan.

Three hours later, an officer at her office said she had already left for home. No message was available.

The regional organiser of the National Council of Trade Unions, Mr Percy Mkhari, who is also a member of the Transport Co-ordinating Committee in the area, said the fracas follows the continuing bus boycott by residents of Namakgale and Lulekani townships.

He said soldiers from Battalion 113 and a special task force based nearby had launched a blitz on taxis and motorists who have helped commuters since the boycott started in March this year.

Mkhari said shots were fired at taxis. One taxi was hit on the windscreen and radiator.

He said many taxi operators had left their vehicles

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on the road as they ran away from soldiers.

Some were injured, he said

The kombis were later driven by soldiers and taken to Lulekani Police Station where they were still standing yesterday, he said.

Earlier in the day, transportation board inspectors had stopped taxis and drivers were fined up to R300, it was alleged.

The few empty buses that used to run in both areas were not there yesterday as tension gripped the townships.

Taxis also did not run as operators prepared to protest against the alleged heavy-handed response of SADF members to the people's decision not to use buses, residents said

The bus boycott, against fare increases implemented in January by Lebowa Transport, was discussed by thousands of people who attended a rally at Namgale Stadium on Sunday.



## ANC attacks Maokeng violence

THE ANC yesterday denounced the political violence that rocked Maokeng township, near Kroonstad, earlier this week as the work of "political opportunists and cliques who raise our flags and banners and then terrorise supporters of legitimate political organisations"

Azapo, one of the organisations involved, immediately welcomed the "fact that the ANC has set the record straight" after having joined local ANC officials in a call for a ceasefire on Monday night

Seven people were injured, three seriously, when bitter internecine violence erupted on Monday between alleged supporters of the ANC and Azapo

This came after fights broke out on Saturday, when people also claiming to be ANC members allegedly "hijacked" a funeral vigil for two Maokeng youths.

ANC organiser for the northern Free State region Chris Ravuku, said yesterday "We understand that at this funeral

some people claiming to be our members hijacked it for their own narrow ends and began fighting with other legitimate political organisations"

He said the ANC was only due to launch branches in the Free State on Saturday. Therefore any groups claiming to recruit or represent the organisation did not have a mandate

One of the injured in Monday's fighting, Meshack Moeketse of the Maokeng Youth Congress, said yesterday ANC and Azapo supporters had held a meeting on Monday night where the decision to call a ceasefire between the two groups had been made

Moeketse, who was stabbed four times in the fighting, said "It was decided that those injured would not report the situation to the police as they should not be involved in community affairs"

Moeketse said ANC internal leader Walter Sisulu would address Maokeng residents on Sunday — Sapa

# Teachers chased

MASETHE Primary School in Taabos, near Alldays, has been closed after teachers fled the area following renewed attacks on

them by pupils and angry villagers, it was confirmed yesterday. A circuit inspector in Pietersburg, who did not want to be named, de-

lined to reveal what led to the attacks. He said pupils had not been attending classes since the beginning of this month and the authorities would meet

teachers at the end of the month.

According to reports from the area, trouble started when a Sub-Standard A pupil died in April after being punished by a teacher. The villagers claimed she was deliberately "killed" by the teachers but a post-mortem report compiled at the Alldays Hospital showed she died of natural causes. Eyewitnesses said a huge mass meeting was held at the village in the

presence of a local headman, Lucas Mamadi, where it was allegedly resolved that all teachers, including the principal, Mr Lazarus Lehung, should be forcefully replaced. That evening teachers were chased and their cottages set alight by the villagers. Lehung was immediately transferred to another school when villagers declared he should never set foot in the area again.

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# Two kids hurt in teargas attack

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TWO children - one with a heart problem - were hurt on Sunday when police allegedly fired teargas into a house at Jouberton township, near Klerksdorp.

Six-year-old Mashidiso Kgakala lost consciousness after inhaling teargas fumes and 12-year-old Jacqueline Palweni was allegedly hit on the eye by a policeman.

The children were injured when police

chased and fired teargas at about 30 people hiding in a house of a prison warder sergeant, Mr Jacob Palweni, in Jouberton

One person waving an ANC flag was seen being taken away by police.

A Pretoria police spokesman said it was normal procedure to use teargas to control crowds in unrest situations

The 30 people in the teargassed house were

part of a crowd of more than 10 000 people who earlier had confronted police after attending a rally at a local stadium, the spokesman said.

Palweni said his daughter, Jacqueline, was on Monday treated for insomnia and a swollen eye. "She has had a heart problem since she was born," he said.

Palweni said Mashidiso became unconscious after she apparently inhaled teargas fumes - Sapa



Sebokeng: <sup>Cape Times</sup>  
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# Ammunition

## 'not checked'

VEREENIGING — The officer commanding the two Reaction Units involved in the Sebokeng shooting on March 26 had not checked the strength of his men's shotgun ammunition before forming his roadblock there

Both Reaction Unit commanders — Captain Willem Jacobus du Plooy, the overall commanding officer of the Krugersdorp and Vanderbijlpark Reaction Units as well as commander of the Vanderbijlpark unit, Warrant Officer Etienne Roedolf Coetzee — were recalled yesterday by the Goldstone Commission for further testimony

On Tuesday, Colonel Johannes van der Merwe, officer commanding the SAP Maleeuskop Training Centre had testified that no police line-up of Reaction Units engaged in crowd control were allowed to load their tear-gas "stopper" guns or arm their shotguns in advance until specifically ordered to do so on the scene by their commanding officers

But many special constables and regular SAP members admitted having loaded their shotguns at least one hour before joining the police blockade where the shooting took place

Many also admitted that they had not checked the strength of the loaded shells.

Captain du Plooy explained during cross-examination yesterday that he had not checked whether any of the "stoppers" carried by the policemen on the scene had been loaded

He also had not checked the strength of shotgun ammunition in the men's shotguns

He admitted during cross-questioning that he would have had been ample time to do so, as the road block had been in place for about an hour before the shooting.

Capt du Plooy also said the additional training in crowd control which he had received at Maleeuskop in 1987 "had gaps, as we were not taught to work with such huge crowds of 50 000 people or so" — Sapa

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# Coetzee criticises Harms investigation

The Star Bureau

LONDON — Former police captain Dirk Coetzee has criticised Mr Justice Louis Harms's handling of the probe into the alleged hit-squad, saying "I would have done it completely differently"

His comments followed an outburst in which he criticised the investigation done for the commission into a murder at Lindley in the Free State

Mr Justice Harms responded sharply, saying "I think it is quite unfair attacking the way I handled this investigation"

Mr Coetzee said his criticism had been directed at the investigators Mr Harms replied that he had told them "where to look and what to look for"

Yesterday, the sixth day of the commission's special sitting in the South African Embassy

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began with more angry exchanges between Mr Coetzee and Mr Sam Maritz, representing various policemen

At one stage Mr Maritz described Mr Coetzee's reasoning as "absurd" and asked if he was "stupid"

## Security police

Mr Coetzee replied "Are you so stupid that you want to argue with me about how I should have killed them?"

Earlier Mr Coetzee had recounted how he had operated for the security police in Swaziland, including breaking into the United Nations High Commission Offices there and blowing up an ANC transit house

The hearing continues

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# Stop ostracism of SA, pleads IJS academic

By Ramsay Muir  
The Star's Foreign News Service

NEW YORK — The president of one of America's premier universities made a stirring appeal yesterday to United States academics to end their ostracism of South Africa's "open" universities — which, he said, have received scant credit for having been at the forefront of opposition to apartheid for years

It was odd, said Dr Jean Mayer, president of Tufts University, that "supposedly liberal academics outside South Africa who claim to favour a non-racial society there, have ostracised the educators and researchers fighting an anti-apartheid war on the academic front"

Dr Mayer said that by refusing to acknowledge the battle against apartheid waged by the administrators of South Africa's five non-racial universities, and forcing them to operate in intellectual isolation, the world's academic community has done them a disservice

With high-quality, integrated higher education — the key to a multiracial society — South Africa needed a mass of educated blacks to participate in government and to improve the primary and secondary system for all people of colour

Many publishers refused to supply South Africa with journals and textbooks, he said This ostracism had been especially costly to South Africa's medical research community and all its citizens who depended on the country's health care system

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Maggie Friedman, girlfriend of murdered activist Dr David Webster  
● Picture by John Hogg.

## Informant 'did not get a cent' for documents

The key witness at the Hiemstra Commission hearings yesterday said he had "not received a cent" from The Star for having given the newspaper official Johannesburg City Council documents which exposed spy rings in the security department.

While being cross examined by Mr Gilbert Marcus, for various parties including Cosatu, Mr Hannes Gouws revealed the name of the council official in whom he had confided.

He said that he had spoken to Mr Tony Thompson, a senior official in the security department, about giving information to the media.

"I spoke to him and he said I had two options. One was to go to the newspapers and the other to Mr Manie Venter, the town clerk."

In earlier testimony, Mr Gouws had said he had been unable to see Mr Venter and had consulted a "senior council official".

He had then taken the decision to hand the documents to The Star.

Cross examined by Mr H Bornmann, for Mr M Hennig, a former operative, Mr Gouws said he had not written to Mr Venter because he knew "from the experience of other people" that replies were rarely received from Mr Venter.

He had also not spoken to Mr John Pearce, director of public safety, "because he is a friend of Mr Frik Barnard".

A week later (in March) he had given the documentation to The Star. Reporters had gone to his home in Natal.

## 'Offices were swept for bugging devices'

Telephone and other bugging devices were considered for use by the Johannesburg City Council's security department, the Hiemstra Commission heard yesterday.

A witness, Mr Manie Naude, a technical officer in the security department, also said that the Civic Centre first-floor office of the leader of the opposition in the council could have been bugged.

He told Mr Justice Hiemstra, sitting with Mr W van den Berg, that he had been asked to sweep offices on the first floor for bugging devices and had found a cable for an extra telephone connection which he admitted could have been used to listen to conversations in offices on the floor.

When he hesitated in answering questions from Mr Lotter Wepener, leading evidence for the commission, he was assured that he did not have to give answers that would incriminate him and that he would be protected from being disadvantaged by appearing before the commission.

Mr Naude said that recently Mr Frik Barnard, the deputy chief of the department, and Mr Tony Thompson, also of the department, had asked him to investigate the acquisition of listening devices.

### Calculators

He said he had obtained bugging devices from a company and had taken them to Mr Barnard to be looked at.

The devices could be built into telephones and pocket calculators and he had seen one in a pen.

He said he thought Mr Thompson had requested the looking into of the purchase of such devices, but that Mr Barnard had known.

He had seen "about three" such devices on a desk in Mr Barnard's office, but could not say to whom they belonged. On one occasion he had built a bugging device on the instruction of Mr Gouws, who had given him money for the parts.

Mr Naude also testified he had been introduced to Commandant Kotze, of Witwatersrand Command, SADF, by Mr Barnard at the Johannesburg Fort early one evening. Mr Naude could not give a date.

He was asked by Commandant Kotze if he had knowledge of checking offices for listening devices.

A few days later, he was told by Mr Barnard to sweep Commandant Kotze's offices. He did not find anything but, on another occasion, picked up signals from a building next to the offices.

Mr Naude had also detected signals which could indicate a bugging device in the telephone system at the commandant's offices. Mr Naude reported each incident to Mr Barnard and was told that Commandant Kotze would take care of it.

In answer to a question, Mr Naude said Mr Barnard had asked him if Brigadier Visser's telephone could be bugged.

He did not know if this was with the knowledge of Brigadier Visser.



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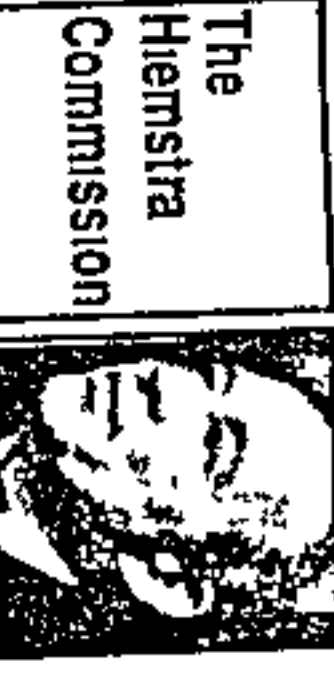
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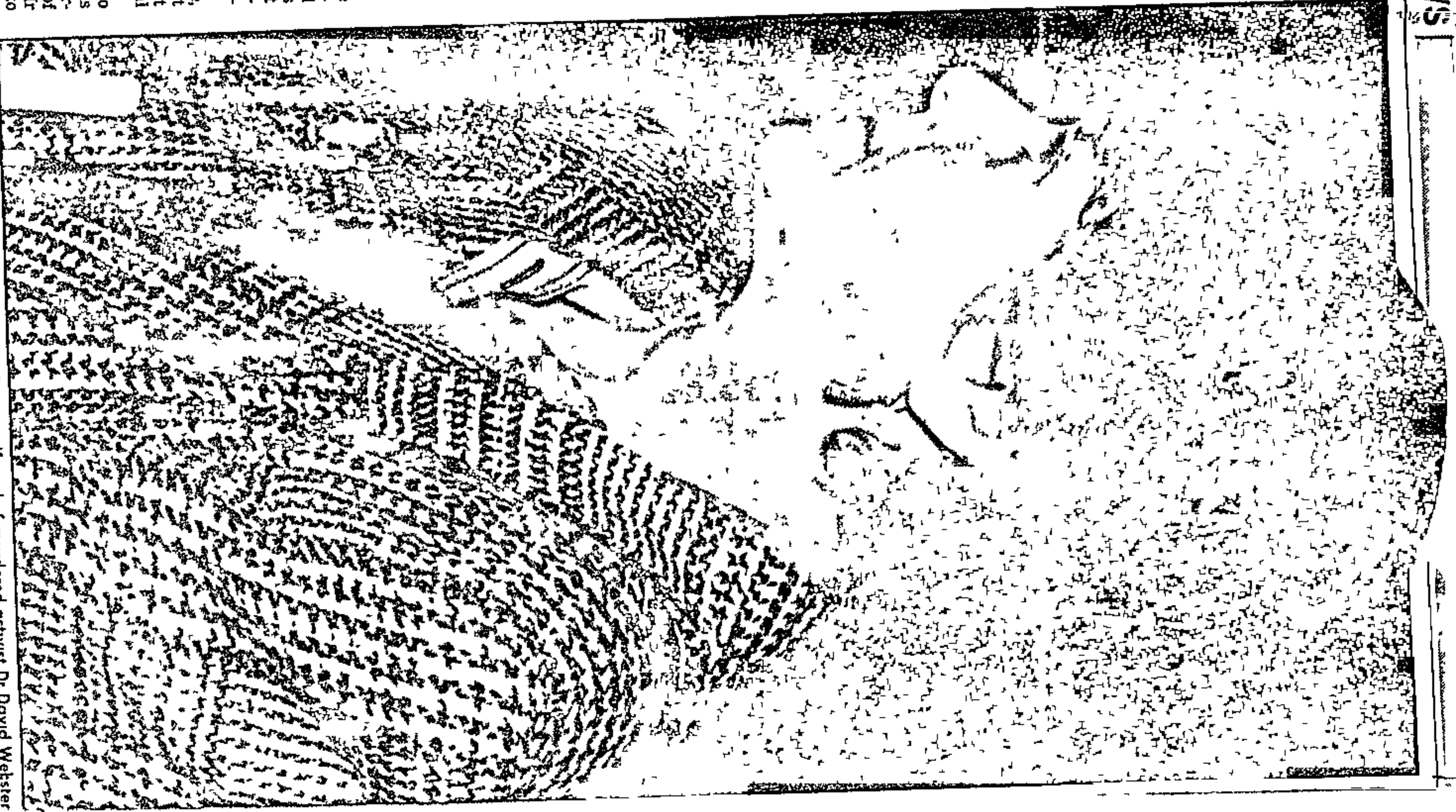
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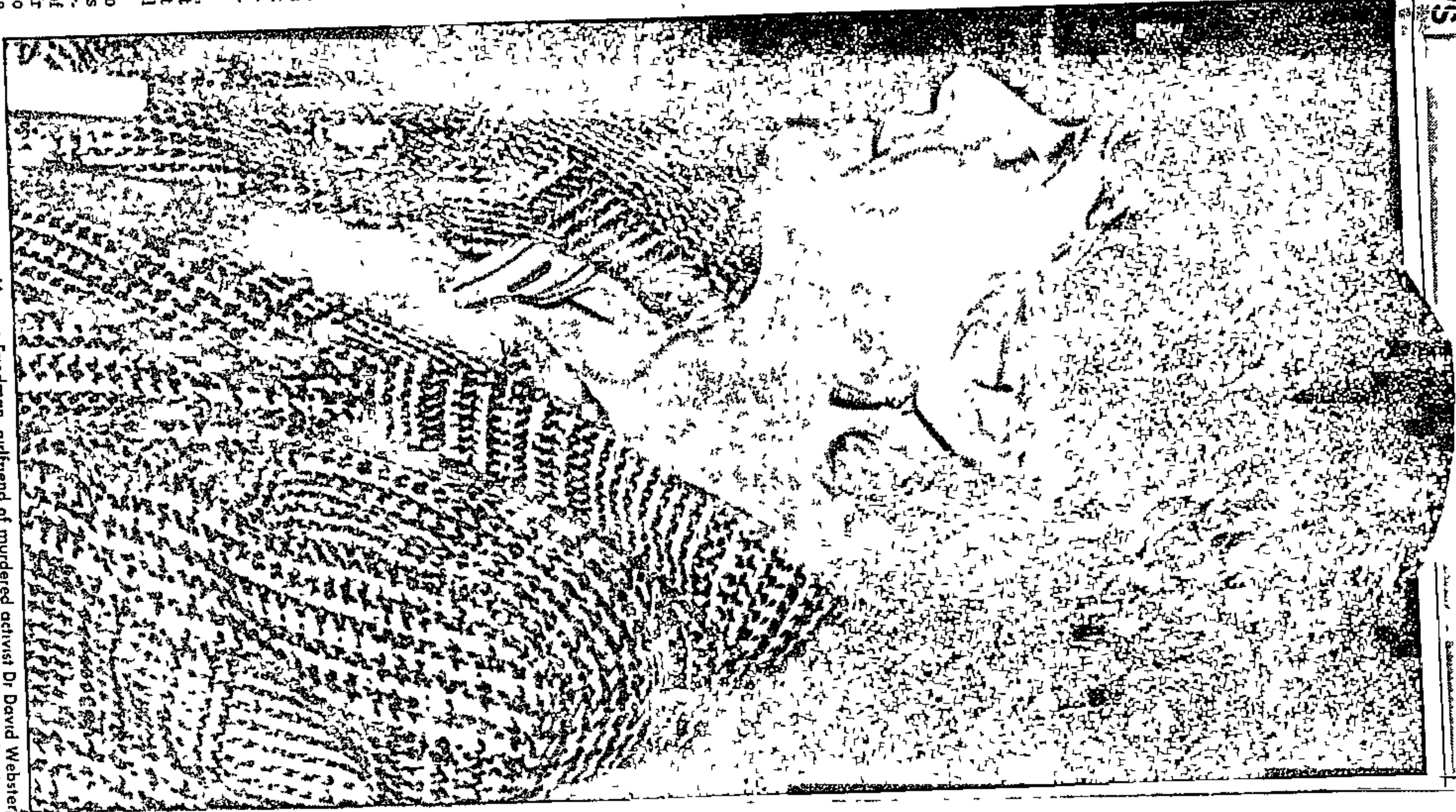
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# Reserve Bank to build in Newtown

Staff Reporter

The first major project announced in the redevelopment of Johannesburg's Newtown area is the erection of a Reserve Bank building on the corner of West and President streets.

Excavation for the building which planning chief Mr Eddy Magid has dubbed the "financial anchor of the CBD", is expected to start in about eight months, said Reserve Bank administration manager, Mr Eric Pike.

But the bank's new branch office is unlikely to be the first building to be occupied in the first phase of the redeveloped area west of the city.

Oakwood Realty/Office Accommodation Investment which was last week awarded the R22,1 million tender to develop the remainder of phase 1, including Turbine Hall and Boiler House, has undertaken to commence immediately, he said.

Mr Pike said no details were available at this stage as a brief was still being prepared for the architects. Completion date is expected to be in four or five years' time.

No decision has been taken on the future of the Reserve Bank's existing three Johannesburg premises.

# Rent boycott hits council for R7,8-m

By Abel Mabelane, East Rand Bureau

The administrator of Tokoza (near Kattlehong), Mr Gert Muller, said there was a 100 percent rent boycott in the township with arrears owed to the council by residents now standing at R7,8 million.

Mr Muller was appointed administrator of the Tokoza Council after several councillors resigned because of pressure from the community left the council without a quorum.

"Since I took over as administrator on April 11, the council has not collected a cent from the residents which means the rent boycott is 100 percent effective," he said.

He added that the council had no reserve funds and the salaries of its employees were this month paid by the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA).

## Different organisations

Mr Muller said the TPA could, however, not be expected to foot the council's bills indefinitely.

He said he was going to hold talks with the Tokoza Civic Association tomorrow, because they were alleged to be behind the rent boycott in the township.

Mr Muller said members of the TCA had already indicated they would like to meet him alone without councillors and he said he was prepared to meet their demands.

By meeting the different organisations in the township, he would be able to determine whether the problems in Tokoza were political or internal.

Mr Muller said if the problems were within the council, he would address them, but if they were political they would be beyond his scope.

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# Diepmeadow Council row

Sowetan 2/5/90  
By SY MAKARINGE

A MAJOR row is brewing in the Diepmeadow Council following disclosures that official vehicles are being grossly misused by councillors.

The malpractices are reported to have reached such uncontrollable proportions that the City Secretary, Mr David Mabalane, had to write a memorandum to the Mayor, Mr M J Khumalo, for his immediate intervention.

The memorandum, a copy of which was sent to the chairman of the executive committee, was leaked to the *Sowetan* last Thursday.

## Abuse

Mabalane said it was "a custom" to assist councillors with transport in times of need, such as when they had to attend funerals of close relatives.

"Unfortunately some councillors have abused and still abuse this privilege. A practice is developing where councillors frequently request the use of council vehicles for private and personal use even to places outside the area of jurisdiction of the council," the memorandum, dated April 20, reads.

He said some of the vehicles had been involved in accidents. He said there were cases in which councillors demanded petrol for

allowances for the private use of these vehicles.

"...These practices are irregular in that they are not budgeted for neither are they approved in terms of the council's resolution. Your co-operation is requested so as to avoid unnecessary hardship for all involved. This practice must be stopped. Please assist," the memorandum pleaded.

*Sowetan* was on Friday shown an extensively damaged car at the council's garage at the Central Camp in Diepkloof. The brand new Toyota Corolla was damaged after it was involved in an accident in

Natal where a councillor had gone on a private trip.

Sources also said there were many instances where councillors used council vehicles on long-distance trips for personal purposes.

They said it was difficult to curb these prac-

tices as the transport manager was regarded as a junior and would be seen as being insubordinate if he did not accede to their demands.

Khumalo could not be reached for comment as he was reported to be in Cape Town.



# Star's informant is accused of lying

By Norman Chandler,  
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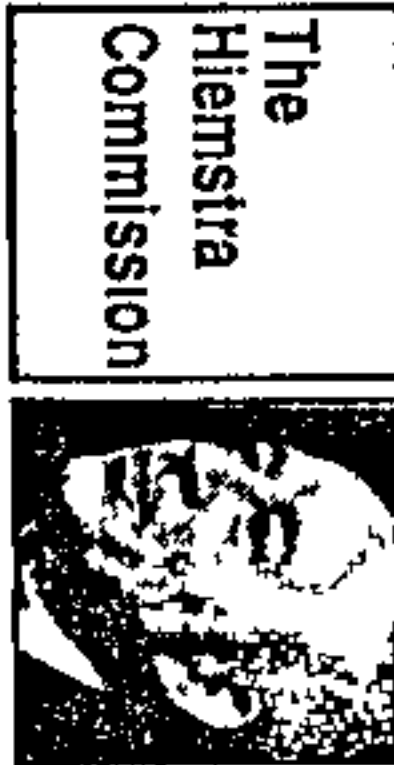
He has claimed that activist David Webster was shot dead by a member of a special unit made up of military and municipal employees as well as implicating the SADF's Civil Co-operation Bureau in its activities.

## Murders

Mr Gouws, who gave documents about the spies to The Star, was interviewed by Mr Chris Erasmus, the Harms Commission secretary, and Colonel Johan Wright, an investigating officer attached to the SA Police. His attorney, Mr Lawley Shein, was present.

The Harms Commission is investigating alleged politically motivated murders and is at present hearing evidence in London. It is likely to resume sittings in Pretoria next week.

Before Mr Gouws completed his evidence to the Hiemstra probe — which was sitting for the 11th day yesterday investigating The Star's revelations of a spy ring in the council's security department — lawyers arguing for the SADF and other parties, about liaison between the SAP, security forces and the council's security department.



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They accused him of lying. They said he had told half-truths regarding information he had heard about Dr Webster's assassination. Mr Gouws denied this.

Mr Gouws admitted to Mr Justice V G Hiemstra that there had been four people present when he heard from Mr Dick Greyling that a Mr Paul de Swardt had killed Dr Webster.

In earlier evidence he had not mentioned that Commandant Theuns Kotze, of Witwatersrand Command, and a Mr Bezuidenhout, his bodyguard, had been present in Angel's Bar at the Cardiff Arms Hotel in Johannesburg at the time he spoke to Mr Greyling. Earlier evidence was that the hotel is owned by city councillor Mrs Desires Simpson.

Commandant Kotze yesterday urged the press not to photograph him. It is understood that when he gives evidence, an application is to be made to Mr Justice Hiemstra for this to be made a commission rule.

Yesterday Mr Martin Hennig, who was recalled to the stand for the fourth time, refused to name several Security Police officers to whom he had supplied data gathered by his information-gathering section. He had been asked by Mr Gouws, for Cosatu and other

## Laughter, then some cross words

Cross-examination of Johannesburg City Council spy handler Mr Martin Hennig by Mr Gilbert Marcus, appearing for various groups including Cosatu, started with some hilarity at the Hiemstra Commission yesterday when Mr Hennig was asked whether he could actually see the lawyer.

Peering around a number of other legal representatives, Mr Hennig replied, "If I want to." There was laughter from everyone in the room, including

parties, about liaison between the SAP, security forces and the council's security department. "I was a go-between," Mr Hennig said.

A ruling will probably be given today on whether or not the names may be made public. He was repeatedly questioned by Mr Marcus about his knowledge of the infiltration of the Five Freedoms Forum as well as about the Freedom Charter.

Mr Hennig, who earlier said he had a "measure of expertise" due to his training in the SADF and his background, could not answer questions on the history of the ANC, and linked the Freedom Charter — which he did not know had been unbanned in 1984 — to organisations such as the FPF and Black Sash. He said of it meant they supported the ANC's aims and objectives.

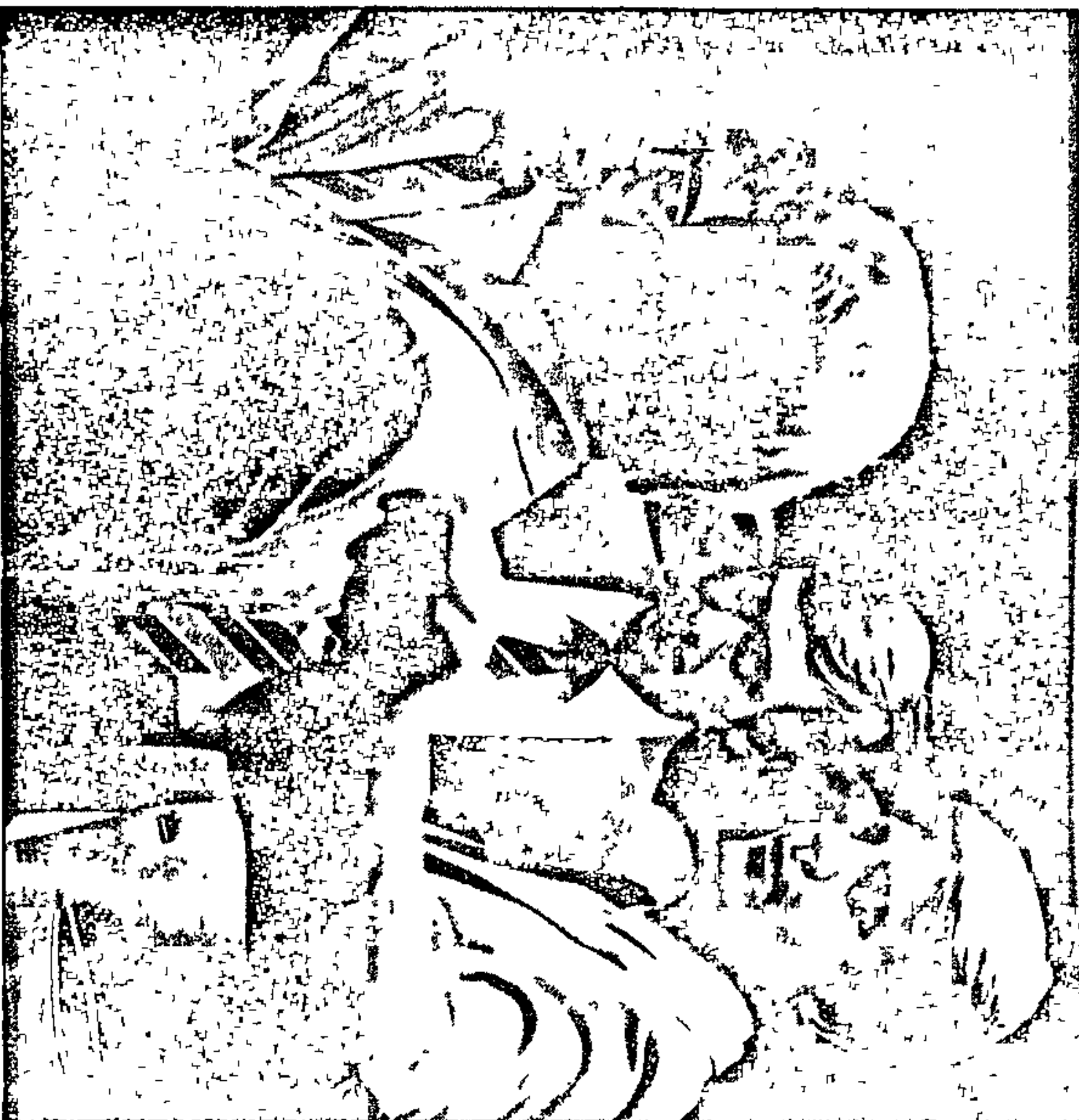
## Sinister

Asked about a profile on Mr Murray Hofmeyr, JCI chairman at that time and now chairman of Argus Holdings Ltd, Mr Hennig said it transpired that Mr Hofmeyr was regarded as "apolitical" as he had not made "any controversial comments" during an FPF meeting at which the Freedom Charter was discussed.

"You draw no inference from the fact that Mr Hofmeyr was present at this meeting?" asked Mr Marcus. "You however draw the most sinister inferences possible when it suits you."

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# Bara strike forces patients to leave

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BARAGWANATH Hospital stood almost empty yesterday after hundreds of patients were prematurely discharged due to a strike by 2 750 non-medical workers.

In spite of assurances by Transvaal Provincial Administration officials that the hospital will not close, hundreds of patients turned away when they were greeted by a notice at the entrance of the hospital saying patients should go to other hospitals as Baragwanath was closed.

Mr Danie Hough, Ad-

By PHANGISILE MTSALI

ministrator of the Transvaal, said the TPA had the situation under control.

## Resources

It was able to utilise resources from other branches, he said.

Meanwhile, emergency cases only are being treated at the Hillbrow Hospital in Johannesburg, which has been affected by protest action by non-medical staff since last week.

Superintendent, Dr Norman Smith, said the staff were only working until 11am each day before beginning their protest action.

He said the biggest problems facing the hospital were food, linen and general hygiene.

Strikers representatives belonging to the National Education and Health Workers Union (Nehawu), led by Mr Meshack Maila, met TPA officials led by Mr S E L Ferreira, MEC in charge

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## Bara almost empty

From Pic...

of Health Services, for about three hours at Baragwanath Hospital yesterday and agreed to continue talking to each other in a bid end the strike.

The strike may end today after Nehawu officials have reported back to their members.

A spokesman said Nehawu would try to persuade members to return to work.

Dirty linen continued to pile up along corridors at the hospital and the usually overcrowded wards were empty.

A doctor expressed fears that unhygienic conditions may result in a spread of infection.

Patients the hardest hit victims in the dispute, seemed resigned to their fate.

"There is nothing we can do if the workers want to fight for their rights," a patient said.

"We only hope that the doctors will treat us as soon as they can and discharge us. We have no where else to go."

Nehawu national organiser, Mr Monde Mitywa said it was unfortunate that patients were caught in a cross-fire.

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## Council witness lied - claim

Mr HANNES Gouws - the man who blew the lid off Johannesburg's municipal spies - was yesterday accused of lying and telling "second-hand stories".

The Hiemstra Commission heard lawyers acting for the South African Defence Force and other parties, accuse Gouws of spreading falsehoods and by doing so had "become the Dirk Coetzee of the Johannesburg City Council".

Gouws yesterday spent his third day giving evidence to Mr Justice VG Hiemstra, assisted by Mr W van den Berg, who is investigating *The Star's* revelations into spy rings in the Council's security department.

Under cross-examination by Mr A Roux, for the SADF and the Minister of Defence, Gouws said the conversation he had in a bar of a Johannesburg hotel - where he had heard that Dr David Webster was killed by a Mr Paul de Swardt - had been attended by Commandant Theuns Kotze, of the Witwatersrand Command, a Mr Bezuidenhout and Mr Dick Greyling, a colleague

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Gouws told the Commission last week only of Greyling in the bar. He was accused yesterday by Roux of telling half-truths.

Roux put it to Gouws that he had asked Kotze what he should say at the Hiemstra Commission. The meeting had taken place in the "Angels Bar" at the Cardiff Arms Hotel.

"Dr Webster's name came up in the conversation. Greyling had brought up his name," said Roux.

"That is correct," replied Gouws, who reiterated that Greyling had said Mr Paul de Swardt had shot Webster.

"I was amazed," said Gouws, who added he understood that Greyling had heard about the shooting from other "different" people.

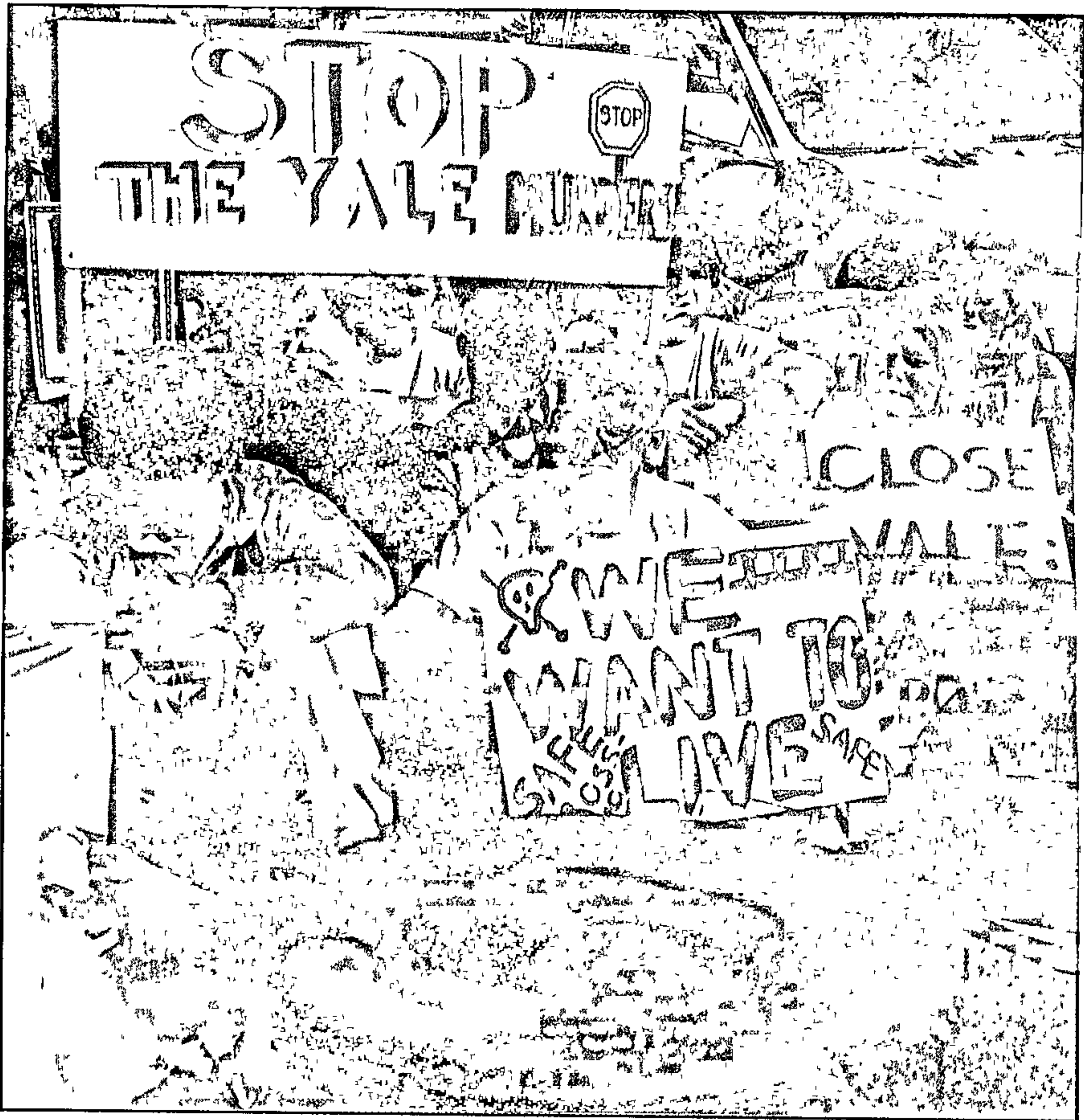
Roux said Greyling had said that he had heard the information from someone whose name began with the letter 'S' and, in turn, 'S' had heard about a person named 'P' who had also heard about the Webster death.

"Under oath, I said I had heard about the shooting," said Gouws. Roux, however, said: "You are prepared to put a person's reputation on the line by relating fourth-hand information to the Commission."

"You are trying to be the Dirk Coetzee of the Johannesburg City Council," said Roux.

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Students at the University of the Witwatersrand "take over" Yale Road to demand the incorporation of the public road into Wits.

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● Picture by Jacob Rykliff.

## 2 000 Wits students stage sit-in over road

By Janet Heard,  
Education Reporter

More than 2 000 defiant Wits University students staged a lunchtime sit-in in Yale Road yesterday and prevented cars from entering the road in an attempt to pressure the Johannesburg City Council into incorporating the street into the campus

"The Road is Ours", "Yale Road Sucks" and "Nightmare on Yale Road" were some of the placards students

carried in the public road which separates the east and west campuses

### Injured

For years students have campaigned for the road to be closed to prevent students from being knocked over by oncoming cars and to unite the two campuses

SRC president Mr Anton Roskam said about 3 000 students crossed the

road daily and a number of students had been injured after being hit by passing cars

Last year Mr Ahmed Patel was fatally injured

A team of traffic officers prevented a build-up of traffic by not allowing cars to enter the road at either entrance

The Johannesburg City Council is meeting on May 14 and Yale Road is on the agenda

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# McCarthy would have approved

Former Johannesburg city councillor **PAT ROGERS** comments on the report on himself drawn up by the municipality's security department. The report was recently submitted to the Hiemstra Commission.

We're a strange lot Where else could advocacy of a municipal police force prompt accusations of left-wing radicalism?

Yet that's the starting point for the "personality bulletin" on me prepared by the Johannesburg City Council's security department

The report says that my initiatives in this direction, and notably the proposal that the force be an acceptable alternative to national service, "must be seen in a serious light as it infers that undesirable elements could join the police"

A line on the writer's thinking about undesirable elements and what can be done to correct their outlook is provided by his recommendation that should such a force be established, "conditions be attached like the completion of basic (military) training and border service before people are enlisted".

There follows the damning but hardly revelatory observation that I am "a convinced supporter of the PFP".

Even those inclined to defend the morality of eliminating or taking other drastic action against opposition activists would presumably concede that such steps should be based on sound intelligence

On this level my file makes frightening reading It is a litany of inaccuracies and *non sequitur* conclusions, and gives the impression that anything goes if it justifies further investigation and another pay cheque

Harking back to the municipal police force and national service, it concludes that this "points to possible involvement with the End Conscription Campaign". For the record, I have never had anything to do with the ECC and my son completed his national service

"The subject is quite possibly involved with Idasa, the Five Freedoms Forum and Johannesburg Democratic Action Committee"

Apart from a cocktail party and once chairing an FFF speaking panel (featuring a fairly respectable newspaper editor), I have had nothing to do with these organisations either

Although the speculation concerning my involvement with these groups is nonsense, it is not unduly disturbing Bearing in mind that it was a banned organisation at the time, it is much less amusing to read "the possibility that he is involved with the South African Communist Party is not ruled out". No doubt Senator McCarthy would have approved.

"The subject is in favour of negotiations with the ANC and he also supports the idea behind the Dakar meeting He was approached to attend the Dakar meeting but decided against it He was, however, represented at the debriefing"

I neither supported nor decried the Dakar meeting (though I would have thought a trip to Soweto quicker and cheaper), I was not approached to attend it and I was not represented at the debriefing And I wonder what my personal spy (who remains unknown to me) would have to say about the Government now meeting the ANC?

There are too many errors to detail

The most sinister disclosures and allegations coming out of the Hiemstra Commission are those indicating an improper role by military intelligence and possible links to political assassination

On a municipal level, serious damage has been done to the very foundation of the system Elected representatives of the residents have been spied on by those paid to serve them Public money has been spent on unauthorised and unacceptable activities Political neutrality in public service has been ignored.

A spider's web has been allowed to grow in secret Between some councillors and some officials it will be a long time before trust and respect can again be established, if it can at all





Former spy handler Martin Hennig being cross examined at yesterday's hearing

Picture ROBERT BOTHA

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# Security dept papers missing, inquiry told

EDYTH BULBRING

CERTAIN Johannesburg City Council security department documents of interest to the Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry into alleged irregularities in that department were missing, the commission heard yesterday.

Under cross examination by Lötter Wepenaar for the commission, former spy handler Martin Hennig said he had given a packet of documents to senior security department director Frikkie Barnard after the commission first seized documents from The Fort

In addition, personal documents in Hennig's possession were being examined by himself and his legal representatives and those relevant to the commission would be submitted

However, Hennig conceded to advocate Gilbert Marcus acting for the Five Freedoms Forum (FFF) that he was in no position to decide on the relevance or irrelevance of the documents

Marcus said he would be looking at bringing an application for all those documents to be handed to the commission as he believed Hennig had misled his legal representatives

Hennig denied all knowledge of a file on murdered Wits academic David Webster, although Marcus produced a card which referred to the existence of a file

It was possible the file on Webster was in Barnard's possession, Hennig said

In addition, the commission was in possession of six reports on the activities of Webster, the commission heard.

Hennig said he did not think it important that he or Tomi Naude, who had infiltrated the FFF and befriended Webster, should make statements to the police after his death

Hennig refused to answer any questions regarding a farm at Halfway House, mentioned by former spy handler Hannes Gouws, where security department employees held a braaivleis every Friday on the instructions of Barnard

He said in terms of the Defence Act he would not answer any questions regarding his contact with the Defence Force, or his army activities

Marcus said he would examine Hennig on these points once he had had time to study the Act

On the question of the personal profile compiled by Hennig on former PFP councillor Pat Rogers, Hennig said he had not been perturbed about monitoring the activities of a city councillor as he did nothing unlawful

He had compiled the profile with information provided by a member of the Security Police, Hennig said

Rogers's sympathy with radical organisations put the council in danger. The commission will continue its proceedings today



# -Hiemstra Commission told of 'safe house' used by spies-

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The Argus Correspondent reports from Johannesburg

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"There was a recommendation to establish a field office but it was not carried through," Mr Hennig said

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The information had come "from a certain person who worked for the security forces"

This was part of an ongoing exchange of information between security forces and the

council's security department

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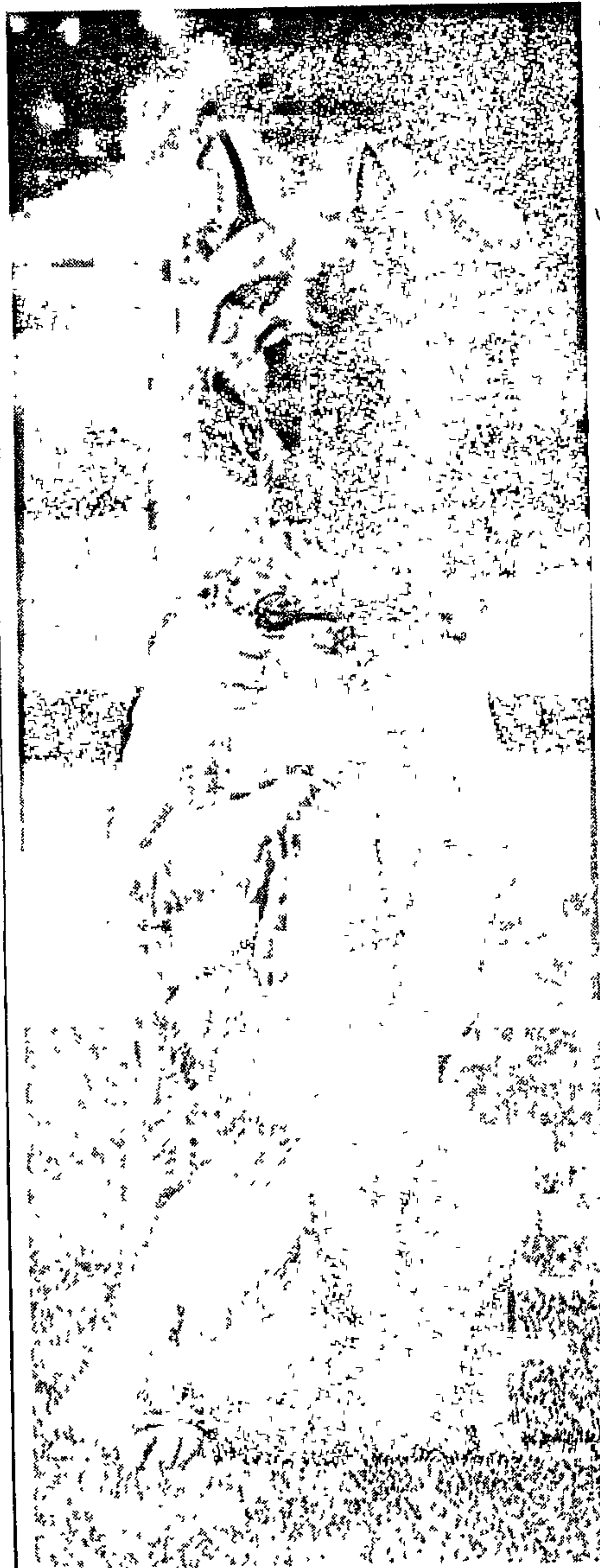
Mr Marcus told Mr Hennig this was not true and the FFF incorporated religious, student, professional and human rights groups

"I am worried about your testimony because you know so little about the organisation in which you placed an informant," Mr Marcus added. Mr Hennig agreed he was not an expert on the organisations and repeated that it was his job

Regarding the ECC, Mr Hennig said Mr David Bruce had as far as he knew gone to prison for his beliefs, and Mr Hennig was opposed to people who tried to change the law in the manner attempted

He said ECC members had participated in pickets under the banner of the Black Sash

"Why didn't they stand as members of the ECC? I see their participation in pickets as a lie — a symbol. It was low-intensity conflict," Mr Hennig said



Ag shame ... Shep is one of four wolf-dogs donated to the Johannesburg City Council's Public Safety Directorate by owners disappointed because the animals were not vicious enough. Picture: ANNA ZIEMINSKI, Afrapix

# Council spies penetrated top union ranks

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By KATHY STRACHAN

SPY reports before the Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry into alleged irregularities of the Johannesburg City Council indicate that the Transport and General Workers Union, which organises municipal workers, was infiltrated to its core.

According to a union representative the informers were even delegated to the union's National Executive Congress.

"We suspected some people in our union, and since the commission began they haven't attended any meetings. They are hiding away," said shop steward Smith Kgobane.

Union member Petrus Ndzabe said: "All the people who have been assaulted by white security supervisors have been union members."

Ndzabe said everyone who had been assaulted had submitted their grievances to the deputy directors of the security department — Frik Barnard and Brigadier Visser — yet these grievances were never discussed with the members, as the procedure required.

Informers' reports before the commission include information on TGWU meetings, where they were held, and the name of each person present.

One of the infiltrated shop stewards' meetings concerned the city council and how it operated. The informer's report said the shop stewards noted that the council spent its money on the wrong things, and that they discussed the high cost of Town Clerk Manie Venter's house, unemployment and the fact that workers were not getting a living wage.

The report was followed by comment from spy handler Nick Cronje, who interpreted the manner of instruction as "blatant communist propaganda". A profile of union organiser Jane Barret was also submitted.

Clifton Mhlatyana — the TGWU member Hannes Gouws admitted to teargassing — believes the security department victimises union members.

Recalling the teargassing, he said: "I was in the guard room on night duty. I saw the key turn in the lock, and then they sprayed teargas into the room."

When he heard that Barnard had ordered Gouws to sort him out and that he "did not mind if he died", Mhlatyana responded that it had been a "very lucky day for him". He said Barnard had previously called him a coward for not wanting to discuss a matter with him.



**Space age?** FIM 4/5/90

The countdown to Transnet's plans to sell "air space" above the Johannesburg Station is on schedule. And, all things being equal, a keen developer could be on site early next year.

That's according to the man at the helm, Transnet director of business development, Fuzz Loubser.

He says 11 proposals have been received from developers interested in the scheme (*Property* November 23). These are in the process of being evaluated by Transnet and the Johannesburg City Council.

The concept involves the provision of 7 000 m<sup>2</sup> of lettable area in the "air space" above the railway tracks on the east side of Johannesburg Station between King George and Wanderers Streets.

This is the first space above railway lines to be released by Transnet. When fully developed, it will provide for a 1,5 km strip of offices between the Queen Elizabeth Bridge and End Street (excluding the station), linking the CBD, Braamfontein and Hillbrow.

Loubser says the proposal adjudication procedure should be completed within the next week or two.

From this evaluation process Transnet should be able to select a short list of "pre-qualifiers" who will be invited to submit formal financial offers.

"We are working closely with the council on this issue, partly because of the terms under which the council has granted rights for the development of the air space, and because we want to ensure that whatever concept emerges complies with Johannesburg's town planning criteria."

He adds that presentations submitted are a positive indication the market believes the project is economically viable.

"We were concerned the major upfront structural costs and technical complexity of decking a railway may have put development out of reach. However, the response to our proposal call indicates otherwise." That being the case, he says the next round of adjudication will be primarily on financial grounds and will, therefore, constitute tenders.

He believes two months will be required to prepare final submissions for the second round of bidding. This will be followed by another two-month adjudication. Transnet should be in a position to make an award by October. "On that basis, one could expect a keen developer to be on site early in 1991," Loubser says.

He stresses the award will include performance clauses which will prevent speculative developers acquiring the "air space" and sitting on it for years before developing. ■



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The web grows

Startling testimony last week seemed to link the Johannesburg City Council spy ring to the murder of academic and political activist David Webster

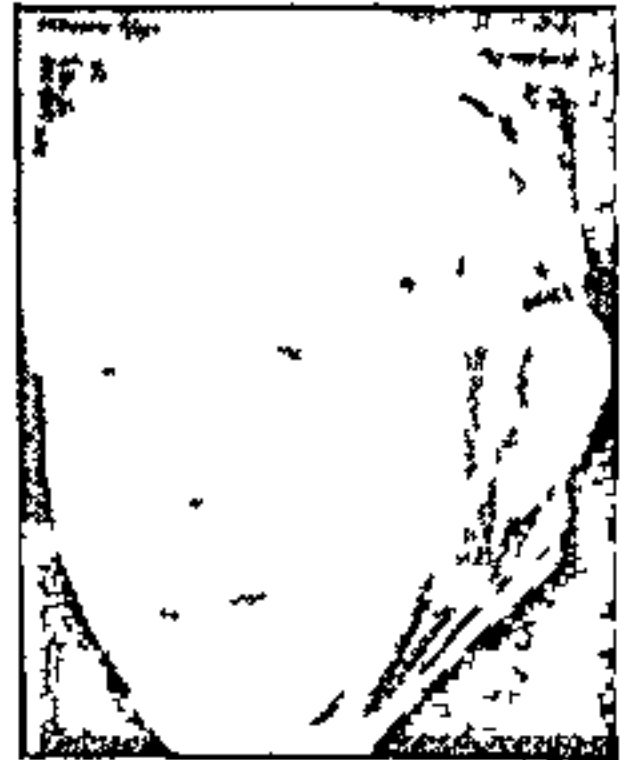
This had the effect of blurring the lines between the Hiemstra and Harms commissions (which are respectively conducting investigations into politically motivated espionage and alleged hit squads)

Early impressions that the city spy network was nothing more than a bumbling attempt by bureaucrats to play with the big boys are quickly fading

The apparently close connection between the city spy handlers and State organisations was driven home on Monday when Defence Minister Magnus Malan and the SA Defence Force were represented for the first time at the Hiemstra commission, now in its fourth week of testimony

Hannes Gouws, a former city council security training officer, alleged in testimony last week that Paul de Swardt, a former Military Intelligence officer, pulled the trigger on Webster a year ago. Gouws said De Swardt was a member of a special unit composed of city security officers and Military Intelligence members. De Swardt, now thought to be living in Venda, reportedly denies that he assassinated Webster. He is expected to testify this week

Gouws said he learned of De Swardt's alleged involvement from Dick Greyling, De Swardt's SADF partner for three years. But Greyling denies he told Gouws that De Swardt killed Webster



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Gouws also testified that the city spy ring was trained by the SADF and worked with the Civil Co-operation Bureau, a covert arm of the SADF. Gouws, the man who exposed the spy network when he passed secret documents regarding its activities to *The Star* newspaper, said the CCB placed a R50 000 contract on his head. He said he had been intimidated and threatened ever since resigning in September due to his disillusionment with the security department's activities. He exposed the spy ring, he said, because he feared for his life

"I am sure someone wants me dead," he said. "These sort of people can murder."

The city spy ring and the CCB conducted joint operations of intimidation, including torching a suspected ANC safe house and assaulting an actor who appeared in an anti-apartheid play, according to Gouws

Another connection between the city and State agencies was alleged when Gouws testified that his immediate city council security department superior, Frik Barnard, a

major in Military Intelligence, had ordered him and other security department employees to work with Military Intelligence members under the command of Major Roy Laubscher (266) (S)

Earlier in the week Johan Beetge, a former city security supervisor, testified that the city's security department was a front for Military Intelligence. He also said that Barnard passed on information gathered by the city spy ring to the SADF

# Hiemstra told of missing papers

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JOHANNESBURG — A former spy handler, Mr Martin Hennig, said a missing document concerning murdered academic Dr David Webster which was not found by Hiemstra Commission investigators was handed to Mr Frik Barnard, the military intelligence major who allegedly controlled Johannesburg City Council's controversial spy ring

Mr Hennig was testifying to the Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry into allegations that the council's security department conducted irregular spying activities on, among others, legitimate left-wing political organisations at ratepayers' expense

Mr Hennig told the commission he had handed documents to Mr Barnard which were not found when the commission's investigators first searched the council's security department offices for evidence

Mr Barnard had ordered that the documents, which might have included original manuscripts, be brought to him, Mr Hennig said

The missing document, allegedly among those handed to Mr Barnard, was apparently the product of a coun-

cil security department spy report

Under cross-examination by Mr Lotter Wepener for the commission, Mr Hennig said that if Mr Barnard had not handed the missing documents in to the commission he did not know what had happened to them

Earlier in his testimony, Mr Hennig admitted sorting out security department documents in his office with two colleagues with a view to deciding which were of interest to the commission

Mr Hennig, whose council duties included liaison with "security force" intelligence, told the commission he had taken a secrecy oath while serving in the defence force which he considered binding

Under cross-examination by Mr Gilbert Marcus, counsel for the End Conscription Campaign, Mr Hennig explained that the council's security department had infiltrated and spied on the ECC because the group's members had participated in pickets which could have disrupted traffic

Mr Marcus reserved his right to question Mr Hennig later — Sapa

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## Snoopers disturbed 'naked neighbour'

The story of how a spy handler and his colleague snooped at the home of a top Johannesburg city councillor and disturbed a naked neighbour was told to the Hiemstra Commission yesterday.

When questioned by Mr Lotter Wepener, for the commission, Mr Martin Hennig at first claimed no knowledge of having called at the home of Mr Ian Davidson, now chairman of the city council's management committee.

However, he suddenly remembered the incident when Mr Wepener asked him: "You recall knocking on a bathroom window?"

Mr Hennig then said that he had been to Mr Davidson's Westdene house with Mr Piet Fouche, another security official.

According to evidence, they knocked on the bathroom window of the house next door to Mr Davidson. A woman answered and the men asked if there was a pool at Mr Davidson's house.

The woman, who was having a bath, and according to evidence was naked, said there was.

According to Mr Wepener, four other councillors were visited by Mr Hennig and his colleague during early 1989.



# Profile compiled on ex-councillor

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Surveillance costing R4 500 was to have been carried out on former city councillor and civic personality Mr Pat Rogers, the Hiemstra Commission heard yesterday

Mr Martin Hennig, a spy handler in the Johannesburg City Council's security department, said in testimony that Mr Rogers had been regarded as a "liberal"

In a profile compiled of Mr Rogers, he was suspected of having links with the ANC and South African Communist Party (SACP) and had advocated closer ties with the ANC

The profile had arisen as a result of a 1987 resolution put forward by Mr Rogers that a city police force be established and that the members of it be allowed to serve as part of their national service commitments

Mr Hennig said he concluded that Mr Rogers could, because of the resolution, be linked to the

End Conscription Campaign, an organisation advocating alternative service

Mr Gilbert Marcus, for various parties, described it as a "very serious allegation" to link Mr Rogers to the SACP

Mr Hennig said Mr Rogers "was possibly a member and possibly not"

Questioned by Mr Marcus on whether being a sympathiser of radical organisations fell within the ambit of the security department's spying activities, Mr Hennig replied "It is possible"

Mr Marcus asked him about invasion of privacy and Mr Hennig replied that it would "depend precisely what is required"

Mr Hennig admitted that there had been a number of mistakes in the profile and implied that the whole report could have been an error

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# DP asked to stand down in Boksburg poll

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Staff Reporter

The Democratic Party has been approached twice in the past week to stand down in the Boksburg Ward Two by-election, DP secretary Mr Sirk van Wyk revealed last night

And we are challenging independent Mr Issy Kramer who joined the National Party 18 months ago," he said

The formal nominations for the May 30 by-election will be made today

He said Mr Sakkie Blanche,

NP MP for Boksburg, approached DP parliamentary leader Dr Zach de Beer asking whether the party would stand down

Mr Issy Kramer, an independent town councillor, approached Mr Harry Schwartz,

DP MP for Yeoville, to ask the same thing, he said "We're amazed because two NP councillors resigned under a cloud from that ward"

The candidates so far are Mr Ronnie Wiggil (NP), Mr J Rabie (CP) and Mr Colin Auret (DP)

# Spy handler tells of safe house near Wits

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The Hiemstra Commission



By Norman Chandler,  
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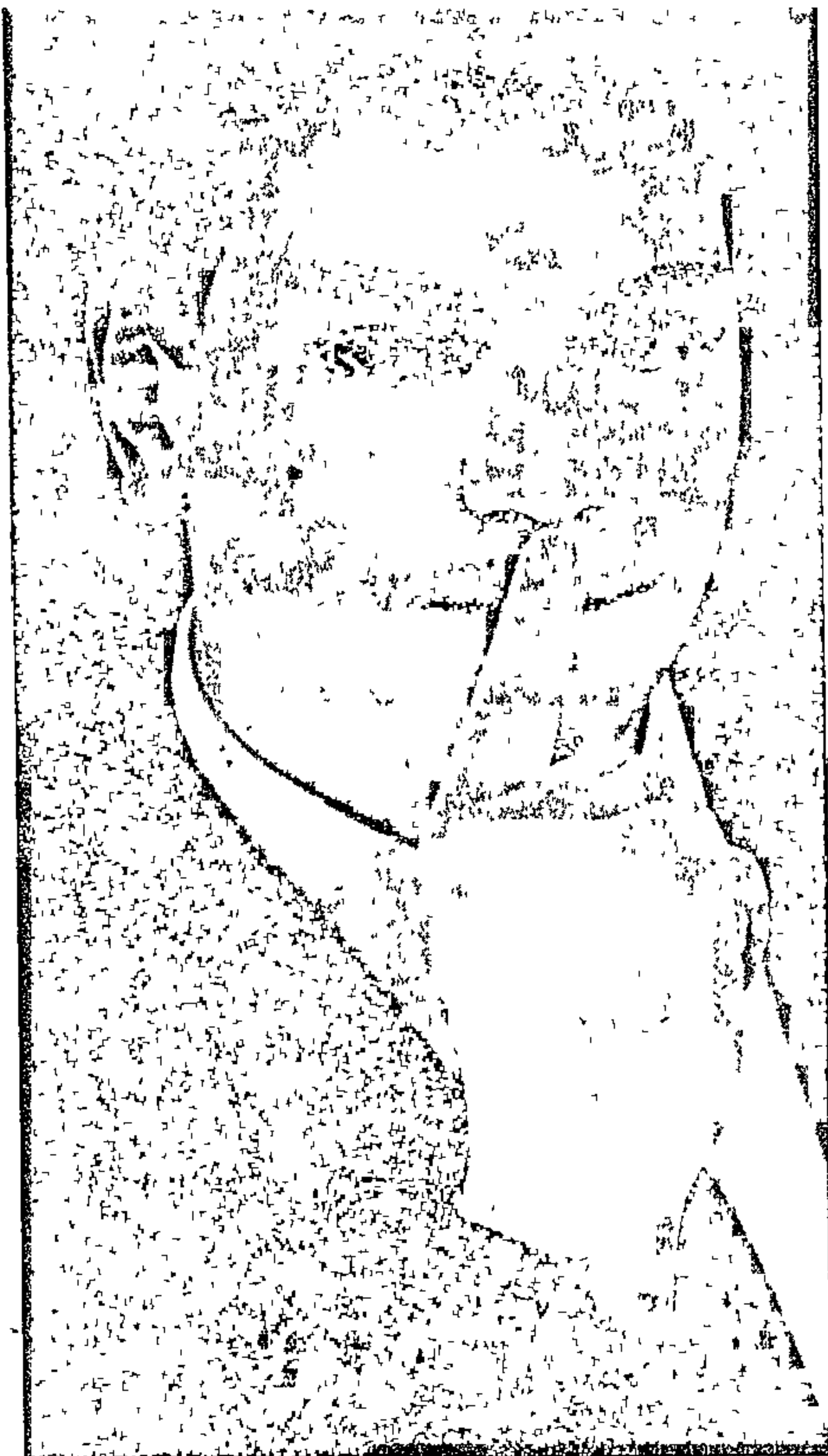
He said, however, that it was probable the FFF had close ties to the UDF

Mr Marcus told Mr Hennig this was not true and the FFF incorporated religious, student, professional and human rights groups

"I am worried about your testimony because you know so little about the organisation in which you placed an informant," Mr Marcus added. Mr Hennig agreed he was not an expert on the organisations and repeated that it was his job

The hearing continues





Mum's the word . . . spy handler Martin Hennig puts a finger to his lips in time-honoured manner. He yesterday refused to answer questions at the Hiemstra Commission hearings. ● Picture by Ken Oosterbroek

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## City spy handler invokes Act to avoid questions

Staff Reporters

The Defence Act was invoked yesterday by Johannesburg City Council spy handler Mr Martin Hennig to avoid answering questions at the Hiemstra Commission hearings about his liaison with security forces.

Mr Hennig also used Section 118 of the Act when asked about a farm near Pretoria where the South African Defence Force allegedly trained municipal security department officials.

Mr Gilbert Marcus, for various parties, was questioning Mr Hennig about the murder of academic Dr David Webster and military involvement with the security department.

Mr Justice V G Hiemstra, the commission chairman, assisted by Mr W van den Berg, agreed to a short adjournment to allow Mr Hennig to consult legal representatives about the implications of answering the questions.

On his return to the room, Mr Hennig again said he was not prepared to answer any questions dealing with his liaison with security forces.

Mr Hennig was questioned at length by Mr Marcus on a missing profile (coded J1/15) on Dr Webster, who was murdered outside his Troyeville, Johannesburg, home a year ago.

It was alleged earlier during hearings that a Mr Paul de Swardt had murdered Dr Webster, who was active in the Five Freedoms Forum. Mr Hennig said although Dr Webster's name appeared on a security department list of people with profiles and filing cards, he knew nothing about such a profile having been prepared on Dr Webster.

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CCB set up 'front' businesses in African countries

# Network of spies cost R14-m

The Harms Commission



By Norman Chandler,  
Pretoria Bureau

Agents of Sector 6 of the Civil Co-operation Bureau (CCB) spent more than R14 million infiltrating African states and on local projects, the Harms Commission heard yesterday.

The countries were not identified by undercover agent "Christo Brits" yesterday, who took the witness stand to tell commission chairman Mr Justice Louis Harms how the CCB ran its activities.

"Christo Brits" is, the commission heard, the administrative name of a CCB employee. The judge ruled that his identity — or photograph or sketch of him — could not be published.

In the public gallery was CCB chairman General Eddie Webb.

The commission heard that at least four foreign projects were specially developed for Sector 6, which was run from Johannesburg by former police colonel Staal Burger.

The judge ruled that information about other similar projects also could not be divulged because of an application by CCB lawyers.

Disguised with wig, beard, moustache and glasses, Mr "Brits" said Sector 6 comprised Mr Burger (former commander of the Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad), and former policemen Abraham "Slang" van Zyl, Chappie Maree and Calla Botha.

## Claims of killings

It was one of three such sectors he had worked with over a period.

Mr Maree is the only one of the group who has not been seen since the CCB was exposed in November as a covert SADF operation and accused of being involved in political murders — including those of activist Dr David Webster and Swapo national executive member Anton Lubowski.

The setting up of Sector 6 was codenamed Project Choice, said Mr "Brits". Each member was able to set up a business under a codename.

The sector had also been involved in a project codenamed Project 4, which had resulted in an unnamed CCB member being given a new identity and employment in an African state.

The commission heard about a project known as Maxie. Under the control of Mr Burger, it dealt with espionage activities in "a certain African state".

The affidavit said that to identify the person who helped Mr Burger would be "life threatening".

Another, codenamed Project Imperial, was established to obtain information from an African country's intelligence department.

"The identities of the group, their method of operation, and the country cannot be disclosed," the affidavit said. It added: "The people involved were not aware they were working for the CCB."

Project Imperial continued for some time, according to the affidavit. Entries from the Sector 6 cash book, handed in as evidence, showed that it began on May 12 1989 and ended on January 30 this year.

Another African country was infiltrated through Project Maagd, which involved the setting up of a business there to operate in association with a similar establishment in South Africa.

A fourth country was infiltrated by another CCB sector. It was known as Project Visarend.

"The man involved knew he was working on behalf of a South African security force. He did not, however, specifically provide the CCB with information," the affidavit said.

Mr Justice Harms forbade publication of certain parts of the affidavit.

Tim McNally, Attorney-General of the Free State, who is assisting the commission, said that sums of more than R400 000 had been spent on various projects.



# 'Spy that failed to please his bosses

THE Man Who Wrote To Himself is not the title of a new best-seller. It's the real-life saga of a spy who would have done well keeping the post office in business.

Desperate to show his bosses he was as good as James Bond, the legendary 007, Johannesburg City Council spy Mr Anthony Bennett wrote letters addressed to himself at the municipal security department.

The former bank clerk, university student, spy and spy handler caused merriment at the Hiemstra Commission hearings yesterday when he admitted to having done so. But it all came to nought — or its nearest equivalent.

His superiors gave his input, on the Democratic Party's candidates for the 1988 Johannesburg municipal elections and on the annual DP fete at Zoo Lake, totals of 4 out of 10 and of 6 out of 10.

It all began when Mr Bennett, who dropped out of the University of the Witwatersrand and after infiltrating the End Conscription Campaign on behalf of the security department, obtained a document listing DP election candidates.

"It was a document I received and thought would

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be of interest to the department," he told Mr Denis Fine, SC, for the commission, during re-examination before Mr Justice V G Hiemstra, assisted by Mr W van den Berg.

To get the document into the "system" operating within the department was easy — he simply wrote to himself, enclosing the document.

He told the commission he acted as the informer, the source of the document, and the recipient. "I did so to show I was a reliable source," he added.

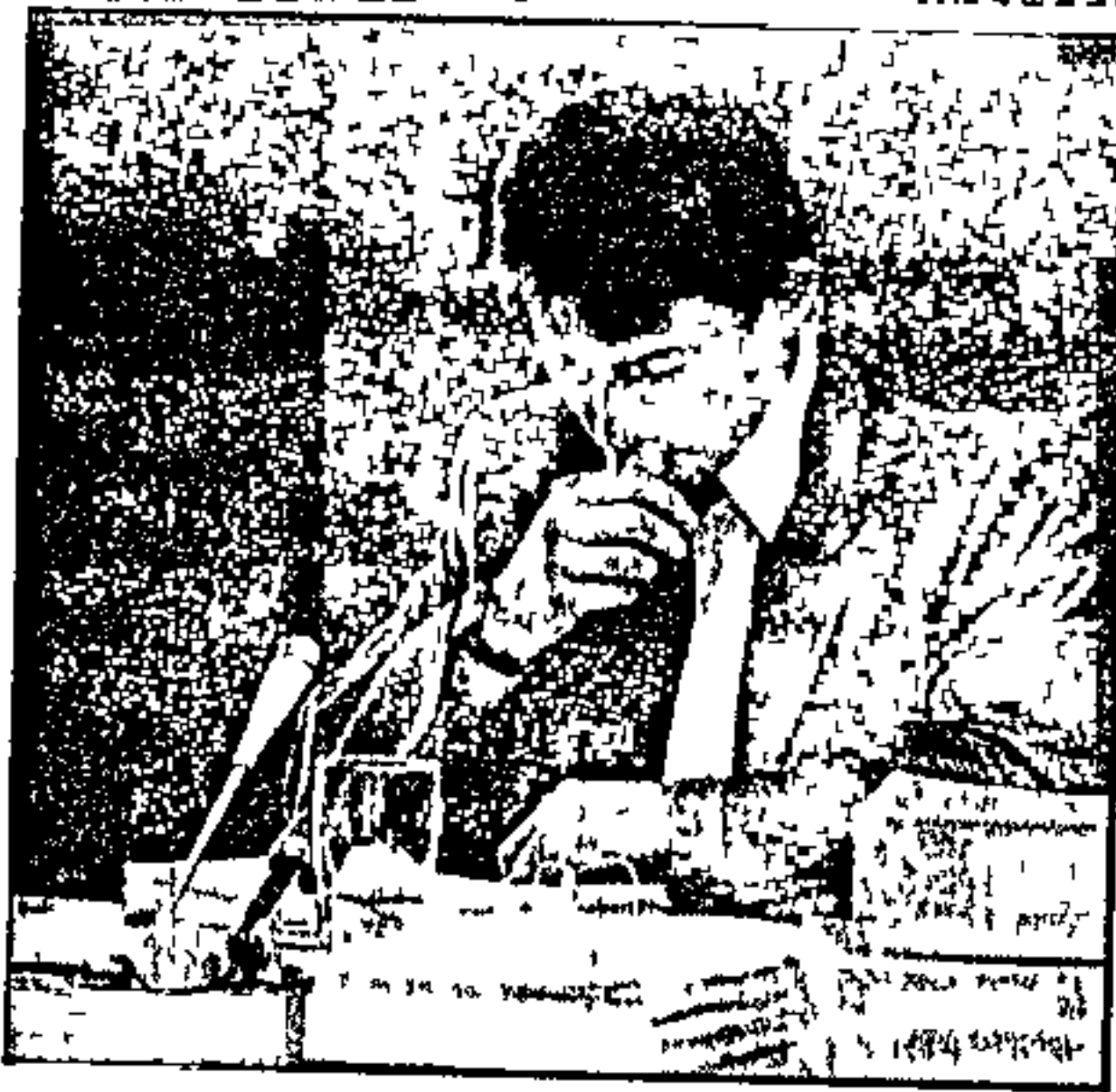
"That is puerile," retorted Mr Fine. "Did you find it interesting that you wrote to yourself?"

"Yes," replied Mr Bennett.

And Mr Bennett not only wrote to himself but also classified the source (himself) as "B2" — which, in security department jargon meant he was very reliable.

Under cross-examination by Mr Gilbert Marcus, acting for various parties, Mr Bennett admitted to having written a second letter, this time enclosing information about the DP fete.





GRILLING: Mr Anthony Bennett at yesterday's hearing. Photograph Stephen Davimes.

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# Giant public corporations 'involved in spy network'

**NORMAN CHANDLER, LOUISE BURGERS and HELEN GRANGE**

AN intelligence-gathering network with tentacles stretching throughout the country is being run by the SA Defence Force with the co-operation of giant public corporations, it was revealed yesterday.

The corporations include the SABC, Sasol and the Post Office.

Spies operating for them as well as other, unnamed, corporations have been meeting weekly at Witwatersrand Command, the SADF's southern Transvaal headquarters in Johannesburg, to exchange information, the Hiemstra Commission heard.

Mr Anthony Bennett, a spy and spy handler for the now-defunct Johannesburg City Council security department's spy unit, told Mr Justice V G Hiemstra, who is assisted by Mr W van den Berg, that State corporations exchanged information with the military.

This is the second time that the Hiemstra Commission — which is investigating The Star's revelations of a spy ring in the security department — has heard about a wide network of intelligence gatherers.

### Local authorities

In earlier evidence, the director of public safety in Johannesburg City Council, Mr John Pearce, said the majority of the country's local authorities ran similar intelligence units to that of Johannesburg.

He said a national association made up of security departments was also in existence.

Mr Bennett yesterday told the commission he had attended various meetings of representatives of the SADF, the Johannesburg City Council, Sasol, the SABC and the Post Office — as well as others he did not name — at Wits Command during 1987-88.

He had been delegated to do so by Mr Piet Assenmacher, his superior at the security department.

He made the admission about the meetings under cross-examination by Mr Gilbert Marcus, acting for various parties. It came when he said he thought he had attended "one or two meetings with the SADF".

Mr Marcus then produced a photocopy of a "movements book" found at the department's offices at the old Johannesburg Fort. Entries showed that Mr Bennett had been to Witw Command on at least eight occasions.

The first was on November 19 1987, when he met a Captain Young, the second a week later to meet Lieutenant Martin Hennig (who later joined the council security department and has been a key witness to the Hiemstra Commission), a third to meet Lieutenant Nick Roestof (who also joined the security department), and a fourth was a "liaison" meeting at Wits Command on December 4 1987.

Other meetings followed.

Earlier, Mr Bennett told Mr Denis Fine, SC, representing the commission, that he had never been in

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involved with any activities regarding the SADF. He had, however, attended a five-day "low-level source-handling" course at a farm outside Pretoria.

Cross-examining, Mr Marcus said evidence about military involvement was a lie Mr Bennett denied that this was the case, adding "It could have been to drop off documents".

Mr Bennett then said "I went to one meeting there were a couple of meetings with the military. It could have been to pass on information."

"The meetings took place weekly. Various companies which ran security sections came together to meet the

army on a weekly basis. "They were companies which had discovered information. They included the Post Office, Sasol and the SABC, among others."

He could not recall what information had been passed on, but when Mr Marcus referred to him as "a trained intelligence officer", Mr Bennett conceded that it could have included data on planned stayaways and strikes.

Another reason he gave for visiting Wits Command was to "give council employment application forms" to lieutenants Roestof and Hennig. Mr Marcus rejected this.

The commission has heard that there was an exchange of intelligence between the security department and the military.

# Post Office spies reported weekly to SADF

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JOHANNESBURG — A former Johannesburg City Council spy testifying before the Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry yesterday said that other spies from huge parastatal corporations, including the SA Broadcasting Corporation, reported on a weekly basis to SADF military intelligence chiefs.

Mr Anthony Bennett, also cited possible disruption of traffic as a reason for infiltrating the End Conscription Campaign.

ECC members, he argued, took part in pickets and this activity could disrupt traffic. His colleague, Mr Martin Hennig, on Thursday offered the same excuse for the ECC infiltration.

## Intelligence

Mr Bennett said he had on occasions attended intelligence exchange meetings at Wits Command, the SADF's Johannesburg headquarters.

At these meetings, members of "intelligence sections" attached to parastatals like the SABC, Sasol and the Post Office gathered under the chairmanship of the SADF.

According to his evidence, a Johannesburg City Council representative regularly attended the weekly meetings. Mr Bennett said he had attended only on occasions because a senior in the council security department, Mr Piet Asemacher, had been unavailable.

He provided no further details of the meetings other than to say he had

exchanged information with military intelligence officers.

Mr Bennett, in his testimony yesterday, initially denied any involvement with the SADF while working for the city council's security department but later admitted visiting Wits Command on several occasions when confronted with evidence of the trips.

Two of these visits in 1987 included meetings with Lt Martin Hennig and a Lt Rick Roestof, both of whom later quit the Defence Force and joined the city council security department.

## Refused to answer

Mr Bennett became the second witness testifying before the Hiemstra Commission to refuse to answer questions in terms of the Defence Act, as more evidence suggesting SADF involvement in the council's spy ring emerged.

Mr Dennis Fine, SC, for the commission, put to Mr Bennett that he was using a military oath taken previously to preclude answering certain questions.

Mr Fine described to Mr Bennett a report drawn up by the former spy. The report was in the form of a letter written by Mr Bennett to himself and dealt with Democratic Party candidates in municipal elections.

Mr Bennett agreed that the report held no interest for the city council, saying he had written it for his security department colleagues' information.

The hearing continues — Sapa



# Union puts TPA pay proposals to members

# Hospitals breakthrough

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By Carina le Grange

Agreement was reached early this morning between the Transvaal Provincial Administration and the National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union (Nehawu) on wage proposals aimed at ending the crisis at strike crippled hospitals.

A statement issued by the executive director of health services, Dr Henrie van Wyk, said "proposals are presently being formulated" which were to be put to workers by the union this morning.

Agreement were reached in the fifth round of talks which started on Friday evening and continued over the weekend.

Nehawu will report back to Dr van Wyk later today to finalise the agreement, he said. Nehawu organiser Mr Monde Mditshwa could not be reached for comment.

While talks were in progress yesterday, the crisis intensified and spread. Operating theatres, the casualty section and kitchen at Tembisa Hospital closed and seven other hospitals are also still badly affected.

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The TPA team is headed by Dr van Wyk and Nehawu by Mr Mditshwa. Assisting the TPA is legal expert Professor S A S Strauss of the University of South Africa.

Officials of Nehawu will address workers at the Flower Hall on the campus of the University of the Wit-



Helping out . . . music teacher Mr Hyllon Zarge is one of 400 volunteers helping to keep the Johannesburg Hospital functioning during the strike. He has been washing 1 000 babies' bottles a day.

Picture by Stephen Davimes



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Officials of Nehawu will address workers at the Flower Hall on the campus of the University of the Witwatersrand to report back and obtain a fresh mandate

### Shared concern

Dr van Wyk said in today's statement he had gained the impression during the talks that Nehawu representatives shared his "serious concern" over the welfare of patients

Today is the eighth day since workers at Baragwanath Hospital went on strike Hillbrow, Johannesburg, Natalspruit and H F Verwoerd Hospitals followed suit, and by last night the strike had spread to Middelburg, Tembisa, Boksburg-Benoni and Tshepong (Klerksdorp) hospitals

At Tembisa and Natalspruit services are rendered by the minimum of nursing staff

The Red Cross and volunteers are assisting nursing staff to keep services going while the TPA reported "large scale intimidation"

Union officials said they were against intimidation and people identified as intimidators were unknown to them

According to the TPA, emergency cases only are being handled and essential services continue

All but desperately ill patients have been discharged

At Baragwanath the backlog of more than 40 tons of dirty linen is being dealt with by an outside contractor

Yesterday, volunteers were still needed to sort, fold and pack the linen, and to work in the kitchens to relieve nursing staff

In most cases volunteers at other hospitals are helping with the linen

Stocks of pre-packed medication are low

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## Hospitals row nears crunch

TALKS between the Transvaal Provincial Administration and the National Education, Health and Allied Workers Union resume this morning. These must now settle the most burning aspect of the dispute - wage demands by the non-medical staff.

The two delegations will meet this morning in Pretoria when the IPA will respond officially to Nchawu's wage demands.

Meanwhile, the strike by thousands of non-medical staff continues to cripple Transvaal hospitals, among them Baragwanath hospital.

"The only outstanding issue is our wage proposal," Nchawu national organiser Mr Monde Mditshwa said.

It was not clear by 11:00 if this morning's meeting would focus on wage demands by non-medical staff at all hospitals, or if Baragwanath was a test case.

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## Baragwanath crisis

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The union is demanding a minimum salary of R1 100 a month and an across-the-board R400 increase.

"We have reached agreement on the rest," Mditshwa said, referring to Nchawu's demands for TPA recognition, an end to temporary status for all workers, and an end to racial discrimination within health institutions, among others.

"It now depends on the TPA response (to the wage demand). Everything hinges on it," Mditshwa said.

He declined to reveal details of what had been agreed so far - Sapa

# Union will pay defence costs of members who spied on it

266 Staff Reporter ~~CP~~ ~~CPA~~

The Johannesburg Municipal Employees Association had informed the city council's management committee it would be funding the defence of members who allegedly spied on the union, said Mr Paul Asherson

The bill for legal representation for nine members of the union appearing before the Hiemstra Commission, which is investigating alleged spying activities into various organisations including the JMEA itself, is likely to run into hundreds of thousands of rands

Mr Asherson, a Democratic Party management committee member, said "I believe this is acceptable

"The JMEA took the courtesy of informing our committee of their action and I believe that is democracy, that is how a union works

"These people including town clerk Mr Mame Venter and director of public safety Mr John Pearce have been members for many years," he said



# 'Vote twice' councillor acted illegally - judge

8/5/90 By Cathy Stagg (266)

A former Boksburg town councillor, Mr Gideon Fourie, who encouraged a woman to vote twice, had committed a dishonest act.

That meant he was not entitled to act as a town councillor, unless lawfully re-elected. And the former Boksburg mayor who refused to declare a vacancy in Mr Fourie's ward had made the wrong decision.

These were the findings of Mr Justice H J C Fleming, who handed down judgment in an urgent application in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

## Mayoral election

The application was launched in March this year to stop Mr Fourie, a CP councillor and chairman of the management committee, taking part in the election of Boksburg's mayor.

Mr Fourie had undertaken not to act as a councillor until the outcome of the court case.

Mr Fourie, a candidate in the October 1988 election, was convicted of encouraging Mrs Charmaine Rex to vote again under her maiden name of Wilson. After his conviction, he launched an appeal.

Mr Beyers de Klerk, who was then the mayor, refused to declare a vacancy in Mr Fourie's ward, which would have resulted in a by-election.

# 'Most spies came from intelligence units'

By Helen Grange and Louise Burgers (266)

Seven out of 10 employees in the monitoring section of the Johannesburg City Council security department were recruited from Military Intelligence and National Intelligence, the Hiemstra Commission heard yesterday

Former senior deputy director of security, Brigadier Jan Visser, admitted under cross-examination by Gilbert Marcus, for various parties, that his deputy director Frik Barnard had recruited most of the council spies and spy handlers

It was earlier revealed to the commission, chaired by Mr Justice V G Hiemstra investigating The Star's revelations of a council spy network, that Mr Barnard was a major in Military Intelligence

Spy handlers Martin Hennig, Nic Roestorf and Nic Vlok were recruited from Military Intelligence — while Piet Assenmacher came from National In-

telligence Annetjie Smit, a secretary and handler and Sonet Liebenberg came from the SADF

Brigadier Visser did not know whether ECC spy Tony Bennett and a Mr Hattingh had also come from the Defence Force (Earlier, Mr Bennett refused to answer questions regarding his military career in terms of Section 118 of the Defence Act)

Mr Marcus retorted "So we have seven out of 10 who came from Military Intelligence or the SADF"

Brigadier Visser, after being quizzed on Mr Barnard's staff appointments, admitted that he reprimanded Mr Barnard "only once" when the proper channels in the recruitment of Miss Smit had not been followed

Brigadier Visser said he was not aware of other incidents of irregular staff appointments, although other complaints had been received from the person-

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## Council plans to give city some backbone

CHARLOTTE MATHEWS

JOHANNESBURG. City Council has joined the private sector to upgrade the heart of the city linking the retail core and the traditional financial district.

Project control consultants Pro-Crit MD Louis Stapelberg said at a Press conference at Johannesburg's civic centre yesterday the R10,5m Civic Spine project, due for completion at the end of March, 1991, was within budget and on schedule.

The spine will be defined by a line of trees on the northern pavement of President Street and the southern pavement of Market Street. It will stretch from the Johannesburg Library to the Rissik Street post office.

City council planning and development committee chairman Eddy Magid said the area was intended to become the symbolic heart of the city.

Civic Square, which lies between the city hall and the post office, will be paved and a fountain with tall obelisks will be constructed to mark the site.

The Library Gardens will become recreational space and will include a variety of stalls at the areas which are now ramps to the parking garage.



# Inquiry findings to be public

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RECOMMENDATIONS by the Kriel Commission of inquiry into alleged irregularities in the Ateridgeville City Council are to be made public this week.

Mr Olaus van Zyl, the Transvaal Provincial Administration's (TPA) MEC entrusted with local government and regional services councils, said yesterday the recommendations would be released "within the next few days."

Van Zyl said the reason that the recommendations could not be made public earlier was that the TPA wanted to combine them with those involving other black local authorities.

"We had a number of internal investigations involving other black local authorities and we wanted to release the recommendations simultaneously."

The Kriel Commission's recommendations were tabled at a special meeting of the Ateridgeville City Council on February 27.

The commission recommended, among others, that the council be dissolved in terms of section 29 of the Black Local Authorities Act.

It stated that it would serve no purpose to provide more funds, either by bridging or overdraft facilities, until the whole administration was placed on an efficient bookkeeping system and a proper budget was applied.

The recommendation to dissolve the council was rejected by councillors at a special meeting on February 27.

Mr Daan Mouton, acting town clerk in Ateridgeville, said the release of the recommendations would stop "the speculations" going around in the township.

# Hiemstra to rule today on Defence Act secrecy clause

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A ruling on a challenge to a section of the Defence Act, used by key witnesses in refusing to answer questions before the Hiemstra Commission, will be handed down today by Mr Justice V G Hiemstra.

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## RECALLED

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- Information of a farm where Military Intelligence officers and security department personnel allegedly met

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"If one asks a person what his rank is, or whether he visited a certain place, that does not affect the defence of the Republic of South Africa," Mr Marcus said

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## BOUND BY ORDINANCE

Mr Campbell said Mr Hennig was bound by the commissions' ordinance of 1960 to answer all questions put to him, and that if he was not prepared to give replies he would be guilty of an offence.

Mr Hennig would be exempt from this ordinance only if he claimed a "privilege" in withholding information. He would have to prove this privilege, Mr Campbell said

Mr Bornman said the commission of inquiry was bound by its terms of reference which restricted it to exposures in the Press and therefore questions relating to military involvement in the council security department were not relevant.

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Mr Fanie Naude, a technical officer in the city council, testified yesterday that quotations had been requested by security department director Mr Frik Barnard for video cameras and monitors

The quotation for the portable video equipment was dated October 7 1989 and Mr Naude said he had submitted it to Mr Barnard in February this year

The equipment — three times the size of a credit card — could be "hidden in a location, undetected by people", Mr Naude said "Mr Barnard said it (the video equipment) had to be very mobile and portable. There were no wires"

He agreed with Mr Lotter Wepener, leading evidence for the commission, that such equipment was not normally used by the Johannesburg City Council. Its equipment was visible

## Thefts

Under cross-examination by Mr Solly von Nieuwenhuizen, for Mr Barnard, Mr Naude said Mr Barnard had told him the hidden cameras were to be placed at council installations where thefts had taken place, and were therefore used for criminal investigation

Mr Naude told the commission that a day after he last gave evidence (a week ago), he had been transferred to a new position under Mr Martin Hennig, former spy handler

When asked by Mr W van den Berg, assisting Mr Justice Hiemstra, whether the new position was a promotion, Mr Naude replied that it was part of "rationalisation" in the council

The commission adjourned early yesterday after a witness failed to appear. Brigadier Jan Visser, former security deputy director, is expected to take the stand today.

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Probe blames  
problems on  
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GERALD REILLY

PRETORIA — Few of the problems identified in investigations into the affairs of black town councils in the Transvaal related directly to dishonest or corrupt conduct, MEC in charge of local government Olaus van Zyl said last night

It seemed councils' problems stemmed mostly from a lack of trained staff or the inexperience of councillors

Both aspects were receiving urgent attention.

The investigations included probes into the administration of local government in Alexandra, Atteridgeville, Bekkersdal, Diepmeadow, Kwatamba, Lebohang, Mhluzi Siyathemba, Tembisa, Tokoza and Wesselton

Further investigations are being made into the affairs of Tembisa, Tokoza and Wesselton

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A similar inquiry may be made at Bekkersdal and Siyathemba

Details of the investigations involving Bekkersdal, Siyathemba, Tembisa, Tokoza and Wesselton would not be made public at this stage, he said

Reports relating to Alexandra were being studied by the director of local authorities and a report would be submitted to the administrator in the next ten days

Local governments were informed of the findings and asked to take remedial action by the end of April. If this was not done, the administrator would take whatever action he deemed necessary

Where justified, action was taken against individuals, Van Zyl said

# Residents boycott council members' shops

VOSLOORUS residents are boycotting all shops belonging to members of the local town council in the East Rand township

They are also boycotting a supermarket of chairman of the Vosloorus Chamber of Commerce and Industries, Justice Radebe, who is being accused of "collaborating" with councillors

Radebe owns the Mthimkulu Supermarket at Lesedi Shopping

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The boycott, which started on Monday and will last until August 7, follows the refusal by councillors to resign from their posts

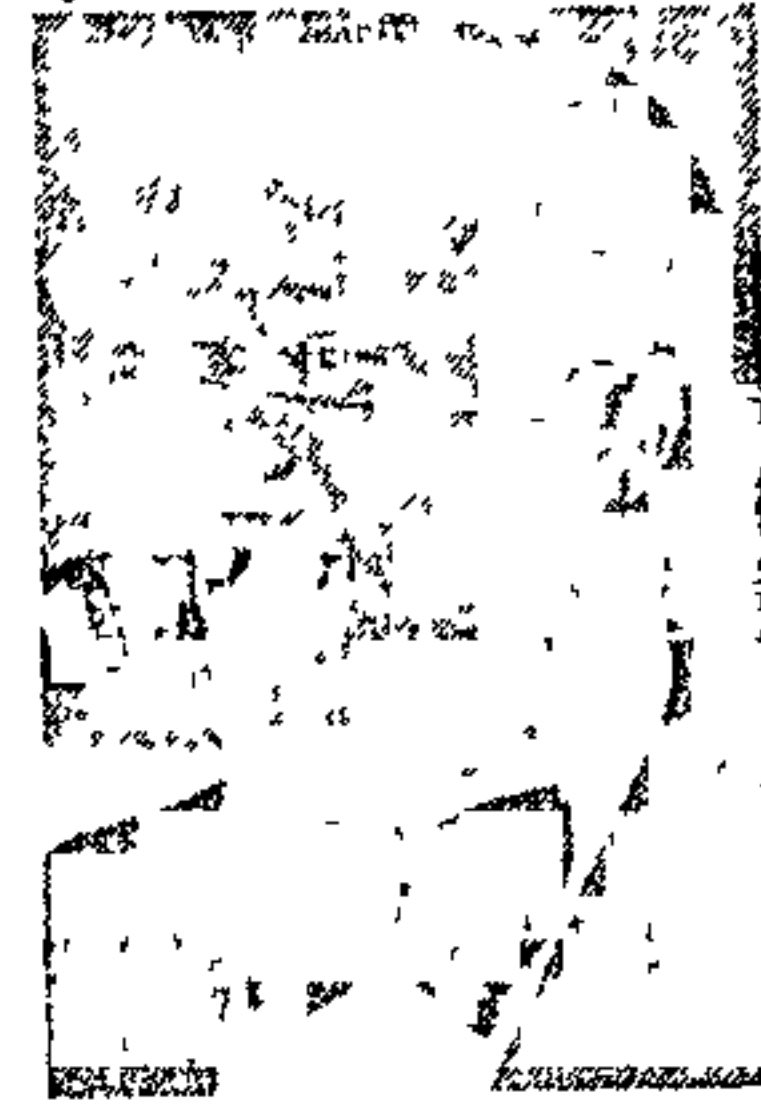
Only one councillor, former mayor Douglas Montsheng, resigned last week after residents threatened to boycott his spaza shop in the

township's Mailula Park.

On Monday, a group of youths attacked shops belonging to Radebe, Fanyana Mahlangu and Sidwell Mofokeng, all situated at Lesedi Shopping Centre. Windows were smashed and rubbish was strewn on and outside the premises

Municipal police were called to disperse the crowd

Radebe's shop was closed yesterday.



JUSTICE RADEBE

# Councillors' houses burnt after march

AT LEAST three houses belonging to councillors were burnt down at Ikaneng near Potchefstroom yesterday after a march to present a memorandum to the council was dispersed by police.

Several people were wounded when police used birdshot and teargas to disperse the youths, who had barricaded the streets with rocks, tin cans and used tyres.

Police vehicles were

By ALI MPHAKI

pelted with stones and other missiles, and in one instance a group of youths tried to free several people from a police van but it was locked.

There was an almost 100 percent stayaway in the township, following a resolution by the community to march to the council offices to present the memorandum containing their grievances.

Residents are demanding the resignation of councillors and have also

called on them to align themselves with the "wishes and interests" of the community.

The councillors whose houses were burnt are deputy mayor Mr Jacob Mokuke, Mr Papi Merabe and a Mr Motsumi.

Among the people who were shot are Gertrude Slange (23), Mpho Mafisa (13), Miss Anna Sello and Johannes Bosakwe. All were admitted to hospital.

By late yesterday afternoon the township was still tense.



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# Judge refers advice to Bar Council

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Mr Justice VG Hiemstra has asked the Bar Council to take cognisance of proceedings in the Johannesburg spy commission in which a legal representative instructed his client not to answer questions

Mr Justice Hiemstra said the Bar Council should "take note" of the actions of Hans Bornman, who instructed his client, spy handler Martin Hennig, not to furnish information on his military career

Mr Hennig was yesterday found to be in contempt of the Commissions Ordinance

His refusal was referred to the Attorney-General for a decision by Mr Justice Hiemstra, who is investigating The Star's revelations of a spy network in the Johannesburg City Council

Mr Justice Hiemstra said "He (Mr Hennig) was fully supported by his advocate, Mr

Bornman

"The refusal is on three grounds

"The first is that the questions are irrelevant, the second is that answering the questions would be in contravention of Section 118 of the Defence Act and the third is that he took an oath of secrecy in the Defence Force

"He further indicated that if his objections were found not to

be valid, he would still refuse to answer any questions on the SADF

"This last attitude is obviously a contravention of Section 7 of the Commissions Ordinance of 1960 That an advocate associates himself with such an attitude, and even advises, seems to me to be a matter the Bar Council should take note of," Mr Justice Hiemstra said

He said further witnesses would be called and possibly questioned on the military angle of the municipal security network, and questions on the SADF were unavoidable

Johannesburg Bar Council chairman Louis Goldblatt said, when contacted by The Star, he had not received a complaint about Mr Bornman's conduct

However, should this happen, a sub-committee would be appointed to investigate the alleged irregularities

# EX-spy | Jan Visser | arrested in contempt

By Louise Burgers and Helen Grange

Former spy handler Martin Hennig has been found to be in contempt of the Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry after refusing to answer questions about his military career. The matter has been referred to the Attorney-General.

Mr Justice V G Hiemstra said yesterday that Mr Hennig — who has twice refused to answer questions referring to his association with the Defence Force — was guilty of contravening Section 7 of the Commissions Ordinance.

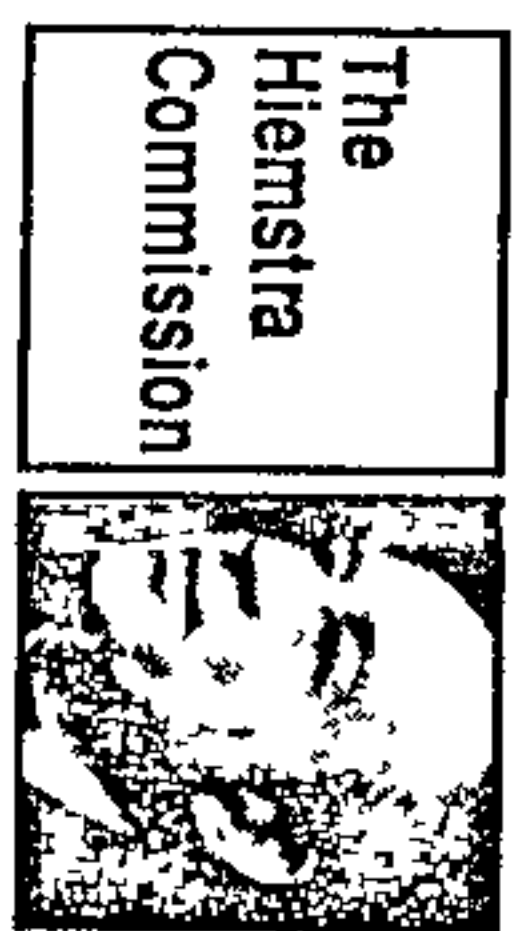
However, it was not in the power of the commission to impose fines or imprisonment. The commission would therefore continue with its investigation, pending the Attorney-General's decision.

The use of Section 118 of the Defence Act to prevent certain information from being revealed has caused much controversy at the Hiemstra Commission, which has been appointed by the Administrator of the Transvaal to investigate irregularities in the Johannesburg City Council after The Star's revelations of a council spy ring.

Mr Justice Hiemstra said "Mr Hennig was acting on the advice of his advocate, Mr Hans Bornman, who has said that none of his clients will answer questions regarding their military careers. If we do not act firmly this could be a serious curtailment of our duties."

In a lengthy statement prepared for the Commission, Brigadier Jan Visser, former city council deputy director of security, who took the stand for the first time, said his expertise as a former policeman dealing with informants had been a major motivation for the use of informants in the city council.

The idea of using spies was first introduced during an informal talk after a lecture on security, shortly after Brigadier Visser joined the security department in 1985.



The Hiemstra Commission

had approved the concept of using informers after Brigadier Visser had approached security chief John Pearce.

Security reports from sources had been handed directly to the late Dame van Zyl, former chairman of the management committee, Brigadier Visser said.

## Personality

In earlier evidence, it was heard that a special security committee had been formed to run activities in the security department. Of the management committee, only Mr van Zyl had sat on this committee. Other members were top security department officials.

Brigadier Visser said Mr van Zyl had requested information on former city councillor and personality Pat Rogers and the organisations to which he belonged.

It also emerged in evidence yesterday that the Johannesburg City Council had kept a list of "revolutionary days", such as May Day and Soweto Day, on which stayaways could be expected. Brigadier Visser said informers were used to furnish this information in spite of it being widely publicised in the press.

The brigadier repeatedly denied that party politics had played a role in the department.



Brigadier Jan Visser, deputy director of security . . . "would not allow spy unit to be a Defence Force front"

He said that by mid-1988 he formed the opinion that informants were not giving much more information than could be gleaned from the daily press.

Brigadier Visser said he was aware of spies in the ECC and Five Freedoms Forum, but was unaware of a military group which worked with the security

department. He said he would not have allowed his department to become a Defence Force front or allow his staff to use bugging devices.

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# Chairman 'told me to spy on Rogers'

JOHANNESBURG. — Former Johannesburg City Council management committee chairman Mr Danie van Zyl ordered the council security department to conduct a secret investigation into the affairs of an opposition councillor, the Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry was told yesterday.

Former police Brigadier Jan Visser, who used to head the controversial council security department now being investigated by the commission, said he had been instructed by Mr Van Zyl, a National Party councillor of many years who died in 1989, to secretly investigate to which organisations the then PFP councillor, Mr Pat Rogers, was linked

Brig Visser denied that Mr Van Zyl was being blamed for many questionable security department activities only because the former management committee chairman was now dead

Brig Visser also said he was under the impression the establishment of a council intelligence gathering network could legally be authorised by Johannesburg's town clerk, Mr Manie Venter, and that Mr Van Zyl had obtained approval for the scheme on a confidential basis from the entire mancom.

● Proceedings opened yesterday with a ruling by the commissioner, Mr Justice V Hiemstra, that Mr Hennig's refusal on Monday to answer questions concerning his military career be seen as a contravention of the Commission's Ordinance.

Furthermore, the Bar Council's attention should be drawn to the fact that Mr Hennig's advocate, Mr Hans Bornman, associated himself with his client's attitude that the questions would not be answered

Mr Justice Hiemstra said the matter concerning Mr Hennig's refusal to answer would be referred to the attorney-general for a decision on whether to prosecute — Sapa



# 'Council spy network gathered personal details on unionists'

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THE Johannesburg City Council's alleged spy network collected personal information about trade union leaders, including their passport numbers and details about their family and friends, Brig Jan Visser testified at the Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry yesterday.

The former head of the council's security department also admitted yesterday that he worked for the NP for about six months during the 1981 elections and the subsequent Piketberg by-election.

Visser testified earlier that he had been asked to compile a report on DP councillor Pat Rogers by the now deceased management committee chairman Danie van Zyl.

During cross-examination by Gilbert Marcus, acting for the End Conscription Campaign and others, Visser said the infiltration of the trade unions was necessary to prevent strikes and to maintain a healthy and sound relationship with the unions.

Visser admitted to authorising the drawing up of profiles on union members and said these included the passport numbers and the addresses of the trade union leaders concerned.

He said this had been done to provide a complete picture on these unionists.

Marcus then referred Visser to a personal profile on the former Transport and General Workers' Union general secretary

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Catherine Jane Barrett.

He said the report included the name and address of Barrett's father, and the names and occupations of her relatives and friends.

Visser said the addresses of Barrett and her father were included "as a method of communication... (but) that wasn't the only reason we collected the information".

Visser denied knowing the city council had purchased bugging devices — including a ball point pen transmitter — but testified that a private company, Security Services Consultants, had been paid R5 000 to check that council offices had not been bugged.

## Denied

Visser said if it was true that security department spy chief Frikkie Barnard had purchased bugging devices, as suggested in earlier evidence, his actions would have been highly irregular.

At the start of yesterday's hearing Advocate Hans Bornman denied he had advised a key witness not to give evidence before the commission.

Mr Justice V G Hiemstra said on Tuesday Bornman had associated himself with witness Martin Hennig's stance and had advised the Bar Council to take note.

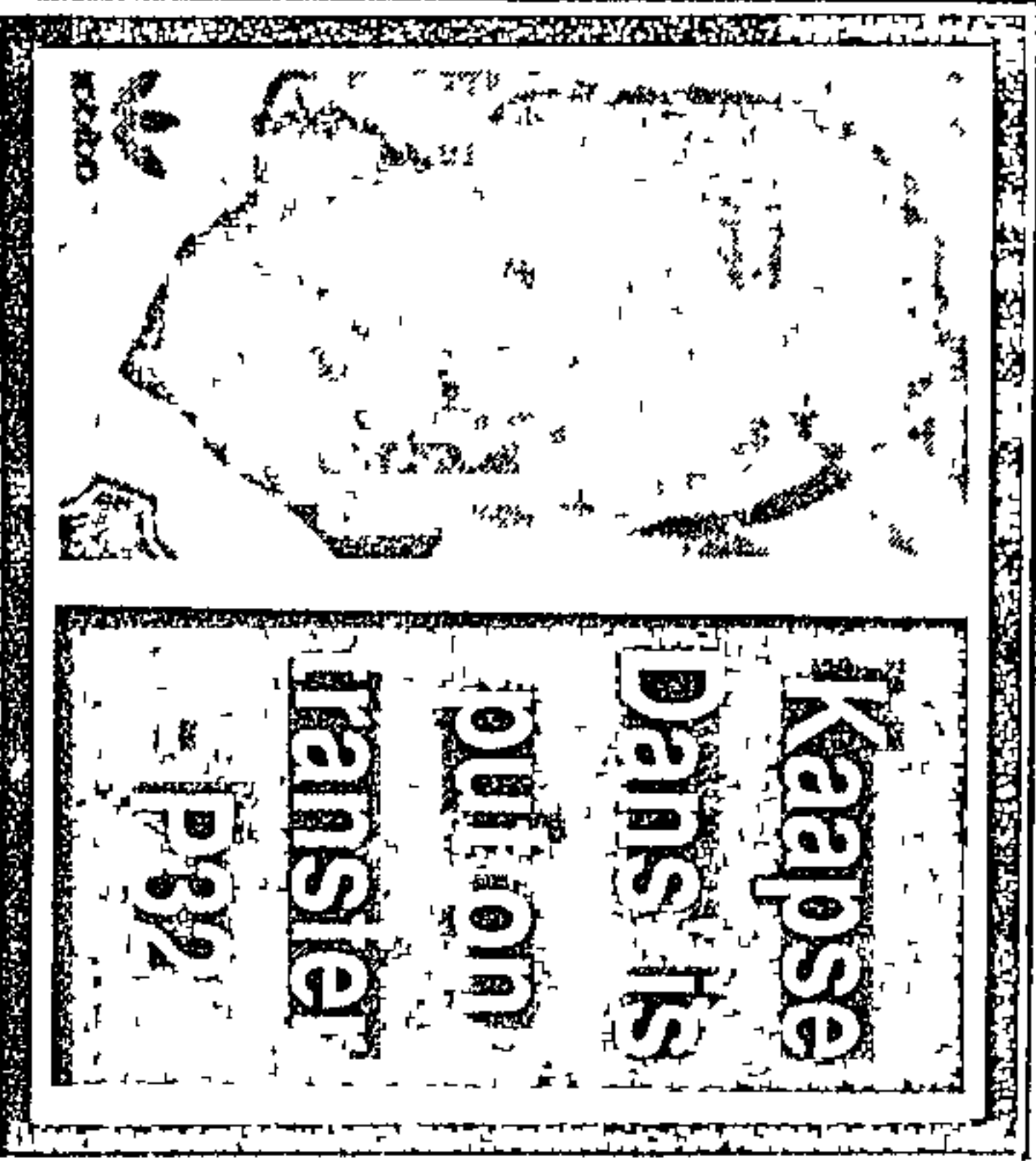
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**Women killed as car ploughs into crowd**



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**By MZIKAYISE EDOM**

**THREE women were killed when a car driven by whites believed to be right-wingers ploughed into a crowd of people waiting at a bus stop in Boksburg on the East Rand.**

both of Vosloorus East Rand police have confirmed both incidents.

A police spokesman said no arrest has been made and investigations were continuing.

Witnesses said the women were waiting for a bus at Sunward Park when the car hit them.

## Uniforms

"The occupants, who were dressed in uniforms similar to those worn by members of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging, laughed at the crowd and sped off.

"The three died instantly," a witness said.

Mr John Radebe (35) and Mr

Donovan Pillay (17) said they and three other patients were strolling near the lake when they were confronted by a group of about 60 white men dressed in AWB uniforms.

They claim they were repeatedly punched and kicked. They were thrown into the lake.

They said they were saved by an elderly white woman. Vosloorus residents told *Sowetan* that it was no longer safe to walk around Boksburg at any time of the day.

Mr Andrew Sibanyoni said: "We fear for our lives now. If these crazy whites do not stop their actions, we will be forced to defend ourselves."

Boksburg is a Conservative Party-controlled town.

In another incident, two black patients at the House of Mercy, an Anglican Church-run rehabilitation clinic for drug and alcohol dependants in Boksburg, were allegedly assaulted by a group of right-wingers and thrown into the Boksburg Lake.

Two of the dead women have been identified as Miss Sylvia Mdlwana and Mrs Sophie Skosana.

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# Ex-mayor used council funds - probe finding

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THE Transvaal Provincial Administration yesterday revealed it acts of irregularities in certain black town councils and disclosed that the former mayor of Diepmeadow, Mr M J Mathala, made personal purchases with council funds.

By MONK NKOMO

coffers. At Lebohang, unauthorised housing subsidies amounting to nearly R60 000 were paid to officials. These amounts had not been recovered.

In a statement issued in Pretoria, Mr Olaus Van Zyl, MEC for Local Government and Regional Services Council, submitted summary findings of investigations into irregularities in certain town council.

Councillors acting as administrators were overpaid to the extent of more than R18 000 and an unauthorised loan of R3 000 was paid to a councillor.

The investigations were conducted last year into allegations of corruption in the following councils: Alexandra, Atteridgeville, KwaThema, Lebohang and Mhluzi.

All councillors of Lebohang resigned on March 19 this year and administrators have since been appointed.

Similar investigations are currently being conducted in Tembisa, Tokoza and Wesselton.

Van Zyl said problems identified during the investigation at Diepmeadow were:

Consideration is being given to a request for investigations in Bekkersdal and Siyathemba.

\* The mayor, Mathala irregularly appointed the deputy city treasurer with retrospective effect from December 1 1987.

Reports relating to Alexandra will be submitted to the Administrator within the next 10 days, Van Zyl said.

\* Vouchers to support expenditure of R2512 and petrol purchases amounting to R959, could not be supplied.

He added that at KwaThema, an official was convicted after stealing R5 999 from the council

\* Mathala allegedly made personal purchases with council funds. \* Mathala and the town clerk used credit cards issued to the council without being able to provide supporting vouchers.



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# Buying of spy bugs irregular commission told

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JOHANNESBURG. — The Johannesburg City Council's former security department head, Brigadier Jan Visser, yesterday denied any knowledge of the department buying bugging devices.

Testifying before the Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry, appointed to investigate the council security department's spying activities, he agreed that if evidence submitted pointing to the receipt of bugging equipment worth more than R11 000 was correct, then it showed an irregularity.

Brig Visser, who on Tuesday in his evidence-in-chief denied any knowledge of the department using eavesdropping devices, said the goods-receiving section had been allocated to a senior department official, Mr Tony Thompson, who would have to be asked about the evidence.

He also agreed that had the council footed the bill for the eavesdropping devices, the transaction should have been recorded by the city treasurer.

Brig Visser told the commission how, reacting to "rumours", he had hired industrial-espionage experts to sweep council offices for bugs.

Brig Visser was also asked about evidence which suggests that the department's spy chief, Mr Frik Barnard, ordered eavesdropping devices as far back as 1987. The brigadier agreed that if that evidence was accurate, such actions would have been highly irregular — Sapa



a Press conference yesterday to announce the decision reached between the National Education Health Workers' Union and the Transvaal Provincial Administration are the union's president Bhekli Mkhize, Mr Sisa Njikelana (general secretary), Mr Jay Naidoo (general secretary of Cosatu) and Dr Aslam Dasoo

# Bara Strike ends

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**THE hospital strike that crippled 16 Transvaal hospitals has ended.**

An agreement to end the strike, which started at Baragwanath Hospital on May 1, was signed yesterday by National Education Health and Allied Workers' Union national organiser Mr Monde Mdutshwa and Transvaal Provincial Administration director general Mr Andre Cornhus in Cape Town. The union has undertaken that

**By PHANGISILE MTSHALI**

about 11 000 striking non-medical workers will return to work by today.

Returning workers would not be disciplined. They will be allowed to use their leave as credit for the days they did not work, or "the days they did not work shall be dealt with on the basis of leave without pay."

They should apply for the leave concession by 7 30am tomorrow.

In a de facto recognition of the union, the TPA agreed to set up

joint working committees as channels of communication between the two parties.

"The agreement is a major victory for all hospital workers," Nehawu general secretary Mr Sisa Njikelana said.

"It is an important step forward in that it guarantees basic trade union rights. If the TPA had agreed to negotiate from the beginning, we would not have ended up in this crisis."

Negotiations to resolve the is-

# Bara strike over

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sues will start within seven days.

The hospital crisis followed a dispute between Nehawu and the TPA.

Nehawu demanded a "living wage" of R1 100, a R400 across-the-board increase, recognition of Nehawu, six months' maternity leave, an end to the privatisation of health services and a single, desegregated health system.

The TPA said the workers will not be given a wage increase this financial year.

"It has to be stressed that talks between the TPA and Nehawu have been positive throughout and occurred in a good spirit, a TPA statement said.

The agreement, which binds only the 16 hospitals, includes:

- \* The appointment of an impartial arbitrator to deal with issues arising from the agreements;

- \* Steps to be taken by the TPA to have the name of the pension funds in which employees are referred to "temporary" changed. This will only be used in respect of people employed for less than three months.

The affected hospitals are: Baragwanath, Hillbrow, Johannesburg, Natalspruit, Willem Cruywagen, Boksburg-Benoni, HF Verwoerd, Lynville, Tshepong in Klerksdorp, Pietersburg, JG Strijdom, Rietfontein, Tembisa, Middleburg, Sebokeng and the Far East Rand.



### Healing the breach

An end to the hospital crisis appeared to be close this week but on Tuesday, as the FM went to press, a spokesman for the National Education, Health & Allied Workers' Union said wages and union recognition remained serious stumbling blocks. (266)

Spokesman Dr Aslam Dasoo accused the Transvaal Provincial Administration of dragging its feet and of claiming it was not empowered to make decisions on these issues — despite an assurance from government that it would be able to do so. (266)

Earlier on Tuesday, the TPA was not optimistic, saying that no final agreement had been reached on any of the strike-related issues. The TPA dismissed earlier reports that the parties had agreed on wages, and stressed that the union still had to report back to its members for ratification of certain proposals. (266)

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<p>According to union organiser Monde Mditshwa, the hospital strike is the culmination of a year-long, co-ordinated effort by health workers — primarily to gain union recognition and the right to negotiate wages. Low-key actions, including lunch-hour demonstrations and four-hour go-slows, had been going on six weeks before the strike. Mditshwa says strike action was taken only after all other avenues had been exhausted and is the direct result of the TPA's lack of positive response.</p>	<p>The union is demanding a "living wage" of R1 100 a month. The current minimum is R265. Also demanded is an across-the-board increase of R400. Other demands include the immediate opening of all health facilities to all races; abolition of "general" and "own" affairs departments, an end to health care privatisation, and permanent job status. Baragwanath's chief superintendent, Dr Chris van den Heever, says the difficulty facing the hospital is that workers' demands</p>	<p>include "broad political and socio-economic issues" which hospital authorities themselves cannot meet. Charges of irresponsibility and intimidation have been levelled at striking health workers, with reports that nurses at the Natalspruit and Tembisa hospitals joined the strike. Responding to this, the SA Health Workers' Congress said health workers had no option and blamed the TPA and Ministry of Health for the "critical situation" developing in health services.</p>
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While there has been general sympathy with the strikers' grievances, most people question the morality of health workers abandoning patients, let alone forcing nurses to join in. (266)

Strike organisers are encouraging the maintenance of emergency services at some major hospitals and volunteers have helped to keep things going. But there appears to be a lack of overall co-ordination — some hospitals remain in crisis while at others committees have directed protest action.

A union representative says members were reluctant to take strike action but wary of being told that the authorities were willing to talk.

□ Only the Commission for Administration may recognise a staff association and a commission representative was present at negotiations early in the week. ■



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Sasol, the SABC and Post Office were sucked into the Johannesburg City Council spy network investigation when a former spy alleged they exchanged information with the military in weekly sessions.

During testimony at the Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry into alleged irregularities in the city's security department, Anthony Bennett said the three organisations (among other State-controlled sectors he did not name) co-operated with the SADF, possibly passing along information on stayaways and strikes. FIM 1115/90

In what it termed a prudent move in the light of its vulnerability to sabotage, Sasol confirmed this week that it did indeed participate in information-gathering with the SADF to protect facilities and employees. Sasol says in the past 10 years its installations have suffered four major attacks with weapons ranging from limpet mines to large calibre rockets

Sasol spokesman Jan Krynauw says: "Only standard sources such as the information routinely supplied to national keypoints by the security services is used in this process"

Officials at the Post Office and SABC were not available for comment. ■

# No light on Soweto's horizon as Eskom's bid fails.

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ESKOM'S bid to take over electricity distribution rights in Soweto appears to have failed.

The mediator, Development Bank chairman Simon Brand, is still struggling to find a solution that will satisfy the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA), the Soweto city council, Eskom and the Soweto People's Delegation.

"It is a matter of discussing, testing and reformulating ideas until all parties agree on something. It is a very slow process," Brand said.

Last year Eskom proposed to launch a private, non-political company, Econolec, to take over distribution. A similar scheme is underway in kwaNobuhle, outside Uitenhage, where Kwanolec has been formed. Eskom holds half the shares and private investors the rest.

The council refuses to cede its distribution rights. Its chief PRO, Johan van der Westhuizen, said the council

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was reluctant to lose the revenue gained from electricity tariffs and the parties do not agree on the value of existing assets.

However, he confirmed Eskom's view that the council lacks the skills and finances needed to maintain and expand the present system.

The Soweto Civic Association is also opposed to Eskom's idea. Publicity secretary Pat Lephunya said. "We will never accept the privatisation of essential services. The rent boycott stays until Soweto and Johannesburg become one city."

The city council is estimated to owe the TPA more than R464-million. Much of the debt is for electricity bills residents have refused to pay since 1984. There is widespread dissatisfaction with the council's handling of electricity distribution.

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Eskom chief executive Ian McCrae said in a recent report: "The provision of electricity in Soweto is so badly managed that people have difficulty in paying — non-payment is not a political issue. People receive astronomical bills for electricity not used and supply quality is poor. Something has to be done."

When electricity was introduced to Soweto in 1983 little effort was made to give residents control over their power consumption. Circuit breakers and meters were put in mini-substations to serve several houses. This method of calculating charges is suspect since each home's consumption is not measured individually. Many substations have been vandalised by householders to bypass the meters, knowing cheaters can not be traced.

The supply is unreliable: besides many technical interruptions, power has been cut in the past by the council

in mid-winter to punish residents for the rent boycott.

Electrical engineering consultant Gordon Sibuya challenges Eskom's altruism in wanting to take distribution rights: "McCrae has this business plan to create one huge monopoly all over Southern Africa — if he says he is doing that to help black empowerment, he is lying. How many black chairmen does Eskom have? The same number as Econolec — none.

"Anybody could implement Eskom's cash-in-advance metering system. The city council can solve its technical problems by subcontracting competent companies — the same way every other city council does."

Eskom recently closed its Econolec office in Soweto. Chief PRO Laetitia van Staden said "No progress was being made. We felt further involvement would be a waste of money."



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# 'Black union planned to bomb Visser'

By Louise Burgers and Helen Grange

A former top Johannesburg City Council security official, Brigadier Jan Visser, was the target of a planned bomb attack by a municipal union, it was claimed before the Hiemstra Commission yesterday.

Schalk Burger, SC, appearing for senior council officials implicated in the spy network, said the bomb attack was aimed at the Fort, headquarters of the security department.

This information had come from a source and a report had been compiled by the security department, Mr Burger said one of the black municipal unions had taken office.

Mr Burger said the union was not happy with the strengthening of the department, with the apparent increase in the recruitment of security employees from the military and police force after Brigadier Visser had taken office.

He said information was exchanged between the council and these parties. The security section had liaised with the for-

mer head of the SADF in Johannesburg, a General van der Westhuizen, General L Erasmus at John Vorster Square and a man named as "Mr Postmus" and Faan Botha from National Intelligence.

The deputy director of security, Prik Barnard, had liaised with Commandant Kotze at Wit Command.

He said he was not aware of such an organisation as the Civil Co-operation Bureau.

The Hiemstra Commission



Names of those with whom the city council spy operation liaised in National Intelligence, the Bureau for Information, the SA Defence Force and the SA Police were given by Brigadier Visser.

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Defence Force and the Minister of Defence, Brigadier Visser said there was nothing sinister in the recruitment of seven out of 10 employees in the security department from national intelligence services.

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Mr Justice Hiemstra said the matter would be reported to the Johannesburg Bar Council.

Mr Hennig, a former spy handler, was this week found in contempt of the Commission's Ordinance for refusing to furnish information.



# TPA admits mistake over Alex pensioner

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By SY MAKARINGE

THE Transvaal Provincial Administration this week admitted it made a mistake when it did not backdate pension benefits to a 67-year-old Alexandra township grandmother who made an application more than two years ago.

After several months of going through frustrating bureaucracy, Mrs Rosina Sibanda of 3-4th Avenue, Alexandra, will finally receive all monies owed to her since December 1987 at 80 Albert Street, Johannesburg, next Friday.

Sibanda said she cried like a baby on April 2 when TPA officials gave her a cheque for R300,

benefits for February and March.

But she was powerless to confront the officials on why her pension was not backdated to the year on which she applied.

"These people are generally very rude I did not want to be given a dressing down in front of other people I just walked away and started crying like a baby," Sibanda said.

Although she qualified for State pension in 1982, Sibanda only made her application on December 4, 1987 at the age of 65. She said officials told her she would be contacted as

soon as her application had been processed.

But four months went by and there was no word from the TPA.

"I went back to the local payout point in April 1988 to find out what was happening I was told to go home and not be a nuisance as Pretoria was still processing my application.

"The people were so rude that I did not go back to the payout point until the middle of last year when I decided enough was enough.

When I got there I was told to submit another application as the original had gone missing," Sibanda said.

# Town council's White Fangs get their teeth into crime

GAVIN EVANS

THE Johannesburg City Council's Directorate of Public Safety has made some unusual additions to its law enforcement section

One of their new "enforcers", now in his middle age, appears to the casual observer to be no different from any other in his section — but to his handler, Mr Lionel Brocklebank, Shep is something special.

He's stronger and more durable than the other 102 members, with sharper senses and the ability to work non-stop for 24 hours.

His specialties are crowd control, tackling suspects and working on the beat.

Shep is special because he is one of the directorate's four "wolf-dogs".

Headed by Mr John Pearce (of Hemstria Commission fame), the directorate controls the council's traffic and security departments.

Like most of the council's dogs, the four wolf-dogs were all donated by private owners.

"Most of them were expecting something vicious and were disappointed," said training officer Michelle Moll.

"By nature, wolves are timid animals with a natural fear. The advantage of the wolf hybrid is its exceptional sense of smell and hearing, as well as its capacity for work," says the council's head of specialised training Elwyn Pelsler. "When bred with German shepherds they make formidable law enforcement animals."

"But they're not the vicious, howling, yellow-eyed beasts that the public seems to think."

## Trained as sniffer dogs

"If you approach them they're likely to urinate, and they will only attack when cornered," he said.

Three are currently being trained as sniffer dogs: Gunda (25 percent Canadian timber wolf), Zenda (12.5 percent) and Zans (son of Shep). They are all under two years of age and in the early stages of their training, but Ms Moll says they're performing well.

Shep (12.5 percent Canadian timber wolf) is now aged six and is the only one of his kind used on patrol. He is an animal who "thrives on excitement", according to his handler, who admits to receiving a few bites during the animal's basic training.

Most of the dogs trained at the council's centre at



ALL FANGS Shep demonstrates his "mair work" training. 331 91V

the Robinson Deep mine in Johannesburg are German and Belgian shepherds, but there are also Rottweilers, a doberman and German shepherd crossed with Labrador and collies.

The three Rottweilers are described as being particularly dangerous in patrol work. "We work on a principle of minimum force but the Rottweilers use lethal force. They bite too hard," said Ms Moll. Unless provoked or specifically trained for this purpose, the wolf-dogs display none of this natural aggression.

One of the more reputable breeders of these animals is Professor Peter Geerthsen, who heads Roodplaas Breeding Enterprises near Pretoria.

Thirteen years ago Big Red, a wolf from the Ural mountains in the Soviet Union, was imported to SA via a German zoo and found his way to the SADF dog training school at Bourke's Luck. There he was cross-bred with German shepherd dogs with great success — one of his great grandchildren being the Johannesburg City Council's wolf-dog Zenda.

Big Red's son, Jungle, is now 12 years old, but in his younger days he was used by the army as a tracker and in "bringing people down".

Though looking very much like a household Alsatian, his teeth are twice as long, his eyes are yellow and he howls, rather than barks.

Professor Geerthsen said even the 12.5 percent wolf-dogs possess five times the stamina of a normal Alsatian and considerably greater



WOLF-DOG- The Johannesburg City Council's Shep shows some affection for his handler, Mr Lionel Brocklebank. Photographs: Anna Ziarnanski (AfricaPix)



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# Actstop plans to march on civic centre

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ACTSTOP has been granted permission by the city council to hold a march to Johannesburg's civic centre in Braamfontein this morning to present a memorandum to deputy town clerk James Sadie and "a high-profile delegation of councillors".

Actstop spokesman Mohammed Dangor said the march was aimed at highlighting the housing shortage in the city, the need to apply the Slums Act (or its successor, the Development of Housing Amendment Act) and a call for the reintroduction of rent control.

"The non-application of health regulations and the lack of a health clinic in the city centre are other concerns," he said.

Starting at 10 am from the old Witwatersrand Technical College building on the corner of Plein and Wanderers streets, the march will proceed along Koch and Twist streets, down Kotze Street to the front entrance of the civic centre in Rissik Street.



# Racial attacks on the Increase

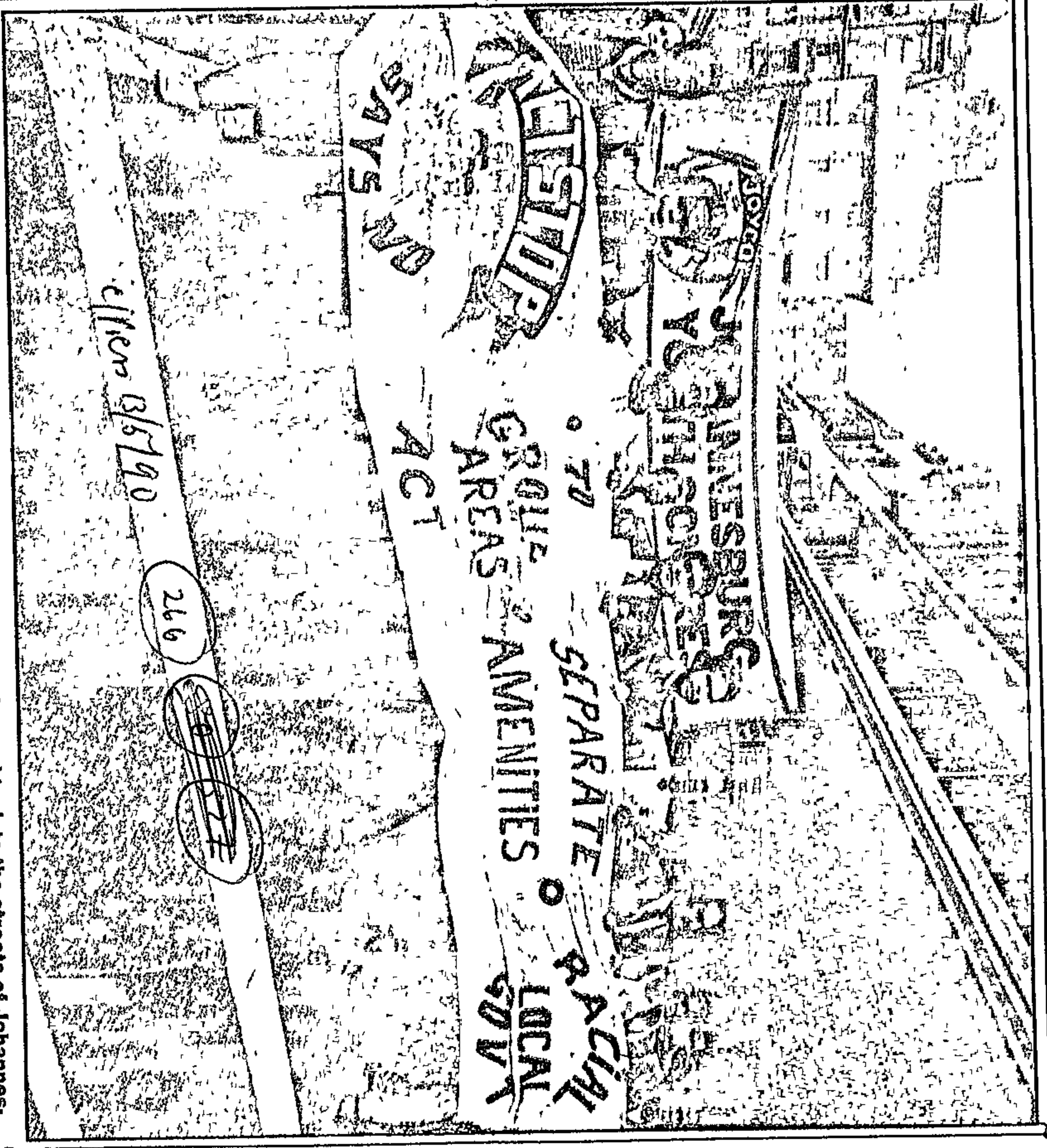
By CHARLES MOCALÉ  
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 RIGHTWING attacks on innocent blacks have increased dramatically in recent months.

Attacks have recently taken place in the Conservative Party-controlled towns of Boksburg, Klerksdorp, Carletonville and Welkom - and at Mamelodi township near Pretoria.

In four incidents reported, five people have been killed and one is lying in a Pretoria hospital.

The attacks come amid threats of a "third Boer War" by rightwing elements opposed to State President FW de Klerk's reforms. The AWB and Boerstaat Party have warned they will take over by force if the government capitulates to black rule.

A frightening turn in the killings is that recent attacks have taken place in broad daylight.  
 See Pages 10 and 11



ABOUT 300 members of Actstop braved the cold weather yesterday and took to the streets of Johannesburg to present a memorandum to the Johannesburg City Council. Actstop members are demanding affordable accommodation in the centre of town, the desegregation of all health facilities, the opening of schools, the scrapping of the Group Areas and Separate Amenities Acts and an end to police harassment of flat dwellers. Security police monitored the march. There were no incidents.

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## TPA funds for upgrading of Venterspos

353 Mr P J PAULUS asked the Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs † 266

- (1) Whether the Transvaal Provincial Administration has requested funds for the upgrading of Venterspos, if so, (a) when and (b) what amount has been requested,
- (2) whether funds have been allocated for this purpose, if not, why not, if so, (a) by whom or what body, (b) when and (c) what amount has been allocated? B860E

## The MINISTER OF PLANNING AND PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS

- (1) Yes
- (a) 5 February 1990
- (b) R7 867 875
- (2) No funds have yet been allocated
- (a), (b) and (c) are consequently not applicable

## Uitenhage protest march

361 Mr W A BOTHA asked the Minister of Justice † 1415190

- (1) Whether the chief magistrate of Uitenhage granted permission for the protest march of October 1989 in Uitenhage, if so, (a) on whose recommendation was such permission granted, (b) what was the recommendation of the town council of Uitenhage in this regard, (c) for what time during the day was the march allowed, (d) how many persons are estimated to have taken part in the march, (e) what units of the security forces were used for the protection of the inhabitants of Uitenhage and (f) (i) what is the total estimated cost of this march to the State and (ii) what expenses have been taken into account in this regard, 1415190
- (2) whether the march went off peacefully, if not, what are the relevant details,
- (3) whether the march took place within the time allowed,
- (4) whether any persons have been prosecuted as a result of this march, if so, what are the relevant details? B888E

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE 1415190

- (1) Yes, for a protest march on 11 October 1989
- (a) The magistrate considered all relevant facts and circumstances, including a recommendation by the South African Police who were not opposed to the march taking place along the route and during the period determined by the magistrate. The magistrate personally went to great lengths to defuse a tense situation in the interest of the safety of the public. He held several discussions with the applicants and persuaded them to change the route of the protest march away from the main street and to shorten the duration of the protest march
- (b) The town council of Uitenhage refused permission for the protest march
- (c) 10 00 - 12 30
- (d) According to the estimate of the South African Police about 16 000
- (e) 569 members of the South African Police  
60 members of the South African Defence Force  
(32 Traffic Officers also assisted)
- (f) (i) It is not possible to make an estimate of the cost
- (ii) Falls away
- (2) Yes
- (3) No The time allowed was exceeded by approximately one hour
- (4) No

## Mr Sybrand Louis van Schoor: inquests

- 367 Mr A E DE WET asked the Minister of Justice 1415190 1415190
- Whether his Department has taken any action against Mr Sybrand Louis van Schoor as a result of the findings of the inquests referred to in his reply to Question No 9 on 27 February 1990, if so, what action, if not, why not? B895E

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The MINISTER OF JUSTICE 1415190

375 Mr J H MONBERG asked the Minister of Environment Affairs

whether the records of the inquests and documents pertaining to the deaths in which Mr Van Schoor allegedly features are still being studied by the Attorney-General, Grahamstown

Castillo de Beller monitoring

375 Mr J H MONBERG asked the Minister of Environment Affairs

- (1) Whether his Department is monitoring the wreck of the Spanish oil tanker *Castillo de Beller* off the west coast of South Africa, if not, (a) why not and (b) when did the tanker sink, if so,
- (2) whether there is any danger of the tanker leaking oil, if so,
- (3) whether his Department has taken any action to prevent oil being so leaked or to minimise the danger of this happening, if not, why not, if so, what action? B903E

The MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AFFAIRS 1415190

- (1) Yes, the situation is being monitored by the 'Kuswag' aerial reconnaissance during routine flights and all fishing vessels operating in the vicinity of the wreck have been requested to report any sign of spillage
- (a) Falls away
- (b) August 1983

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The possibility exists 1415190

- (2) The possibility exists 1415190
- (3) No, the Department of Transport is presently responsible for the wreck and the oil contained within and you are referred to their answer to your identical question for oral reply on Tuesday 8 May 1990.

The Department of Environment Affairs only becomes involved after the oil is spilled into the ocean. The Department's pollution division is ready to deal with any situation in this regard as is prescribed by the existing contingency plan

## TBVC countries: SA officials seconded

387 Mr C W EGLIN asked the Minister of Foreign Affairs 1415190

- Whether any South African officials had been seconded to the Government Service of (a) Bophuthatswana, (b) Ciskei, (c) Transkei and (d) Venda as at the latest specified date for which information is available, if so, how many in each case? B916E

## The MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

- Yes, on 27 April 1990 there were
- (a) 269
- (b) 490
- (c) 78
- (d) 246

## Residents determined to fight application

By Shirley Woodgate

Residents of Emmarentia in Johannesburg are prepared for a bitter fight to block an application to site a major regional garage on the corner of Barry Hertzog Drive and Victory Road

Local councillor Professor Harold Rudolph said the original application by Trek Petroleum was unanimously rejected by the council's planning tribunal last year after strong opposition from the council, the Greenside and Emmarentia Residents' associations, individual residents in Crocodile Road and two councillors

Professor Rudolph said the next round of the battle would take place on May 29 when the Townships Board considers an appeal by Trek

The developer had originally made no secret of the fact that the application was motivated by the profit factor since the Shell outlet only 100 m to the north of the proposed garage is their 6th biggest seller of petrol in the Transvaal, he said

"It is doubtful whether traffic has increased to the extent that yet another petrol outlet and workshop is required in addition to the eight already situated within a 3 km radius," Professor Rudolph said

Trek Petroleum was not available for comment



## Journalists attacked

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More attacks have been made on journalists covering the Hiemstra Commission investigating Johannesburg City Council spying activities

On Tuesday SATV reporter Johan Claasen was attacked by an unknown man outside his farm near Eikenhof His ex-wife, Christa, has reportedly received threatening telephone calls. On Wednesday the car belonging to his sister Elneth Kruger, who works for Vrye Weekblad, was extensively damaged.

Last month The Star's Helen Grange found her car tyres deflated, and photographer Karen Fletcher received a threatening phone call

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# I was also SP informer - council spy

By Helen Grange

The Johannesburg City Council spy who infiltrated the Five Freedoms Forum, Tom Naude, was also a paid informer for the Security Police, the Hiemstra Commission heard yesterday

Mr Naude, an attorney who studied at Rand Afrikaans University, admitted he had supplied the city council and Security Police with information on four organisations - the Five Freedoms Forum (FFF), Jodac (Johannesburg Democratic Action Committee), Lawyers for Human Rights and the Free the Children Alliance

He disclosed to the commission - appointed to investigate The Star's revelations into a council spy network - that spy handler Martin Hennig had introduced him to a Security Police handler called "Dane"



"Mr Hennig suggested I also supply information to Dane. I reported to the city council and the Security Police separately," Mr Naude said

Details of Mr Naude's connections with the Security Police came only after three objections by his legal representative, Etienne du Toit, SC, were overruled by commission chairman Mr Justice V G Hiemstra

Mr Naude said he was paid R250 a month by the Security Police while the city council paid him about R1 200 over a period of eight months

Names and addresses, including those of Dr Webster, Jean de la Harp, Gavin Evans and Scott Hazelhurst, were given in reports to his handlers Mr Naude said he had gone "running" twice with Dr Webster, but denied he had tried to cultivate his friendship

Questioned by advocate Wim Trengove, representing the FFF with John Campbell, on whether or not he thought information he was providing could serve any council interest, Mr Naude said: "I thought it must have been of some use to them"

"And are you aware that in the same month you reported on Jean de la Harp, her flat was raided by men masquerading as policemen - and that Gavin Evans's name ended up on a CCB hit list?" asked Mr Trengove

Mr Naude said he was only aware of Mr Evans being a CCB (Civil Co-Operation Bureau) target from newspaper reports

Mr Naude also supplied the council with information from an FFF meeting on the fact that the "Pet Shop Boys" wanted to give royalties to the ANC

## 'Misled handlers'

Despite the fact that FFF chairman Mike Olivier suggested at the meeting that the money rather be donated to the erection of a creche in Soweto, Mr Naude's report had misled his handlers by implying Dr Webster was involved in ANC funding, Mr Trengove said

"It is unlikely, but possible," Mr Naude replied  
Mr Naude said he began his infiltration work in 1988 but gave it up later in the year when he "didn't feel right" about it It was conduct "incongruous" with the behaviour of an attorney, he said He had been approached by his friend, Mr Hennig, and had trusted Mr Hennig's judgment that the FFF was bad

"I did it for the cause, not the money I felt I could help in combating crime"

Earlier, Mr Naude told the commission that Mr Hennig had been in military intelligence for two years and was a member of the Permanent Force

"I'm sure Mr Hennig would be disturbed if he heard you saying that," replied Denis Fine, SC, leading evidence for the commission

Last week, Mr Hennig refused to answer questions about his military career, claiming, on the advice from his lawyer, Hans Bornman, that he was bound to secrecy by Section 118 of the Defence Act

The hearing continues

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# Hiemstra journalist assaulted

**JOHANNESBURG** — An SABC journalist covering the Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry was assaulted and held against his will for about 18 hours at his home in Eikenhof, south of here, last week.

Mr Johan Claasen, a television journalist, was reportedly assaulted by a man who tied his hands together, hit him and held him against his will for about 18 hours on Tuesday last week.

The commission is investigating allegations that Johannesburg City Council's security department conducted irregular spying activities on legitimate political organisations — Sapa

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# 'I jogged to spy on Webster'

JOHANNESBURG — A witness before the Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry said yesterday that he was recruited to spy for the security police and Johannesburg City Council's security department simultaneously by the council's spy handler, Mr Martin Hennig

Mr Tony Naude said that Mr Hennig, when recruiting him to infiltrate and spy on the Five Freedoms Forum (FFF), had suggested he give information to the security police as well

Mr Naude said he knew Mr Hennig had been in Military Intelligence for two years

His monitoring of the FFF had included jogging with murdered academic Dr David Webster, Mr Naude said.

However, when Dr Webster was gunned down by unknown assassins, he did not report his council spying activities concerning Dr Webster to the police

## New council 'spy' got double pay

JOHANNESBURG City Council security department spy handler, Martin Hennig, invited a freshly recruited spy to work for the security police as well so that the new spy could be adequately compensated for the "risks" involved in infiltrating the Five Freedoms Forum *Sowetan 16/5/90*

This was suggested by Hennig's legal counsel, Manie Meyer, during cross-examination of Tony Naude - the recruit - in the Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry which is investigating allegations the council's security department conducted irregular spying activities on, among others, legitimate organisations.

Meyer also suggested Hennig simultaneously recruited Naude to spy for both the council and the security police to allay Naude's concern that the security establishment would not approve of him being a FFF member.

Asked whether the money received for his spying escapades was adequate compensation for the adverse publicity he had undergone as a result of his testimony, Naude replied: "Obviously not" -Sapa

# 'Phone-bugging case withdrawn'

By Helen Grange

Suspicion and distrust among Johannesburg City Council security department officials, which almost resulted in the public trial of a security employee, were detailed at the Hiemstra Commission yesterday.

Colonel Cornelius Marius Heystek, an ex-council security official in control of the information department, told the hearing he had complained to his superiors that his phone was bugged. The listening device had been brought to his attention by a colleague, Hennie Els.

Colonel Heystek said he and another official, a Mr Karstens, had complained to senior deputy director of security Brigadier Jan Visser. Mr Karstens' phone extension had also been bugged.

Afterwards, a charge of illegal bugging in the security department was laid at Hillbrow Police Station. Colonel Heystek and Mr Karstens suspected that Nico Cronje, a colleague, had installed the listening device.

A week later, Mr Cronje's office was searched by Hillbrow police detectives.

"I thought about the incident and decided to advise Brigadier Visser that if the case came before court, it could have serious repercussions for the council security department," Colonel Heystek said.

Brigadier Visser had agreed and the case was withdrawn soon afterwards.

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When Frikk Barnard, deputy director of security, found out about the incident, he was "very unhappy" that Brigadier Visser had been approached, Colonel Heystek told the commission.

The commission, chaired by Mr Justice V G Hiemstra, is investigating The Star's revelations of a spy network in the city council.

## Insufficient funds

Colonel Heystek said that on another occasion an employee in the council store was being investigated after items had gone missing. However, Mr Barnard blocked the investigation.

"I think it was because it would have meant the employee would have had to be monitored after hours and the security department did not have the funds for this," Colonel Heystek said.

In a second theft incident, Colonel Heystek approached Mr Barnard with what he thought was a *prima facie* case against an employee. Weeks later, he discovered the case was closed after town clerk Manie Venter had reprimanded the employee.

"This was highly unusual

Charges should have been laid. But since I was only in the security department for a short while, I felt I should not put my feet too far into the ice."

Colonel Heystek told the commission that the first time he became aware of the security department using bugging equipment was when Mr Barnard showed him a case containing the devices.

They included a pen and the pin containing bugs, small microphones, voice activators and devices that could detect bugs.

He also told the hearing the security department was receiving information on unregistered unions which were not recognised by the council, one of which was the Municipal Workers Union of SA. A black informer was being used for this purpose.

Colonel Heystek, once a member of the Security Police in Pretoria, said he was party to the liaison the city council had with the SADF, but that he was aware of only Mr Barnard having direct contact with the SADF. "Informal" liaison had also taken place with the SAP.

Quizzed by Gilbert Marcus, appearing for the End Conscription Campaign and others, Colonel Heystek said he could not remember a file kept by the security department on activist David Webster, who was shot dead last year.

The hearing continues



JOHANNESBURG — The office telephones of at least two senior officials in Johannesburg City Council's security department were bugged, and when they found out, they suspected a colleague was responsible, the Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry heard yesterday

Colonel Marius Heystek, a security policeman before and since his two-year period of employment as a council security department senior official from 1985 to 1987, told the commission he first became aware his phone had been bugged when a colleague played him a tape recording of what should have been a private conversation

He and a colleague, Mr Manie Karstens, approached the head of the security department, Brigadier Jan Visser, and it was decided the matter should be reported to the police

It was suggested that another colleague, Mr Nico Cronje, was responsible and should be fired

About one week after Col Heys-

# Security phones bugged, says cop

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tek and Mr Karstens filed charges with the Hillbrow police, Mr Cronje's council office at the Old Fort was searched by detectives

Col Heystek said he had then reconsidered and suggested the charges be dropped because the matter could damage the security department's image if made public. Brig Visser had agreed and the charges were withdrawn

Another senior official in the department, Mr Frik Barnard, was upset when Col Heystek told

him about the matter, apparently because Brig Visser was approached and not he

Col Heystek also described how criminal investigations involving council employees were apparently squashed

On the first occasion he had suspected an employee of stealing council property from municipal stores. When he told Mr Barnard he was told to drop the investigation because it would involve overtime monitoring

In the other criminal matter Col Heystek said he presented an investigation dossier to Mr Barnard but the document was returned weeks later with a note from Brig Visser claiming the suspect had been reprimanded by the town clerk, Mr Manie Venter, and that criminal proceedings would not go ahead

As far as he was concerned the criminal matters had been handled irregularly because the council had lost money in both cases, Col Heystek said

The hearing continues — Sapa

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# Council spy infiltrated the NP, Hiemstra told

JOHANNESBURG City Council security department deputy head Frik Barnard told the Hiemstra Commission yesterday that he personally had "infiltrated" the NP on the instructions of the then management committee chairman Danie van Zyl

Barnard, who took the stand for the first time yesterday, said he had been instructed on one occasion to monitor an NP council member, who later joined the DP. The councillor was not named.

Questioned by Dennis Fine SC, for the commission, Barnard confirmed that Van Zyl, now deceased, had instructed him to spy on his own party.

Barnard said the normal administrative procedures were not followed because the order to infiltrate the NP came from Van Zyl himself, although he did inform his immediate superior.

## TIM COHEN

Both individuals and meetings of the NP were monitored and records were kept, but all the records were passed on to Van Zyl.

Barnard said later that political parties across the political spectrum had been monitored, including the CP, the BBB, and the AWB.

## Level

He said the End Conscription Campaign had been monitored on his instructions because the organisation could have been infiltrated by ANC members, who then might have done "alternative service" within council structures.

Personal details of union members were recorded so the council would have some idea about the "level" of the person concerned, which would assist the council in negotiations with the union concerned.

It was therefore important to include the names of the person's parents, their friends and the person's address because, for example, a person living in Yeoville was on a different "level" to a person living in Melville.

Earlier former council employee Col Antoni Heystek testified that a squashed investigation which he referred to in evidence on Tuesday might have involved the theft of goods worth R300 000.

He also referred to another discontinued investigation which involved a smaller amount, but concerned the fraudulent use of a council employee to tend the garden of a senior council member during working hours.

Questioned by Mr Justice V G Hiemstra, Heystek said he could see no reason why organisations like the Five Freedoms Forum, Jodac, Lawyers for Human Rights and the ECC had been monitored by the council.

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# Jo'burg may put bobbies on the beat

TANIA LEVY

THE Johannesburg City Council has formed a special committee to investigate the formation of a municipal police force that would consist largely of "bobbies on the beat"

The management committee this week approved the formation of a Section 59 committee to make recommendations on the desirability and feasibility of establishing a municipal police force, management committee chairman Ian Davidson said at a Press conference yesterday.

The committee is expected to report back in six months but Davidson said he would urge it to finish sooner.

The committee will look into the power and accountability of a municipal force and its merger with the council's present traffic and security personnel. Funding, recruitment, training, accommodation and equipment will be investigated.

Recommendations will be made on the option of service in the municipal force as an alternative to national military service.

The relationship and possible division of responsibility between a municipal force and the SAP would be looked into

Councillor Christopher Newton Thompson has been nominated to head the 12-member committee, which will include council officials, councillors and Johannesburg District Commissioner of Police Brig A Venter.

Davidson said the council did not wish to demigrate or detract from the SAP's excellent record but it was obvious they were understaffed. Instead of an authorised complement of 62 851 men in 1988, the SAP force totalled 60 879. This meant there was one policeman for every 750 people.

With 22 policemen leaving the SAP daily, a large pool of potential manpower existed from which council could recruit members Council's existing traffic and security personnel would be geared to protecting citizens.

He said the the committee would have to establish the size and funding of a municipal force. There was R25m budgeted for the security department, which was being looked at with a view to restructuring.



# Ikageng switch causes uproar

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By ALI MPHAKI

THE Ikageng Town Council near Potchefstroom did a round-about-turn yesterday when it issued permits and stand numbers to hundreds of homeless people who had allocated land to themselves.

The council ordered the people to vacate the area on Monday.

The defiant residents, who claim they have been on the waiting list for a long time, usurped an open piece of land opposite the cemetery and began erecting shacks on Sunday night.

The township was teeming with policemen this week as workers stayed away from work and schoolchildren continued to boycott classes.

There has not been effective teaching or learning in the township since the beginning of the year.

A spokesman for the Ikageng Civic Association, Mr Sello Tshwarri, said the council was trying to hijack the efforts of the association by issuing permits "so late in the day".

## On leave

SOWETAN Business editor Thami Mazwai is on a few days' leave.

His column, It's my business, thus does not appear in today's *Sowetan Business*. It will be resumed when he returns.

# 'I never realised spying was illegal'

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By Louise Burgers and  
Helen Grange

Frik Barnard, who co-ordinated the Johannesburg City Council security department's spying activities, was unaware his actions were illegal, the Hiemstra Commission heard yesterday

The deputy director of security admitted to advocate Wim Trengove, for the Five Freedoms Forum, that he was unaware that the spying activities of his department had to be authorised by Parliament

"But don't you know that security forces in this country need statutory authorisation to act in a similar manner?" Mr Trengove asked

"I was not aware of that"

"You thought that without legal authorisation you could spy on people?"

"Yes," Mr Barnard replied

The late Dame van Zyl, former management committee chairman, had ordered the security department to "monitor everything", the commission was also told yesterday

This was revealed after former senior deputy director Brigadier Jan Visser and director of public safety John Pearce were identified by Mr Barnard as initiators of the spy network

Recalled to the witness stand, Brigadier Visser said that when he joined the security department he had asked Mr van Zyl what the extent of the security department's mandate was

## Instability

"Mr van Zyl said we had to know everything that had a bearing on the city council. He wanted to know the details and involvements of council workers and personnel, information on instability in the country and how outside organisations affected the council"

Also recalled, Mr Pearce said he was given the duty of forming the security department after the management committee had decided it was necessary to upgrade the protection of council facilities and personnel

"I didn't have specific knowledge of security matters and I recommended the appointment of an expert — Brigadier Visser," Mr Pearce said

Earlier, in answer to a question from Mr Justice V G Hiemstra, Mr Barnard said Brigadier Visser had taken the initiative and set the network in motion, after Mr Pearce had had the vision to foresee the escalating security situation in 1984

Mr Barnard admitted, under questioning from Denis Fine, SC, leading evidence for the commission, that council security officials had received training on a farm. This was because the city council did not have the "expertise" in 1983 to train security officials for its newly established security department

## Paid overtime

Two weeks ago, key witness Hannes Gouws testified that council security officials had been part of a special "unit" with military personnel. The unit had carried out assaults on people and had been involved in the torching of a house thought to be an ANC headquarters

Mr Barnard could not confirm or deny giving Mr Gouws orders to work with the military

"If my men could benefit by information gathered and training received from the military, it could only have benefited the (security) department"

When asked earlier by Mr Trengove whether "innocent" people had been spied on, Mr Barnard said he did not know who was innocent

Mr Trengove put it to him that the invasion of privacy of certain individuals could amount to a prima facie crime

Asked about an incident involving the teargassing of a "troublesome" guard by security officials, Mr Barnard admitted to giving orders to "sort the man out" but denied he had ordered the teargassing

The hearing continues

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# Municipal police force to be probed

Staff Reporter

Johannesburg's management committee has announced the establishment of a high-powered committee to investigate the launch of a municipal police force in the city.

Chairman Ian Davidson yesterday said at a press conference that the aim was not to replace the SAP but to supplement it.

Such a force would not only be "your traditional bobby on the beat" in city suburbs, but would include municipal police on horseback and motorbikes.

"Not only is the South African force understrength compared with the UK and America but



Ian Davidson

on the SAP's own admission, they are losing 22 members of staff daily.

"The SAP admits it is unable to meet the need for the necessary visible presence on the streets," Mr Davidson said.

The committee, headed by Democratic Party councillor Christopher Newton Thompson, would include the District Commissioner of Police in Johannesburg, Brigadier A S Venter, or his nominee; six councillors, including an independent and one member of the Conservative Party; and top council officials.

Mr Davidson stressed that a long, hard look would be taken at the security department's present R25 million budget when it came to financing the municipal force.

"The security department should be geared towards protecting the ratepayers rather than spying on them," he said.

There were no plans at present to increase rates in Johannesburg if the council went ahead with a municipal police.

"But if the time comes, and we have to increase rates marginally — and I stress very marginally — I think there will be a positive response from people," Mr Davidson maintained.

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# We also spied on the Nats, says Barnard

By Helen Grange

Frik Barnard, the man implicated most frequently during the Hiemstra Commission hearings, admitted yesterday that Johannesburg City Council spies were placed in many organisations across the political spectrum — including the National Party

Mr Barnard, deputy director of security in the council, was unmasked last month as a major in Military Intelligence, and evidence has been led that he recruited several council security officials from Military Intelligence, including spy handler Martin Hennig

He has also been identified by another security official, Colonel Antoni Heystek, as the man who liaised directly with the SA Defence Force on information collected

Mr Barnard yesterday told the commission he had personally undertaken the task of spying on a National Party member who was suspected of being a "floor crosser"

## No documents

Asked by Denis Fine, SC, leading evidence for the commission, if the member had later joined the Democratic Party, Mr Barnard replied "Yes"

The task of spying on the man, whose name was not disclosed, was ordered directly by ex-management committee chairman Danie van Zyl

"Mr van Zyl tasked me on occasion to monitor what went on in the National Party. On that occasion, I was monitoring a particular member," Mr Barnard explained. Documents on his spy report were not available as he had handed them to Mr van Zyl after Brigadier Visser had read them

Earlier evidence was that Mr van Zyl had ordered the monitoring of DP councillor and public personality Pat Rogers. Brigadier Jan Visser, senior deputy director of security, had been in charge of the execution of this order

The commission, chaired by Mr Justice V G Hiemstra, is investigating The Star's revelations into a city council spy network

Questioned on why the Five Freedoms Forum, the End Conscription Campaign and other organisations had been infiltrated, Mr Barnard replied it was "worthwhile" to know about these organisations and where they stood with regard to the 1988 municipal elections

It had been useful, for instance, to know that the FFF had decided to take part in the elections "to the dismay" of Cosatu and the UDF

"It led to the question of what actions Cosatu and the UDF were planning in this regard"

Mr Barnard told the commission that he had

The Hiemstra Commission



decided in the first quarter of 1988 that the ECC should be infiltrated by Anthony Bennett

The reason was that, in a document he had, it was shown that the ECC could have been "misused" by the ANC's military wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe, and that people doing alternative national service in the council might have been influenced by the ANC's aims

"Are you serious?" asked Mr Fine

"Yes," Mr Barnard replied

Mr Barnard revealed to the commission that, at one stage, Mr Bennett was being harassed by the Security Police before the council security department told them "He is one of our men"

An informer had also been planted in the Health Workers Association, whose members might have disrupted the running of 18 health clinics in the Johannesburg area

## Personal profiles

Part of the security department's duties was to draw up personal profiles, Mr Barnard admitted. One such profile was on Jane Barrett, a prominent trade unionist. Personal details on Ms Barrett had been sought because "her name appeared frequently in reports on the Transport and General Workers Union, an unregistered union"

Mr Barnard said he wanted to study her strong and weak points so that the council would know what to concentrate on in any negotiation that might have taken place

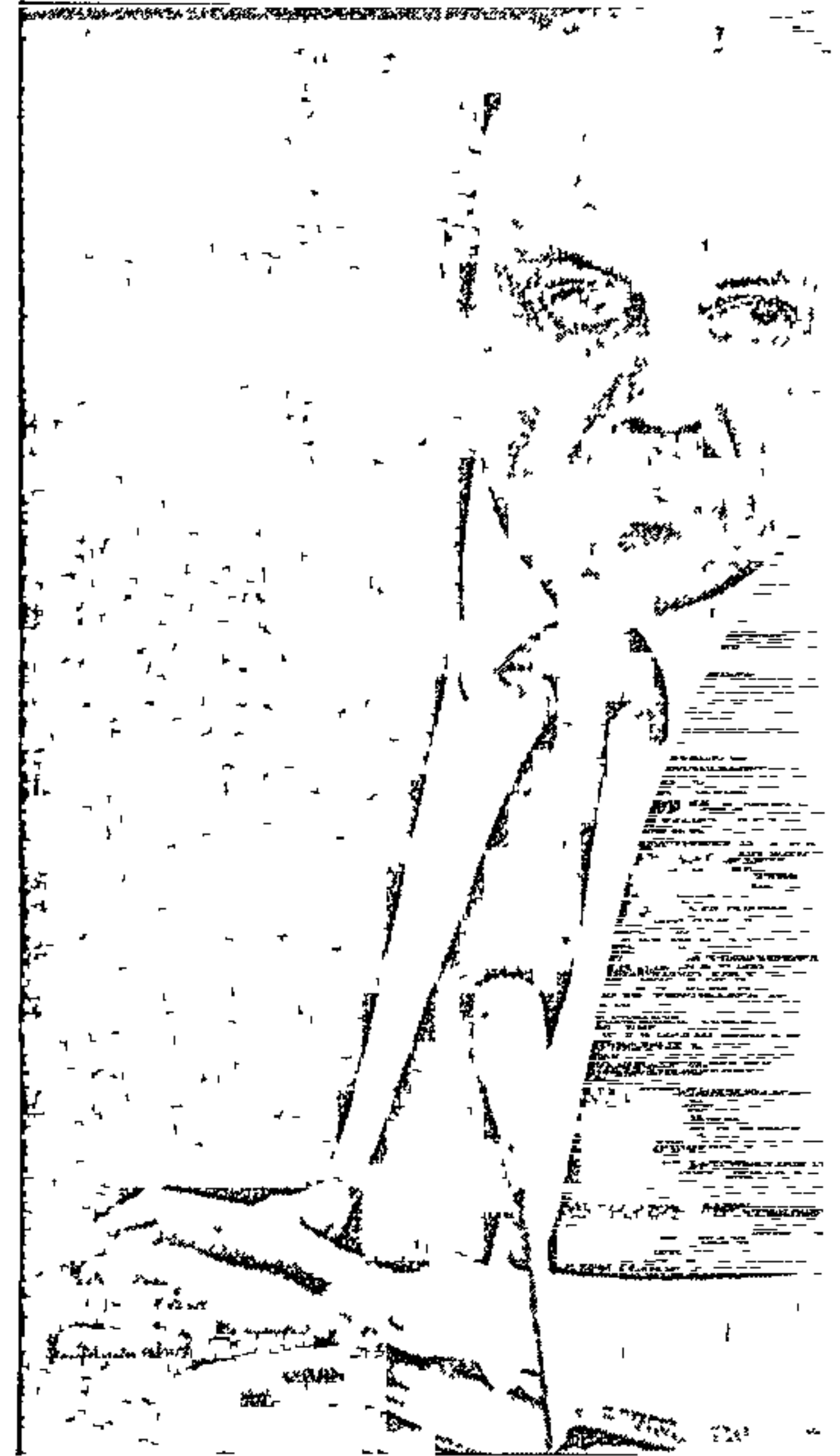
"And her passport number — was that an important detail?" asked Mr Fine

"No," replied Mr Barnard

Mr Barnard, who spoke very rapidly, at one stage deviated from a question on whether the spying activities were deceitful by answering "Infiltration is a worldwide phenomenon and our information section was based on international methods of information-gathering. It happens in America and Russia. Members of the ANC and the PAC have also infiltrated organisations"

Replied Mr Fine "Just answer the question"

In earlier evidence, it was heard that internal criminal investigations — one of which cost the council about R300 000 — were either quashed or treated with "unusual" lenience



Frik Barnard, deputy director of security in the City Council. I personally undertook the task of spying on a National Party member suspected of being a "floor crosser".  
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# 'Even NP members were spied upon'

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JOHANNESBURG — The man most mentioned in the Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry proceedings to date, alleged Johannesburg City Council spy master Mr Frik Barnard, made his first appearance on the commission's witness stand yesterday.

Mr Barnard immediately invoked incredulous remarks from Mr Denis Fine, SC, for the commission, when he said he himself had "infiltrated" the National Party and had "monitored" certain NP members on the orders of the late Johannesburg City Council management committee chairman, Mr Danie van Zyl, a local National Party leader.

"Are you suggesting Mr Van Zyl ordered you to spy on his own party members?", Mr Fine asked.

"That is correct," Mr Barnard replied.

Mr Barnard said he had drawn up reports on certain National Party candidates in the municipal election of October 1988.

Unfortunately the documentation of these reports had been handed directly to Mr Van Zyl, who died in 1989, and there was no longer any evidence of his investigations into the National Party.

Asked by Mr Fine who in the National Party had been reported on, Mr Barnard requested time for consultation with his legal counsel.

Mr Justice V Hiemstra adjourned the hearing to give Mr Barnard the opportunity to consult.

The inquiry continues — Sapa

## Facing the music

The Pet Shop Boys, a trendy British pop group, may be chagrined to know that they played a small but potentially interesting role in the Johannesburg City Council spy ring saga (266) (3)

Tony Naudé, an attorney who spied for the city and the security police, testified before the Hiemstra Commission investigating irregularities in the city security department that he infiltrated the Five Freedoms Forum (FFF), an anti-apartheid organisation. Naudé reported to his handlers that the Pet Shop Boys approached David Webster, the murdered Wits professor and FFF leader, about donating their SA profits to the ANC. FIM 18/5/90

Though the FFF steered the band members towards a Soweto crèche instead, Naudé's report on the incident seemed to imply that Webster illegally filtered the money to the outlawed ANC. Whether that tidbit of information helped put Webster's name on the top of a hit squad list is still speculation. Webster's murderers have not been captured, though his supporters are certain that a government hitman pulled the trigger.

Naudé testified before Judge Victor Hiemstra that he jogged twice with Webster and supplied the address of Webster's Troyeville home, where the lecturer was gunned down a year ago, to his city council spy handler as well as to the security police.

Why did Naudé become a paid spy? "I felt I could help in combating crime," he said. And why did he drop out of spying? Because, after eight months, he figured out that the FFF wasn't committing any crime — and that it's bad for an attorney's image to be a spy. "I began to get the impression I was wasting my time."

□ The SABC and Post Office have confirmed that they did attend information-sharing meetings with the SA Defence Force, as alleged by spy Anthony Bennett in the commission hearings. Sasol, also named by Bennett, earlier acknowledged that it exchanged information with the SADF as a precaution against sabotage.

The SABC said its meetings with the SADF were part of "its scanning of an unstable environment and can in no way be construed as if the corporation was part of any intelligence gathering network of the SADF."

The Post Office says it was no secret that its managers attended meetings "with a view to reporting and exchanging views on security as regards the labour unrest situation" ■



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# Heavy weather

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Local and provincial government procrastination has jeopardised plans for a R110m shopping centre and black taxi terminus on the fringes of Alexandra Township near Sandton, according to the would-be developer.

Developer Gary Pearlman, of the Logaro group, claims the project has already been delayed for three years — during which anticipated development costs have virtually doubled — because of the inability of the Sandton Town Council and the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) to make a decision over the relocation of squatters on the development site. This is despite the fact that a suitable solution has been worked out between the developer, the Urban Foundation and the SA Housing Trust.

Pearlman says when his organisation, frustrated by the lethargy of the authorities, tried to bypass the local bureaucrats and take the matter directly to central government, an appointment with the minister of planning and provincial affairs was unilaterally cancelled by the TPA and the council.

He claims further that during the three-year delay, the number of squatters on the site, known as KwaGreen, and bounded by Pretoria Main Road, First and Third avenues and Third Street, Wynberg, has risen from a couple of hundred to about 3 000.

The proposed centre will be known as Alex City and Pearlman says an anchor tenant, OK Bazaars, has been secured. Negotiations for long-term finance have been held with several interested institutions. "However, no commitment will be forthcoming until the squatter problem is resolved. Obviously the institutions don't want their names tainted by forced removals."

The two-storey main building, if it proceeds, will include 25 000 m<sup>2</sup> of retail space and 2 500 m<sup>2</sup> of entertainment facilities. It will have open and covered parking for 550 cars.

A community centre will link it to the northern end of the site, which will comprise a rank for 600 taxis and a 2 500 m<sup>2</sup> motor trade (discount spares) complex with a service station and a SABTA education and training office. Pearlman says additional space will be set aside for market traders.

Explaining the squatter impasse, Pearlman says negotiations were initially held with the administrator of Alexandra and later the council and the TPA. "We were told the squatter problem was under control and the people were being resettled, but nothing ever happened. Both organisations have been more concerned with passing the buck than taking positive action."

Apparently, the only solution the authori-

ties were able to offer was to move the squatters a long way out to places like Orange Farm. This was unacceptable to the developer and the squatters.

The compromise worked out by Logaro, in conjunction with the Urban Foundation and the SA Housing Trust and after discussions with the KwaGreen squatter leader Jo Saki, is to transfer the squatter homes to a serviced site (which would include facilities like schools and roads) on Alexandra's Far East Bank on the eastern side of the Jukskei River. It forms part of a 240 ha area designated for middle income housing.

A refined version of the proposal was sent to the TPA this week. Pearlman believes the provincial authority has already accepted the principle of using some of the Far East Rand Land for this purpose because squatting has become a general problem in the streets of Alexandra, not just KwaGreen. "We believe there are another 17 000 squatters on the streets and backyards of the township. All 20 000 will be accommodated on the new site and self-help schemes will then be activated so they can improve their own homes and eventually demolish the squatter shacks," says Pearlman.

The cost of the exercise will be in the region of R40m (R2 000 a stand). The developer and land owner, Elaine Gavshon, would be asked to make a financial contribution to the cost of relocating the KwaGreen squat-

ters.

A joint meeting between the developer, the TPA and the Sandton council has been arranged for next week. "These guys must get their act together if, as we do, they want to see a shopping centre. Unless we emerge from that meeting with a positive commitment to action, we will be forced to scrap our plans," says Pearlman.

Certainly, retail development in close proximity to a black township has generally been regarded as high risk because of the security problems and finding acceptable tenants. Because of this, developers and institutions spend most of their time paying lip service to the desirability of such development. It thus seems ironic that when developers are ready to put their money where their mouths are, they get muzzled by bureaucracy. ■

# Witness 'wasted time' spying on FFF

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A WITNESS before the Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry said yesterday he had infiltrated and spied on the Five Freedoms Forum for the Johannesburg City Council's security department while an articled clerk, because he believed he was actively opposing violence.

Mr Tony Naude said he had taken the word of his council spy handler, Mr Martin Hennig, who described the FFF as "bad", to justify his clandestine activities.

He perceived "bad" to mean that the FFF had been connected in some way to the political unrest of the time, and that the organisation was a possible enemy of the state because it was apparently linked to the ANC and the SA Communist Party.

He said he was aware Hennig had been in Military Intelligence for two years.

Under cross-examination by Mr Denis Fine, SC, for the commission, Naude agreed, however, that after spying on the FFF for eight months in 1988 he had come to the conclusion that there was nothing to prove that the organisation had been linked to violence.

"I began to get the impression I was wasting my time"

## Device

Earlier in the day the commission heard the owner of an electronic eavesdropping device company tell how Mr John Pearce, the council's director of public safety and traffic, had attended a demonstration of the company's equipment.

The witness testified he had delivered, among other things, ballpoint pens which contained hidden transmitters to Mr Pearce's council office and that the order had been made in a name of the council.

This contradicted Mr Pearce's own earlier evidence before the commission that he knew nothing of any security department "bugging" activities. - Sapa

# 3 Reef councils hit as workers strike

By LEN MASEKO

WORKERS downed tools at three Reef town councils yesterday in support of demands for higher wages and better working conditions.

The municipalities are Duduza, Kagiso and Katlehong. *Sowetan 18/5/90*

Duduza mayor Mr Kebana Moloji said the council's employees later suspended their strike "after we told them we were hardly given time to study their grievances" which were presented to him yesterday.

The workers were demanding recognition of their union, the SA Municipal Workers' Union and a 1,5 percent increase, to be backdated to January 1.

"We are not against trade unions," Moloji said.

Katlehong mayor Mr Tau Molotsi and Samwu officials met yesterday in an attempt to resolve a strike by council employees.

At Kagiso, members of the National Union of Public Service Workers demand recognition of the union, a R900-a-month minimum pay, medical aid for "non-classified" staff and an end to temporary employment.



## Maladministration alleged

Transvaal's Administrator has been asked to appoint an independent commission of inquiry into alleged maladministration involving the South Western Management Committee

Johannesburg City Council management committee chairman Ian Davidson said he was dedicated to clean government and it was in all parties' interests that an inquiry be conducted into the truth of the claims

The alleged irregularities are

● Allegations of corruption as

set out in a memorandum from the United Civic Association dated January 1989

● Allegations that certain members of the SWMC accepted or tried to obtain gifts or rewards in respect of their services

● The unauthorised, illegal issue of a letter dated July 7 1989 regarding increased municipal service charges by the SWMC

● SWMC members acted illegally or wrongfully or without authority or refused to exercise their powers properly

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**JOHANNESBURG.**

The two most senior officials directly responsible for security in Johannesburg City Council both yesterday said that the late Mr Danie van Zyl was ultimately responsible for the clandestine infiltration of left-wing organisations by the council's controversial security department

Mr John Pearce, director of public safety and traffic, and Brigadier Jan Visser, the security department chief, were recalled to the witness box in rapid succession in the Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry, which is investigating allegations that the council security department's spying activities were irregular

Both were asked by Mr

# Officials name infiltration boss

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Justice V Hiemstra where the order originated from to find out what was going on in the many left-wing organisations which were "growing like toadstools" at the time

Mr Pearce agreed that Mr Van Zyl, then a National Party city councillor and management committee chairman, had been "extremely interested" in what was happening in leftist circles

It had been Mr Pearce's perception that the order to broaden the

council's security investigations to include left-wing organisations had come from the NP-controlled management committee

Brigadier Visser, who acknowledged that he had been appointed to the senior security post in the council to implement a swing away from conventional criminal investigations towards investigation of left-wing organisations, said Mr Van Zyl had wanted to know everything pertaining to the council — Sapa

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# CP carpets out for 300 rich Chinese

SPRINGS and Boksburg, with their Conservative Party councils, are competing for 300 wealthy Hong Kong Chinese immigrant families to settle in their towns.

The 300 families — who plan to emigrate before the 1997 handover to China and want to buy land in the Johannesburg area — were originally spurned by the Springs Town Council.

However, after Marnetjies Ford, a Windmill Park estate agent, put out the welcome mat for the wealthy immigrants in the free-settlement township of equally conservative Boksburg, the Springs council backed down and also decided that the Chinese could be an asset.

Springs management committee chairman Gert Parsons this

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week admitted there was an initial misunderstanding concerning reports that residents did not want "China's boat people" living in their town.

"We're going to do everything in our power to get them here," he said.

"We have identified a new suburb in Springs where the 300 families can settle, but it's all still in the negotiating stages.

"One of the conditions of their settling in this country is the investment — said to be not less than R1 million in liquid cash resources (each family) — they will be bringing into this country," said Mr Parsons.

"We have established that these are upper-class people"

He added "There is no conflict with Conservative Party policies. The Chinese are classified as white and in terms of the Group Areas Act they do not need permits to settle here."

Not to be outdone, Boksburg is also offering the Chinese families accommodation. The chairman of Boksburg's CP caucus, Beyers de Klerk, said "The Chinese are regarded as white, keep to themselves and do not integrate with whites. They can settle anywhere in Boksburg that they want to. But we would rather they didn't all settle in Windmill Park as we don't want a sort of Chinatown to develop."

## Sceptical

Mr Ford said he would be taking a delegation of the Chinese group to view properties — of which there are about seven — in Windmill Park this week.

But Springs Chamber of Commerce manager Dick Gosse was sceptical "It looks as though the Chinese deal will only come through in about 1997. Right now, anyone who has a few hectares of land is trying to see SA's immigration officer in Hong Kong, Raymond Chong, about accommodating these affluent immigrants."

● Minister of Home Affairs Gene Louw announced this week that between 200 and 300 Hong Kong families and 300 to 500 Taiwanese families had been recruited to settle in SA.

They had been recruited in terms of development schemes and had the skills to found industries, Mr Louw said. They would settle on the Reef and in the western Cape.

● See Page 1, Property Guide.



# A chilling diary of threats and harassment

IT HAS BEEN OVER LIKE THIS WHERE HE WAS EVERYTHING ELSE. BUT THE FIES, A FAR CRY FROM THE THE WITNESS CHAIR.

IT is late at night when the telephone rings

Someone answers  
At first there is silence  
... an unnerving silence.  
Then, "We're going to get you, you dirty Jew-boy"  
"We know you're alone"  
"Your father's a communist."

On the other end of the line is Clive M Chipkin. He is a Johannesburg architect and a co-founder of Architects Against Apartheid. He is also a member of the Five Freedoms Forum (FFF)

## Target

Unknown, however, to Mr Chipkin is that the FFF is a specific target of the Johannesburg City Council spy ring. What he also does not know is that the names of certain FFF officials had also gained the attention of another sinister body — the secret South African Defence Force unit known as the Civil Co-operation Bureau (CCB).

And neither he nor the FFF were aware of the extent of the spying, which included obtaining the ground-plans of the homes of many activists, including FFF members.

The telephone calls to Mr Chipkin, one preceded by heavy breathing and office background noises, are examples of a reign of harassment meted out to FFF members over the past three years. Here is Mr Chipkin's story.

● March 1987 — Several phone calls in the early hours. Parkview police station notified.

● April 7 1987 — Phone call at 11.45 pm. Heavy breathing. Background voices.

Again, police notified  
● July 25 1987 — Phone call at 7.30 pm to inquire if the number was the Chipkin residence. Followed by abrupt rudeness.

Later, an English-speaking caller says: "We're going to get you." (Mr Chipkin's first name, Clive, and the names of his two sons were used)  
● July 26 1987, 6 pm — Afrikaans voice: "We know you're alone" Chuck.  
● August 3 1988, 9 pm — "Your father's a communist," a caller tells Mr Chipkin's son, Ivor, who was alone at the time.

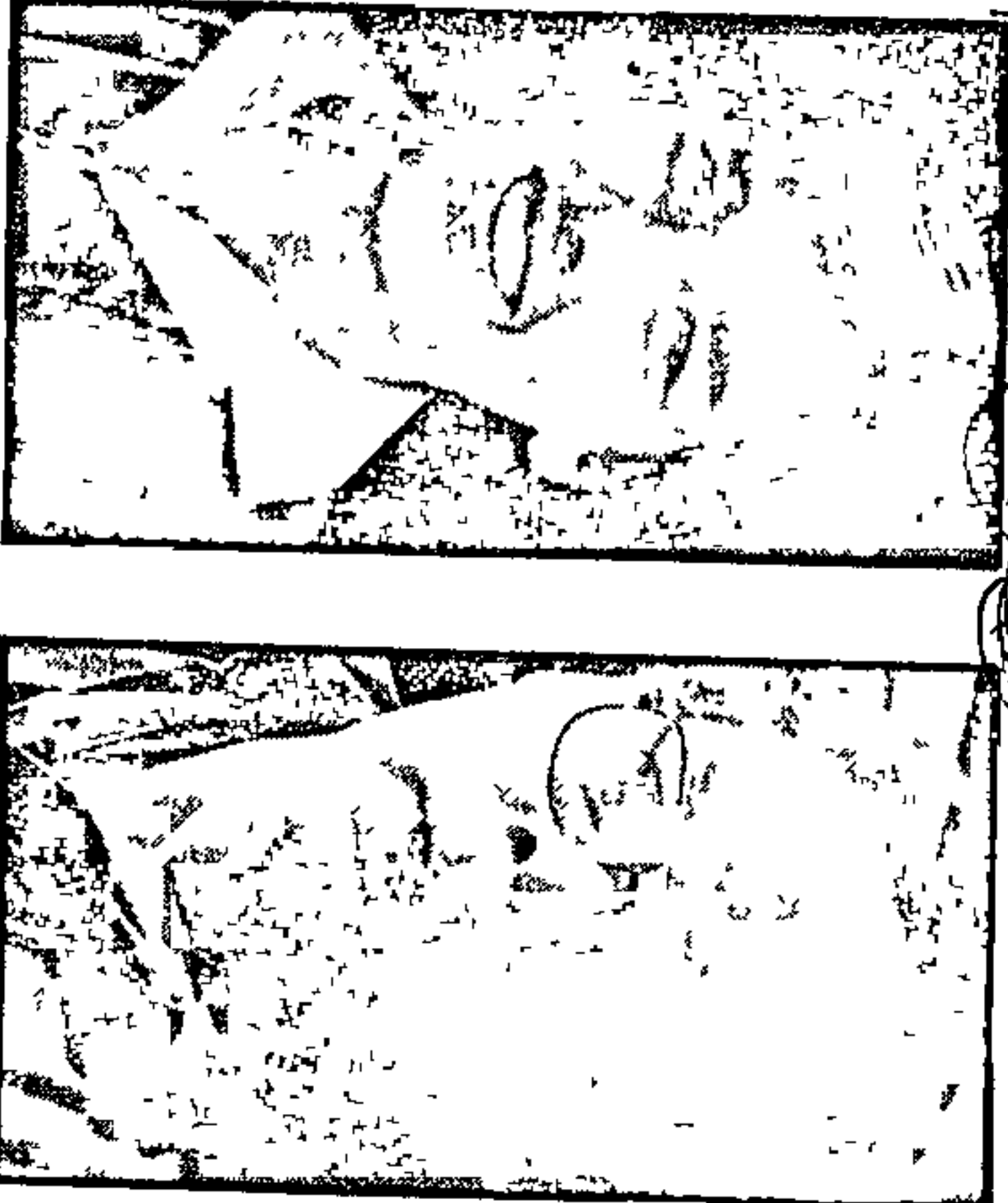
The menacing messages of the late-night callers form part of a wider and seemingly calculated campaign to disrupt and demoralise officials of the anti-apartheid group.

On September 11 1988, the tactics of harassment involving Mr Chipkin took a new turn. He said "A letter published in the Sunday Times on September 11 caused me great anger."

## Vicious

"It consisted of a vicious attack on Archbishop Tutu and was signed C M Chipkin. This disgraceful misuse of my name was a total falsification of my views."

Investigations showed the letter was a typed photostat statement sent to several newspapers under a false signature. The incident was reported to Parkview police and Mr Chipkin called John Vorster Square (Docket



**MORE TARGETS:** The FFF's Adele Kirsten (left) and Mike Olivier were victims of a dirty-tricks campaign

**LEGITIMATE** anti-apartheid organisations were spied upon by the Johannesburg City Council security department. Frightening details of this undercover operation were exposed by The Star. One movement, the Five Freedoms Forum, believes these clandestine activities are linked to the intimidation and harassment of its members. **STEVE McQUILLAN and KIT KATZIN** relate the FFF story.

89009/88 CR 185/0988). The outcome of investigation is unknown.

The FFF is just one of several legitimate publicly funded and supported anti-apartheid organisations that fell foul of the authorities, some of whose activities have now been revealed in evidence to the Hiemstra spy inquiry.

Mr Chipkins believes that because of the evidence emerging at the Hiemstra inquiry it is important to place

public meeting

Two days later security police were again noticed at a meeting to plan closer contact with groups such as Women for Peace, the Black Sash, Jews for Social Justice and the End Conscription Campaign.

Then there was the incident involving another FFF member, Peter Hunter.

## Burnt out

On June 14 1988, his car was set alight and burnt out in the driveway of his home. Mr Hunter's home had been chosen by the FFF as the venue for a cocktail party at which the organisation would launch its "One City, Open City" campaign.

In October 1988, the flat of FFF member Jean de la Harpe was raided by members of the security police, soon after a public meeting had taken place at which her address was mentioned.

On another occasion in October, said Ms de la Harpe, four security policemen visited her flat at 6 am. "They said that in terms of emergency regulations they wanted to search the premises for 'stayaway pamphlets' relating to municipal elections."

In fact the FFF was encouraging white people to vote in the election.

Then, on the night of October 26 1988, the car of Anne Vincent, also a member of the FFF, was vandalised.

The tyres were slashed, windows smashed, the door knocked in, glue poured over the vehicle, and the outside spray-painted with the words "ANC" and "Nurden".

Earlier that night, Ms Vincent noticed two cars driving around the block outside her Braamfontein flat. Later, the cars stopped. She noticed white men inside the vehicle. They were watching her flat.

In March 1989, FFF chairman Mike Olivier asked a member to leave the organisation on suspicion of spying.

From April 1989 to March this year, a number of FFF members received telephone calls of a suspicious nature.

The members included Adele Kirsten, Cecily Singer, Sally Cohen, Jeannette Nixon and her daughter, Barbara Buntman, Jeanne Copeman and Gael Neke, the organisation's publicity secretary. Ms Neke's parents were also harassed.

In May 1989, two shots were fired into the bedroom of FFF member Lambros Marinaki, while he was asleep.

In June 1989, Ms Neke's parents received a telephone call from someone who called himself "Mike Olivier".

## Party

Said Ms Neke "At that time I was with Mike in La Palala. The caller asked my parents for the names and phone numbers of all my friends on the pretext that he was organising a surprise party for me."

In June 1989, FFF member Ian Mullen died when his house burnt down. "It seems as if a murder docket was opened and that arson was suspected. We have no further information about the investigation," Ms Neke said.



SCORES of homeless Soweto people, who have erected shacks in an open space in Diephloof, are faced with eviction after the Diepmeadow Council laid a complaint with the South African Police.

The Diepmeadow town clerk, Mr JPK de Jager, said the council had already taken legal action and was waiting for a court order empowering it to demolish the shacks.

Since the camp started two weeks ago, about 200 families, mostly former backyard lodgers from Diephloof, have settled in the area.

### Desperate

"No one told us to erect shacks here," said a 28-year-old mother of three

"I am desperate for a place to stay and when I saw other people erecting their shacks here, I decided to join them"

The new squatter camp has no toilets and no water supply.

The lack of facilities has caused concern to the Soweto health authorities

Most of the squatters, who are either unemployed or aged, said they were also bothered by the lack of facilities, but "it was

# Diephloof of council to evict families

better than having the landlord lock us out of the toilet"

Poverty and desperation is the story told by many squatters who chose to set up camp in the wild rather than face the wrath of their landlords.

Nomhle Shiburi (not her real name) is unemployed and has to look after her three children.

She claims the cruelty of her landlord drove her family to move into her new shack before it was finished

"I had to move out of that house even though I had to sleep in a roofless shack," she said.

"There were 11 shacks in the yard and three families staying inside the house.

"Each tenant was paying R80 a month I was lodging in the dining room. The owner did not allow me to lock my door

"The house was a mess. People were drifting in and out at all hours and stealing my food

"I could not even complain because the landlord always reminded me that this was his place.

### Boycott

"There is a rent boycott, but landlords force us to pay so much money. Why?"

Many squatters and backyard lodgers in Soweto complained about paying high rentals, ranging from R40 to R100 a tiny shack, to their land-

lords who were diligently obeying the rent boycott

"It is very sad that they literally grab this money from us, mercilessly evict us if we default, whereas they do not pay their rent and service tariffs," said Mrs Grace Tshabalala, who shares a shack with her 11 family members in a Dobsonville backyard

"I am an old woman with young children, yet my landlady sometimes forbids me to have a bath and do my washing"

"What kind of a life is that?"

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## Vaal probe may take new twist

THE Goldstone Commission of Inquiry continues in Vereeniging's council chambers today - amid new media speculation that the "underground" Boerestaat-Party deputy leader and political activist Piet "Skiet" Rudolph might have been involved in the shootings on March 26 at Sebokeng.

Rudolph - known among his friends as an excellent shot - is a former police detective and former Pretoria city councillor. He reportedly claimed in a telephone interview with a Pretoria newspaper that he had been "involved in the shooting at Sebokeng. It was not only police who fired, I was also there," he reportedly said. *Sowetan 21/5/90*

Rudolph has taken refuge in the secret underground "Boer Commando network" since he allegedly was involved in a spectacular arms theft from the South African Air Force headquarters in Pretoria several weeks ago.

He reportedly also accepted responsibility for this daring arms heist during another phone call to a Pretoria journalist who knows him personally.

Police launched a massive search amid mounting fears that Rudolph may already have dispersed the highly-sophisticated captured military arms among the so-called Boer Commandos - *Sowetan Correspondent*



"Absolutely not," Barnard replied.

an office bearer of the Transport and General Workers Union

had been paid for information that was of no use to the council. — Sapa.

# Argument ends in Seipei murder trial

JUDGMENT in the murder trial of former Mandela Football Club coach Jerry Richardson would be handed down on Friday, Mr Justice Bryan O'Donovan said in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday

State advocate Chris van Vuuren and defence counsel Hentie Joubert concluded argument before the judge and two assessors yesterday.

Richardson has been charged with the murder of teenager Stompie Seipei, attempted murder, kidnapping and assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm

Regarding Seipei's alleged murder, Van Vuuren said there were "enough relevant facts to draw the necessary inferences" that Richardson murdered Stompie

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Joubert replied: "I agree the accused is guilty of attempted murder, but in respect of committing murder I submit the State should view the events on Sunday January 1 1989 as probable, but one still has to speculate who killed Stompie." 8 Dec 2 215/90

The court heard Seipei was last seen leaving Winnie Mandela's home with Richardson on January 1. His body was found on January 6

"Anything could have happened in that time There is no evidence the accused killed Stompie," Joubert said

He said witnesses contradicted each other and exaggerated and lied about Winnie Mandela's presence in her home on December 29 1988 He told the judge her involvement could not be left out and the State's case fell down as the witnesses had lied about her presence

Joubert concluded that, except for the attempted murder charge, Richardson should be acquitted.

Regarding Seipei's murder, Van Vuuren said the court "must view everything as a whole for the cumulative effect. One by one, the facts do not point to guilt, but the cumulative effect is vital".

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## NATAL UNREST DEATHS

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## High-handed MEC must quit — Umsa

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NATIONAL black local authorities organisation, the United Municipalities of SA (Umsa), has called for the resignation of Transvaal MEC for local government Olaus van Zyl.

Umsa president Tom Boya said yesterday a meeting of Umsa councillors and mayors at Secunda at the weekend had resolved that a letter be written to Transvaal Administrator Danie Hough calling for Van Zyl's resignation.

Boya said the decision was prompted by Van Zyl's decision to sack the Lekoa City Council for its failure to collect rent and service charges.

Van Zyl announced last week that the Lekoa council, which he had warned last October to put its house in order, had failed to do so and would therefore be relieved of its offices and replaced by an administrator.

Boya said government knew the rent issue was a political one which it must sort out itself.

"What does Van Zyl expect them to do? These people must know they are not dealing with puppets."

Sapa reports the letter sent to Hough condemned "the high-handed manner in which Van Zyl dissolved the city council of Lekoa on grounds of financial mismanagement and squabbling among councillors". (266)

Van Zyl was in Cape Town yesterday and could not be reached for comment.

About 150 municipal workers of the Lekoa council picketed outside the council's offices in Sebokeng yesterday morning in protest against the sacking of the council.

# Call for MEC to resign

THE United Municipalities of South Africa has called for the resignation of Mr Oulas van Zyl, Transvaal MEC in charge of local government.

The president of Umsa, Mr Tom Boya, made the request in a letter to the Administrator, Mr Dame Hough

Boya alleged that Van Zyl "has no interest in black local government".  
*Soweto Sun 22/5/90*

## Letter

The Umsa action was sparked by what the letter said was the high-handed manner in which Van Zyl dissolved the Lekoa town council on the grounds of financial mismanagement

Boya said in the letter it was difficult for black councils to take strong action against rent and service charge defaulters.

"We feel strongly that there should have been more consultation and perhaps Lekoa's problems could have been solved without having to dissolve the council"

Sapa



# Johannesburg in

# transition

Because of the intensely party-political nature of the Johannesburg City Council over the last 40 years, many are watching with critical interest the new management of the city after the Democratic Party's capture of control recently

If the city can be run effectively and humanely according to liberal democratic principles, the possibility of non-racial government on a far wider basis becomes both imminent and attractive.

Naturally, and quite properly, the new management committee's first commitment is to the residents of Johannesburg. To provide them with efficient services at cost-effective rates and charges, in an atmosphere of minimum red tape, is an ambitious goal in itself

On this ideal, the DP (and Progressive Federal Party) election manifestos of the past are issue-specific. The creation of a user-friendly city environment in which the civic administration stands at the side of the people, rather than on their backs, will be pursued with vigour

Of wider implication, however, is the possibility of implementing the reality of the new South Africa on the ground. Johannesburg is a splendid instance where practical effect could be given to the theoretical abstractions of implementing sound principles for the future administration of the country before a new national constitution is introduced

An alarming characteristic of previous administrations in the Golden City has been a continuing assumption of a long-vanished reality that the major cities of SA are white cities surrounded by various black satellite townships. Rather, the new administration, more readily than most, acknowledges that today's metropolitan areas, especially Johannesburg, are essentially black cities that surround an enclave of white municipalities

Historically and traditionally black satellite towns were managed and financed as integral parts of the white-run municipalities within

## DP faces the challenge of regenerating the city

Johannesburg under new management is a city in transition. **TONY LEON**, Houghton MP and former Democratic Party leader in the city council, discusses the potential.

whose boundaries they fell. In 1973 the ill-conceived and under-financed administration boards took over that task and subsequently authority was transferred, by stages, to black local bodies.

### Urbanisation

These are today in a constant state of crisis because they lack revenue resources to maintain themselves, let alone to make desperately needed improvements. The new Johannesburg management committee is at least prepared to negotiate with authentic representatives of the disadvantaged communities. It is also prepared to address fundamental and critical urban urgencies — for example the proliferation of black taxis, the spiralling trade of the informal sector and the need for the integration of both into existing patterns of transport and commerce are early priorities of the city administration

The city council will also be able to get on with the job of "positive urbanisation". This implies planning for the future on demographic and rational lines, rather than seeing it simply as an adjunct of political engineering.

An enlightened administration in Johannesburg realises that cities have their own rules if they are going to operate effectively, and those rules go beyond culture and other conditions that may change

In the short term, strategically, this means political obstacles such

as the Group Areas Act have to be overcome. But long-term, the future of the city will depend on demographics and resources. Thus the campaign for an open city in Johannesburg is not simply a party political strategy.

Careful planning, taking into account the realities of modern SA, and the future projections for its population growth and rapid rate of rural depopulation, will all have to be put into the equation. There is no doubt that the new managers of Johannesburg have every determination to ensure that, far from becoming an urban blight, Johannesburg becomes a centre of renewal and a source of hope for the entire country

The question arises whether Johannesburg can forge a different system of local government from the rest of the country. President de Klerk has recently indicated he might well be amenable to a new structure of local government developing as a result of particular initiatives.

### Consultations

Simultaneously, and ironically, the Government has committed itself to centralising and streamlining the system of local government in SA. Quite how the circle is to be squared is a matter of mystery

Assuming, however, that the Government is amenable to local initiative, there is every possibility that a

new system of non-racial participation at a local government level could be developed

In this regard the management committee will no doubt pursue the widest range of consultations in drawing up any such proposal. That again will separate the new administration from the closed door policy of the old

Another drastic departure from the past will, I am sure, be in the realm of planning. The new approach in Johannesburg will probably be characterised by a much greater access for both single issue groups and residents' associations

The great advantage of having languished in opposition for so long is that our party, and its predecessors, became sensitised to the demands and requirements of local pressure groups. We also developed a critical approach towards the bureaucratisation of decision-making.

The Hemstra Commission has opened a Pandora's Box of alleged evils which has given substance to past opposition claims that Johannesburg was governed in secret and on Pretoria's whims. The new order promises a decisive break from this seamless web of political corruption and misuse of power

Another item receiving early attention is the entire question of municipal policing. The total breakdown of community law enforcement in major suburban areas in Johannesburg has always been of deep concern to the DP. The new management committee has already pledged itself to the early implementation of a scheme of supplementing the depleted ranks of the SA Police with a municipal force whose task it will be to keep a visible presence on the streets.

There can be no doubt of a fundamental change, not just of political actors, but a deep-seated shift in attitude and ideology in Johannesburg. The council has the vision of an exciting regenerated city within its sights. The task is to bring that reality within its grasp.

# Hearing is told many knew of spy network

WILSON ZWANE

THE Hiemstra Commission heard yesterday that "many knew" about the spying activities of the Johannesburg City Council's security department.

Taking the stand for the third time before the commission, deputy security director Frik Barnard said other local authorities, security forces and private individuals were aware of the department's activities.

He also assumed management committee members Jan Burger and Cecil Long had known about some of the activities.

He could not say if other management committee members had known about the spying network.

He had thought it was former management committee chairman Danie Van Zyl's duty to inform other members about the network, Barnard said.

When asked by his counsel, Advocate S van Nieuwenhuizen SC, if councillors knew the monitoring of organisations like the Five Freedoms Forum (FFF), Cosatu, UDF and its affiliates, the Johannes-

burg Democratic Action Committee (Jodac) and End Conscription Campaign (ECC) would "dirty their hands", he said it was possible they knew.

During cross-examination by Advocate Nic van der Walt for the city council, Barnard said Van Zyl had been on a "frolic of his own" when he told the security department to spy on city councillor Pat Rogers.

He said he found it strange that a city councillor would want information on another member.

Asked by SADF counsel advocate André Roux if the SADF had assigned his department to spy on anti-apartheid groups and persons, he said no assignment was given.

There had, however, been an exchange of information between the SADF and the city council.

He denied he had been a major in Military Intelligence, but said he had been an Army Intelligence major.

The hearing continues

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THE Soweto Council has returned R48 million allocated to it by the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council for the upgrading of the area - although the township has a critical housing shortage and poor infrastructure.

The money was part of R113 million granted to the council during the 1989/90 financial year. The council used only R65 million.

Soweto council spokeswoman Miss Felicia Buthelezi yesterday said many projects had to be suspended after a dispute between councillors and white council officials.

A total of R95 million, which was granted to some of the 14 councils falling under the CWRSC, has been returned by councils which did not use the money.

## Plans

Buthelezi said: "This delayed our plans and we were forced to return the money because its allocation is about to expire."

Addressing a Press conference in Johannesburg yesterday, CWRSC chairman Mr John Griffiths said the council has allocated R334 million to local authorities for the 1990/91 financial year which starts on July 1.

He said: "R327 million of this will be utilised for projects to improve infra-

By MZIKAYISE EDOM


structure and services in the region, with the balance of only R7 million being required for operating costs

Griffiths also said that levies, which generate the council's funds, would be increased by 10 percent from July 1. This will net an additional R19,5 million.

In an interview with the *Sowetan* after the conference, Griffiths said the Soweto council had problems like getting plans ready on time and finding "reasonable" tenders to implement certain projects in the township.

\* The new (1990/91) allocations are: Soweto (R116 million), Diepmeadow (R34 million), Alexandra (R22 million), Dobsonville (R17 million), Emerdale (R7 million), South Western Management Committee (R6 million), Lenasia (R4 million), Lenasia South East (R4 million), Davidsonville/Fleurhof (R2 million), Marlboro Gardens (R1 million), Johannesburg (R14 million), Rodepoort (R7 million), Randburg (R5 million) and Sandton (R5 million).

## Soweto gives back cash despite lack of housing




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# Support local authorities Minister pleads

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statement after talks on Monday between Viljoen and Deputy Minister Mr Roelf Meyer and a delegation from the Urban Councils Association of South Africa, led by its

president, Mr PD Nhlapo. Viljoen said he had emphasised the essential role of black local councils and the councillors in ensuring an orderly progress to a new and just South Africa and appealed to them to continue their very important

task". He said he explained the Government's aims in creating a peaceful climate for a negotiated settlement and informed Ucasa about recent developments in the negotiation process, particularly regarding local authority

affairs. "I gave the assurance that the functioning of all local government systems must and will continue in an orderly way until a new constitution, also for local government, has been properly and legally negotiated," Viljoen said.

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## Soweto hard at work putting house in order, says Van Zyl

THEO RAWANA (266)

THE Soweto town council was working hard to put its house in order, and that was why it did not suffer dismissal like the Lekoa (Vaal) town council, Transvaal MEC for local government Olaus van Zyl said yesterday.

Van Zyl said the courses of action the TPA had threatened against the two councils were different.

Last week Van Zyl announced the dismissal of the entire Lekoa council because it had failed to "rectify the unhealthy state of its financial affairs" and end squabbling among councillors.

Last October the TPA had warned Lekoa and Soweto to take steps to remedy their financial positions, to determine tariffs and collect rent and service charges arrears. Lekoa was also directed to end discord among councillors and Soweto to rectify staff matters and end corruption.

### Deadline

Lekoa's warning had been in terms of Section 29 (2) of the Local Authorities Act and measures to be taken in case of non-compliance would be dismissal of the council. In Soweto's case the warning was in terms of Section 29 (1).

Van Zyl said Soweto had acted promptly on some of the TPA's directives and at the end of the three-month deadline set, a new set of directives was put forward. It would be some time before progress would be evaluated, he said.

Soweto PRO Johan van der Westhuizen said yesterday the council had been quick to respond to the TPA's allegations. It had taken steps to investigate corruption, promulgated new flat rates, appointed a new town clerk, and had established a forum for regular communication with developers and local businessmen.

"Mayor Sam Mkhwanazi and town clerk Piet Geers are presently overseas to raise funds — through investment, not loans."

# Levies on Reef to increase by 10pc

By Shirley Woodgate

Turnover and payroll levies in the 14 municipalities within the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council are to be increased by 10 percent from July, chairman John Griffiths announced in his budget speech yesterday.

The rise to 1,11 percent on turnover and 0,275 percent on payroll levies is aimed at pushing up levy income by R20 million to R170 million in a total budget of R1 077 million.

An amount of R703 million represents revenue from the sale of electricity and water to CWRSC municipalities and the balance will be derived from investment interest and the surplus brought forward from the past year.

Presenting the CWRSC's fourth budget, Mr Griffiths said provision had been made for expenditure of about R327 million mainly for improving the infrastructure in underdeveloped areas in the region. R7 million or 3,27 percent will be taken up in operating costs.

Most of the funds (36 percent) have been allocated to projects in Soweto (R117 million), followed by 20 percent or R63 million for regional undertakings, 11 percent for Diepmeadow

(R34 million), 7 percent for Alexandra, 5 percent for Dobsonville and Johannesburg and nearly 3 percent for Ennerdale and Roodepoort.

The remainder will be divided between Randburg and Sandton, the South Western management committee, Lenasia and Lenasia South East, all receiving below two percent, and Davidsonville and Marlboro Gardens at the tail end below one percent.

Mr Griffiths said in most cases the CWRSC was the sole provider for capital programmes of black local authorities in the region.

On land use and transport planning, he said the council had asked the Administrator to entrust this function to the CWRSC as an additional regional task which would further broaden democracy. "Not only income but future development will eventually be shared by all groups within the region."

He estimated that unless increased applications were received from member councils, services could be upgraded to an acceptable level within the next two years. The CWRSC had embarked on long-term planning involving multimillion rand water and sewer schemes for the region.



# 'Full council approved monitoring'

By Louise Burgers

Johannesburg city councillors must have been aware of the monitoring activities of its security department and of liaison with national intelligence, as those functions were included in a document approved by the full council in 1983, Frik Barnard said yesterday

Mentioned in the document was liaison with all State, municipal and national security bodies, screening of personnel, protective services including security-risk analysis, and research of security aids such as bugging devices, the deputy security director said

Referring to screening of personnel, Solly von Niewenhauzen, for Mr Barnard, said anyone with imagination could have known what was envisaged "Now it's political. It is easy to claim no knowledge of the activities, but it should have been obvious to anyone that someone would have had to get their hands dirty to fulfil the monitoring functions," said Mr von Niewenhauzen

Mr Barnard agreed that "anyone" could have realised what was going on

Yesterday he clarified his position in the Defence Force. He said he was a member of Army Intelligence, not Military Intelligence. He was a Citizen Force major and had never been a member of the Permanent Force, though he had received promotion twice in the army while employed at the city council

Liaison with the council security department began in 1984 with the protection of national key points, the provision of council security at military parades in the city and at information seminars, on a social



basis and with the exchange of information.

He emphasised that the security department was not a military organisation. "We worked with them, but it stopped there."

Mr Barnard said there was nothing sinister in meetings between the city council, the military and the owners of national key points such as the SABC, the Post Office, AECL, the Transvaal Provincial Administration, Eskom, Rand Water Board and others.

When questioned by A Roux, for the SADF, about the ground-plans the military had regularly requested, Mr Barnard said it was possible that copies had also gone to the Security Police

When asked whether it was not possible that the SADF needed the plans for protecting important people, mapping out alternative routes, setting up medical points and mapping out parades, Mr Barnard said he knew of no parades in Yeoville.

In earlier evidence, the commission heard that the SADF had been regularly supplied with ground plans of properties in Johannesburg. A Yeoville house, monitored by the council, was torched in January 1989.

Mr Barnard took the stand for the third time before Mr Justice V G Hiemstra, investigating The Star's disclosures of a spy network in the council

He agreed with Nic van der Walt, for the city council, that the late chairman of the management committee, Danie van Zyl, had been on a "frolic of his own" when he ordered the security department to spy on former opposition councillor Pat Rogers.

● Hans Bornman, legal representative for spy handler Martin Hennig, was referred to the Bar Council two weeks ago in connection with Mr Hennig's refusal to answer questions relating to his military career. Mr Bornman has been exonerated of any misconduct

## R1 m for E Rand fire stations

The East Rand Regional Services Council (ERRSC) has set aside R1 million for the erection of satellite fire stations especially in the black towns, during the current financial year.

The ERRSC said, however, they did not at this stage wish to take over the fire brigade and ambulance services.

According to the council, fire brigade services have not been identified as a regional function.

The council was therefore not empowered to execute the scheme of satellite fire brigade stations and it would have to first obtain the approval of the Administrator and the Minister of Finance.

"It should be noted that development aid by the council in respect of this scheme will be restricted to the creation of infrastructures and not towards the financing of operating costs or the provision of equipment and vehicles," the council said.

The council should not enter into any financial commitments before proper agreements had been drafted and concluded. — Est Rand Bureau.

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## East Rand RSC reports increased revenue for 1990

The revenue from the East Rand Regional Service Council levy and the regional establishment levy is estimated at R118,2 million for the 1990/91 budget as against an estimated revenue of R88 million for the 1989/90 budget.

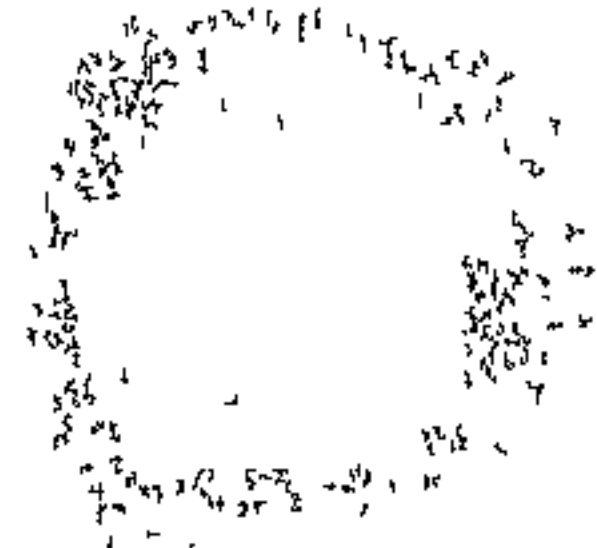
The ERRSC is expected to receive an estimated income of R98,8 million during the current financial year.

An ERRSC monthly meeting was held on Monday that the increased revenue was due mainly to salary increases and turnover, on which the levies were based, and the success in tracing unregistered levy payers.

The number of registered levy payers was 36 556 in March this year, as opposed to 32 110 in March last year.

The meeting was also told that provision had been made for 10 percent increase in the levy rates.

The council resolved to maintain the 20 percent rebate applicable to farming enterprise. — East Rand Bureau.





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# Jhb councillors 'all knew of spy network'

councillors concerning the methods to be employed by the then-newly approved spy network, including aspects of its liaison with national intelligence and security agencies like the security police and military intelligence

Evidence heard to date by the commission has suggested that the only councillor fully informed of the security department's clandestine doings was the late National Party member Mr Danie van Zyl, a management committee chairman of long standing until his death in 1989

Mr Barnard had testified earlier that Mr Van Zyl had even ordered secretive investigations into his fellow NP councillors and opposition councillors, but yesterday agreed that Mr Van Zyl's order secretly to investigate then-PFP councillor Mr Pat Rogers was nothing more than a "frolic of his own"

While he admitted earlier that councillors would not have known of the finer details of how the spy network operated, Mr Barnard agreed that all councillors should have realised "monitoring" activities

# Mass stayaways in Transvaal

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Staff Reporters

Work stayaways, marches and factory demonstrations erupted across the Transvaal yesterday as thousands of workers took part in the Congress of SA Trade Unions (Cosatu) "day of action" on the Labour Relations Act.

Sapa reports that police arrested 128 demonstrators on the East Rand and that teargas was used to disperse marchers in central Johannesburg.

The Cosatu action was designed to press the Government into enacting a union-employer accord on the Act before Parliament goes into recess.

A national picture could not be obtained yesterday, although hundreds of shopworkers staged protests in Port Elizabeth.

Major industries in the Eastern Transvaal were hit when the protest, fuelled by local grievances, mushroomed into full-scale stayaways.

A Sasol spokesman said very few black workers had turned out at the Secunda plants and Anglo American reported a complete stayaway of workers from all divisions of Highveld Steel in and around Witbank.

A Cosatu spokesman in Secunda said between 40 000 and 50 000 people had

taken part in a march through eMbalenhle township to the council offices.

Police reported that teargas was used on several occasions in eMbalenhle to disperse youths setting up roadblocks. A coal truck was burnt near Secunda and there was sporadic stoning of vehicles.

In Witbank, where a boycott of white businesses is taking place, the town centre was deserted.

In Germiston, an estimated 5 000 unionists from three industrial areas marched through the city at lunch-time yesterday.

Police said 128 people had been arrested for obstructing traffic during marches in Kempton Park, Spartan and Isando.

Postal and commercial workers staged separate marches in the Johannesburg city centre yesterday, one to the Stock Exchange, and, according to Cosatu regional secretary Amos Masondo, there was a partial stayaway in Industria.

Demonstrations were also reported from Elandsfontein, Wadeville and Edenvale. A union source said thousands of workers had marched from Vereeniging to Sebokeng.



# Local govt 'free of stranglehold'

CAPE TOWN — Major local authorities in the Transvaal would be released from the stranglehold of ministerial control by the Local Government Ordinance Amendment Bill for Transvaal, Tony Leon (DP Houghton) said in the House of Assembly yesterday

Speaking in second-reading debate on the Bill — which was approved without objection — he said legislation emanating from Parliament under the guise of devolution of power had been nothing more than the deconcentration of such power.

"In point of fact, devolution of power means a transfer of power to local units giving them autonomous, discretionary decision-making power, whereas the delegation of authority and functions to local units simply means that local government acts as the agent of

central government in the field responsible for implementing policies laid down by the State

"It is very pleasing to see that the obsessive compulsion to centralise and control the nooks and crannies of local government is being relinquished in stages, although haltingly and imperfectly."

The Bill recognised the party political nature of major local authorities and allowed for an entire gamut of local functions to be performed by a council, including closing and diverting roads, renaming streets and increasing fines.

It was a matter of regret that the Bill did not go far enough in, for example, reviewing the unsatisfactory system of appeals against town planning decisions — Sapa

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# We could have stopped mine attack - spy chief

The  
Hiemstra  
Commission



By Louise Burgers

Intelligence mastermind Frick Barnard believed a limpet mine attack on a power station in Johannesburg in February this year could have been prevented had the spy network still been in operation

Mr Barnard, deputy director of the Johannesburg City Council security department, yesterday ended his testimony before the Hiemstra Commission after five days in the witness box

He told the commission "If our information system was still in operation, we could have prevented such a sabotage attack"

Mr Barard denied a suggestion by Denis Fine, SC, for the commission, that he had been ordered by the Defence Force to infiltrate the End Conscription Campaign

## Destroy documents

It emerged yesterday that spy handler Martin Hennig and another security employee Sonet Liebenberg had been present when a suggestion was made to destroy documents in Mr Hennig's safe Mr Barnard said he thought Mr Hennig had made the suggestion, but he had not agreed because the commission had subpoenaed the documents

Mr Barnard denied he was ever a member of the Civil Cooperation Bureau or that he knew about a military team, which key witness Hannes Gouws claimed he belonged to and which carried out attacks, allegedly at the instruction of a military major

The commission resumes on June 4 All witnesses will probably be dealt with in a week, whereafter the eight legal teams will begin argument

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# Barnard 'no spy expert'

JOHANNESBURG — The city council's intelligence chief here, Mr Frik Barnard, had only his personal perceptions to guide him in the running of the council's spy network, and he might have been completely wrong in his assessment of what constituted a security threat

Mr Barnard, said by his seniors to have controlled the spy network now being investigated for possible irregularities by the Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry, took important intelligence decisions, such as the move to infiltrate and spy on the End Conscription Campaign, but by his own admission was "definitely not" an expert in the field.

ECC advocate Mr Gilbert Marcus, in the final day's cross-examination of evidence submitted by Mr Barnard, yesterday asked for an explanation as to why the spy chief's "perceptions" were being offered as the only justification for many of the spy network's activities

Mr Barnard said he could not explain.

Mr Marcus put it to Mr Barnard that his perceptions of what constituted a security risk were based purely on his political bias.

Mr Barnard denied the suggestion but did agree that his perceptions might have been completely wrong.

Cross-examined by his own advocate, Mr Solly van Nieuwenhuizen, yesterday, Mr Barnard said revolutionary rhetoric contained in ANC documents helped form the perceptions which guided him in the running of the spy network.

According to the documents the destruction of local authorities featured high on the ANC's agenda.

The infiltration of local and national left-wing political organisations and church and human-rights groups was also planned by the ANC to "reactionalise" leaders in the liberation struggle. — Sapa



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Mr Olaus van Zyl

## Black councils are told to get tougher

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

**THE** Transvaal Provincial Administration has ordered 35 black councils to take action against rent defaulters.

The councils, whose townships are affected by rent boycotts, were this week told by the TPA to "take definite and drastic steps" against people owing rent.

Mr Olaus van Zyl, the TPA's MEC in charge of local government and regional services councils, said in a statement the province had limited funds for helping local authorities with bridging finance

### Boycott

He said the boycott was closely linked to consumers being intimidated into not paying rents and service charges. Councilors were also being pressured to resign.

"We have approximately R30 million a month to bridge financing



Moroka Swallows striker Noel Cousins causes panic in the Jomo Mdas Cosmos defence as he forces John Saiter to fall on his knees. The two teams drew 0-0 in a Castle League fixture at Ellis Park Stadium yesterday. Pic LEN KUMALO



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# Parents back 'chalks-down'

## Staff Reporters

Parents of pupils affected by last week's teachers' "chalk-down" yesterday, at a mass meeting in Ennerdale, endorsed the action taken by teachers

Teachers called the meeting to explain the reasons for their actions, including the strike and the march last Friday by about 1 000 teachers on the Johannesburg office of the Department of Education and Culture (House of Representatives)

"Some parents felt that teachers didn't have the interests of

pupils at heart when they marched and engaged in a chalks-down," an Ennerdale Civic Association spokesman said last night

"They were fully briefed at the meeting and now understand why teachers took these actions," the spokesman said, adding that parents had pledged their full support to any future actions taken by teachers

## Suspended

The areas affected by the four-day strike action, which started last Tuesday, included Eldorado Park, Ennerdale, Riverlea, Bos-

mont, Coronationville and Randfontein.

The strike was suspended last Friday pending the response on May 29 of the education authorities to a list of short-term grievances

The short-term demands include

- Reinstatement of all teachers who were allegedly unfairly suspended in 1981
- That all outstanding salaries be paid immediately
- That salaries be paid on time
- That there be full parity between male and female teachers

# Boksburg election posters vandalised

By Anna Louw,  
East Rand Bureau

Posters of four candidates contesting a municipal by-election in Boksburg have been spray painted with signs of the anti-Christ (666) and the Ku Klux Klan (KKK)

In another incident, the walls of the home of the National Party Member of Parliament for Boksburg, Sakkie Blanche, had the

words "Mandela", "AWB" spray-painted on them

Posters of the four candidates in the municipal by-election in Ward Two which includes Sunward Park were damaged on Wednesday

The candidates are Andrew Wheeler (Independent), Hansie Rabie (CP), Ronnie Wiggell (NP) and Colin Auret (DP)

The by-election takes place on

Wednesday

According to Mr Blanche he received a call yesterday morning from Johan Brandt, a National Party campaigner, who told him his wall had been spray-painted

Mr Blanche said when he had driven past his home at 10 30 pm on Wednesday there was nothing on the walls

The incidents have been reported to the police

# Santa review may be screened on TV

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# Atteridgeville mayor threatens evictions

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By MONK NKOMO

THE Atteridgeville City Council, which has lost R2-million since the rent boycott started on April 2 this year, warned residents this week that they may lose their houses if they do not pay their bills

Atteridgeville mayor Mr Velaphi Mathebula issued letters on Tuesday and Wednesday, appealing to residents to pay rent immediately

Mathebula said: "You are behind in payments. You may lose your house and we may give it to those who are prepared to pay. There is a long list of people seeking houses. Do not listen to wrong advice. Those people will not help you to pay when your debt is too big. Please pay today."

The Atteridgeville/Saulsville Residents Organisation (Asro) resolved at a public meeting on April 1 to stop paying rent, following allegations that some officials were misusing public funds

Residents also demanded the resignation of councillors "because they are useless and not serving the pub-

lic interest"

Asro's general secretary, Mr Reeves Mabitsi, said the councillors should heed the call that they resign. "Only after the resignation of councillors will the masses convene to discuss what they see as affordable tariffs for essential services," he said

The council this week issued a statement saying councillors had received a mandate from their constituencies not to resign. In response, an Asro spokesman said not a single councillor had addressed a public meeting since the elections about two years ago

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# Jo'burg may cut red tape for move across colour line

By Louise Burgers,  
Municipal Reporter

The Johannesburg management committee is to ask the city council to pass a recommendation approving all future applications from people of colour to live in white areas

Management committee member Paul Asherson said all permits had to go to Pretoria.

"And Pretoria has to ask Johannesburg for its opinion every time. In the past Johannesburg has, most of the time, had no objection. To cut out this step, which can be time-consuming, the management committee has stated it has no objection, and will not need to be consulted therefore in the future."

This item, and the move this week by the Democratic Party-controlled management committee to appoint a committee to investigate ways of opening residential areas, could provoke lively debate at the monthly council meeting on Tuesday.

Conservative Party leader in the council, Jacques Theron, says the CP will definitely raise the issue of open areas.

"Here they sit, the DP and the Nats, six members of a management committee. The NP will not even open up their own party to other races and they want to prescribe to the rest of Johannesburg, and open up residential areas. Just take a look at their election manifesto — there's no mention of open areas. And the DP certainly doesn't have the majority of votes."

● A DP motion calling for the appointment of an international team of management consultants to restructure the Johannesburg City Council will be debated on Tuesday.



Members of the National Union of Public Service Workers toyi-toyi at the Tokoza Town Council offices, shortly after they downed tools in support of wage demands on Wednesday. The workers vowed not to return to work until the municipality agreed to grant them a "long overdue" 13,5 Sowetan 25/5/90 percent increase. (266)



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# Dissolved council to challenge TPA action in court tomorrow

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# ARMS

**THE Lekoa Town Council will challenge the Transvaal Provincial Administrator's decision to dissolve it in an application in the Rand Supreme Court tomorrow morning.**

This move is likely to trigger similar actions by other councils which have been dissolved by TPA. Other expelled Transvaal municipalities include those in Tokoza, Tsakane, Embalenhle, KwaGuqa and Zithobeni.

Tomorrow's application was made by 22 councillors including former mayor Mrs Kate Ngwenya,

**By MZIKAYISE  
EDOM**

and the first respondent is the Administrator of Transvaal, Mr Danie Hough; the Lekoa Town Council is the second respondent.

Both Hough and Lekoa Council were served with affidavits by the council's lawyer, Singer Horwitz, last week.

## Affidavits

In their affidavits, the sacked councillors are calling on the court to issue a *rule nisi* compelling the respondents to show cause why:

\* It should not be declared that the Administrator's notice published in the Government Gazette should not be set aside as being *ultra vires*,

and void.

\* The decision of the first respondent (Hough) taken on or about May 18 in terms of which the applicants were removed from their positions as town councillors, should not be corrected or set aside in terms of the provisions of Rule of Court 53 (1)(a).

The Lekoa council was dismissed by the TPA's executive committee on May 18 for failing to rectify the "unhealthy state of its financial affairs".

Residents in the townships under the Lekoa council owe about R147-million in rent arrears since the boycott started in 1984.

Last week, the TPA ordered 35 black councils to "take definite and drastic steps" against rent defaulters.

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## Randburg rates up

By Julienne du Toit

Randburg householders face an effective average increase of R12,92 a month in their rates and taxes from July, it was announced by management committee chairman Andre Jacobs during yesterday.

The budget had a remarkably small shortfall of R622 121, he said.

The monthly increases for the average household will be:

- Rates up 15 percent from R46,86 to R53,89.
- Cleansing tariffs up 56 percent from R6,25 to R9,75.
- Sewage tariffs up 13,08 percent from R18,27 to R20,66.

Household electricity was increased

by 11,5 percent from R122,27 to R136,32 in January.

Water tariffs were increased in April by 18,9 percent.

"This is a good news budget," said Mr Jacobs.

"It is balanced and all the community's needs are looked at."

A sum of R500 000 has been made available for a municipal swimming bath in Windsor East as, according to the council, this suburb is the most densely populated.

Facilities at Golden Harvest Park are to be upgraded, but this will happen over a long period because funds cannot be allocated on a large scale all at once.



# Police and marching youths clash

By Therese Anders  
and Montshiwa Moroke

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A police spokesman in Pretoria said the first incident took place at about 8.30 am when a group attacked a white motorist with stones.

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A township resident said the incident took place as pupils from two schools were on their way to the local stadium to attend a meeting.

The source said a vehicle carrying a black policeman and a white municipal official had driven their vehicle into the crowd. The policeman began taking pictures and the crowd protested.

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# 'Open city' referendum rejected

Johannesburg City Council last night voted against a Conservative Party motion calling on the management committee to call a referendum to gauge the views of white voters on an open Johannesburg.

The CP accused the management committee of sowing great uncertainty

and disruption by launching its open city plan.

Management committee chairman Ian Davidson said he had no problem with a referendum as long as all city residents, regardless of race, were able to take part. — Municipal Reporter.

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# Lekoa case put off

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

THE case in which the Lekoa Council is challenging the Transvaal Provincial Administration's decision to dissolve it was yesterday postponed indefinitely in the Rand Supreme Court.

The urgent application to have all 22 former councillors reinstated was postponed to give the TPA a chance to respond to the affidavits. This was made a court order.

The respondent in the matter is the Administrator of the Transvaal, Mr Danie Hough.

The matter, which was not argued, was heard before Mr Justice Joffe.

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The council will remain dissolved until the TPA responds to the councillors' affidavits.

A lawyer representing the council, Mr L Singer, said: "We agreed not to proceed with the matter to give the TPA a chance to oppose our application."

The Lekoa Council was dismissed by the TPA's executive committee on May 18 for failing to rectify the "unhealthy state of its financial affairs".

Residents in townships under its control owe about R147 million in rent arrears since the boycott started in 1984.

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# Council gives golf course housing the nod

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By Louise Burgers, Municipal Reporter (266)

Houghton residents have won the battle against the development of cluster housing on Houghton golf course

The Johannesburg City Council decided yesterday that it would permit single unit dwellings per

2 000 sq m

The applicant, JCI, withdrew its original proposal to develop cluster housing on the golf course after vehement opposition from residents last year. It re-submitted an application after amending plans to fulfil the requirements of the lower Houghton density policy.

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**Two high schools reach out on sportsfield**

# Children first across the line

TWO high schools in Fourways outside Johannesburg — one black, the other white — are preparing their pupils for the new South Africa.

**JOVIAL RANTAO**

Headmasters at Fourways and Witkoppen Schools realised that, if democracy was to be achieved, they had to start now teaching their pupils to accept one another.

As a first step, the schools decided to break the ice by meeting each other on the sportsfield. On Wednesday Fourways challenged Witkoppen to games of netball, soccer and hockey.

"I think this is very nice. We would like to see more of this happening. Besides making friends we also want to learn their styles of playing and teach them ours," said Ignitia Molefe (12), a Std 5 pupil at Witkoppen.

Henretta Hawson (16), a Std 9 pupil at Fourways, said she enjoyed holding discussions with pupils from Witkoppen and finding out more about them. "Whoever came up with the idea must be praised. Our coming together was the

greatest thing I've ever experienced. The only problem is that Witkoppen girls were too good for us in netball," she said.

Eloise Cheary believed that the exercise would undoubtedly improve race relations among youngsters and hoped it would extend to the parents. "We have to start small and I hope other schools will join us and that this exercise grows. If we get more pupils involved relations must improve between all groups."

Fourways teacher Mrs Shayne Williams, who is also co-ordinator of the "Integrating Project" said after looking at the prospects of open facilities to all in the near future, her school decided to help prepare youngsters for it.

"All we wanted to do was to open a line of communication with any other school, but chose Witkoppen as they are so near to us. We believe that if children mix freely at an early age they should have no problems in the future."



**FRIENDS:** (from left) Catherine Mahlangu (15), Eloise Cheary (16), Henretta Hawson (16) and Ignitia Molefe (12) get to know one another. ● Photograph: Stephen Davimes.

"In the next few weeks we will taking a step further when 20 pupils and a few teachers from each of these schools swap classes for a day," Mrs Williams said.

Pupils I spoke to at random admitted being anxious, excited and, to a certain extent, nervous about meeting and making friends with others from the other side of the colour line.

Fourways headmaster Mr M R Pyke was all smiles when he spoke about the project. "I'm very

excited about they way things went. I'm happy to be involved in this project and believe this was the most natural thing to do."

Mr Sam Makama, Witkoppen's headmaster, was equally optimistic. "The kind of action is very good in that it will help our children to accept each other as brothers and sisters. Academically it will also be an eye-opener as pupils will discover how others learn. It may even help them to improve their own studies."



# Jo'burg council to look for better guests

TANIA LEVY

JOHANNESBURG's overseas guest programme will in future concentrate on attracting businessmen and tourists to spend money in the city rather than hosting irrelevant individuals

Management committee member Paul Asherson said money would be spent marketing convention-cum-holiday packages at attractive rates to overseas businessmen and tourists rather than paying in full for individuals' trips around SA

The only individuals who would be invited to SA at the council's full expense would be experts whose knowledge could be used by the council for the city's benefit

Asherson said he resented the suggestion that the overseas guest programme would pay for visitors to SA in return for free

trips overseas for Johannesburg councillors or council officials

As a private sector organisation, the Johannesburg Publicity Association (JPA), would serve as a watchdog over the programme, Asherson said. The council decided last week to hand control of the overseas guest programme to the JPA

Asherson said future amounts to be spent on the programme were still to be decided in the forthcoming budget

He said invitations to overseas guests issued by council under the former NP-dominated management committee would not be cancelled. He could not say how many people had been invited

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# Licence racket: Police impound documents

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The Argus Correspondent  
JOHANNESBURG — Documents relating to vehicle licensing and the issue of roadworthiness certificates have been impounded by police

This follows allegations of a massive bribery and corruption racket in the traffic and licensing department of the Johannesburg City Council

The police commercial fraud branch has been conducting an eight-month investigation into claims that three top officials in the licensing department

were receiving payments for issuing roadworthy certificates

The three men work under one of the men at the centre of the municipal spy scandal, director of public safety Mr John Pearce. Mr Pearce was not available for comment yesterday.

In a further development the chairman of the City Council management committee, Mr Ian Davidson, said he would take charge of an investigation. An official in the traffic department conducted a personal in-depth investigation into suspected irregularities in the li-

ensing department over a six-month period

In October last year the man approached Mr Davidson, then Opposition leader in the council. Mr Davidson said he advised him to go to the police with his information.

Recently, taking office as chairman of management, Mr Davidson promised a clean and open administration.

He is angry at not being informed officially by the top men in the department about the police investigation. "I will demand a full expla-

nation as to why I was not informed by the department heads concerned about the fraud investigation."

Mr Davidson said it was important to establish contact with the investigating officer to find out the names of the officials involved and whether the matter would be referred to the Attorney-General.

"This should be done immediately and appropriate action will be taken," he said.

Police said yesterday that charges of bribery were being investigated against three men in the licensing department. A

police spokesman could not say whether the licensing of stolen vehicles was one of the charges being probed.

The Hiemstra spy commission investigating allegations of a spy network operating from within the Johannesburg City Council security department resumes today and is expected to hear evidence for another two weeks.

A report on the financial affairs of the security department and the funding of the spy ring will be presented by the auditor-general's department.

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## Residents opposed to trauma unit

By Shirley Woodgate

Plans for a R34 million sports rehabilitation centre, a clinic and a 24-hour trauma unit on the eastern border of Orange Grove, Johannesburg, are being hotly opposed by local residents backed by Councillor Clive Gilbert

The application by Arlandia Investments for rezoning certain stands on 17th Street has been advertised in the press. It proposes a 10 000 sq m development with parking for 400 vehicles

The developer at present has city council consent-use for office rights on certain stands, which would be incorporated in the total project

Mr Gilbert said. "Residents argue that a polyclinic would be an asset to the neighbourhood, but a project of this size offers no benefit to the local inhabitants

"It would destroy the ambience of the up-market suburb and attract traffic which would spill over into the neighbouring streets," he said

"Orange Grove has been developed as a yuppie extension of Norwood, with many exclusive homes"

No comment was available from the developers



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# Spying on ECC was for military — Egan

The Hiemstra Commission



By Louise Burgers and Helen Grange

Information was gathered on the End Conscription Campaign and some of its members because infiltrator John Egan knew the military would be interested.

The information had "nothing to do with the Johannesburg City Council", the Hiemstra Commission heard yesterday

Mr Egan, who was in charge of infiltrating black trade unions, said he was aware the council liaised with the military and on that basis "I would submit everything"

Questioned by Gilbert Marcus, for the ECC and others, Mr Egan admitted compiling a report on Ian McKenzie, an ECC office bearer

The information on Mr McKenzie was "handed in for what it was worth", although he knew it was of no use to the council

Mr Marcus asked Mr Egan whether the reason why he had provided the military with information on the ECC was because members of the ECC were perceived to be unpatriotic — as people not prepared to do their duty for their country

## Pressed

After being pressed for an answer by Mr Justice V G Hiemstra, Mr Egan finally answered "yes"

He, however, denied knowing anything about an attack on actor Andre-Jacques van der Merwe, who was assaulted after appearing in an ECC play

Mr Egan told the commission he had participated in military incursions into Soweto at night for the purpose of "surveillance" This could mean monitoring a school, he said

"I was utilised as a Citizen Force member in a supportive role I manned radios relaying information from men in the field"

The commission heard last month that council security officials formed part of a military team involved in assaults, in Soweto among other places Mr Egan admitted frequently visiting a military training farm near Sandton

Spy handler . . . John Egan.  
● Picture by Sean Woods.

Mr Egan said he infiltrated various black trade unions such as the SA Municipal Workers' Union, the Municipal Workers' Union of SA, the breakaway Transport and General Workers' Union, and the National Unemployed Workers' Co-ordinating Committee

After persistent cross-examination by Mr Marcus, Mr Egan admitted having spied also on the Paper, Printing, Wood and Allied Workers' Union

"Why did you not tell us it was infiltrated?" Mr Marcus asked

Mr Egan said it had "slipped my mind" and he had not wanted to compromise his source

Mr Marcus accused him of misleading the commission

Mr Egan also admitted that the Johannesburg Municipal Combined Employers' Union had been infiltrated

Yesterday the commission heard that house plans had been obtained and profiles of people had been drawn up, including former Progressive Federal Party councillor Geoff Stark



## Export of Agricultural products, budget

\*9 Adv C H PIENNAAR asked the Minister of Trade and Industry and Tourism †

What amount was budgeted in the 1990-91 financial year for the promotion of the export of agricultural products?

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The MINISTER OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY AND TOURISM *Hewson* 5/6/90

I wish to explain that a new General Export Incentive Scheme came into operation on 1 April 1990. Except for a nominal amount of R1 000, no funds for the scheme were provided in the estimates for the 1990-91 financial year, as exporters will initially be compensated under the scheme by means of promissory notes which mature on different dates, and funds for the redemption of these promissory notes will only be needed in the financial year 1991-92 and thereafter.

However, in the 1990-91 estimates provision was made for the redemption of promissory notes issued in terms of the previous input costs and value added schemes which were terminated on 31 March 1990. As no provision was made in respect of specific product sectors, it is estimated that the redemption of promissory notes relating to exports of agricultural products under these schemes will amount to at least R53 million in the 1990-91 financial year. In addition, specific provision was made in the 1990-91 estimates for an amount of R3,059 million in respect of concessions on freight on perishable agricultural products exported by air.

Furthermore, I must point out that the Category D scheme remains in force until 31 March 1992. This scheme makes provision for certain income tax allowances to register exporters in terms of Section 11bis of the Income Tax Act, 1962. Although the exact extent of the assistance under this scheme is not known to the Department as the scheme is administered by the Commissioner for Inland Revenue and is confidential, a few claims about which the Department was informed by the relevant exporters of certain agricultural products, at present amount to approximately R200 million in the form of direct income tax allowances.

\*10 Adv C H Pienaar — Public Works and Land Affairs † [Question standing over]

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

## New questions

Transkei: imports from RSA

\*1 Adv C H PIENNAAR asked the Minister of Foreign Affairs †

(1) Whether Transkei has taken any steps during the past six months in respect of the importation of goods from the Republic of South Africa which was allegedly in conflict with an agreement relating to trade between the Republic and Transkei, if so, (a) when and (b) (i) what steps and (ii) what products are affected by these steps, *Hewson* 5/6/90

(2) whether the South African Government is taking any steps to enforce the agreement concerned, if not, why not, if so, what steps? *Hewson* 5/6/90

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†The MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

(1) and (2) According to available information, Transkei has not taken any steps during the past six months in respect of the importation of goods from the Republic of South Africa which is in conflict with an agreement between the Republic and Transkei. More than six months ago Transkei did however impose restrictions on the importation of sorghum beer from the RSA for a period of six years. Proclamation no 9 was issued by Transkei in this connection and was published in the Special Gazette of Transkei on 23 September 1988. This action is regarded as in conflict with the spirit of the Customs Union Agreement by the Department of Trade, Industry and Tourism which is the body responsible for the administration of the Customs Union Agreement. The question of the sorghum beer has enjoyed the attention of this Department and the Department of Trade, Industry and Tourism since the issue of the relative proclamation. In the last six months, the matter was discussed with Transkei on various occasions at high level. It was for instance discussed on 7 December 1989 with Gen Holomisa during a meeting with the RSA Minister of Finance and the RSA Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs. Since then various Diplomatic Notes have been sent to Transkei in this connection while various discussions have taken place with Transkei at the level of officials. Transkei

maintains that Transkei has not acted in conflict with the letter and spirit of the Customs Union Agreement. It is now being considered to withhold R1 million from the amount which has to be paid over to the Transkei as budgetary aid until the matter has been ironed out. *Hewson* 5/6/90

Therefore, I do not consider it advisable to furnish information which may possibly anticipate the judicial process. The cases of *Mbambo and others v the Minister of Law and Order* and *Zondi v the Minister of Law and Order* were heard by the Natal Provincial Division of the Supreme Court, Pietermaritzburg. The court record of these cases is at the disposal of the hon member at the Registrar of the Court.

— 7 December 1988 A ban has been placed on the purchase of school books from a supplier in the Republic of South Africa,

\*3 Mr M A Tarr — Law and Order [Question standing over]

— 1 January 1989 Withdrawal of license from RSA speculators in wool, hides and skins in Transkei,

TPA, alternative government structures in Black areas

— 13 February 1989 Transkei demands from insurers who do business in Transkei that they should register in Transkei,

\*4 Mr D G H NOLTE asked the Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs †

— 11 April 1989 Proposed restriction on the sale of full grains from the RSA

(1) Whether, with a view to negotiation, the Transvaal Provincial Administration intends granting recognition to alternative government structures in Black residential areas, if so, what role will democratically constituted Black local authorities in residential areas falling in the above-mentioned category play in the negotiation process, *Hewson* 5/6/90

Also in regard to these actions discussions are being held with Transkei in an attempt to resolve the questions

(2) whether it is the intention to take steps in respect of Black townships the local government bodies of which are no longer functioning or virtually no longer functioning, if so, what steps? *Hewson* 5/6/90

Interim orders in respect of four cases

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\*2 Mr P C CRONJÉ asked the Minister of Law and Order

†The MINISTER OF PLANNING AND PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS

Whether he will indicate what circumstances gave rise to the interim orders granted in respect of four cases, particulars of which have been furnished to the South African Police for the purpose of the Minister's reply if not, why not, if so, (a) what were the circumstances, and (b) what are the names of the persons involved, in each case? *Hewson* 5/6/90

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†The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

No

The cases of *Siwane v the Minister of Law and Order*, as well as *Swan v the Minister of Law and Order* must still be heard by the court

(2) With regard to those Black local authorities where councillors resign and the local authorities can no longer function as there is no quorum, administrators are appointed in terms of section 29A of the

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY



Black Local Authorities Act, 1982 until a by-election takes place in the local authority concerned

Cape Town Supreme Court. Case Numbers  
13082/86 and 13083/86

\*5 Mr R V CARLISLE asked the Minister of Law and Order

- (1) Whether he will furnish particulars relating to the counsel involved in the matters of *The Methodist Church in Africa v The Minister of Law and Order* and *P N Mzanga and 20 others v The Minister of Law and Order* (Case Numbers 13082/86 and 13083/86 of the Cape Town Supreme Court between September 1987 and March 1990), if not, why not, if so,

- (2) (a) who acted as counsel for the Minister concerned, (b) (i) what were the total legal costs of retaining counsel from the Bar and (ii) how are these costs computed with regard to the various counsel retained,

- (3) in respect of a certain counsel, whose name has been furnished to the South African Police for the purpose of the Minister's reply, (a) how many witnesses for the applicant did he cross-examine, (b) how many witnesses for the respondent did he consult or lead in evidence, (c) how many days did he spend in court during the proceedings, (d) from which office did he work during the course of those proceedings and (e) what is the name of this counsel?

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**THE MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER**

- (1) Yes  
(2) (a) Advocate G D Gressel SC  
Advocate L Visser SC  
Advocate F Brand  
Advocate C Y Louw

(b) (i) (ii) The advocates concerned did not receive retainers. A fee structure was compiled beforehand by means of agreement. The final legal costs are at present still being calculated and can at this stage not yet be furnished. It is expected that the final cost calculation will be completed by the end of June 1990.

(3) (a) to (c)

Owing to the extent of the case and the distribution of the work between the individual advocates, it is not possible to furnish the required particulars before the final cost calculation has been completed.

†Adv C D DE JAGER Mr Speaker, arising from the hon the Minister's reply, can he tell us at what tariff they were to be remunerated according to the agreement?

†The MINISTER Mr Speaker, as I indicated, we are at present working out those details, and thereafter I will make them available if the hon member wants to have them.

†Mr J H VAN DER MERWE You have of course already made an agreement with them! [Interjections]

Mr R V CARLISLE Mr Speaker, arising further out of the hon the Minister's reply, which I have to say I find extremely unsatisfactory after the long period, is he not aware of what is being said about this matter? Did he not consider it urgent to obtain this kind of information? Did the hon the Minister not consider it urgent to obtain this kind of information? I have to say it seems like an incredibly long time.

Mr SPEAKER Order! Does the hon member for Wynberg have a question to ask?

Mr R V CARLISLE Mr Speaker, the question is whether the hon the Minister recognises the seriousness of this matter and whether he has any response to it.

Mr SPEAKER Order! Thank you!  
The MINISTER Mr Speaker, I realise the seriousness of this matter and that is why I am prepared to provide the House with full particulars as soon as it has been finalised. [Interjections]

†Adv C D DE JAGER Mr Speaker, further arising from the hon the Minister's reply, is it correct that they were remunerated at R75 000 and R90 000 per month respectively? [Interjections]

†The MINISTER Mr Speaker, I do not know I cannot give that information to the hon member now because I do not have it at the moment. [Interjections]  
Mr R V CARLISLE Mr Speaker, further arising from the hon the Minister's reply, is he aware that it appears that the counsel in question was paid even though the court was not in session while the judge took leave? [Interjections]

The MINISTER Mr Speaker, as I have said the final costs are being calculated now and after the matter has been finalised the information requested by hon members will be provided. [Interjections]

Cape Town Supreme Court. Case Numbers  
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- (2) whether this counsel was paid a retainer and/or refresher, if not, what did his legal fees amount to, if so, what was the amount of the retainer and/or refresher,
- (3) whether such retainer and/or refresher covered the period during which the presiding judge took leave, if so, (a) what was the amount of the retainer and/or refresher during this period and (b) what were the conditions of the retainer and/or refresher,

- (4) whether he is still being retained,
- (5) whether he was paid any fees additional to the retainer, if so, (a) why and (b) what are the amounts involved?

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**THE MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER**

- (1) Yes  
The name which was furnished by the hon member

- (2) No, the fee structure of the advocate was compiled beforehand by means of agreement. The final legal costs are at present still being calculated and can therefore not be furnished at this stage.

- (3) to (5) Fall away

Harms Commission. Police counsel  
\*7 Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Law and Order Hansard 5/6/90

- (1) Whether he retained a certain counsel, whose name has been furnished to the South African Police for the purpose of the Minister's reply, to represent the Police before the Harms Commission, if so,

- (2) whether he will furnish particulars relating to this counsel, if not, why not, if so, (a) what is the name of this counsel, (b) what is the monthly amount of the retainer paid to him and (c) for how long (i) has he been and (ii) will he be so retained,

- (3) whether this counsel receives State assistance in regard to the offices used by him, if so, (a) why, (b) what is the nature of such assistance and (c) where are these offices situated?

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**THE MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER**

- (1) and (2)

The advocate concerned has not been retained. He was appointed to look after the interests of the South African Police at the Harms Commission. A fee structure for his services was compiled beforehand by means of agreement.

- (3) No. However, an office in the Synodal Centre, Visagie Street, Pretoria was placed at the disposal of the South African Police for the purpose of urgent discussions and consultation.

- (a) to (c) Fall away.

Mr R V CARLISLE Mr Speaker arising from the hon the Minister's reply, if a fee structure was established can the hon the Minister inform us what the amount was? [Interjections]

Pre-primary schooling for Blacks  
\*8 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Education Hansard 5/6/90

Whether his Department considers the provision of pre-primary schooling to be a cost-effective method of improving Black education, if not, why not, if so, (a) what is being done to provide such schooling and (b) what



had been armed only with No 5 birdshot and teargas, the crowd dispersed with no injuries — Sapa

### Second PFP man 'spied' on

AT LEAST two PFP Johannesburg city councillors were the subject of secret investigations by the council's "spy network", it emerged yesterday. The Hlemstra Commission investigating alleged spying activities in the council yesterday heard of plans secretly to investigate a second PFP councillor, Geoff Stark. Earlier it had heard how the network drew up a profile on PFP councillor Pat Rogers, on the orders of then management committee chairman Danie van Zyl, of the NP. Former spy network member and new witness before the commission John Egan yesterday admitted receiving orders from council "spy master" Frik Barnard to investigate and obtain "political-type documents" concerning Stark. But he refused to tell the commission how he was to obtain the documents for fear of incriminating himself. Egan also admitted giving information to his superiors on End Conscription Campaign member Ian McKenzie. He said he had had to "handle" trade union informants connected to the council and had been in charge of seven paid spies. — Sapa

### NATAL UNREST DEATHS

September 1987 — January 1989:.....	668
February 1989 — June 3 1990:.....	1 029
Past 24 hours' official toll.....	1
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# Cosatu also 'drawing up profiles'

By Helen Grange  
and Louise Burgers 6/6/90

The Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu) was drawing up its own profiles on senior white Johannesburg City Council officials, the Hiemstra Commission heard yesterday

In response to this submission by his legal counsel, Hans Bornman, spy handler John Egan said: "That's the impression I got"

Mr Egan said he had discovered that Cosatu was gathering details on senior white officials in the council's electricity department. Mr Egan was in



charge of the infiltration of several Cosatu trade unions.

Among other reports he had received from his sources were

- That a member of the Municipal Workers' Union of SA had knowledge of a necklacing relating to a strike by the SA Transport Services

- That the SA Council of Churches had donated R10 000 to

the municipal workers' union for striking workers

- That a "violent action" was planned against deputy director of security Frik Barnard and senior deputy director Brigadier Jan Visser

Mr Egan admitted obtaining from sources three private documents which had been drafted by various attorneys. He would not say how they had come into his possession.

Mr Egan denied he had obtained plans of Cosatu House and said he did not know who was responsible for bombing of the building in 1987.

# 'Spy master acted to prevent Nat defeat'

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JOHANNESBURG — Johannesburg city council spy master Mr Frik Barnard's interest in city councillors and the subsequent secret investigation into PFP councillors arose from his fear that the National Party would fall from power

Testifying before the Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry yesterday, former council spy network member Mr John Egan admitted that Mr Barnard had instructed him to investigate then PFP councillor Geoff Stark because the spy master was concerned that the "delicate balance" in the council would be upset

PFP councillors' homes were secretly observed to see who visited

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them, and other PFP councillors were reported on, including an in-depth profile on Mr Pat Rogers

The National Party lost its majority in the council when details of the spy network were exposed in the Press, which led Mr Barnard to "push the panic button", Mr Egan said

A meeting of spy network members was called after the exposure and Mr Barnard ordered a list be compiled of "top secret" missing documents, already in the hands of the Press

The exposure of the spy network led to the appointment of the Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry by the Transvaal Provincial Administration to establish whether the network was guilty of irregularities — Sapa



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### Spymaster 'feared NP would lose'

JOHANNESBURG City Council spymaster Frik Barnard's clandestine investigation into PFP councillors arose from his fear the NP would lose power

Testifying before the Hiemstra Commission yesterday, former spy network member John Egan agreed Barnard had instructed him to investigate then PFP councillor Geoff Stark — because the spymaster was concerned the "delicate balance" in the council would be upset

The political motivation in the running of the council's spy network has also been apparent in the secret observation of, and reports on, PFP councillors including a profile on Pat Rogers

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# 'No record of fees paid to council spies'

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The Johannesburg City Treasury had no knowledge of how the security department administered its funds, although it continued to allocate monies for the payment of spies



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Yesterday, the Hiemstra Commission heard that no records could be found for the payment of informers from 1985, when the monitoring network of the department was established, until April 1987.

In a 36-page report to the commission, the City Treasurer, Wilhe Siebert, said the security department had kept its own records because the former City Treasurer, Perry Rabie, had accepted in good faith that the payment of informers was a sensitive matter and records could not be kept in an ordinary way.

The cash book and supporting documents relating to the payment of spies were kept by the security department.

Mr Siebert said, however, the bookkeeping system of the security department was "not so wonderful"

● The National Intelligence Service (NIS) yesterday denied having exchanged information with the Johannesburg City Council, as was previously testified before the Hiemstra Commission by council's top security official, Brigadier Jan Visser

In an affidavit handed to the commission, the director-general of the NIS, Lukas Barnard, said the only liaison with the city council was for the purpose of facilitating NIS duties that required the help of the council

## Corruption claims as councillors questioned

By Montshiwa Moroke

The independent commission of inquiry into allegations of maladministration in the South Western Management Committee (SWMC) began yesterday in the Johannesburg Civic Centre.

Evidence was presented by at least three councillors.

Several ratepayers' organisations, under the umbrella of the United Civic Association, are expected to testify before the commission.

The one-man commission is being chaired by advocate Henk Botha.

Allegations are expected to be made that there were irregularities in the allocation of certain residential sites by the SWMC, and that members were dilatory in the performance of their duties.

Victor Thomas, a councillor, declined to give evidence because he had been found guilty in court and fined R2 000 for accepting money from two people as an inducement to allocate housing.

### Accepted

Mr Botha accepted Mr Thomas's wish not to give evidence and said the commission would obtain the necessary court documents.

Kurt Mateman, another councillor, denied an allegation that he had accepted custom-made kitchen units worth R3 500 in his house in Eldorado Park as payment for the allocation of a house to a William Volmink.

Many of the allegations in the documents refer to Margaret Mateman, who is alleged to have accepted money in payment for the transfer of a flat and houses, and accepted built-in wardrobes worth R3 000.

Mrs Mateman is also alleged to have accepted an amount of R10 000 for herself as payment to secure 50 stands for Minray International.

The hearing continues at 9 am today.



## Demolition of Reef shacks 'criminal'

THE demolition of squatters' shacks on the Reef in the middle of winter was "immoral and criminal", Soweto civic leader Nthato Motlana said yesterday. *BIDAM 7/6/90*

He was referring to the demolition of shacks in Alexandra, Thokoza on the East Rand and Kliptown in Soweto this week.

Motlana said he did not have words "strong enough to condemn the action" It was immoral and criminal to remove people from any settlement without providing them with an alternative.

"I urge more people to raise their voices and shout until government

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makes more land available to people to build whatever structures they can afford"

The Black Sash also condemned the demolitions saying the trauma of forced removal from private land had been acknowledged by government.

"In the same way the government has recognised that urban settlers could not be wished away," the Black Sash said.

It challenged government to call a moratorium on evictions and removals until people had alternative accommodation.

## Katlehong council 'wants to end boycott'

THE Katlehong Town Council wanted to meet the Katlehong Civic Association (KCA) in a bid to resolve the rent boycott which began in March, mayor Tau Molotsi said yesterday.

In a telephone interview Molotsi said the council was concerned about the deterioration of services because of the boycott. *BIDAM 7/6/90*

"I plan to meet the Katlehong Civic Association and negotiate with them fixed rates for services and electricity," Molotsi said.

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KCA spokesman Ken Moetsi said he did not think that his organisation was in a position to meet the councillors.

He said the organisation wanted them to resign.

"In their place we want a non-racial council, tarred roads and streets, more recreational and health facilities and the withdrawal of the security forces," Moetsi said.

## 'Spy boss took explosives into Jo'burg civic centre'

FRIK Barnard, the man said to have run Johannesburg City Council's "spy network", was once observed carrying a box of plastic explosives inside the civic centre, the Hiemstra Commission heard yesterday. *(266)*

Former council security guard Jan Griffith said Barnard had told him not to talk to anyone about the explosives when the two men met inside the civic centre one night.

Griffith said he knew the box Barnard had been carrying contained plastic explosives because he had seen and handled the substance often during his military training.

Under cross-examination by Barnard's legal counsel, advocate Solly van Nieuwenhuizen, Griffith insisted he knew the difference between plastic explosives and braai fire lighters. *BIDAM 7/6/90*

The commission also heard that the network apparently ran its own finances and only liaised with the city treasurer's department when it wanted money.

City treasurer Willie Siebert testified that the only financial documentation available to record payments made by the network to spies for "secret" information over a two-year period were documents approving advances to the network.

Siebert said former city treasurer Perry Rabe had approved the extraordinary system whereby the network conducted its own financial affairs. He, however, would not have done so, he said. — Sapa

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# Ex-spy handler suggested destroying army documents

By Helen Grange  
and Louise Burgers

Former spy handler Martin Hennig yesterday admitted before the Hiemstra Commission having suggested that military documents in possession of the Johannesburg City Council security department be destroyed

Top council security officials met after The Star exposed the security department's spy operations and a suggestion was made that 'top secret' documentation be destroyed

"I knew that in the past military documents were shredded," Mr Hennig told the commission. He said his suggestion was shouted down at the meeting

## Restricted

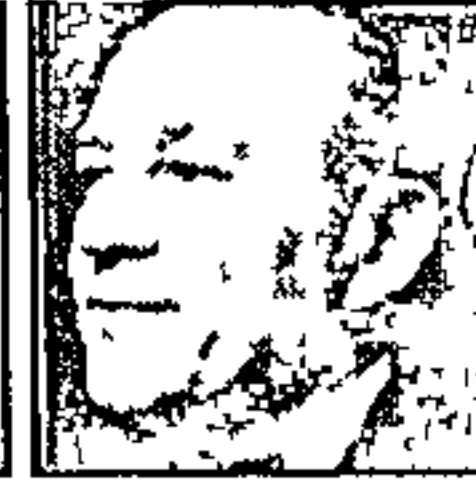
"Who are you to decide what has to be destroyed?" Wim Trengove, SC, for the Five Freedoms Forum, asked

Mr Hennig replied that they were restricted documents. Their contents were not important to him — what was important was the fact that they were SADF documents

Yesterday Mr Hennig told the commission he would answer some questions relating to his military connections — after previously refusing to furnish the information on the grounds that it was restricted in terms of the Defence Force Act.

Cross-examined on his mili-

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tary connections by Gilbert Marcus, for the End Conscription Campaign and others, Mr Hennig revealed that he had met three members of a special military and council team alleged to be involved in the murder of activist Dr David Webster

They were Paul de Swardt, Dick Greyling and Major Roy Laubscher

Mr Hennig, however, denied knowing of the activities of the team, although he was named as being a member by key witness Hannes Gouws

He refused to say with whom he had liaised in the SADF while in the employ of the security department. He said he was merely asked to find out names of vehicle owners from lists of registration numbers provided by the Defence Force

He agreed with A Roux, for the SADF, that the registration numbers could have belonged to cars seized by the military in road blocks, for example

The commission heard earlier this week that R1,7 million was spent on the information section of the security department over a seven-year period

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# SA doesn't need this luggage

Trying to bring about change within central government, local government or State bodies in a non-violent way is the democratic right of every citizen

This basic understanding of democratic practice has evidently been absent in decisions by this country's security systems for at least the past 10 years

A security system that views people to either side of the ruling party as targets for monitoring or infiltration holds no democratic principles. At best it cannot avoid being termed party political. It certainly is paranoid.

Equally, this holds true for the national security system's "B-team" — the Johannesburg City Council (JCC) security department

In spite of assertions — as an attempt to prove that it was not party political — that even the National Party was spied on, the individual chosen for this privilege was suspected of being too left-thinking

In his testimony, Brigadier Jan Visser, one of the founders of the security department, said repeatedly any organisation to the left of the Democratic Party was regarded as the "enemy". The term implies that any step against such an "enemy" is justifiable and can be outside of the normal reach of the law

## Evidence

One needs to ask whether these South African citizens and these organisations to the left of the DP were seen as the "enemy" of South Africa, the Government, the National Party or simply apartheid?

One needs to ask whether David Webster and others trying to bring about change in a non-violent way were treated as the "enemy". The evidence that has emerged at the Hiemstra Commission tends to suggest that the Five Freedoms Forum (FFF) and its members, like David Webster, were spied on as if they were the "enemy"

Contrary to being the "enemy",

GAEL NEKE, publicity secretary of the Five Freedoms Forum, looks at the total onslaught paranoia in the Johannesburg City Council

## Hiemstra told about bugs in ballpoints

By Helen Grange and Louise Burgers

Johannesburg City Council spies had bugging equipment, including a transmitter, hidden in a ballpoint pen and telephone listening devices the Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry was told yesterday

The council's security department which ran the spy operations itself paid R5 000 to a firm specialising in counter espionage to sweep council offices when it was feared the department was being spied upon

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More than R11 000 worth of such equipment had been in the storerooms last June

Mr Wepener was questioning former security department senior deputy director Brigadier Jan Visser on the 15th day of the commission's sittings at the Civic Centre

The brigadier said he would be shocked to learn that the

gone through the city treasurer Brigadier Visser said

Mr Wepener referred him to a planning document drawn up in 1987 apparently on the instruction of Frik Barnard deputy director of the security department in which the use of listening devices was laid out

Brigadier Visser said if Mr Barnard had been involved in the compilation of the section referring to the bugging devices it would be highly irregular

He denied knowledge of bugging devices kept in Mr Barnard's office or knowledge of earlier evidence that Mr Barnard issued listening devices to

Bugging devices ... evidence of the Johannesburg City Council's paranoia.

the FFF would judge itself to be working with foresight for the good of our country

Each of the campaigns on which we have worked has helped to bring about the process of change South Africa is now witnessing. Our campaigns have focused on ending apartheid in all its forms, and freeing political activity for all South Africans. We have concentrated on opening up political discussion across divides inherited from apartheid in order to move proactively into a post-apartheid culture

The FFF has been the victim of a theory that was patently not true, invented to bolster a non-representative power. Because we opposed apartheid, and therefore the National Party, we were regarded as part of the Total Onslaught, that great propaganda exercise of the National Party to demonise anyone who did not accept its policies

The Total Onslaught theory refuses to accept that people oppose apartheid and its devastating ef-

fects. It places all blame for the problems in the country at the door of the "revolutionaries" instead, of at the door of apartheid

The entire basis for assessment, the entire philosophy of the Total Onslaught, is based on error, on fear of losing power, even in a democratic way. The philosophy cannot be justified and is morally putrid

The philosophy allowed any action against political opposition on the basis that it was spawned by "revolutionaries"

Normal democratic political aspirations could not be allowed to strengthen. The lack of morality and democratic and economic answers could not be questioned. Any attempts had to be crushed

The JCC security section wrote "The Total Onslaught against the Council of Johannesburg" document. Now, in the Hiemstra Commission, it tries to use it as proof and justification for spying

Reading the JCC Total Onslaught

document, one almost feels sorry for those poor paranoid council spies. They even saw the movement of people searching for homes in "grey" areas as a form of infiltration by the "enemy". White guilt and high morals became crimes. If one wants to believe it, then anything is sinister and possible

In spite of our legal and non-violent position, we were regarded as the "enemy". As such, we suffered harassment, damage to property, car vandalism, attempted murder and the murder of David Webster, our vice-chairman

Any means were justified. To quote Dr Webster "Assassinations have the effect of controlling government opposition when all other methods, such as detention and intimidation, have failed"

Our names ended up on lists at the offices of the CCB hit squads. We were seen as highly dangerous because we were ordinary, respectable South Africans wanting to bring about a more just society by normal democratic process, of pressure and comment

## Illegal

In his paper, delivered at the 13th annual law conference, Professor Tony Matthews said one of the greatest ills of South African society was the virtual demise of legal accountability by public officials at almost all levels. The progressive breakdown of accountability explained death squads and dirty tricks produced by the security forces

The spying activities of the JCC have no possible acceptability. They had no legal authority to spy on South African citizens. We believe they were committing illegal and criminal actions against our organisation and others

It is these matters that need to be highlighted in the current official investigations. And, if they are not, they will have to be raised publicly elsewhere, for South Africa cannot enter a new era still carrying such sinister baggage



# A pure white hole in the black area

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By SHAUN JOHNSON

THE farm of Boerestaat Party leader Robert van Tonder north of Johannesburg could soon be surrounded by a mixed-race township

*The Weekly Mail* established this week that the planned free settlement area of Cosmo City, intended to house 55 000 people, will encircle the veteran right-winger's rural enclave at Sand-spruit, outside Randburg

The location of Cosmo City could hardly have been more perversely chosen. For years Van Tonder has used his isolated farm — distinguished by a vast Vierkleur flag at its entrance — as the headquarters from which to wage a battle for the restoration of the old Boer Republics

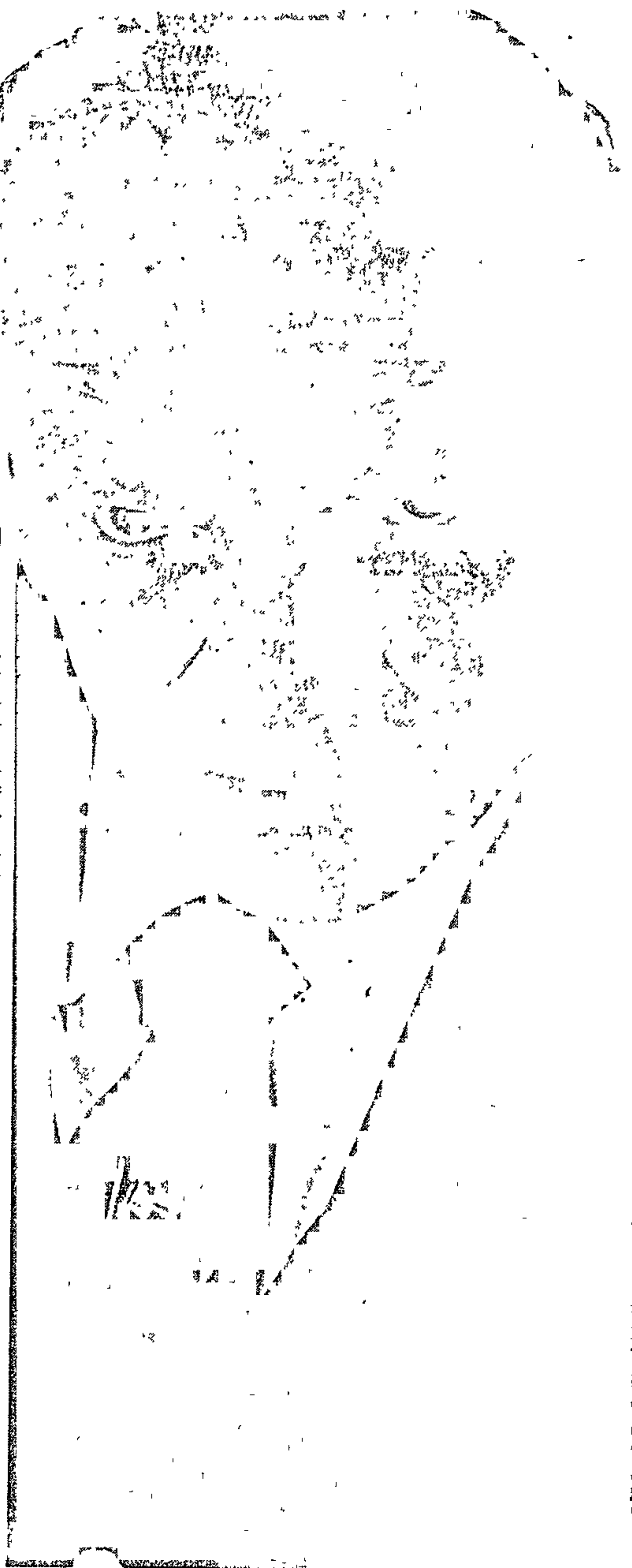
Now the proclamation of Cosmo City places at loggerheads the competing South African ideologies of separation and integration: a mixed-race sea will surround an island of white purity

But while his neighbours may have decided to sell out to the "new South Africa", says Van Tonder, he is staying put and will not accept a payout for his property

"Some nations have fought for centuries and I tell my followers don't think of giving up after only nine decades. We have only just started. I am not going anywhere."

While he says he "obviously" opposes the Democratic Party-controlled Randburg council's decision to proclaim a free settle-

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Robert van Tonder ... a Vierkleur flies from his white island in the new grey area near Johannesburg. Picture: STEVE HILTON-BARBER, Afrapix

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# Council spy network probe: evidence over, findings expected soon

A FINDING on the investigation into irregularities into the Johannesburg City Council security department spy network is expected in six to eight weeks.

**LOUISE BURGERS and HELEN GRANGE**

Public towards the end of July.

The Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry finished hearing evidence yesterday and proceedings will resume for a day on June 22 for argument.

Commission chairman Mr Justice V G Hiemstra is following the American system, by allowing each of the eight legal teams only an hour to present their views.

It will then take a few weeks for the commission chairman to present his findings to the Administrator of the Transvaal. The report should be made

Several witnesses have not testified before the commission, including security department employees Nic Roeser, Piet Assenmacher, Anneljke Smits, Piet Assenmacher, Anneljke Smits and Sanet Liebenberg.

Leading evidence, Denis Fine, SC, told Mr Justice Hiemstra that examination of these witnesses was not necessary as their evidence would be no more than a "rehash" of previous testimony.

The evidence of former military officers Paul de Swardt and Dick Greyling

named by key witness Hannes Gouw as being connected with the murder of activist Dr David Webster — was found to be "outside the commission's terms of reference".

Yesterday, the commission heard that two past chairmen of the Johannesburg City Council management committee had denied in affidavits that they knew of the secret security committee that controlled the spy ring.

Francis Oberholzer, chairman from March 10 1972 until October 24 1988, and Jan Burger, chairman between May 15 last year and April 3 this year, both stated they had never attended meetings of the special security committee.

The Hiemstra Commission



The commission heard earlier that the management committee had established the special security committee, which consisted of the late Danie van Zyl, Director of Public Safety John Pearce, Town Clerk Manne Venter and former chief of security Brigadier Jan Visser, on December 8 1986.

Both said they had not been aware of when the meetings of the special committee took place.

This week the commission heard that no financial records were available for two years after the establishment of the spy network. The city treasury department had no control over payments to spies, as the security department was given control over its own ledgers.

City Treasurer Willie Stebert admitted the security department's system was "not so wonderful". It was found that payments did not tally with cash authorised.

He emphasised, however, that no money had been misappropriated.

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# Spymaster denies carrying explosives

JOHANNESBURG. — Johannesburg City Council spymaster Mr Frik Barnard yesterday denied any knowledge of an incident in which he was alleged to have been seen carrying a box of plastic explosives inside the civic centre.

The potentially indicting evidence was led on Wednesday before the Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry by Mr Jan Griffith, a former council security guard, who said he had come across Mr Barnard carrying a box of plastic explosives inside the civic centre building late one night. Mr Barnard had sworn him to secrecy on the matter, Mr Griffith said.

Mr Barnard yesterday denied any knowledge of the incident by way of a written affidavit.

After listening to legal argument for and against the admissibility of Mr Griffith's testimony, Mr Justice V Hiemstra ruled that the evidence would not be considered in the process of drawing an overall conclusion on the spy network's activities.



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- That a member of the Municipal Workers Union of SA (MWUSA) had knowledge of a necklacing relating to a strike by the SA Transport Services
- That the SA Council of Churches had donated R10 000 to the SA Municipal Workers Union for striking workers
- That a "violent action" was planned against deputy director of security Frik Barnard and senior deputy director Brigadier Jan Visser

Mr Egan admitted obtaining from sources three private docu-

ments which had been drafted by various attorneys. He would not say how they had come to be in his possession. One concerned security measures at Cosatu House.

Mr Egan denied he had obtained plans of Cosatu House and said he did not know who was responsible for bombing of the building in 1987.

Mr Egan was again queried on the monitoring of Geoff Stark, former PFP councillor, and the methods used to obtain "political-type" documents.

Wim Trengove, SC, asked what methods of surveillance were used, whether he had burgled Mr Stark's offices to obtain documentation and whether he had taken anything other than the documentation. Mr Egan refused to answer on the grounds that he could incriminate himself.

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Miriam Makeba gives a clenched fist salute on her arrival in Johannesburg yesterday. Picture REUTERS

## Miriam Makeba home

INTERNATIONAL SA-born singing star Miriam Makeba arrived home yesterday after 31 years in exile

Scores of photographers and television crews at Jan Smuts airport struggled to get near her.

Makeba said she would be in SA for one or two weeks.

"I always wanted to come home. This is my home — my mother died here in 1960. Everybody is coming home, so why shouldn't I? My umbilical cord is buried in this soil."

Makeba said she had not slept for a week thinking of her return, and whether she would get a visa or not.

But she added "I think I'll be happier when I come back to sing before my people."

She would spend most of her visit with her family and praying next to the graves of family members who had died in her 31 years of exile.

She would consult "cultural structures" in SA, she said. Makeba, 58, left SA in 1959 on a tour of the US with the musical, King Kong. Her passport was cancelled in 1960 when the SA government refused to allow her back into the country for her mother's burial.

She settled in Guinea, West Africa, in 1968 and represented her adopted country at the UN in the mid-seventies.

Asked whether she regarded her exile as self-imposed, Makeba said "When I went to ask for a visa I was told my name was in the computer. I could not understand why I was never allowed home. I never committed a crime... I never killed anybody." — Sapa

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'Spymaster'  
denies  
explosives  
allegation

JOHANNESBURG City Council's "spymaster" Frik Barnard on Friday denied any knowledge of an incident in which he was alleged to have been seen carrying a box of plastic explosives inside the civic centre.

The evidence was led on Wednesday before the Hiemstra Commission by Jan Griffith, a former council security guard, who said he had come across Barnard carrying a box of plastic explosives inside the civic centre building late one night. Barnard had sworn him to secrecy on the matter, Griffith said. Barnard on Friday denied any knowledge of the incident by way of a written affidavit, among the last evidence accepted by the commission.

### Stricken

After listening to legal argument for and against the admissibility of Griffith's testimony, Mr Justice V Hiemstra ruled that the evidence would not be considered in the process of drawing an overall conclusion on the spy network's activities.

The judge would not, however, accede to a request by Barnard's legal counsel Solly van Nieuwenhuizen that the evidence be stricken from the records.

The commission adjourned on Friday until June 22 when the respective legal teams will be permitted one hour each to debate closing arguments.

The commission was appointed by the Transvaal Provincial Administration to investigate allegations that the activities of the spy network run by the council's security department were irregular. Mr Justice Hiemstra, in reaching a finding, must consider almost 4 000 typed pages of transcribed evidence. — Sapa

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## TPA launches probe into coloured area

THE Transvaal Provincial Administration has appointed a commission of inquiry to investigate the activities of the South Western Management Committee following allegations of corruption and maladministration.

The commission, appointed by the Transvaal Administrator, Mr Danie Hough, was launched last Wednesday and is being financed by Johannesburg City Council's management committee.

It will sit again this week

Advocate Henk Botha is chairing the inquiry.

Chairman of the United Civic Associ-

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

ation, Mr Dudley Arends, which called for the inquiry, said he was happy that it was sitting

He said: "There is a lot of corruption concerning the allocation of houses, residential and business sites. Municipal tariffs are also high."

\* Anyone wishing to give evidence before the commission may contact Mr Henri Kruger at (011) 407-7407. The commission is sitting on the 16th floor, Civic Centre in Braamfontein



# 'Close result' in Randburg?

By Louise Burgers,  
Municipal Reporter

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candidates expect the tempo to pick up at 5 pm when people return home from work

The Randburg municipal by-election result will not change the political profile of the country but could prove the Democratic Party is not to be discounted.

"This election is essentially about local issues but it may send signals to the Government that the DP cannot be ignored," Mr Manley said

This is the view of Mark Manley, the Democratic Party candidate in Windsor East

National Party candidate Frank Harrison, although confident of a win, admitted the result would be close due to the nature of the ward.

Voting got off to a slow start this morning when polling opened at 7 am at the Windsor East Community Centre. The

"We are expecting a close result and a low percentage poll"

# Council plea for end to boycott

By MONK NKOMO

RESIDENTS in Atteridgeville, Pretoria, have a right to challenge town councillors and call for their resignation if they did not do their duty, the acting town clerk, Mr Daan Mouton, said yesterday.

Mouton appealed to residents to call off the 10-week-old rent boycott and said the issue and that of calling on councillors to resign should be divorced from each other. (K&T) (abb)

"Residents have a democratic right to call for councillors to resign if they do not serve the interests of their constituencies. Sowetan 13/6/90

"But residents must, at the same time, realise they must pay for services rendered by the council," Mouton told Sowetan.

He said: "Councillors do not render electricity and water supply services. They are just political figures."

"The council has to maintain and render essential services. If residents do not pay it will be difficult to maintain and repair these services."

Mouton said the council had already lost R3 million in revenue since the boycott started.

Residents have resolved that they would pay "affordable rents" as soon as councillors resigned.

However, councillors have vowed they will not resign.

## One day's notice then out (266)

Alberton Town Council yesterday gave Pola Park squatters until Sunday to move out of the area, the council's management committee chairman, Mr Johan van der Merwe, said. *Sta- 14/6/90*

Council police and workers moved into Pola Park early yesterday to demolish the shacks, but stopped after negotiations with the squatters

On Tuesday the squatters were given one day's notice to move out of the area, the chairman of the Pola Park Residents' Committee, Mr Prince Mhlambi, said.

Mr Mhlambi said that the squatters, who claimed they were not given alternative land on which to re-settle, would resist the removal

"The council will move into the area on Monday to raze the shacks. The council is not interested in negotiations," Mr van der Merwe said.

He said the squatters had been given another settlement at Rietfontein



**Bobbies on <sup>266</sup>  
the beat plan**

**'won't work'**  
*Oct 14/6/90*

Johannesburg's management committee has been strongly urged to scrap investigations into a municipal police force which was "holding out hope for the public which could never be fulfilled"

Commenting on a report that findings on the feasibility of bobbies-on-the-beat would be released in September, former management committee member Cecil Long said there was no reason to believe the relevant Ministers would have a change of heart on the issue.

"The size of a force to patrol Johannesburg's 24 000 ha has been set at several thousand men and estimates for the total outlay vary from R150 million to R250 million, all at the expense of the ratepayer.

"Logically, if the municipal force ever gets off the ground, the State could claim duplication of services and remove its own complement to trouble spots, saving itself a packet at the expense of the ratepayer.

"If the State cannot find people to man the force, Johannesburg will also not succeed unless it offers astronomical salaries.

"Talk of getting the bobby back on the beat is the popular thing to say at the moment, but it won't work."

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# Windsor seat in Randburg won by DP

By Guy Jepson

The Democratic Party narrowly won yesterday's two-party battle for the vacant Windsor East seat in the Randburg council

Mark Manley (31), won 298 votes to the 250 of the National Party's Frank Harrison

The percentage poll was a low 21,87 percent

Last night's victory gives the DP an edge in the Randburg Town Council as the party now has six seats to the NP's five. There are two independents

The DP controls the management committee this year after an agreement to share control of the committee was concluded between the two parties after the 1988 municipal election.

Mr Manley said the result "shows that the DP is still a force to be reckoned with, especially in the urban areas".

Coming after the party's setback last week in Umlazi, his victory showed that the DP had a crucial role to play in a future democratic South Africa

Mr Harrison attributed his defeat to superior organisation on the part of the DP.

"I don't believe the result was any indication of a swing in political affiliations"



A jubilant Mark Manley is hugged by his wife, Lindy, after winning Windsor East for the DP last night.

● Picture by Stephen Davimes.

## Changes in duties for controversial city council body

By Louise Burgers, Municipal  
Reporter

The duties of the controversial Johannesburg City Council Management Committee Advisory Committee (MCAC) have been "severely" scaled down by the management committee.

Management committee member Paul Asherson said the MCAC, which had often been a target of the Democratic Party when it was the opposition, would in future only advise the management committee when requested to do so.

The DP in the past accused the management committee of being "out of touch" because officials took decisions on their behalf.

"Management was not really in control — the MCAC was just another nest in the hive of secrecy," Mr Asherson said yesterday.

The decision was taken on Monday.

Reports will now go straight to management which will only refer matters to the MCAC when it needs advice.



# Jo'burg officials in clandestine flatland survey

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JOHANNESBURG civic officials watched 40 000 inner-city residents individually in a week-long pre-dawn operation to establish the extent of overcrowding in the central city areas of Hillbrow and Joubert Park, council senior deputy Medical Officer of Health Dr Nicky Padayachee said yesterday.

Pairs of officials were stationed outside 302 buildings from 4am on weekday mornings. About 18 000 dwelling units were surveyed.

Padayachee said his officials did the head count surreptitiously because of the reluctance of "illegal" residents to be identified and to avoid invading residents' privacy.

After 9am, one of the officials went inside and counted those left behind. The total gave the department the most accurate indication of a building's occupancy possible, he said.

He said the survey found there was an average of 3,4 people to a flat.

However, given the fact that most whites living in the area were either

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young and single or senior citizens, the average for blacks, coloureds and Indians could be as high as seven.

A study on immunisation in the greater Hillbrow area two months ago showed that 52% of the parents of children surveyed had come to the area within the previous 12 months.

Although this did not mean the black population had grown by a corresponding percentage, Padayachee said it clearly indicated that pressure on the inner city was still increasing.

Significantly, only 19% of the new arrivals came from the Transvaal. Large proportions came from the other provinces and TBVC states.

Other information collected by the department pointed to the dramatic change in the area's character.

Despite the growth in occupancy, water supply to predominantly black blocks had declined 2% in 12 months, and where previously the main local demand for health services was in geriatric care, municipal child-care centres were now treating 12 times more patients than a few years ago.

# Vosloorus workers on strike

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By Abel Mabelane  
East Rand Bureau

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About 250 Vosloorus Council employees went on strike this week for better wages and working conditions, town clerk George Prinsloo said today.

Mr Prinsloo said workers demanded salary increases from the beginning of July and complained that some of their colleagues were doing work for which they were not paid.

He said the strike was "absolutely unlawful".

"We have told the workers to return to work while we are looking into some of their complaints.

"A meeting was held with the workers' representatives on Wednesday but no agreement was reached and the discussions will continue next week."

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# Jo'burg council to discuss Soweto rent boycott report

THE Johannesburg City Council management committee is to discuss a report on the Soweto rent boycott following a meeting with the Soweto People's Delegation (SPD) this week.

The delegation presented its Plan of Action report on the boycott to management committee chairman Ian Davidson during a meeting which was also attended by Marietta Marx.

The SPD asked Johannesburg to

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commit itself to five policy principles concerning the boycott and to publicly commit itself to unification of Soweto and Johannesburg.

Council was also asked to state its intentions on local government guidelines announced by Planning Minister Hernus Kriel and to intervene in evictions and demolition of

Soweto homes. It was asked to join the Soweto Joint Financial Adjustment Committee — established by the Transvaal Provincial Administration and chaired by the Development Bank of Southern Africa.

Yesterday Marx said the report would be discussed with the rest of the management committee, which would decide whether to meet the SPD to discuss further points raised.

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### LEGAL NOTICE

#### Town Planning

#### CITY OF JOHANNESBURG SALE OF STAND 12, FORMAIN

NOTICE is hereby given in terms of Section 79 (18) of the Local Government Ordinance, 1939, that the Council intends to sell Stand 12 Formain to the owner of the adjacent Stand 216, Lyndhurst Extension 1, on certain conditions.

Further details of the Council's resolution may be obtained on application at Room S211, Civic Centre, Braamfontein during normal working hours.

Any person who objects to the sale is requested to lodge an objection with me, in writing, on or before June 29, 1990.

H H S VENTER, Town Clerk, Civic Centre, Braamfontein, Johannesburg June 15, 1990 (ED 149099)



# Free areas probe takes in Hillbrow

EDYTH BULBRING

THE Free Settlement Areas Board (FSAB) is to investigate Hillbrow — previously excluded from the board's investigation — as a free settlement area, chairman Hein Kruger said yesterday.

The area, Ward 26, bordered on the east by Berea, on the south by Pretoria Street and on the north-west by Clarendon Place, was excluded from investigation early this year when the board announced it would investigate the declaration of an extensive part of eastern Johannesburg.

These areas are Bellevue, Yeoville, Berea, Dornfontein, new Dornfontein, Judith's Paarl, Lorentzville, Bertrams, portions surrounding Joubert Park and a portion of Houghton Estate, Oaklands, Norwood and Orange Grove

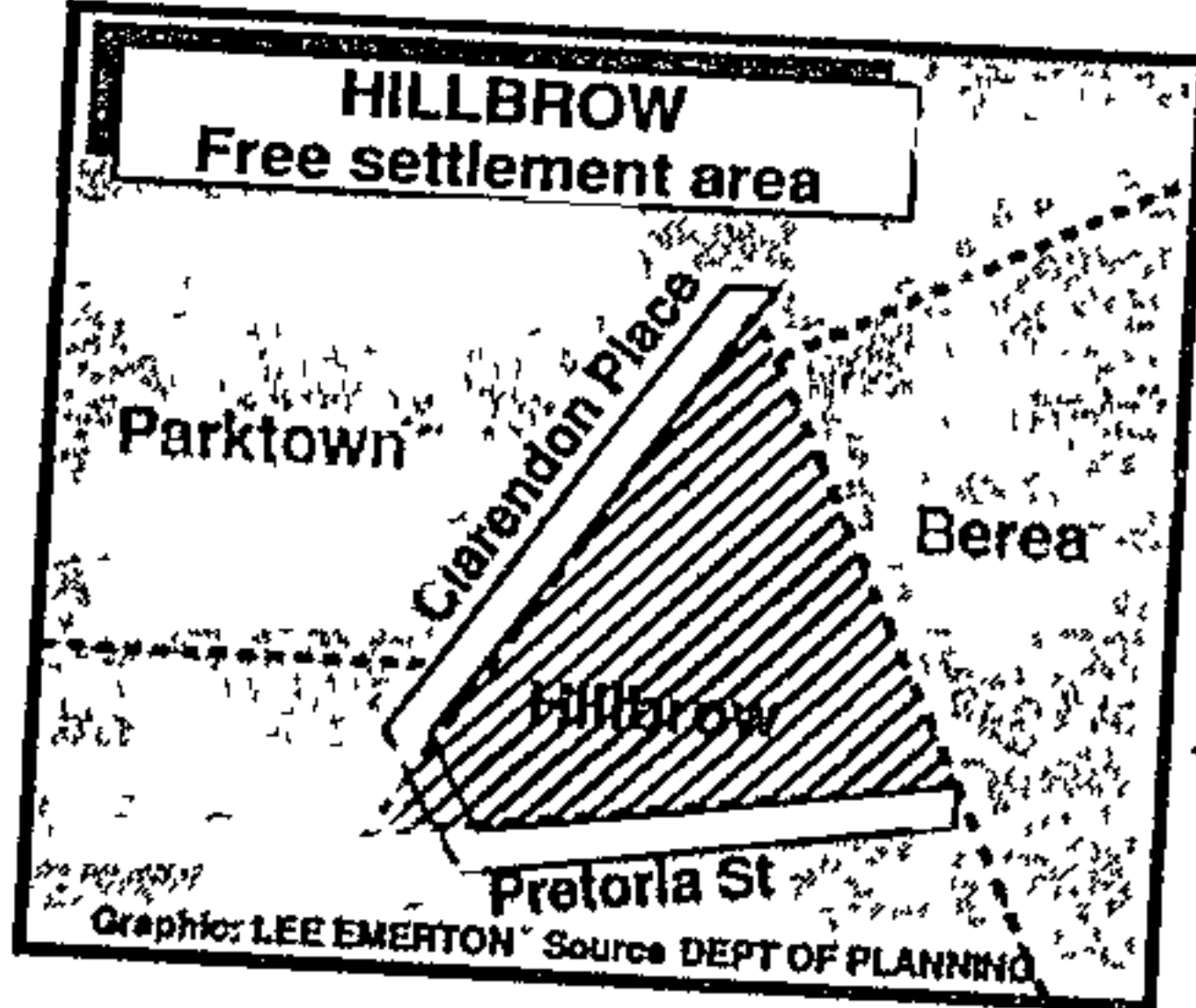
The omission of Hillbrow from these areas under investigation meant Hillbrow could have become a small segregated island in the midst of a large desegregated area

## Motion

CP leader in the Johannesburg City Council Jacques Theron said yesterday the question as to why Hillbrow was excluded in the first place was never answered. He said he did not know why it was now deemed fit to investigate Hillbrow.

The Johannesburg City Council decided in February to make representations to the board opposing the declaration of the eastern Johannesburg areas.

The motion, proposed by the DP, was passed with the support of the CP and an



independent councillor, although it was opposed by the NP. However, the NP was clearly relieved when the DP succeeded in its motion.

NP opposition to fragmenting Johannesburg into free settlement areas was shown when the NP supported a DP motion opposing the declaration of a part of Mayfair and a part of Pageview.

Theron said he did not think the DP or NP would support the declaration of Hillbrow.

He said the CP also opposed the declaration of Hillbrow, but for different reasons. He said muggings and robberies and the deterioration of the area were caused by allowing races to mingle.

Management committee chairman Ian Davidson said last night the DP did not believe in free settlement areas and opposed the balkanisation of Johannesburg.

The council appointed a special six-man committee consisting of NP and DP councillors last month to consider open city initiatives.

## Parktown residents vote at meeting to boycott Mobil

Staff Reporter

Parktown residents who attended a meeting to debate the merits of an application for a petrol station in their suburb last night voted to boycott all Mobil products.

The 200 angry residents also resolved at the meeting with Mobil representatives to call on ratepayers in other affected areas to join the boycott.

Mike Lamb of the Parktown Ratepayers' Association said objections were based on resentment of business intrusion into residential areas.

Mobil's survey canvassing views of Parktown West residents on the desirability of a petrol station was criticised for

failing to consider residents' attitudes to increased noise and air pollution and increased traffic congestion which might result from a filling station on the corner of Loch and Seymour avenues.

Residents claimed the facility would become an environmental hazard and lower the value of their properties.

Mr Lamb claimed Mobil's main objective was to trap the traffic on Jan Smuts Avenue.

Mobil spokesman Barry Jordaan said the area earmarked for the petrol station was no longer suitable for residential purposes because of the high level of noise and air pollution along Jan Smuts Avenue.

# Marching Soweto homeless ask TPA for a better deal

By Julienne du Toit

Hundreds of Soweto's homeless marched yesterday from the Library Gardens in Johannesburg to the Civic Centre to demand better living conditions from the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA).

About 1500 men, women and children arrived in buses with banners demanding decent homes and the scrapping of the Squatters Act.

The singing, ululating crowd was led by Anglican and Methodist clergymen

The march was organised by Operation Masakhane for the Homeless (Omhle).

Traffic officers halted vehicles for the march up Rissik Street as police stood by.

Omhle, an ANC affiliate, handed over a memorandum describing the plight of the homeless to a TPA representative and called on the Administrator of the Transvaal and the mayor of Johannesburg to provide sanitation facilities and hold an inquiry into the destruction of shacks

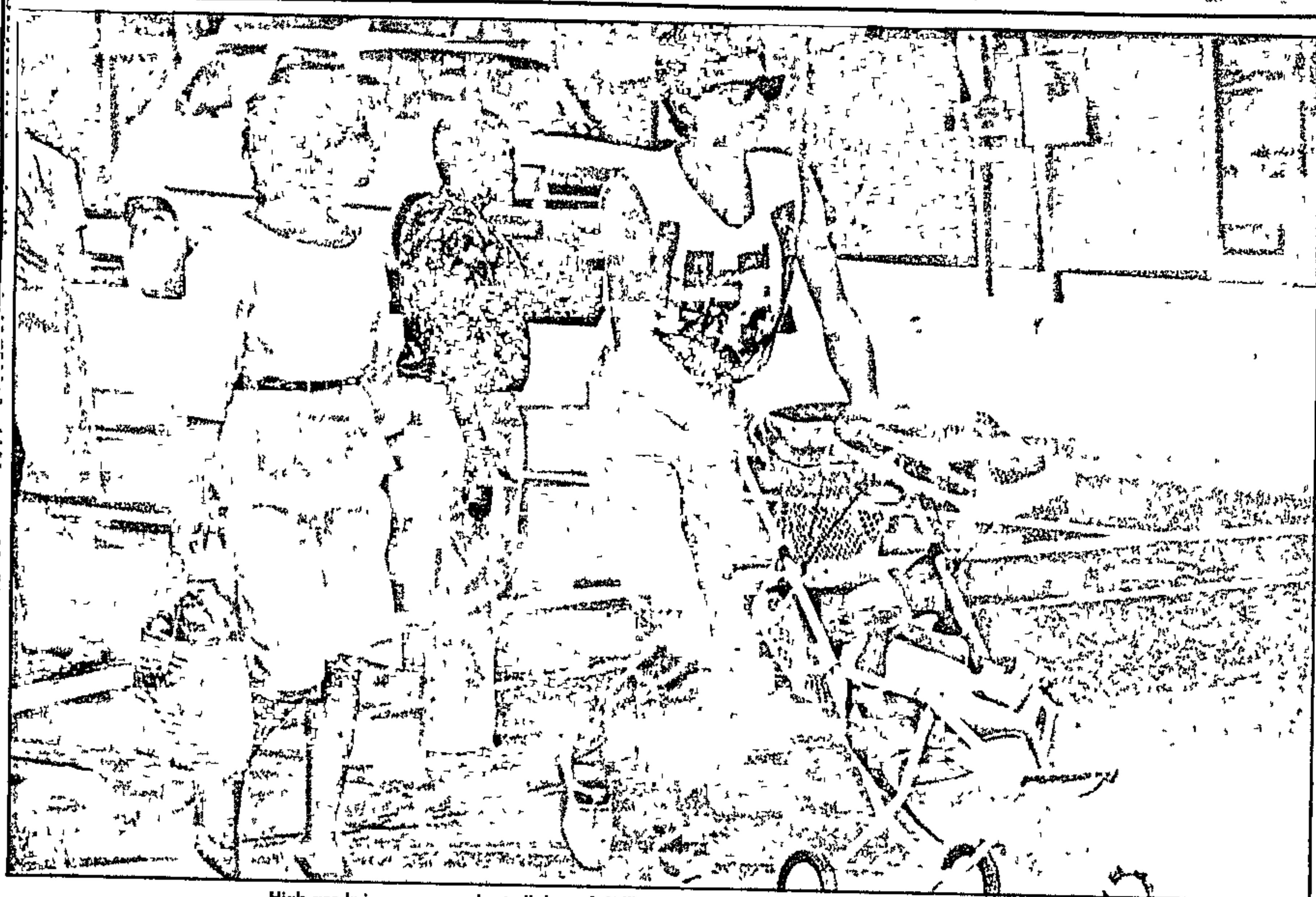


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### Sandton approves R146-m budget

Sandton Town Council last night approved an operating budget of R146 377 000 for the 1990/1 financial year. The amount is 21,8 percent higher than last year's R120 202 000.

Management committee chairman Perry Oertel said the 12 percent increase in water tariffs announced by the Rand Water Board in February would be passed on to consumers from July 1. Refuse removal fees would go up by about 17 percent.



High-rise living a couple stroll through Hillbrow, Johannesburg's most densely populated suburb

# Johannesburg's sleeping giant

In the late 1970s and early 1980s Johannesburg City Council studies were based on the understanding that Hillbrow was a place of multiple activity. It was seen as a place of residence for a stable nucleus of elderly people and a transient population of young singles, single parents, childless couples and immigrants.

In the last decade, Hillbrow has changed dramatically. An increasing number of black, coloured and Indian families have moved into Hillbrow because of severe housing shortages in their own areas and a desire to be close to their place of work.

According to a city council report on Hillbrow, compiled by the Johannesburg City Health Department and the Town Planning Department, an influx of the poor and destitute to the inner city areas has been a world-wide phenomenon — a result of urbanisation.

Johannesburg's Deputy Medical Officer of Health, Dr Nicky Padyachee, says this creates severe problems unique to high-rise, high density areas.

## Survey

"There has been a change in the nature of the people living in the area — there are more families now than single and elderly people."

A survey was conducted by his department, primarily to examine the condition of buildings in Hillbrow and to establish the number of children who had not been immunised. Johannesburg had the highest immunisation rate in the country, but people with children moving into the city lowered the immunisation average.

Of 302 residential buildings examined, 16 (5 percent) were in a "bad" condition and 72 (23 percent) could be classified as "poor". Immediate instruc-

Over the past 10 years the composition of Johannesburg's suburbs has changed. Singles and childless couples living in high rise apartments have been replaced by migrant families from rural areas. Municipal Reporter LOUISE BURGERS looks at the changing face of the city's best known suburb, Hillbrow.

tions were issued that faults be repaired.

Of about 38 000 people living in the 302 buildings surveyed, 40 percent were black. The average population density per flat was 3.4, but as many as 14 people were living in flats in some cases.

On average, however, no overcrowding was present. No obvious overburdening of bulk council services existed in the suburb.

Acting deputy Medical Officer of Health, Dr Claude Newbury, said overcrowding obviously resulted in a deterioration of living standards.

"They have shelter and the basic services. There is an overload on facilities when five or six people inhabit a flat intended for two, but how much more dreadful would it be if these people were on the streets?" Dr Newbury asked.

City health department officials conducted the survey by keeping watch on buildings from 4 am in the morning until 9 am and then taking a head count of everyone who left the buildings. After 9 am they counted everyone who was left in the building.

Another issue which needed to be studied in depth, Dr Padyachee said, was the effect that living in a suburb such as Hillbrow had on dwellers from rural areas.

"Here we have a group of people coming from rural areas to one of the most high-density places in Africa."

"There is the difficulty of acclimatising to an urban environment which becomes more complex when coupled

with a high-rise environment.

"Black people moving into a new area lose the community life they are used to in a township. They lose the social support of their families. Often both parents have to work due to the higher cost of living in urban areas and they have nowhere to leave their children."

There were no creches or schools, limited open space, very little recreational facilities and very few religious facilities for all the different denominations living in the suburb, Dr Padyachee said.

"The environment needs to be modified to suit families, but there isn't the space. So we needed to look at innovative techniques."

## Parking lots

"When more whites lived in Hillbrow, there was a great need for parking. Now more blacks have moved in, the need for parking has decreased. We are therefore investigating changing some parking lots into sites for nursery schools or parks."

"The Hillbrow street plan also needs to be adapted for pedestrians, especially for children so they can walk and play outdoors."

Head of urban design in the City Town Planning Department, Arlene Segal, is investigating sites for three parks in Hillbrow. Her department has already earmarked a parking lot for a park in Jager Street between Claim and Banket Streets. They are also busy turning sections of Quartz Street into a boulevard.

"We are giving residents more privacy by limiting through traffic in the area. It is absolutely essential to try to create spaces which can be identified by residents as their own," Mrs Segal said.

Dr Padyachee said health problems encountered were drug and alcohol abuse and loneliness — particularly among the elderly who often lived in self imposed isolation, being too afraid to venture outdoors.

"The need for services for mothers and children has also increased. The general trend in the increase of sexually transmitted diseases has led to a greater need for confidential health services, which is why we began the Outreach programme two months ago."

(Outreach is aimed at "sex workers" such as prostitutes — male and female, drug addicts, alcoholics, homosexuals and the homeless. A clinic is in the process of being established in Hillbrow.)

Two months ago, the City Health Department began a major campaign to inform the people of Hillbrow about the free medical care available at public health clinics in Joubert Park and Hillbrow.

Quoting from the report, Dr Padyachee said overall, Hillbrow continued to be a liveable environment.

"This finding should not be allowed to lead to complacency. There are very real health and planning issues at stake in what may be Johannesburg's 'sleeping giant'."

"The issues of building exploitation, particularly of illegal tenants, contributes to hardship and social tension. Coupled to this is the threat of removal, as tenants may be evicted on grounds of race."

"This uncertainty, both for tenants and landlords is not

conducive to residential stability or to renewed investment."

The shortage of shelter, facilities for rehabilitation and health care and opportunities for education and employment had to be addressed to alleviate the plight of under-privileged people.

Lessons learnt in Hillbrow could be applied to other suburbs in Johannesburg.

The issues facing Hillbrow represented a major challenge to authorities and all interest groups to facilitate the creation of a better environment in which the various facets of Hillbrow could find a balanced community life.

Responsibility had to be shouldered by a partnership between the state, local authorities and the private sector, the report read.





# Sandtonians will have to pay more

By Guy Jepson

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Sandton homeowners will have to fork out an average of about 10 percent more in monthly rates and service charges to pay for the town's substantially increased operational budget for the 1990/1991 financial year.

The Sandton Town Council this week approved a budget of R146 377 000, a 21,8 percent increase on last year's figure of R120 202 800.

This figure is also considerably higher than the 13 percent increase recommended by the Minister of Finance, Barend du Plessis.

Management committee chairman Perry Oertel said the budget increase was necessary to keep pace with a phenomenal growth rate in the town.

Sandton's daily-increasing popularity as a residential and business location had produced a series of "unavoidable commitments beyond our control".

## Property hike

These accounted for 91,8 percent of the R26 174 200 in increased expenditure.

The town's popularity was reflected in escalating property values — properties had increased in value by an average of 100 percent over the past three years.

Market-related property value increases resulted in significant variations in monthly assessment and service rates increases.

Whereas the monthly increase on a 1 519 sq m property in Gallo Manor amounted to 1 percent, the rate on a 1 880 sq m property increased by 18 percent.

Objections to the rates laid down in new valuations should be lodged before July 6.



# Province to sever bridging finance

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THE Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) is to cut bridging finance, leaving local black authorities to fend for themselves

In a statement yesterday, TPA community services deputy director general Len Dekker said bridging finance would be curtailed from July. A letter had been sent to all local black authorities in Transvaal informing them they would have to start providing for themselves from the end of this month.

Collection of rents and services charges would have to improve dramatically as the TPA was simply unable to afford to continue providing bridging finance.

Boycott of payments had increased the need for financial assistance to R35,5m in April, R60,5m in May and this month's need was expected to be even higher. However only R26m a month was available as bridging finance for the whole of the Transvaal.

At present rates, the available funds for the financial year would be exhausted within three or four months with the result that bulk supplies of services such as electricity would not be paid, Dekker said.

The TPA's action had been dictated by the simple fact that it did not have the funds to pay for, or subsidise, consumer services indefinitely.

Appealing to all consumers to pay for the services they used, Dekker said the letter emphasised that consumers be informed fully of the implication of their failure to meet their obligations. Councils unable to collect enough funds to pay bulk suppliers would probably find supplies discontinued.

Dekker said leaders of "so-called" anti-establishment organisations professing to represent the community should be warned of the possible disastrous implications of the rent boycott.

Their actions were making it virtually

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impossible for any party to honour mutual commitment to stability by SA's leaders, he said.

Nowhere in the world under any constitutional system could anybody expect services without paying for them, said Dekker.

This basic principle had been accepted by several representative bodies opposing government. Continued special attention would be given to individual cases where residents could not afford to pay the full amount for services.

WILSON ZWANE reports that Khatlehong Civic Association (KCA) spokesman Ike Motloung said yesterday the KCA had approached building societies last week in a bid to ward off the growing threat of repossession of houses in the East Rand township.

## Threat

In an interview he said "The threat of repossession of houses by the financial institutions could be averted with a package of compromises.

"The SA Perm has assured us that a package could be worked out if the homeowners who cannot pay their bond repayments come to them and explain their problems," Motloung said.

Johannesburg property economist Neville Berkowitz said although he did not have statistics, the threat of the repossession of houses which faced many black homeowners was large.

Information Trust Corporation (ITC) chairman Paul Edwards said the repossession casualties were the home buyers who had made the mistake of thinking that the bond interest rate would remain at 12,5%.

The current interest rate was 21%, he said.

## Moringer tells of role in abortive coup

SUSAN RUSSELL

AUSTRIAN citizen Rainer Moringer, in custody on R5,5m fraud charges, told the Rand Supreme Court yesterday that he had provided the vehicles used in Charles Sebe's abortive coup in Ciskei last year.

Moringer, 48, said this in evidence during his fourth bail application, which is being heard by Mr Justice Swart.

He was arrested on August 31 1989 and is due to stand trial on August 7 on fraud and alternative forex contravention charges.

Moringer's business activities in Ciskei were investigated by the first Harms Commission in early 1989.

During cross-examination by State counsel David Gordon SC, who is opposing bail, Moringer agreed he had provided the vehicles to be used in the coup.

Gordon asked him whether he had organised the abortive coup or organised it with Sebe.

"Charles Sebe was organising a coup over a number of years. I was involved at a much later stage with the approval of the SA government," Moringer said.

He told the court that the SA government had known about the coup and his involvement because he had informed SA intelligence. Moringer said he had become involved in June/July 1989.

The application continues today.

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# TPA warns over rents

MONK NKOMO

ABOUT 40 black townships throughout the country whose residents are boycotting rent could have essential services cut from next month, the Transvaal Provincial Administration warned yesterday.

The TPA's deputy director of community services, Mr Len Dekker, said in a statement released in Pretoria they would stop paying bridging finances to the affected town councils from July 31.

He said the councils

would have to provide for themselves from the end of this month because of "the severely restricted funds available to the administration".

Soweto - where rent arrears total millions of rand - is not affected by the latest warning because it already received notices in October last year urging it to put its house in order.

A spokesman for the TPA said yesterday the Soweto Council was

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doing its utmost to address the rent boycott.

Dekker warned affected councils that if they failed to provide funds for themselves to pay suppliers of essential services such as electricity and water, the services would be discontinued.

He said the TPA allocated R2,6 million a month to black local authorities in the Transvaal as bridging finance.

"As a result of the boycott of payments they

need financial assistance increased to R35,5 million for April and R60,5 million for May 1990," he said.

The needs for this month were expected to be higher

The TPA sent letters to about 40 black local authorities on June 18 urging them to take tough action against rent defaulters.

Dekker yesterday appealed to consumers to pay for essential services, saying nowhere in the world were these services free.

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# All rent arrears should be written off

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IT IS four years this month since the rent boycott in Soweto started. Various strategies, ranging from appeals to outright threats of drastic action have been used in trying to persuade people to pay.

Local authorities have also been given ultimatums by the Transvaal Provincial Administration to work out a system of collecting all due rentals and service fees.

For failing to produce results, some have been dissolved.

But what seems very clear to this day is that the boycott is not about to be called off. It may continue for a few more years to come.

The trouble is that even if it were to be called off most residents could not afford to pay what they owe the authorities.

But even if they could, I get the feeling that for political and other reasons, they would still not be prepared to pay.

The suggestion made earlier that the authorities should write off the arrears makes a lot of sense to me, though the Government does not seem prepared to consider it.

In its handling of this issue, the Government seems to be demonstrating a total lack of understanding or rejection of legitimate views held by

the people on the matter.

In pursuance of its apartheid policy, the Government has for many years served as the sole landlord for blacks living in urban areas. Blacks were denied the right to buy property and were made to feel they were in urban areas for only a short while.

This obviously built up a lot of anger among the people. The upshot was that housing was politicised. So was water and electricity.

That is why the rent boycott was chosen as a weapon to demonstrate mass opposition to local authorities that were created to implement unpopular Government policy.

Today there has been some shift in Government policy. The permanency of blacks in the so-called white South Africa has been guaranteed. Pass laws have been scrapped. Blacks can buy houses they could only rent in the past. They can also build their own homes and raise loans for bonds.

For all this, the Government believes that it deserves credit. And it sees the rent boycott as unreasonable. In short, the Government is saying, while admitting that it had done the people wrong, the people must still pay for those wrongs.

Electricity bills that average Soweto residents have paid over the years are unrealistically

high. We even suspect that councils were overcharging people as a way of raising revenue since black local authorities have no sources of revenue except for rental money which is not enough to meet running costs.

The flat rate of R50 per household that the Soweto council suggested should be paid is still too high for a average four-roomed house.

The use of strong-arm tactics will not help. The solution lies in all arrears being written off.



## First Jo'burg budget for DP

TANIA LEVY

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THE DP in the Johannesburg City Council is due to table its first budget for the city today

Having taken control of the council earlier this year, the DP has largely inherited the budget from its NP predecessors.

Nevertheless, it is expected to cut back on controversial projects such as the civic theatre and overseas guest programme in favour of more urgent matters such as upgrading the inner city area

Management committee member Paul Asherson has already warned that the city might defy government's 13% limit on capital expenditure and city treasurer Willie Siebert has recommended an across-the board rates increase in line with the inflation rate

Last year's budget amounted to R1,8bn, with R382m going towards capital expenditure and R1,4bn to the operating budget. Assessment rates increased by 14,2% and cleansing tariffs increased by 15% for domestic properties and 24% for others

# 'Us and them' — and Mobil the winner?

By Jacqueline Myburgh

What used to be the oldest residential suburb in Johannesburg, boasting gracious Victorian and Edwardian mansions, Parktown is now Johannesburg's fastest-growing business district.

Only the odd historic home has been retained. But, on the whole, old Parktown — on the east side of Jan Smuts Avenue — is no more.

West of Jan Smuts Avenue it is a different story. Parktown West is an intact, inner-ring,

turn-of-the-century suburb, tranquil and leafy.

Its residents have ceaselessly fought commercial development — and have so far succeeded. But the first signs of seediness are creeping in with some big homes becoming communes.

Now Mobil wants to build a garage and showroom on the corner of Seymour and Jan Smuts avenues.

Residents have held pavements protests and public meetings.

They have been encouraged by Mobil's defeat in Forest

Town, 2 km down Jan Smuts where its plan for a garage was turned down.

Many residents feel they do not stand a chance against Mobil and neither does the city council, which opposes the garage.

Mobil went to the Department of Local Government/Housing and Works.

It is now up to the Minister to decide Johannesburg council and the townships board can only make recommendations.

It is a typical 'us and them' situation.

## MOBIL SAYS:

Mobil — the Southern Africa Energy Company Ltd — says residents' concerns about the city's commercial sector creeping into their suburb are unreasonable.

"The oil company has objected to accusations that the service station would devalue their properties, or that it would disrupt the already congested flow of traffic on Jan Smuts. It also denies its motivation is greed — and it denies there are adequate service stations feeling the area."

As proof of its concern, Mobil is considering — although it has not promised — the appointment of the University of Cape Town's respected Environmental Evaluation Unit (EEU) to be the final arbiter of whether the plan is fair.

Mobil says residents' concern about devaluation of properties has come too late.

"Properties along Jan Smuts Avenue are already being sold at as much as 30 percent below the level they would fetch in other suburbs," says Barry Jordan, director of Mobil's resale marketing.

And despite fears that Mobil's move would be the start of a commercial invasion, the development could constitute a "finger in the dyke."

"While office blocks, doctors' surgeries and restaurants in residential areas usually create a precedent for further develop-

ment, a service station is a one-off case," says Mr Jordan.

"Service stations do not generate traffic, they simply supply existing vehicles with fuel."

According to Mobil, there is a demand for a service station on this site. The nearby Mobil Parktown service station is at full capacity, he claims, and has created the need for another. He says 55 000 cars pass the site on Jan Smuts each day.

He said that pollution levels, particularly noise, have reached magnitudes considerably in excess of recommended maximums in the Environmental Conservation Act.

Levels of air pollution have already exceeded the limits laid down by the EC and USA. Any pollution caused by the existence of the service station would be negligible.

Mobil plans to take various steps towards making the service station more acceptable to residents. It says it will restore and preserve the existing house, at considerable cost, create noise barriers to protect neighbours from the existing traffic noise, and it will have an aesthetic building which will be well maintained.

It does not intend to withdraw its application. "We have been sensitive to residents' objections and we believe we have been responsible and environmentally responsible in our proposals," says Mr Jordan.

## RESIDENTS SAY:

Residents of Parktown, with the unflinching Flo Bird at their helm, are not prepared to accept Mobil's claims that motorists heading north from Johannesburg need a garage in Parktown West.

Certainly the locals don't need a garage, says Mrs Bird — and if north-bound motorists genuinely need one, why choose a purely residential area to build it in?

A service station would be the beginning of the end, she says.

"Mobil's town planner, our town planner and the council's town planner, agreed at the township board hearing that if the garage were built Parktown West would inevitably go commercial."

"Residents will have no choice but to get out — which means they'll apply for business rights themselves, and sell up. Homes are very special places to people," says Mrs Bird, who is chairman of the Parktown and Westcliff Heritage Trust.

"A petrol station is the most traumatic thing you could build in a residential area."

Mrs Bird says Parktown West residents would be prepared to accept UCT's Environmental Evaluation Unit's decision — if

Mobil called them in.

But Parktown's major concern is that neither the Environmental Evaluation Unit's opinion, nor that of the Johannesburg Council, nor the Parktown residents or the township board, need have any bearing on the final decision. It is purely up to the Minister of Local Government.

"We can say what we like the council can oppose the garage, and the township board can make a recommendation that the application be refused — the Minister can still give the go-ahead without giving a reason."

"And there's no recourse to appeal," says Mrs Bird.

"The decision is being made by an anonymous person in Pretoria, who has not even attended the township board hearing."

Residents fear increased traffic through the suburb (via Seymour Avenue), loitering around the garage, traffic stream chaos in this already busy area where traffic off the freeway tries to get into the mainstream (and cars from the mainstream try to cross into the left hand only lane) and increased noise.

"Petrol stations belong at shopping centres, not in residential areas," Mrs Bird says.

## Couple moves after 36 years

Caught between Parktown residents and Mobil, the elderly couple who have lived at 17 Jan Smuts Avenue for 36 years are keen to leave.

"We want to move to a retirement village," says Victor Schaefer (73) whose house was built in 1904. Mr Schaefer and his 66-year-old wife, Dorothy, who is confined to a wheelchair, were approached by Mobil about a year ago.

Local residents say the offer was R750 000 — much more than they would get under normal circumstances.

The Schaefer's tennis court long ago saw its last game. Obviously

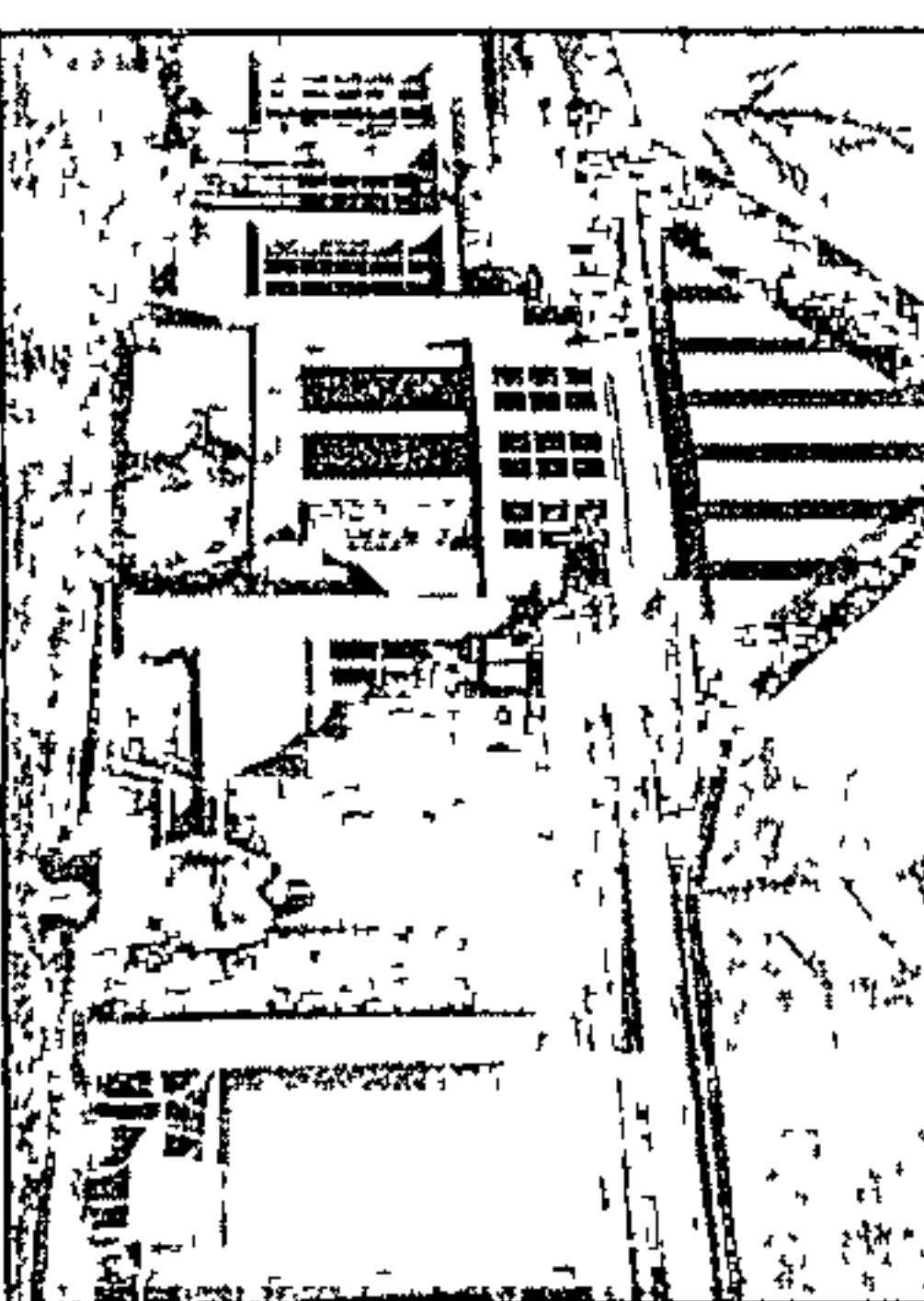
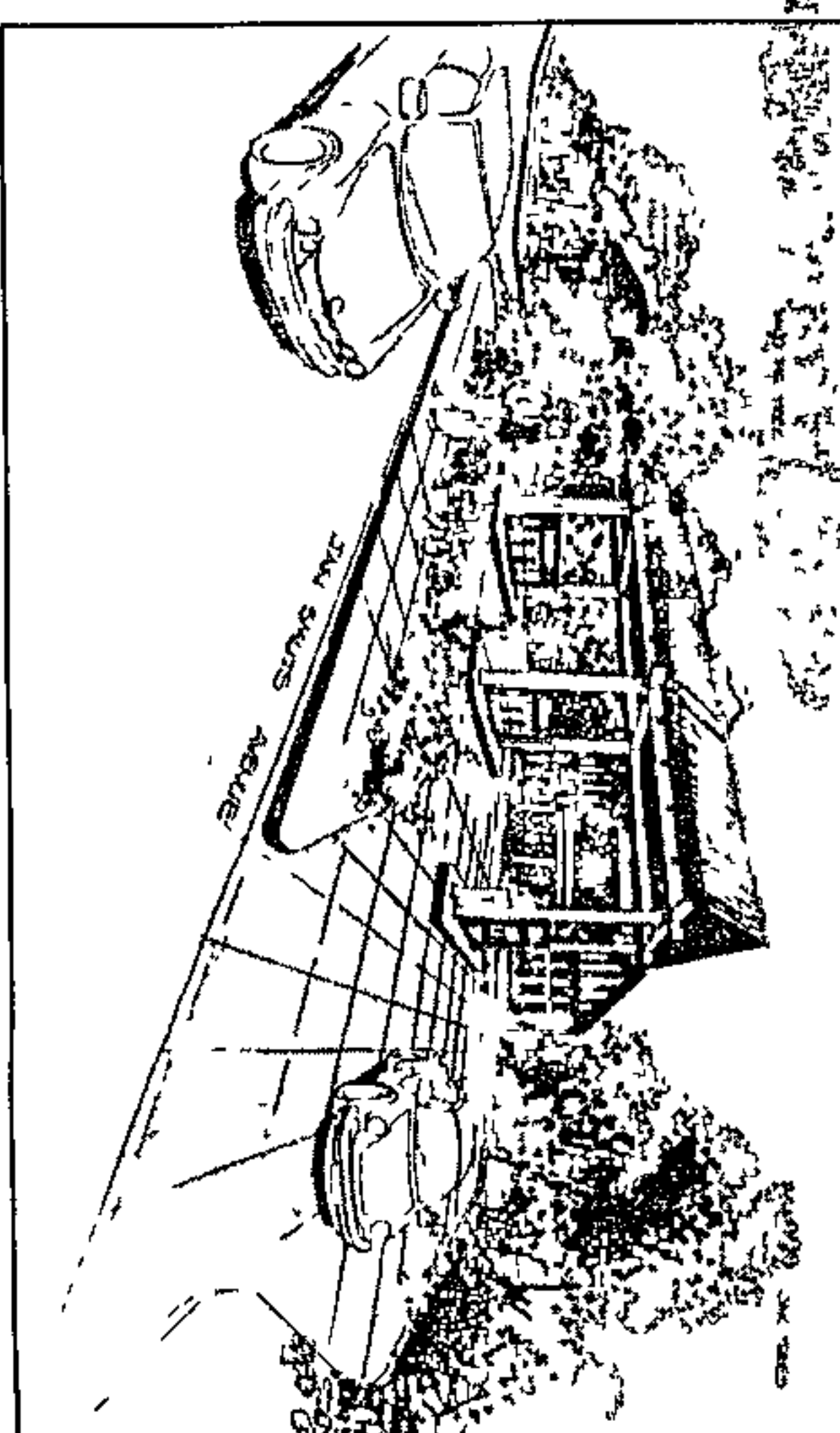
we don't use our tennis court any more," said Mr Schaefer.

"Mobil has employed two traffic engineers on this project, and I believe in leaving the matter to my brothers in the trade," says Mr Schaefer, a retired engineer.

The commercialisation of Parktown West is inevitable, he says. "And I don't really care," adds his wife.

The couple plan to live in a retirement village.

"This place has become too noisy. We can't sit on the stoep and hear each other talk," says Mr Schaefer.



Residential v commercial. A view from the street (top) of number 17 Jan Smuts Avenue. Mobil has said they will preserve the trees on the property if they build a service station. Residents fear increased noise levels and a safety hazard if Mobil builds the proposed service station (above). North (left) She thinks Parktown West's days are numbered.



# Development of two new 'Sowetos' planned

By Shirley Woodgate

Plans for two new "Sowetos" have been launched south of Johannesburg, and are aimed at more than doubling the present population of that area by the turn of the century

The chairman of the Central Witwatersrand Regional Service Council, John Griffiths, said two regions have been earmarked for immediate development

The first, of almost 10 000 ha, falls within the 12 450 ha to the west of Soweto which was declared a development area in terms of the Black Communities Development Act of 1989

This section comprises 640 ha north-west of Dobsonville, where at least 10 000 stands will be made available by four private developers

"But it will be possible to obtain 30 to 40 stands per hectare, which means this area could supply another 20 000 stands," said CWRSC chief executive Len de Wet.

Nearly R20 million has been allocated by the CWRSC for bulk water, sewer and electricity services, and the Transvaal Provincial Administration will redesign the intersection of the two major roads in the area, PW5 and K102, to allow better land use

The developers are Township Real-

tors, South African Transport Services, Creation Development Production and FHA Homes

Another 400 erven on the farm Doornkop have been earmarked for development at a future date, and in addition the TPA has acquired about 600 ha north of Dobsonville which will be allocated for black housing

The second area, about 9 000 ha located north-west of Evaton and south of Ennerdale to the east and west of the N1 highway, has been earmarked for balanced residential housing for 700 000 people, including site and service, commercial and industrial development

"Rapid urbanisation has led to estimates that by the year 2000 there will still be a shortfall of 17 000 ha of land in the south-western sector of the Witwatersrand

"Since it has been indicated that only a portion of the original proclaimed area will be available for housing in the short term because of dolomite and mining rights, this area south-west of Soweto has become increasingly important. It is soon likely to be fully incorporated into the CWRSC from the Vaal Triangle region, to become the largest single development undertaken by CWRSC," said Mr de Wet

Municipal strikers arrested



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## Easy Boksburg win for CP

The Conservative Party comfortably won yesterday's two-party by-election contest for the Impala Park seat in the Boksburg Town Council, coming in with a 448-vote majority

The CP's Buks Williams took 794 votes to the 346 of the National Party's Philip la Grange.

The CP and NP now both have eight seats in the CP-controlled council. There are four independents — Staff Reporter.

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# Spies to be taken to task

Staff Reporter

A public meeting to condemn secret organisations such as the CCB and the Johannesburg City Council spy ring will be held next week.

Conference organisers say the meeting will give the public a chance to show their opposition to secret and unaccountable "security" action

The speakers will be Gavin Evans, a target of the CCB, Jane Barrett, a city council target, David Dison, Brian Currin and Tony Leon.

Mr Evans will give the background to the political situation which allowed the CCB to develop, and recount his contact with CCB agents

Mr Leon will talk on misuse of ratepayers' money and accountability in local government

Mr Dison, a lawyer, will assess the Harms and Heimstra commissions

The meeting is at 8 pm, Wednesday June 27, in St Luke's church hall, Orchards

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# Vaal councillor condemns plan for 'new Soweto' development

By Melody McDougall

The proposed development of another "Soweto" on the northern outskirts of the Vaal triangle has been strongly condemned by the chairman of the Conservative Party-dominated Vanderbijlpark Town Council management committee, Gerhard Smith

On Tuesday the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council announced plans for the establishment of two new "Sowetos" south of Johannesburg

## Earmarked

The first of the two regions earmarked for development is an area of about 10 000ha and lies to the west of Soweto.

The second area is about 9 000 ha and is located north-west of Evaton and south of Ennerdale to the east and west of the N1 highway

This zone has been earmarked for balanced residential housing, for about 700 000 people, as well as commercial

and industrial development.

Commenting yesterday, Mr Smith said the proposed development fitted in with Government policy to make available ground for housing accommodation which was merely a form of controlled squatter camps

One of the major concerns would be the shortage of job opportunities which would result in a drop in the living standard of all residents

He said Vanderbijlpark was the only Vaal triangle town which had a surplus of ground earmarked for industrial development, in which there was presently no interest. In addition, the country was experiencing a depressed economic situation.

"Therefore this development is not a good idea at all. One cannot draw people to a town if there are no jobs available," he said.

The chairman of the Vaal Triangle Regional Services Council, Gustav du Toit, welcomed the development, saying it was an excellent idea



# DP calls for Jo'burg, Soweto to become one

By Louise Burgers,  
Municipal Reporter

Black local government structures were crumbling and it was just a matter of time before Johannesburg and Soweto became one city and one municipality, Democratic Party councillor Sias Reyneke said during the budget debate last night.

"The planning must start now, Johannesburg and Soweto will be-

come one — we have to accept that reality and begin training people now for one local authority

"It is clear that the local black government structures are crumbling and this crisis may force central government and everyone else involved, to enforce the incorporation of black councils with white local authorities so that the provision of services can continue," Mr Reyneke said

"If we accept Johannesburg

and Soweto as one, there will be a doubling of the population and land area. We will sit with a new Johannesburg, of which a major part will be totally under-developed"



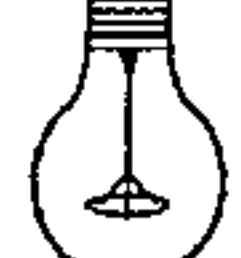
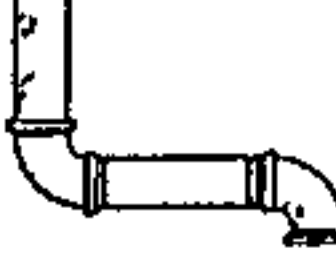



NP councillor Hein Kruger agreed that closer co-operation between Johannesburg and Soweto was inevitable. One municipality in the form of a metropolitan government or "super-municipality" needed to be investigated

## Economic suicide

"The two (cities) are interdependent and cannot exist without the other. Where Soweto is the main reservoir of human resources for Johannesburg and the broader region of which the two form the core, Johannesburg is the engine room where the human resources of the region come together and create the wealth of the region," Mr Kruger said.

To exclude either Soweto or Johannesburg when the city boundaries were redrawn would be economic suicide for both, he said.

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<b>AVERAGE OVERALL INCREASE = 13,4%</b> <b>AVERAGE HOUSEHOLDER WILL PAY R25 EXTRA PER MONTH</b>							

## City proposes R2-billion budget

By Louise Burgers,  
 Municipal Reporter

A "reasonable" record R2,1 billion budget was announced in the Johannesburg City Council yesterday, adding R25 a month to the average ratepayers monthly bill

The 13,4 percent increase in rates and taxes is

below the inflation rate of about 15 percent

The "average ratepayer", presently paying R186,50 for rates and services, will now pay R211,50 a month

The figures are calculated on an average householder using 30 kl water and 900 kW electricity a month on a stand in Roosevelt Park valued at R25 000

This is only an average as ratepayers living in Orchards and Parkhurst will pay up to 16,2 percent more and Lenasia residents only 13,2 percent. The higher increase is attributable to the large rate remissions at present applying to such properties

Management committee chairman Ian Davidson said in his maiden budget speech he hoped his budget would be favourably received by ratepayers

Most of the proposed increases are below the inflation rate, with the exception of bus fares, cleansing and sewerage tariffs

Mr Davidson said enormous financial problems faced the city and bold steps were needed

### 'Unrealistic and unfair'

The city budget had not been able to remain within the 13 percent limit imposed by the Government on the capital and operating budgets, Mr Davidson said

"To put a cap of 13 percent on a thriving metropolis like Johannesburg with huge obligations is unrealistic and unfair.

"This is a new management committee which has largely inherited the budget from the previous committee. At best we have tinkered with the budget, rather than attempt to restructure it"

Mr Davidson said he was fairly confident the budget would be passed today without any amendments

Leader of the Conservative Party opposition in the council, Jacques Theron, described the budget as "unimaginative"

Deputy leader of the NP in the council, Marietta Marx, said the former NP management committee had been involved with the preparation of the budget and would therefore support it

"I feel it is a very good budget. The former management committee took the bold steps to set things right. Last year's harsh budget enabled the committee to produce a good, reasonable budget this year," Mrs Marx said

## Garankuwa hospital management probed

# Reaction to workers' grievances queried

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**LEGAL** representatives for the strikers involved in a eight-day labour dispute at Garankuwa hospital in April yesterday questioned the way hospital management reacted to workers' grievances.

A document submitted by Mr G Josman and Mr L Nowosenetz to the Commission of Inquiry investigating the causes and consequences of the strike said it was important to ascertain whether management had acted impartially and rationally.

The two men are appearing on behalf of the National Education, Health and Allied Workers Union (Nehawu).

The document questioned the involvement of Mr A J Boshoff - then deputy director administration at the hospital - in much of the investigations into workers' grievances.

Boshoff's conduct and that of another hospital official, Mr H Swanepoel, was a major cause for complaints among the workers.

They were described in a list of workers grievances handed to management prior to the strike as "racists" who victimised their subordinates.

The list demanded the two officials be removed from their duties from the hospital.

Nehawu's legal representatives have questioned whether the head of management at the hospital Dr L van Heerden "showed an inability or a reluctance to assert his authority in relation to Boshoff."

They have also queried why initial inquiries by the Transvaal Provincial Administration's (TPA) head office regarding the grievances were directed to Boshoff. This, they claimed, cast doubt on the impartiality

of the management's handling of the strike

The commission has previously heard evidence that the TPA's refusal to dismiss the two officials sparked a full-scale strike.

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## NP councillor calls for unification with Soweto

PETER DELMAR

A LEADING NP Johannesburg city councillor last night proposed that Johannesburg and Soweto become a single "super municipality"

Speaking during the council's budget debate, Henk Kruger said "the days of planning on a racially segregated basis died on February 2"

Soweto and Johannesburg, he said, were inextricably bound together economically, and drawing artificial borders between the two amounted to economic suicide. A movement away from apartheid structures would facilitate economies-of-scale savings for both municipalities

He said the most important question was how Johannesburg could assist Soweto without Soweto, "like a drowning person, pulling Johannesburg, its supposed life-saver, to an economic death for both"

Various types of local structure should be investigated, including a form of metropolitan government or super municipality, Kruger said. He suggested the success of the Central Wits RSC indicated a type of "mini-RSC" could be used initially to foster a growing relationship between the two municipalities

The fact that racial barriers were falling faster than they had been erected was cause for hope that Johannesburg/Soweto could become a model for the new SA



In his first budget address yesterday Johannesburg City Council management committee chairman Ian Davidson said he believed the budget had succeeded in giving ratepayers much needed relief.

Picture ROBERT BOTHA

# Jo'burg raises rates by 13%

TANIA LEVY

THE Johannesburg City Council yesterday announced a record R2,1bn budget, with an average 13% increase in ratepayers' monthly bills

The council is to exceed government's 13% ceiling on expenditure increases with a 17,2% increase in estimated operating expenditure and a 16,2% rise in the capital budget. The operating budget is R1 686m and capital expenditure is estimated at R389m

In his first budget address, management committee chairman Ian Davidson said he believed the budget had succeeded in giving ratepayers much needed relief by keeping the aggregate rate increases below the annual inflation rate and lower

than last year's 22% increase. Water tariffs have been increased 11,5% compared with 45% last year; assessment rates 9,8% (14,2%); gas 14% (15%), and a 45% (50%) hike in sewerage tariffs is proposed. Electricity charges will rise 9% (10%) for domestic users and 13% (15%) for business and other users, who will pay 25% (24%) more for cleansing, while residents will pay 12% (15%) more.

Davidson said the decision not to remain within government's constraints on spending had not been taken lightly. But putting a 13% cap on a thriving metropolitan core

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## Jo'burg budget

city was patently unfair and could not be accepted, he said

Total rate and service increases would raise R159m to help close the gap between estimated operating expenditure of R1,7bn and operating income of R1,5bn

With a R28,8m surplus brought forward from the financial year just ending, service and tariff increases would leave a nominal surplus of R2,2m in the next

A new formal financial strategy based on improved cash management and strengthening of internal funds was being drafted, he said

At a Press conference prior to the budget address, Davidson said the restructuring of the entire transport department was being investigated

Increased running costs necessitated a

17% increase in upper bus tariffs and a 20% increase in lower tariffs

He said a specific budget had not been allocated to the proposed municipal police force. Council knew it was about to see the demise of the security department in its present form and therefore did not yet want to tamper with its budget. The security department has been allocated R39m, compared with R25m last year

He said 29% of the capital budget would be allocated to the electricity department and R65m (23%) was to go to the Newton and CBD projects and developments of the civic theatre and Afrikaans Museum

Pay demands had moved the management committee to uplift pay packets at the lower end of the scale by 34%

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**Rubbish pile-up threat**

**PRETORIA.** — Rubbish is threatening to pile up all over Verwoerdburg as the municipality's black staff enter the second day of a pay dispute

The strike has affected all municipal services, including refuse removal. A municipal negotiating team met union representatives yesterday — Sapa

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# Spy ring: top men slated

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In the case of Mr Venter they said little of his time had been devoted to the security department and it was clear he was not kept informed about the affairs of that department

Mr Venter was not part of an initial decision to infiltrate the Five Freedoms Forum (FFF) and the End Conscription Campaign (ECC).

In the case of Mr Pearce, his legal team argued, he was never consciously a party to the decision to infiltrate political organisations and rejected criticism that he, Mr Pearce, had given deliberately vague and improbable evidence.

## Infiltration

"To expect that Mr Pearce had to be fully appraised of all the facts whenever the infiltration of an organisation was considered would be wrong

"To accuse him of a gross dereliction of duty in circumstances where he was constantly assured that organisations were infiltrated in the interests of the city council is unfair"

In the case of Brigadier Visser, his legal team said that he was not a member of a so-called "elitist clique" that had allegedly been selected to target political organisations

Although Brigadier Visser served on the security committee, this was not his decision. He had believed this decision had been authorised at the highest level.

In the case of Mr Barnard, his legal team said that he was not influenced by political considerations in deciding to monitor the ECC, and he was not misled by the perception that the ECC or the FFF were necessarily radical organisations.

In their summation, Mr Fine and Mr Wepener said

● The payment to spies was a direct and flagrant contravention of the Local Government Ordinance and of the Security, Intelligence and State Security Council Act

● The infiltration of organisations was a civil and criminal wrong.

● There was no credible evidence to suggest that the people who initiated the system could have reasonably believed they were acting lawfully

● The use of bugging devices was obviously "part and parcel" of the system of information

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gathering and was a criminal and civil wrong

● Political considerations were "the order of the day" and targets were chosen because of the perception that they were left-wing organisations that operated against the National Party.

● Even the basis on which informants were paid was abused. "We have seen countless occurrences of payments being sanctioned under a non-existent Act and under the pretence ... that this had something to do with the preservation of the council's assets, property and personnel".

● The spy system was aimed at invading the privacy of organisations and individuals. Seen in the scheme of things, the operation did not advance the interests of the council

● The claim by Mr Pearce that other municipalities also conducted spy rings was a gratuitous statement without factual foundation.

● Vast sums of ratepayers' money was spent on maintaining the spy network, far beyond the "princely sum" of R17 000 suggested by Mr Venter when he commented on The Star's disclosures

## 'Pass the buck'

● Financial checks and counter balances to ensure the system was not abused were lackadaisical and undesirable.

● Attempts were made to "pass the buck", but the ultimate responsibility for the unlawful conduct of the security department rested with those responsible for the establishment of a covert monitoring system

● The suggestion by spymasters that their activities were justified in the face of the "total onslaught" theory had to be rejected as a deliberate improvisation

● It was doubtful that all relevant documents had been handed in and this made the commission's task even more difficult

Mr Fine and Mr Wepener said the officials behind the spy ring had demonstrated how dangerous it was to implement a system that gave them the unfettered right to embark upon clandestine activities, invade the rights of individuals, report on their activities and make value judgments on their fate and destiny

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# Spy ring: top officials slated

By Kitt Katzin and  
Steve McQuillan

Top officials of Johannesburg City Council have been roundly condemned for their role in operating a sinister municipal spy ring

Advocates leading evidence for the Hiemstra Commission describe the spy operation as an illegal political frolic calculated to further the aims of the National Party, which ruled the council at the time.

The commission was set up to investigate The Star's revelations of a spy network in the security department

Commission chairman Mr Justice Hiemstra is expected to present his findings to the Administrator of the Transvaal, Danie Hough, next month

In concluding argument by Denis Fine, SC, and Lötter Wepener, those answerable for unlawful conduct were named as Manie Venter, the town clerk, John Pearce, director of public safety, Brigadier Jan Visser, a director of the security department, and Frederick "Frik" Barnard, head of the monitoring section, and all other officials involved

Legal teams representing these

officials have challenged the substance of this argument, saying the officials' actions were understandable and justified

Mr Fine and Mr Wepener, in presenting their argument, said it was clear the spy operation was originally set up by a "elitist clique" specifically selected to target lawfully constituted political organisations, registered trade unions and individuals

In the clique were Mr Venter, Mr Pearce, the late Danie van Zyl, former chairman of the management committee, and Brigadier Visser, who were members of a special security committee set up in September 1986

## No justification

In a 220-page argument delivered today to the commission chairman, Mr Fine and Mr Wepener concluded that there could be no justification, civilly or criminally, for the covert spying activities, which cost ratepayers at least R1,8 million.

The advocates said that the officials' sinister activities, which included drawing up secret profiles of citizens and the monitoring of individuals, were actionable in law

They include that the spy operation amounted to an invasion of privacy because, in their view, there did not appear to be any over-riding legislation that legitimised the unlawful activities of the security department

Neither was there any authorisation by the city council management committee to pay informants for spying

This argument was supported by Nic van der Walt, representing the city council

While the council adopted a neutral approach at the commission, by neither attacking individuals nor trying to excuse or explain their actions, it was clear that the infiltration of organisations and payment of informers were not approved by the management committee, said Mr van der Walt

He said if any actions were unlawful, those responsible were limited to Mr Venter and members of the security department

Schalk Burger, SC, Solly van Nieuwenhuizen, for Mr Venter, Mr Pearce, Brigadier Visser and Mr Barnard, defended their clients in the face of the central allegations made by the commission's advocates and others

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# Advocates speak up for GOWWS

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Advocates leading evidence at the Hiemstra Commission have come to the defence of the man who blew the whistle on the Johannesburg spy scandal.

They said Hannes Gouws, a former section head of the spy unit in the city council, had acted unlawfully in removing documents from the council's security department.

But, said Denis Fine, SC, and Ljeter Weeper, had he not done so, the unlawful activities of the security department would have continued.

Mr Gouws handed the documents to The Star.

## Revelations

Said Mr Fine and Mr Weeper: "The mustmeanour in removing the documents is far outweighed by The Star's revelations of a spy ring, which led to the appointment of the commission."

"But for these disclosures, it is hardly likely that the spy ring would have ceased its activities. Even when funds were not available there were still underhanded attempts to pay informants."

What Mr Gouws did was reprehensible, but more important was the right of ratepayers and citizens to know how their money was spent.

The advocates said Mr Gouws's explanation of why he removed the documents had some credibility. He felt threatened by the department and some of its officials and took the documents to protect himself.

When it was known that Mr Gouws had taken the docu-

ments, general panic prevailed, punctuated by the fear and knowledge of all concerned that they had been involved in covert and unlawful activities

"In the light of what the disclosure of the documents achieved and the fact that they have been handed back to the council, Mr Gouws's misdeeds pales into insignificance when seen against the background of the evil he ultimately averted," the advocates said.

Lawley Shein, acting for Mr Gouws, said he disagreed with the conclusion of Mr Fine and Mr Weeper that Mr Gouws had acted unlawfully in removing documents.

Regarding Mr Gouws's credibility, Mr Shein said he was the only witness who was prepared to incriminate himself, which he did by testifying about his involvement in a teargas assault on a city council employee.

Mr Shein argued that Mr Gouws should not be charged with theft of documents or for the teargassing incident.

## Challenged

The legal team for Town Clerk Manie Venter and other officials described Mr Gouws as a poor witness, challenged his evidence in several material respects and alleged he had lied to the commission.

Mr Gouws had admitted that he had stolen bugging equipment and documents, had infiltrated the Black Sash, had been prepared to carry out unlawful acts, had assaulted a watchman

and had implicated several people on the basis of hearsay. Supporting this view was A P Roux, advocate for the South African Defence Force, who said Mr Gouws was a self-acknowledged liar who had breached an oath of secrecy.

"I submit that the sensational revelations made by this mod-ern-day Walter Mitty do not deserve to be recorded in the commission's final report."



Hannes Gouws . . . produced the council security department documents that led to the inquiry.



# Stop council using 'bugs', lawyers urge

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The chairman of the Hiemstra Commission has been asked to recommend that steps be taken to ban Johannesburg City Council from using bugging devices.

The request, by advocates leading evidence for the commission, comes in the wake of damning evidence about the use of bugs by the council's security department.

The bugging equipment was used to spy on individual ratepayers, legitimate political organisations and trade unions for political purposes, the commission heard.

The advocates, Denis Fine and Lötter Wepener, recommended that Mr Justice Hiemstra request that the Administrator of the Transvaal take steps to stop the use of bugging equipment.

The Hiemstra Commission, which is investigating allegations of a spy ring in the Johannesburg City Council, is hearing argument today. Steve McQuillan and Kitt Katzin report.

The Hiemstra Commission



In their concluding argument to the commission today, the advocates noted several instances in which bugging equipment was used by officials running the council's secret spy ring.

It has emerged from evidence that bugging devices used by the council were concealed in pens, calculators and tie pins. They also came in the form of small microphones and voice-activated tape recorders.

Also raised in evidence was the story of how S P Naude, who worked in the intelligence sec-

tion, was himself bugged. The bug was later removed by military experts.

It was clear from Mr Naude's evidence that bugging devices were used, built, inspected and tested by the council, said the advocates. Bugging was one of the unlawful methods used by the security department to invade people's privacy.

City council spies at one point contemplated using bugging equipment to monitor Democratic Party city councillor Pat Rogers.



Johannesburg town clerk, Manie Venter.



Director of public safety, John Pearce.



Senior deputy director of security, Brigadier Jan Visser.

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# 'Council never authorised spying'

The legal team acting for Johannesburg City Council in the Hemstra spy commission yesterday adopted a neutral stance in its concluding argument.

Nic van der Walt, SC, for the council, said it would not attack the system of how organisations were infiltrated nor excuse it.

He contested the claim that the security department had entered into a formal joint operation with the military during raids into Soweto which involved the burning of houses and attacks on individuals.

Members of the city council who participated in these clandestine operations did so from loyalty to the Citizen Force unit to which they belonged.

The question that must be answered, said Mr van der Walt, was whether "the system" (the monitoring operation) was a city council-approved venture or the work of a select few.

It was clear from the evidence that the only officials of senior management involved were Town Clerk Manie Venter, director of public safety John Pearce and senior deputy director of security Brigadier Jan Visser.

The remaining players were members of the security department.

Mr van der Walt was critical of the composition and activities of a special security committee on which sat Mr Venter, Mr Pearce, Brigadier Visser and the late Danie van Zyl, former chairman of the management committee.

It seemed clear that the management committee was never told of plans to infiltrate organisations and to pay informers.

Mr van der Walt asked the commission to find that the infiltration, spy operation and payments to informants were never authorised by the council in terms of any delegated or other powers.

He said Mr van Zyl had at times, for his own unknown motives, misused the security department for political purposes. Evidence had shown that party political abuses were limited to the spy profile on former city councillor Pat Rogers, former councillor Geoff Stark and on information gathered on some National Party councillors.

# Jo'burg budget gets 100 percent approval

By Louise Burgers, Municipal Reporter

The record R2,1 billion Johannesburg municipal budget was approved by the city council yesterday without a dissenting vote.

It was an historic budget, because it was the first time the two major parties — Democratic and National — had collaborated.

It was also one of the first times it had been so favourably received by all parties.

During the two-day budget there was also no conflict or confrontation, and few insults were traded.

Last year the budget was approved by only one vote, and the DP walked out during debate.

Chairman of the management committee Ian Davidson, admitted that the debate was "dull — not in terms of content, but style".

In his concluding address, Mr Davidson said the budget was the result of team work and a new working relationship between the NP and the DP.

Regarding a request for a lottery to assist charities, Mr Davidson said a brief had been given to the city secretary to look into the viability of a community chest scheme or an "Operation Hunger-type competition" which could be sent out with rates accounts.

Provision had been made in the budget for expenses arising from the Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry.

The incorporation of Soweto into Johannesburg was not only the responsibility of the city alone, but also of Randburg, Sandton, Alberton, Roodepoort and Soweto.



# The implications behind open cities

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EDYTH BULBRING

JOHANNESBURG would be controlled by a multiracial management committee replacing the Johannesburg City Council if the whole city was opened under free settlement areas legislation, Free Settlement Board Chairman Hein Kruger said yesterday.

In an interview with Business Day in Pretoria, Kruger spoke of the implications of opening cities to all races in terms of the legislation.

He specifically addressed the problems contained in the Local Government in Free Settlement Areas Act which discouraged cities from taking this step.

If Johannesburg was declared a free settlement area today, white residents could choose whether they wanted to register on the multiracial voters roll, which would elect a management committee, or stay on the whites only roll of the Johannesburg City Council, Kruger said.

The multiracial management committee would control Johannesburg, but those residents who chose to stay on the existing roll would have no representatives at a local government level, he said.

"They wouldn't have anyone to vote for as they would be on a roll which did not represent any specific area," Kruger said. However, he said the Act was unclear on the management committee's exact extent of power in such a situation.

This was one of the major reasons why city councils were hesitant to apply for the opening of their whole cities or parts of the city under the present legislation.

They feared the Act was too vague and could spell an erosion of their power or rate base and could mean a duplication of function. For this reason, of the 33 applications to the board, only four had been made by town councils. Durban, which had submitted two applications, and Knysna and Messina which had each submitted one.

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While the fears of the town councils were understandable, the problems presented by the Act were not insurmountable and could be addressed. But first, town councils had to take a step in faith, Kruger said.

"If not, it is like a child refusing to learn to ride a bicycle because he does not have a pump," Kruger said.

The legislation would be changed if it did not suit the needs of the city councils. Amendments to the Local Government in Free Settlement Areas Act were close to completion and would hopefully be introduced next parliamentary session, Kruger said.

Two areas which had been given most attention were the sections concerning the government structure of free settlement areas, and the status of the developer. While a large number of applications to the board had come from developers, these had to be disqualified because most did not fit the Act's definition of a developer.

In the case of these applications, the relevant minister's council then had to request the board to investigate these areas in the place of the developers.



● KRUGER . . . Free Settlement Board chairman.

The proposed amendments all depended on the state of play regarding the Group Areas Act, he said.

During this parliamentary session President F W de Klerk stated the Group Areas Act would be scrapped next year and replaced with non-discriminatory measures. It is unclear at this stage whether the amended free settlement areas acts, which are independent of the Group Areas Act, will form part of the non-discriminatory measures or fall away.

However, despite all the uncertainty, Kruger said he did not feel his task was irrelevant. "Areas have to be opened up in the interim to cope with present needs."

Kruger emphasised that the acts as they now stood could not preclude city councils from applying to have their whole cities opened under the Act. Provincial Planning Minister Hernus Kriel reiterated this in Parliament this session and said he was sympathetic towards the declaration of entire local authority areas as free settlement areas.

Kriel promised any recommendation to this effect by the board would be given extremely careful consideration by government.

Kruger said all five of the board's recommendations so far had been accepted by government. They were Windmill Park (Boksburg), Warwick Triangle (Durban), Country View (Midrand), Zonnebloem (Cape Town) and Diepsloot, south of Pretoria.

The results of investigations into a further eight areas had already been passed on to government and the decisions were still pending, Kruger said. They were Zuurbekom (West Rand), Ottery/Wetton (Cape Town), Cato Crest (Durban), Knysna, Messina, Waterval (Johannesburg), Zeekoivlei (Natal) and Mayfair (Johannesburg).

## City cannot carry Soweto's huge debt, says Davidson

JOHANNESBURG would be taxed out of existence if it were to incorporate Soweto and single-handedly take on its R1bn debt burden, Johannesburg management committee chairman Ian Davidson said last night. (266)

Concluding the council's budget debate, Davidson said he accepted Johannesburg had a responsibility to unite with Soweto and help solve its financial problems.

But the higher authorities that had created Soweto's rent arrear problems in the first place had a responsibility to help put it right. Johannesburg City Council had successfully run Soweto until 1971 when higher authorities took it away for political reasons and the rot set in, debt mounted and infrastructural develop-

TANIA LEVY

ment dropped, said Davidson.

He said it would be impudent and unfair in the extreme for the provincial authorities now to give Soweto back to Johannesburg to fix

He said the Transvaal Provincial Administration's intention to cut bridging finance to black townships like Soweto would have consequences too ghastly to contemplate.

Johannesburg City Council would make urgent representation to the province to continue providing finance to Soweto.

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# Attack on Hiemstra counsel 266 rejected

**JOHANNESBURG**  
Accusations that the Hiemstra spy commission inquiry was not objective, merely a front for a political organisation and that important evidence was withheld, was strongly denied yesterday.

Mr Hans Bornman, representing various spy handlers and spies, made the accusations in submitting that Mr Denis Fine, SC, and Mr Lotter Wepener, leading evidence for the commission, had overstepped the terms of reference of the commission on occasions.

Mr Fine and Mr Wepener termed Mr Bornman's submissions "disgraceful and unsubstantiated" and not only an attack on counsel leading evidence but on the commission itself.

Mr Fine asked that the commission rule on the matter as it was fundamental to its credibility.

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# Spy ring officials 'subverted democratic process'

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**STEVE McQUILLAN  
and KITT KATZIN**

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They said the evidence suggested a deliberate attempt had been made by senior administrative officials to conceal the true workings of the security department.

"The chain of accountability from the information section to the city council was broken at every link," they said.

"The combination of secrecy and lack of accountability inevitably produced irregularities, excesses and illegalities.

"The ordinary democratic process was bypassed and indeed subverted. In the result, not surprisingly, there has been a complete breakdown of trust, not only between ratepayers and their representatives, but within the ranks of the city council itself."

The city council's spy operation, according to earlier evidence to the commission, cost ratepayers R1,8 million.

The Trengove team said town clerk Mr Manie

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## Spy subversion

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Venter and public safety director John Pearce had apparently seen fit to saddle the late Dame van Zyl, the former management committee chairman, with the responsibility of accounting to the committee about the spy operation.

They did so confident in the knowledge Mr van Zyl could not answer for his conduct.

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"This constitutes a cynical attempt to blame the deceased for what was a patent failure on their part to account for the clandestine and illegal conduct of the security department."

● HELEN GRANGE and LOUISE BURGERS report that allegations have been made that the Hiemstra spy commission inquiry was not objective, merely a front for a political organisation and that important evidence was withheld.

Hans Bornman, representing various spy handlers and spies, submitted that Denis Fine SC and Lotter Wepener, in leading evidence for the commission, had overstepped the terms of reference of the commission on occasions.

But in papers handed up yesterday, Mr Fine and Mr Wepener termed "disgraceful and unsubstantiated" the submissions by Mr Bornman.

"It is regrettable and deplorable that counsel, on behalf of three witnesses, have seen fit to make these untrue and substantiated allegations. It is not only an attack on counsel leading evidence but on the commission itself," Mr Fine said.

He asked that the commission make a ruling on the matter as it was fundamental to the credibility of the commission as a whole.

Mr Bornman said "During proceedings, the boundaries of the commission's terms of reference were exceeded and so many core aspects which fell within their area were ignored. We will submit that the commission, with some exceptions, cannot make a reliable finding."

He said it was almost unthinkable that advocates which were appointed by the Administrator to lead evidence before a Commission could refer to a "Nationalist Government regime".

He said the proceedings fell far short of being an objective inquiry and instead sometimes exactly reflected the original accusation that the security department was a front for a political party.



Hiemstra told of Jo'burg council's 'strategy of concealment'

# Webster 'cover-up' slated

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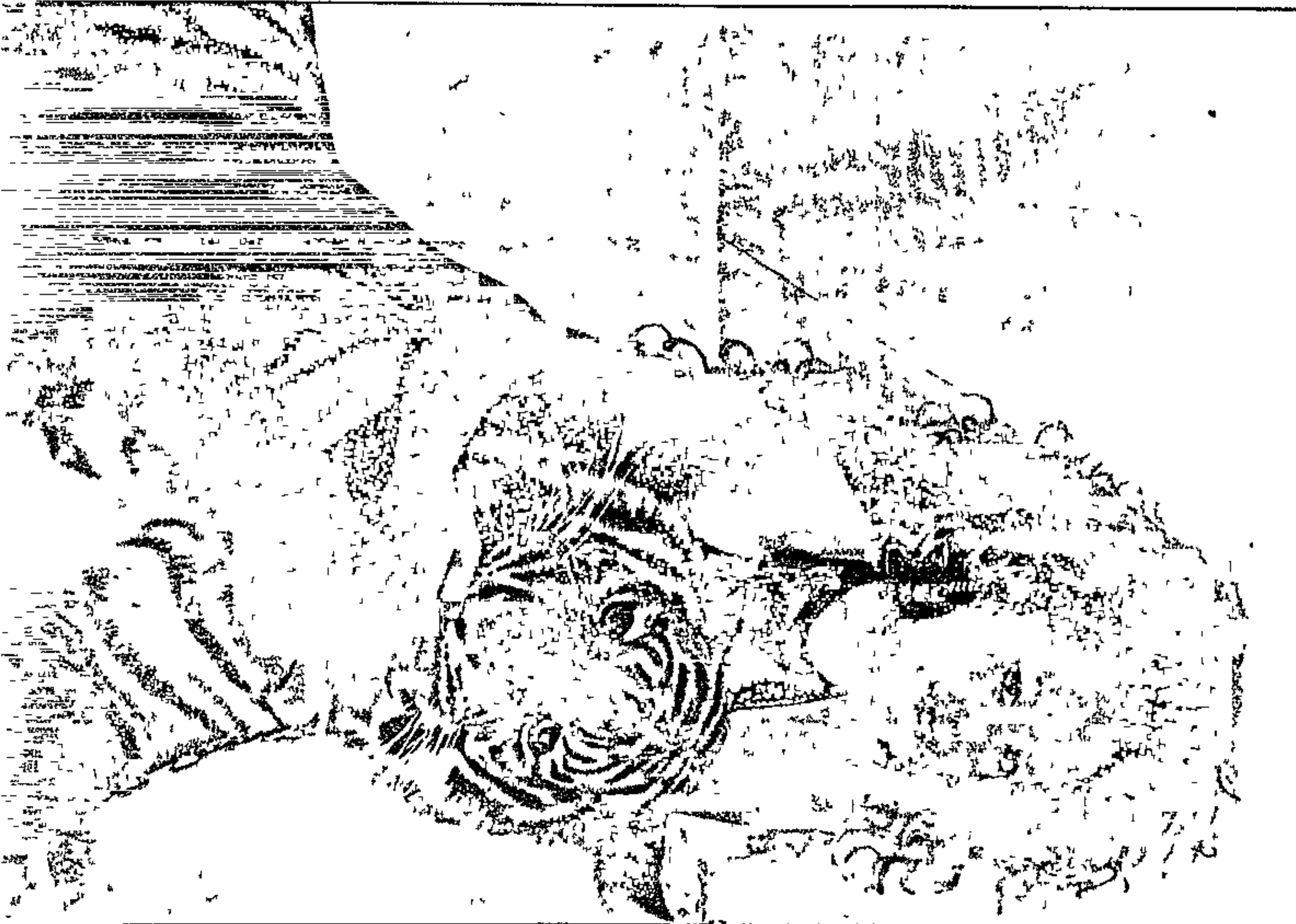
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### WEBSTER WATCH

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Rightwing 'plot': informant goes into hiding

PAT DEVEREAUX

THE man who infiltrated ultra-rightwing groups and exposed the alleged assassination plans to the Africans Weekly newspaper, Vrye Weekblad, Mr Jan Smith, has gone to ground and is under police guard.

This was one of the latest developments yesterday, including the release from police custody of 11 rightwingers arrested on Thursday evening.

Vrye Weekblad broke a sensational story in yesterday's edition in which it published information received from former National Intelligence Service and Security police agent, Mr Smith.

He claimed he was approached by top-ranking AWB commanders and a former Nazi captain to

assassinate Mr Mandela at Jan Smuts Airport on his return from his world tour on July 18.

Police General Herman Stadler said last night the police took the newspaper's allegations about the rightwing group's intended actions very seriously and were conducting intensive investigations.

Other plans allegedly made by the rightwingers included the poisoning of Soweto's water, the sabotage of power stations in the Northern Transvaal, the sabotage of auto-banks and department stores and the assassination of a number of other

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"It is inconceivable that a profile of this sensitivity, coincidentally about the victim of a hitherto unsolved murder, could simply have disappeared without trace and it is submitted that the inability of any member of the department to assist the commission in this regard is sinister in the extreme."

Mr Lawley Shein, for Mr Gouws, said there was evidence regarding the involvement of Mr Greyling and Mr de Swardt in the Webster murder. "While the evidence regarding the killing of Dr Webster may not fall within the ambit of this commission, it is submitted that Mr Gouws's allegations... should be fully investigated."

Mr Trengove and Mr Campbell commented on

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## Webster

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a report drawn up by council spy Tom Naude, in which he suggested that Dr Webster had been involved in the covert and illegal channelling of money to the African National Congress.

They noted that Mr Naude later conceded, in evidence, that the report was possibly false.

"This helps not one whit the reader in 1988 (when the report was filed)... would have believed it to be true."

Mr Naude, the commission was told, had cultivated a superficial friendship with Dr Webster and went running with him in Crown Mines.

He had supplied Dr Webster's home address to the security department in an official report.

At the time, Mr Naude had infiltrated the Five Freedoms Forum, of which Dr Webster was vice-president. "It is difficult to extrapolate from this web of intrigue and deception the role of the department, if any, in Dr Webster's murder."

Mr Gouws's evidence relating to the alleged role of the military in Dr Webster's murder was rejected by A P Roux, counsel for the SADF, and by the legal teams representing senior city council officials.

Advocates representing the commission, Denis Fine and Lotter We-pener, described Mr Naude's association with Dr Webster as sinister.

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# How top men shaped in city spy rings probe

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KIT KATZIN and STEVE McQUILLAN

JOHANNESBURG City Council chief Manie Venter yesterday faced harsh criticism for the role he played in the municipal spy scandal and was taken to task for issuing false statements that misled the public.

The attack came in concluding argument by advocates leading evidence at the Hiemstra Commission.

And Mr Venter was not alone in bearing the brunt of criticism. Others included public safety director John Pearce, security director Brigadier Jan Visser and the man who headed the monitoring section, Frederick "Frik" Barnard. All four were represented by Schalk Burger, SC, and Solly van Nieuwenhuizen.

Denis Fine, SC, and Lotter Wepener, for the commission, said it was clear that the spy system was an abuse and that Mr Venter must bear the responsibility for its shortcomings and subsequent failure. Yesterday, eight legal teams representing interested parties were allowed an hour each to assess 4 000 pages of evidence, given over 28 days in concluding argument.

expected to present his findings to Administrator of the Transvaal Dame Hough next month.

This is a summary of the legal arguments against the men, presented by Mr Fine and Mr Wepener, and the case for them, presented by Mr Burger and Mr van Nieuwenhuizen.

MR VENTER:

The case against HE was one of those responsible for setting up a system in which informants were paid for information given to the city council and knew full well which organisations had been infiltrated. He also knew they were opposed to the National Party.

Mr Venter had been untruthful in some of the evidence he gave to the commission. It was unbelievable that Mr Venter could have denied to the press that the End Conscription Campaign (ECC) had not been infiltrated when he knew it had. He never applied his mind to payments to informants or exercised discretion.

He merely rubber-stamped payments requested by Brigadier Visser.

Also misleading were his attempts to justify spy payments on the basis that they had been approved by the council's legal advisers. This was not so.

He applied to the city treasurer for spy fees under an Act that did not exist.

Mr Venter failed to inform the new management committee, elected on October 26 1988, of the existence of the paid in-



Under fire

Facing the flak yesterday were, clockwise from top left, city council chief Manie Venter, for misleading the public; public safety director John Pearce, for being the prime mover behind the informer system, main monitor 'Frik' Barnard, for using the security department to further the aims of the military, and security director Brigadier Visser, for being evasive and untruthful.



MR BARNARD

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Mr Venter failed to inform the new management committee, elected on October 26 1988, of the existence of the paid informant system.

On the claim he made to the press that only R17 000 had been paid to informants, Mr Venter was accused of deliberately attempting to underplay the costs involved.

The R17 000 was a mere bagatelle and it told only half the story.

"This statement was clearly designed to mislead the public and to create the impression that the revelations of The Star amounted to a 'storm in a tea cup'.

"As we know now, the information system had its own infrastructure which not only paid informants, but handlers who also had their cars and overtime expenses paid by the council.

"To state that R17 000 was all that was involved is, to say the least, disingenuous."

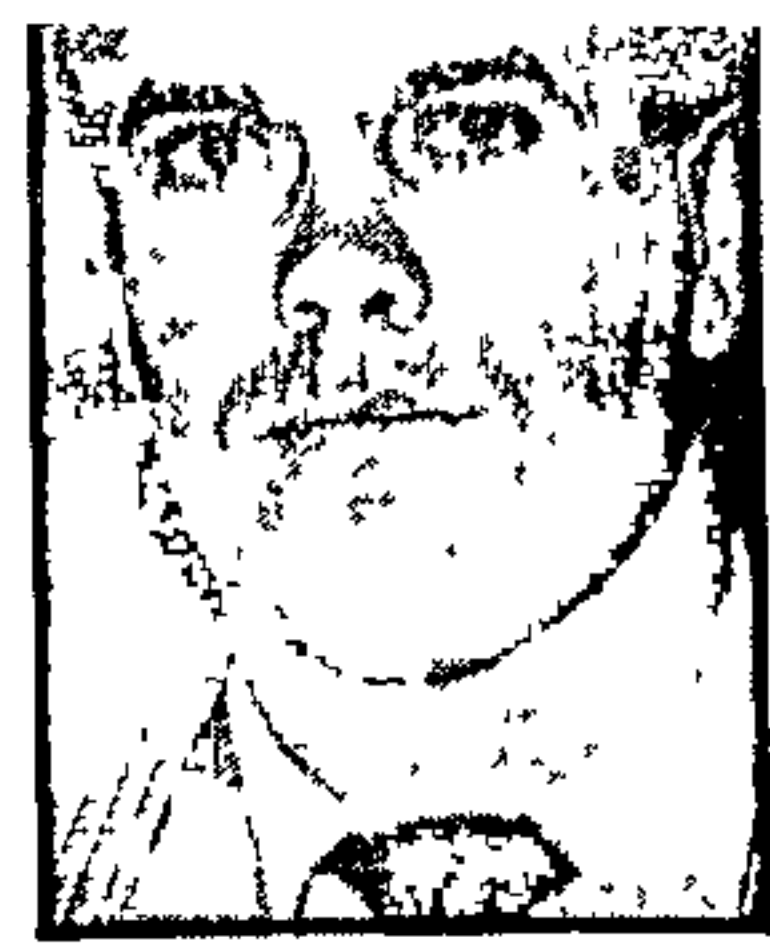
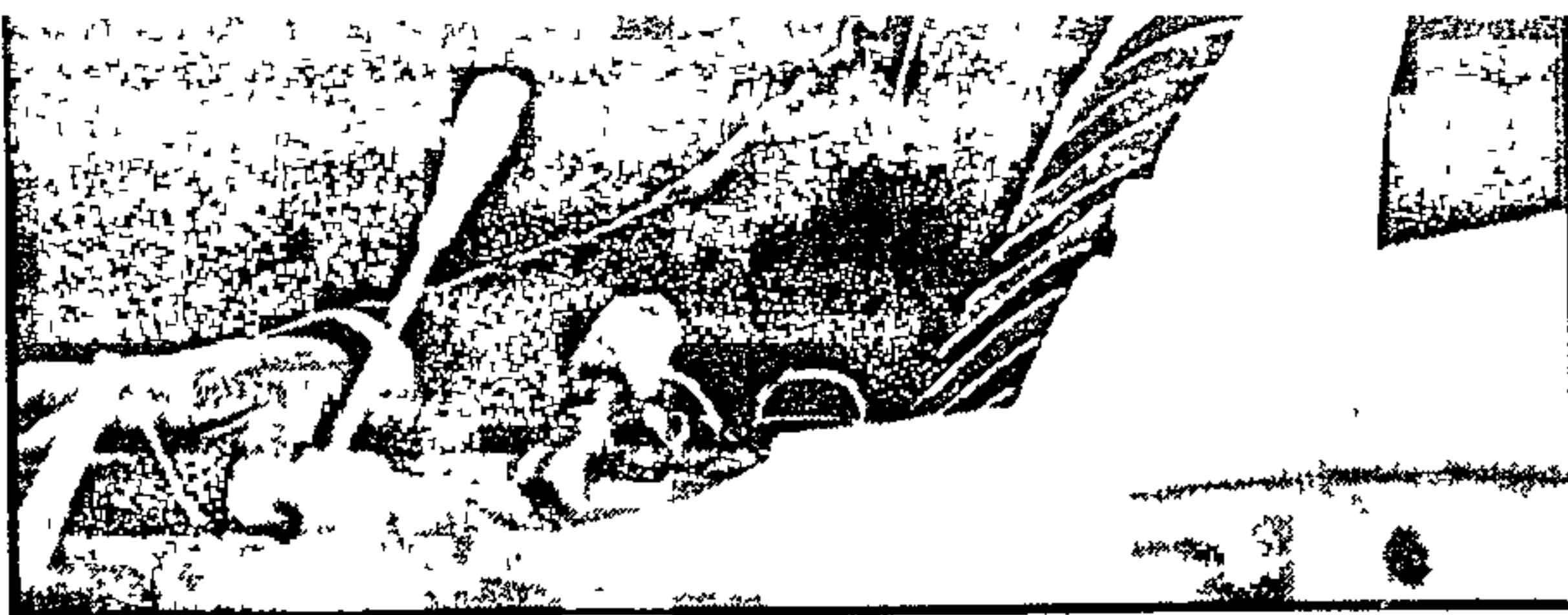
Mr Venter was accused of deliberately misleading the public with his statement that spy activities ceased in July last year. There was evidence to show that operations extended beyond that date.

**The case for MR Venter** had not been properly informed about the activities of the security department.

He had obtained legal advice in regard to the payment of sources and exceeded his authority only to the extent of "over-paying" R300.

He believed he was acting at all times in the best interests of the city council.

The creation, extension and activities of the security department did not hold for him any financial reward and did not



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create for him more status or political power.

If it was true that he had sinister motives, then his participation in the activities of the security department was short-sighted and difficult to understand.

### MR PEARCE

#### The case against

HE was one of the prime movers behind the paid informant system and his evidence was deliberately vague and improbable.

Mr Pearce was unable to satisfactorily explain why the decision to pay informants was not disclosed to the management committee. He also knew the Five Freedoms Forum (FFF), the ECC and trade unions had been infiltrated, but could not explain why.

"If he did not know of the organisations that had been infiltrated, then he was guilty of a gross dereliction of duty as he had set up with his colleagues what was clearly a dangerous organisation. And, if he is to be believed, he did not even take the trouble to monitor their activities."

He also knew political considerations were "the order of the day" for the spy network.

"It is submitted that Mr Pearce was well aware of the activities carried out in his department. If he was not aware, which is not conceded, of having signed

various documents that point inevitably in that direction, he is the author of his own misfortune and must accept responsibility for it."

#### The case for

HE had not sought to minimise his responsibility and accountability.

Although it could not be denied that Mr Pearce was involved in the paying of informants to infiltrate the FFF and ECC, he was never consciously a party to the decision to infiltrate the movements.

Similarly, criticism of his lack of knowledge on the reasoning behind the infiltration of leftwing organisations was unfounded.

He had never purported to have a detailed knowledge of security and did not profess to have any expertise in the field of information gathering.

Also unfounded were claims that his evidence was deliberately vague and improbable. "Bearing in mind the extent of Mr Pearce's (limited) involvement and the size of his department, it is not surprising that he did not know the details."

### BRIGADIER VISSER

#### The case against

HE was a "totally unsatisfactory witness who was evasive, untruthful, argumentative" and, at times, one who deliberately changed his evidence to correspond with that

of other witnesses.

Brigadier Visser pretended too that he was blindfolded when he signed documents certifying certain facts. His clear political bias seemed to correspond with other members of the "clique of four".

Like Mr Pearce, Brigadier Visser could not escape responsibility for the irregularities in the security department.

Brigadier Visser was untruthful in regard to the use of bugging equipment.

#### The case for

HIS involvement in the so-called spy operation came about as a result of a suggestion by the late Danie van Zyl, former chairman of the management committee, to pay informants.

This had been caused by an upswing in cases of intimidation, theft and damage to council property, which made it difficult to gather information to protect council assets and personnel.

However, when it became clear to Brigadier Visser that information obtained in this way had little value, he scrapped the payment system. Justification for the system should be seen against a background that it was important to gather information before deciding on whether it was relevant.

### MR BARNARD

#### The case against

OF all witnesses who testified, Mr Barnard was without doubt the most unsatisfactory.

He was closely connected with the use of bugging equipment and was the city council's contact man with the SA Defence Force. He used the security department to further the aims of the military.

Mr Barnard was accused of weaving a web of lies, offering ludicrous evidence and compiling on a whim a spy profile on Mr Rogers.

Mr Barnard was accused of acting unlawfully by ordering that Geoff Stark, a PFP councillor at the time, be spied upon.

Regarding the infiltration of organisations, his knowledge and perceptions lacked expertise and were based on misconceptions. "As a result, it must be found that the conduct of Mr Barnard was unlawful and that he knew this."

#### The case for

HE was accountable for intelligence operations that included forecasting a daily and long-term threat on a national and local basis.

This was to be done through collecting information, verifying intelligence standards, processing information and operating counter-intelligence programmes.

He was not influenced by political considerations in deciding to monitor the ECC and was not misled by the perception that the ECC of the FFF were leftwing or radical organisations.

As far as the FFF was concerned, he wanted to establish what role it would play in relation to the city council and how this would affect the council. He did not take these decisions lightly.



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## FFF hosts meeting on spies, CCB

By Kaizer Nyatumba

The Five Freedoms Forum will host a public meeting in Johannesburg this week to register its rejection of the Civil Co-operation Bureau and the Johannesburg City Council's spy ring.

The meeting, to take place at St Luke's Church Hall in Orchards at 8 pm on Wednesday, will be addressed by, among others, Democratic Party MP for Houghton Tony Leon and Lawyers for Human Rights national director Brian Currin.

Five Freedoms Forum (FFF) spokesman Gael Neke told The Star the meeting provided an opportunity for the public to register its abhorrence of the CCB and the council spy ring.

The FFF believed, Ms Neke said, that "the death of (University of the Witwatersrand academic) David Webster and numerous others could be linked directly to the CCB and the spying activities of the JCC".

"Members of the public feel very strongly that Government at both national and local level has acted in a highly secretive and unaccountable way."

She said the Harms and Hiemstra commissions had shown that some documents had been hidden or destroyed, CCB members had been allowed "to appear in ridiculous disguise", answers had been refused and lies were the order of the day. This all made a mockery of the process of law.

What South Africa needed, Ms Neke said, were built-in guarantees to ensure that such organisations did not exist again in future.

The meeting — to be addressed by CCB target Gavin Evans, JCC spy ring target Jane Barrett and lawyer David Dison — has been jointly organised by the FFF, the Black Sash, the David Webster Trust, the DP, the End Conscription Campaign, the Human Rights Commission, the National Union of South African Students and the SA Catholic Bishops' Conference.



# Four 'must face rap in city spy scandal'

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THE Hiemstra Commission has been asked to find that Johannesburg City Council employees' spying activities were unlawful and politically motivated, and that "the buck should stop" at an "elitist clique" of four.

In final argument on Friday, Adv Gilbert Marcus said evidence led before the commission demonstrated a "textbook case of the abuse of power".

Marcus, who represented 12 organisations including Cosatu and the End Conscription Campaign (ECC), said what had happened in the council should never be allowed to happen again. This required the people centrally involved to take responsibility for their actions.

Central allegations were that council security department members illegally infiltrated at least 15 organisations and that individuals were monitored, breaching their right to privacy.

In the process, floor plans of houses were supplied to the SADF, incursions were made into Soweto to intimidate residents, a Receiver of Revenue official was paid to obtain information, a council night watchman was assaulted, at least one house was fire-bombed and Johannesburg residents were spied on and bugged.

The system of regularly paid spies began in 1984 and continued until late 1989. Lawyers acting for the commission estimated that it cost the council nearly R2m.

The "elitist clique" referred to by Marcus consisted of former Town Clerk Manie Venter, public safety director John Pearce, a security department director, Brig Jan Visser, and monitoring section head Frik Barnard.

Lawyers acting for the commission, Adv Dennis Fine SC and Lotter Wepener, argued that Venter, who was the council's town clerk since April 1984, was one of the

people responsible for the establishment of the paid informants system.

He could give no plausible explanation why, if the decision to pay informants was an open and legitimate decision, it was not minuted or placed before the management committee for consideration.

Pearce was one of the prime motivators in the establishment of the system, they said. The lawyers rejected Pearce's attempt to elevate the decision to pay informants to the highest level.

The lawyers concluded the infiltrations were "a wilful political frolic aimed at furthering the interests of the NP, and that these intrusions were in no way connected with the interests of the Town Council".

According to the lawyers, Barnard took the decision to infiltrate the ECC. He conceded that the ECC was infiltrated because he wished to be kept aware of what it was doing.

In conclusion, the lawyers said there was no legislation authorising the covert activities of the security department, which were not sanctioned and which were wrongful and unlawful. "Political considerations were the order of the day. Targets were chosen because of the perception that they were left-wing organisations which operated against the NP."

Adv Schalk Burger SC, acting for the four, challenged the views of the lawyers for the commission that the four men were guilty of an invasion of privacy.

He also said there was no evidence as to why the four were particularly isolated and why other people and bodies were not "answerable", like the council, which brought the section into being.

He also challenged the view that the activities were done for the NP's benefit.

## Hiemstra inquiry 'did not hear evidence'

TIM COHEN

THE Hiemstra Commission has been told that evidence of operations in which Johannesburg City Council employees and Defence Force members burned Soweto houses and assaulted residents was deliberately never led.

In final arguments on Friday, Nic van der Walt acting for the council said it was important to note that Adv Dennis Fine, for the commission, knew about the potential evidence and chose not to present it.

"It is submitted that he clearly considered this to fall outside the ambit of the commission's mandate otherwise he would have elicited this evidence himself," Van der Walt said.

Van der Walt, who said the council had adopted a neutral approach, made these statements following allegations made in evidence tendered by Hannes Gouws, the

man who lifted the lid on the spy ring operated by employees of the council.

Van der Walt quoted from the record testimony led by Gouws: "We burnt houses with council members, together with army personnel. We intimidated people."

Alleged spy-handler Martin Hennig drew up reports on David Webster, Gouws said. Gouws had heard from sources that the person who shot Webster was the same man he and the group worked with.

After this, in his final heads of argument, Van der Walt quoted Fine as saying he had specifically excluded this evidence.

As a consequence Van der Walt requested that a specific finding should be made that the incursions into Soweto were purely military operations.

THE United Democratic Front has condemned the Transvaal Provincial Administration for its decision to discontinue funding the rent boycott-plagued black town councils.

The TPA this week announced its decision to stop funding black town councils.

Southern Transvaal UDF publicity secretary Ronnie Mamoepa said: "The UDF condemns and rejects the standpoint adopted by the TPA as a

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ploy to undermine and break the rent boycott which is raging in many townships around the Transvaal."

The move, he said, confirmed the UDF's as-

sertion that town councils were not viable and only shifted Government's financial responsibilities to the masses. The Govt expected people to pay high rents to prop up an unpopular ethnic structure.

Mr Mamoepa said the TPA's assumption that rent boycotts were responsible for the finan-

cial losses of the councils was merely an avoidance of the real problems of corruption and maladministration in the townships.

"It is like blaming the prescription rather than the disease"

He added: "Instead of the TPA involving itself in rent boycott-busting tactics, it should be look-

ing at ways and means - in consultation with representatives of the people - of resolving the impasse."

The UDF have demanded the TPA establish non-racial municipalities with a single tax base, write off the rent boycott debt and transfer the ownership of township houses to the people. - Sapa



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# Councillor bemoans fate of official . . . shovellers

By Louise Burgers, Municipal Reporter

The lot of city councillors is not an easy one. Their hands are tied by government, turning them into toothless chihuahuas only paid enough to shovel manure.

This is the view of councillor Hans Strydom who, during the Johannesburg budget debate last week, decried the "appalling disparity" between the salaries of city councillors and those of parliamentarians.

One of the reasons for the formation of the Johannesburg Village Council 103 years ago was for the removal of horse manure from the streets.

"There is a price for loading one barrel of horse manure a day, but if the price remains the same for loading 20 barrels a

day, then it becomes too much," Mr Strydom exclaimed

The city council was a non-representative body without any real powers, Mr Strydom said

"We are bluffing ourselves if we think we have any real power. We pretend we are important but we are nothing but pawns deciding on pavements, stormwater drains and garbage removal

"We might as well go outside and play marbles. Everything of real meaning needs a Minister, Administrator, board or official's approval"

Councillors were not free to decide who could travel on the buses, live in the city, or open the cinema doors on Sundays

"We have no power over the allocation of liquor licences or the sting of outlets

"Once again the council is powerless — its hands are tied and we are nothing more than toothless chihuahuas. We have the same power as the town council of Naboomspruit

"Another reason we have become irrelevant, allowed ourselves to become irrelevant, is the value the Government puts on our services"

Johannesburg councillors receive an allowance of R1 000 — R834 after deductions. From this must come various secretarial and other expenses

But, said Mr Strydom, city councillors did have one perk. They were allowed to travel on the city's buses free!

He warned that unless the Government took dire action, local authority councils would suffer a severe brain drain



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# Document was no secret - Leon

By Guy Jepson

Democratic Party MP for Houghton Tony Leon last night rejected claims that a "secret" document, calling on the party to adopt a more radical, hard-hitting approach to national politics, had the support of leading party members

Details of the document, compiled by Houghton-based legal academic David Unterhalter, Mr Leon's former municipal election campaign manager, were published in a Johannesburg newspaper this morning

Arguing that an ANC government was a fait accompli, the

document states that the DP's main thrust should be to "influence the ANC and the formation of its policies", rather than "hold the ring between the two major contestants at the negotiating table"

## Hard-hitting

The DP should independently engage the ANC and adopt a hard-hitting parliamentary strategy as "a radical party that is willing to lead on issues of principle", the document states, adding that the party's primary object was to "press the interests of a liberal

order" upon the ANC.

Mr Leon dismissed the claimed secret nature of the document as "a gross exaggeration".

"At the request of the party leadership for responses to our convergence document which was given to the media and sent out to all the party's formations, I put together a group of people in our constituency committee under David Unterhalter," he said

He had since distributed the document among his colleagues in Parliament

"It's one of innumerable responses and has certainly got no standing"

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# A legal right to peace of mind and privacy

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Amateur spooks beware — every person has an inherent right to privacy that can be upheld in law.

An invasion of privacy is illegal and actionable in a civil and criminal court

The issue of when a spy can spy lawfully has emerged as a central legal argument at the Hiemstra Commission investigating alleged irregularities in the security department of Johannesburg City Council

## Profiles

According to evidence to the commission, the department's monitoring section spied on people, planted electronic bugs, compiled profiles on individuals, monitored trade unions and political organisations and submitted reports to the military intelligence section of the SA Defence Force

In the view of advocates leading evidence for the com-

mission and other legal teams, the alleged spies broke the law. And the legal team representing the David Webster Trust, among others, cited a judgment involving the snooping of two private detectives to support their case. The detectives had planted an electronic device in a complainant's flat — to obtain evidence of his infidelity — at the request of his estranged wife. It was held that their intrusion on the complainant's privacy had been unlawful and their convictions for crimes in-juria were upheld on appeal. Similarly, an officer of the Zimbabwean Defence Force, who had his telephone bugged, won his case in the Zimbabwean Appellate Division on the grounds that his dignity had been seriously impaired.

And it is not only the intrusion on the private sanctity of a person's home or office that may impinge on his right to privacy. A South African court, dealing with a matrimonial case, held that it was wrong for private detectives to shadow the movements of their quarry in public.

Commented the judge, "The fact of being constantly followed about and spied on is to my mind a most vexatious nuisance and I think it would be monstrous if there was no right of complaint." Likewise, the infiltration of trade unions and legally constituted political organisations and the spying on individuals by the security department were manifestly unlawful, said Wim Trengove SC, John Camp-

bell and Gilbert Marcus, for the Webster Trust and others, in concluding argument to the Hiemstra Commission. They said that only State departments required by law to maintain the security of the country were authorised to collect intelligence. They are permitted to do so under the Post Office Act, South African Police Act, the South African Defence Act, the Criminal Procedure Act and the Security, Intelligence, State Security Council Act. The city council was not protected by these Acts, the legal teams said. Leading evidence for the commission, Denis Fine SC and Lötter Wepener argued that the starting point of the law of privacy was that "every person has an inborn right to the tranquil enjoyment of his peace of mind". Thus, they submitted, the activities of the city council spying were illegal.

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# Squatter court order made final

The temporary interdict restraining the Midrand Town Council from demolishing squatters' homes was made final yesterday.

In the Rand Supreme Court, Mr Justice Margo said the *rule nisi* was confirmed, not because demolition was prohibited by law, but because by demolishing shacks without taking legal steps to have the squatters ejected, the council had committed acts of spoliation

The judge recorded that the order made no ruling on the provisions of the Prevention of Squatting Act, because those provisions had not been used by the council when it demolished the structures

The council was ordered to pay the costs of the application, launched by Thomas Ramawela and other squatters Hawke Structures, which owns the land, is to pay the costs of its opposition — Court Reporter

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One vet said "I have seen at least 10

There have been no further reports of dogs dying after being taken to the parks.

# Ban spying, Tony Leon urges Johannesburg City Council

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**By Kaizer Nyatumba**  
Tony Leon, Democratic Party MP for Houghton, last night called on the new administration in the Johannesburg City Council to pass a motion prohibiting spying and unlawful activities such as those revealed to the Hiemstra Commission.

Speaking at a Five Freedoms Forum protest meeting on the Harms and Hiemstra commissions, in Orchard's, Johannesburg, last night, Mr Leon commended the new city council administration for its pursuit of open government.

"Although many of the activities (of the Johannesburg municipal spy ring) were quite beyond the scope and duties of the council and could therefore be illegal, such a motion would serve all officials with notice that the buck has finally stopped," said Mr Leon

## Wounds

"It would also serve to heal the wounds and divides caused when the city council entered a dark and dangerous age from which it is only now emerging"

The prohibition of

these activities, he said, would also distinguish the city of Johannesburg from the South African Government, "and that, too, is long overdue."

Mr Leon, former leader of the DP in the city council, questioned the Government's right to uphold law and order and preserve the individual's safety "when the very criminal conduct it should be prosecuting, and the fundamental rights and freedoms it should be preserving, are being committed in its name or are being flouted by its agents".

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# Randvaal Council earmarks new site

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Randvaal Town Council has agreed to adopt a developmental strategy which includes the identification of a site for industrial development in the area and extensive land uses.

This is an attempt to counteract the numerous illegal business and commercial activities presently taking place within the council's area of jurisdiction, as well as to provide for obvious needs in the future.

According to Randvaal town clerk Lammie Fourie, the site earmarked for the proposed development is situated between the Sybrand van Niekerk highway and the railway line south of the Daleside/Walker-ville off-ramp up to the northern boundary of the Highbury township.

He said the council intended to create a similar development to the one alongside the Ben Schoeman Highway at Midrand, where commercial activities are allowed and job opportunities are created without jeopardising the pleasant country atmosphere.

# Pretoria council 'stalling'

Pretoria Correspondent

A delay in the opening of amenities to all races has led to the Pretoria City Council being accused of "dragging its feet"

The council has indicated that once it had finalised details, all municipal services and facilities would be available to all Pretoria's residents

The council — which initially said its bus service, libraries and angling facilities at Rietvlei Dam would be open to all races by this weekend, and the Hillcrest swimming pool by August 1 — now says its bus service will only be opened by August, or even September

Other amenities would follow in October

## Unpopular decision

Local Democratic Party spokesman Martin Brink yesterday accused the council of "dragging its feet" over the opening of amenities.

Mr Brink claimed the council was not prepared to be held accountable to its voters — many of whom were conservative — for the opening of amenities, and that by delaying the move could hand over the responsibility for a possibly unpopular decision to the Government

In a report considered "urgent", which came before the city council yesterday, the management committee said that in light of the Government's Discriminatory Legislation Regarding Public Amenities Repeal Bill — which would scrap separate amenities laws from October 15 — it was impractical to revise local by-laws on an ad hoc basis.

The management committee has recommended that the council secretary,

F J Kruger, revise all council by-laws and decisions related to public facilities so that provisions in Pretoria were in line with the changed statutory situation

Mr Kruger was also to consider ways of making the by-laws practical to implement, and to submit separate reports to the council as a matter of urgency

Transport director Eddie Liebenberg said once the city council took the decision his department would approach schools to arrange for new identity tickets for scholars who wanted to make use of concession tariffs.

School concessions would be available to pupils of all races, but only if they lived "within the municipal boundaries of Pretoria"

Bus concessions — such as those available to the aged and the handicapped — would also be made available to all races, but also only to people living in the municipal area.

## Delayed

Special bus concessions available to white municipal staff without other transport benefits were to be phased out over two years.

Mr Liebenberg said he expected the opening of the bus service to be delayed because time was needed to make final arrangements.

Mr Brink said that apart from an initial acknowledgement of receipt, the DP had not yet received replies to four letters sent to the council asking it to apply for the opening of the entire city to all races

"It looks not only like delaying tactics, but it is also a lack of good manners," he said

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## Whites urged to 'join struggle'

By Stan Hlophe

Township youths have been urged to mobilise their white counterparts in Johannesburg's northern suburbs to "join the struggle".

ANC executive committee member Steve Tshwete told about 200 youths in Johannesburg on Tuesday to "intensify the struggle" as victory was in sight.

Mr Tshwete was speaking at a service to mark the ANC's 35th anniversary of the Freedom Charter, organised by the South African Youth Congress (Sayco).

The Freedom Charter, adopted on June 26 1955, calls for a non-racial democratic South Africa. It led to a split from the ANC by the Africanists, who later formed the PAC in 1959.

Mr Tshwete warned the youths that their task would not be easy and advised them to persist in their efforts to encourage their white fellows to join the struggle.

He said groups such as the PAC who refused to talk to the Government, were beginning to have a rethink about taking part in negotiations.

# Town clerks' increases spark row

By Louise Burgers, <sup>star</sup>  
Municipal Reporter 28/6/90

The Federation of Municipal Trade Unions yesterday warned that labour peace in local authorities country-wide was under threat from a decision to give town clerks a 10 percent pay increase, thereby restricting the increases of all other municipal employees.

The salary adjustments of town clerks, the chief executives of city and town councils, were determined by the Town Clerks Remuneration Board, which effectively put a limit on the salary and wage adjustments of employees on lower scales.

Dr Lorraine Lotter, vice-president of the federation, which represents 240 000 municipal employees nationwide, said the 10 percent increase for

town clerks came at a time when Industrial Councils around the country were involved in labour disputes where amounts of more than 10 percent were being sought by workers.

Dr Lotter is also the president of the Johannesburg Municipal Employees Association, which represents all 13 unions in the city council.

## No effect

In terms of the Town Clerks Remuneration Act the salary of no municipal employee was allowed to exceed that of the town clerks, which was "fair enough", but when they (town clerks) only got a 10 percent increase it restricted the increases of every other employee.

The Act overrides the Labour Re-

lations Act. Some Industrial Council decisions had no effect when employees went to them over their salaries because of the limit imposed by the Town Clerks Remuneration Act.

Dr Lotter said this made a mockery of the Labour Relations Act

She said they had obtained legal advice and were reserving their rights. She emphasised, however, that strike action was not contemplated because it was illegal.

Unions objected vigorously to the Act when it was promulgated in 1984 and have met with various Cabinet Ministers over the years, to no avail.

"Ministers do not want to listen and our employees are fed up. We have tried to avoid drastic action and look at what has happened"

## Ratepayers issue ultimatum to Mobil

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The Parktown Ratepayers' Association has issued an ultimatum to Mobil — to withdraw its application to build a service station on Jan Smuts Avenue, or face boycotts

In a statement yesterday, the chairman of the association, Flo Bird, said if the association had not received such an undertaking from Mobil by June 30, a boycott of the oil giant would be "pursued with all the energy we can muster"

The association is not satisfied with the work done by Mobil's traffic engineers in selecting the site on the corner of Seymour and Jan Smuts avenues

"The Mobil consultants had not bothered to measure anything except the gaps between cars to assess whether vehicles could get in and out," Mrs Bird said

A Parktown engineer made his own investigations "In terms of these he stated the garage would increase accidents, cause congestion and even back-ups on the M1 off-ramp," she said



# Rates protest against city spy ring

By Patrick Laurence

Glenda Webster, former wife of murdered anti-apartheid activist David Webster, has suspended payment of rates on her Johannesburg house in protest against the "activities of the city council's security department".

The house is registered in the name of Dr Webster, who was shot dead at close range by unknown killers in May last year and who — it was disclosed during the Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry — was monitored by agents of the city council's security department

Mrs Webster's decision, made known in a letter to The Star, was prompted by the security department's spying activities, the unexplained loss of its files on Dr Webster and its alleged burning of houses belonging to people deemed to be subversives

She cannot continue paying of her rates "as if nothing had happened", Mrs Webster said



Defiance . . . Glenda Webster.

The city council security department's activities "prevent me from handing over any more of my money towards the employment of people who may be responsible", she explained

Instead she has opted to send the money for her rates, via The Star, to "a fund that genuinely promotes the well-being of the city's inhabitants" She suggests that the money be paid to Brother Giovanni, the Franciscan social worker "who feeds the peo-

ple who sleep in the streets".

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- City councillors are kept informed of all the activities of the security department.

- The city council "as a whole", is made accountable to the rate-payers at whose expense the "clandestine spying operation was conducted".

- Those responsible for spying are disciplined and, if necessary, prosecuted.

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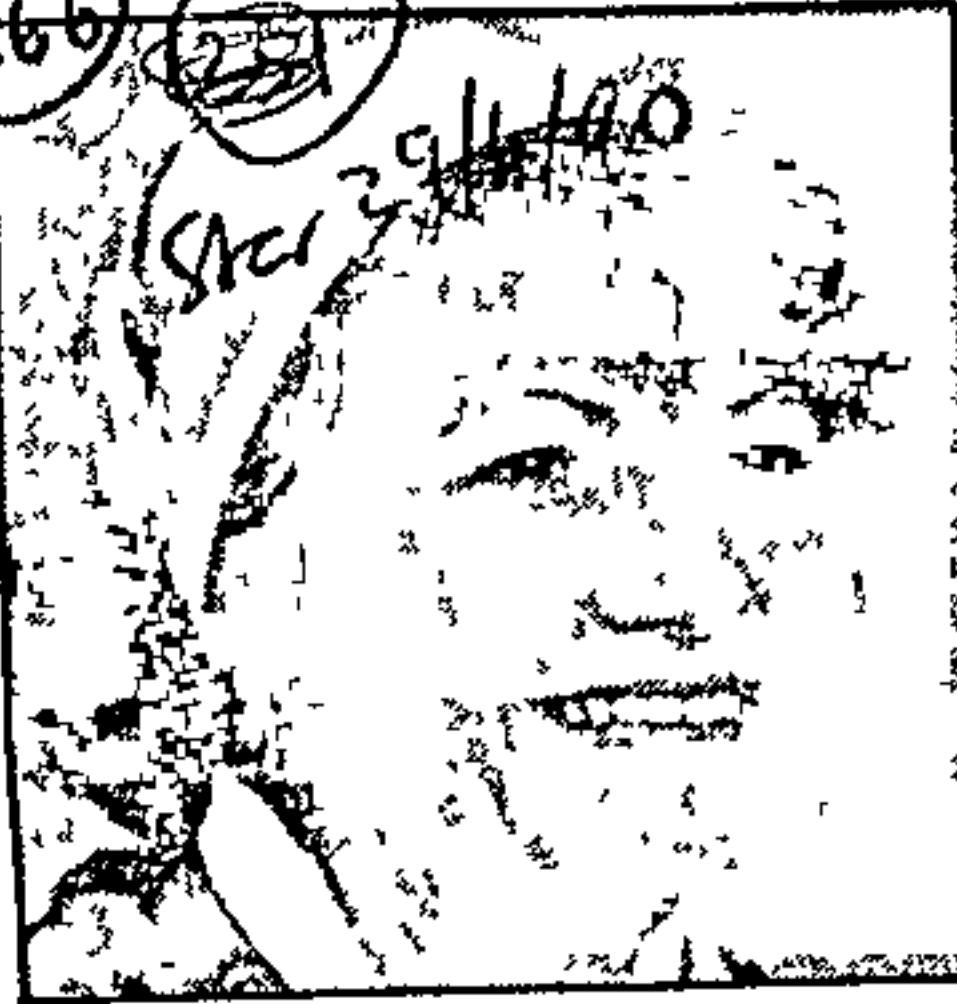
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# Pta council votes to open city amenities

PRETORIA city council voted by a narrow margin to go ahead with preparations for the opening of city amenities and services to all races.

After lengthy, loud and often emotional political debate with many interjections and calls to order the council on Wednesday night agreed by 20 votes to 18 to revise by-laws relating to Hillcrest swimming pool, two municipal halls, Rietvlei fishing and other separate amenities, and by 22 to 19 to make changes in bus by-laws which open the way to a multi-racial bus service.

Mr Lappe Laubscher (NP) said there was nothing to stop "pure white Afrikaners" or "boere" from creating their own exclusive facilities, but the city council could not use ratepayers' money to provide exclusive facilities.

Both he and Mr Justus van Zyl (NP) said they were "proud" of the path being followed by the De Klerk Government, in particular the decision to move away from statutory discrimination.

Afrikaners had for too long relied on legislation to protect their culture, Dr Ernie Jacobson (NP) said, but the

## SOWETAN Correspondent

Afrikaner nation could now stand on its own feet without regulations to prop it up.

Mr Dawie Pretorius (CP) based his objections to a revision of by-laws to slot in with the Discriminatory Legislation regarding Public Amenities Repeal Bill on distinctions made between nations in the Bible, and accused the nationalists in the city council of "spinelessly" (papproek) hiding behind this legislation.

He said the CP would not allow their selling of the nation.

Mr Gerdus Kruger (CP) said the changes went against promises of "own facilities where possible" made by NP councillors in their election manifestos.

He also accused the council of "falling over its feet" in its haste to implement change before new legislation was effective, and said voters should be consulted first.

Opposition leader, Mr Paul Fouche (CP), warned that nobody would want to invest in a city which was "handed over to blacks".

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# 47 black councils owing R1 000-m

**THE 47 black town councils hit by rent boycotts could owe a total of R1 000 million, a Transvaal Provincial Administration spokesman has said.**

And, besides the problem of convincing the communities to pay for essential services, these councils also face another major crisis - they owe the TPA R388 million in loans provided during 1989 and 1990.

The TPA's deputy director of community development, Mr Len Dekker, warned the 47 councils last week that bridging finance would be cut with effect from July 1 because there were no longer funds to continue this service.

## Rents

The TPA urged councils to make drastic improvements in the collection of rents and service charges in the townships, failing which they may be faced with electricity and water cuts from their suppliers.

In a statement released yesterday, the TPA stressed that the collection of rents referred to were for current accounts (starting from June 1).

"It does not relate to the recovery of arrears. It means that the performance of the particular communities will be assessed in respect of all debits levied as from June 1 1990."

A TPA spokesman said by implication the Soweto Council which received a warning to put its house in order in October last year was affected by last week's notices.

## Boycott

The Soweto Council is being monitored daily. They too must improve their collection of tariffs, failing which they will also have to fend for themselves", said the spokesman.

The TPA allocated R188 304 859 in bridging finance to the Soweto Council during the 1989/90 financial year.

Dekker said as a result of the boycott of rent payments, the need for financial assistance had increased to R35.5 million in April and to R60.5 million for May this year with a higher need expected for June.

## Arrears

The TPA spokesman said the rent arrears in the 47 councils could total nearly R1 000 million.

We are not sure of the exact amount but it runs into hundreds of millions of rands.

The 47 councils with bridging finance allocated

Alexandra (R10 795 530), Deepmeadow (R49 864 427), Dobsonville (R11 057 859), Evaton (R1 694 404), Kagiso (R584 398), Lekoa (R12 594 856), Mofokeng (R542 083), Soweto (R188 304 859), Khutsong (R875 216), Munsieville, Kokosi, Daveyton (R4 732 668), Katlehong (R9 271 428),

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KwaThema (R3 254 445), Tembisa, Tokoza (R4 444 662), Vosloorus, Wattville (R882 032), Impumelelo, Bontlang, Duduza, Ratanda, Tsakane, Siyathemba (R291 518), Nthorwane

(R56 293), Atteridgeville (R9 248 096), Zithobeni (R10 559), KwaGaqha (R3 360 498), Wesselton (R3 221 734), Sakhle (R1 425 966), Siyathuthuka (R552 652), Emzintoni (R1 112 459), KwaZenzele (R394 253), Silobela (R449 992), KwaZakhele (R171 247), Embalenhle (R32 158),

Lebohang (R357 441), Sevuakile (R216 387), Emgwenya (R170 940), Emihonyeni, Jouberton (R4 181 944), Uilwanang, Kgakala, Boikhutsong, Agisanang, Belabela and Phagameng (R360 079).

The TPA said they could not give details of arrear rents of each of the affected councils.

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## 'White unrest' at scrapping of the Amenities Act

A DELEGATION from the Transvaal Municipal Association has held a meeting with President FW de Klerk to discuss problems which they believe the scrapping of the Separate Amenities Act will cause.

The TMA said it had emphasised that the repeal of the Act had led to confusion and unrest among many white ratepayers. *W. M. van der Merwe 29/6/90*

The delegation, headed by TMA deputy president Mars de Klerk, met the president yesterday at the Union Buildings

The visit follows a TMA majority vote objecting to the repeal of the Act.

The delegation told President De Klerk there had not been enough consultation with local authorities before the decision to repeal the Act had been taken

# 'Summit city' plan

ROODEPOORT City Council has approved a 10-year plan to promote development in its business and industrial sectors

It is intended to transform Roodepoort into "the summit city with unequalled business and residential opportunities"

Stimulation of market-directed development,

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By CHARMAIN NAIDOO

together with the private sector, will come by making available land for industry, offices, housing and a sports centre

The extension of municipal boundaries is also being considered

The council will offer de-

velopers incentive packages. It hopes to encourage entrepreneurship as well as establish a partnership with the broader business sector.

Councillors list several successful projects — the Roodepoort International Eisteddfod, the Witwatersrand Botanical Garden, the Civic Theatre and the Technikon





## DP councillor hit by second blast

Staff Reporters

Suspected right-wing terror intensified at the weekend with three explosions in Johannesburg — one at a Democratic Party councillor's home, another at his office and the other at a synagogue

The synagogue in Rosettenville was daubed with Nazi swastikas and anti-Jewish Defence Organisation (JDO) and ANC graffiti

No one was injured in the explosions, which followed blasts at two National Party offices in Roodepoort and Johannesburg two weeks ago

Police said an explosive device was detonated at the Lower Houghton home of DP councillor Clive Gilbert on Friday night. Another exploded at the South Hebrew Centre in Prairie Road, Rosettenville, early yesterday

Late last night an explosion at

Mr Gilbert's Highlands North office caused extensive damage

Commercial explosives were used in the Highlands North blast but the type of devices used in the others blasts was not yet known, police said

Witwatersrand police spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe said police suspected right-wing extremists were responsible

Intimidation

Law and Order Ministry spokesman Brigadier Leon Mellet said the blasts were acts of terror aimed at intimidation, and referred to Minister Adriaan Vlok's weekend statement that laws would be revised to counter intimidation more effectively

Mr Gilbert told The Star he believed there was a clear link be-

tween the blasts, and blamed right-wingers. A spokesman for the Jewish community also blamed rightist extremists

Mr Gilbert said the fact that he was Jewish and his home was bombed, as well as the fact that a Jewish centre was attacked, could not be divorced

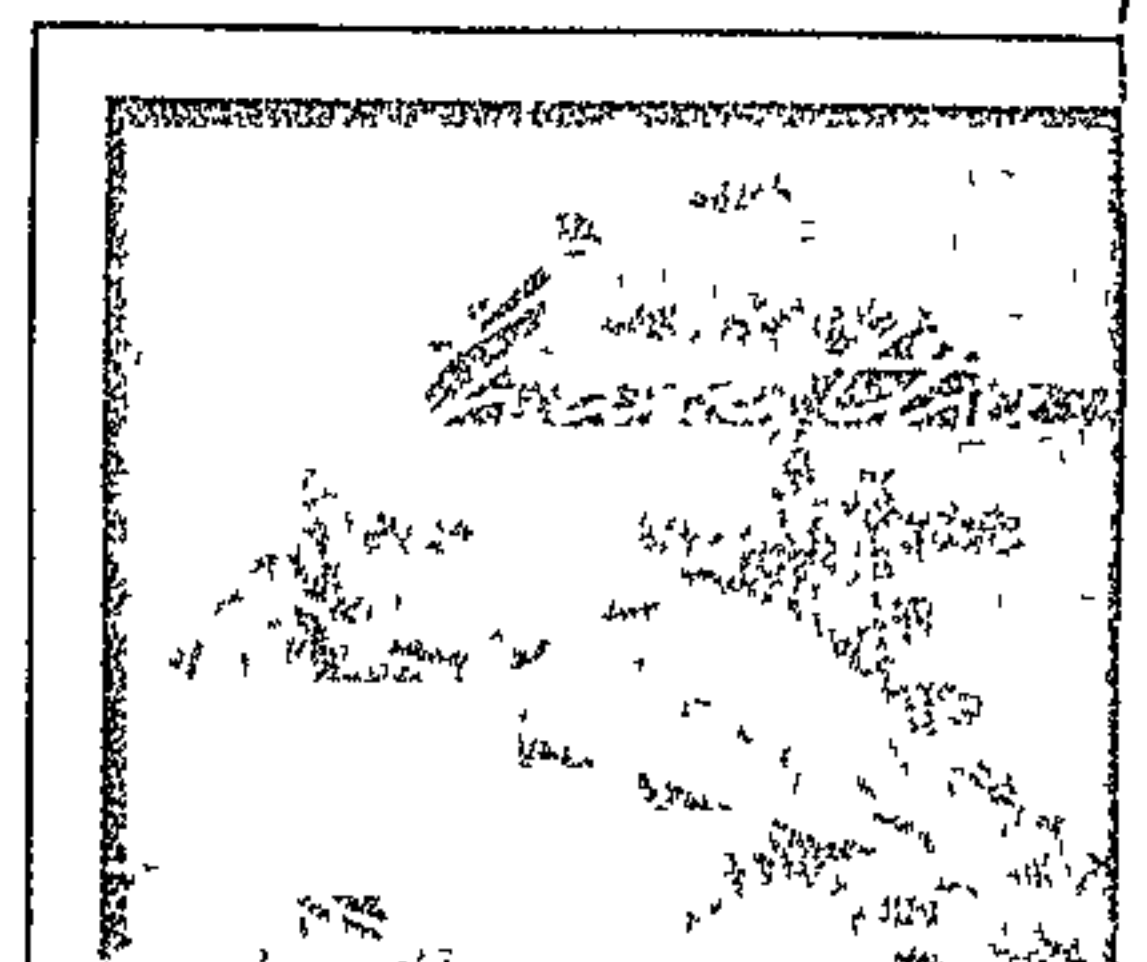
The explosion at the synagogue destroyed windows and water pipes. The explosion at Mr Gilbert's home, which occurred at 10.30 pm on Friday, destroyed part of the garden and wall

The explosion at his Highlands North office last night broke windows and damaged the interior

At the synagogue, anti-Semitic slogans were found scrawled on the walls. One slogan read "Jews Love Mandela", another declared "War Against JDO" (the Jewish Defence Organisation)

second attack. Police sift through the wreckage after last night's blast at the offices of DP councillor Clive Gilbert in Highlands North, Johannesburg. Another bomb exploded at Mr Gilbert's home on Friday night. Police said commercial explosives, usually the mark of rightwing extremists, were used.

Picture by Ken Oosterbroek



# Residents, Mobil near agreement

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By Jacqueline Myburgh

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Parktown residents and Mobil may be moving towards a settlement regarding the controversial Mobil service station which has been planned for the corner of Seymour and Jan Smuts avenues in Parktown West, Johannesburg.

Flo Bird, chairman of the Parktown Ratepayers' Association, said Mobil had replied to the association's threat of boycotts with a number of options.

"Both Mobil and the association hope to prove that there are better ways of handling this problem than simply fighting it out in front of the Townships Board," she said.

Mrs Bird was not at liberty to discuss the options suggested by Mobil but the association had indicated earlier that it was prepared to accept the recommendation of the Environmental Evaluation Unit of the University of Cape Town.

The association has agreed to postpone boycott action until July 9, to enable negotiation of a settlement.

"Informal discussions this week have shown Mobil is prepared to respond promptly, which is most important to the residents who had had this threat hanging over them for several months now," Mrs Bird said.

# Hospital staff shortage — pay blamed

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Staff Reporter

Poor salaries paid to administration staff by the Transvaal Provincial Administration has led to a severe shortage of staff in the Johannesburg Hospital.

A spokesman for the TPA said the hospital's administration, especially the accounts department, was suffering from a staff shortage.

Along with other provincial hospitals, the Johannesburg Hospital has long suffered from a shortage of nurses. It is hoped a recent increase in nurses' salaries will stem the tide of resignations of nurses leaving for the private sector.

The TPA told The Star in reply to a question that the administration staff shortage was due to "poor salaries" (as has been the case with the shortage of nurses).

The TPA said there was "a severe turnover of staff" and that some staffers resigned to join the private sector for better salaries as soon as they had completed their training.

The staff shortage came to light after a woman, who asked not to be named, had a baby at the Johannesburg Hospital in September 1989 and had informed The Star her accounts had been long delayed. The final account arrived in June.



# Pta council slaps ban on the use of facilities

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THE Atteridgeville Town Council, which has already lost R4 million in revenue since the rent boycott started four months ago, has temporarily banned political and civic organisations from using its facilities.

By MONK  
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Acting town clerk Mr Daan Mouton said yesterday the ban will be reviewed as soon as the rent boycott has been resolved.

Political and civic organisations have been barred from using the

football grounds and halls.

The Atteridgeville-Saulsville Residents' Organisation, which called for the rent boycott and the resignation of councillors at a public meeting at the Super Stadium on April 1, yesterday threatened to file an urgent application in the Pretoria Supreme Court to challenge the council's decision.

The council, at its meeting on June 27, turned down an application by Asro to hold a public meeting at the Super Stadium on Saturday. Mouton said the coun-

cil also rejected an application by the ANC for the use of the stadium.

A spokesman for Asro said they had already briefed a lawyer to have the council's decision set aside.

## Supporters

Mouton acknowledged the right of organisations to communicate with its supporters.

He said he agreed that negotiations to improve and stabilise the present situation, particularly in black townships, were important.

"However, in the light of the fact that the council

is locked in a struggle to brake the present rent boycott, it has resolved that no organisations will be allowed to hold meetings in this regard at the stadium or at any other facilities of the council."

The rent boycott, however, seems to be far from being resolved. Councillors have refused to resign and Asro has vowed to continue the boycott until the councillors quit. "Residents will pay affordable rent or a flat rate for essential services rendered by the council but only after the councillors have resigned," a spokesman for Asro said.

## Population explosion among blacks

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## Public invited to planning meetings

Staff Reporter

Another round of public involvement meetings has been arranged for the public to provide input to the planning process of three alternative land use strategies for Johannesburg and surrounding municipalities.

A draft, preferred strategy will be presented at public meetings to be held this month in Johannesburg, Soweto, Edenvale and Germiston.

"The core city of the Jomet transport area has created in the past and will continue to create avenues for active public participation," said a press release issued by Johannesburg's metropolitan planning department.

"Your comments are highly valued by the professional team and your interest determines the success or failure of a public participation pro-

gramme."

The first public meeting, covering the Johannesburg municipal area, will be held tomorrow at 6 pm at the A-level lecture theatre in the Civic Centre, Braamfontein.

The second will be held at 6 pm on Thursday in the auditorium at the SA Nature Conservation Centre (Delta Park), Road No 3, Victory Park. This meeting will cover the Randburg, Roodepoort, Sandton and Alexandra municipal areas.

A meeting covering the Soweto, Dobsonville and Diepmeadow municipal areas will be held at 6 pm on July 17 in the A1 lecture hall, Vista University, Power Park, Soweto (between Baragwanath Hospital and College of Education). On July 18, a meeting will be held in the Edenvale Community Hall, corner van Riebeeck Avenue and Second Street, Edenvale.

This meeting will cover the Edenvale, Modderfontein, Tembisa, Kempton Park and Bedfordview municipal areas.

A meeting covering the Germiston, Alberton, Katlehong and Tokqza municipal areas will be held at 6 pm on July 19 on the 1st floor of the Germiston Civic Centre Hall, corner Queen and Cross Street, Germiston.

## Spy scandal informant arrested

Crime Reporter <sup>266</sup>

The man who leaked the details of the Johannesburg City Council spy scandal to the press, Hannes Gouws (28), has been arrested in connection with the illegal possession of arms and ammunition.

A police spokesman said yesterday that Mr Gouws and his bodyguard, Pierre Bezuidenhout, had been arrested on Friday at Port Shepstone's Oslo Beach.

They appeared in court yesterday

and were granted R500 bail each.

A BXP sub-machinegun — a new Armscor weapon — with a silencer was allegedly found on the premises at which the two were staying. Detectives also found "various pyrotechnic devices" and 320 rounds of 9 mm ammunition, the spokesman said.

Mr Gouws was apparently in hiding after testifying before the Hiemstra Commission, set up to probe the spy allegations.



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# Security stepped up for some councillors

By Louise Burgers,  
Municipal Reporter

Johannesburg city councillors are wondering who will be next after the bomb attacks on two colleagues in the last few days

Management committee chairman Ian Davidson said some councillors had contacted the management committee and expressed fears that councillors were being targeted. Some had asked for assistance.

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"We decided to look at the security situation of all councillors and as a result of the on site inspection, certain security measures have been implemented," Mr Davidson said.

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## 'Cat and mouse'

"Of course I'm scared — we are all scared, it's a sick game. We're playing cat and mouse now, wondering who will be next."

Conservative Party leader in the council, Jacques Theron, said he was very upset over the whole business.

"I want to distance myself and also my party completely from this type of thing. It's hard to say who was behind this but it is very disconcerting."

Democratic Party councillor Claire Quail said the bombings were "highly disturbing". Most councillors had received anonymous death threats and other threats from time to time, but none ever took such incidents seriously.

She said most people were very vulnerable and incidents such as these "shook one".

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## Councillors under guard

TRACY MELASS and LINDEN BIRNS (266)

GUARDS will be posted at all Johannesburg city councillors' homes in a move to step up security after a recent spate of bombings directed at councillors and management committee members

Management committee spokesman Paul Asherson said security people would patrol outside councillors' homes and management committee chairman Ian Davidson said inspections had been carried out on all councillors homes "with a view to stepping up security quite substantially" *biday 417790*

This follows an explosion on Monday night at the home of management committee member and NP councillor for Turffontein Jan Burger. Police said the bomb was composed of commercial explosive with a safety fuse for a time delay

Investigations are proceeding into the incident as well as into two explosions at the home and offices of DP city councillor Clive Gilbert at the weekend

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THE engineering department of the Katlehong Town Council was yesterday attending to a cave-in in the East Rand township

Katlehong town secretary Mr H Grobbler confirmed the cave-in, saying residents had reported it to the council on Monday

"Yes, it was reported to the council yesterday but there was nobody to do the job because of the stayaway."

### Reported

Katlehong Civic Association chairman Mr Oupa Thibile said on

# Council works on 'Spruit cave-in'

had stopped crumbling. "Unfortunately I cannot say whether it still caves in," said Grobbler.

Thibile said the cave-in continued every minute

### Safety

For the safety of residents, it had been cordoned off by members of street committees in the area around Motloug and Moshoeshoe sections.

It was similar to the cave-in that reportedly occurred years ago in the area between the Westonaria and Carletonville, said Thibile - Sapa

Monday the cave-in had been reported to the council

The cause of the cave-in was not known

It was also not known whether the ground - the cave-in was said to be the size of a four-room house

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# Jo'burg councillors 'scared' after bombs

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# Home security for councillors

JOHANNESBURG. — Security at the homes of Johannesburg's 51 city councillors has been stepped up following bomb attacks on two councillors over the past week.

A wave of Reef bomb blasts has rocked the homes of councillors, activists and policemen, and yesterday the offices of the Vrye Weekblad newspaper.

Democratic councillor Mr Clive Gilbert's home in Houghton was bombed on Friday night, and his former office in Highlands North on Sunday.

The National Party councillor for Turfontein, Mr Jan Burger, narrowly

escaped injury on Tuesday when a bomb went off less than two metres from his bed.

Police said the explosives used in the bombings were similar.

They confirmed on Tuesday that the ultra-right-wing "Wit Wolwe" had claimed responsibility for the three bomb attacks.

In another attack, a bomb was placed in a drain outside a synagogue in Rosettenville, damaging windows and a nursery school nextdoor.

Anti-Semitic slogans, linking Jews with the ANC were sprayed across the synagogue walls.

Police suspect that right-wing

groups were also responsible for the attack.

The home of an activist and trade unionist, Mr Serge Mokonyane, was bombed early on Monday morning in Kagiso township near Krugersdorp.

Mr Mokonyane claimed that the blast came after "numerous threats" from rival organisations over the ANC stayaway on Monday.

A handgrenade caused extensive damage to the home of a dead policeman, also in Kagiso on Monday night, and in Braamfontein police explosives experts defused a limpet mine which was found under the handle of a petrol pump at Universal Motors.

An explosion at Dube railway station in Soweto on Monday was apparently caused by a mini-limpet mine.

In the latest of these attacks, the Johannesburg office of the Vrye Weekblad was damaged in a bomb blast yesterday.

Shortly after the blast the editor, Mr Max du Preez, was telephoned at his home and warned by a man with "a perfect English accent" that this was "just the beginning".

The South African Union of Journalists and the Association of Democratic Journalists condemned the attack on the newspaper. — Sapa

# Victory for Parktown as Mobil withdraws bid

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JACQUELINE MYBURGH



MOBIL has withdrawn its application for the rezoning of a site on the corner of Jan Smuts and Seymour avenues, where they had planned to build a service station

This announcement by the oil giant will be regarded as a victory by members of the Parktown Residents' Association who have struggled to prevent their suburb going commercial

Rae Graham, city councillor for the Parktown ward, was "ecstatic" when she heard the news

"Big developers must learn that they can't impose what they want on top of existing structures," she said

Mobil announced yesterday it would withdraw its rezoning application with immediate effect

This action would be followed by an independent evaluation of the traffic impact of the proposed service station, and the presentation of a development plan involving alternative land usage of the properties abutting Jan Smuts Avenue.

Parktown's development plan makes no provision for a service station — or any commercial institution — on Jan Smuts Avenue, says Mrs Graham.

"The council's metropolitan planners draw up plans for roads and know where traffic should be generated. Why don't people wanting to build service stations go to them, and ask where they should build them?"



# City council to be sued by FFF

By Kaizer Nyatumba <sup>266</sup>  
Political Staff

The Five Freedoms Forum (FFF), one of the many organisations spied upon by the Johannesburg City Council's security department, is to sue the city council, including past members of its security department, according to FFF publicity secretary Gael Neke.

Ms Neke said the FFF, "a totally legal, open and non-violent organisation", had been subjected to harassment and invasion of pri-

vacy by the security department. It was now essential that those who had done this were brought to justice.

She said University of the Witwatersrand academic and former FFF vice-chairman, Dr David Webster, was assassinated at the height of the council spy ring's activities.

The council security department's activities, as laid out before the Hiemstra Commission, were unacceptable in a democratic society and had to come to an end.

# Police search for killer of ex-councillor

By Craig Kotze

Police have still to make an arrest in connection with the murder of former Johannesburg city councillor Geoff Simpson (67), who was stabbed by a housebreaker at his Craighall Park home at the weekend.

Mr Simpson died in front of his wife, Jean (69), at their Hamilton Avenue home at 3.30 am after he had apparently disturbed the housebreaker.

He was stabbed several times, mostly in the chest, with a sharp object, probably garden shears.

Detectives established that the killer had forced open the back door with garden shears.

Mr Simpson and his wife were alone at the time.

Mr Simpson was a councillor for the defunct Progressive Federal Party in Craighall Park before losing his seat in the last municipal election.

● Detectives from the special train unit shot and wounded a suspected thief near Heidelberg yesterday after a traindriver was tricked into stopping.

The train driver stopped near Field Bridge, Tamboekisfontein, because the signals system had been tampered with. Five men appeared and broke open five trucks before the policemen swooped. The suspects ran off but one was shot and admitted to hospital.

# Celebration ends in teargas stampede

Sunday's police action in Mamelodi was for many a reminder of the November 1985 shootings which claimed 12 lives

But, unlike 1985, when victims were treated for bullet and birdshot wounds, the majority of the 255 said by organisers to have been injured this time were hurt during a stampede for cover from a "rain" of teargas canisters

During the 1985 administration offices shootings, people were killed or maimed after protesting against high rentals

This Sunday's shootings, at the H.M. Pitye Stadium, occurred when an estimated

16 000 people were briefed on the successful June 20 talks between the Mamelodi People's Delegation and officials of the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA).

Residents had just been told rent arrears would be frozen and the Mamelodi City Council would stop harassing defaulters.

But the celebration was short-lived. Police shot scores of teargas canisters at residents applauding the results of the talks

The first indication that the police had arrived on the scene came when residents standing near the only open entrance to

By Mckeed Kothole of The Star's Pretoria Bureau, who was at Mamelodi's H.M. Pitye stadium when 255 people were injured after police fired teargas.

the stadium shouted that the police had appeared

When Nyobo Malefo, the publicity secretary of the MPD, left the podium to speak to the police, the first teargas canister thudded down in front of the stage.

Young and old scuttled for cover while those near to the entrance found it blocked by gaspits. The stampede which

followed caused most of the injuries.

Others were hurt as they tried to scale a security fence inside the stadium or a brick wall around the facility. Still more were trampled on and babies, and many older residents, were overcome by teargas.

According to the organisers, the majority of those hurt were treated for fractured limbs, burns, cuts or teargas inhalation. Others were said to have been bitten by police dogs.

The injured were taken to the Mamelodi Day Hospital by private cars, taxis or ambulances.

Police, who were later joined by members of the South African Defence Force, continued to fire teargas inside the stadium and pursued people into nearby homes

About 30 minutes after the shootings, the stadium was empty, with scores of shoes and other items scattered about

Moss Chikane, chairman of the Pretoria branch of the United Democratic Front, said this week that he had tried to discuss the matter with the police but had been told "to report it to the police and lay a charge"

● Police actions threaten to become major issue — Page 15.



## Another councillor

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## receives threats

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Yet another Johannesburg City Councillor has been threatened by a person claiming to be from the right wing

Democratic Party councillor Dave Verster yesterday received a call from a man who said he was from the Transvaalse Separatiste (Transvaal Separatists) who swore at him and threatened to "get even" with him

"The man said that I must not think because the police have taken their bombs away that they won't get even," said Mr Verster

# Daveyton inquiry ends as citizens' group pulls out

A COMMISSION of inquiry which was to investigate allegations of bribery and corruption into the Daveyton Town Council was terminated yesterday, writes MATSHUBE MFOLOE.

Further representations are to be made by the Daveyton Peoples Delegation to the Transvaal Provincial Administration

The commission was to have sat for 12 days in the council chambers. The DPD pulled out half an hour from the start of the inquiry and toy-toyed outside the chambers.

A spokesman for the DPD, Mr Mahlomola Skhosana, said the commission at which Advocate D de Flamingh was presiding, was "toothless" because it had no powers to subpoena certain individuals to give evidence. *Sowetan 24/1/90*

## Change

He said his organisation will approach the TPA to reconsider the status of the commission.

De Flamingh argued that the commission could not proceed as laid down in Ordinance 9 of 1960 because of the change of law and other legal aspects.

In his reaction to the pull-out by the DPD, Mayor of Daveyton, Mr Tom Boya, said it was a pity because his council thought the commission would provide a forum for debate.

# Streamlining the city council exhausting for new DP man

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By Louise Burgers,  
Municipal Reporter

Ian Davidson unplugged his answering machine last month.

Since taking office four months ago as the first Democratic Party chairman of the Johannesburg City Council management committee, he has not had a moment to himself.

Mr Davidson said, with a deep sigh, that he had not realised how much work was involved when he accepted the position. "My diary rules my life."

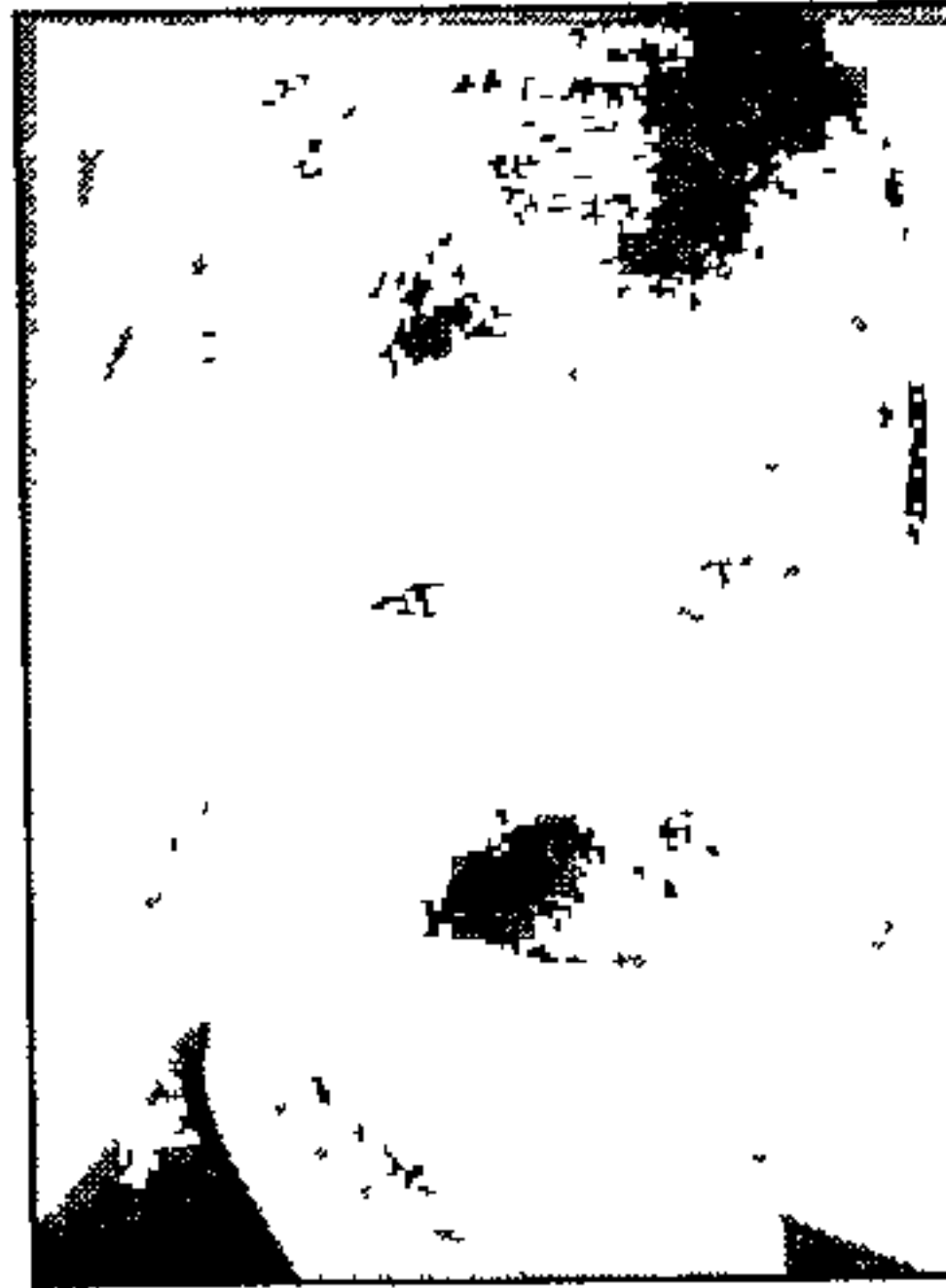
His personal life and relaxation time at home was affected to such an extent that he switched off his answering machine as he could not bear to come home at night and at weekends to strings of messages.

But he admits the job is "fun and enormously stimulating".

"The position does have power and I am very conscious of that — very conscious of using that power judiciously."

He and his colleagues have been busy changing the style of government in the city to a more open approach and implementing the many promises they made while in the opposition benches.

"I feel great. We are beginning to achieve things — the big wheel



Ian Davidson not a moment to himself

is turning faster and more smoothly. We're businessmen and we intend to run the city council as a business. Productivity, efficiency and cost effectiveness are words coming into play at management committee level."

He is proud that they have brought power back to the elected representatives on the management committee by rendering useless the Management Committee Advisory Committee, top officials who in the past screened every-

thing which went before management.

He says the management committee is far more accountable to the public now.

"We are an administration that is confident in itself. There is far more public participation in town planning, for example. This is an inclusive style as opposed to an exclusive style."

He feels that debate encouraged by management with its top officials has filtered down the ranks.

"We have taken the pressure off our top officials by being more involved."

A critical look has been taken at the organisational structure of the city council since he took office. A private team of consultants will be called in to investigate the scaling down of bureaucracy and the restructuring of city council departments to increase productivity.

## Strategy

"We recognise that despite the bad publicity the council has received, a lot of good is done by it. There is a huge communication gap and to this end we will be bringing in a team of public relations people to devise a strate-

gy to sell the council to the people," Mr Davidson said.

After the spy scandal, the security department is undergoing a restructuring which has resulted in the shutting down of many sections, including the monitoring section.

The controversial overseas visitors programme was scrapped and the Johannesburg Publicity Association has taken over some of the tasks and instituted a programme to make Johannesburg more "user-friendly" to tourists.

A number of Section 59 committees, consisting of city councillors and experts from the private sector, have been set up to investigate the feasibility of a municipal police force, the open city concept, combi-taxis and related problems, to draw up an environment charter and to investigate ways to make Rand Airport more cost effective.

"There was a feeling in the beginning from certain council officials that we wouldn't last long and there was a certain reluctance to work with us."

"Now they are admitting we are getting things done and planning a Johannesburg that will go forward into the year 2000," Mr Davidson says.



# Strydom quits over Broeder connection (266)

By Thabo Leshilo

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Johannesburg city councillor Hans Strydom resigned yesterday from the Democratic Party (DP) in protest against co-leader Wynand Malan's simultaneous membership of the DP and the Broederbond

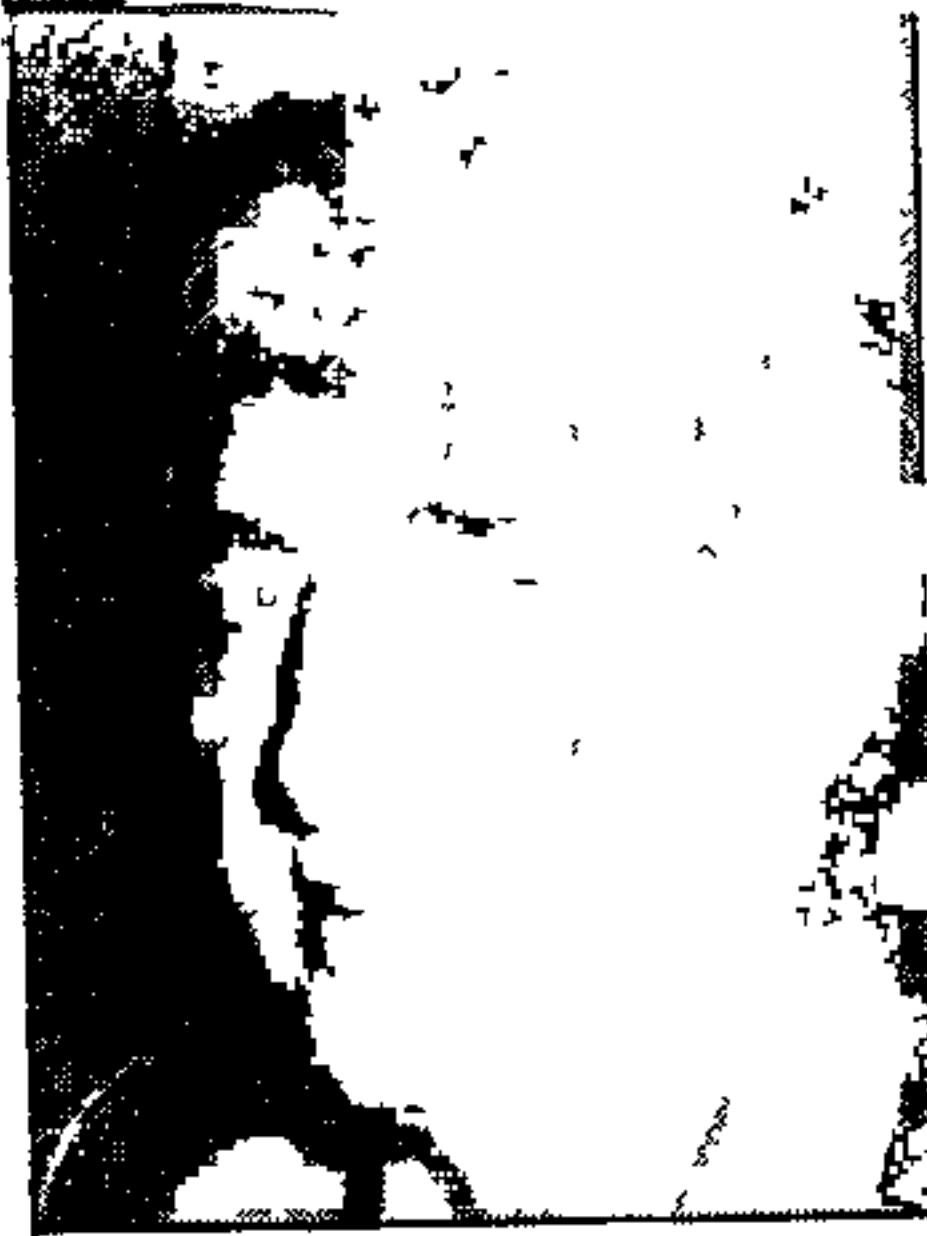
His resignation, by chance, coincided with Mr Malan's decision — for other reasons — to quit political life

Informed of Mr Malan's resignation, Mr Strydom said he would not reconsider his position, because there were other members of the DP who still belonged to the Broederbond "My fight is based on principle and not against individuals

"Unless they all resign from the Broederbond, or the DP decides that dual membership (of the party and the secret society) should not be allowed, my resignation stands," he said.

He said the Broederbond was a racist, highly secret, political society that also discriminated on the basis of religion and sex

"Its agenda of fighting for Afrikaans supremacy" was inimical to the DP's commitment to a non-discriminatory and non-racial society.



Wynand Malan ... his resignation presents DP with "crisis of relevance"



Jo'burg councillor Hans Strydom ... will not reconsider his resignation.

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## Tembisa warns that conflict looms over cuts

By MONDLI MAKHANYA

COMMUNITY leaders in Tembisa have warned of a major confrontation if the township council carries out its threat to cut electricity and water supplies on Sunday in order to force residents to abandon the four-year-old rent boycott.

At a press conference in Johannesburg yesterday called in response to mayor Sam More's threat, the Tembisa Residents' Association said "if the town council proceeds with its strategy of confrontation we will have no alternative but to fight to the bitter end to defend the interests of residents".

The TRA also denied More's claim that Eskom and the Rand Water Board had threatened to cut off the electricity supply to Tembisa. "The council is merely responding to pressure from their authorities that funds will be withdrawn if they do not act to stop the rent boycott."

The Tembisa town clerk told *The Weekly Mail* that the council had no option but to cut the electricity "If people want to use the services then they must pay for them. You cannot just enjoy something for which have not paid," he said.

TRA deputy president Amon Msane said the organisation was negotiating with Eskom and the Rand Water Board about the possibility of the township dealing directly with the two bodies. This was necessary because "although council workers never read meters we still get high bills at the end of the month".

The threat by the council to cut essential services comes in the wake of signs from the Transvaal Provincial Administration that it is prepared to consider scrapping the R800-million rent arrears owed by black municipalities.

The TPA-appointed administrator of Tsakane, near Springs, has already reached such an agreement with the Tsakane Civic Association and the TPA is also involved in similar negotiations with the Mamelodi People's Delegation.

TPA officials have also met representatives of the Tokoza Civic Association and indicated that the township's debt could be scrapped if the association sets up a liaison committee with the council to work out an affordable rent scale.

Several meetings have also been held with the Soweto People's Delegation.

The matter is also being considered at cabinet level.

# Tembisa plan gets council support

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**THE Tembisa Town Council on the East Rand has supported joint action between the council and local organisations to redress the township's socio-economic and political problems.**

In a hard-hitting statement on Wednesday, Tembisa's mayor Mr SB More called for a meeting between the council and representatives of wide-ranging local organisations in an endeavour to

develop a strategy for the problems

"The council regrets the fact that black towns and cities up until now is an area which has not received the attention it deserves

"Some of these issues include lack of adequate services, housing, inappropriate rentals and service charges," said More

It was therefore neces-

sary that "we as organisations and individuals of Tembisa affected by the issues mentioned above, should sit together to discuss the strategies, address and possibly resolve these matters". - Sapa.



# Parties prepare for the Randburg election battle

By Louise Burgers  
and Political Staff

The battle for Randburg has begun. All three major parties in white politics look set to contest the expected parliamentary by-election there later this year — with the reputation of all three at stake

The direction of negotiation politics could be affected by the outcome, and the result could also profoundly influence trends towards new political alignments

## Assault

Following the shock resignation this week of Democratic Party co-leader Wynand Malan, political experts see the DP going into the intensely fought campaign with its back against the wall in its own Reef power base, with both the National Party and the Conservative Party launching a determined assault

Political pundits seem agreed the CP is set for further progress after its dramatic near-miss in Umlazi, and that the DP will lose ground — and possibly even the seat — to the NP. The DP won Randburg in September's general election by 1 714 votes

DP southern Transvaal chairman Peter Soal last night said the Randburg by-election — expected in October or November — would be discussed as an urgent special item at a regional executive meeting on Monday night. So far, no names had been mentioned as being in the running to defend the seat for the party

Fighting talk erupted within hours of Mr Malan's withdrawal from party politics. NP Transvaal leader Barend du Plessis claimed the DP had largely lost its political strength. The NP would do everything to win the seat.

DP parliamentary leader Zach de Beer replied "There was a municipal by-election within the Randburg constituency four weeks ago, and we took the seat off Mr du Plessis's party."

CP national secretary Andries Beyers yesterday confirmed his party would announce its candidate shortly. Mr Beyers admitted Randburg was not the most favourable seat for the CP, as the party had polled only 4,7 percent of the vote in last year's election, but he said support for the CP was increasing dramatically

Glenn Babb, widely tipped as the NP candidate in Randburg, was on a trip in Africa yesterday and could not be reached for comment.

The stakes are huge for all three parties.

For the DP, it will be a test of relevance. For the NP, it will be a crucial pointer to what voters think of the new South Africa. For the CP, the extent of its support will be seen as a vote of confidence or no confidence in President de Klerk's reforms

Professor of Southern African Studies at the University of Cape Town David Welsh said the by-election was bound to be "an unfortunate distraction from the major issues South Africa is facing

"It is bound to be a messy business which can benefit only the CP. It can't win the seat but

certainly will raise its vote quite significantly"

Political analyst Professor Willem Kleynhans said the DP was "finished". The small number of Afrikaners who had joined the party, such as the academics in the Cape, now appeared to be leaving

"The DP have come to the end of the road because of bad leadership by the troika. When Mr de Klerk started taking the reform initiative, the party undermined its own existence by continually praising what he was doing and encouraging its followers to join the National Party."

Professor Kleynhans said there had been a role for the DP "to see that reforms continued and that a new constitution was implemented", but it had forfeited that role through bad political management. The damage had been done and it was too late to revive the party

## Liberal values

But another political analyst, Professor Hermann Giliomee of the University of Cape Town, disagreed. "The resignation of Wynand Malan is too isolated an event from which to draw conclusions

"I don't expect the DP to break up or disappear. I believe they have a role to play — and that is to represent liberal values and beliefs. In a national election I believe they will one day attract voters who are drawn neither to the NP nor the ANC"

● De Beer denies split — Page 5.

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# Boycott call on four Vaal Triangle towns

VEREENIGING — A consumer boycott has been called in four Vaal Triangle towns from Monday to protest against the refusal of Vereeniging and Vanderbijl Park city councils to allow marches

• Cosatu said in a statement that the boycott, supported by Sayco and all UDF affiliates, would continue until certain demands, including the immediate institution of an interim government, were met.

• Cosatu said it failed to understand why marches could be allowed in other towns in South Africa but not in Vereeniging

“Reasons advanced by the Vereeniging town council are not acceptable to us. Our people, like everybody, have a right to protest, including to march in the Vaal”

The boycott would be an act of protest against “this systematic move to undermine our people and their organisations”.

People were called upon not to buy any groceries in these towns except medicines and other life-supporting commodities.

The demands to be met are that Vereeniging and Vanderbijl Park town councils recognise the right to march and picket, have single non-racial town councils, halt the demolition of shacks and end police harassment.

The organisations also demand a constituent assembly to elect leaders to negotiate a new South African constitution and “an interim government now”. — Sapa

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# Residents to help in decisions

By DON SEOKANE

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THE Transvaal Provincial Administration will not make any decisions about Orange Farm without consulting the committee in the area, Mr John Mavuso, MEC for Housing, said yesterday

Mavuso was speaking at a ceremony held to present the regulations for control and management of Orange Farm to Mr Lawrence Mvelase, chairman of the Informal Committee

"An important aspect of the regulations is that provision is now being made for a committee from the inhabitants to act as advisory body to the TPA, which will function as an interim local government," he said



# Demonstrators make sure they eat cake

DEMONSTRATORS encouraged a delegation of Johannesburg City councillors and officials — including management committee chairman Ian Davidson, town clerk Manie Venter and two MPs — to beat a hasty retreat from the Westbury Community Centre yesterday, and then proceeded to steal the leftovers of their lunch.

The incident followed a bus tour of Johannesburg's coloured townships by a high-powered delegation of officials and councillors from both the Johannesburg City Council and South

Western Townships management committee, apparently to assess what could be done to improve living conditions.

The officials included Mr Venter, Mr Davidson, Johannesburg council's director of housing Robbie Robins, South Western Townships management committee chairman Margaret Mateman; her husband, House of Representatives MP for Eldorado Park, Don Mateman; and the MP for Newclare, Mr G Wessels. Soon after sitting down for lunch at the Westbury Community Centre,

a group of about 150 placard-carrying demonstrators arrived to protest against the fact that officials were eating while children in the townships starved.

The demonstration was apparently organised by the Westbury Residents Action Committee.

When the delegation emerged from the community centre they hurriedly boarded the bus as the protesters drew close.

The demonstrators then stood in front of the bus while it inched its way forward, forcing them to get out

of the way.

They then rushed into the centre and emerged with their arms laden with lunch leftovers, including bottles of wine and food.

Mr Robins later denied the Sapa correspondent's description of the incident, saying the group did not leave the centre because they felt threatened.

Mr Robins also said he only became aware that food had been stolen when he arrived back at his city council office. — Sapa.

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## Civic in land talks

*cf from 15/7/90 (266)*  
THE Alexandra Civic Organisation will meet the Transvaal Provincial Administration on Tuesday to discuss the development of land on the Far East Bank.

The TPA has allocated the land to private developers. However, ACO wants to make recommendations on how the land should be developed.

In a statement ACO said past redevelopment schemes had kept houses out of the reach of the poor and homeless people in the area.

"We want to make sure the land is used for the benefit of all the people of Alexandra and decent affordable houses are built instead of expensive houses as in the past," said the statement.

ACO has demanded that the community be involved in development programmes in the area.

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# Hope at last for Johannesburg's 10 000 vagrants

By SOPHIE TEMA

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PLANS to bring medical help to Johannesburg's estimated 10 000 vagrants are in the pipeline.

Johannesburg city councillor and former mayor David Neppe has taken the matter up with the government and the private sector. He says black vagrants are the greatest problem, as there is no place for them to be treated for alcoholism and drug-related problems.

The biggest problem is that medical people take a dim view of vagrants and regard them as a nuisance rather than people in need of help.

Neppe says he is trying hard to get medical services for the vagrants to have them detoxified and rehabilitated.

Neppe says finance must come from the government and the private sector. "The council should give a lead to the government and private sector to jointly set up medical facilities as a first step towards rehabilitating vagrants."

Daisy is one of the vagrants who spends most of her time on a pavement around Joubert Park. Her face is puffy and her feet are tightly wrapped in filthy pieces of plastic.

Her lips are covered with sores and she is terribly under-nourished.

She weeps as she walks away shouting that people should learn to mind their own business and forget about her because she is only waiting for the day "when God will call me to everlasting rest".

Sipho is often seen in Von Wielligh Street during peak hours. He has only one leg and often holds up traffic as he begs for a few cents from motorists.

He is a sniffer - his hair and clothes are covered in glue - and he sleeps on the cold pavements with his friends. Pieces of cardboard and plastic are their bedding and they warm each other with their thin, dirty bodies.



# Aco policy on resale of stands

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THE Alexandra Civic Organisation has presented Alexandra Town Council with its policy regarding the resale of old stands or yards to private landlords, an ACO statement said.

ACO said its policy is intended to resolve the conflict that surrounds the

By DON SEOKANE

illegal resale of yards and old houses by Alexandra City Council to private landlords

## Original

The policy includes the following proposals:

\* The stand will be offered for sale to the original owner or his/her

descendant who is living on the stand

\* If there is no such person, the stand will be offered for sale to the person who has been living for the longest period on the stand

\* A stand or part of it cannot be sold unless the people living there have agreed to it

\* If some of the tenants oppose the sale, the council should try to divide the stand so that part of it can be sold

\* If part of the stand is sold, it should be done in such way that existing occupants are not deprived of services such as water,

access to a toilet, or electricity

"It has been some time that the Alex community have been fighting this illicit sale. They won a Supreme Court order stating the sale was illegal.

## Refund

"However, after the court order, the council continued to sell houses and did not refund those who had bought stands illegally until Aco clarified the effects of the court order to the council

"We are still waiting for a response from the council," said ACO.

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The hardest hit were the surrounding villages where there had never been provision for water

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## crook - porter

Pretoria Correspondent

A porter at the Ga-Rankuwa Hospital told the Cilhe Commission yesterday that she was called a "crook" by a Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) official who accused her of lying about her marital status in order to qualify for a housing loan.

Mavis Kheswa (44) said she received a R35 000 housing loan through the TPA in 1988, which she used to build a house in Soshanguve. About four months after the house was completed she was told to report to H Swanepoel.

She said Mr Swanepoel called her a "crook" and told her she was not entitled to the loan as she was married. He then opened her personal file and discovered a copy of her divorce decree, granted in 1986, she said.

Miss Kheswa said she was then called into the office of another official, A J Boshoff, who repeated the accusation.

She said both men, who have been accused of being "racists", threatened to confiscate her house and have her arrested.

The commission is investigating allegations that 23 premature babies

died as a result of an eight-day strike at the hospital in April this year, allegedly sparked by the TPA's refusal to suspend Mr Boshoff and Mr Swanepoel pending an inquiry into their conduct.

Miss Kheswa said she had not been forced into joining the strike, but had joined other protesting workers as a result of the accusations voiced by the two officials.

Prior to her taking the stand, a member of the hospital workers' committee, A Sibande, was accused of being a "troublemaker" who nobody wanted in their department" by the legal representative for the TPA, J K Wessels.

Mr Sibande admitted his superiors, who included Mr Boshoff and Mr Swanepoel, viewed him as a "troublemaker". However, he said this was because he stood up for his rights.

Mr Wessels produced various letters from former chief medical superintendents at the hospital, warning Mr Sibande that if his conduct did not improve, certain disciplinary steps would have to be taken.

The inquiry continues.

# Plan to freeze rent arrears

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THE Transvaal Provincial Administration is to curtail bridging finance to local authorities from the end of this month and is also considering freezing rent and service arrears in an at-

tempt to encourage residents to pay current charges.

If it goes ahead with this plan, the TPA must inherit the black local authorities debt of about R730 million, according to United Municipalities

of South Africa leader Mr Tom Boya.

Reacting to the TPA's "clean-slate" plans, Boya said yesterday such a move, while welcome, would leave councils with no means of meeting debts.

"If they go ahead with this plan, they must pay our debts," he said.

The estimated R730 million owed by Transvaal councils was due not only to the TPA - which would write off its share in terms of the plan - but also to private financial institutions and companies, Boya said

Five East Rand townships alone owed R123 million to financial institutions after money was borrowed to finance an electricity master plan for the areas, he said

## Arrears

The arrears plan is apparently to be discussed at Cabinet level

A spokesman for the TPA said yesterday many factors had to be considered before a decision could be taken

Boya also predicted "chaos" in black Transvaal townships next month if the TPA carried out its threat to cut bridging finance to councils, who use the money to provide essential services such as water, electricity and refuse removal.

*Sowetan Correspondent*



# TPA should pay councils' R730-m debt, says Boya

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By Claire Robertson, ~~Star~~ Pretoria Bureau

The Transvaal Provincial Administration's "carrot and stick" approach to the cash crisis facing black townships has drawn predictions of chaos and demands that the TPA assume the R730 million debt facing black local authorities.

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the end of this month. It is also considering freezing rent and service arrears to encourage residents to pay current charges.

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Mr Boya yesterday welcomed the TPA's "clean slate" plans

However, he said, councils would be left with no way of paying debts.

He said the money was owed not only to the TPA, but also to private financial institutions and companies.

He predicted chaos in black townships next month if the TPA cut bridging finance to councils, which used the money to provide essential services.

"This is a very big stick," said Mr Boya. "This could jeopardise good relations."

● The Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs has undertaken to investigate urgently allegations by the Urban Councils Association of South Africa concerning the intimidation of councillors and residents by civic associations, Sapa reports.

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# D-day looms for township rent crisis

By Claire Robertson,  
Pretoria Bureau

Crucial negotiations on the rent crisis in black townships are in progress as the deadline for the Transvaal Provincial Administration's bridging finance "austerity measures" nears

In two weeks, the TPA will implement its R16 million-a-month bridging finance package to black local authorities in an effort to make the available funds last the year

The budgeted sum of R26 million for the 1990/91 fiscal year has been eroded by payments of up to R75 million a month in the first half of the year

Councils which do not manage to negotiate a resumption of rent and services payments in the next month may have essential services cut off.

"The timing is critical," Transvaal MEC for local government Olaus van Zyl said yesterday. The cutting-off of services "may be unavoidable in some areas", Mr van Zyl said

## Encouraged

Province had appealed to the Government for additional funds for the past "two or three months" but he doubted these would be available

He was, however, encouraged by the negotiations between residents' organisations — local people's delegations and civic associations — and councils taking place in about 30 townships

In at least 10 townships, negotiations have been successful in halting boycotts. "I am still confident we will be able to reach an amicable solution," he said

Province had also contacted

bulk suppliers of services in an attempt to minimise the effect on essential services such as water, and sewage and refuse removal, which, if stopped, would present a health hazard

"The tragic thing is that cutting off services may affect people who have paid and it could affect areas such as health clinics that are essential," said Mr van Zyl

In some cases the bulk supplier was the adjoining white town or city, many of which realised "that if it goes bad there (in black townships) it will affect them, too", Mr van Zyl said.

"In general, the funding situation hasn't improved, and strictly speaking there won't be additional funds. But the aim is not to curtail funds, and not even to stop the boycott, but to find the problems in local authorities and thus to stop the boycott"

# WR call for rents boycott

By MATSHUBE

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THE Bekkersdal Environmental Awareness Campaign has called for an indefinite rents boycott in the West Rand township until the local township committee and the Transvaal Provincial Administration respond to the community's demands.

A spokesman for the BEAC, Mr Vuyisile Ndabeni, said the protest was called because of the TPA's and the township committee's delay in responding to the community's grievances.

He warned that the boycott would continue "until our grievances and demands are addressed"

Demands which were brought to the attention of the TPA and the local authorities include.

\* The reduction of rents for shack dwellers in units to a flat rate of R25 from August 1;

\* No shack dwellers should pay rents to registered tenants during the rent boycott,

\* The rents boycott includes the homeless communities of Spook Town, Silver City and X areas

A community meeting has been planned for July 30 when the BEAC will evaluate the effect of the boycott.

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## Open buses for Pretoria

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**PRETORIA** — In a move symptomatic of the sweeping changes around the country, the Pretoria City Council yesterday announced the desegregation of its bus service

The move comes into effect tomorrow  
"On January 30, the city council decided to apply to the Road Transportation Board for the amendment of its existing permit in order to make the bus service available to all commuters," said a statement by the management committee

"The board recently informed the council that this application has been approved" — Sapa

Several puzzling developments in the case of the missing Pretoria advocate, Pieter Leeuwner, have raised more questions than answers about the motive for his disappearance.

Mr Leeuwner (32), who was acting for Willem van Deventer, a former agent of the Civil Co-operation Bureau (CCB), has not been seen since he left his Arcadia home on July 2.

But an investigation by The Star has revealed that a number of vital documents, statements and tape recordings made about

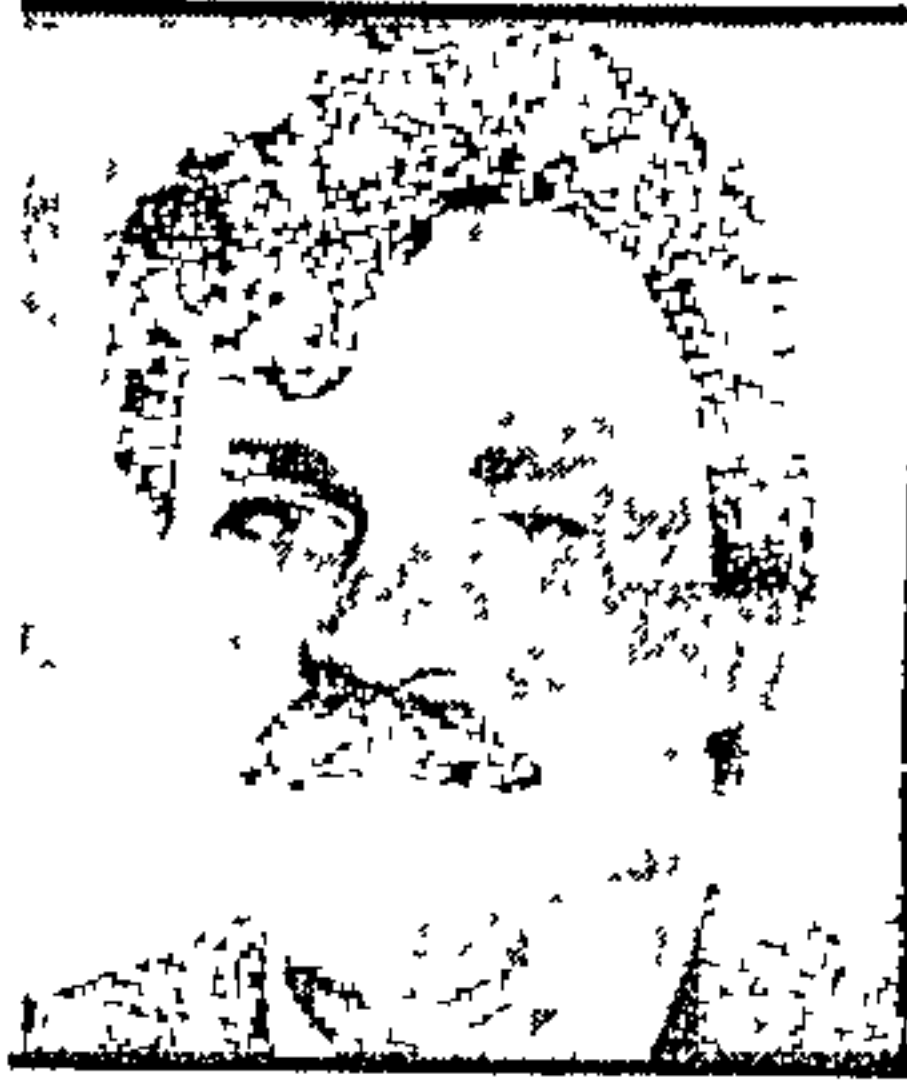
Mr van Deventer's activities with the CCB have, since Mr Leeuwner's disappearance, been removed from the advocate's office safe.

Apparently, such was the sensitivity of the items, they were removed by close associates in an effort to guarantee their security

The information includes details of several alleged political murders, including those of Dr Fabian Ribeiro and his wife Florence in Mamelodi, Pretoria, in December 1986 and the car-bombing of Piet Ntuli, former Minister of Internal Affairs in KwaNdebele in June the same year.

As the mystery of his disappearance deepens, The Star can reveal that Mr Leeuwner:

- Had been involved in an discussion about the financial benefits of co-operating with police to set up a trap to uncover illegal diamond dealing.
- Was spotted on a Germiston-bound train a few days after he disappeared.
- Planned to visit Zimbabwe with his brother, "Sample" Leeuwner, to investigate setting up a car import business Both had obtained the necessary visas two months before the advocate disappeared.
- May be living somewhere in Namibia, although this cannot be confirmed.



PIET LEEUWNER: documents missing.

According to Mr "Sample" Leeuwner, he and his brother light-heartedly discussed with a police officer at advocate Leeuwner's chambers the subject of diamond-deal entrapment and how well the public could be rewarded for helping to uncover illicit deals

This arose as a result of them being told that an increasing number of diamond diggers had fallen prey to unscrupulous dealers who were selling their gems illegally and not passing on the profits.

The day before Advocate Leeuwner disappeared, he was visited at his home by two unidentified men. Looking anxious, the next day he told his girl-

friend, Anita Leeuwner, to telephone the police officer with whom he had the discussion about diamonds.

She was to tell the policeman to go to Advocate Leeuwner's office on the day he disappeared.

Also, police are investigat-

ing reports that Advocate Leeuwner was seen on a train last week, according to his brother. He had apparently removed his moustache and was travelling alone. It is believed police have already interviewed the eye-witness.

Police are following up all leads but are unable to say why he disappeared or if he had been kidnapped

A spokesman said Advocate Leeuwner had disappeared without trace.

Mr "Sample" Leeuwner and Mr van Deventer are hoping the CCB is involved because, if so, there would be more chance that Advocate Leeuwner was still alive, they said.

Both Advocate Leeuwner and Mr van Deventer had received threats about Mr van Deventer's evidence to the Harms Commission into alleged politically-inspired murders.

Anyone with information about the case should contact the investigating officer, W/O Piet van der Merwe at Sunnyside police station, Pretoria, on (012) 343-9739 or 344-1801.

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# ROW OVER TFW Plot, Mzim's Overseas Trip

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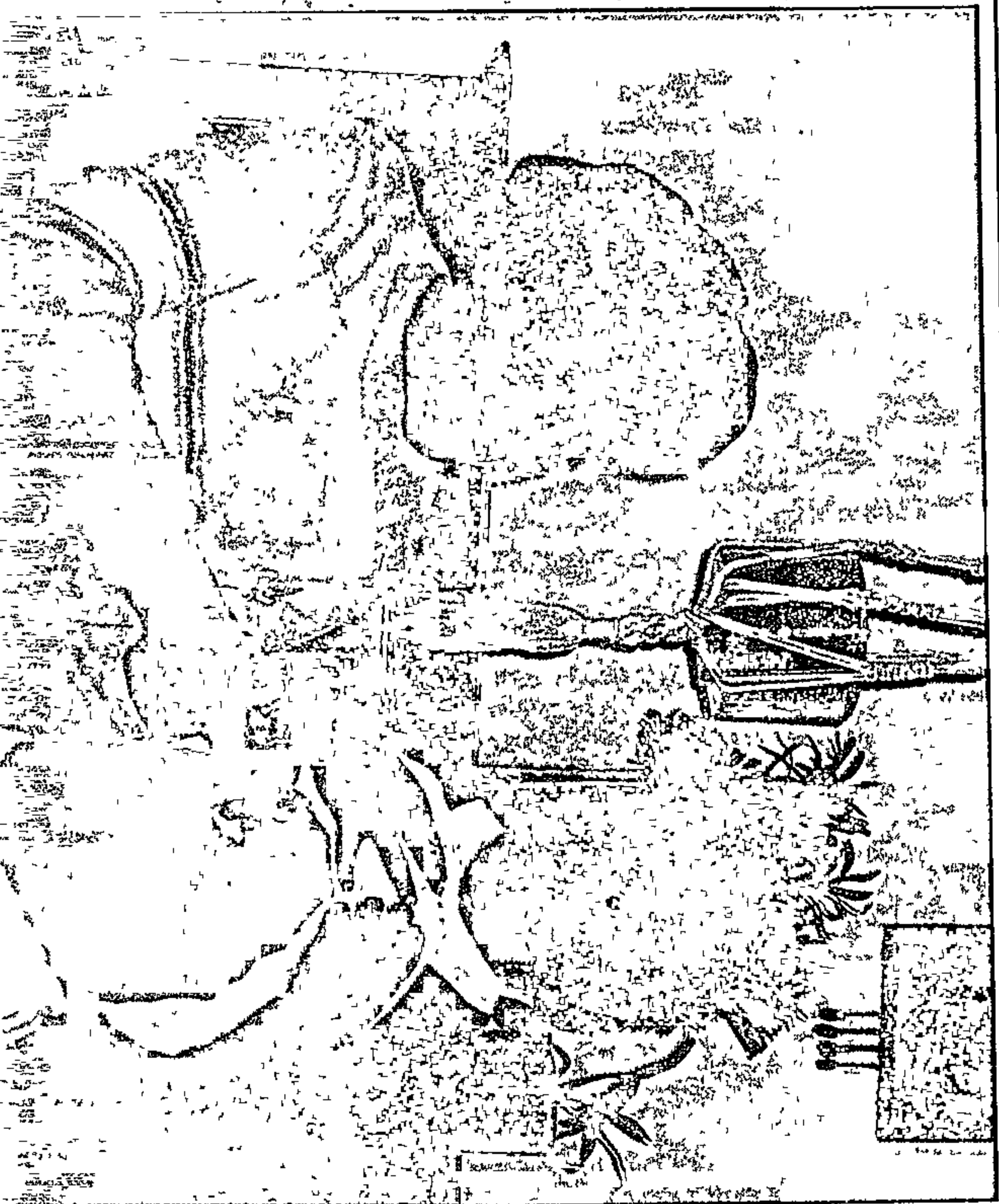
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attorney-general, a police spokesman said yesterday.

The decision to send Mr Ferreira, a CP candidate in last year's general election in Hillbrow, and Charles Hawkins, the management committee chairman, on a 19-day four-nation study tour in September is being bitterly opposed by the opposition NP in Boksburg.

## Police probe

Concern was expressed that the outcome of an intensive police probe into Mr Ferreira's activities, which has not yet been completed, should be considered before he leaves to represent the town council abroad.

But Mr Ferreira, a former Boksburg traffic officer and now a businessman, this week hit back at his critics. He said he had not yet been charged or found guilty — and insisted he would go on the trip.

"Nothing will stop me," he said, ad-

## KIT KATZIN

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# Coloureds complain of raw deal from council

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THE South Western Management Committee this week unanimously voted to call on the Administrator of the Transvaal to appoint a committee of inquiry into alleged abuse of authority by the chairman of Johannesburg City Council's management committee, Ian Davidson

Mark Ramjee, a member of the 13-man controlling body for coloured areas in Johannesburg, said according to the motion Mr Davidson had unilaterally decided on a rates increase for the coloured suburbs before allowing the SWMC to debate the rise.

It was also claimed he was playing a destabilising role in the coloured community and that his actions were rendering the

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south western areas ungovernable — in keeping with the strategy adopted by the Democratic Party in 1989 when it accepted the collapse of the "non-white" local authorities at the Conference for a Democratic Future at the University of the Witwatersrand

"Until the DP took over the council we had had a series of fruitful talks with former management committee chairman Jan Burger who assured us he would address complaints that we were merely the Johannesburg council's errand boys

"After Mr Davidson took over he simply

blocked the entire process and now we must wait five weeks for a meeting.

"Although we are the legally elected representatives of the coloured community, we are forced to first submit detailed agendas which he insists we must stick to. This is in direct contrast to his attitude towards the pressure groups, where he adopts an open-door policy, meeting them at any time without an agenda," said Mr Ramjee

"If the DP is voted out of power at a later stage, we will be left with the problems which are now being created," he said.

Johannesburg's council is in recess and Mr Davidson was not available for comment



# 'Debt erasure won't end boycott'

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THE erasure of R800 million rent arrears by the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) would not necessarily mean that Soweto residents — who have not paid rent and service charges for four years — would resume paying

This warning came from Soweto community leader and member of the Soweto Peoples Delegation, Mr Lebamang Sebidi in an interview with Saturday Star

"Until the Government addresses the real grievances of the people, no one will be prepared to pay," Mr Sebidi said.

"The rent arrears were not part of the people's grievances because when the rent boycott started there were no arrears"

## 'Big step'

Last week the Government announced it was considering erasing the R800 million debt mountain accumulated by various local authorities through protracted rent boycotts

Mr Sebidi said by scrapping the debt, the Government would not be addressing the complaints of the residents but would be paving the way to negotiations about the improvement of services. "It's a big step forward," he said

Mr Sebidi emphasised that Soweto residents wanted to pay, but they would do so as soon as everything was set right.

"People demand affordable and high quality

services No Sowetan in a right frame of mind would want to stay without paying for good services," the community leader explained

Another big problem, according to Mr Sibidi, was the question of townships not being treated as part of their adjacent cities.

He said Soweto people also felt that the ownership of houses should be transferred to the resi-

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dents who have paid rent year on end

"Soweto residents are not happy about not paying service charges

"I want to pay, Frank Chikane wants to pay everyone wants to pay but only after everything has been set right," said Mr Sebidi

Mr J J van der Walt

director-general of the TPA said the scrapping of arrears was a significant issue in the rent boycott, as were other issues, one of which related to the improvement of services

"The local authorities are giving their urgent attention to the question of services, but it stands to reason that they will only be able to improve them if residents are prepared to pay their munic-

ipal accounts," Mr van der Walt added

The contribution of the Regional Services Council was considerable, but did not contribute towards the maintenance of existing services

Said Mr van der Walt. "One therefore finds the situation that services will only be improved substantially if the entire community co-operates in order to improve the quality of life of every member."

On the question of the transference of the ownership of houses, Mr van der Walt said the TPA has not been officially approached for its views on the issue

"And it has therefore not yet formulated its views on the matter"

Mr Tom Boya, President of the United Municipalities of South Africa (Umsa), welcomed the scrapping of the debt as a definite step in the right direction.

## Upgrading

He also did not believe that township residents did not want to pay rent and service charges

"I don't think people don't want to pay, people will pay only if they are rendered good and efficient service by the councils," he said

The Daveyton mayor believed what was needed now was a programme of upgrading through which local authorities could improve their service to the residents.

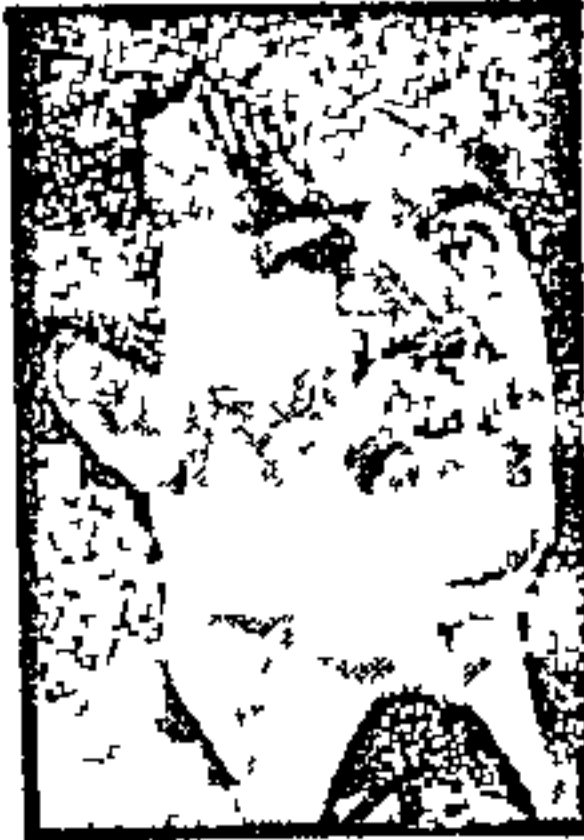


# ROW OVER TOWN COUNCIL'S Plot F W Plot man's overseas trip

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## Police probe

Concern was expressed that the outcome of an intensive police probe into Mr Ferreira's activities, which has not yet been completed, should be considered before he leaves to represent the town council abroad.

But Mr Ferreira, a former Boksburg traffic officer and now a businessman, this week hit back at his critics. He said he had not yet been charged or found guilty — and insisted he would go on the trip

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ding he was confident no charges would be brought against him.

He rejected "with contempt" accusations that he would be a "poor ambassador" because of his strong right-wing views. He denied he would project South Africa's new image in a poor light, even though he was strongly opposed to President de Klerk's reform initiatives

"But make no mistake — I am proud of my conservative outlook and I back Dr Andries Treurnicht to the hilt.

"Sure I am a rightwinger, but we are going on a civil defence and not a political tour." Included on tour itinerary are talks with officials of the International Red Cross Society, the United Nations Disaster Relief Organisation and the Swiss Civil Defence Association.

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## Public funds

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# Soweto council bracing itself for financial crisis

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THE Soweto City Council (SCC) is bracing itself for financial difficulties expected when, for the first time, it will have to pay for water and electricity without bridging finance.

The Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA), is to stop providing local authorities hit by rent boycotts with financial subsidies from the end of this month.

It had earlier warned that the "collection of rent and service charges was poor, and must be improved". This resulted in the TPA having to restrict its budget mainly to the administration

## Advice

Asked how his council would overcome the pending hard times, SCC's public relations officer, Dr Johan van der Westhuizen said "We are working together with the Development Bank of South Africa, and they are advising us on the financial adjustment programme".

Soweto mayor Sam Mkwanazi added: "If that happens, I will call a meeting with the concerned parties and I'm sure a solution will be found."

Dr van der Westhuizen said that 42 percent of residents were paying

current electricity and service charges. He added that 66 000 families living in the four-roomed houses were paying R22,50 in service charges.

"This includes water, sanitation, refuse removal and general services provided by the council," he said.

To encourage residents to pay, SCC had "promulgated the flat-rate system". According to this system, residents would pay R50 for electricity but pensioners would pay R30.

Dr van der Westhuizen said he hoped that by the end of the year, the whole of Soweto would be ready for "freehold title deed", whereby the right of ownership of the houses would be transferred to the families.

Said Mr Mkwanazi: "The council wishes to transfer old stock houses to owners". All those who purchased houses under the 99-year lease, he said, would have to bring their documents forward for conversion to freehold.

He also revealed that under the "Unemployed Relief Fund", his council was to build 500 houses at Chiawelo, for the "low income group".

ABBAY MAKOE



JOHANNESBURG — A bitter row has broken out over a decision by the CP-controlled Boksburg Town Council to send its deputy mayor, a staunch rightwinger who was detained for his alleged involvement in a plot to assassinate President De Klerk, on an overseas trip to study civil defence

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#### Continuing

Investigations, however, are continuing, and dockets are expected to be submitted soon to the Transvaal Attorney General, an SAP spokesman said

Fears are growing that Boksburg could again be embarrassed if Mr Ferreira was questioned by the media abroad about his involvement in the alleged assassination plot

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"Sure I am a rightwinger," he said, "but we are going on a civil defence and not a political tour"

He rejected allegations about his involvement in a plot to assassinate political figures, and said he had not been found guilty of any crime and had not been charged

#### Lashed out

He lashed out at the NP for trying to smear him, and challenged the government to prosecute ANC members like Mr Mandela who called for a continuation of the armed struggle

He denied claims that he had resigned from the CP caucus and had joined the Afrikaner-Weerstandsbeweging

He defended the overseas trip on the grounds that it had been approved by the Administrator, that he represented Boksburg's civil defence association on the council, and that Mr Hawkins, as chairman of the management committee, was responsible for community protection in the town

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By KITT KATZIN, Weekend Argus Correspondent

# Row in Boksburg over plans for overseas trip

'Nothing will stop me,'  
says defiant rightwinger



# Bridging finance 'curtailed, not stopped'

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BRIDGING finance to councils would not be stopped but "curtailed", with the TPA having increased its R26m monthly bridging finance allocation to Transvaal local authorities to R75m for June because of the rent boycott, a TPA spokesman said.

TPA spokesman Gert de Jager said at the weekend that Transvaal councils were almost R740m in arrears in rent and service charges payments by the end of the past financial year — March 31

"As a result of the boycott of payments the need for financial assistance increased to R35m for April, R60m for May and R75m for June"

He said at this stage about R16m a month would be available as bridging finance to the more than 80 Transvaal councils for the rest of the year.

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# Bridging finance

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"In view of severely restricted funds available to the Administration, the TPA has been forced to determine priorities in regard to the provision of bridging finance from August 31, 1990 — which will be curtailed (not stopped)."

The possibility of writing off arrears was being investigated "Because there are many factors that must be considered before a decision can be taken, an answer regarding this cannot be given at this stage," he said.

"The arrears on rent and service charges totalled R730 812 185 by the end of

the previous financial year — March 31, 1990," De Jager said.

Administrator Danie Hough, expanding on President F W de Klerk's earlier announcement that funds would have to be sought elsewhere for further bridging finance, said: "... the province will conduct an inquiry, according to the guidelines laid down by the President, to determine where additional funds may be obtained

"No decision has as yet been taken as to where such funds may be obtained, and in this regard there will also be liaison with the Department of Finance and other organisations concerned"

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# Joburg council to get tough with food vendors

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Several complaints have recently been received by the Johannesburg City Council health department regarding the conditions under which some food vendors prepare or handle food — and dirt from extensive roadworks in the city centre are causing concern.

A city health department spokesman said with extensive building going on in the city cen-

tre, vendors could be contravening bylaws by parking near roadworks and building sites. Dirt and dust could settle on the food.

He warned the public to observe the way food was handled by the vendor, how perishables were stored, whether the food was dispensed in a napkin, or other container, and whether the vendor operated in a generally sanitary way. Legal proceedings

were taken against 18 vendors between July last year and June this year, for handling food in an unsanitary way or having a dirty cart. Twelve were fined and six received summons.

The spokesman said the department tried to control food vendors with bylaws requiring them to be licensed by the council to hawk foodstuffs. "In essence the bylaws are there to ensure foodstuffs purchased are

sound and wholesome. This means a person should not become ill as a result of consuming the foodstuffs." The department had to deal with a large number of unlicensed food vendors. The spokesman said members of the public were entitled to demand to see a vendor's license.

● To protect shop owners, the city council's Vendors, Licensing and Markets Committee has recommended that street vendors should not be allowed to operate in front of shops offering the same kind of goods unless the shop owner has given his consent. Street vendors should also not be able to trade from the pavement outside a house without permission from the people living there. The city council will take a decision before September on the recommendations

ABOUT 700 Atteridgeville town council workers downed tools yesterday demanding the immediate resignation of two senior officials accused of favouritism in the appointment of staff. The workers, all members of the Transvaal Association of Employees of Black Local Authorities, called for the resignation of city secretary Mr Madumetsa Mogoba and his deputy, Mr Isaac Manthata.

Workers said they could not work with the two officials because of their insensitivity towards their grievances.

A spokesman for TAEBLA said the strike was sparked off by recommendations by the management committee that a Tembisa man, who holds a diploma in public relations, be given the post of personnel manager.

A council employee, Mr Titus Khalo, who holds an honours degree in administration and has been acting personnel manager of the council for eight months, has not been considered for the job.

Mr Dick Mboweni, the council's industrial relations officer, confirmed that TAEBLA had ob-

# Council workers down tools

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jected to the recommendations made by the management committee.

He said his report to that effect would be tabled before the council tomorrow.

Employees also criticised the management committee for failing to appoint Mr Simon Bogopa as town clerk.

Bogopa, who holds two degrees, is deputy departmental head of health services and has been employed by the council for 13 years.

He is also a registered prospective town clerk. He was interviewed for the job about two months ago but nobody has as yet been appointed to the post.

Workers refused to go back to work and vowed to continue the strike until their demands were met and their grievances resolved.

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# Boycott planners turn down talks

By Melody McDougall,  
Vereeniging Bureau

Organisers of the Vaal consumer boycott have rejected a call by the Vereeniging Town Council for discussions today to try to end their deadlock

The Cosatu/African National Congress-inspired boycott, which began in four Vaal Triangle towns last week, has had a crippling effect on local traders, with drops of more than 90 percent in turnover reported

Cosatu spokesman Zwelinzima Vavi confirmed he had received the council's invitation to meet today, but said the boycott organisers were not interested

The organisers' demands include the right to stage peaceful protest marches

through Vereeniging and Vanderbijlpark and the establishment of a non-racial town council with a single tax base

A delegation of the Roshnee Action Committee (RAC) yesterday presented a memorandum to the Vereeniging Town Council's deputy town secretary, Charles Pechet, urging the council to allow peaceful protest marches in the town. About 90 percent of businessmen in the Vaal area signed the document.

A copy of the memorandum was also handed to Vanderbijlpark Town Council officials.

Mr Pechet emphasised to the RAC the council was not opposed to marches in principle

25 000 residents

## march in Vosloorus

By MONDLI MAKHANYA

VOSLOORUS residents stayed away from work yesterday and about 25 000 people marched to the township's council offices.

The marchers handed over a petition to the National Party MP for Boksburg, Sakkie Blanche, and the Transvaal Provincial Administration's East Rand director, Pieter du Toit.

The Vosloorus Civic Association (VCA) is demanding, among other things, a single municipality and tax base for Boksburg and Vosloorus.

A large police contingent monitored the march but took no action.

Both Blanche and Du Toit undertook to pass on the petition to the central government and the TPA respectively yesterday. They refused to give a specific time for a response.

Blanche offered to act as mediator between the Vosloorus Town Council and VCA. *whmail 2717-2117190*

"We are talking at national level and there is no reason why we cannot do the same thing at local level," he said.

The VCA publicity secretary, Keith Montsitsi, hoped the co-operation between the two parties would continue.

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**ONDERSOEK NA DIE VERANDERING VAN DIE REGSGEBIED VAN DIE STADSRAAD VAN KAGISO DEUR DIE INLYWING VAN SEKERE GEDEELTES GROND**

Kennis geskied hiermee ingevolge artikel 7G (1) van die Wet op die Bevordering van Plaaslike Owerheidsaangeleenthede, 1983 (Wet No. 91 van 1983), soos gewysig, dat die Administrateur van Transvaal ingevolge artikel 7F (1) (a) van gemelde Wet die Afbakeningsraad vir Plaaslike Owerheidsgebiede versoek het om ondersoek in te stel na en hom van advies te dien oor die wenslikheid of andersins van die verandering van die regsgebied van die Stadsraad van Kagiso deur die inlywing van die volgende gedeeltes grond.

1. 'n Sekere stuk grond, 63,6192 ha groot, synde Gedeelte 24 ('n gedeelte van Gedeelte 3) van Rietvlei 241 IQ, Krugersdorp, soos aangetoon op Kaart LG 6064/54;

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4. 'n sekere stuk grond, 14,1563 ha groot, synde Gedeelte 24 ('n gedeelte van Gedeelte 3) van Witpoortjie 245 IQ, Krugersdorp, soos aangetoon op Kaart LG 724/52.

Die versoek, asook kaarte waarop die betrokke gebiede aangedui word, lê ter insae by die kantoor van die Sekretaris van die Afbakeningsraad vir Plaaslike Owerheidsgebiede, Nedbankgalery 520, Esselenstraat, Sunnyside, en by die volgende kantore:

Die Stadsklerk

Stadsraad van Krugersdorp

Burgersentrum

Kommissarisstraat

KRUGERSDORP.

Die Stadsklerk

Stadsraad van Kagiso

Kagisolaan

KAGISO.

Skriftelike besware teen of vertoe in verband met die voorgestelde afbakening kan *in sewevoud* voor of op 20 Augustus 1990 by die Sekretaris van die Afbakeningsraad vir Plaaslike Owerheidsgebiede, Privaatsak X644, Pretoria, 0001, ingedien word.

Die Afbakeningsraad sal op die ondergemelde datum, plek en tyd vergader om enige verdere getuiens en vertoe aan te hoor van diegene wat besware en vertoe na aanleiding van hierdie kennisgewing ingedien het:

*Datum:*

21 September 1990

*Plek:*

Raadsaal, Stadsraad van Kagiso, Kagisolaan, Kagiso.

*Tyd:*

10.00.

C. J. DE WAAL,

Sekretaris: Afbakeningsraad.

(Verwysing: 12/2/9/4/21)

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**ENQUIRY INTO THE ALTERATION OF THE AREA OF JURISDICTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF KAGISO BY THE INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN PORTIONS OF LAND**

Notice is hereby given in terms of section 7G (1) of the Promotion of Local Government Affairs Act, 1983 (Act No. 91 of 1983), as amended, that the Administrator of Transvaal has in terms of section 7F (1) (a) of the said Act, requested the Demarcation Board for Local Government Areas to hold an enquiry into and advise him on the desirability or otherwise of altering the area of jurisdiction of the City Council of Kagiso by the incorporation of the following portions of land:

1. A certain area of land, 63,6192 ha in extent, being Portion 24 (a portion of Portion 3) of Rietvlei 241 IQ, Krugersdorp, as indicated on Map SG 6064/54;

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The said request, as well as maps indicating the areas concerned, is open to inspection at the office of the Secretary of the Demarcation Board for Local Government Areas, 520 Nedbank Gallery, Esselen Street, Sunnyside, and at the following offices:

The Town Clerk

Krugersdorp City Council

Civic Centre

Commissioner Street

KRUGERSDORP.

The Town Clerk

Kagiso City Council

Kagiso Avenue

KAGISO.

Written objections against or representations with regard to the proposed demarcation may be lodged *in sevenfold* with the Secretary of the Demarcation Board for Local Government Areas, Private Bag X644, Pretoria, 0001, on or before 20 August 1990.

The Demarcation Board will meet on the undermentioned date, place and time to hear further evidence and representations from those persons who lodged objections and representations in pursuance of this notice.

*Date:*

21 September 1990

*Place:*

Council Chamber, Kagiso City Council, Kagiso Avenue, Kagiso.

*Time:*

10:00.

C. J. DE WAAL,

Secretary: Demarcation Board.

(Reference: 12/2/9/4/21)



# Sharpeville gets reprieve

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Vereeniging Bureau

Vereeniging Town Council decided last night not to cut power to Sharpeville township as planned, at least not until the middle of August.

This followed the receipt of a R500 000 bank guarantee from Lekoa administrator Jaap Joubert, which will cover Sharpeville's bill and buy electricity for the township until August 17.

Sharpeville falls within Lekoa, whose now-defunct town council allowed more than R146 million to accrue as debt.

# Massive bomb found in Pretoria - police

A LARGE car bomb found in a multi-storey parking garage in Pretoria's central business district was deactivated before it could explode yesterday morning, police said.

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A police spokesman said a member of the public noticed the bomb, made up from "a large number SZ3 demolition charges of Communist origin", inside a car parked in the parking garage of the Hallmark building in Vermeulen Street.

The unidentified person notified the police shortly after 9am, and the bomb, already activated by a timing device, was deactivated by police experts, police said.

The spokesman said he was unable to describe the size of the bomb, but said it would have killed many people had it exploded.

"Saturday's are traditionally shopping days in Pretoria and this weekend, being the last in the month and Vermeulen Street being one of the busiest in Pretoria, could have contributed to the large loss of life."

Police were investigating, the spokesman said, adding that further information would not be released because this could hamper investigations. - Sapa.

# Council withdraws letters (266)

DIEPMEADOW City Khumalo, said the council Council, in a bid to end and the Diepmeadow the on-going rent boycott Civic Association has in the townships, has held meetings with Diepkloof agreed, among others, and Meadowlands Civic that the current accounts Associations and resolved regarding rent, water and to withdraw the letters electricity be paid and sent to residents by the that the Diepmeadow council's attorneys council will negotiate with the Transvaal

A statement released Provincial Administration by the Mayor, Mr J about the arrears

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# Committee seeks boycott solutions

THE Transvaal Provincial Administration, the Soweto City Council and the Soweto People's Delegation have set up a joint technical committee to make proposals on how to resolve five demands pertinent to ending the rent boycott

The creation of the committee follows a meeting of the three parties in Johannesburg on Friday

A joint statement from the parties said the technical committee was constituted with five terms of reference

- The writing off of arrears in respect of municipal charges and rents,
- The upgrading of municipal services in Soweto,
- Affordable tariffs for municipal services,
- Transfer of rented housing stock, and
- A common fiscal base for the cities of Soweto and Johannesburg

The committee will meet tomorrow and

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has been asked to report back to a meeting of the parties concerned on August 9, the statement said

At this report back meeting the committee must come up with firm proposals on how each of the issues could be resolved and lines of further action, if required

Priority

As a matter of priority the committee must urgently formulate proposals on the writing off of arrears, the statement says. The committee is allowed to co-opt the Development Bank of Southern Africa, the Johannesburg City Council and any other local government body that it believes should be consulted or involved in addressing these issues, the statement said

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# Jo'burg to spend R0,7-m on costs

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By Louise Burgers,  
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The Johannesburg City Council is to spend R700 000 in investigating privatisation options and ways to increase productivity and cut costs in its departments

About R500 000 is to be spent on a study of the council's organisational effectiveness and a further R200 000 in a separate study of the transport department.

Consultants Pim Goldby and Deloitte have been appointed to handle the investigations and will begin as soon as the council approves the appointments. A report is expected in December.

Councillor Brahm Spies, who proposed the study, said the team dealing with the transport department would take a hard look at privatisation options, management committee member in charge of council transport, Paul Asherson, said

"We will spend about R200 000 on this study, but the consultants have already saved us R7 million by advising us not to buy any new buses this year," he said